

Drivers needed for senior food program

The El Dorado County Senior Nutrition Program is looking for volunteers to deliver meals weekdays from 10:30am-noon to homebound seniors in the South Lake Tahoe area.

For many homebound seniors, the daily personal contact is as vital as the meal.

Volunteers who are not available for a weekly commitment may serve as back-up drivers.

Mileage reimbursement is available.

For more information, call 530.573.3130.

Virginia City looking for parade entrants

Virginia City is looking for participants in what it expects to be the largest parade in the state on Nevada's actual birthday, Oct. 31.

There is no fee for towns, organizations, counties, groups, schools and bands to join the 5:30pm parade and the official celebration.

Applications are available online. Due to the late start time, entries are encouraged to be lighted.

For questions, call 775.847.7500.

The parade is a part of Virginia City's Nevada Day celebration that includes an unveiling reception of local artist Steven Saylor's portrait honoring past and present Nevada governors at the renovated Gold Hill Depot in Gold Hill at 4pm and the Nevada 150 Masquerade Ball at Piper's Opera House at 7:30pm.

Military photo exhibit in Minden

Douglas County is hosting the Western Nevada College "Always Lost: A Meditation on War" arts and humanities exhibition as part of a special Nevada Sesquicentennial tour sponsored by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services.

The free exhibit will be on display at the Minden Inn from Aug. 25-Sept. 12. Viewing hours will be Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm, with extended hours on Thursdays until 8pm. A special opening ceremony will take place in the lobby area of the Minden Inn at 10am Aug. 25.

"Always Lost" includes a memorial wall of individual photographs with names of the more than 6,500 U.S. military war casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001; the 2004 Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs (Breaking News Photography) by David Leeson and Cheryl Diaz Meyer (courtesy of the *Dallas Morning News*); original literary work by WNC creative writers, veterans and their family members, and others from the Nevada writing community; WNC student veteran photographic portraits and interviews to represent service members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan; and the personal story and original poetry of Spec. Noah Pierce, who took his own life after serving two tours in Iraq, to represent the

thousands of veteran suicides. Observations about the nature of war, from Greek philosophers to modern-day generals, serve as thought-provoking meditations concerning the effects of war on each of us and our obligations to those willing to serve in harm's way on our behalf.

For more information about the display at the Minden Inn, call 775.782.9821.

Chautauqua on South Shore

The Lake Tahoe Historical Society will present its first Chautauqua on Aug. 7 at 6:30pm in the Boathouse Theater at Valhalla.

Four influential pioneers will present their stories with featured speaker Mark Twain (aka McAvoy Layne) relating more of the Twain tales.

Tickets are \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members. They may be purchased at the museum (3058 Lake Tahoe Blvd. from 11am-3pm Wednesday-Sunday) or call 530.541.5458 with credit card number.

Doors open at 6pm.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- South Tahoe High hired Tony Sunzeri, an alumni of the school, as athletic director.
- The Village at Squaw Valley is paying tribute to man – and woman's – best friend with the 5th annual Peaks and Paws Festival on Aug. 23. For more info, go online.

- Heidi Hall, candidate District 1 congressional seat, will talk Aug. 2 at 9:30am at Margarita's restaurant in Grass Valley. Nazneen Rydhan with Emerge California will also speak. Breakfast is \$13. RSVP by July 30 to carolehchapman@gmail.com or call 530.205.9666.

- There is still no suspect in the May 23 burglary at Tahoe Keys Marina. A window was broken and more than \$500 was stolen from a safe.

Kingsbury Grade gardens to be featured

Lake Tahoe Historical Society is looking for gardens to feature in its bi-annual garden tour in July 2015.

The South Lake Tahoe group has several gardens on Kingsbury Grade.

If you know of a garden on or near the Kingsbury Grade area that should be considered for next year's tour, call Catherine Whelan at 530.544.3259.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- The annual Gatsby Festival returns to the Tahoe Tallac Site on Aug. 9-10. The event is free from 10am-4pm. For more info, call 530.544.7383.
- The North Lake Tahoe Wedding Faire at Squaw Valley is Aug. 24 from 11am-3pm.

- Bodie State Historic Park's annual Friends of Bodie Day is Aug. 9.
 - This video is from the state Water Board about lawn care.
 - Here are the El Dorado-Tahoe and Sierra roadwork schedules from Caltrans for this week.
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Then and now: Spooner Summit a logging mecca



Oxen bring logs out of the forest in the 1800s.
Historic photos/Lake Tahoe Historical Society

With beasts and steam power, Lake Tahoe was raided for wood from the 1850s to the 1890s to build booming Virginia City and its mines.

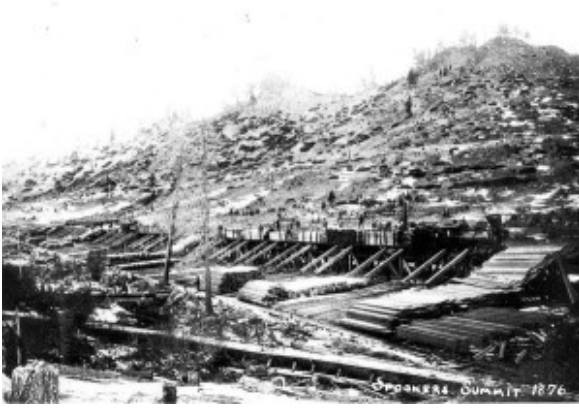


Glenbrook was once a bustling lumber town.



Trains played a huge role in transporting lumber during the Comstock.

Lumber from the mills at Glenbrook traversed upward by rail to Spooner Summit where a flume then floated it down Clear Creek Grade to roughly the area where today's Carson City Costco building stands on Old Clear Creek Road.



A flume at the top of Spooner Summit in the late 1800s.

From there the lumber was wheeled to Virginia City. Old Clear Creek Road was the original Highway 50 route over Spooner Summit to Lake Tahoe until today's four-lane highway debuted in the late 1950s.



Flumes eased the transport of logs.



Spooner Summit in 2014.
Photo/Bill Kingman

– *Bill Kingman*

Placer County consolidates Tahoe City offices

An office suite in a Placer County owned building in Tahoe City was recently retrofitted to provide shared office space for 5th District Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery, County Executive Officer David Boesch, the Tahoe manager for the county executive office, and Tahoe field representative.

The meeting room will be the ongoing site for the monthly “Coffee with the Supervisor” on the fourth Thursday of every month at 9am.

The building is at 775 North Lake Blvd. It has been used for several years by the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency, Planning Services, Building Department, assessor, and Environmental Health. When a tenant on the upper floor did not renew the lease, the county consolidated into one location.

The county also has several other locations on the North Shore

where county offices are located, including the sheriff's substation in Burton Creek in Tahoe City, the Department of Public Works offices in Tahoe Vista and Health and Human Services offices and clinics in Kings Beach and Carnelian Bay.

Barton website targets Spanish speakers

Barton Health is providing Spanish speakers access to health care info through a new website.

With approximately 25 percent of the people Barton services speaking Spanish, the South Lake Tahoe health organization needed a way to reach those people more effectively.

Smartling's Translation Management Platform and Global Delivery Network put the site together. Much of the material is the same that is on the English version of Barton's website.

"Launching this new website allows us to better serve our Spanish-speaking community," Tracy Young, the language access services coordinator at Barton Health, said in a press release. "This collaboration with Smartling will enable us to become a leader in health care language access to Spanish speakers."

Smartling's technology automatically collects and centrally stores text from the Barton Health website and then delivers an SEO-compatible multilingual experience directly to target audiences.