Barton has grant money for health programs

Barton Health has $25,000 in grants to give away this year.

The deadline to apply is June 27.

Grants fund proposals that address the health and wellness of individuals in the South Shore. Priority will be given to the top three health concerns: substance abuse, access to healthcare, and mental health.

For more info, contact Kindle Craig at 530.543.5612 or go online.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Soroptimist International South Lake Tahoe is looking for someone to design the poster for November's wine tasting. Entry dealing is July 1. For more info, call 530.867.4586.

• The Bicycle Advisory Committee of the South Lake Tahoe Recreation Facilities Joint Powers Authority will meet June 13 from 9-11am in the upstairs conference room at Lake Tahoe Airport.

• A proposed bike park at Bijou Community Park will be on the June 12 8:30am South Lake Tahoe Parks and Recreation

Commission agenda. The meeting is at the rec complex on Rufus Allen Boulevard.

• The two major Las Vegas newspapers are reporting seeing Don Marrandino hanging back in Southern Nevada hanging out the Hard Rock Hotel. He used to run Harrah's Lake Tahoe and Harveys. Local rumor is that he will take over the former Horizon that is being redeveloped into a Hard Rock themed hotel.

• Bona Fide Books is accepting submissions for the 2014 Melissa Lanitis Gregory Poetry Prize through Aug. 31. For more info, go online.

West Shore road work to be around-the-clock

Construction work on Highway 89 on the West Shore is switching to around-the-clock work this week.

The $41 million project from Tahoma to Tahoe City includes drainage treatment facilities for stormwater runoff, curb and gutter, shoulder widening and new pavement throughout the 9-mile project limits.

The contractor is working on rebuilding the highway in 3-mile stretches, with the first phase from Wilson Avenue in Tahoma to Cherry Street in Homewood to be completed this construction season. The second phase is scheduled to be built in 2015 and the project will be completed in 2016.

Road and Highway Builders will be working around the clock

this week until noon Friday in the McKinney Creek area and will also be working daytime from 6am-6pm Monday through Thursday and until noon Friday in Tahoma.

In addition, Southwest Gas’ contractor continues work on the north end of the project limits to relocate and replace gas lines that are in conflict with Caltrans’ project. Gas work this week is overnight from 6pm-noon through Friday from Middle Sequoia Avenue to Cathedral Drive. The gas work will go up to Granlibakken Road.

Motorists should expect 5-10 minute delays at each one-way traffic control stop, with total delays not to exceed 20 minutes. No work is allowed between noon Friday and 10pm Sunday.

Garden tour benefits North Shore AAUW

The second annual Tahoe Treasures Tour will feature some of Incline Village’s loveliest homes, gardens, and art collections.

The July 12 event is from 11am-4pm.

The event is sponsored by the American Association of University Women, Tahoe Nevada branch. Tea and tapas will be served and ticket sales will fund the AAUW scholarship program. Tickets are $35.

For more info, email nicholas89451@gmail.com.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• The Valhalla festival on the South Shore will not be producing “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” this summer, but instead will be putting on “The Servant of Two Masters” on July 10-13 and July 17-20 at the Boathouse Theater.

• Truckee’s Coldstream Specific Plan will be before the Planning Commission June 17 at 6pm at the town hall.

• Tahoe Regional Young Professionals is expanding to the North Shore. For more info, email tahoetryp@gmail.com. To kick off the expansion, there will be a mixer at Crosby’s Pub in Incline Village on June 19 from 6:30-9:30pm.

• Get acquainted with a variety of bugs from around the world with officials from the UC Davis’ Bohart Museum of Entomology. They will be at the South Lake Tahoe Library on July 18 at 2pm. The event is free at 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.

Virginia City putting on events for July 4

Virginia City offers one of the region’s longest firework displays on July 4.

Echoing off Mt. Davidson for nearly 30 minutes, it’s possible to feel the boom in your bones. The fireworks soar high above the town and into Six Mile Canyon, making them visible from nearly anywhere in town.

The Virginia City Fourth of July Celebration also includes a parade, a raffle and auction, the Comstock Cowboys Second Amendment Concert, an Old West shoot-out, and food and beverage vendors.

For more info and times of events, go online.

Then and now: Stateline casino changes



Barney’s in 1961.

Barney’s Casino opened at Stateline in spring 1961. It was operated by majority owners Barney O’Malia and Richard Chartrand.



The Nugget has a storied past in Lake Tahoe. Photos/Bill Kingman

Chartrand also had an early interest in what years later became John’s Tahoe Nugget at Stateline, which was locally popular for featuring seafood and prime rib. Chartrand died in an unsolved car bombing at Skyland in 1968. John’s Tahoe Nugget ultimately closed at the end of 1990.

Totally remodeled and under new ownership, today that building just north of the Douglas County Administrative Center houses restaurants, a UPS Store, and professional business offices.



A casino no longer exists at the site.

Barney’s became Bill’s Casino in 1987 under new ownership by Harrah’s Entertainment. The second floor contained a McDonald’s Restaurant, then a bit of a rarity for the fast food restaurant to be inside a casino.



The former Bill’s Casino.

Bill’s closed in January 2010, however, and the property was sold.

After long and extensive remodeling, the building today houses multiple businesses.



A slew of businesses fill the old Bill’s site.

– Bill Kingman

Tahoe Valley Area Plan moving forward

South Lake Tahoe is seeking comments for the Tahoe Valley Area Plan's notice of preparation for the environmental documents.

The city and Tahoe Regional Planning Agency will prepare an environmental impact report and and environmental impact statement for the Tahoe Valley Area Plan.

More info is available online.

Public scoping meetings are:

- June 11 at 9:30am: TRPA Advisory Planning Commission, TRPA office in Stateline.
- June 19 at 6pm: Public workshop and scoping meeting, Lake Tahoe Airport.
- June 25 at 9:30am: TRPA Governing Board, Stateline.
- July 1 at 9am: South Lake Tahoe City Council, Lake Tahoe Airport.
- July 10 at 3pm: South Lake Tahoe Planning Commission, Lake Tahoe Airport.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

• Chris Croft has been hired as executive director of Tahoe Youth & Family Services. Meet him at an open house June 12 from noon-2pm at 1021 Fremont Ave., South Lake Tahoe.

• June 22-28 is National Mosquito Control Awareness Week.

• Chad Houck is expected to be hired as South Tahoe High School's principal at the June 10 6pm Lake Tahoe Unified School District meeting.

• Magician Brian Scott will be putting on a free performance July 11 at 2pm at the South Lake Tahoe Library, 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.

• Here is the El Dorado-Tahoe roadwork schedules from Caltrans for the week.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• It's now possible to get a tree removal permit from Tahoe Regional Planning Agency online. Payments can be made at the same time.

• South Tahoe High grad Sean Pawling has released "Eye for an Eiger" – more info on the album is online.

• Hannah Sullivan and Cliff Lambson, authors of "Wildflowers of Tahoe" and local hiking guides, will present a free one-hour slide show highlighting their favorite Tahoe wildflowers and hikes on June 8 at 10:30am at Tahoe Cross Country, 925 Country Club Drive, Tahoe City.

• Do you want to keep reading *Lake Tahoe News*? Then consider filling out the paid subscriber form.

• South Lake Tahoe Library is putting on a book making class

for teens on July 10 at 2pm. Supplies will be provided. The library is at 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.