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• Stateline’s Fox & Hound took top honors at the annual San Juan Bautista Rib Cook-Off. This is the largest event owner Matt Grime has participated in. Fox & Hound also took second place for best barbecue sauce. Grime has been competing for three years.

• Tahoe Transportation District’s East Shore Express between Incline Village and Sand Harbor will operate from 10am-8pm every 20 minutes from May 31-June 29, weekends only. Daily operations will be June 30-Sept. 1. Roundtrip fare is $3 per person and $1.50 for children 12 and under, seniors and disabled passengers. Fares include admission to Sand Harbor. For more info, go online.

• Austin’s House night at Aces ballpark is July 8 at 7:05pm. Only 200 right field reserved seats in section 116 are available for $10 each, with $5 of each ticket sold directly benefiting Austin’s House. For more info, call 775.267.6711.

• Douglas County Library is conducting a survey to find out how people use the library’s computers and Internet connection and how this service has made an impact on their lives. This information will help the library improve its technology services and communicate the value of providing free access to computers and the Internet within the community.

• The Placer County Community Development Resource Agency will close its public counters in Auburn and Tahoe on May 30 as part of a project to upgrade the county’s land use software.

Douglas County libraries launching summer program

Fizz, Boom, Read is the theme of this year's summer reading program for kids at Douglas County Library.

Registration starts June 3 at the Minden and Zephyr Cove libraries. The program continues through July 31.

Go to the library's website to fill out a registration form. Bring the form to the library to receive a special raffle ticket.

The program kicks off June 3 at the C.V.I.C. Hall in Minden with Jordan the Science Wizard presenting Super Cool Chemistry at 6:30pm. He will create oozing, bubbling, and foaming science experiments. Families of all ages are welcome. The Douglas County Library Foundation will host an ice cream social from 7:15 -8pm.

For more information, call 775.782.9841.

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• Truckee Police Department is offering free shredding of documents on June 6 from 4-6pm at Truckee Town Hall, 10183 Truckee Airport Road. Up to 100 pounds of paper per person is allowed.

• Leonard Nimoy, aka Spock on Star Trek, sold his Tahoe City house for $4.788 million to a Bay Area couple. It was first listed at $5 million.

• Chase International's Kurt Carlstedt sold the highest priced condo – $6.725 million – in Lake Tahoe's history.

• Here are the El Dorado-Tahoe and Sierra roadwork schedules for Caltrans for this week.

• Moe's Original Bar B Que is scheduled to open this June Located in the new two-story lakefront building at the Grove Street Pier in Tahoe City. Josh Wallick, Eric Pilcher and Luke Dannals are the partners in the restaurant.

Duckee Derbee raises money for Humane Society

Dubbed "most unpredictable two minutes in Tahoe," the annual Truckee Duckee Derbee is June 8.

The 11th annual event is at the River Ranch Lodge in North Lake Tahoe.

The rubber duck races benefit the Humane Society of Truckee-Tahoe. The afternoon's festivities include live music provided by Angele and the Wildwood Band on the outdoor patio, a barbecue, drink specials, raffle, Dogz in Dudz canine costume contest, and the Cool Catz in Hatz contest open to all "human" attendees.

Festivities run from 1-4pm, with the Dogz in Dudz starting at 2pm. The pre-race party and registration starts at 1pm.

Ducks may be purchased online prior to the event and pre-race entries will be entered in a special raffle for a $50 gift certificate at the River Ranch. Derbee winners need not be present to collect cash prizes. Deadline is June 1.

To buy a duck or for more information, go online or call 530.581.0181.

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• The sale of Kingsbury Middle School in Stateline was again on the Douglas County board agenda this month. Still no buyer.

• June 8 from 10am-4pm is the 4th annual Tahoe Native Species Festival at Taylor Creek Visitor Center off Highway 89 on the South Shore.

• Husband-and-wife team David and Amy Harrison of Truckee have opened Sierra Safety Solutions to assist business owners to avoid potentially dangerous slip-and-fall accidents that can result in injury and liabilities.

• Al Tahoe residents, with the city, are organizing a beach clean-up effort at Lakeview Commons on June 14 at 9am. Meet at Lakeview Commons in front of the concessionaire building to receive gloves and bags.

• Bluesdays returns to Squaw Valley every Tuesday evening June 17-Aug. 26. The free concerts will take place from 6-8:30pm in

the Village Events Plaza.

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2 job forums in El Dorado County

El Dorado County Connections – One Stop is hosting two free employer forums to help connect job seekers to local businesses who may be hiring.

During these informational sessions, representatives of local businesses will speak to job seekers and give insight into their organization and how to apply for open positions. Even if the employer is not currently hiring, this information can be invaluable.

Individuals are advised to bring resumes and to dress professionally.

The events are:

- May 28, 11am at Connections – One Stop located at 3047 Briw Road in Placerville.
- June 4, 10:30am at the El Dorado County Child Support Services Building located at 3883 Ponderosa Road in Shingle Springs.

For more information, call 530.642.4850.

Then and now: Zephyr Cove – from private to public



Zephyr Cove resort in the 1960s. Photo/Lake Tahoe Historical Society/ Empey file

Zephyr Cove Resort is a popular historic spot at Lake Tahoe. Originally it was privately owned, but now it is operated under contract with the U.S. Forest Service.

Part of the beach and pier at Zephyr Cove are seen here, 50 years apart.



Zephyr Cove remains popular today, especially in the summer. Photo/Bill Kingman

Today, the smaller boats tether to the other side of the pier, while the large M.S. Dixie II paddle-wheeler docks at the end. A long sandy beach extends to the right of each photo.

– Bill Kingman

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• There will be a water wise landscaping event at South Tahoe PUD's office (1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe) on June 11 at 6pm. This free workshop will include interactive activities on efficient irrigation, landscape design, landscape styles, and more.

• The 64-foot Tahoe Gal paddle-wheeler based in Tahoe City turns 10 this year.

• On June 7 from 10am-3:30pm is the 5th annual Lake Tahoe Bird Festival at the Taylor Creek Visitor Center off Highway 89 on the South Shore.

• In its fourth year of hosting the Charity Golf Tournament at the Golf Club at Gray's Crossing, the High Fives Foundation raised nearly $30,000 to benefit athletes recovering from life-altering injury in the winter action sports community.

• Traci Des Jardins, former executive chef at Manzanita at the Ritz-Carlton at Northstar, has opened the Commissary at the Presidio on San Francisco. Reylon Agustin, previously the opening chef de cuisine for Des Jardins at Manzanita, is the executive chef.

Friends of Hope Valley putting on benefit concert

Friends of Hope Valley benefit concert is June 8.

The annual Back Forty Bluegrass concert and barbecue starts at 1pm. Also playing will be “local folkies” Larry Nair and Beth Oliverto – The Ten Dollar Pony.

The event is at Sorensen’s Resort on Highway 88.

Cost is $10.

For more info, email info@hopevalleyca.com.

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• Truckee’s plastic bag ban for grocery stores and other retail outlets starts June 1.

• The farmers’ market at the Tahoe Biltmore in Crystal Bay opens June 6. It will be Fridays from 9am-1pm.

• Friends of Hope Valley’s annual work party day is June 7 starting at 9am. Meet at Pickett’s junction (corner of highways 88 and 89). For more info, email

info@hopevalleyca.com.

• Art created by Sierra House Elementary students is on display in the Children’s Room at the South Lake Tahoe Library until May 28.

• Lake Tahoe Historical Society is raffling two one-day tickets for the annual Wagon Train, June 1-8. Each is valued at $70. Raffle tickets are $10 for one or $20 for three. The museum, located next to the South Lake Tahoe Senior Center is open11am-3pm Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The ticket will be drawn May 25 at 3pm.