Polar bear plunge to raise money for Christmas Cheer

The Tahoe Keys Polar Bear Plunge is Feb. 16.

People will be taking to the water at 356 Ala Wai. Blvd. in South Lake Tahoe at noon that Sunday. Registration and check in is from 10-11:30am.

This is a fundraiser for Christmas Cheer.

For more info, email ltpolarbear@yahoo.com or call 800.916.0900.

STHS student honored by Boys and Girls Club

Josh Kornbeck, youth of the year for Lake Tahoe Boys and Girls Club, will vie for the California Youth of the Year title and a $1,000 college scholarship from Tupperware Brands Corporation.



Josh Kornbeck

The 16-year-old was selected for his sound character,

leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community.

Being named youth of the year is the highest honor a Boys and Girls Club member may receive.

Kornbeck is often volunteering and raising money for the club. He has been a member of the club for nine years.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

Barton Health

• Terry Orr and Jonathan Finnoff, physicians with Tahoe Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, will volunteer as U.S. Ski Team physicians at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

• The February issue of *Sunset* magazine has a feature on why people should live certain places. Kings Beach is a runner-up for “Best Place to Postpone Your Career”.

• Tangled Roots Writing is offering creative writing, poetry and blogging workshops. More info is online.

• Jamie Anderson, Maddie Bowman, and Hannah Teter – who all call Meyers home and ride for Sierra-at-Tahoe – will be at the X Games in Aspen this weekend. Then they will be going to the Winter Olympics.

• The D and Golden Gate casinos in Las Vegas are accepting bitcoins at hotel front desks.

Cowboy Mardi Gras fundraiser for Austin’s House

The sixth annual Cowboy Mardi Gras fundraiser to benefit Austin’s House is Feb. 28 at the Carson Valley Inn from 6-10pm.

The atmosphere will be of Bourbon Street in New Orleans on Fat Tuesday. This casual fundraiser features food, music, dancing, games, raffle prizes, and silent auction.

The party starts at 6pm with a cocktail hour, then a barbecue buffet dinner featuring tri-tip beef, pulled pork and mesquite rubbed chicken with all the trimmings. Beer, wine and cocktails are also available.

After dinner, the Cowboy Mardi Gras party hits full stride with music, dancing and games.

Ticket are $50. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Call Austin’s House at (775) 267.6711 to order tickets.

Blood drive in South Lake

Tahoe

BloodSource will be conducting a blood drive in South Lake Tahoe on Feb. 3 from noon-6pm.

Walk-ins are welcome. Blood drive participants will receive a parking validation for Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel parking lot at the blood drive check in.

The blood drive is sponsored by the Barton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be at least 17 years old (16 with a signed BloodSource Parental consent form) and be generally healthy. There is no upper age limit for blood donations. Donors must bring a photo ID and should drink plenty of fluids before donating.

For more information, call Dan Kerr at (775) 781.5343.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Nevada Chief Justice Mark Gibbons and Justice Katrina Pickering get to keep their jobs because no one filed paperwork to challenge them in this year's election.

• A wedding at the West Shore Café in 2012 is the cover photograph of *Coastal Living* magazine.

• Linchpin Structural Engineering, a Truckee-based engineering firm, recently launched its new website. Megan Murray of Tahoe

Production House designed the site.

• Jurassic 5, Matisyahu, Random Rab, and Chali 2na & the House of Vibe are coming to Squaw Valley Feb. 15-16 at KT Base Bar. The concerts are free for season passholders, as well as skiers and riders who purchase a day lift ticket on the days of the concerts. Those who do not have a season pass or day lift ticket can purchase a general admission ticket for $20.

• Placer County has a new health officer – Robert Oldham.

Future of Lake Tahoe Airport being devised

The future of Lake Tahoe Airport will be discussed Feb. 13 at 5:30pm at the South Lake Tahoe facility.

C&S Companies is developing, reviewing and creating an airport master plan to address the airport's needs.

The meeting will include a presentation of the master plan process and a description of how the public can provide input on the airport's future use. Following the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to visit various stations focused on specific aspects of the master plan, and talk with city staff and the planning team.

When available, a draft of the Airport Master Plan will be online.

TRPA has grant money for bike, walking projects

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency in its role as the Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization has $600,000 in grant money to dole out.

The On Our Way Community Grant Program is designed to help Lake Tahoe organizations and local governments improve walking and biking or support economic vitality.

Up to a maximum of $200,000 will be given per request.

The On Our Way grants are part of the Lake Tahoe Sustainable Communities Program which lays out strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through projects like pedestrian and bike trails that provide alternatives to auto transportation, and that also improve economic and community well-being.

Proposals are due March 14. Details are available online.

TRPA looking for Best in Basin nominations

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency is accepting nominations for the 24th annual Best in the Basin awards.

Projects completed between Oct. 12, 2012, and Dec. 31, 2013, may be nominated.

This is a new schedule for the awards program to allow judges to tour project sites in better weather conditions.

Nominations are due March 28.

Entry forms are online.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Squaw Valley, Diamond Peak, Mammoth and Kirkwood made CNN's list of the world's 100 best ski runs.

• Marlon Buckmiller has joined Coldwell Banker Select Real Estate in Zephyr Cove.

• Here is the January draft update of the Village at Squaw Valley Specific Plan. A Summary of Changes companion document has been posted with the January 2014 Specific Plan and includes a chapter by chapter listing of the major changes to the document text, tables and figures. Comments or questions should be directed to Alex Fisch in the Placer County Planning Services Division at (530) 745.3081 or afisch@placer.ca.gov.

• Standup paddleboard manufacturer Tahoe SUP marks its five-year anniversary this month. It was founded by Nate Brouwer.

• Homewood Mountain Resort is having a rail jam Feb. 22.