Then and now: Highway 28 remains picturesque



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The early 1900s hand-colored postcard is captioned only as: “Lake Tahoe, near Reno, Nevada.”



Photo/Google Maps

More specifically, likely it depicts what today is Nevada Highway 28 south of Sand Harbor.

– Bill Kingman

Tahoe’s shoreline to be subject of 2 meetings

There will be two meetings this month about the near shore of Lake Tahoe. This area extends from the shoreline out 350 feet into the lake, or to a depth of 69 feet, whichever is further.

The Nearshore Evaluation Report, completed last fall by the Desert Research Institute, UNR and UC Davis describes the current understanding about the near shore and the changes it is experiencing. These meetings are an opportunity to learn more about the Nearshore Evaluation Report and what the agencies are doing to monitor, protect and improve nearshore conditions.

The meetings are put on by Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Meeting details:

- Jan. 30, 1:30-3pm, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board Hearing Room, 971 Silver Dollar Ave., South Lake Tahoe
- Jan. 30, 6-7:30pm, Tahoe City Public Utility Office Board Room, 221 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City.

The presentations at the meetings will be identical and will include a synopsis of the Nearshore Evaluation Report. Lahontan Water Board staff will also present an overview of the Lahontan Water Board’s draft Nearshore Implementation Plan, the agency’s response to changes in the near shore described in the Nearshore Evaluation Report.

For more information, contact Dan Sussman at Lahontan Regional at (530) 542.5466 or dsussman@waterboards.ca.gov or Lauri

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Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Tom Moore is president of Douglas County School District's board for the next year, Karen Chessell vice president and Ross Chichester clerk – the same as it was the last year.

• Journey and the Steve Miller Band will be at Harveys on July 30 at 6:30pm.

• Sierra Sotheby's International Realty agent Lexi Cerretti has achieved the National Association of Realtors' Green Designation, the only green real estate professional designation recognized by NAR.

• South Lake Tahoe Recreation Facilities Joint Powers Authority is meeting Jan. 24 at 9am at Lake Tahoe Airport.

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

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Optimist to be honored at basketball game



Tom Haen at the Christmas tree lot. Photo/Provided

South Lake Tahoe Optimist Club is hosting the annual 8th-grade boys basketball tournament at the middle school tonight and then Saturday from 9am-6pm, with the championship games on Sunday at 9am and 11:30am.

This year’s honoree is Tom Haen.

He became an Optimist member in 1998 and has been active in most fund raisers and youth activities the club has sponsored.

Haen stepped up to become president only three years after joining the club. He is a driving force in the club, setting up the annual Christmas tree lot, the duck race and pancake breakfasts.

Father Daughter Dance tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale for the annual Father Daughter Dance.

The dance is Feb. 7 from 7-9:30pm at Harrah's Lake Tahoe. Tickets are $20 per couple and $8 per additional daughter. Tickets are being sold at Kahle Community Center. Tickets must be purchased in advance and the event often sells out.

For more information, (775) 586.7271.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

• Standard and Poor's Rating Services upgraded Douglas County's underlying bond rating by two notches to AA or "very strong". The bond rating is the first upgrade in 10 years and is the highest underlying rating ever provided to Douglas County from S&P.

• El Dorado Arts Council has added Kim Wyatt, publisher of Bona Fide Books, to the nonprofit arts organization's board of directors.

• The California Department of Housing and Community Development has certified El Dorado County's housing plan. The 2013-2021 Housing Element Update is the county's plan for addressing the housing needs of residents of all income levels in the unincorporated areas of the county.

• South Lake Tahoe City Councilwoman Angela Swanson has been appointed to a third year on the League of California Cities'

Transportation, Communications and Public Works committee and her first to the Employee Relations Committee.

• Jamie Anderson of South Lake Tahoe is the newest team rider for Boarding for Breast Cancer.

Tahoe’s animals subject of Sierra Club talk

Will Richardson from Tahoe Institute for Natural Science will talk about Tahoe’s animals on Jan. 22 from 7-9pm.

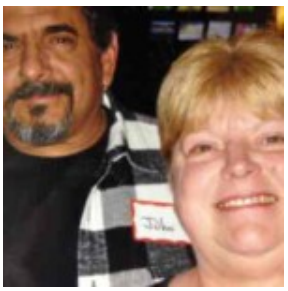
Richardson will present an overview of the strategies used by Tahoe wildlife for enduring long Sierra Nevada winters, and highlight many fascinating examples of how they are employed.

He has a doctorate in ecology, evolution, and conservation biology from the UNR, where he studied bird communities in Sierra Nevada aspen habitats. He is the co-founder of the Tahoe Institute for Natural Science (TINS), a member-supported nonprofit organization seeking to advance the natural history, conservation, and ecosystem knowledge of the Tahoe region through science, education, and outreach.

He will speak at the Tahoe Area Sierra Club meeting at 1195 Rufus Allen Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

South Tahoe family needs help

Longtime South Lake Tahoe residents Johny and Bobby Russo, owners of Sierra Appliance Repair (previously known as Honest John's), are experiencing a financial crisis. Their adult son, Tony, has suffered a catastrophic illness and has been hospitalized at Renown Medical Center in Reno since early November. He is making improvement, but the prognosis is for a recovery expected to take at least a year.



Johnny and Bobby Russo

The Russos have worked together running their business for the last 30-plus years, with Johnny doing the repairs and Bobby handling the office duties. They have made moral support to Tony a priority, which has caused their business to suffer. The combination of lost revenue from the business and unexpected expenses from traveling to Reno has placed them in a financial crisis.

They will gratefully accept any help to get through this crisis. Contributions by check or gift card (Costco, gas, grocery store, etc.) may be mailed to Abi Terry, P.O. Box 9285, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96158.

Questions can be directed to a-terry@sbcglobal.net.

TY&FS looking for mentors

With January being National Mentoring Month, Tahoe Youth & Family Services is looking for mentors.

Mentoring helps youth and teens because it guarantees that there is someone who cares for them and they are not alone in their day-to-day challenges, according to TY&FS.

The goal is mentors provide mentees with the gift of having an experienced friend to help them through a number of situations.

Students who meet regularly with a mentor are 52 percent less likely to skip a day of school, 46 percent less likely than peers to start using illegal drugs and 27 percent less likely to start drinking, according to a Public/Private Ventures Study of Big Brother's Big Sisters.

TYFS is accepting ages 4-17 who need a mentor and adults who would like to be mentors. Programs are based in South Lake Tahoe, Markleeville and Minden. In Alpine County, contact Betty Hathaway at (530) 694.9459, betty@tahoeyouth.org; South Lake Tahoe or Douglas County, contact Emily Bennett (530) 694.9459, emily@tahoeyouth.org.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Teens working on a book, story or poem are invited to meet with fellow writers for an afternoon of socializing, discussion, and

writing. This free workshop sponsored by Friends of the Library is on Fridays through Feb. 28 at 3pm at the South Lake Tahoe Library, 1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.

• Jack Duran is now chair of the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

• Lake Tahoe Unified and Lake Tahoe Community College's boards will meet Feb. 11 at LTCC to discuss how they can maximize education and technology resources.

• Tahoe Donner Downhill Ski Area will be closed Jan. 13-16, with plans to reopen Jan. 17-Jan. 20 with the Learning Center and Ski School open to conduct first-time and beginner lessons.

• The Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company will conduct auditions for "Chicago" Jan. 14. For more information, call (775) 445.4249.