Drag show at LTCC

Live Violence Free's and Friends of Ally's inaugural Drag for Love Show is Oct. 26 from 7-9pm.

Presale tickets are $7; or $10 at the door. Purchase tickets at the Live Violence Free office or at Lake Tahoe Community College's student services office.

The show will take place at the Duke Theatre at Lake Tahoe Community College.

Performers will be from the Tahoe-Reno area.

Then and now: Airport grows, flights decline



Lake Tahoe Airport in 1963.
Photo/Dave Borges



Lake Tahoe Airport today. Photo/Bill Kingman

Lake Tahoe Airport is a public airport also known as Tahoe Valley Airport (TVL).

The 1963 photo of TVL (courtesy of Dave Borges) shows a Lockheed L-049 Constellation propliner used by Paradise Airlines which served Salinas, San Jose, Oakland and Lake Tahoe until a fatal accident on Genoa Peak in 1964.

Nineteen different carriers – small, medium, large – have served TVL since 1963.

The airport has been without a scheduled commercial airline passenger service since 2000. The baggage conveyor and carousel have been removed. The FAA control tower is closed.

However, a fixed-base operator has continued to serve general aviation at TVL. The airport terminal building in my 2013 photo currently houses the city offices of South Lake Tahoe plus a restaurant and few other businesses.

– Bill Kingman

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• The South Tahoe Public Utility District board is having a workshop Oct. 16 from 1-4pm to review the strategic plan and discuss funding for the capital improvement plan. The meeting is at 1275 Meadow Crest Drive, South Lake Tahoe.

• The American Planning Association picked C Street in Virginia City as one of the “great places in America”.

• Cool fall temps have delayed the repaving and bridge repair work along the South Lake Tahoe bike path that parallels Highway 50 and goes behind Meek’s. Work is now slated for May 2014.

• Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows are hosting a hiring fair Nov. 2 from 9am-2pm at the Olympic House at Squaw Valley.

• The Nov. 19 South Lake Tahoe City Council meeting is canceled.

Lecture to focus on chemicals in everyday products

A variety of chemicals are used in everything from textiles to cosmetics and personal care products to food packaging. Many of these exhibit unintended harmful consequences to humans and wildlife.

Three researchers from the UC Davis Superfund Research Program will discuss how these chemicals interact within our bodies to disrupt normal functions and the development of new tools, such as cell lines to measure toxicity and antibodies to measure these harmful chemicals.

The talk is Oct. 24 at 6pm at the Tahoe Environmental Research Center on the campus of Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village.

Cost is $5.

Food fest benefits LTUSD schools

The Lake Tahoe Educational Foundation will have its annual signature fundraiser – Fall Food Fest – on Oct. 26 from 6:30-10pm at Harveys in Stateline.

This community event will feature food by local restaurants, beer, wine, tequila, and vodka tasting, silent and live auctions, and live music.

The money from this fundraiser is used to fund more than $50,000 in grants that are given to Lake Tahoe Unified School Districts schools during the school year. All schools have benefited from these grants.

Tickets are available at LTUSD schools and the district office for $40. At the door tickets are $45.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• SnowGlobe has released its lineup for the Dec. 29-31 South Lake Tahoe music festival. Tickets are also on sale.

• Douglas County is working on a program called Open for Business. The goal is to evaluate how the county is communicating with the business community, including existing businesses and businesses looking to relocate. Here is a link to the survey.

• Brett Hunn, a 10-year Northern Nevada gaming veteran, has been hired as marketing director at MontBleu in Stateline.

• This video compares fire conditions between Colorado and the Sierra Nevada.

• Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood together are hiring 2,300 winter employees. Job fairs will take place at the Red Cliffs Lodge for Kirkwood on Oct. 12 from 9am-2pm, at the Heavenly California Main Lodge for Heavenly and Kirkwood on Oct. 19 from 9am- 2pm and at the Northstar Village on Oct. 26 from 9am–2pm.

Take some precautions during Halloween

I would like to encourage everyone buying costumes for Halloween to check the labels and make sure they are made of flame retardant materials.

Materials made of 100 percent polyester are best suited for Halloween costumes. These costume materials may be purchased at most local fabric stores. The use of commercial flame retardant sprays is not recommended.

Avoid Halloween costumes that are loose or baggy to prevent fabric from coming in contact with any open flames.

Children should carry flashlights or use battery operated lights. Jack-o-lanterns that have an open flame device should be placed off the ground so that long or full costumes and young trick-or-treaters' hands cannot come in contact with the flames.

The use of masks which obstruct vision should be avoided. Costumes should incorporate reflective tape in their design so children can be easily seen at night.

Trick or treat while it's still light outside, and stay in your neighborhood, visiting only the homes you know. Finally, always check your children's candy before allowing them to eat any of it.

Have a fun and safe Halloween.

– Sallie Ross-Filgo, South Lake Tahoe Fire Department

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



• Lake Tahoe Community College Math Club has volunteer tutors to help K-12 students Monday-Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30pm. No appointments necessary. Tutors are at the TLC at LTCC, which is upstairs in the main building.

•The South Lake Tahoe Library parking lot will be closed for parking lot patching, seal coating, and striping Oct. 13-14.

• The Fields Advisory Committee of the South Lake Tahoe Recreation Facilities Joint Powers Authority will meet Oct. 14 from 4–6pm at Lake Tahoe Unified School District board room, 1021 Al Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe.

• Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce is hosting an economic forum Oct. 22 from 6-8pm at Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel in South Lake Tahoe. Cocktail hour starts at 5pm.

• The *Sacramento Bee* is the latest media outlet to say no anonymous commenters.

Help available for Medicare enrollees

The El Dorado County Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) is offering free assistance to all Medicare beneficiaries in El Dorado County from Oct. 15-Dec. 7.

During open enrollment, people with Medicare can join, unenroll from, or change a Part D drug plan or Medicare Advantage plan, with changes taking effect Jan. 1.

HICAP is a nonprofit organization that provides free, unbiased, one-on-one counseling to Medicare beneficiaries. Anyone who would like advice or help changing or joining a Part D or Medicare Advantage plan should call to schedule an appointment. Beneficiaries are encouraged to bring with them one bottle of each of their prescription drugs, or a detailed list of each drug including dosage and frequency of use.

For a free HICAP appointment, call (530) 621.6369. People who are turning 65 or are new to Medicare, or those needing assistance with other Medicare issues are welcome to make an appointment any time during the year.

Fall Festival to take over Tahoe Donner

Fall fun awaits at Tahoe Donner’s signature Fall Festival scheduled for Oct. 12 from 10am-5pm at the Northwoods Clubhouse.

Fall Festival is fun for the whole family featuring a day packed full of fall-themed activities and events.

Fall Festival includes a beer garden featuring fall beers, bocce ball, arts and crafts vendors, the annual doggie-dip at the Northwoods Clubhouse Pool and a kids carnival area with food and games, face painting, tie-dye, log gammer rides, pony rides, a rock climbing wall, bounce house and more. Live entertainment will include a magic show and local performances

by InnerRhythms and Truckee Cheer, plus live music provided by the Sneaky Creatures, an alt-gypsy swing sextet playing a blend of rock, jazz and Dixieland fun.

There is an expansive pumpkin patch.

The cost is just $15 for an unlimited wristband or $1 per ticket for activities.