

Then and now: Tahoe City didn't always have a dam



This hand-tinted photo postcard (courtesy of Theresa and Darrell Eymann) was postmarked Sept. 9, 1908, as “TAH0E, CAL” and mailed to Richmond, Calif. It depicts the source of the Truckee River at Tahoe City.

1908 was five years before the Tahoe City Dam was built to control the top 6 feet of Lake Tahoe's surface elevation and the flow into the Truckee River.

For comparison, 105 years later, the second photo was taken in April 2013 standing on the dam.

The third photo, also one I took, shows the 100-year-old dam between Fanny Bridge on the Truckee River and the lake outlet.



– Bill Kingman



Survey dissects social media practices

Out & About Marketing, a digital marketing and social media firm, is taking a survey about social media in the Tahoe-Reno area.

Go online to participate. Participants will receive Milena Regos' "20 Facebook best practices to increase engagement on your page," entry to win a \$25 gift card from Amazon.com, and the ability for businesses to compare their social media activity to others.

It takes about five minutes to complete the survey. Submissions are confidential. The survey is open until May 15.

Dental van to be at South Shore schools

The dental van is returning to the South Shore.

This is for children who are on Medi-Cal.

Schedule:

- Bijou Community School from May 13-24
- Sierra House Elementary from May 27-31
- Tahoe Valley Elementary from June 3-7.

To make an appointment, call (530) 626,4786. If your child does not have dental insurance, call 800.388.8690.

Parents do not have to be present at the appointment. Dental services may include X-rays, cleaning teeth, applying fluoride varnish, sealants, filling cavities and removing decayed teeth that cannot be repaired.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

- Tahoe Production House in South Lake Tahoe earned platinum and gold awards in the national 2013 Hermes Creative Awards competition for video excellence in the nonprofit category.



- Tahoe Mountain Brewing Co. in Tahoe City won a bronze medal

for its Paddle Board Pale in the American Pale Ale category at the West Coast Brew Fest.

- Rodolfo Hernandez, Ruben Lizarraga and Sean Canilao – all accused of killing Derek “Zippy” Penaranda a year ago at Mo’s Place in South Lake Tahoe – will be tried in Placerville. The case is not moving to Tahoe based on the local court calendar.
- Truckee is going out to bid on the \$3.3 million Glenshire Drive Bike Lane Project.
- Mountain Yoga will take donations during Mother’s Day yoga from 4-5:15pm for the Zawadisha Fund.

Tahoe businesses helping women in Kenya

Six South Shore businesses are donating a portion of their May sales to the Zawadisha Fund.

The 2nd annual She is Beautiful Lake Tahoe fundraiser is about locals honoring themselves and those they care about, while supporting Kenyan women and children as they learn life saving self-defense skills, health education and financial literacy by participating in innovative microlending and saving programs.

These businesses are supporting the Zawadisha Fund this month:

BioSpirit – Massage & More, (530) 541.5511

Bliss Skincare Studio – Facials & More, (530) 318.8854

DoTerra Essential Oils – “Medicine Cabinet Makeover” dinner on May 31 at 6pm. RSVP to jules@zawadisha.org. Suggested donation of \$25 includes light dinner and product.

Elevate Wellness Center – Acupuncture, Bodywork, and Nutrition, (530) 541.9355

Gaialicious – Global Gifts, (530) 542.4244

Mountain Yoga – Flow Class on Mothers Day, 4-5:15pm. Taught by Laura DeFrietas. All levels welcome. Donation only.

The mission of the Zawadisha Fund is to empower, entrust, and expand opportunities for women.

For more information, go online or email: jen@zawadisha.org

Scammers calling Placer County residents

In the latest telephone scam, callers are now identifying themselves as law enforcement officials.

Real law enforcement is warning citizens to be extra cautious when anyone calls asking for money.

Recently, some local residents have received phone calls from someone claiming to be a Placer County sheriff's official. They were told there was money owed to them and they were asked to wire money to release the funds. The caller then gives a phone number to call and verify that the caller is indeed a member of law enforcement. The number given should always be verified through other resources and do not take the caller's word for it.

Detectives advise to never give money or information to anyone you don't know.

A law enforcement official would never call and ask you to wire money.

If you question the legitimacy of a deputy or detective, call the non-emergency line, (530) 886.5375 to verify if a deputy or detective works at PCSO.

Genoa devotes day to wildfire awareness

Learn about "Living with Fire," how to "Reduce the Fuel and Reduce the Risk," about "Fire Hurts, Red Cross Helps" and other fire safety programs during Wildfire Awareness Day in Genoa.

Representatives from emergency response agencies and organizations will be distributing free information and

speaking with the public. Several types of emergency response vehicles will be on-site, including engines, water trucks, brush trucks, jeeps and more. Children can participate in interactive games, the Ember House, learning to evacuate a building in the Smoke Trailer and a photo opportunity with Smokey Bear and Sparky the fire dog.

Visitors will also have the chance to see the rescue dogs used by Douglas County Search and Rescue.

The free event is May 18 from 11am-3pm at Mormon Station State

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- Tahoe Best Friends is offering free puppy socialization on Tuesday's from 7:15-8:15pm through May 28. Dogs must be 10 weeks to 4 months, have their second round of vaccinations, including Bordetella. RSVP to (530) 542. 2336. Bring shot records. TBF is at 2197 Ruth Ave., South Lake Tahoe.
 - The seventh International Sierra Nevada Guitar Festival at Lake Tahoe is Aug. 21-25 in Incline Village. More info and registration is online.
 - Liberty Utilities is having an open house May 21 from 5-7pm at the North Tahoe Events Center, 8318 North Lake Blvd., Kings Beach.
 - Eastern Sierra Land Trust has hired South Lake Tahoe's Kay Ogden to be executive director. Ogden has been associate director of the Sierra Nevada Alliance.
 - Adrian Ballinger of Lake Tahoe is on an expedition to Everest. Listen hear to his interview with KCRA-TV. Ballinger runs Alpenglow Expeditions out of Olympic Valley. Follow the group's progress on this blog.
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- A campaign is under way to have the South Lake Tahoe City Council ban plastic bags, even though the group already voted once not to do so. More info is online.
- The Lake Tahoe Aquatic Invasive Species Coordination Committee will spend a night talking about the past, present and future of aquatic invasive species in the Lake Tahoe Basin. This will be May 23, 5:30-7:30pm at Inn by the Lake in South Lake Tahoe.
- Truckee is having a workshop on the 2013-14 budget on May 15 from 2-8pm at council chambers.
- Vail Resorts Inc. added Arlberg, Austria, to the list of places where the Epic Pass may be used.
- The State Water Resources Control Board on May 7 approved certification of a water quality management plan for Lake Tahoe which also certifies the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Clean Water Act Section 208.

Nevada trading beach time for trash pick up

Want free beach time at Sand Harbor?

Then on Friday and Monday mornings in June, July and August, volunteer to pick up trash on the beach.

Nevada State Parks is providing free admission for the day people volunteer a couple hours for trash duty.

For more info, call (775) 831.0494.