

Register for the Bird Count

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The Tahoe Big Year celebrates the hundreds of bird species that make the Tahoe region their home all year-round, during summer or winter, or while passing through to other destinations.

Beginning Jan. 1, participants will scour the Lake Tahoe region in search of as many species of birds as they can find during 2015.

Note that this event is not strictly a competition, but an opportunity for the entire community to learn about and experience the Tahoe region's diverse bird community and rich birding opportunities.

We expect that for many participants of all ages, the Tahoe Big Year will be a gateway into the world of birding itself and a deeper appreciation of the region's natural history.

The event is free and

open to anyone, though TINS members (starting at \$35/year) will enjoy additional perks during the Tahoe Big Year, including the opportunity to win prizes and participate in members-only outings.

Register by Jan. 1 for your chance to win a copy of the new Sibley Guide to Birds, Second Edition and a Patagonia fleece and base-layer to keep you warm while searching for Tahoe's birds.

To register for Tahoe Big Year, or for more information, visit tahoebigyear.org.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Restaurants reopen; new hair studio, interior design firm launch

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Recent changes in the local business sector include the reopening of two restaurants near the casino corridor and the launch of a new hair studio and interior design firm.

Three of the four businesses are based on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe's South Shore.

The furthest up the lake is L'Atelier Hair Studio, located at 100 McFaul Way, Suite D, in Zephyr Cove, Nev. Local and well-known hair stylists Shelly McMillin and Michelle Langmayer, who previously worked together at another studio in the area, started the "rustic industrial boutique" salon, Langmayer said.

L'Atelier offers a variety of hair-related services, including haircuts, coloring and texturizing.

"Pretty much anything you'd need done for you hair," Langmayer added.

McMillin was also a Best of Tahoe winner two years in a row in the best hair stylist category.

A little further south, Mirabelle at Lake Tahoe has reopened under new ownership at 290 Kingsbury Grade in Stateline, Nev. The restaurant was closed in September, but reopened on Dec. 19 to offer "classic French cuisine."

Chef Kenneth Druley and Dining Room Manager Kathleen Pressey bought Mirabelle from Chef Camille Schwartz. Druley has 20 years of experience in high-end kitchens and has previously worked in Napa Valley and Bay Area restaurants.

"Regular guests will see familiar dishes on the menu and bottles on the wine list as well as the

same attention to hospitality Chef Camille and his staff were known for," according to a recent announcement.

Mirabelle at Lake Tahoe will be serving special holiday menus on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. It will be closed again for the month of May, but will reopen at the beginning of June to serve lunch Tuesday through Friday, in addition to the normal dinner service.

The last of the three businesses based on the Nevada side of the South Shore is Talie Jane Interiors, a full-service boutique interior design firm.

Founder and interior designer Natalie Malik opened the location in August, about a year after opening her first firm in Chicago. In Tahoe, she looks to take advantage of the areas "awe-inspiring" canvas and mesh "city sophistication with rustic splendor," according to a media release.

"As a designer, I listen closely and read between the lines, so that I can capture what my client is trying to say," Malik said in a statement. "Every aspect of my design serves the purpose of helping clients reach their goals. I strive to turn a potentially stressful process into a very positive experience."

For a consultation, Malik can be reached at 1-855-TALIEJANE.

Finally, in South Lake Tahoe, McP's Pub Tahoe is getting closer to reopening at its new location on the corner of Highway 50 and Stateline Avenue — right alongside the California-Nevada border.

It has been renamed McP's Taphouse Grill.

The restaurant was bustling with activity this week as construction crews moved closer to finishing renovations on the previously vacant building. McP's co-owner Pete Joseph said Tuesday he's aiming to open the grill "right after the new year."



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