

WHS 50th anniversary shindig

50 Ways to Love Your School is a celebration of Whittell High School's 50th Anniversary. The spring auction school fundraiser will take place at MontBleu on May 22 at 6pm.

There will be disc jockey, live and silent auctions, wine toss and more.

The \$60 fee includes dinner. Purchase tickets at: Forever Dance, Studio D, Zephyr Cove Elementary School office, or ask your favorite school parent or Boosters Club member,

More information is at:
<http://zceswhittell.schoolauction.net/50ways/>.

TAMC searching for next artist to feature



Tahoe Arts and Mountain Culture is searching for an image for its fourth annual collectible sticker.

To promote the local art community, each year TAMC website creator Becky Bell produces a collectible sticker featuring artwork from a local artist that captures the essence of Lake Tahoe and represents our mountain culture.

Only 1,000 stickers are printed.

“Mackerel Sky” by South Lake Tahoe artist Phyllis Shafer, shown here, was selected in 2009 as the third in the series of collectible stickers because of its lyrical interpretation of our communion with nature.

Local visual artists who would like their artwork considered should send a jpeg file of the image and a brief artist statement by May 15 to Becky Bell at editor@tahoeculture.com. Paintings, mixed media, and photography will be considered.

Wind advisory in Lake Tahoe

A wind advisory has been issued for the Lake Tahoe area, including the lake, from 11am to 6pm today.

The National Weather Service says to expect winds from the southwest at 15-20mph, with gusts up to 35 mph.



This light at Highway 50 and Third Street in South Tahoe already looks like it has been through a wind storm.
Photo/Kathryn

Reed

Waves could be 2-3 feet high. The highest waves will be along the northeast shores from Kings Beach to Glenbrook. Small boats will be prone to capsizing and should remain off the lake until conditions improve.

Abbacadabra at Harrah's Tahoe

Abbacadabra – The Ultimate ABBA Concert at Harrah's Lake Tahoe.

Cost: \$25.

Dates: June 25–27; July 1–3; July 5–6; July 9–13.

Time: 7:30pm

Information: 800.786.8208 or www.SouthShoreRoom.com.

Guy Fieri at Harrah's Tahoe

Guy Fieri Rock 'n' Roll Tour at Harrah's Lake Tahoe on June 11 at 7:30pm. Cost is \$35.

For more information, call 800.786.8208 or go to www.SouthShoreRoom.com.

Playboy Clubs 50th anniversary party

Playboy Clubs 50th Anniversary Party at VEX Nightclub inside Harrah's Lake Tahoe.

Cost is \$20 for men and \$10 for women.

For more information, call 800.786.8208 or go to www.SouthShoreRoom.com.

Lake Tahoe ski report, April 12



It could be windy on the slopes today. On Tuesday it's the fundraiser for Pam Warman at Sierra-at-Tahoe. Here is the ski report from Curtis Fong, the Guy from Tahoe.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

- Dina Cipollaro, who with Virginia Boyar runs Fundamental Training Solutions, will be leading two sessions on customer service at the Vacation Rental Management Association conference in Reno next month. Cipollaro is based in Arizona, while Boyar is in South Lake Tahoe.



Dina Cipollaro
and Virginia
Boyar

- On April 15 at 4 pm the South Lake Tahoe City Council is having a special meeting to discuss Councilman Bruce Grego's reimbursement for outside legal counsel. Meeting is at Lake Tahoe Airport.
- Sudeep Chandra, an assistant professor of limnology and conservation ecology at UNR, received the American Fisheries Society California-Nevada Chapter highest honor of excellence award for work on Nevada – Lake Tahoe, Lake Mead, Walker Lake, Pyramid Lake and the Truckee River.
- The Reno-Tahoe Open is boosting the purse for the July tournament to \$3.5 million from \$3 million. Last year this PGA tournament had the smallest purse on the tour.
- Squaw Valley plans to keep its slopes open through May 9. Skiers and boarders can go to Mammoth until July 4.
- Gardnerville's JT Basque Bar & Dining Room is celebrating

its 50th anniversary this month.

Perez backs Hillman for EDC sheriff

To the community,

I write to inform you that I have chosen to endorse former Undersheriff Ernie Hillman to become our next sheriff. I know all the candidates, what they stand for, their strengths and weaknesses, and which is best suited to serve as Sheriff. In my opinion having been a chief for the past decade, Ernie is uniquely qualified for this position as CEO of our 400-member sheriff's department.

Ernie is the only candidate who has been an undersheriff and acting sheriff, has managed more than 80 officers/deputies, and has the training and education for this office. Nobody comes close to Ernie – nobody. Ernie stands head-and-shoulders above the crowd.

I would be honored if you joined me in supporting Ernie for Sheriff of El Dorado County.

Thank you,

Stan Perez

Stamp of approval for annual wine Passport Weekend

By Kathryn Reed

PLACERVILLE – It's not exactly like the bar Cheers where everyone knows your name, but it's close because more people are apt to know you by the time you leave.

Passport Weekend in El Dorado County is like one big party – except it's at 26 locations.

Some might say visiting 26 wineries in two days isn't possible. Cara Alfonso of Sacramento hit all the wineries last year during Passport Weekend. By Sunday afternoon she was at 13 while she sipped some red at Boeger Winery. She and her friends were at No. 4 on Sunday, having hit nine on Saturday. The little one she was carrying in front of her might have been slowing her down.



With all those barrels,
Boeger isn't
about to run
out of wine to
taste.

Photos/Kathryn
Reed

"It's a fun community event," Alfonso said. This was her

fourth Passport. "You meet people from all over."

She brought along Marilyn Hovland of Fresno as a newbie to the event. The food pairings are what stood out for Hovland. It wasn't just food to eat, but learning what foods go well with particular wines.

At Boeger Winery there was not a consensus by the crowd as to what would taste best with the mac-n-cheese provided by chef Beth Sogaard. The line for the decadent comfort food on this blustery Sunday was almost as long as the line for wine upstairs among all the barrels.

It was Auriga Wine Cellar's beef stew that had Sue Wood of South Lake Tahoe admitting she found one better than her mom's. She said it was scrumptious with the Syrah.

"What we are striving for here is the melding of food and wine," Richard Stading, owner and winemaker at Auriga, said.

Stading said his winery is all about education – especially about how food and wine complement each other. They have recipes on their website and suggest wines for the food.

This is Auriga's first Passport. Party tents were taken down when at 10am a 40mph gust of wind nearly took everything down. However, it just meant the party moved inside.

The weather (so far) is forecast to be more spring like for the second weekend of Passport. Tickets are still available.

Meeting the winemaker or owner is common at Passport. Most tasting rooms are staffed with people who know the wines and aren't just reading from cheat sheets.



Raymond McKay
signs a bottle
at Chateau
Rodin.

Raymond McKay at Chateau Rodin will sign personal messages on bottles people buy. In 2003 and 2006 Chateau Rodin was voted best winery at the annual Soroptimist International of South Lake Tahoe wine tasting.

Joe and Lena Martini of Reno have been coming to Passport for the last decade. It's a birthday gift to Lena from her parents each year.

"I wouldn't miss it. Everyone is friendly, the food is fabulous and there are great prices on wine," Lena Martini said.

The 16 people in their group had hit five wineries each of the two days. Joe Martini called it a slow weekend for them because in the past they've visited 10-14 wineries in a day.



Reds Regan of
South Lake
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painting at

Lava Cap both weekends.

Instead of merely having art for sale, Lava Cap Winery had the artist creating original work. Reds Regan of South Lake Tahoe will paint an original canvas both weekends.

“Passport Weekend was launched by El Dorado’s wineries 19 years ago to encourage people to explore our beautiful wine country in the springtime. Since then, Passport has grown to include two popular weekends that attract multiple generations of families from across the U.S.,” said Beth Jones, owner of Lava Cap Winery and president of the El Dorado Winery Association.

For more information about Passport Weekend, [click here](#).