

Douglas County library book sale

The Douglas County Public Library annual book sale is May 18 from 9am-5pm and May 19 fro 9am-2pm.

The sale will be at the C.V.I.C. Hall, 1602 Esmeralda Ave. in Minden.

Hundreds of used books and audio books will be for sale; DVDs, VHS tapes, and music CDs will also be available.

A special preview will be May 17 from 5-8pm for members of The Friends of the Douglas County Public Library. Attend the preview by joining the friends at the door on Friday night.

For more info, call the library at (775) 782.9841.

South Tahoe to explain parking program

There will be a community meeting to learn the facts about the South Lake Tahoe residential parking permit program on May 6.

City staff will be in attendance to answer questions about this program.

It will be at the senior center, 3050 Lake Tahoe Blvd., from 5:30-7pm.

More info about the program may be found online.

Foreign exchange student to give talk

On April 30 from 3:30-5pm, the World Explorers Club at the South Lake Tahoe Public Library will be hosting a student from Germany, Rebekka Kuehnappel.

All are invited to come and meet Rebekka and learn about life in Germany and her adventures as a foreign exchange student at South Tahoe High School.

At 3:15pm, Deborah Malone from International Student Exchange will talk to families interested in hosting an international student. Applications will be available at the meeting.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- Lake Tahoe Community College is having a career fair May 14 from 10am-1pm.

- Tahoe Expedition Academy in Kings Beach will launch its first ninth-grade class in the fall, and will add a grade level each year so it goes through grade 12.

- Liberty Utilities took a survey of customers. The results are online.

- The May issue of *Bon Appetit* magazine says when it comes to natural wines. Donkey & Goat's 2011 El Dorado Grenache Blanc is a good gone.
 - On April 30 at 6pm the Friends of the Library is hosting The Humane Movement: Past, Present, and Future presented by the Lake Tahoe Humane Society and S.P.C.A. The event is free and is at the South Lake Tahoe library.
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Wine bar helping county arts programs

Après Wine Company in South Lake Tahoe is hosting The Arts Day of Giving on April 29 during happy hour from 4-7pm.

The El Dorado Arts Council is participating along with many other community arts organizations to raise money and awareness for the Arts in El Dorado County. Even though this is geared for online donations, adjustments are being made so checks will be accepted as well.

Intel has loaned the laptops to EDAC that will be at Après Wine Company to make the donation.

Local professional pastel artist Bonita Paulis will be exhibiting her work, and the Tahoe Art League's Showcase Gallery next door to Après will have an open house featuring other area artists.

Après Wine Company is at 3668 Lake Tahoe Blvd.

Then and now: Car dealerships used to flourish



Shelby Ford

One of the early new car dealers in South Lake Tahoe was Bob Murnane Ford of Placerville which operated a one-person extension sales booth near the Y in the mid-1960s.

Springmeyer's Garage (the old stencilled "martial arts" beige building on Highway 50, about to be razed) was an International Scout dealer.

Neddenreip of Minden/Gardnerville also tapped into the Tahoe market.



Pardee Volkswagen

But achieving unique distinction in the 1960s was local Emil Pardee Volkswagen & Porsche, the South Shore's first full-size new car dealership, with sales and service and its own new building. Reportedly, South Lake Tahoe at one time had more Volkswagens per capita than any other area.

Decades later, the building changed to a Chevrolet dealership before closing.

Today, the revamped building is part of the Les Schwab Tires facility.



Les Schwab



Whiteside Chevrolet

Whiteside Chevrolet of the 1960s on Lake Tahoe Boulevard at Julie Lane later became Shehadi Motors Chevrolet & Toyota.

Today it is Cardinale Way, the lone remaining new car dealer in South Lake Tahoe.

Shelby Ford (of Carroll Shelby fame who also owned the Sky Terrace Motel and Restaurant on Highway 50) was between the Whiteside and Pardee buildings in 1969. It is DIY today.



Cardinale Way

No photos, but I should include that in the 1980s



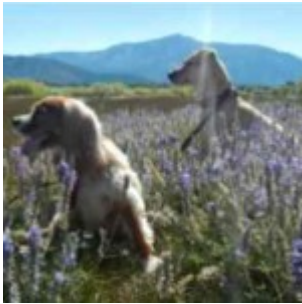
DIY

South Lake Tahoe also had Vic Bates Oldsmobile & Buick on Lodi Avenue, which became the library and theater of Lake Tahoe Community College before its present incarnation as The Attic thrift store of Barton Auxiliary; Don Weir Dodge on Tata Lane is the Kmart Garden Center today; the large two-story Honda dealership of the 1980s on Highway 89 now houses El Dorado County offices for engineering and other services; Bob Bellemore sold used cars on the corner now occupied by Bank of the West; Terry Libbon sold used cars on the lot on Highway 50 at Winnemucca, now Auto Bazaar.

– *Bill Kingman*

Photo credits: *David Borges took the older photos; Bill Kingman the newer ones.*

Snippets about Lake Tahoe



- The California Tahoe Conservancy's annual seasonal dog closure at the Upper Truckee Marsh in South Lake Tahoe begins May 1 and ends July 31.
- Katy Simon, who has been manager of Washoe County for 15 years, is retiring July 1.
- In 2012, Caltrans filled more than 10,00 garbage trucks with debris from state highways. This cost taxpayers \$52 million.
- Reno's Wayne Wong was inducted into the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame in Ishpeming, Mich., this month.
- Draft documents of Douglas County's South Shore Area Plan are online.

Firefighters to raise money for burn victims

The South Lake Tahoe Firemen's Association and the South Lake Tahoe Fire Department are hosting the annual Fill the Boot for Burns fund raising event.

The event is May 3 from 5-9pm and May 4 from 10am-6pm. Local firefighters will be at the Raley's shopping center at the Y

and also at the intersection of Lake Tahoe Boulevard and Park Avenue near Stateline.

Look for the volunteers dressed in turnouts with their boots in hand collecting funds for burn victims. Donations will help support burn recovery programs, including Firefighters Kids Camp, and Little Heroes Preschool Burn Camp.

Similar “Boot Drives” are being held simultaneously throughout the nation.

Contact Mike Mileski for more information at (530) 542.6163.

Leadership Lake Tahoe scholarship available

Tahoe Regional Young Professionals will launch an ongoing scholarship/continuing educational program by offering one qualified member the opportunity to take part in Leadership Lake Tahoe for the 2013-14 term. This has a value of \$900.

Leadership Lake Tahoe is put on by the Lake Tahoe South Shore Chamber of Commerce as a way to identify and develop current and future leaders through a comprehensive professional development program.

Go online or email tahoetryp@gmail.com to apply for the scholarship. To be chosen the individual must submit an application by May 1 and be a member of TRYP.

2 nights of bingo in South Lake Tahoe in May

The next bingo nights at the South Lake Tahoe Senior Center are May 4 and May 18.

Anyone older than 18 is invited to play.

Doors open at 4pm, at 4:30pm game packs are sold, at 5pm is early bird bingo, and at 5:30pm are the regular games.

The center is at 3050 Lake Tahoe Blvd.

For more info, call Sandra or Mike at (530) 600.0131.