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In the news release, "Spring 2007 Calendar of Events in Lake County, California," issued November 7, 2006, the date for the Festival of Tulips in Nice should read "Saturday, March 31, 2007," rather than "Saturday, April 7, 2007," as originally issued. In addition, the admission price, originally \$35 at the door and \$30 in advance, should be \$30 at the door and \$25 in advance. Complete corrected text follows.

SPRING 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ONGOING

Historic Family Ranch Tour, *Eleven Roses Ranch, Clearlake Oaks, CA*

Guests will experience a 90-minute narrated mule-drawn wagon ride that meanders through a valley rich with history, wildlife, and magnificent springtime wildflowers and ends with an authentic chuck wagon barbecue, complete with Dutch oven cobbler and complimentary Lake County wine. By reservation only. Eleven Roses Ranch. 5456 New Long Valley Road. For more information, call (707) 998-4471 or visit www.elevenrosesranch.com.

MARCH

Festival of Tulips, *Nice, CA*

Saturday, March 31, 2007

Third-annual event will feature wine, food, and entertainment set amid the Tulip Hill Winery's gardens blooming with 30,000 tulips imported from Holland. Entrance to the Festival of Tulips includes a Tulip Hill wine glass for unlimited tastings, sumptuous hors d'oeuvres from five upscale Lake County restaurants, live rhythm 'n' blues music by Bill Noteman and the Rockets, music, winery tours, lectures, and ballroom dance and other

demonstrations. Winery tours will be given every hour beginning at 12:30 p.m. with the last one at 3:30 p.m. Guests will get a chance to explore the crush pad, cellar, bottling room, and everything in between, as the tour guide gives an overall view and explanation of the winemaking process. A raffle will be held on the day of the event for a gift basket of Tulip Hill wine and other Lake County products sold in the winery's gift shop. Tickets may be purchased over the phone or at the winery in advance or on the day of the festival; regular tickets are \$30 and advance tickets are \$25. Noon to 4:00 p.m. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. For more information, call (707) 274-9373.

APRIL

Heron Festival, Clear Lake State Park, Kelseyville, CA

Friday – Sunday, April 27-29, 2007

This fun, family-oriented weekend features pontoon boat tours, birding and nature walks, nature talks and exhibits, and children's activities. The Spring Wildflower Brunch will be held on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Reservations are requested; cost is \$12. Ninety-minute pontoon boat bird-watching excursions will be held between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Reservations are required; donation is \$15. The Clear Lake State Park Visitor Center will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with interpretive displays of Lake County's natural and cultural resources. Speaker presentations, slide shows, and videos on local birds and wildlife will be held at the Visitor Center Auditorium. Park admission is free all weekend. Presented by the Redbud Audubon Society and the Clear Lake State Park Interpretive Association. 5300 Soda Bay Road. For more information or for reservations for brunch or pontoon boat rides, call (800) 525-3743 or visit www.heronfestival.org.

MAY

Lakeport Yacht Club Spring Regatta 2007, Lakeport, CA

Friday – Sunday, May 4-5, 2007

A weekend of sailing, including three sailboat races on Saturday and two on Sunday. Friday night begins with a welcome dinner of spaghetti at 6:30 p.m. prepared by the Lakeport Yacht Club. Cost is \$8 per person. Races begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Following the races Saturday night, there will be a steak dinner at 6:30 p.m., also served by the Lakeport Yacht Club. Cost for the steak dinner is \$12 per person. An awards banquet will

be held Sunday afternoon following the races. Registration is \$25 per person. All other clubs from the region, including those in Lake, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Sonoma counties, are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Lakeport Yacht Club. North boat ramp, 15 Fifth Street. For more information, call (707) 743-1220.

Art & Nature, Nice, CA

Saturday, May 5, 2007

A festival celebrating the arts that relate to nature featuring Konocti Plein Air and other painters demonstrating and selling artwork, a children's art exhibit, local poetry groups, strolling minstrels, nature and gardening lectures, as well as hikes, bird watching, and wildflower tours. Admission is free; guests are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch. Sponsored by Lake County Land Trust. 6350 Westlake Road, located on the corner of the Nice-Lucerne Cutoff. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call (707) 995-1398.

Catfish Derby, Clearlake Oaks, CA

Friday – Sunday, May 18-20, 2007

“The largest catfish derby west of the Mississippi” and a benefit for community projects, the 24th annual Catfish Derby features both an Adult Derby, with a grand prize of a new boat, motor, and trailer, and a Kids Derby for those 16 years old and younger. The event will be held from noon Friday through noon Sunday. Early registration will be from noon to 11:00 p.m. Thursday, May 17, for \$40. Registration also will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday, May 18, for \$45. No registrations will be accepted after 11:00 p.m. Friday. Registration is \$10 for kids. Barbecues, which are included with registration, will be held both Saturday and Sunday. Sponsored by the Clearlake Oaks/Glenhaven Business Association. 12655 East Highway 20. For applications, call (888) CL-DERBY or (707) 998-1006; for more information, call (707) 998-3795.

Located in beautiful Northern California, Lake County is just two hours by car from the San Francisco Bay Area, the Sacramento Valley, and the Pacific Coast. Lake County is home to Clear Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake in California and possibly the oldest lake on the continent. Visitors to Lake County experience the state's cleanest air basin, spectacular scenic beauty, fine wines, headliner concerts, and unsurpassed recreational opportunities — from hiking, biking, golf, and off-road adventures to boating, fishing, kayaking, birding, and even rockhounding. The local area code is 707. For visitor information, contact the Lake County Visitor Information Center at (800) 525-3743 or www.lakecounty.com.