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WINE & CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2009

LAKEPORT, CA — The decadent and delicious Wine & Chocolate Festival, an annual fundraising event for the Lake Family Resource Center, will be held at the Mt. Konocti Growers on Saturday, February 14, 2009, with an expanded offering of ultra-premium Lake County wines.

Everything from pear champagne to award-winning Syrah and Port will be masterfully paired with luscious chocolates by Sommelier Stephanie Green, owner of Focused on Wine in Kelseyville. Green also will lead workshops on wine sensory and pairing food with wines, which will be held during the festival.

Event-goers will have the opportunity to stroll through the venue listening to live music, taste wines from more than 30 area wineries, nibble on delicious chocolates, and purchase wines at the event. An antique car show will provide auto enthusiasts and admirers an opportunity to see vintage cars and trucks up close while enjoying the event.

Proceeds from the Wine & Chocolate Festival benefit the programs and services of the Lake Family Resource Center. Mt. Konocti Growers, 2550 Big Valley Road, Lakeport. Admission is \$35 per person in advance; \$40 at the door. Noon to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call (707) 262-1611.

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. Lake County is part of the North Coast AVA, which also encompasses Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino counties. Within Lake County, five other AVAs exist — Clear Lake AVA, Benmore Valley AVA, Guenoc AVA, and the recently approved Red Hills AVA and High Valley AVA. The local area code is 707. For visitor information, contact the Lake County Visitor Information Center at (800) 525-3743 or www.LakeCounty.com.

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