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SPOTLIGHT ON SUMMER 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA MEMORIAL DAY – LABOR DAY

MAY

Memorial Day Parade & Celebration, *Lakeport*

May 23

Annual community celebration, featuring an arts and crafts show and Memorial Day Parade. Main Street, Lakeport. (707) 263-5092, *www.lakeportchamber.com*

Lower Lake Memorial Day Parade and Barbecue, *Lower Lake*

May 24

Annual horse parade, pet parade, awards and prizes, live music and dancing, and artists and crafters. Barbecue from noon to 3:00 p.m. Horse rides by Wiloth Equine Therapy. Sponsored by Lower Lake Community Action Group. Benefit for Lower Lake High School and community. Admission is free. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Russell Rustici Park. 16375 Second Street. (707) 995-2515.

Car Roundup, *Lakeport*

May 30

Eighteenth-annual car show with food, entertainment, vendors, music, and awards. Sponsored by the Lake County No Name Car Club. Benefit for local charities. Registration is from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Awards ceremony is from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. Park Street, Library Park. (707) 262-1508, *www.nonamecars.com*

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Wood & Glory, *Lakeport*

May 30

Annual event featuring more than 60 classic wooden boats on Clear Lake. Photography is encouraged and guests vote on their favorite boat, thereby entering a drawing for a commemorative Wood & Glory poster. Sponsored by the Lakeport Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Antique Classic Boat Society. Admission is free; fee for barbecue.11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The docks at Library Park. (707) 263-5092, *www.lakeportchamber.com*

Mystery Dinner Theater, *Upper Lake*

May 30

Join a group of professional actors, dress in period costume if you like, enjoy a wonderful four course dinner - and solve a murder mystery in the process - when the Tallman hotel is turned into the "4 Deuces" speakeasy, set in the 1920s. An unforgettable evening. Tickets $80. (707) 275-2244, *www.tallmanhotel.com*

JUNE

Wild West Day, *Upper Lake*

June 6

Sixteenth-annual Western-themed street festival with Old West skits, a parade, pancake breakfast, tri-tip barbecue, wagon rides, and country music. Contests for best beard, bonnet, and costume. Sponsored by the Upper Lake Community Council for community projects and the Northshore Fire Protection District. Admission is free. 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Main Street. (707) 275-2000, *www.upperlakeca.org*

Luau On The Lake, *Lower Lake*

June 6

Set amid the Rolling Knolls Vineyard of Shannon Ridge Vineyards & Winery with stunning views of Clear Lake, event goers will dine on an array of island food, enjoy traditional Polynesian dancers, a fire eater display, pig roast buffet, music, and more. A benefit for the Clear Lake Chamber fireworks display.

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The Lakeport Regional Chamber will hold a Bachelor & Bachelorette Auction during the event, proceeds support operations. Tickets $50. (707) 994-3600, *www.clearlakechamber.com*, *www.lakeportchamber.com*

"The Moving Wall" Vietnam Veterans Memorial, *Lakeport*

June 11 – 15

"The Moving Wall," a half-size replica of "The Wall," the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., has visited more than a thousand communities in the past 20 years and will be in Lakeport, its only Northern California stop on this year's tour. Spanning over 250 feet in length, "The Moving Wall," will provide visitors the opportunity to learn, demonstrate Honor and Respect, and provide some closure and forgiveness to Vietnam veterans. Accessible 24 hours per day, Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 350-1159, *www.vva951.org*

Kulture Shock Car Show, *Lakeport*

June 20

Fourth-annual car show presented by Los Diablos Car Club. "No billet" show for 1964 and older traditional 50s and 60s-style hot rods, customs, gassers and classics. Motorcycles include original, traditional 50s and 60s chopper and bobber styles. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Trophies for Best Hot Rods, Best Customs, and Best of Show will be awarded at 3:00 p.m. Live rockabilly and classic rock 'n' roll bands all day, beer, great food, vendors, pin-stripers, raffle, trophy award presentations. Admission: $5 for spectators. See web site for vehicle registration form and entry fee. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-3283, *www.kultureshockcarshow.com*

Middletown Days, *Middletown*

June 20 – 21

Annual Western-themed event the third weekend of June featuring a ranch rodeo, live music, craft and food booths, children's activities, and more. Saturday begins with a parade and ends with a dance. Sunday features the gymkhana. Middletown Central Park, Central Park Road. (707) 994-1954.

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Lake County Home Winemakers Festival, *Kelseyville*

June 27

Seventh-annual festival for tasting the winemaking efforts of more than 40 Northern California amateurs, as well as those from leading Lake County commercial wineries; tasters vote on their favorites. New this year will be a home brew competition. Live music will set the mood and plentiful food from local purveyors will be available. Sponsored by and a benefit for Clear Lake Performing Arts; also sponsored by the Kelseyville Business Association. Tasting is $15 per person in advance, $20 at the door, and includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to vote on the winners. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Main Street. (707) 277-8172, *www.clearlakeperformingarts.org*

VW Show and Shine, *Lakeport*

June 27

Annual Vintage Volkswagen car show with children's activities, raffles, vendors, games, awards, and a caravan to the drive-in at sunset. Entry fee to show. Swappers free, but space is limited. Sponsored by the Silver Circle Chapter of the Vintage Volkswagen Club of America and other VW businesses. Free admission. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Library Park, 222 Park Street. (408) 368-6529, *www.vwlakecounty.com*

Lavender Festival at Ceago del Lago, *Nice*

June 27

Each year, the fragrant fields of lavender on the shore of Clear Lake at Ceago del Lago is harvested and distilled. Join the festivities at Ceago del Lago, home to the tasting room of Ceago Vinegarden, the organic and biodynamic wine label of Jim Fetzer. The lavender is used to produce essential oils, soaps, and more which are for sale in the tasting room. Small fee. Ceago del Lago, 5115 E. Highway 20. (707) 274-1462, *www.ceago.com*

JUNE - JULY

Independence Day Fireworks, *Countywide*

June 27 – July 4

Lake County is home to numerous fireworks shows during the Fourth of July holiday, many of which

dazzle the skies over Clear Lake, illuminating the water's surface. The city of Lakeport hosts its Independence Day fireworks show following a lighted boat parade. Other fireworks shows include the city of Clearlake fireworks display, the Maxine Sherman Annual Fireworks show in Clearlake Oaks, the Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa fireworks display that follows a concert, the Robinson Rancheria fireworks display, and more. (800) LAKESIDE, *www.lakecounty.com*

Clearlake International Worm Races, *Clearlake*

July 4

Internationally recognized worm race competition that has summoned competitors ranging from children to senators and congressmen. This 39th-annual event has attracted the attention of Animal Planet, NBC, and Bay Area Backroads. Held in conjunction with the City of Clearlake Independence Day Festivities. Austin Park, 14077 Lakeshore Drive. (707) 994-3600.

JULY

Lake County Rodeo, *Lakeport*

July 10 -11

This year marks the 80th-annual Lake County Rodeo, featuring CCPRA-sanctioned professional rodeo, steer wrestling, bull riding, bareback riding, team roping, barrel racing, mutton bustin', cow chip bingo, and more, plus barbecue, vendors, and a dance Saturday night. Sponsored by the Lake County Rodeo Association. Admission fee. 7:00 p.m. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-1845, *www.lakecountyrodeo.com*

All Horse Parade, *Lakeport*

July 11

As part of the Lake County Rodeo, this parade begins and ends at the fairgrounds, but clip-clops through downtown Lakeport. A parade of horses, burros, goats, and other four-legged animals begins at 4:30 p.m., some pulling carriages. Parade viewing in Lakeport is free. (707) 995-2515.

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Lake County Wine Adventure, *Countywide*

July 25 – 26

Fifth-annual adventure gives guests a chance to explore "The Undiscovered Wine Country" of California's Lake County. Eventgoers can sample award-winning Lake County wines from more than 20 participating wineries plus mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres during this two-day event, which is held at wineries and tasting rooms throughout Lake County. Many locations offer barrel tastings, entertainment, and winery tours. After visiting participating wineries, wine "tourists" become eligible for a raffle drawing. Purchase of two-day Adventure Ticket, $30, includes tasting at participating wineries and a logo wine glass. (800) 595-WINE (9463), *www.lakecountywineries.org*

AUGUST

Blue Wing Blues Festival, *Upper Lake*

August 5 – 8

The Tallman Hotel and Blue Wing Saloon & Café host their annual four-day Blue Wing Blues Festival. Gates open at 5:45 p.m. each evening and great bands perform on the veranda of the hotel with the audience gathered in the intimate garden between the hotel and saloon. The price of admission includes a tasty barbecue dinner. This year's lineup includes Barry "Big B: Brenner, "Mighty Mike" Schermer, Lara Price, Chris Cain, Bettie Mae Fikes, Levi Lloyd, Paul Steward, Mike Wilhelm, and Neon Napalm. Tickets and information at (707) 275-2244. 9550 Main Street, Upper Lake. *www.tallmanhotel.com*

Taste of Lakeport, *Lakeport*

August 21

Twelfth-annual wine tasting event featuring food, wine tasting, live music, and dancing. Businesses in downtown Lakeport stay open late for the event, which also features hors d'oeuvres at the many tasting stations, as well as live music and dancing. Purchase of a tasting ticket includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to win raffle prizes donated by the local businesses, music begins at 8:00 p.m. in Museum Park on Main Street. Presented by Lakeport Main Street Association; a benefit for the revitalization of downtown Lakeport. 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Main Street. (707) 263-8843, *www.lakeportmainstreet.com*

The Pepsi Celebrity Golf Shootout, *Kelseyville*

August 28 – 29

Thirteenth-annual golf tournament in which amateurs pair up with former professional football greats. Friday's activities include a pool party and luau, live music, and pairing of celebrities with their amateur at-large foursome. Saturday starts with a Celebrity Sunrise Champagne Breakfast at 6:30 a.m. Teams meet at 7:30 a.m. on the Buckingham Golf Course, 2855 Eastlake Drive in Kelseyville; tee time is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Spectators can watch celebrities up close from the gallery. Awards show and concert after shootout. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road. (800) 660-LAKE, *www.konoctiharbor.com*

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

Lake County Summerfest, *Countywide*

August 28 – September 6

End-of-summer celebration encompassing countywide community festivals, art events, arts, crafts, entertainment, indoor and outdoor concerts, street dances, theater productions, wine tasting, farmers' markets, food, a celebrity golf tournament, car show, motorcycle rally, and the Lake County Fair. Concert, tournament, and bike rally event details: (800) 660-LAKE, *www.konoctiharbor.com*; general information: (800) LAKESIDE, *www.lakecounty.com*

Lake County Fair, *Lakeport*

September 3 – 6

Traditionally held each Labor Day weekend, the Lake County Fair is one of Lake County's most popular summertime events, enjoyed by more than 37,000 people each year. This year's theme is "Fun in the Sun." Live entertainment, exhibits, carnival rides, food, livestock, and fun for the whole family. Thursday: 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Friday 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-6181, *www.lakecountyfair.com*

X.S. Weekend and Takin' It to the Streets Road Rally, *Kelseyville*

September 4 – 6

The grand finale weekend of the Lake County Summerfest is an insane combination of extreme sports,

the thirteenth-annual motorcycle road rally poker run around Clear Lake, and good old-fashioned rock 'n' roll. X.S. Weekend features extreme pro motocross, daredevil jet ski stunt shows, hardcore ski diving and more, plus vendor booths, fashion model competitions, national headline entertainment and night club bands, capped off with a fireworks display on Sunday. Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa, 8727 Soda Bay Road. Reservations recommended. (800) 660-LAKE, *www.konoctiharbor.com*

ONGOING

Monday Night Blues, *Upper Lake*

Monday evenings

Great musicians play the blues inside the Blue Wing Saloon & Café. Guests are welcomed to have dinner at a cozy table indoors, sit down for a drink or appetizers at the handcrafted walnut bar, or appreciate the stars outside on the heated veranda. Monday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2233, *www.bluewingsaloon.com*

Open Mic Night, *Upper Lake*

Thursday evenings

Bring your acoustic instruments and enjoy your "15 minutes of fame" inside the Blue Wing Saloon & Café. Guests are welcomed to have dinner at a cozy table indoors, sit down for a drink or appetizers at the handcrafted walnut bar, or appreciate the stars outside on the heated veranda. Thursday evenings, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2233, *www.bluewingsaloon.com*

Fondue Fridays, *Upper Lake*

Friday evenings

On Fridays, the Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) will offer a selection of fondue cheese pots, along with different Lake County wines. LCWS pours wines from 19 Lake County wineries with a rotating tasting menu of eight to 10 wines each week, with more than 40 wines available for purchase by the bottle. 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. LCWS, 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030.

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Tuscan Village Music & Art Series, *Lower Lake*

Friday evenings

Live music, great food, wine tasting, and arts and crafts. Outdoors in the orchard during summer; inside other seasons. Presented by 2Goombas Deli and Terrill Cellars. 16175 Main Street. (707) 994-3354, *www.terrillcellars.com*

Guided Nature Walks, *Lakeport*

Saturday mornings

The Lake County Land Trust hosts guided bird and nature walks at the Rodman Slough Preserve on Saturdays. The walks, which last 90 minutes, begin at 9:00 a.m. September – May, 8:00 a.m. June – August. Free admission. 6350 Westlake Road, off Highway 29, near the Nice-Lucerne Cutoff. (707) 279-0923, (707) 994-2024, *www.lakecountylandtrust.org*

Specialty Tasting & Tidbits, *Kelseyville*

First Thursday of the month

On the first Thursday of each month, Stephanie Cruz-Green, sommelier and owner of Focused on Wine, will offer a specialty wine tasting served with tasty tidbits and wine education pointers. $10 in advance, $12 at the door. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 3940 Main Street. (707) 279-2112.

First Friday Fling, *Lakeport*

First Friday of the month

Reception spotlighting artists currently showing in the gallery, with music, hors d'oeuvres, and wine sponsored by one of Lake County's wineries. Student gallery also open. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Main Street Gallery, 325 N. Main Street. (707) 263-6658, *www.lakecountyartscouncil.com*

Meet the Winemaker Series, *Upper Lake*

First Friday of the month

The Blue Wing Saloon & Café hosts the owner and/or winemaker of one of the great Lake County wineries whose vintages are featured on the wine list. Special menu items for that day are carefully paired with the featured wines. Blue Wing Saloon & Café. 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2233, *www.bluewingsaloon.com*

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Winemaker Dinner Series, *Kelseyville*

First Tuesday of the month

The Saw Shop Gallery Bistro features a local or regional wine paired with a special menu highlighting the wine. Dine al fresco on the wrap-around porch or inside where walls of the circa-1902 building are festooned with local art. Saw Shop Gallery Bistro, 3825 Main Street. (707) 278-0129, *www.sawshopbistro.com*

Windows to the Universe, *Kelseyville*

Third Saturday of the month

Telescope observing and planetarium show at the Taylor Observatory. 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Suggested donation $3. 5725 Oak Hill Lane. (707) 262-3499, *www.taylorobservatory.org*

Tulip Hill Winery Concert in the Garden Series, *Nice*

Select Saturdays, June through September

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden on June 13, July 4, August 14, and September 19. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. $10 includes wine tasting with food pairing and admission. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, *www.tuliphillwinery.com*

Concert in the Vineyard Series, *Kelseyville*

Select Saturdays, June through October

The Moore Family Winery hosts a concert in the vineyard series on Saturdays in the summer. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Wine and food available for purchase. 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, *www.moorefamilywinery.com*

Bird and Nature Walks, *Kelseyville*

Second and fourth Sunday of the month, May through August

Clear Lake State Park Interpretive Association offers alternating bird and nature walks on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from May through August. Meet at the Visitor Center ramp at 8:30 a.m. Free park entrance for walks.Clear Lake State Park, 5300 Soda Bay Road. (707) 279-2267, *www.clearlakestatepark.org*

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Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market, *Kelseyville*

Every Saturday in May through October

Local producers offer their freshest produce, eggs, baked goods, cheeses and crafts. Live music, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Tasting room opens early with the market. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 263-4211, *www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org*

Friday Night Farmers' Market, *Clearlake*

Friday evenings, June through September

Live music sets the scene weekly on the shore of Clear Lake where local and regional farmers, restaurants, and bakeries offer freshly grown, prepared and baked goods, and artisans and crafters sell their wares. Austin Park Beach, corner of Lakeshore Drive and Olympic Drive. (707) 994-3600, *www.clearlakechamber.com*

Coyote Film Festival, *Various*

Select weekends, June through September

Presentations by local, regional, and national independent filmmakers June through September presented by EcoArts of Lake County as a fundraiser for the Lake County Sculpture Walk. Admission fee. Screening locations vary. (707) 928-0323, *www.coyotefilmfestival.org*

Lake County Sculpture Walk, *Middletown*

June through mid-October

Stroll along the center trail of the 107-acre nature preserve to view the yearly installation of sculptures "in dialogue with nature," by award-winning artists as well as local schools and community groups. Sensible shoes and water are recommended. Curated and presented by EcoArts of Lake County. Park open dawn until dusk. Free to the public. Middletown Trailside Nature Preserve County Park, 21435 Dry Creek Cutoff and Highway 175. (707) 928-0323, *www.ecoartsoflakecounty.org*

Quilt and Textile Exhibition, *Lower Lake*

August 1 – 31

Sixteenth-annual show features work by the members of the Clear Lake Quilters Guild, renowned weaver Sheila O'Hara and her students, and members of the Sheep Thrills Spinning and Weaving Guild. Public

viewing during regular museum hours, Wednesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Hosted by the Lower Lake Historic School Preservation Committee. Admission is free. Lower Lake Historic Schoolhouse Museum, 16435 Main Street. (707) 995-3565.

TOURS

A Taste of Lake County Wine Tour

Enjoy picturesque views of Clear Lake during a private vineyard tour and tasting, sip wines straight from the barrel during a fun and informative winery tour, and stop for lunch at a local favorite. Private charter wine tours available, giving visitors a chance to explore hidden treasures. (707) 987-1920, *www.aeroshuttleservice.com*

Lake County Wine Tours

Guests taste award-winning wines at a variety of tasting rooms, as well as out in the vineyards amid spectacular views of Clear Lake and the surrounding countryside. Tours include comfortable seating in a 16-passenger motor coach, a knowledgeable guide, all tasting fees, and a gourmet lunch to further stimulate the palate. Reservations required. (707) 998-4471, *www.lakecountywinetours.com*

Langtry Estate and Vineyard Tours

Guided tours of the historic vineyard travel to the higher elevation of Tephra Ridge for spectacular views of Guenoc Valley. Tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Includes picnic-style lunch in the vineyard and wine tasting. $45 per person. 48-hours advance reservations required. 21000 Butts Canyon Road, Middletown. (707) 987-2385, *www.langtryestate.com*

Tulip Hill Winery Tours

Guided tour of the winery's production of world-class wines offered every Saturday at 1:30 p.m. Free. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road, Nice. (707) 274-9373, *www.tuliphillwinery.com*

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Historic Family Ranch Day Trip

Guests travel on a 90-minute narrated mule-drawn wagon ride that meanders through a valley rich with history and wildlife. Fun for all ages, the ride ends with an authentic chuckwagon barbecue, complete with Dutch oven cobbler. Complimentary Lake County wine served. Advance reservations required. April through October. Eleven Roses Ranch, Clearlake Oaks. (707) 998-4471, *www.elevenrosesranch.com*

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*

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