



COUNTY OF LAKE

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2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ONGOING

Guided Bald Eagle Viewing Hikes, *Cache Creek Natural Area*

Saturdays, mid-January through late-February

Bureau of Land Management natural resource specialists lead guided four-mile hikes. Enjoy the scenery of Cache Creek canyon where eagles, tule elk, osprey, and other wildlife may be seen. The first mile consists of a 600-foot climb. All participants should wear sturdy hiking boots and dress for cold weather. Bring water, lunch, and binoculars. Reservations required. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (707) 468-4000, www.blm.gov/ca/st/enfo/ukiah/cachecreek.html

Concerts with Conversations, *Upper Lake*

Last Saturday each month, January through May

Monthly concert series January – May features live music in an intimate setting with sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and wine. A benefit for the Soper-Reese Community Theatre Fund. An informal concert and dialogue with the artist follows wine, hearty appetizers, and coffee with dessert. 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tallman Hotel, 9550 Main Street. Reservations are suggested as seating is limited. (707) 275-2244, www.tallmanhotel.com

Monday Night Blues, *Upper Lake*

Mondays, year-round

Great musicians play the blues inside the Blue Wing Saloon & Café. Guests may enjoy dinner at a cozy table indoors, sit down for a drink or appetizers at the handcrafted walnut bar, or admire the starry sky 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

Tuscan Village Music & Art Series, *Lower Lake*

Fridays, year-round

Live music every Friday evening by great performers. Food, wine tasting, and arts and crafts. Outdoors in the orchard during nice weather; inside during other seasons. Presented by 2Goombas Deli and Terrill Cellars. \$5 suggested donation. Main Street. (707) 252-8444, www.terrillcellars.com

Guided Bird & Nature Walks, Lakeport

Saturdays, year-round

The Lake County Land Trust hosts guided bird and nature walks at the Rodman Slough Preserve on Saturdays. The 90-minute walks begin at 8:00 a.m. June – August, and 9:00 a.m. September – May. Free admission. 6350 Westlake Road, off Highway 29, near the Cutoff. (707) 994-2024, (707) 928-4590, www.lakecountylandtrust.org

Clear Lake State Park Guided Bird and Nature Walks, Kelseyville

Saturdays, year-round

Docents from the Clear Lake State Park Interpretive Association offer guided bird and nature walks. Meet at the Visitor Center. Call or check web site for schedule. No entrance fee to park for those participating in walks. All ages welcome. (707) 279-4293, www.clearlakestatepark.org

Sunday Champagne Brunch in the Garden, Upper Lake

Sundays, year-round

A Champagne brunch is held every Sunday at the Blue Wing Saloon & Café. Held outdoors in the garden from May to early November. Different local musicians play 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. When the weather gets cold, the music moves inside to the intimate Saloon setting. 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, www.bluewingsaloon.com

Fondue Friday, Upper Lake

Year-round by reservation

The Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) offers a selection of fondue pots by 24-hour advance reservation, along with different Lake County wines. LCWS pours wines from more than two dozen Lake County wineries with a rotating tasting menu of eight to 10 wines, with more than 40 wines available for purchase by the bottle. 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030.

Gregory Graham Winery Vineyard Tours, Lower Lake

Year-round by reservation

Join winegrower Gregory Graham on a one-hour tour of his vineyards and gain first-hand knowledge of the area and what makes his particular vineyards so special. Then it's back to the tasting room for samples of current release wines while viewing the winery. Weather permitting. Advance reservations required. 13633 Point Lakeview Road. (707) 995-3500, www.ggwinest.com

Tallman Hotel Wine Touring Package, Countywide

Year-round by reservation

Guests of the hotel can enjoy this five-hour limousine tour with a personable and knowledgeable driver. Choose from a guaranteed private tour or a shared tour with others, up to eight guests total. Book the tour and a room by contacting the hotel. Gratuity to driver not included. Add picnic lunch box for \$20 per person. 9550 Main Street. (866) 708-5253, (707) 275-2244, or www.tallmanhotel.com

Tulip Hill Winery Tours, Nice

Year-round by reservation

Guided tour of the winery's production of world-class wines offered by reservation only. Admission is free. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Vines, Mines, and Wines at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake

Year-round by reservation

Hop into the Six Sigma Ranch Pinzgauer for the rugged accent to the high altitude Diamond Mine Vineyard. Following the vineyard tour, return to the Stage Coach House for a tasting of current Six Sigma releases. Weather permitting. Allow 90 minutes. \$125 for up to 10 people or \$25 per person. Various other tours available Monday through Friday. 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 994-4068, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Water Tours, Clear Lake

Year-round by reservation

Guests discover the beauty of Clear Lake from the water. Tours include deluxe seating for eight in a 21-foot pontoon boat with canopy and a knowledgeable guide. Tours are customized to guest specification: wildlife and nature, wine tasting, fishing, or sightseeing. Indian Beach Resort, 9945 E. Highway 20, Clearlake Oaks. (707) 998-3760, www.theindianbeachresort.com

Langtry Estate & Vineyards Tour, Middletown

Tuesday through Saturday, year-round, weather permitting

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

Winemaker Dinner Series, Kelseyville

First Tuesday of each month

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

Meet the Winemaker Series, Upper Lake

Select Thursdays of each 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 on the first Friday of each month. Special menu items for that day are carefully paired with the featured wines. 9520 Main Street. (707) 275-2233, www.bluewingsaloon.com

Meet the Winemaker/Artist, Upper Lake

First Friday and Saturday of each month (except January)

On the first Friday of the month, the Lake County Wine Studio (LCWS) showcases a local winery as the featured tasting for the evening. Local artists – photography, painting, and more – also are featured. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$10.00 per person. 9505 Main Street. (707) 275-8030.

First Friday Fling, Lakeport

First Friday of each month

A reception spotlighting artists currently showing in the Main Street Gallery with music, hors d'oeuvres, and wine; student gallery open. Sponsored by the Lake County Arts Council. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 325 N. Main Street. Free. 707-263-6658, www.lakecountyartscouncil.com

Windows to the Universe, Kelseyville

Second Saturday of each month

Lecture, telescope observing, and planetarium show at the Taylor Observatory. 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$3 suggested donation. 5725 Oak Hill Lane. (707) 262-4121, www.taylorobservatory.org

Art Classes and Demonstrations at Harbor Village Artist Complex, Lucerne

Second Saturday of each month, April - September

Join the Harbor Village Artists on the second Saturday of each month April through September for classes and demonstrations. Lakeside Art will provide classes/demonstration in creating one-of-a-kind couture hats, hand-painted silk scarves, beautiful painted furniture, paintings, and creative jewelry. Pomo Fine Art Gallery will conduct classes in Native American art and basket weaving. Serendipity Art and Boutique will conduct various classes. The Gourd Gallery will provide classes in decorative gourd art. 6193-6199 E. Highway 20, Lucerne. (707) 274-2346.

Coyote Film Festival, Middletown

April through October 2011

Presentations by local, regional, and national independent filmmakers April through October at the Calpine Geothermal Visitors Center. One Saturday matinee and evening screening each month highlights the best in independent film with guest filmmakers participating in audience Q&A's. For full details visit www.EcoArtsOfLakeCounty.org or www.CoyoteFilmFestival.org

Specialty Tasting & Tidbits, Kelseyville

First Thursday of the month, May through August

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. Focused on Wine, 3940 Main Street. (707) 279-2112, www.focusedonwine.com

Kelseyville Certified Farmers' Market, Kelseyville

Saturdays, May through October

Local farmers offer their finest, freshest produce, eggs, baked goods, and cheese. Live music. 8:30 a.m. to noon. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 263-6076, www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.org

Concert in the Vineyard Series, Kelseyville

Select Saturdays, May through September

The Moore Family Winery hosts a family-friendly concert in the vineyard series on Saturdays in the summer. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; concert begins at 5:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Wine, food, and soft drinks available for purchase. \$15-\$30 per person. Kids 12 and under free. 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

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. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 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

Lakeport Certified Farmers Market, Lakeport

Wednesdays, June through October

Local farmers offer their finest and freshest produce, eggs, baked goods, and cheese. 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays. Library Park, 222 Park Street. (707) 263-6076, www.lakecountyfarmersfinest.com

EcoArts: Lake County Sculpture Walk, Middletown

Daily, June through October

9th-Annual Eco Arts: Lake County Sculpture Walk. Opening Reception June 11, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Middletown County Trailside Park. Join the thousands who have strolled along the center trail of the beautiful Middletown County Trailside Park to view sculptural expressions of award winning artists, local schools and community groups. Artworks are showcased in this annual, five month long, free public sculpture walk 'in dialog with nature'. Sensible walking shoes and water recommended. Middletown County Trailside Park is open Dawn till Dusk. Free admission, parking and restrooms. Learn more at www.EcoArtsOfLakeCounty.org or contact Karen Turcotte at karenturcotte@yahoo.com

Summer Concerts in Library Park, Lakeport

Mid-June through Mid-August

Pack your picnic supper and head to the park to hear top-notch musical acts perform in the gazebo. Every Friday evening from June through August. Sponsored by KXBX 98.3 FM and other local businesses. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Free admission. Library Park, Park Street. (707) 263-6113.

Local Cuisine Scene at Lake County Wine Studio, Upper Lake

Second Friday of each month, October through April

Features local food and wines of Lake County. Presented by Cache Creek Catering and Lake County Wine Studio. 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$15 per person. (707) 275-8030. www.cachecreekcatering.com

Teddy Bear Reunion, Upper Lake

Thanksgiving through January 1

A Lake County tradition for many years, holiday magic is everywhere as the entire town of Upper Lake is decorated with teddy bears throughout the holiday season. Sponsored by the Upper Lake Community Council. A benefit for the Holiday Light Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting. Downtown shops on Main Street. (707) 275-8170.

GAMING & ENTERTAINMENT

Robinson Rancheria Resort & Casino, Nice

Lake County's largest casino features 600 video slots and several table games, an 800-seat bingo hall with a non-smoking area, 48-room hotel, state-of-the-art conference center and banquet facility, a full-service restaurant and 24-hour snack shack, a sports bar featuring a video wall with high-definition TV screens, and more. Features an 800-seat showroom where well-known artists frequent the stage; check web site for upcoming events. 1545 E. Highway 20. (800) 809-3636, www.rrrc.com

Konocti Vista Casino, Resort & Marina, Lakeport

The only casino resort on beautiful Clear Lake. A haven for water sports enthusiasts year-round. The gaming resort also features an expanded casino with new slot machines, table games, the Vista Steakhouse, full bar, and banquet facility. Next door to the casino is a 74-space RV park, an 80-room hotel overlooking the 90 slip marina and scenic Clear Lake. Just off Soda Bay Road in Lakeport. 2755 Mission Rancheria Road. (707) 262-1900, (800) FUN-1950, www.kvcasino.com

Twin Pines, Middletown

California's newest casino features slot machines and table games, wine tasting of Lake County and regional wines at Off the Vine tasting room/gift shop, and a smoke-free Grapevine Bar & Lounge. Restaurant serves dinner Wednesday through Sunday. Lake County's newest hotel offers 60 smoke-free rooms with three luxury suites. (800) 564-4872, www.twinpine.com

JANUARY

Ice Bowl Disc Golf, Lakeport

January 15, 2011

Singles tournament. Presented by Disc Golf World News and sponsored by Highland Springs Basket Cases. 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Canned food drive and benefit for Lake County Community Action Agency's food cupboard. January each year. Highland Springs Disc Golf Course, 3600 E. Highland Springs Road. \$15 entry fee. Rain or shine. (707) 263-3210.

FEBRUARY

Crab Boil at Moore Family Winery, Kelseyville

February 5, 2011

Be prepared to get messy at the third-annual Crab Boil at Moore Family Winery. Fresh hot crab, potatoes, corn, and artichokes are served straight from a giant pot to your table. The dinner also includes salad, pasta, French bread, and a glass of wine. Wine by the bottle and glass will be available for purchase. Silent auction and a live pie auction to benefit the Cobb Elementary School and The Cobb Elementary Garden Project. Live music and dancing to follow. 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets \$65 per person. 21 years and older. 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Wine & Chocolate, Lakeport

February 19, 2011

Taste ultra-premium Lake County wines – everything from pear sparkling wine to award-winning Syrah and Port – with luscious chocolates and other tasty food bites masterfully paired by certified sommelier Stephanie Cruz-Green, owner of Focused on Wine. Support Lake Family Resource Center programs and services while enjoying wine, chocolate, food, music, wine- and olive oil-related workshops, wine store, and silent auction. Noon to 4:00 p.m. Mt. Konocti Growers, 2550 Big Valley Road. Admission is \$35 per person in advance; \$40 at the door. (707) 279-0563.

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Release Party, Nice

February 19, 2011

Sample new release wines from Tulip Hill Winery expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Winter Music Festival, Lakeport

February 26 – 27, 2011

The 18th-annual Winter Music Festival showcases the talent of local musicians and performers. Sponsored by and a benefit for the Lake County Arts Council. Saturday performance: 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinee: 2:00 p.m. Soper-Reese Community Theatre, 275 S. Main Street. Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$20 reserved. (707) 263-0577, www.lakecountyartscouncil.com

MARCH

Pruning and Pastries at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake

March 5, 2011

Six Sigma Ranch and Winery hosts the fourth-annual “Pruning 101” from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The Six Sigma Vineyard crew leads a hands-on winter pruning demonstration. \$15 per person; pastries, coffee and juice will be served. Reservations suggested. 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 994-4068, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Venetian Carnival Masquerade Party at Rosa D’Oro Vineyards, Kelseyville

March 5, 2011

Wear a mask and enter the contest at the annual Venetian Carnival Masquerade Party, held in the tasting room of Rosa D’Oro Vineyards in downtown Kelseyville. Guests will enjoy food, winetasting, and fun. Prizes awarded for costumes, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$5. Rosa D’Oro Vineyards, 3915 Main Street. (707) 279-0483, www.rosadorowine.com

Holder Ford Team Bass Tournament, Lakeport

March 12 – 13, 2011

Considered by some sportsmen to be the most popular event on Clear Lake, this annual event in its 25th year has a laid-back atmosphere that draws pro and amateur teams alike. A barbecue dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Lake County Fairgrounds. The teams especially appreciate the 100 percent payback in prizes on the entry fees for the event. Sponsored by Holder Ford and the Lake County Chamber of Commerce. (707) 263-5603, www.lakecochamber.com

Irish Feast, Kelseyville

March 12, 2011

Enjoy a night of fun where guests will dine on a traditional Irish fest complete with corned beef and cabbage and Guinness chocolate mousse paired with Moore Family wines. Come dance a jig with the live Irish band. \$40 per person. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Must be 21 years old to attend. 11990 Bottle Rock Rd, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Wine Tasting and Art Show, Lower Lake

March 12, 2011

Nineteenth-annual event featuring wine by local vintners, exhibitions by local artists, and live music. Sponsored by the Park Study Club; a benefit for the club's scholarship fund. \$20 per ticket. 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., call for information and location. (707) 995-9316.

Kelseyville Olive Festival, Kelseyville

March 20, 2011

This celebration of locally grown olives will introduce guests to the olive oil and olive products produced from Lake County olives. Hosted by Rosa D'Oro Vineyards and the Kelseyville Olive Mill, which is located on a 10-acre olive orchard (formerly the St. Gregory Olive Farm) with 3,000 olive trees. This family-friendly event also features an olive pit spitting contest, as well as olive oil tasting workshops by a certified olive oil taster, food demonstrations, and wine tasting. Benefit for the programs of the Lake Family Resource Center. Admission is free, \$10 for wine tasting. Kelseyville Wine Company, 5625 Gaddy Lane. (707) 279-2995, www.kelseyvilleolivemill.com

Festival of Tulips, Nice

March 26, 2011

Seventh-annual event will feature wine, food, and entertainment set amid Tulip Hill Winery's gardens blooming with 30,000 tulips imported from Holland. Admission includes a Tulip Hill wine glass for unlimited tastings, sumptuous hors d'oeuvres from several upscale Lake County restaurants, live music, winery tours, barbecue and dessert, and demonstrations. Winery tours will be given and guests will get a chance to explore the crush pad, cellar, and bottling room as the tour guide explains the winemaking process. Noon to 5:00 p.m. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

APRIL

Historic Family Ranch Day Trip: The Wildflower Tour, Clearlake Oaks

April 1 – 30, 2011 by reservation only

Wildflowers are the highlight of April's daytrips as guests experience a 90-minute narrated mule-drawn wagon ride that meanders through a valley rich with history, wildlife, and other flora and ends with an authentic chuckwagon barbecue, complete with Dutch oven cobbler and complimentary Lake County wine. Eleven Roses Ranch. (707) 998-4471, www.elevenrosesranch.com

Blue Lakes Trout Derby, *Blue Lakes*

April 16 – 17, 2011

Now in its 23rd year, this derby is sponsored by the Blue Lakes Association and local merchants and businesses donate prizes. Proceeds from the event go to support volunteer firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and other Blue Lakes community projects. Held Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with weigh-ins each day at The Narrows Resort. Entry fees are \$8 per person; \$4 for those under 16. The top prize is \$150, second place is \$75, and third place is \$50. Every child wins a prize. The derby is open to the public and hosted by The Narrows Lodge Resort, 5690 Blue Lakes Road. (707) 275-2718, www.thenarrowsresort.com

Heron Festival and Wildflower Brunch, Clear Lake State Park, *Kelseyville*

April 30 – May 1, 2011

This fun, family-oriented weekend features pontoon boat tours, birding and naturalist-led nature walks, nature talks and exhibits, arts and crafts vendors, and children's activities that will inspire the whole family. Saturday features a create-your-own-omelet at the Wildflower Brunch, held on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Reservations are requested. Ninety-minute pontoon boat bird-watching excursions are held between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Reservations are required. Bird sightings usually include American white pelicans, grebes, yellow-headed blackbirds, and the festival's namesake, the great blue heron. A naturalist will be aboard to point out some of the area's 300+ bird species and lake features. The Clear Lake State Park Visitor Center will be open with interpretive displays of Lake County's natural and cultural resources. Speaker presentations, slide shows, and videos on local birds and wildlife are held at the Visitor Center Auditorium. Presented by the Redbud Audubon Society and the Clear Lake State Park Interpretive Association. Free admission to the festival. Clear Lake State Park, 5300 Soda Bay Road. (707) 263-8030, www.heronfestival.org

MAY

Mother's Day High Tea, *Lakeport*

May 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 2011

Traditional English afternoon high tea with a "Miniature Quilts" show and prizes for best Mother's Day corsage. Enjoy scones, Devonshire cream, tiny sandwiches, tarts, and cakes. Served at noon and at 2:30 p.m. Reservations required. \$26.50 per person. The Lakeport English Inn, 675 North Main Street. (707) 263-4317, www.lakeportenglishinn.com

Catfish Derby, *Clearlake Oaks*

May 13 – 15, 2011

"The largest catfish derby west of the Mississippi" and a benefit for community projects, the 28th-annual Catfish Derby features both an Adult Derby, with a grand prize of a new boat, motor, and trailer, plus cash prizes; and a Kids Derby for those 15 years old and younger, with the winner receiving a special prize. The event will be held from noon Friday through noon Sunday. Early registration will be from noon to 11:00 p.m. Thursday, May 13, for \$40. Registration also will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday, May 15, for \$45. No registrations will be accepted after 11:00 p.m. Friday. Registration is \$10 for kids. Sponsored by the Clearlake Oaks/Glenhaven Business Association. 12655 E. Highway 20. (707) 998-3795, www.clearlakeoaks.org

Lake County Passion Play, *Lakeport*

May 14 – 15, 2011

This annual outdoor play re-enacting the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ is now in its 31st year. No entrance fee; spectators are asked to bring their own chairs. Beltramo Ranch, 7010 Westlake Road. (707) 279-0349, www.lakecountypassionplay.org

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

May 21, 2011

Sample new release wines from Tulip Hill Winery expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers while enjoying live music in the garden. 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Oyster and Sauvignon Blanc, Kelseyville

May 21, 2011

Oysters and Sauvignon Blanc are an undisputed culinary delight. Moore Family Winery will host a feast of oysters both barbecued and raw, along with Sauvignon Blancs from the winery. Admission: free, Oysters: \$1 each and wine \$5 per glass. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Memorial Day Parade & Celebration, Lakeport

May 28, 2011

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

Memorial Day Parade and Barbecue, Lower Lake

May 29, 2011

Annual horse parade, pet parade, awards and prizes, live music and dancing, artists and crafters. Barbecue from noon to 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by Lower Lake Community Action Group. Benefit for Lower Lake High School and community. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. Russell Rustici Park, 16375 Second Street. (707) 995-0614.

Lake Renaissance Festival, Lower Lake

May 28 & 29, 2011

For two frolicking, fun-filled days in May, the Lake Renaissance Festival brings merriment and reveling to the Tuscan Village in Lower Lake. Tickets are \$7; \$2 discount for students, seniors, guests in costume, with a donation to our food bank, or with a coupon (one discount per person). Food and beverages, fortune telling, belly dancers, games, sea shanties, stage acts, and sword fights. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuscan Village, 16175 Main Street, www.lakerenfest.com

JUNE

Wood & Glory, Lakeport

June 4, 2011

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 Lake County Chamber of Commerce and the Antique Classic Boat Society. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission is free; fee for barbecue. The Docks at Library Park, Park Street. (707) 263-5092, www.lakecochamber.com

Car Roundup, Lakeport

June 4, 2011

Twentieth-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 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Third Street boat ramp, Park Street, Library Park. (707) 262-1508.

Release Party at Six Sigma Ranch and Winery, Lower Lake

June 4, 2011

Taste the new releases from Six Sigma Ranch and Winery at this party on the Six Sigma crush pad. Great wines paired with tasty food. Reservations suggested. 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 297-2927, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Wild West Day, Upper Lake

June 4, 2011

Eighteenth-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. 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. Main Street. (707) 275-2000, www.upperlakeca.org

EcoArts: Lake County Sculpture Walk, Middletown

June 11, 2011

9th-Annual Eco Arts: Lake County Sculpture Walk. Opening Reception June 11, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Middletown County Trailside Park. Free admission, parking and restrooms. Learn more at www.EcoArtsOfLakeCounty.org or contact Karen Turcotte at karenturcotte@yahoo.com

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

June 11, 2011

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Middletown Days, Middletown

June 17 – 19, 2011

This 50th-annual Western-themed event features 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.

Kulture Shock Car Show, Lakeport

June 18, 2011

Sixth-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 4:00 p.m. Trophies for Best Hot Rods, Best Customs, and Best of Show will be awarded at 3:00 p.m. Live rock-a-billy and classic rock-n-roll bands all day, beer, great food, vendors, pin-stripers, raffle, trophy award presentations. Admission \$5 for spectators. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-3283, www.kultureshockcarshow.com

Lake County Home Winemakers Festival, Lakeport

June 25, 2011

Eighth-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. This year's venue will be shaded Library Park, on the shores of Clear Lake. Live music sets the mood with plentiful food from local purveyors available. Sponsored by and a benefit for Clear Lake Performing Arts. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$15 per person in advance; \$20 day of event. Includes a commemorative wine glass and a chance to vote on the winners. Library Park, Park Street. (707) 277-7076, www.clearlakeperformingarts.org

Concert in the Vineyard, Kelseyville

June 25, 2011

Bring the entire family and listen to The Sons of Champlin with Bill Champlin of Chicago playing on the grass, under the stars at Moore Family Winery. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets \$25. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Lavender Festival at Ceago Vinegarden, Nice

June 2011(exact date TBD)

Each year, the fragrant fields of lavender on the shore of Clear Lake at Ceago Vinegarden is harvested and distilled. Join the festivities at Ceago on the shore of Clear Lake and 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. 5115 E. Highway 20. (707) 274-1462, www.ceago.com

JUNE – JULY

Independence Day Fireworks, Countywide

June 25 – July 4, 2011

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 and the Clearlake Oaks Glenhaven Business Association hosts the Maxine Sherman Annual Fireworks show in Clearlake Oaks. (800) LAKESIDE, www.lakecounty.com

JULY

Tulip Hill Winery Red, White & Blush Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

July 2, 2011

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. Music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Music by TLC featuring Mojo, Neft, and Dubois. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Lake County Rodeo, Lakeport

July 8 – 9, 2011

This year marks the 82nd-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, horse parade, 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 9, 2011

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.

Music Festival at Moore Family Winery, Kelseyville

July 10, 2010

Set high in the mountains of the Red Hills AVA, the Moore Family Winery hosts a music festival surrounded by stunning natural scenery. Enjoy a variety of live music including blues, rock, and soul along with a variety of foods, arts and craft vendors, and wine tasting. 11990 Bottle Rock Road. (707) 738-0507, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Concert in the Vineyard, Kelseyville

July 30, 2011

Bring the entire family and listen to wonderful music on the grass, under the stars at Moore Family Winery. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets \$25. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Lake County Wine Adventure Weekend, Countywide

July 30 – 31, 2011

Seventh-annual Wine Adventure offers guests a chance to explore many wines and wineries of California's Lake County. Eventgoers can sample distinct high-elevation award-winning wines from participating wineries and enjoy tasty hors d'oeuvres. During this two-day, passport-style event, many locations also feature barrel tastings, entertainment, winery tours, wine and food pairings, and other fun and sustainable wine activities. At the end of the Lake County Wine Adventure route, all participants are eligible to enter a raffle drawing. The purchase of a two-day Wine Adventure ticket includes a logo wine glass, tasting booklet, adventure map, and a weekend of fun in fabulous Lake County. Designated drivers are encouraged. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day. Countywide. (707) 355-2762, www.lakecountywineries.org

AUGUST

Blue Wing Blues Festival, Upper Lake

August 5 – 7, 2011

Fifth-annual blues festival in which acclaimed musicians take turns each night on the hotel veranda, performing for a full crowd in a garden setting. A delicious barbecue dinner is served and each night of the festival is sponsored by a different Lake County winery with tasting available. 9550 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, www.tallmanhotel.com

Quilt and Textile Exhibition, Lower Lake

August 5 – 26, 2011

Eighteenth-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. Lower Lake Historic Schoolhouse Museum, 16435 Main Street. Admission is free. (707) 995-3565.

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

August 13, 2011

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Taste of Lakeport, Lakeport

August 19, 2011

Fourteenth-annual winetasting event featuring food, wine tasting, live music, and dancing. Businesses in downtown Lakeport stay open late for the event, which 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. 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

Concert in the Vineyard, Kelseyville

August 20, 2011

Bring the entire family and listen to wonderful music on the grass, under the stars at Moore Family Winery. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Tickets \$25. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

SEPTEMBER

Lake County Fair, Lakeport

September 1 – 4, 2011

Traditionally held each Labor Day weekend, the Lake County Fair is one of Lake County's most popular summertime events, enjoyed by more than 40,000 people each year. Live entertainment, exhibits, carnival rides, food, livestock, and fun for the whole family. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street. (707) 263-6181, www.lakecountyfair.com

Concert in the Vineyard, Kelseyville

September 3, 2011

The final event in the Moore Family Winery concert in the vineyard series. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Bring a blanket or a low-back lounge chair. Food and wine available for purchase. Tickets are \$15 per person, children under 12 are free. 11990 Bottle Rock Road, (707) 279-9279, www.moorefamilywinery.com

Blue Wing Labor Day Blues Concert, Upper Lake

September 5, 2011

The Blue Wing Saloon & Café and the Tallman Hotel hosts a Labor Day musical special in the garden. A barbeque dinner is included. Tickets are \$50 per person. 9550 Main Street. (707) 275-2244, www.tallmanhotel.com

Old Time Bluegrass Festival, Lower Lake

September 10, 2011

Sixth-annual event features bluegrass performances, vendors selling old-time handmade crafts, Art-in-the-Barn, beer and wine gardens with Lake County wines, food, children's activities, and musician workshops. A fun event for the whole family. Period attire is welcomed. Sponsored by the Anderson Marsh Interpretive Association, Children's Museum for Art and Science, and the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce. Benefit for local education programs. 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. rain (under cover) or shine. Anderson Marsh State Historic Park, 8853 Highway 53 at Anderson Ranch Parkway. (707) 995-2658, www.andersonmarsh.org

Tulip Hill Winery Food & Wine Pairing and Concert in the Garden, Nice

September 10, 2011

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy music in the garden. Doors open at 3:00 p.m.; music 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission price includes wine tasting expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. Wine also available for purchase by the glass or bottle. A benefit for Operation Tango Mike featuring music by Twice as Good. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Harvest Education, Lower Lake

September 10, 2011

The Six Sigma Winery, Ranch & Vineyard team will lead a demonstration on "Harvest 101". The event includes various hands-on harvest techniques followed by a light lunch served with Six Sigma wines. \$25 per person. Reservations suggested. 13372 Spruce Grove Road. (707) 994-4068, www.sixsigmaranch.com

Lake County Wine Auction, Nice

September 17, 2011

The Lake County Wine Alliance will hold its 12th-annual Wine Auction gala, a benefit for the arts, health, and community of Lake County with live and silent auctions, wine and gourmet foods from local purveyors, and music. Black-tie is encouraged. The Wine Auction begins at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; tickets are \$125 per person. Ceago Vinegarden, 5115 East Highway 20, in Nice. For tickets and information, contact (866) 279-WINE, www.winealliance.org

Clear Lake Splash-In, Lakeport

September 23 – 25, 2011

This 32nd-annual event is the largest gathering of seaplanes west of the Mississippi and returns to Clear Lake. The public can get a close-up look at float planes, talk with pilots, and witness a spectacle of aerial events including water-bombing contests, a parade of seaplanes, fly-bys, and more. Seaplanes and amphibians include Grummans, Republics, Lakes, Cessnas, Pipers, and DeHavillands, and a variety of experimental aircraft modified with floats. The seaplanes launch from the grounds of Natural High School, 810 North Main Street. (877) 828-2286, www.clearlakesplashin.com

Kelseyville Pear Festival, Kelseyville

September 24, 2011

Nineteenth-annual Kelseyville Pear Festival celebrates Lake County's agricultural heritage with a showcase "Pear Pavilion" that features pear tastings, demonstrations, historical photos, agricultural memorabilia, storytelling, fresh pears, pear products, and pear-inspired gift items. This fun-filled festival held the last Saturday each September, includes a quilt show, fine arts exhibits, arts and crafts vendors, farm animals, parade, children's activities, musicians, cloggers, dancers, and even an antique tractor and farm equipment display. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parade begins at 9:30 a.m. Main Street. (707) 279-9022, www.kelseyvillepearfestival.com

OCTOBER

Oktoberfest, Lakeport

October 1, 2011

Family fun-filled day where participants are encouraged to wear Authentic Bavarian Attire. There will be prizes and fun for all. Authentic German food vendors and games; Beer and Wine Garden with Micro Beers and Lake County Wines. Dachshund Dash race, music and street dancing, German Beer Stein contest, German Auto Show and Shine. Main Street, (707) 263-5092, www.oktoberfest-lakeport.com

The Konocti Challenge, Lakeport

October 1, 2011

Twenty-first-annual bicycle ride set in beautiful Lake County features three challenging courses: a 30-mile course that winds through the resort and vineyard sections of north Lakeport; a 65-mile adventure course along the lakeshore; and the endurance-testing 100-mile course around the lake; plus an 18-mile family fun ride. A project of the Rotary Club of Lakeport, the course includes rest stops offering snacks and drinks, including the Lakeport Yacht Club, where riders begin and end the ride. Thirty-mile riders and family fun riders leave between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.; the 65- and 100-mile riders leave between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Barbecue follows. Lakeport Yacht Club, 15 Fifth Street. www.konoctichallenge.com

Falling Leaves Quilt Show, Lakeport

October 1 – 2, 2011

Judged, open-entry show of 200-plus quilts with a featured quilt artist. This 10th-annual event features a vendor mall with quilt fabric, books, patterns, notions, and more. Country store, opportunity quilts, challenge and round-robin exhibits, door prizes, silent auction, demonstrations, and food. Sponsored by the Ladies of the Lake Quilt Guild. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$2 for children under 12. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street, Lakeport. (707) 262-1201, www.LLQG.org

Steele Wines Harvest Festival, Kelseyville

October 8 – 9, 2011

Festival famous for its grape-stomping competition for kids and adults, as well as its Vineyard Run for Literacy — a certified 5K/10K run and 5K walk amid autumn-colored vineyards and orchards. Held the second weekend each October, various musicians will perform live both days. Visitors taste the wines of Steele's extensive collection and enjoy the 4-H Club's barbecue, as well as a myriad of vendor booths with plentiful food, fine art, arts and crafts, and other unique souvenirs and gifts. A kids' corner features a storyteller and face painting. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. Vineyard Run for Literacy will be held Sunday. Steele Wines, 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 279-9475, www.steelewines.com

Vineyard Run for Literacy, Kelseyville

October 9, 2011

The Vineyard Run for Literacy takes off on Sunday Morning as part of the Steele Wines Annual Harvest Festival. Run or walk past vineyards and orchards on a paved course, beginning and ending near Steele Wines. Prizes awarded to overall male and female winners of the 5K and 10K Run. Additional prizes awarded to winners in male/female age divisions. All proceeds benefit the Lake County Literacy Coalition, an organization promoting literacy in Lake County. Family registration rate is available. 4350 Thomas Drive. (707) 263-7633.

Haunted Barn at Rancho de la Fuente, Lakeport

Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in October

Prepare to be scared in the Haunted Barn at Rancho de la Fuente in the month of October. Open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until October 30. Dancing, disc jockey, and fun. Costumes encouraged. \$10 for adults in costume (\$15 without), \$3 for children ages 6 to 12 in costume (\$5 without). 2290 Soda Bay Road, Lakeport. (707) 263-3160, www.ranchweddingevents.com

NOVEMBER

Holiday in the Pines Galleria, Cobb

November 6 – 14, 2011

Ninth-annual event featuring unique works of art and arts and crafts for sale in a boutique setting. Sponsored by Cobb Mountain Artists. Benefit for the Cobb Mountain Elementary School Art Program. Free admission. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekends; noon to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays. Haute Spot, Hardester's Shopping Center, 16295 Highway 175. (707) 928-8565.

Victorian Christmas Faire & High Tea, Lakeport

November 12 – December 18, 2011

Christmas Faire with handmade candy canes, dolls, candles, French soaps, tea pots, carolers, holiday decorations and more for sale. Hot tea for all visitors. 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tea servers in full Victorian costume serve traditional English High Tea with Devonshire cream, tarts and tiny sandwiches at noon and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during the faire. Faire admission is free; fee for high tea. Reservations strongly recommended. Lakeport English Inn, 675 N. Main Street. (707) 263-4317, www.lakeportenglishinn.com

Tulip Hill Winery Food and Wine Pairing, *Nice*

November 19, 2011

Celebrate autumn by sampling world-class wines from Tulip Hill Winery expertly paired with scrumptious appetizers. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Clear Lake Performing Arts Fall Symphony, *Lakeport*

November 20, 2011

The Lake County Symphony Orchestra performs. Sponsored by and a benefit for Clear Lake Performing Arts. Admission to concert is \$20 for general public; \$15 for members; free for children under 18. 3:00 p.m. Soper-Reese Community Theatre, 275 S. Main Street. (707) 279-4336, www.clearlakeperformingarts.org

Dickens' Christmas Market, *Lakeport*

November 26, 2011

Annual Christmas event transforms Lakeport into an old English village, complete with costume-clad characters, food booths, and entertainment, as well as an all-day Christmas Market from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Lighted parade begins at 6:00 p.m. and Christmas tree lighting follows at 6:30 p.m. Main Street. (707) 263-5092, www.lakecochamber.com

DECEMBER

Renaissance Christmas Pageant and Feast, *Middletown*

December 2 – 4 and 9 – 11, 2011

Sixteenth-annual pageant features a three-course sit-down dinner around which a lively costume drama unfolds. Delicious food, gorgeous costumes and sets, a cappella Renaissance and traditional Christmas songs, and entertainment, as well as dances and games in which all guests – known for the night as “nobles” – are encouraged to join. Produced by the Middletown Community United Methodist Church and Community Players. “Greystone Castle,” 15843 Armstrong Street. (707) 987-2653, www.middletownmethodist.org

Christmas in the Country, *Kelseyville*

December 2, 2011

Old-fashioned country Christmas featuring a merchants' open house and parade of lights. Eventgoers are invited to enjoy hot cider, hot chocolate, Christmas cookies, and other hors d'oeuvres with downtown merchants, as well as a lighted parade, pictures with Santa Claus, and a tree lighting at the firehouse. A chowder and chili dinner, provided by the Presbyterian Church, is held in conjunction with the event. Sponsored by Kelseyville Business Association. 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free. Main Street. (707) 279-8559, www.visitkelseyville.com

Holiday Light Parade and Tree Lighting, *Upper Lake*

December 3, 2011

Annual holiday celebration in historic downtown Upper Lake. Tree lighting presentation, holiday light parade at 7:00 p.m., caroling, 4-H barbecue, and refreshments. Santa arrives to take Christmas wishes and photos. Sponsored by Westamerica Bank and the Upper Lake Community Council. Benefit for the Upper Lake Auxiliary Fire Department Toy Drive. Free admission. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Main Street. (707) 275-8170.

Middletown Tree Lighting Ceremony, *Middletown*

December 3, 2011

The annual tree lighting ceremony includes caroling, dancers, photos taken with Santa, crafts, and face painting. The event will take place at the Middletown Central Park beginning at 5:30 p.m. and will feature the 4-H community Christmas choir. Middletown Central Park, Central Park Road. (707) 987-3373.

Holiday Tree Lighting, *Hidden Valley Lake*

December 3, 2011

Annual celebration featuring pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, musical entertainment, horse-drawn trolley rides, face painting, refreshments, and fireworks. Sponsored by the Hidden Valley Lake Association. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tree lighting at 6:00 p.m. Free admission. Greenview Restaurant, 19210 Hartmann Road. (707) 987-3138, www.hvla.com

Tulip Hill Winery Open House and Food & Wine Pairing, *Nice*

December 10 – 11, 2011

Holiday open house at Tulip Hill Winery includes tasty holiday treats, as well as a sale on wines and merchandise. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tulip Hill Winery, 4900 Bartlett Springs Road, Nice. (707) 274-9373, www.tuliphillwinery.com

Christmas Bird Count, *Countywide*

December 17, 2011

Lake County is known for its incredible birding opportunities, and the annual Christmas bird count gives nature enthusiasts the opportunity to take part in the Audubon Society's longest-running wintertime tradition, the annual Christmas bird count, which happens across the western hemisphere. www.redbudaudubon.org

Christmas Celebration Concert, *Lakeport*

December 18, 2011

Performance by the Lake County Symphony Orchestra. Sponsored by and a benefit for Clear Lake Performing Arts. 3:00 p.m. Clear Lake High School, 350 Lange Street. Admission is \$20 for general public; \$15 for members; free for children under 18. (707) 277-7076, www.clearlakeperformingarts.org

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, 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