

February 4,2010

PRESS RELEASE

Media contacts: Mattie Lane, 541 759 2485; or Peg Blean Boots, 651 295 7555

RE: Lakeside's second annual Crawdad Festival, May 7, 8, and 9, 2010

If you're tempted by Zydeco music, Cajun style cooking, dancing, and Crawdads, mark your calendars and plan on being in the City of Lakeside, on March 7, 8, and 9. For the Second Annual Crawdad Festival featuring over 1600 pounds of fresh Crawdads delivered straight from Louisiana.

The calendar of events includes a Friday evening Crawdad eating contest open to the first 20 applicants who pay their \$5.00 fee. The person eating the most crawdads the fastest wins a \$50.00 prize. Friday evening also includes live music with the Hudson Ridge band from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. followed by a bluegrass jam from 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

Saturday, the festival will have multiple activities including more Cajun food, a crawfish boil, a wine and beer tent, art and craft vendors, pontoon boat rides on Ten Mile Lake, a crawdad apron contest, and live music throughout the day. The Watershed program will offer children a chance to catch and then race live Crawfish on Saturday afternoon. The Lakeside Fire Department will have Chicken Bingo from 1 – 3 p..m.

Performing groups on Saturday include the Charlie Freak Band from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the Bluegrass Gypsies from 2-4 p.m.; and Etouffee from 5-8 p.m

Sunday morning starts with a Lions Club Pancake Breakfast where mom's eat free to celebrate Mother's Day. The breakfast will be followed by the continuing and extensive street fair along with the Elkhorn Express band which will be performing from 1-3:30 p.m. A Raffle drawing with a 32 inch TV as the main prize will be held at 3 p.m..

Daily admission to the Crawdad Festival is just \$1.00 for adults. Children 15 and under are free and all women have free admission on Mother's Day.

For more information on vendor opportunities, or for participation in the Crawdad eating contest and the Cajun Cook off, contact Mattie Lane at 541 759 2486 .