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TASTE OF LAKE MURRAY

Calling all lake-loving epicures

Get your tickets now for A Taste of Lake Murray, set for Thursday, March 18, at the Radisson Hotel Columbia and Conference Center.

More than a dozen Midlands restaurants will offer samples of their best menu items. Sample beverages from Barefoot Bubbly, Total Wine & More and Vitamin Water.

Taste of Lake Murray is the sole fundraiser for the Fourth of July fireworks display.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45 a person; \$55 after March 17. For a special treat, try the Fireworks Package for \$275, which includes two tickets, breakfast bar for two and a room at the Radisson. Call (803) 781-5940 or tasteoflakemurray.com

PEOPLE

Panic Motorsports owner tops in Carolina Cup Pro Series class

Steve Bertok, owner and president of Panic Motorsports in West Columbia, finished on top of the points in the Spec Miata Class in the 2009 Carolina Cup Pro Series that ended in November.

The Carolina Cup Pro Series is an endurance road racing series managed by the Sports Car Club of America that is run at permanent road courses in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Competitors race for 45 minutes and are required to make a two minute pit stop.

Panic Motorsports offers Mazda Miata and RX-7 parts, race car prep and rentals, and streetcar service. (803) 261-7629 or www.panicmotorsports.com.

BRIEFLY BUSINESS

Creative Tile opening new Lexington showroom

Creative Tile is opening a showroom directly across from Lexington Middle School on U.S. 378, in the old Gold Rush