

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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Monday was a busy day with quite a few visitors coming into the Chamber to get information on Castroville. One couple said they usually travel up IH 35 North on road trips and they saw a brochure for Castroville while in the Rio Grande Valley so they decided to take a trip here. Since several places were closed on Sunday they stayed through the night and stopped in our office on Monday. They were very intrigued by the city and said they would be telling others about our town. Then later in the day, another couple stopped by to find out if we had any information about D'Hanis. The woman was in town for her 50 year class reunion from D'Hanis High School. She said she loved coming to visit and getting to go through Castroville. We just love visiting with tourists and finding out what they think of our town.

We are working very hard to get the 2009 Castroville Visitor Guide completed and we just have a few more items to finish up. One of those is the Historic Walking Tour. If you own a historic home that is listed on the tour, you should have received a letter from us along with the description we have for your house. We would like for you to look over the description and let us know of any changes or additions. If you did not receive this letter, please call us at the chamber office and let us know. We can be reached at (830) 538-3142 or email ashlee@castroville.com. We are hoping to have the new Visitor Guide completed by the end of October so please get with us as soon as possible if you own one of these historic homes.

This Friday is the fourth anniversary of Fiorella Friday and it should be a very special event. Four years ago, Tot Albro had the idea of putting together an event to bring the citizens of Castroville out for a fun night together. She asked the other businesses around her to participate and as they say, the rest is history. This Friday will feature free wine samples, artisans, live Cajun music and a very special book signing beginning at 5pm. Jefferson Morgenthaler will be on hand to sign his book entitled Promised Land: Solms, Castro and Sam Houston's Colonization Contracts. The fact that Henri Castro's grant was only one of two successfully carried out under Sam Houston should be of great interest to the locals who are interested in the history of our area. Other shops along Fiorella and nearby will also be open for the evening. Medina Valley Café just let us know that they will be open for dinner from 5:30 to 9 pm and will have a live band. So head on out to Fiorella Friday this weekend and have a fun night out on the town!

Continue the fun this weekend with the Medina Valley Area Stockshow Booster on Saturday evening. The fun begins at 7pm at the Quihi Gun Club. Tickets are just \$50 per person and include a delicious all you can eat barbeque meal, raffle entry, dance, beer and margaritas. For more information, contact Scott Tschirhart at (830) 931-5373. Sunday it's off to Zion Lutheran Church for their Annual Ham Dinner and Fall Festival. Enjoy a home cooked ham dinner with all the fixings including dessert. And there are always plenty of activities for everyone including kid's carnival games, country store and craft sale, auction, quilt raffle and so much more. So if you are looking to have a good time this weekend, you don't have to stray far. Enjoy your weekend everyone!