

## Chamber News

### Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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This coming Friday head on out to the Grande Hall at Hofmann Ranch for the Colby Jonas Memorial Benefit beginning at 7pm. This is the second event that has been held in memory of Jonas by some of his classmates from Medina Valley. They wanted to make the event an exciting evening for all and give back to the community as well. The event will feature a delicious barbeque meal with all the trimmings, live music and plenty of dancing, a silent and live auction and Halloween activities for the kids including a costume contest. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person or \$75 a couple. Children 14 and under are free! Your ticket price includes admission, dinner, open bar, live entertainment and kids activities. All proceeds raised at this event will go towards scholarships to deserving Medina Valley High School graduates and to support the athletic department at MVISD as well. To get your tickets ahead of time, call (210) 912-2334 or (210) 508-0427. Or you can also visit State Farm Insurance or Bourquin Automotive in Castroville.

It's finally official! The new Park-n-Ride in Castroville is now open! Starting this week, the Park-n-Ride will be relocated to Hwy 90 just east of Castroville. I am sure you have seen the construction taking place over the last few months and we are happy to say it is complete. The new location will give car-poolers many more spaces and will also allow the Chamber to have more space for the many visitors we have coming to Castroville. So if you are one of those that uses the Park-n-Ride, be sure to park in the new one located on Hwy 90 E in the median directly across from Alamo Area Vet Clinic.

The newly formed Economic Development Advisory Board has been meeting regularly and we have seen some great things already happening. One of which is they have decided that they would like to become an independent entity and separate from the Castroville Chamber of Commerce. This separation will allow them to become a 501-c-3 non-profit organization. This action will also allow a working relationship with the City of Castroville, the Chamber of Commerce, and any other entity to which it could align and work as governmental organization. They would like to work at becoming the central driving force for economic development in the area in conjunction with existing organizations. Eventually they hope to reach a growth that allows for staffing of an office, receipt of funding from public and private sources, and disbursement of funds to assist in economic development projects, to name a few activities. We are very excited to know that this group is ready and willing to work for Castroville.

Community National Bank and Investment Professionals, Inc. would like to invite everyone to a lunch on them this coming Friday, the 30<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm at their location in Castroville. They will have plenty of hotdogs and treats for the kids so head on over on Friday!

Saturday is Halloween so get those costumes out and ready for some good trick-or-treating. Parents, be sure to keep your kids safe by keeping a close eye on them and checking all their candy before they start eating it! Take a flashlight if you will be out after dark. And once the trick-or-treating is done, head over to the Regional Park for FREE movies beginning at 8pm! Bring a lawn chair or blanket and get ready to enjoy some family friendly movies. Popcorn and drinks will be available. And Saturday is the last day of the Pumpkin Patch at Medina Valley United Methodist Church located on Country Lane. So head over there now to pick out the perfect pumpkin! Happy trick-or-treating everyone!