

## Chamber News

### Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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As you may know, Castroville is part of the Texas Hill Country Trail Region. We get many visitors coming through town that are following the Hill Country Trail and visiting all the cities along it. Recently the Hill Country Trail offered us a chance to have a photo of our town featured in a transparency display that will be shown in the Texas Travel Information Centers all across Texas. We are so excited to have a spot in this gorgeous display. We asked several of the local photographers to send us some photos that depict Castroville and we have chosen the winner. Congratulations to Sula Combs! Several of the photos she sent us were chosen to be submitted to the Hill Country Trail for this project. Thank you Sula for sending us some beautiful photography. One photo chosen to submit was of St. Louis Church with the horse drawn carriage in front of it. The other photo chosen was one of the Old Blacksmith shop, where Albros Casa y Garden is located. We will let you all know which photo they decide to use in the display and when it is all put together we will have a smaller version on display in the Chamber Office.

This Friday Dan's Meat Market will be hosting a new event to go along with the other First Friday events that happen in Castroville. From 7pm to midnight, Dan's will have a First Friday Happy Hour. They will have a DJ for everyone to enjoy as well as food to feast on. And the drinks will be a special price just for this special evening. So as you stroll around town for Fiorella Friday, be sure to head over to Dan's Meat Market at the corner of Paris and Lorenzo.

Also for the Fiorella Friday festivities this Friday, Medina Valley Café will host the Lone Star Statesmen who will be playing from 6 – 9pm. And be sure to check them out for dinner on Friday and Saturday nights! Starting this Friday, they will be open for dinner every Friday and Saturday from 5:30 – 9pm. And you can still enjoy one of their delicious fresh frozen casseroles that are available for pick up until 6pm. Lunch is still served Tuesday – Saturday from 11am to 3pm, so stop on by today and enjoy a delicious meal.

Saturday is sure to be a busy day in Castroville with the City Wide Yard Sale beginning at 8am. There will be plenty of people set up around town selling the many items that they have finally decided to part ways with. I know it can be tough to clean out that attic or garage, but it sure does make for some great deals! It's not too late to get signed up to be on the Yard Sale map. Simply stop by Shirts N Stuff, Ima's Antiques, the Barnyard Peddler or The Station to pay your \$5 and get listed on the map. All proceeds from the map will go to Castroville Nip and Tuck, a low cost spay and neuter program. So be sure and get yourself on the map so you can bring more business to your location! Maps should be available this Friday at the same locations you sign up at. It is sure to be a crazy day out there on Saturday so get your shopping bags ready and check out some great deals!

After you've had your fun at Fiorella Friday and found some great deals at the Yard Sale on Saturday, be sure to head over to the Shooting Star Museum on Sunday for a free movie. The movie is always shown on the second Sunday of the month and it is always free! Popcorn is free too! So finish off your fun filled weekend with a movie at the Shooting Star Museum and check out some of their neat vintage artifacts while you're there. Happy shopping this weekend everyone!