

## Chamber News

### Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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Here at the Chamber we understand how important an education is so each year we work in conjunction with local businesses to provide college scholarships to high school seniors, students already enrolled in college and adults returning to college. We are currently looking for businesses and individuals in the community that would like to participate in this Chamber sponsored scholarship program. Anyone interested can participate and decide the amount and criteria for their particular scholarship, however the minimum amount is \$100. The Chamber's Education committee will match up applicants with your scholarship depending on the criteria and conditions you provide us. For example, a doctor may want the scholarship to go to someone who is pursuing an education in a medical field. The donor will have his or her name or business published in the newspaper as well as the Chamber monthly and weekly newsletters. The donor may present the scholarship at the awards banquet on May 27, 2010, and the Chamber will provide the publicity for recognizing the donors and recipients. If you or your business are interested in participating this in this year's program, please contact Pat Davila at the Chamber office today at (830) 538-3142 and she will send you a scholarship commitment form. Help us further the dreams of a deserving young student.

If you are a high school senior or college student living in the Castroville area, you are eligible to receive one of these scholarships. The Chamber also provides one adult scholarship in the amount of \$250 to anyone returning to school after at least a five year absence. If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships, please contact the Chamber office at (830) 538-3142 or download an application online at [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com).

Tickets are now on sale for the Chamber's Fourth Annual Wine Fest, "A Taste of the Vine" which will take place on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 10pm at the Hotel Alsace and Spa. The event will feature five delicious wines which will include a Zinfandel, a Sauvignon, a white and red Bordeaux and a Sparkling Wine. The Alsatian Restaurant will cater with a large array of hors d'oeuvres to compliment the wines. We will also have a Live Auction and raffle. Tickets are \$40 per person or purchase the special Hotel Package for \$182 which includes a one night stay for two and two tickets to the wine fest. Stop by the Chamber office today to purchase your tickets.

The Friends of Fiorella Friday wanted to let everyone know that they are planning an Alsatian Festival to be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with Fiorella Friday. They plan to host an Alsatian food bake-off and an Alsatian costume contest. To find out more about this event, please call Albros Casa y Garden at (830) 538-2349 or Chateau Lafayette at (830) 9349.

This weekend is another busy one in Castroville. Let's show our locals support and head on out to some of these events. Thursday night starts us out with Live Music at Cora's and some of the best nachos in Texas. Friday night head on over to the American Legion Hall for dinner before you head out to Wommack Chevrolet for Friday Night Fever which begins at 6pm. Saturday morning start your morning at Houston Square for the first Market Trail Days of the year which runs from 9am to 4pm. Then head on out to the Alsatian Golf Club for the MV AFJROTC Golf Tournament. Registration is at 12 noon and shotgun start at 1:30pm. Enjoy a delicious dinner Saturday at the St. Louis Society Wild Game Dinner at Koenig Park from 4pm to 7pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and they will have a silent auction. On Sunday enjoy a barbeque brisket meal at the American Legion Hall for their Annual Birthday Fundraiser. Lunch will be served from 11am to 1pm and they will have a raffle featuring 3 handmade quilts. After lunch, head over to the Shooting Star Museum for their annual Bluebonnet Walk, which runs from 11am to 5pm. Stay for the free movie starting at 6pm. The weather is supposed to be great this weekend so why not take advantage of it in Castroville.