

## Chamber News

### Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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It's just a little over a week away, but the Irish Jig committee is still looking for donations for this year's silent auction and raffle. The event, which will be held on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> at Braden Keller Community Center at 7pm, will feature a pot luck meal, some great live entertainment and a silent auction room. A special treat added to the silent auction this year is a handmade wine rack done by a Castroville local. Their hope is to have the wine rack fully stocked with bottles of wine. They are currently looking for donations of bottles of wine. If you are interested in donating a bottle of wine or other prize, please contact Colleen Zinsmeyer at (830) 931-6369. This year's entertainment for the event comes straight from Nashville, Tennessee. Brandon Kinney and Jeremy Stover are world class musicians, songwriters and record producers for famous singers such as Randy Travis, Willie Nelson, Martina McBride, and Lonestar, just to name a few. And don't miss local talent, Touchstone and Friends, performing along with some other surprise guests. Tickets for the event range from \$30-\$70 and can be purchased by calling Touchstone McDonald at (210) 313-4714. All proceeds will benefit St. Louis Catholic School.

The Castroville Chamber of Commerce will host the Texas Hill Country Trail Region in Castroville on March 25<sup>th</sup> for their Board Meeting. The meeting will take place at the Hotel Alsace and Spa Ballroom from 1:30pm-3:30pm. As a member of the THCTR Board, I was asked if the chamber would like to host the meeting and was very happy to say yes! We will provide refreshments for the group as well as an educational presentation on Castroville's successful preservation projects. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting, they are more than welcome.

The Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke Festival in Lytle is looking for vendors for this year's event which will take place on May 14-15. They are encouraging non-profit organizations to set up a booth free of charge for the seventh annual event. Their hope is that the non-profits have this opportunity to raise funds, hand out information or just meet the public. For profit vendors are also allowed to set up at a cost of \$40 for a non-food vendors and \$50 for food vendors. The deadline to sign up is April 30<sup>th</sup> so anyone interested can call the Lytle Chamber of Commerce at (830) 772-5843. This is the first year the event will be a two-day event with a dance on Friday evening and the all day music festival on Saturday. Admission and parking are both free and they will feature local favorite Frenchie Burke and performances by Curtis Potter, Jim Byrom, Cactus Country and many others. The event is expected to bring more than 5,000 people to the Lytle area and this year the festival will feature a barbecue cook off and a chili cook off.

Almost every one of us has had cancer touch our lives in some way or another. Each year Medina County holds a Relay for Life to help raise money for the American Cancer society. And this Sunday, to help raise even more money, the first annual Relay for Life Car Show will be held at Wommack (formerly Lundquist) Chevrolet. From 9am to 5pm come out and enjoy the beautiful antique and custom cars and trucks. If you own a car you would like to enter into the show, there is a minimum \$25 entry fee. All proceeds raised will go to the American Cancer Society. The event is free to the public and they will have plenty of music, food and fun for the whole family including a raffle. And don't miss Truck Builder of the Year Award winner Adrian Rocamontes and his Big Rig, the "Sledgehammer." Have a great weekend everyone!