

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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CHAMBER WINE FEST, APRIL 17TH

There's just 2 weeks left to buy your tickets for our Third Annual Chamber Sponsored Wine Fest which will be held on **Friday, April 17th**. Last year's event was a blast and we are hoping this year will be even better. The fun begins at 7 p.m. at the Hotel Alsace. Tickets are just \$40 per person, which includes a chance at the raffle, plenty of scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, 5 different wines to sample, live music and a night of pure fun! Back by popular demand is the cigar bar which will feature several types of cigars at a small price. And this year, the infamous Terry Dickerson will be on hand to lead our live auction which will feature several larger items. So you better have those check books ready! And why let the night end at 10 p.m.? Enjoy a full night of fun by purchasing our special hotel package which includes a one night stay for two and two tickets to the wine fest for just \$150 plus tax. Wines to be featured at the event are Angelini Pinot Grigio from Italy, Cinquante-Cinq Chardonnay from France, MontAsolo Merlot from Italy, Ch les Pierreies Bordeaux from France, and Torres Santa Digna Rose of Cabernet from Chile. As you can see, we are sure to have something for everyone. So stop by the Chamber Office today and purchase your tickets to the Chamber's Third Annual Wine Fest! Hope to see you all there. Maybe we can even get Terry Dickerson and Chris Schuchart to wear Tot Albro's dress again!!

Each year over 7 million cats and dogs are killed in animal shelters and over \$2 billion tax dollars are spent on animal sheltering and control programs. This is due in large part to the vast over population of animals in the United States. The only way to decrease these numbers is to spay and neuter your animals. There are many low cost spay and neuter programs available and one right here in our own backyard. Castroville's Nip & Tuck program, run by Kyle McVay, is a program that helps people in the 78009 zip code afford to get their animals fixed. The only way they can continue to keep this program running is by raising money. This week, on Thursday, April 2nd, they will hold their Annual Silent Auction at the Castroville Café from 5 pm to 8 pm. They will have all types of items for you to bid on. All monies raised during the event will go towards the Nip & Tuck program and donations will also be accepted. For more information about the event, or to learn how you can donate, please contact Kyle at (830) 931-2525.

This weekend, one of South Texas' finest is coming to Castroville for the 2009 Concert in the Country. Gabe Garcia of Lytle, Texas, and Nashville Star finalist, will perform at the event on Saturday, April 4, at the Hofmann Ranch. The night begins at 6:30 p.m. and will also feature Shawn Mayer and Pearl Heart, both contenders on Nashville Star. The Medina Healthcare Fund is proud to sponsor this event to raise money for the Medina Regional Hospital. Tickets are still available at just \$25 each and can be purchased at the Castroville, Hondo and Devine Chambers as well as by phone at (830) 426-7886.

With so many things happening this weekend, don't forget about Castroville State Bank's 50th Anniversary Mixer on Thursday night beginning at 5 p.m. And Fiorella Friday is back this weekend as well with wine tastings, artisans and live music. Hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend!