

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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It was a fun night for all this past Saturday night at the Concert in the Country with Gabe Garcia sponsored by the Medina Healthcare Fund. All of the entertainers were excellent and the crowd really had a great time. Preliminary numbers show that they have risen over \$55,000, which will benefit the Medina Regional Hospital. The hospital would like to thank Hans and Charlotte Hofmann for allowing them the use of the Hofmann Ranch. They also send a huge thank you to Gary Carter for promoting the event and helping them show appreciation to their sponsors. And who could forget all the wonderful volunteers who worked on the committee and worked the drink concessions all night. It was a beautiful evening and the perfect setting for the concert under the stars!

With Easter coming up this weekend, use this time to be close to your family and to remember why we celebrate this holiday, because of Christ's resurrection. If you don't have a church of your own, this is a great time to try out the different services around town. The Medina Valley United Methodist Church will be hosting their annual Easter Breakfast Potluck and Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 11. Breakfast will be served at 8:30am and the egg hunt will follow. On Sunday the 12, the community Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance, will be held at 6:30am in Houston Square. This annual service is non-denominational and put on by all the churches in Castroville. Also on Sunday, Hillside Chapel will host a Resurrection Celebration beginning with a daybreak service at the top of Cross Hill which will begin around 6:45am. Following the early morning service, head over to the Regional Park for an outside service at the Garden of Roots beginning at 10:30am. Games and activities for kids, Christian recording artists and a petting zoo are just a few of the festivities they have planned. A community Easter egg hunt will be held at the Garden of Roots at 3pm. They ask that you please sign up for the hunt between 10:30 and 2:45. Pastor George Luna said they are hosting this celebration as a thank you to Castroville for supporting them.

This past Saturday, Roger and Ruth Rahill, a military couple stationed in San Antonio, came into the chamber to get some information on Castroville and the Steinbach House. They told us how they visited Alsace when they were stationed overseas and couldn't wait to visit "The Little Alsace of Texas." Alsace is very close to their heart because Roger's uncle, John Rahill, fought in World War II and was buried in Hochfelden, Alsace, France. Each year, his memory is honored along with others who fought in the War. They were very excited to get to see some of Alsace right here in Castroville, Texas.

This Friday, enjoy a delicious dinner at the American Legion Hall for their Scholarship Dinner. On the second Friday of each month they sponsor this dinner to raise funds for their scholarship. It's just \$6 per plate and they start serving at 5pm. After dinner, check out the new flower shop, Fantastic Flowers, for the Fourth Friday Featured Business. They will have refreshments and Mary Alice will show you around her shop. Finish off the evening by heading out to Lundquist Automotive for Friday Night Fever. The event is getting bigger every month so get there early to check out all the cool cars, trucks, motorcycles and boats. Saturday, don't miss Market Trail Days on Houston Square beginning at 9am. With all the events and Easter festivities going on, it is sure to make for a busy weekend. Hope everyone has a blessed Easter!