

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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Each month the Chamber puts together a Monthly Newsletter which is distributed to all Chamber members and it is also inserted into the Castroville Bulletin which reaches approximately 2,000 people. We are getting ready to work on the June 2010 issue and would like your input. If you have an idea for an article or something to add to the Calendar of Events, please send the information to ashlee@castroville.com. We are always looking for interesting information to include in our newsletter. It can be a local event, new business opening, interesting fact or anything else you think the Castroville public will want to know. Also, we do still have advertising spots available in the Newsletter. The space is a 2x2 ad which costs \$40 per month or you can purchase an entire year for just \$400. You can send us a ready-made ad or we can design one for you. If you are interested in placing an ad or supplying us with an article idea, please email us.

During the week of June 12th through 19th, the Texas Archeological Society will be hosting two excavations at several historical sites in the Medina County Area. One site will be right here in our own backyard, behind the Old Alsatian Steakhouse. The primary site which will be investigated is the Eagle Bluff site, on Hondo Creek, 7 miles south of Tarpley. Previous archeological testing has uncovered artifacts dating from historic times to the Paleoindian period, including stone tools, faunal remains and trade items from east Texas, the gulf coast and New Mexico. The group expects around 400 individuals to be taking part in these archeological digs. Volunteers may participate in excavation, survey or process artifacts in the laboratory. Participation is open to members of TAS and their families, and fees vary depending on length of participation. Those interested in attending may join at any time and take part in the field school. See www.txarch.org for more information about membership and field school.

In an effort to get these individuals to spend some time and dollars in Castroville, the Chamber is creating a coupon page which will be distributed to the participants of the dig. Any Chamber member business who would like to have a coupon on this page can submit the coupon to the Chamber through email at ashlee@castroville.com. You can send us a ready-made coupon or tell us what you want on it and we can create one for you. We would also like to distribute this coupon page to other visitors and tourists that come to town. So if your business benefits from tourists in town, please send us your coupon today and we will make sure every visitor has it in their hands!

This Thursday evening, the Medical Clinic of Castroville will be hosting a Meet and Greet to introduce Dr. Bobby Pittman and his staff. Dr. Pittman recently joined the Medical Staff of Medina Regional Hospital and is certified as a Family Practice Doctor. There will be light refreshments during the Meet and Greet. Come out and introduce yourself to Castroville and Medina County's newest doctor.

This Saturday is the 5th Annual Old Iron Trail Ride which will begin at 8am at Mumme's in Hondo, TX. This is Texas' most unique trail ride because there are no horses, only horse power from antique farm tractors, old farm cars and trucks that have been restored. All money raised during the ride is given to the Make a Wish Foundation and used to help grant a wish to a local child. To participate or donate to the ride you can email them at quihikat@yahoo.com. Have a great weekend everyone and try to stay dry!