

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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Last Tuesday was an exciting day for the Chamber and for Castroville. Eileen Teves, a reporter from KENS5 Great Day SA, made a special trip out to Castroville for a new segment they are running called "Drive before You Buy." It is a storyline they are working with Ford Motor Company on for the new Ford Fusion. It's basically a way to learn where a tank of gas in the Fusion can take you and they chose Castroville as one of their destinations to highlight! It was so exciting here in the Steinbach House where they filmed most of the segment. Eileen and Great Day SA Director David Hughes met with local Priscilla Garrett to discuss Castroville and the Steinbach House. Priscilla gave them a tour of the house and did a wonderful job of explaining all about its history and how it was relocated to Castroville from France. Eileen was just amazed that a 400 year old house could be disassembled in France, shipped to Castroville, Texas, and put back together. After their interview with Priscilla, now a local celebrity, they drove around Castroville to get some other shots of the town. We were so excited to have them here and we can't wait to see the segment which will air this Friday, May 22 at 9am on KENS5. So be sure to set your DVR or VCR to record Friday's show. It is sure to be a great one. I'm sure once everyone in San Antonio sees our wonderful town they will want to make a trip out here.

And if you missed the Great Day SA show this past Friday, you will have to get on their website to see the segment they did on Albros Casa y Garden owned by Tot & Ward Albro. Tot gave Eileen a tour of her store and talked about Castroville as well. With all this publicity, it is sure to be a great thing for our city!

This week we received a card from Juanita Moreno Duggleby, a Pearsall native now living in California, who recently visited Castroville while visiting her niece in San Antonio. She was so impressed with Castroville and its quaint shops, restaurants and "Welcome to our Town" feeling she received. She commented on how clean the town was and even joked about how we must have someone cleaning the streets every night. She just loved how we preserve our history and said that "Castroville could serve as an example of how a small town could be." We should be so proud of our city workers, Garden Club, Historical Society and all of those who help make our town the beautiful place it is.

Saturday June 6th is the day so many in Castroville have been waiting for; it's the City Wide Yard Sale!! Every year the yard sale is held the first Saturday in June and November beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing until 4 p.m. You do not need a permit to have a sale; however, if you want to be listed on the yard sale map, it is just \$5. Monies raised from the map helps to pay for advertisement and part also goes to Castroville's Nip and Tuck, a low cost spay and neuter program. To be included on the map, please contact Kyle McVay at (830) 931-2525 or sign up at Albros Casa y Garden, Shirts 'N Stuff, the Barnyard Peddler, or Ima's Antiques. If you have items you'd like to donate to the sale, drop them by the Barnyard Peddler from now until the June 6th. So whether you are cleaning out or ready to go shopping, you only have two more weeks to wait! Don't miss the biggest yard sale around!

This Friday, head on out to Hondo for Cruisin' in God's Country, a free event filled with cars, trucks, food and entertainment. The Hondo Chamber and other local businesses help to put on this event on the fourth Friday of every month from April to October. For more information on the event, call (830) 426-3037. Saturday is the Farmers Market in front of Alsace Tan & Salon. I hear the blackberries are wonderful! Hope to see you out this weekend!