

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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It was a busy day around Castroville on Saturday for the City Wide Yard Sale. There were plenty of people trying to beat the heat and find some good bargains. Practically every street you turned down held a plethora of goodies for customers to search through. Kyle McVay, who has been in charge of the Yard Sale since its beginning, said she was very happy with the turnout this year. There were nearly 80 locations listed on the yard sale map. Proceeds from the map went toward advertising and Castroville Nip and Tuck, a low cost spay and neuter program. This program has just expanded to Medina County Nip and Tuck, thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the San Antonio Area Foundation. Now, those living anywhere in the Medina County area can take advantage of this program. Look for the next City Wide Yard Sale the first Saturday in November.

We just received an email from Paul Carey that they are attempting to organize a bicycle club here in Castroville. They will have an organizational meeting for the club on Saturday, June 20th at 6 p.m. in the lobby lounge of the Hotel Alsace. The purpose of the club is to promote safety and education for cyclists of all types and for the general public. The agenda for the meeting will be to define the structure of the organization, choose a name and elect officers. For more information about the club, please contact Paul Carey at (210) 710-4861. So for all you bicycle enthusiasts, mark your calendar to be at the meeting to organize Castroville's first bicycle club on June 20th.

There is so much going on in Castroville this weekend, it is surely a weekend to stay around town and save some gas money! Start Friday night out with dinner at the American Legion Hall at 5 p.m. Plates are just \$6 each and proceeds go towards their scholarship program. Vulcan Materials has invited everyone out to a mixer they are hosting through the Hondo Area Chamber of Commerce. They will be serving refreshments beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Hondo Community Center located at 1014 18th Street.

It's the second Friday of the month and you all know what that means...Friday Night Fever! Check out all the cars, trucks and motorcycles at Lundquist Automotive beginning at 6 p.m. There is always plenty of food and shopping as well.

Saturday starts out with Market Trail Days on Houston Square starting at 9 a.m. They offer unique items from local and regional crafters featuring crafts, handmade items, plants and food booths. Then stop by Alsace Hair Nails and Tan to get your fresh fruits and veggies at the Farmer's Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At lunch time, the Women of the Moose Lodge will be hosting a benefit BBQ plate dinner for Shelli Burroughs who was recently in a four-wheeler accident. Plates will be on sale for \$6 each starting at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. They will also have a few items for raffle at the benefit event. If you are interested in helping, donating or eating, please contact Lou Ann Butler at 931-5702.

Enjoy a nice evening at the Old Alsatian Steakhouse and Ristorante for the grand opening of their new private party area, the Arbor and Bistro Bar. To celebrate this opening, they will be hosting their First Annual Summer Wine Tasting on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and will feature Alsatian, French and Italian wines as well as hors d'oeuvres. Tickets for the event are just \$20 per person and can be purchased ahead of time at the restaurant. They will also feature live music by Meister & Meister and vendors specializing in handmade items for guests to purchase. Jonathan Fish of Castroville Pottery will also be on hand doing a live pottery demonstration.

Finish out the evening with Live Music at the Garage Sports Bar beginning at 9 p.m. The evening is free and will feature Michele Wright Mangold, Jack Noonan, Adam Butler, Julie Boehme Guinther and maybe some surprise appearances. For more information call 538-9350.