

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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Some of you may have noticed, but we now have a sign in our front yard. Thanks to the fabulous work of Boehle's Signs and Graphics in Hondo everyone will now know that the Chamber is located in the Steinbach House. We have been working for quite some time now to get a sign up because visitors were having a hard time finding us. After our request from TxDot was denied we decided we would go ahead and pay for the sign ourselves and have it affixed to the current Steinbach sign. Hopefully now there will not be so much confusion as to where we are located!

I know we are a little late, but the Chamber of Commerce wants to send a huge congratulation to all the graduating high school seniors who are now embarking on a new era of their life! Through the efforts of the chamber education committee and local donors, the chamber will award over \$13,500 to deserving high school seniors and returning college students. We want to send a big Thank You to all the generous sponsors who helped to make this program once again a success. Since 2001, over \$95,000 in scholarships have been awarded through this program which the chamber started to help our local students to continue their education at an institution of higher education. An awards banquet was held on Tuesday, May 19th where these students were presented with their award. If you were a scholarship recipient, please bring your verification of registration to the Chamber Office to receive your check.

We want to recognize those that received the scholarship as well as the donor who provided the scholarship. Here are the winners and donors: Meredel Ababa, Dr. William Burges; Allison Beck, Sisters of the Divine Providence and Hazel Russell of State Farm; Alyssa Berry, Marvin and Cheryl Dziuk of Dziuk's Inc. and Paul Boskind of Oasis Bar & Grill; Caitlyn Chapman, Paul B. Carter of MPL, LTD.; Chelsey Chester, Medina Valley Moose Lodge; Jacob Crumrine, Paul B. Carter of MPL, LTD.; Zachary Dodson, Chris Schuchart and Vivian Torres, Mason Engelmeier, Anonymous Donor; Kelly Figueroa, Royce Groff Oil Company; Devon Foster, Castroville State Bank; Ryan Friesenhahn, Hazel Russell of State Farm; Angelique Garcia, Dr. Frank and Carmen Danna; Andra Gouard, Hazel Russell of State Farm; Kelsey Groff, Hazel Russell of State Farm; Myra Guajardo-Garza, recipient of the adult scholarship from the Castroville Chamber of Commerce; Garrett Haegelin, Greg & Carol Zinsmeyer of A/C Technical Services; Megan Heiligman, Dr. John Windrow, DDS; Brian Hodges, Mary Mangold of Stewart Title; Colby Holzhaus, Peggy Bendele of Investment Professionals; Emily Holzhaus, Barbara Gilliam of Valley Mobile Homes; Jordan Jungman, Peggy Bendele of Investment Professionals; Angela Keller, Castroville State Bank; Crystal Keller, Castroville State Bank; Katelyn Kempf, Dr. Lloyd VanWinkle; Rebecca Kwapich, Medina Valley Moose Lodge; Christina Martinez, Dr. Frank and Carmen Danna; Samuel McDaniel, Community National Bank; Mariah Mojica, Sisters of Divine Providence; Kameron Ray, Derek Ethridge of Super S Pharmacy; Scottie Riojas, Richard Russell; Gabriel Rodriguez, Mary Mangold of Stewart Title; Sebastian Rodriguez, Castroville State Bank; Hailli Ruiz, Hazel Russell, State Farm; Albert Salinas, Cindy Guzman; Ryan Schmidt, Barbara Gilliam of Valley Mobile Homes; Trevor Schultz, Valley Marts Inc.; Karen Sedlock, Hazel Russell of State Farm; Andrew Sharp, Hazel Russell of State Farm; Paige Spencer, Glennis Stein of Stein Insurance; Brandon Stein, Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce; Stanton Tondre, Hazel Russell of State Farm and Richard Russell; Jeremy Tschirhart, Castroville Hermann Sons Lodge and Hazel Russell of State Farm; Neil Tschirhart, Castroville State Bank; Sarah Vielma, Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce; and Lauren Warwas, Hazel Russell of State Farm. Congratulations to all of you!!

Don't miss Music on the Plaza this Friday in front of Stephanie's on the Plaza Salon and Spa on Houston Square. Live music from the Young Ensemble Band will begin at 7 p.m. Interested vendors can contact Stephanie at (830) 931-2400. Have a great one!