

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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This past week, the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses presented scholarships to high school seniors who are graduating this week and a few returning students already enrolled in college. We want to thank those businesses and individuals that participated in our Scholarship Program which was able to award \$11,850 in scholarship funds this year. We are very proud of our graduates and those already enrolled in college. We are very grateful to the local businesses and individuals that are helping these students fulfill their dreams of heading off to a college, university or trade school. The Chamber feels very strongly about education and that is why we sponsor this program each year.

A huge Thank You to those that donated to the scholarship program: A/C Technical Services, Black Rose Writing, Broadway Bank, Castroville Area Economic Development Council, Castroville State Bank, Community National Bank, Dr. Frank & Carmen Danna, Camile G. Dubose, Dziuk's Meat Market, Friends of the Landmark Inn, Gamble & Russell – Richard Russell, Moye Retreat Center/Sisters of Divine Providence, Rotary Club of Medina Valley-Castroville, Minna Rothe – Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, Royce Groff Oil Company, John & Debbie Southwell, State Farm Insurance – Hazel Russell, Stein Insurance, Stewart Title, Super S Pharmacy, Valley Marts Inc, Valley Mobile Homes, Dr. John Windrow and Wommack Chevrolet.

The Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce would like to again work with local businesses to co-host an After Hours Mixer each month. These mixers give you an opportunity to promote your business to other business owners and individuals in the community. It is a great way to network and meet potential customers and clients. We would like the mixers to be held the second or third Wednesday of each month after business hours. As a host, you would be responsible for providing the venue and refreshments. As a co-host, the Chamber will help advertise your mixer in the weekly chamber column in both Castroville papers, in the weekly e-blast which is sent to over 300 people, on the Calendar of Events online at www.castroville.com and we will also place a small ad in the Castroville Bulletin about your mixer. Plus, we have a Facebook page and will let everyone on there know about it as well. We already have two mixers coming up this summer, June 15th will be at Paradise Canyon and July 13th will be at Broadway Bank. So call us today at (830) 538-3142 or email ashlee@castroville.com if you are interested in hosting a mixer later in the year. But hurry because spots will fill up quickly!

It's Yard Sale time in Castroville this weekend and that means the town will be buzzing with people looking for great deals! Starting at 8am Saturday morning, the City of Castroville will host the semi-annual City Wide Yard Sale which boasts many locations in town that are selling their goods. It is completely free to set up this weekend and you do not need a permit. However, if you want to be sure your location gets noticed then you can pay just \$5 to get on the map. This map will be distributed all over Castroville so shoppers know exactly where to go. Stop by the Barnyard Peddler, Ima's Antiques or Shirts 'N Stuff to get signed up. If you have items to sell and need a place to set up you can contact Kyle McVay at (830) 931-2525 to set up in front of the Barnyard Peddler. All proceeds from the map will go to Castroville's Nip & Tuck, a low cost spay and neuter program serving the Medina County area.

Don't forget to stop by the Farmer's Market every Saturday starting at 9am in front of Alsace Hair Nails and Tanning. They have delicious farm fresh veggies and fruits. And Sunny Day Farms will be open this Saturday for Family Day. Have a great weekend everyone and don't forget the sunscreen!