

## Chamber News

### Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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The Chamber would like to send a huge congratulation to Haby's Bakery and W.R. Griggs Construction who both celebrated 35 years of service in Castroville this month. Who would have known 35 years ago that these businesses would be where they are today. Haby's is well-known around the country with people from all over coming here just to sample one of their tasty goodies. And looking around town, there are many buildings that have been built or remodeled by the Griggs family. Some of the most recent are Albros Casa y Garden's new building and the recently remodeled L.M. Tondre Store. We are so proud of both these businesses for their dedication to serving Castroville. We would also like to thank you for putting your trust in the Chamber all these years as well. We look forward to serving you for many more years to come!

We recently received notification that the Medina County Fair Association is currently looking for area organizations or businesses to sponsor one or more contestants in the 2009 Fair Queen's Contest which will be held Saturday, August 1, 2009. As a sponsor, the organization or business will be responsible for the \$25.00 entry fee to accompany the entrant form. All forms must be received by July 17, 2009. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a young lady for this contest, please contact the Medina County Fair Association at (830) 426-5406 or stop by the Chamber Office to pick up a form.

We are just one week away from the Castroville Independence Day Parade, which will be held on Saturday, July 4 at 9:30 a.m. on Houston Square. The Chamber will be out there again this year handing out water and other items to the guests. If any business is interested in donating water, candy or any food item for the chamber to hand out free of charge, please contact us at (830) 538-3142. We can stop by and pick up the donated items or you can drop them by our office located at 100 Karm, directly across from Sammy's Restaurant.

This week is the last week to register your float, truck or tractor to be judged. Applications can be picked up at the Chamber office, City Hall or downloaded on our website at [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com). This year's parade theme is "Red, White and Blue – Flying High." Entrants will be judged on theme adaptation, patriotic influence and originality. Trophies will be awarded in all categories which include children's float, family float, other float (business, church, organization, etc...), truck, tractor, car, child general to age 12 and equestrian. For full details see the application available upon request. Let's make this year's parade bigger and better than ever!

To start the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities off right, the Castroville State Bank will hold their 12<sup>th</sup> annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event is always free to the public. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. they will be handing out free hotdogs, chips, cupcakes and cold drinks. There will also be a drawing for flag sets and super soaker water guns. For more information please contact the bank at (830) 931-2201.

And back again this year is the Tractor Show over at Tractor City on July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone interested in having their tractor in the show can drop it off on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and pick it up on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>. All makes and models are welcome. They will also have free hotdogs, chips and drinks from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. To show your tractor, please contact Glenn Hunt at (830) 538-3451.

The festivities continue that night at Fiorella Friday. There will be plenty of free goodies as well as vendors. Enjoy dinner at the Castroville Café and some live music on September Square!

This Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>, don't miss the Fourth Friday Featured Business – Commerce Title of Castroville. Office Manager Bette Hamby will have refreshments and will give you a tour of the office as well as explain a little about what they do. This is a great opportunity to network with others in the community and get to know some of the local businesses.