

## Chamber News

### Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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Summer has almost ended and that can only mean one thing for you Panther fans...it's football time! Time to get those season tickets and they go on sale this week. Ticket renewals can start being purchased this Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and tickets for the general public go on sale on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be purchased at the Medina Valley ISD Central Office located next to the tennis courts on the Middle School Campus. And don't miss this year's Tidy Bowl to be held on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Medina Valley Stadium. The Panthers will take on Holy Cross starting at 5 p.m. Admission is free but they are accepting donations of laundry detergent to help clean the football team's uniforms for the year.

There will be an important meeting of the Friends of the Castroville Regional Park on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will take place at the Regional Park RV Rec Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend and the general public is welcome to come and offer their suggestions. The plan is to discuss and take action on park and pool projects, community programs and means to raise funds for events. They will also announce the winner of their Summer Photo Contest. For anyone who has not joined the group, you will be able to do so at this meeting.

We received an interesting letter in the mail this week that we wanted to share with you. Peter Gleich and his wife Marianne of St. Louis, Missouri, recently visited Castroville and the Steinbach House during a stay in San Antonio. They were so impressed and called the town "lovely" and "charming." They enjoyed touring the town and the Steinbach House where the Chamber Staff made them feel very welcome. They had a vacation home in Alsace for 25 years so they were very excited to see that Castroville has tried very hard to maintain our Alsatian culture. They visited with Justin Jungman while here and called him "a real charmer and wonderful representative for both Alsace and Castroville." To our surprise, they enclosed a \$100 check made out to the Steinbach House Committee to help support their endeavors. We are so happy to hear that people love coming to our wonderful little town and this money will surely help the Steinbach Committee.

The Hillside Chapel will be hosting a Back to School Bash this coming Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at their Church. Kids and teenagers of all ages are welcome to attend with their families. They will have tons of fun things for the kids to do and see including live Christian music, games, food, door prizes, school supplies and a back pack giveaway. They want to see that everyone has a great upcoming school year. For more information on the event please call Deya Baldazo at (210) 913-1656.

And that's not the only thing happening this weekend. Thursday night starts with live music at Cora's. They are also now open on Sunday's from 12 noon to 9 p.m. On Friday we start the day with the Chamber hosted New Teacher Luncheon at Medina Valley Middle School Cafeteria at 11:30 a.m. Anyone who sponsored a teacher is invited to lunch for just \$10. Please call us at the chamber ahead of time so we can be sure to have a place for you. That night, head over to the American Legion Hall for a delicious meal to benefit their scholarship fund. End your night with cars, trucks and much more at Friday Night Fever at Lundquist Automotive. The Farmer's Market is back again this Saturday in front of Alsace Hair Nails and Tanning. Fresh veggies and fruits will be available for purchase. The Reagan Rothe Sponsorship Golf Tournament starts at 12:30 at the Alsatian Golf Course with lunch and a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Wow, with so much to do, you won't have to drive far!