

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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On the second Thursday of every month, the First Baptist Church of Castroville holds a Teen Mom Support Group from 6pm to 8pm. During the meeting they offer free dinner and childcare to moms and their friends, family and children that attend with them. A short discussion takes place pertaining to parenting, character building, responsible living and decision making, etc... The moms are then given one package of diapers and they are allowed a visit to the Care Closet. Each mom earns "Baby Bucks" to spend in the Care Closet on baby or maternity needs. Baby Bucks can be earned in a number of ways including volunteering, job and school success, attending prenatal appointments or meetings. There is always a need for baby and maternity items in the Care Closet as well as diapers. The group also enjoys having guest speakers at their meetings to discuss topics on health, finances or education. If you know a teen mom that would benefit from these meetings, please let her know about the meeting. Also, if you would like to donate an item or be a speaker at one of these meetings, please contact Stephanie Melton at 210-473-5364.

Are you looking for something interesting for your or your child to participate in this fall? Then look no further than the Castroville Public Library which offers a wide range of free activities for every age. Starting with the pre-school kids, they offer Story Time every Wednesday from 10:30am to 11:15. Want your child to learn to sign? Then head to the library for Signing Time on Tuesdays at 10:30 for ages 3-5 and Saturdays at 9am for ages 3 months to 3 years. Or check out the Handwriting without Tears class on Mondays at 10:30am for ages 3 to 5 or Saturdays at 9:30 for ages 2 to 3. And every Friday at 10:30am they hold a Music Makers class.

For those interested in joining a book club, they have the Daybreak Book Club the first Monday of the month at 10:30am or join the Nightfall Book Club on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. The Alsatian Language Club meets every Wednesday from 6-8pm. Learn the language that's been around as long as Castroville has. Also, the newly formed Alzheimer's Support Group meets on the third Saturday of the month at 10:30am. Want to learn a little more about computers? The American Legion Hall sponsors beginners and intermediate classes on basic computer skills as well as navigating the website. Those classes are held every Monday and Thursday from 10:30am to 12pm and 12:30pm to 2pm.

How about a little exercise? Tai Chi classes are also offered at the Library on Monday mornings at 9am. Or maybe you are looking to exercise your mind spiritually. Stop by Zion Lutheran Church on Tuesday nights at 7pm for an Ecumenical Bible Study and get refreshed! And if you are interested in learning a little United States History, join the group on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 to view DVDs put together by distinguished college professors. So no matter what you are looking for, the Library is sure to have something to interest you or your child.

This weekend should be a quiet one in Castroville. But if you are looking for something to do you can head on out to Sunny Day Farms where you can enjoy a Family Day of fun visiting and petting some of the rescued farm animals they have on the farm. You will meet an animal friend for life! For more information on Sunny Day Farms, check out their website at www.sunnydayfarms.com and check out the September Chamber Newsletter which will feature the Farm as the Business of the Month. Check next week's paper for the newsletter and you can always view past newsletters on the chamber website at www.castroville.com. Have a super weekend everyone!