

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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Do you want to know what's going on in Washington? Do you want to know how it affects us? If so, then you want to be sure and join the Chamber for a Legislative Meet and Greet with Congressman "Quico" Canseco on Friday, October 7, 2011 at 12 noon at Sammy's Restaurant. All Chamber members and local residents are invited to this luncheon to meet our congressman and have a chance to ask him questions or share comments with him. For those interested in attending this informational meet and greet with our congressman, please RSVP to the Chamber at (830) 538-3142 or email us at ashlee@castroville.com.

If you are looking for something fun and exciting to do and don't want to go far, then why not stay right here in Castroville and check out the Haunted Trails of Castroville. This ghastly Ghost Tour will take you on a journey through historic Castroville where you will visit 10 of the most haunted places in town. Learn a little about their history, who they believe haunts these buildings and maybe you'll even run into a ghost or two! During the 1 ½ hour tour you will be able to use specialized equipment to locate these known ghosts. During the fall season tours will start every Friday-Saturday at 7:30pm and 9:05pm across from the Old Alsatian Steakhouse. You can make a reservation online or call them at (210) 689-3063.

And to make your ghost tour even more of a treat, join the Old Alsatian Steakhouse this Saturday for a "Dining and Walking with Ghosts" special. Enjoy a delicious dinner at 6:30pm at the Steakhouse followed by a ghost tour through town. Reservations must be made so contact the Steakhouse at (830) 931-9191.

Calling all Volunteers! The Castroville Regional Park will host their Annual Fall Clean Up-Fix Up this Saturday morning from 8am to 11am. They need lots of help to work in the park and on the trails. Volunteers are asked to bring limb loppers, work gloves and rakes. And if you've got a little red wagon (or something similar) bring it along for a special kids project involving rocks. Sign in at the pool office and come ready to work! If you have any questions contact Tim at (830) 931-2692 or Helen at (830) 931-2157.

Many children in Castroville and Medina County get involved in 4-H and FFA livestock projects each year. To help these students with costs, thousands of dollars are raised through fundraisers each year. This Saturday, October 1, the Medina Valley Area Stock Show Boosters will hold their 22nd Annual Fundraiser to benefit these students' livestock show projects. The fundraiser will once again be held at the Quihi Gun Club with doors opening at 6:30pm and an all you can eat BBQ meal beginning at 7pm. The dance will run from 8pm to 12 midnight with music by Chilton Vance Band. Drinks, set-ups, entertainment, door prizes, a silent auction and gift certificates are just a few of the fun things that will take place that night. All proceeds raised will go towards local livestock projects. For more information or for tickets contact Scott Tschirhart at (830) 931-5373.

Do you want to learn how to start up a website for your business? The Castroville Area Economic Development Council will once again host their Business Website Workshops but this time the sessions will be in the evening. Sign up for the sessions which will run October 4 and 6, from 6-9pm at Medina Valley High School. Registration is \$10 which includes a flash drive to use during the workshop and after. Contact Arnie Dollase at (830) 538-9048 for more details.

This weekend is full of things to do as I mentioned above. Sunday is the Annual Ham Dinner at Zion Lutheran Church from 11am to 1pm. Get involved in Life Chain's 24th Annual event. Castroville churches will be lined along Highway 90 in support of life from 2pm to 3:30pm. Join them in front of Community National Bank or Haby's Bakery. Have a great weekend everyone! Fall is here, now we just need the weather to go along with it!