

Chamber News

Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce

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The Chamber has been given the final go ahead from the City of Castroville on our new chamber building! We are very excited to know that we have met all requirements to receive our building permit and to move forward with the project. The Building Committee will meet this week to review all pre-qualifying forms that were submitted to us and choose who we will accept bids from. Our architect, John Speegle, has been working on the bid package information and will have it ready to submit to the General Contractors we choose. Once the bids have been received we will have a public bid process where all contractors are invited to meet and have their bid read aloud. Then the committee will review all bids and select a contractor to move forward with the new Chamber Building. It has been a long time coming and we are excited to see the building come to life in the near future.

Many people visit Castroville because of its rich heritage and history. With over ninety historic structures in our quaint little town, there is plenty for tourists to see. Maybe you have lived here your whole life and have never seen the inside of one of these beautiful historic homes. Well now is your chance. The Castro Garden Club is busy putting together this year's Fall Tour of Pioneer Homes which has been set for Saturday, October 9, 2010. Five historic homes will be featured and you will have a chance to tour each home and learn about its history and upkeep. Also taking place that same day will be a quilt show on the grounds of the Landmark Inn from 11am to 4pm. The home tour starts at 1pm and runs until 5pm. Tickets are just \$12 per person. For more information, or to find out where to get tickets, call Priscilla Garrett at (830) 931-2262 or Bonni Keller at (830) 931-2614.

Every year over 250 children right here in our county, and those nearby, are removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. There are several services out there that are put into place to help these children, but sometime there just isn't enough money to cover all their daily needs. That is where HANK, Inc steps in. They try to help the kids out with necessities that many of us take for granted. HANK will be holding its first fundraiser to help raise funds for this great organization on Thursday, September 23 at Medina Valley Café starting at 6:30pm. The theme for the evening is Thanksgiving so turkey and dressing will be on the menu. They are also looking for items for their silent auction and door prizes. The organization is a non-profit so all of your donations are tax-deductible. All monies raised will go directly to helping children from the Medina, Uvalde and Real Counties. Tickets are just \$40 each and a maximum of only 50 tickets will be sold, so be sure to stop by the Chamber office or Medina Valley Café to get your tickets today.

Another fundraiser coming up this month "A Night Under the Stars" hosted by the Sisters of Divine Providence to benefit the Moyer Retreat Center in Castroville. The Center is in need of several repairs and upgrades so they decided to throw a big party to help offset the costs. The evening packed with fun and excitement will take place on Saturday, September 18 from 6pm to midnight at Josabi's Acres in Helotes TX. The night will feature a fajita dinner, music, dancing, a raffle, door prizes and tons of fun for all! Tickets are on sale now at the Moyer Retreat Center or at Josabi's in Helotes. Call today to reserve yours, (830) 931-2233.

This Friday is Friday Night Fever at Wommack Chevrolet. Come check out all the great cars, trucks, motorcycles and more from 6pm-10pm. Saturday, head on over to Houston Square for the Market Trail Days. Take a look at what all the local craftsmen have to offer. After you've done some shopping, why not take a drive out to Sunny Day Farms in La Coste and enjoy a tour of the farm during their Family Day. Brooke and her volunteers would be happy to show you around and let you pet some of the rescued farm animals. Finish off the weekend with a free movie on Sunday at the Shooting Star Museum starting at 6pm. To find out what's playing, call them at (210) 386-6038. Have a great weekend and try to stay dry!