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This year's Medina County Relay for Life event will be held at the Medina Valley High School track on April 23-24 from 7pm to 7am.

The event had formerly been held at the Devine Warhorse Stadium but needed a new location this year and the team was excited to choose Medina Valley as their new location.

Each year this event is held to let those in the community help save lives by being part of the event which raises money for the American Cancer Society.

The relay kicks off at 7pm with all cancer survivors leading the way around the track for a survivor lap, being cheered on by all participants.

Participants and team

members will camp out all night long and have at least one member of their team walking around the track at all times to show their support! The teams have worked hard to fundraise for the event.

Throughout the night there will be plenty of fun activities, live music, karaoke and a DJ. There will be games including volleyball, tricycle races, a male beauty contest and much more.

To date there are 47 teams signed up to participate in the Medina County Relay for Life and 326 individuals. Among those teams, they have currently raised over \$16,000 to go toward cancer research.

Team awards will be given out during the evening for best

decorated camp site, team that raised the most money, individual that raised the most money, best baton, most spirited team and best individual or team costume.

At dusk, luminarias will be lit in honor or in memory of someone who has been touched by cancer, and many are adorned with pictures and personal messages of inspiration and love. The Luminaria Ceremony is a time to reflect and a time to find hope.

If you are interested in forming a team or becoming involved in Relay for Life, please visit their website at www.relayforlife.org/medinatx or by calling (830) 444-9590. You can also give a donation online as well.

Special points of interest:

- Chamber Luncheon—April 6, 2010, 12 noon at Sammy's Restaurant.
- Purchase an ad in the Newsletter, just \$40 per month or \$400 an entire year!
- Congratulations to those celebrating their anniversary this month:

Best Western in Hondo - 1 yr
Castroville Computers - 10 yrs.
Stewart Title, Castroville-10 yrs.

Chamber Wine Fest Just Weeks Away

Only two weeks remain to purchase your tickets for this year's Chamber sponsored Wine Fest, which will be held on Friday, April 17 from 7-10pm at the Hotel Alsace & Spa.

Tickets are just \$40 per person which includes samplings of 5 delicious wines, appetizers and plenty of fun. But why leave at 10? Make it a full evening and purchase the special hotel package which includes a one night stay for two at the Hotel

Alsace and two tickets for the wine fest for just \$182.

This year's wine features Zinfandel, Sauvignon, white and red Bordeaux and Sparkling Wine. These excellent choices of wine have been chosen by our resident wine connoisseur, Charlie Suehs.

The Alsatian Restaurant will cater the event with what Guillermo calls a "six foot appetizer" which features every appetizer you could

imagine.

We will again host the popular live auction which will feature such items as a Hotel Spa package, Castroville Café package, Napa Car Care Bucket and more. If anyone is interested in donating an item, please call the Chamber office at (830) 538-3142.

Stop by the Chamber office today to pick up your tickets for this event. It is sure to be a great evening of fun, food and drinks with great friends!



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Hire Career Preparation Students from Medina Valley

If you are a business in town looking for employees or someone to help around the office or job site, then you need to check out Medina Valley High School's Career Preparation Work Program.

"The program allows students to work within the community for class credits while gaining marketable employment skills" says Judy Weiblen, the program Director.

Currently they have over 50 students enrolled in the

program who are ready and willing to start working. They have skills in various areas such as office management, food service, retail sales, construction, child care, maintenance, marketing, mechanics, agriculture and more.

Each student must meet the schools qualifications and requirements as well as those of the employer. It is the programs hope that they can place students in a employment position where they will receive the training

and experience they need for future career opportunities.

It is a win-win situation for all because the student will receive not only class credit but beneficial work skills while the employer receives a hard working employee who will help out wherever needed.

If you or your business might be interested in participating in the Career Preparation Work Program, please contact Judy Weiblen at (830) 931-2243 ext. 1153 or judy.weiblen@mvisd.com.

Fiesta on London Street Celebrates Five Years

It's time for the Annual Spring Mixer, "Fiesta on London Street," and the sponsors are gearing up for another great turnout for their 5th anniversary.

On April 22nd Hardt Realty, Alsace Builders and Chris Schuchart will sponsor the after hours mixer to bring folks in the community together for a night of great food and fun.

The event originated about 8 years ago through Hardt Realty and Alsace Builders who wanted to have a

Spring Fest for all of Castroville to enjoy. About 5 years ago they joined with Chris Schuchart when the Chamber started their after hours mixers and the event has continued to grow every year.

"We enjoy doing this event every year because it allows us to say thank you to the community and let them enjoy a Fiesta in their own town," said Tim Hardt.

This year the cooks, from "The World Headquarters," plan to serve fried catfish and

fries, a Cajun boil, chicken and dumplings, chili, sausage and of course plenty of cold beer and margaritas.

With over 400 people served last year, the sponsors are getting ready for another big crowd this year. Dinner will be served from about 6pm-7:30pm. Let's Fiesta everyone!



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- ArcheryHolic, Alain & Tanya Cluber
- Medina County Farm Bureau Insurance, Minna Rothe
- Rio Medina Truck & Automotive LLC, Mickey & Glenda Jo Snider
- Sonic Drive Inn, Mario Leal

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April Calendar of Events

Here's what's happening in Castroville in April. All details can be found on the calendar of events at www.castroville.com. If you have an event to add, please email all the information to the web mistress at ashlee@castroville.com.



- Every Thursday:** Live Music at Cora's by Greg Walden, 6 - 9pm
Every Wed: Rotary Club of Medina Valley, 11:45am, Old Alsatian Steakhouse
Every Monday & Thursday: Free Computer Class at the Library, courtesy of American Legion
- 01: Castroville Nip & Tuck Silent Auction, Castroville Café, 5-8pm, (830) 931-2525
 - 02: Fiorella Friday, live music, artisans, wine tasting and much more, 6-9pm.
 - 03: Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt, MV United Methodist Church, 8:30am, (830) 931-3533
 - 03-04: Resurrection Celebration & Sunrise Service, Castroville Regional Park & First Baptist Church of Castroville, (210) 909-5210
 - 05: Chamber Board of Directors Meeting, 12 noon, Castroville Cafe
 - 06: **Chamber Luncheon, 12 noon, Sammy's Restaurant. All Members invited!**
Speaker: John Gibeau, President of the Commemorative Air Force
 - 09: Friday Night Fever, Wommack Automotive, 6-10pm, evening of cars, trucks, bikes, food, music and shopping, (830) 931-2479
 - 09: American Legion Scholarship Dinner, 5-7pm, American Legion Hall, 538-6483
 - 09: Medina Regional Hospital Charity Gala, 6:30-11:30pm, Grande Hall, (830) 426-7886
 - 10: Market Trail Days, Houston Square, 9am-4pm, (830) 741-2313
 - 10: Grand Opening of Rio Medina Truck & Automotive, 10am to 10pm, (830) 931-9060
 - 11: Movies at Shooting Star Museum, 6pm. FREE!! (830) 931-3837
 - 14: WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship
 - 14: Breast Cancer Support Group, United Methodist Church in Hondo, 6pm, (830) 741-7190
 - 16: **Chamber Wine Fest, Hotel Alsace & Spa, 7-10pm, \$40 per person, (830) 538-3142**
 - 22: Spring Mixer on London Street, 806 London, 5pm, (830) 931-6300
 - 23: Relay for Life, Medina Valley High School Track, 7pm-7am, (830) 931-3421
 - 24: Renaissance Fair, MV United Methodist Church, 10am-4pm, (830) 931-3533
 - 24: Rio Medina Community Yard Sale, Rio Medina Texas, 8am, (830) 538-2441
 - 28: WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship

One Last Hurdle for Chamber Building Approval

I know it seems like forever since we hosted the Grande Night event to raise money for the new Chamber of Commerce building and we are almost there!

We have been working very hard to get all plans approved by the city to begin construction on the building. The last task is being approved by the City Engineer, Ed McNew.

Per our conversations with Public Works officials, Mr. McNew has all necessary plans, however he has 60 days to review everything.

This is the last hurdle to get through before we can send the building packet out to bid. Our architect, John Speegle, and the committee chairman, Gregg Zinsmeyer, have the bid package ready and are just waiting on the go ahead.

For those that don't know the Chamber plans to construct a 3700 square foot building which will include a reception area, a separate office, work/break room, men's and women's restrooms, a small kitchen area and a 1600 square feet multi-purpose room.

Our hope is to choose a general contractor within the next month and break ground immediately afterwards.

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Business of the Month: Stephanie's Salon & Spa

It is a great day when you get to enjoy a nice haircut, manicure or massage. Stephanie's Salon and Spa in Castroville offers all of this and so much more.

Now open in their new location at 1101 Fiorella Street, Stephanie's is the place to go to treat yourself to a day of relaxation.

Owner and hair stylist Stephanie Zinsmeyer opened her Salon just over a year ago but it has been a dream of hers for over 20 years to have her own salon.

Stephanie was born and raised in Irving, Texas, by her parents Mike & Jean Calloway. She moved to San Antonio in 1978 where she lived for 15 years before meeting her husband Adam Zinsmeyer in 1992. They were married in St. Louis Church in 1993 and they have three children, Ashley Marie

14, Amanda Meagan 8 and Austin Marlow 3.

Ironically, Adam's grandmother, Margarite Adam Echtle, owned a beauty shop in La Coste for many years and many of her clients and their children now come to Stephanie's salon.

"I love to hear stories about Margarite and their memories of visiting her beauty shop," says Stephanie. "I have dedicated my salon in memory of her."

The Salon is a Paul Mitchell Focus Salon and the hair services available include, shampoo, cut, style, color, highlights, perms and more. Stop by today and let Rodolfo (R.C.) Contreras style your hair!

Hair is not the only thing you can get done at Stephanie's. Need a manicure or pedicure

to update your nails? Stop by and see Cheli Hernandez Vasquez, their nail technician. She is sure to make you feel special.

How about a nice massage? Try a Relaxation, Hot Stone, Aromatherpy or Swedish massage and feel instant relief of your every day stress. Or try one of the upgraded massages including Prenatal, Deep Tissue, Thai or Sports. Rosalinda Contreras is their massage therapist and she knows all the right spots!

If you are looking for a full day of relaxation, why not treat yourself to one of their many packages which offer everything from massage, salt scrub, facials, scalp massage and so much more. Or create your own package and really make it all about you.

So the next time you're in the mood to pamper yourself, stop

by Stephanie's Salon and Spa at the corner of Fiorella and Lafayette. You are sure to walk away a new person!

**1101 Fiorella
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Hours:

Tues & Thurs 9am - 7pm

Wed & Fri 9am - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

