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Chamber Building Project Takes a New Direction

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We are excited to say that the Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce is closer than ever to being in a new building, but our plan has taken a new direction.

If you haven't heard already, in lieu of constructing a new Chamber building, we have the opportunity to purchase a historic Castroville Pioneer Home owned by Mrs. Faustina Sharp. Faustina and her late husband lived in this house for many years and have been instrumental in Castroville's growth.

The home is located at 1115 Angelo Street and has Highway 90 frontage which we feel is perfect for the Chamber. It is located right next to Ima's Antiques.

We have made several trips over to the home and the layout is going to work wonderfully as a Chamber

Office. And with storage a plenty we are in heaven just thinking about it!

With historic preservation being a huge part of Castroville, we felt it is a great idea to purchase a historic home and keep it looking beautiful. And with this home being the very first home on the Walking Tour, it will be great that tourists will have the opportunity to see the inside of one of our historic homes on a daily basis.

We recently asked for comments from our membership on this new project idea and the outpouring of support has been overwhelming. Everyone couldn't be happier that we are moving in this new direction instead of constructing a new building.

Upon closing on the house,

we will receive an anonymous \$10,000 donation to put towards the cost of the house. This just shows us how much our members are willing to do for the Chamber and our wonderful town. Thank you!

Of course there is some work that will need to be done on the house such as cleaning, painting, new flooring and sprucing up the outside, but we have no doubt that our members will be willing to volunteer their time and muscle for the project! Be ready, because we are going to need your help!

We are very excited to be purchasing this home as our new office and look forward to getting the house ready for us to move in.

Be sure to watch your inboxes and mail boxes because we plan to have a big mixer at the new Chamber location for

Special points of interest:

- Chamber Luncheon—April 5, 2011, 12 noon at Sammy's Restaurant.
- Purchase an ad in the Newsletter, just \$20 per month.
- Congratulations to those celebrating a major milestone anniversary this month:
Bluebonnet Children's Center - 10 yrs
Mesquite Meadows B&B - 15 yrs



Proposed Chamber Building



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Permaculture Course Offered at Sunny Day Farms

Permaculture design is becoming more wide spread in the United States as a way of using patterns that occur in nature to maximize effect and minimize work. Sunny Day Farms has decided to offer a Permaculture Class because they care deeply about our environment and they are working to become a completely green farm.

The Course, which will start in April and run for 10 weekends, will follow the original certification course developed by Bill Mollison and David Holmgren.

Permaculture aims to create stable, productive systems that provide for human needs, harmoniously

integrating the land with its inhabitants. In this design, work becomes minimized and the stress on the environment is much less.

Permaculture also helps to reduce our reliance on industrial systems of production and distribution which can harm the Earth's ecosystem.

The class will be presented by Dr. Paul B. Range, PHD and Gloria Haswell. The course syllabus includes Principles of Natural Systems, Patterns in Nature, Culture & Society, Water Harvesting Techniques, Natural Building Strategies, Cultivated & Productive

Ecologies and many other areas.

Upon completion of all of the classes and the final design project all students will receive Certificate of Permaculture Design.

Dates for the classes are April 16 & 17, May 21 & 22, June 18 & 19, July 16 & 17 and August 20 & 21. Those students that miss a class will be able to make up the classes on subsequent courses and receive certification.

The cost of the class is \$700 and upon completion you will obtain 72 hours. For more information on the class and Sunny Day Farms please call 830-762-9000.

Fiesta on London Street Features Tons 'O Fun



It's that time of year again, time for the Annual Spring Mixer, "Fiesta on London Street," located at 806 and 808 London Street. This event is enjoyed by so many in the community thanks to the hard work and dedication of the sponsors and cooks for the evening.

On April 14th Hardt Realty, Alsace Builders and Chris Schuchart, P.C., will sponsor the after hours mixer to bring folks in the community together for a night of great food and fun.

About 9 years ago Hardt

Realty and Alsace Builders decided that they wanted to host a Spring Fest for all of Castroville to enjoy. A few years after starting the event, they joined with Chris Schuchart when the Chamber started their after hours mixers and the event has continued to grow every year.

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

The cooks from "The World Headquarters" and beyond

plan to serve an abundance of food including fried catfish and fries, 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.

Food and beverages will be served beginning at 5:30pm and the door prizes begin at 7:30pm. So come on out and enjoy a Fiesta in Castroville!

Newsletter Information

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New Members since March 1, 2011

Chandler Automotive, Dennis Chandler
Medina Valley VFW Post 8134

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.



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Monday & Thursday: Free Computer Class at the Library, courtesy of American Legion

Every Wed: Hondo Lions Club, 12 noon, Hondo Community Center

Every Thursday: Live Music at Cora's, 6 - 9pm

Every Saturday: Family Day at Sunny Day Farms, 9am to 5pm

- 01: Grand Opening of Chandler Automotive, 4pm, 2005 Hwy 90 W, (830) 538-6300
- 01: **Chamber Wine & Beer Fest, 7-10pm, Castroville Café, (830) 538-3142**
- 01: Fiorella Friday, live music, artisans, wine tasting and much more, 6-9pm.
- 01: American Legion Scholarship Dinner, 5-7pm, American Legion Hall
- 02-03: Bluebonnet Walk, 11am to 5pm, Shooting Star Museum, (210) 386-6038
- 04: Chamber Board of Directors Meeting, 12 noon, Hotel Alsace & Spa
- 05: **Chamber Luncheon, 12 noon, Sammy's Restaurant. All Members invited!**
Discussion on new Chamber Building Project!
- 05: Friends of the Landmark Inn Meeting, 6pm-7pm, Landmark Inn, (830) 931-2133
- 07: Silent Auction for Nip & Tuck, 5-8pm, Castroville Café, (830) 931-2525
- 08: Friday Night Fever, 6-10pm, Wommack Chevrolet, evening of cars, trucks, bikes, food, music and shopping, (830) 931-2479
- 09: Market Trail Days, 9am-4pm, Houston Square, (830) 741-2313
- 10: Movies at Shooting Star Museum, 6pm, FREE!! (210) 386-6038
- 13: Adult Social, 12 noon to 3pm, MV Methodist Church, cards, games and fellowship
- 13: Breast Cancer Support Group, 6pm, United Methodist Church in Hondo
- 14: Spring Mixer - Fiesta on London Street, 5pm, 806 & 808 London Street, (830) 931-6300
- 16: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 10:30am, Castroville Public Library
- 22-30: Quilt Show, 8am to 5pm, Landmark Inn, 50 handmade quilts, (830) 931-2133
- 24: **HAPPY EASTER!!**
- 27: Adult Social, 12 noon to 3pm, MV Methodist Church, cards, games and fellowship
- 30: Pioneer Home Tour, 1pm-5pm, Start at Old Standby Saloon, (830) 931-2262
- 30: Rio Medina Community Yard Sale, 8am, Rio Medina TX, (830) 538-2441

Happy Easter!

Quilt Show & Pioneer Home Tour Coming this Month

The Castro Garden Club and the Friends of the Landmark Inn are teaming up to bring you a Spring Tour of Homes and Quilt Exhibit this April.

The Home Tour will be held Saturday, April 30th from 1pm to 5pm and will feature six beautiful historic homes in Castroville. Homes included this year are: the Joseph Louis Tondre House, the Edward E. Tschirhart House, the Geyer-Rihn House, the Joseph Schorp House, the Augustin Hutzler

Haus and the Whitehead Farm House.

Along with the home tour, a Quilt Exhibit will be held at Landmark Inn April 22nd thru the 30th from 8am to 5pm. Those purchasing tickets to the home tour will gain admission to the quilt show on the 30th.

Tickets for the Home Tour are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets for the Quilt Exhibit are \$4.

On the 30th, there will also be

a Quilt Raffle at the Landmark Inn with the drawing taking place at 4pm. Tickets are available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Tickets for the Home Tour are available at the Chamber Office, from any Garden Club Member or at the Landmark Inn or Old Standby Saloon on the day of the tour.

For more information contact Pricilla Garrett at 830-931-2262 or Bonni Keller at 830-931-2614.



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Business of the Month: Castroville Vet Clinic Welcomes New Doctor

Most of us have pets at home that we care about and want to keep healthy. For over 30 years, Dr. David B. Carter and the staff at Castroville Veterinary Clinic have helped residents of Castroville care for their animals, big and small.

Dr. Carter started practicing veterinary medicine in Castroville in 1978 and opened his own practice in December of 1980. He has enjoyed serving the community of Castroville and surrounding areas since.

Carter and his close knit staff recently welcomed Dr. Amy Haby, a Castroville native, on board.

Haby is excited about her return to Castroville. "It is fulfilling a dream for me to return to my hometown to practice veterinary medicine. I could not ask for a better job than to work alongside my mentor and the rest of the great

crew here at the clinic," says Haby.

Dr. Haby is a 1998 graduate of Medina Valley High School who went on to earn a Bachelors in Exercise Sports Science from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos in 2003.

Upon graduation she worked as a veterinary technician at Castroville Vet Clinic for two years. It was there that she received encouragement from Dr. Carter to enter veterinary school. It didn't take long for Amy to realize that being a veterinarian was what she wanted to do.

"Some of my favorite memories from my childhood were of spending time with my grandpa working cattle and also my time spent over the years at the Medina County Stock Show," says Haby.

Armed with a mission, Dr.

Haby was accepted to the Veterinary School at Texas A&M University in College Station where she received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in May of 2010. This is no easy task as the A&M Vet School only accepts a select few.

"We truly have a great group here at the clinic. I am proud of Dr. Haby's accomplishments and happy to add her to that mix. I have had the opportunity to watch her progress over the last several years and am very impressed with her knowledge and abilities," says Dr. David Carter.

Getting to work with animals of all sizes on a daily basis and giving back to her community has been such an important part of Dr. Haby's life.

Castroville Veterinary Clinic is a mixed animal practice that provides medical/dental and surgical care to all companion

animals and most livestock species. This includes dogs & cats, along with horses, sheep, goats, pigs and white-tail deer.

So next time you're taking your animal to the clinic be sure to say hello to Dr. Haby and welcome her back to her hometown!

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