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Entertainment for Old Fashion Christmas Announced

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This coming Saturday, December 5th, is the 26th Annual Old Fashion Christmas in Castroville and we have plenty of live entertainment for you to enjoy.

Starting the day off at 10am are the Castroville Line Dancers who will be performing in front of Castroville State Bank. Enjoy the music and the wonderful dancing from this group who meets every Tuesday in Castroville.

At 10:45 will be "Sing Praises to God" by Monica Wallace. She will grace the stage with several musical selections.

The ever popular Scottish bagpipes and drums are back again this year courtesy of the San Antonio Pipes and Drums. Beginning at 11:30am they will be marching around Houston

Square so be sure to be there for their wonderful music.

Texas Cheer and Tumbling by Amber Tschirhart begins at 12 noon. She will have several of her cheerleading and tumbling groups performing some of their routines for us.

At 12:30, the Medina Valley High School Choir will sing a selection of Christmas songs that are sure to get us all into the Christmas Spirit.

And the moment the kids will all be waiting for takes place at 1pm when Santa Claus arrives to take pictures. Get in line early because you won't want to miss the chance to tell him what you want for Christmas.

Beginning at 2pm, the Methodist Church Choir will be back to sing their wonderful Christmas music.

We will be wrapping up the live entertainment with Four

Point Gym who will be here to perform beginning at 2:30pm. With this line-up, you are sure to be entertained in between your shopping!

There will also be several kids activities throughout the day including the Jolly Trolley located on Madrid Street. Several booths will also be doing face painting and balloon animals. And new this year are we have a vendor doing temporary tattoos. Don't worry parents, they wash off!

And for those of you car enthusiasts, we will have several antique and model cars set up in the square.

So don't miss this year's Old Fashion Christmas with over 250 booths to choose from and a great selection of food and entertainment. Be ready for a fun filled day and be sure to bring your Christmas list!

Special points of interest:

- Chamber Luncheon— December 8, 2009, 12 noon at Sammy's Restaurant.
- Congratulations to those celebrating their anniversary this year:
R&R Sausage - 10 years
Old Alsatian Steakhouse - 1 yr.
- Want to put something in the Newsletter? Email us and let us know:
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Chamber Seeks Community Awards Nominees



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Every year the Chamber recognizes individuals in the community who have made a significant contribution to Castroville by their volunteer efforts, their dedication and their hard work. These individuals are recognized at the Chamber Banquet during the awards ceremony.

We are currently seeking nominations for both the Outstanding Citizen of the Year and the Outstanding Jr. Boy and Girl Citizens of the Year.

Also this year, we have added a Business of the Year category. We are looking for a Chamber member business who is

active in the community and who gives unique service to Castroville.

If you are a chamber member, you should have received a nominating form via email or snail mail. If you have not received one, please contact us at the office and we will get one to you.

We look forward to this time of year because we get to recognize individuals who may not always receive the recognition they deserve.

The winners of these awards will be announced at the Chamber Banquet which will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2010

at the Grande Hall at Hofmann Ranch. More details and tickets to the event will be available later this month.

So if you know an individual who deserves one of these prestigious awards, please submit your nomination form today! We must receive the fully completed nomination form by **5pm on Friday, December 11, 2009**. You can drop it by the Chamber Office located in the Steinbach House, across from Sammy's Restaurant.

Don't miss this opportunity to nominate an individual or business who you feel deserves to be recognized.

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Alsatian Flags Now Available at the Chamber

In an effort to draw attention to your business and bring more customers to shop, the chamber will now be selling Alsatian flags to be displayed in your store front.

We know that sometimes it is hard to get customers in your door, especially if you are not located on Hwy 90. We are hoping that by displaying the Alsatian Flag, customers will know that there is a business open and be sure to visit you.

Not only will these flags attract customers, it will also be a beautiful display of Castroville's Alsatian heritage.

We would like to get a count of how many businesses and individuals would be interested in purchasing these flags which will be sold for \$10 each. Those interested can call us at the Chamber office at (830) 538-3142 and let us know. We will also order extras to have for sale here in the office.

When we have visitors come into the Chamber, we will be sure to let them know to look for the Alsatian flags around town to find an open business. This will especially help those businesses that are open late in the evenings for special events

such as Fiorella Friday and Friday Night Fever.

We hope to get as many people involved in this project as possible. These flags are sure to be attention getters which will only help your business.

The flags are a 3'x5' Super Polyester blend flag that are screen printed.

If you are interested in purchasing a flag pole from us as well, please let us know and we can get you prices. Or you can check with Dixie Flags in San Antonio as well.



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New Member since November 1, 2009

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December Calendar of Events

Here's what's happening in Castroville in December. 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 Monday: Free Computer class at the Castroville Public Library, 10am-12 & 1-2pm
Every Wed: Rotary Club of Medina Valley, 11:45am, Old Alsatian Steakhouse

- 04: Fiorella Friday, live music, artisans, wine tasting and much more, 6-9pm.
- 04: First Friday Happy Hour, Dan's Meat Market, 7-12 midnight
- 04: Wine & Dine in Castroville, Hotel Alsace, 6:30pm, (830) 538-3200
- 05: **26th Annual OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS, Houston Square, 9am to 4pm, over 250 vendors, food, and entertainment. Free event to all!**
- 05: Candlelight Open House, 4:30pm-8pm, view historic homes in Castroville
- 05: Zion Lutheran Church Women's Christmas Bazaar, 1109 Fiorella, 9am-2pm
- 05: Zion Lutheran Old Fashion Christmas Dinner, 1106 Fiorella, 11am-3pm
- 06: Pictures with Santa, Hotel Alsace, 11am-3pm, (830) 538-3200
- 07: Chamber Director's Meeting, Castroville Cafe, 12 noon
- 08: **Chamber Luncheon, 12 noon, Sammy's Restaurant. All Members invited! Daniel Kindred, Medina County District Attorney, will be the speaker.**
- 09: WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship
- 11: Friday Night Fever, Lundquist Automotive, 6-10pm, evening of cars, trucks, bikes, food, music and shopping, (830) 931-2479
- 12: Market Trail Days, Houston Square, 9am-4pm, (830) 538-2316 or (830) 426-9196
- 12: Regional Park Super Saturday Work Session, 8am, Regional Park
- 13: Movies at Shooting Star Museum, 6pm. FREE!! (830) 931-3837
- 13, 19-20 & 26-27: Christmas Toy Show, Shooting Star Museum, 1-5pm
- 23: WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship
- 25: **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

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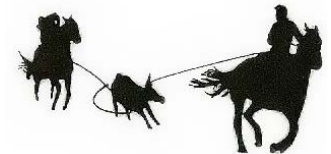
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Place an ad in the Monthly Newsletter for 2010

The Chamber monthly newsletter, which was started about a year and a half ago, has become very popular. It gets delivered to over 350 members in Castroville and is handed out at the Chamber office.

This year, we would like to start inserting the newsletter into the Castroville paper so that we can reach even more residents to let them know what is happening here at the

chamber as well as in Castroville.

This means your advertisement will be seen by not only Chamber members, but by everyone in the community that reads the paper.

We are currently selling ad spots in the 2010 newsletters. Cost of these 2x2 ads will be \$40 per month. You can purchase one month at a time or purchase the entire year

for just \$400. That's like getting two months for free!

We can design your ad for you or you can send us a readymade ad to be inserted in the newsletter.

If you are interested in purchasing an ad spot for 2010, please email Ashlee Bates at ashlee@castroville.com or call the office at (830) 538-3142.



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Christmas Events Start the Season off Right in Castroville

It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Well maybe not look like Christmas, but it sure does feel like it! And what better way to start off the Christmas season than to join in on some of the many events taking place in Castroville throughout December.

Old Fashion Christmas starts the season off right this coming Saturday, December 5th on Houston Square from 9am to 4pm. Get your shopping done early with over 250 vendors to choose from. Enjoy delicious food booths, live entertainment and activities for the kids!

Also taking place during the day on Saturday the 5th is the Zion Lutheran Church Women's Christmas Bazaar. Shop homemade craft items and baked goods from 9am to 2pm. A Christmas quilt will

also be raffled. All proceeds benefit ministry to the community's women, children and families.

Zion Lutheran Church will also be hosting an Old Fashion Christmas Dinner on Saturday the 5th from 11am to 3pm. Plates are just \$6 each, dine in or carry out. Enjoy a delicious ham dinner with all the fixings.

After you've shopped till you dropped, take a tour of historic homes in Castroville during the Candlelight Open House. The tour will run from 4:30pm to 8pm. For more information, contact the Chamber Office.

Saturday night ends with a free Christmas Concert to be held in St. Louis Catholic Church beginning at 7pm. There will be several singers doing a selection of Christmas songs to get you

in the Christmas Spirit.

On Sunday the 6th, end your weekend with a picture with Santa at the Hotel Alsace and Spa Resort. From 11am to 3pm, those interested can have their photo taken with none other than Santa himself!

On December 10th, Community National Bank and Investment Professionals will host a Holiday Open House from 4pm to 7pm at Community National in Castroville.

Enjoy a lovely display of Christmas Toys, past and present throughout December at the Shooting Star Museum. The show takes place on the 13th, 19th-20th and 26th-27th from 1pm to 5pm.

We hope you all have a joyous Christmas Season!

