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Chamber Banquet to be Held January 21st

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Can you believe another whole year has gone by? I know we can't here at the Chamber. Seems like just yesterday we were celebrating 2009 and here we are in 2010.

With a new year comes the Annual Chamber Banquet, which will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at the Grande Hall at the Hofmann Ranch. We'll start the night off with a get acquainted mixer from 6pm to 7pm where drinks and appetizers will be served. Spend some time socializing with others in town and enjoying some great snacks.

The banquet and dinner will begin at 7pm with Castroville Café catering the meal. Dessert will follow.

Both Castroville Café and Hans and Charlotte Hofmann have graciously donated their time and location for the event.

Tickets are on sale now for

just \$30 each which includes one chance at the raffle, which is back again this year. Extra raffle tickets can be purchased for just \$5. We will have several prizes handed out at the end of the night including the grand prize basket worth over \$1,000. We are still accepting donations for the raffle. Call us at the office with your donation.

During the banquet ceremony, the Chamber will recognize local individuals in the community for the dedication, volunteerism and support they give to Castroville.

Your nominations have come in and we have chosen this year's Citizen of the Year, Junior Boy and Girl Citizens of the Year and the new award, Business of the Year. These awards will be presented during the ceremony.

Awards for Firefighter of the

Year and Outstanding EMS will also be given again this year.

We will introduce you to the new 2010 Board of Directors here at the Chamber and President Sallie Harborth will hand over the reigns to the new President.

The Banquet is open to the public, however seating is limited so stop by the Chamber office today to pick up your tickets, or return the reservation form you should have received via email or snail mail. The office is open Monday—Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday from 10am to 2pm.

We hope you can all join us for this special occasion to honor those in our community who truly deserve it. We appreciate all this community does for the Chamber and we look forward to working with you this year!

Special points of interest:

- Chamber Luncheon— January 5, 2010, 12 noon at Sammy's Restaurant.
- Congratulations to those celebrating their anniversary this year:
On Location Photography - 1 yr
Angel's Crossing - 10 yrs.
Brock Haus B&B - 10 yrs.
Castroville Airport - 10 yrs.
Pearl's Hair-N-Nails - 10 yrs.
Alsatian Golf Club - 15 yrs.
Cowan Construction - 35 yrs.
KCN Co. Builders - 35 yrs.
MV Service Station - 35 yrs.
Paradise Canyon - 50 yrs.

Become a Banquet Sponsor and Join these Businesses

Albros Casa Y Garden
Anna Whorton/Bobbie Jack Rushing
Bourquin Automotive
Castroville Café
Castroville News Bulletin
Farmer's Insurance

State Farm - Hazel Russell
The Hofmann Ranch
Hotel Alsace & Spa
Medina Regional Hospital
Station Creek Windows & Doors
Stein Insurance

2010 Membership Dues Now Due!

It's 2010 and that means its time to pay your chamber membership dues.

Last week, Finance Coordinator Pat Davila, mailed out invoices for the 2010 membership dues. Along with the invoice was a Member Profile Sheet. This profile is the information that we have for you and/or your company. This is what is seen on our website. Please look it over and make any necessary changes. Please return it with your membership dues, if there are changes.



Please be sure to read your invoices carefully. Dues have changed this year. Business membership is now \$100, Individual and Non-Profits are \$40 and individuals over 65 are \$25. If you have recently turned 65 please let us know.

Also new this year is the Couple Membership. Join as a couple for just \$50.

Please be sure to let us know if you have an email or website address that we do not have on file. If you are a business, please make sure to check your business category and add any

additional ones you'd like listed.

We will begin working on the 2010 Membership Directory in February so be sure to get us your dues before then so you don't get left out. More information on the Directory and the opportunity to advertise in it will come later

If you did not receive an invoice from us, please call us and we can send one to you. We look forward to serving you in 2010. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you.

Ad Spaces Now Available for 2010 Newsletters

Starting next month, the Chamber Monthly Newsletter will be inserted into the Castroville News Bulletin. That is over 2,000 more people that the newsletter will now reach as well as the 350 Chamber members it is already sent to.

Now is your opportunity to get your ad in the newsletter and have over 2,300 people in and around Castroville see it.

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, but space is limited. Cost of these 2x2 ads will be \$40 per month. You can purchase one month at a time or get two month's free by purchasing the entire year for just \$400.

Send us a ready made ad to be inserted or we can design your ad for you. It doesn't take long and we can include anything you can fit

in the 2x2 space. If you want to double the size of your ad to a 2x4, just let us know and we can work with you on that as well.

Put your business name in front of everyone in town by purchasing an ad today!

Space is limited so if you are interested in purchasing an ad spot for 2010, contact our office today. Email or call Ashlee Bates at ashlee@castroville.com or (830) 538-3142.

Newsletter Information

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New Member since December 1, 2009

CAE Enterprises (Cricket), Chris & Sandy Ewaniszky
Texas Athletic Partners, Travis Dyer

January Calendar of Events

Here's what's happening in Castroville in January. 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

- 01: HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! (Chamber office closed)
- 05: **Chamber Luncheon, 12 noon, Sammy's Restaurant. All Members invited! Scott Tschirhart will be there to speak Medina Valley Jr. Livestock Show.**
- 08: Friday Night Fever, Lundquist Automotive, 6-10pm, evening of cars, trucks, bikes, food, music and shopping, (830) 931-2479
- 08: American Legion Scholarship Dinner, 5-7pm, American Legion Hall, 538-6483
- 09: Regional Park Work Session, 8-11am, sign in at the pool, (830) 931-2692
- 10: Movies at Shooting Star Museum, 6pm. FREE!! (830) 931-3837
- 11: Chamber Director's Meeting, 12 noon, Hotel Alsace
- 13: Breast Cancer Support Group, 6pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, (830) 741-7190
- 13: WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship
- 21: **Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, 6pm, Grande Hall at Hofmann Ranch**
- 27: WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship
- 28-30: Medina County Junior Livestock Show, Medina County Fair Grounds, (830) 741-6180

Bill Miller Project Under Way on Hwy 90

I'm sure many of you have noticed the action happening along Hwy 90 across from the Steinbach House and wondered what is going on.

We'll wonder no more. We have received word straight from the source that Bill Miller Barbeque is indeed coming to Castroville and they have begun the process of getting the property ready.

The first step in the building process is reinforcing the retaining wall which they received approval on back in early November.

The retaining wall will help to

prevent down slope movement or erosion that could cause damage to the future building.

The Bill Miller's restaurant, which received its final approval from the DRB on November 19th, is tentatively slated to open this Summer, possibly in July.

"We are very anxious to get this building started," said Office Manager Barbara Newman. "We are excited about coming to Castroville and glad it is finally happening."

The building will look similar

to their newer buildings in San Antonio with a standing seam tin roof, split face brick on the bottom half and a rust colored hardiplank on the upper half of the building.

To be a little different, the Castroville location will have a porch on the backside of the building overlooking the river. They plan to have some beautiful landscaping to make the look complete.

So be sure to watch the progress of Bill Miller's newest location here in Castroville. We will keep you posted as we receive more information.

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Business of the Month: Station Creek Windows and Doors

Building a new home or starting a new business? In need of doors and windows for your next remodel? Then look no further than to one of the newest business locations in Castroville, Station Creek Windows and Doors

Owners Chad and Nichole Martin recently opened their business in Castroville because "you can't find anything like this in the area so we thought it would be a great place," said Nichole.

Located in the newly renovated 1201 Fiorella Street, the business has been in operation since June of 2009 but Chad is no stranger to the millwork industry. He's been involved in this line of work most of his life and worked for distributors for the past 10 years. He decided it was time to go into business for

himself.

"Station Creek is your one stop shop for new builds and remodels," Nichole said. "We have everything from windows and doors to countertops, cabinets and moldings."

As a custom door and window distributor, the sky is the limit of what you can get. They carry everything from the simple to very high end custom made items. You name it, they will find it.

All companies they use are Texas based companies that they have worked with in the past. Plus, they keep the overhead low so it keeps the cost down for you, the customer.

Some of the brands they carry are Silver Line, Lincoln and Andersen windows; Vision,

Glasscraft and Jeld-wen doors; granite, silestone and marble countertops by Stone Masters; and cabinets by Kingwood and CSI Cabinetry.

And don't forget the hardware. They carry the Emtek hardware for cabinet doors. And Nichole also carries candles from the Comfort Candle Co. to keep your new home smelling wonderful

If you're looking for something a little more unusual, check out the Iron Doors, lights, gates and accents they carry. Each item is a custom made piece of art for you.

And for something truly unique, order one of Chad's customized chalk board doors. They are becoming one of the most popular items they carry.

Nichole Broekhove Martin is a

Castroville native who graduated from Medina Valley in 1997. Chad is a native of Waco and they have two children, Payton and Addison.

Chad has worked his way up in the millwork business from delivering doors to being a distributor himself. It is something he is passionate about and looks forward to serving the great community of Castroville.

They not only serve Castroville but from north of Waco and most of South Texas.

So next time you build or remodel, think of Station Creek Windows and Doors. You won't be disappointed. Look for a Ribbon Cutting to come in February.

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