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Chamber Banquet to Honor Local Individuals

Another year has come and gone and we are all gearing up for 2012. With the new year comes the Chamber's Annual Banquet where we recognize local individuals and groups who have been an asset to our community.

This year's banquet will once again be held at the Grande Hall at Hofmann Ranch on January 19, 2012. The evening will begin with a get acquainted mixer at 6pm. Network with local individuals and enjoy delicious appetizers and drinks.

The awards banquet and dinner will begin at 7pm with Castroville Café catering the meal followed by dessert.

We want to thank both Hans and Charlotte Hofmann and Castroville Café for graciously donating their time and location for the event.

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 Business of the Year. These awards will be presented during the ceremony.

We will also introduce you to the new 2012 Chamber Board of Directors and President Monte Bippert will hand over the reigns to the new President.

Tickets are on sale now for \$30 each which includes drinks, appetizers, dinner and one chance at the popular raffle. Extra raffle tickets can be purchased for just \$5. We will have several raffle prizes to hand out at the end of the

night. We are currently accepting donations for the raffle. Call us at the office at (830) 538-3142 if you have a donation. Banquet sponsorships are also available at 3 levels, \$100, \$250 and \$500. Ask us for details.

The Banquet is open to the public, however seating is limited, so stop by the new Chamber office today at 1115 Angelo Street to pick up your tickets, or return the reservation form you should have received via email or snail mail.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm.

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—Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 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:
 J.H. Storey Construction - 5 yrs
 UPS Store/Potranco - 5 yrs
 Life Designworks - 10 yrs
 River House Guest House - 10 yrs
 McDonalds - 15 yrs
 MV United Methodist - 25 yrs
 Boehle's Signs - 30 yrs
 Village Apartments - 30 yrs
 Castroville Emporium - 40 yrs
 SA Oral & Maxillofacial - 45 yrs
 Castro Garden Club - 60 yrs

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Chamber Settling into New Location



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We have to send a huge thank you to our members and local residents for all their help in getting the chamber into our new building. It took a lot of donations and hard work to get us here and we are so excited.

The Chamber moved into our new location at 1115 Angelo Street on December 10th and we immediately set forth to get the office settled and business going. We are enjoying the beautiful building and the much needed space.

If you haven't visited us yet we'd love to have you stop by and see what we have done.

New electric was installed in the entire house by Larry

Tschirhart Electric. The house received a fresh coat of paint, inside and out, and new stained floors in several rooms thanks to J.H. Storey Construction and his crew.

A&L Floors did a beautiful job on the wood floors in the three back rooms and Bo-fessional Plumbing has helped us out as well, courtesy of John Wommack. Wayne Rodgers Construction is busy helping us get the area ready for more parking and Castroville Emporium donated some antique lighting for several rooms.

Currently a beautiful mural, sponsored by Community National Bank, is being painted in the front entrance room by Ruben Ortega. We

hope to have all visitors enter through this room off London Street once landscaping is completed.

Speaking of landscaping, we are currently seeking any landscapers who would be interested in submitting a landscape/site plan for the new building. We are open to any ideas.

We want to once again thank all our members and locals who have helped us achieve our goal of having our own space. As you know we will continue to raise funds to pay for the remainder of the cost of the building so we hope to see you at our Reverse Raffle which will take place on March 31, 2012. It is going to be a fun night for all. More details to come soon!!

Don't Miss Out on Your Chamber Benefits, Pay Your Dues Today

Being a part of the Chamber means being able to take advantage of the many benefits we offer. By paying your Chamber dues on time you won't miss out on any of these.

All current chamber members should have received an invoice in the mail by now for the 2012 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.

Current membership dues are as follows: Business membership at \$130 for the year, Individual membership at \$50, Couple membership at \$60, Non-profit at \$40 and an Individual over 65 is \$30.

By being a member of the chamber, your business is on the tip of our tongues. We will always recommend a member over a non-member. Having your information on our website also makes it readily available for those searching for a particular type of business. We can list you under up to five different categories online.

We will begin working on the

2012 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.

Don't forget we now accept credit cards for payment of dues.

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 2012. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you. We are always open to new ideas.



Newsletter Information

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

Every Thursday: Live Music at Cora's, 7 - 10pm

- 01: Free Music Concert, 7:30pm, Son'Shine Coffee House, (281) 624-8403
- 01: Christmas Toy & Quilt Show, 1pm to 5pm, Shooting Star Museum, (210) 386-6038
- 06: American Legion Scholarship Dinner, 5-8pm, American Legion Hall, (210) 355-2963
- 07: Kolby Zinsmeyer Benefit, 8:30pm to 12:30am, Qhihi Dance Hall, (210) 884-9724
- 08: Movies at Shooting Star Museum, 6pm, FREE!! (210) 386-6038
- 09: **Chamber Board of Directors Meeting, 12 noon, Hotel Alsace & Spa**
- 10: **Chamber Luncheon, 12 noon, Sammy's Restaurant. All Members invited!**
- 11: Rotary Club Meeting, 11:45, Old Alsatian Steakhouse, (830) 931-1200
- 11: Medina Valley VFW Post 8134 Meeting, 8pm, 11012 Castro Ave, La Coste
- 11: Adult Social, 12 noon to 3pm, MV Methodist Church, cards, games and fellowship
- 13: Friday Night Fever, 6-10pm, Wommack Chevrolet, evening of cars, trucks, bikes, food, music and shopping, (830) 931-2479
- 19: **Chamber Annual Banquet, 6pm, Grande Hall at Hofmann Ranch, (830) 538-3142**
- 19: Senior Citizens Luncheon, 1pm, Medina Valley VFW Hall in La Coste
- 21: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 10:30am, Castroville Public Library
- 25: Adult Social, 12 noon to 3pm, MV Methodist Church, cards, games and fellowship
- 26-28: Medina County Junior Livestock Show, Hondo Fair Grounds, (830) 741-6180
- 29: Boy Scout Troop 310 Chicken Barbeque, 11am to 1pm, Koenig Park
- 31: Rotary Club Bingo at MV Rehab Center, 7pm-8pm, everyone welcome!



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MV Athletic Boosters to Hold Lift-a-thon

Thanks to the support of the community, Medina Valley Athletic facilities have improved tremendously. Improvements to the football field, baseball field, softball field, soccer field, track, and new Panther Dome have helped the school compete with other 4A schools in our area.

Past fundraisers have allowed them to purchase new weights for their refurbished weight room and purchase a new cart for the athletic department and their trainer. These items along with their continuing uniform upgrades to all athletic teams and

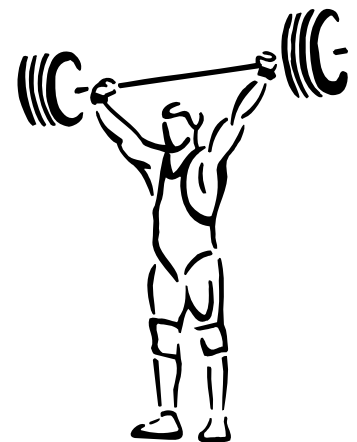
scholarships for their seniors have been funded to the tune of over \$57,000 over the past year.

To help them in raising funds for additional projects they will again sponsor a lift-a-thon for all Medina Valley athletes. The lift-a-thon will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 4:30 pm in the Panther Dome. Athletes will be requesting pledges from parents, relatives, and friends based upon the amount of weight they lift.

The Booster Club is also looking for rack sponsors

for the lift-a-thon. For a donation of \$300 you can be a rack sponsor. Rack sponsors will receive signage recognition the day of the lift-a-thon as well as throughout the spring athletic events. The Medina Valley Athletic Boosters is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization and your contribution will be tax deductible.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, or for more details, contact the Booster Club or the Chamber office for a sponsorship form.



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Business of the Month: Trick'd Out Nails & Boutique

We'd like to introduce you to one of the newest businesses in Castroville, Trick'd Out Nails and Boutique, owned and operated by Tricia & Todd Haby.

This new business, located at 607 & 609 Highway 90 W, is actually two businesses in one, a unique boutique and a nail salon.

Walking into the boutique, it is not like any other store in Castroville. "We really felt the town needed a clothing boutique that caters to all sizes," says Tricia. And that's exactly what they do.

From children's and ladies, to plus size and men's hats, you are sure to find that perfect item for yourself or someone else.

With new items coming in weekly, you want to be sure you visit the boutique frequently so you don't miss out on the latest fashions. These fashions aren't something you'll find in any

other store. They are those unique items that you might see in your favorite magazine. Think you can't afford them? They have a large price range from \$30 to \$170.

Some items they keep in stock are unique women's tops & jeans, Yellow Box shoes, Hooley Hats, KurtMen purses, Tyler Candles, chunky jewelry, little girls clothing, blankets, beach towels, gift items and more.

After you've had a chance to shop, why not pamper yourself with a pedicure or manicure.

"We pride ourselves on cleanliness," says Tricia. "Everything is sterilized after each appointment and certain items, like nail files, are not reused."

The nail salon is a place where you can come, relax and take your time away from the crazy day. Try a delicious coffee and

pick out the latest fashions in nail polish. They offer a large color selection of OPI products.

The quality of your nails is also very important to them so each customer will receive a mini cuticle oil with a full set of nails. They have a large selection of pedicure and manicure services as well as facial waxing. They are currently looking for an additional nail tech so they can expand their appointment times.

The businesses are located in the quaint 1940s building which has been owned by their family, off and on, since it was first built. Todd and Tricia, both from the Castroville area, decided to purchase the building in 2007 and decided it was time they opened their own business.

"Todd always wondered why I never got my nails done and I told him it was because I didn't have time to run to San Antonio

to get them done," says Tricia. "That's when he decided we needed to open a nail salon and the boutique idea just came along with it."

When asked where the name came from Tricia said it was kind of a play on her own name and she liked the idea of being "trick'd out." The name just sounded fun so they stuck with it!

So the next time you're looking to pamper yourself or someone else, be sure to check out Trick'd Out Nails and Boutique. Join them for drinks on the First Friday of the month as well. It's sure to be a great time!

607 & 609 Hwy 90 W

(830) 538-2888

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