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## Chamber Announces 2009 Scholarship Winners

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The Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate all the graduating high school seniors who are now embarking on a new era of their life! Through the efforts of the chamber education committee and local donors, the chamber will award \$13,650 to deserving high school seniors and returning college students. We would like to thank all the generous sponsors who helped to make this program once again a success.

Since 2001, over \$95,000 in scholarships have been awarded through this program which the chamber started to help our local students to continue their education at an institution of higher education.

An awards banquet was held on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> where these students were presented with their award. If you were a scholarship recipient, please bring your verification of registration to the Chamber Office to receive your check.

We want to recognize those that received the scholarship as well as the donor who provided the scholarship. Here are the winners and donors: Meredel Ababa, Dr. William Burges; Allison Beck, Sisters of the Divine Providence and Hazel

Russell of State Farm Ins.; Alyssa Berry, Marvin and Cheryl Dziuk of Dziuk's Inc. and Paul Boskind of Oasis Bar & Grill; Caitlyn Chapman, Paul B. Carter of MPL, LTD.; Chelsey Chester, Medina Valley Moose Lodge; Jacob Crumrine, Paul B. Carter of MPL, LTD.; Zachary Dodson, Chris Schuchart and Vivian Torres, Mason Engelmeier, Anonymous Donor; Kelly Figueroa, Royce Groff Oil Company; Devon Foster, Castroville State Bank; Ryan Friesenhahn, Hazel Russell of State Farm Ins.; Angelique Garcia, Dr. Frank and Carmen Danna; Andra Gouard, Hazel Russell of State Farm Ins.; Kelsey Groff, Hazel Russell of State Farm Ins.; Myra Guajardo-Garza, recipient of the adult scholarship from the Castroville Chamber of Commerce; Garrett Haegelin, Greg & Carol Zinsmeyer of A/C Technical Services; Megan Heiligman, Dr. John Windrow, DDS; Brian Hodges, Mary Mangold of Stewart Title; Colby Holzhaus, Peggy Bendele of Investment Professionals; Emily Holzhaus, Barbara Gilliam of Valley Mobile Homes; Jordan Jungman, Peggy Bendele of Investment Professionals; Angela Keller, Castroville State Bank; Crystal Keller, Castroville State Bank; Katelyn Kempf,

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**Congratulations to all of you!!**

### Special points of interest:

- Chamber Luncheon— July 7 2009, 12 noon at Sammy's Restaurant.
- New Visitor Guide coming soon! Look for it this Fall.
- Alsatian Café now open inside Hotel Alsace Lobby.
- Want to put something in the Newsletter? Email us and let us know: [chamber@castroville.com](mailto:chamber@castroville.com)

## *Haby's Bakery & Griggs Construction Celebrate 35 Years*



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The Chamber is bringing back our anniversary program where we recognize business members for their years of service.

The first two businesses to be recognized are Haby's Alsatian Bakery and W.R. Griggs Construction who each celebrated 35 years in business this past month. We congratulate them on their many years of dedicated service to Castroville.

In 1974, Sammy and Yvonne Tschirhart purchased the bakery from Stanley Haby, remodeled it, and expanded the selection of items. In 1983, a major renovation was

done to change the architecture to the European Alsatian style. Their selection of wonderful pastries, cookies, breads and cake continue to expand and bring in people from all over the country.

Have a wedding or special occasion coming up? Stop by to check out their custom cakes for every occasion.

Wendell Rodney Griggs began building homes in the Medina County area in the late 40s. In 1974, the business was incorporated by Wendell and his sons and they began doing mostly commercial work. Since 1998, Ray Griggs

has been sole owner of the business and works with three of his five children, Troy, Derek and Bekki Hans. Looking around town, there are many buildings that have been built or remodeled by the Griggs family. Some recent ones include Albros' new building and the L.M. Tondre Store.

The Chamber is very proud of both these businesses for their dedication to serving Castroville. We would also like to thank you for putting your trust in the Chamber all these years as well. We look forward to serving you for many more years to come!

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## *4th of July Festivities Kick off on Friday*

Fourth of July is this weekend and you won't want to miss any of the festivities going on around town.

The Tractor Show starts the weekend off on Friday morning beginning at 8 a.m. All makes and models of tractors will be on display. Free hotdogs, chips and drinks will be given out from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are interested in showing your tractor, please contact Glen Hunt at (830) 538-3451.

Next it's off to Castroville State Bank for their 12<sup>th</sup> annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic. This event is always free to the public and from 11 a.m. to 1

p.m. they will be handing out free hotdogs, chips, cupcakes and cold drinks. There will also be a drawing for flag sets and super soaker water guns. For more information please contact the bank at (830) 931-2201.

End your Friday night with a good time at Fiorella Friday. There will be plenty of free goodies and wine samples as well as vendors and artisans. Enjoy dinner at Castroville Café and some live music in September Square.

Saturday morning is the big day - the Castroville Independence Day Parade! The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. but if you have a float in the parade, please show up to

Houston Square by no later than 8:30 a.m. Judging begins at 8:30 and ends at 9:15.

The deadline to be judged was June 26th, however you can still sign up to have a float and not be judged.

The theme for this year's parade is "Red, White and Blue - Flying High." So show your American pride and wave those flags!

Anyone interested in donating items to be handed out free of charge can contact the Chamber office at (830) 538-3142. For parade information, please call (830) 931-2262 or (830) 931-2614.

### **Newsletter Information**

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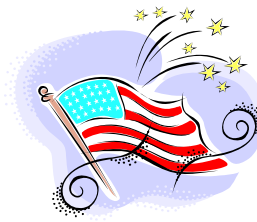
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## *New Member since June 1, 2009*

Lafayette Antiques & Collectibles, Vacey Acosta

## July Calendar of Events

Here's what's happening in Castroville in June. All details can be found on the calendar of events at [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com). If you have an event to add, please email all the information to the web mistress at [ashlee@castroville.com](mailto:ashlee@castroville.com).



- Every Thursday:** Live Music at Cora's by Greg Walden, 6 - 9pm  
**Every Wednesday:** Free Computer class at the American Legion Hall, 9-11am  
**Every 2nd & 4th Wed:** Rotary Club of Medina Valley, 11:45am, Old Alsatian Steakhouse  
**Every Saturday,** Farmer's Market, Alsace Tan & Salon, 9:00 a.m.
- 03:** Fiorella Friday, live music, artisans, wine tasting and much more, 6-9pm  
**03:** Tractor Show, Tractor City, 8am to 5pm, (830) 538-3451  
**03:** Castroville State Bank 4th of July Picnic, 11am to 1pm, (830) 931-2201  
**04:** 4th of July Parade, Houston Square, 9:30am, (830) 931-2262 or (830) 931-2614  
**07:** Chamber Luncheon, 12 noon, Sammy's Restaurant. **All Members invited!**  
**08:** WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship  
**10:** Friday Night Fever, Lundquist Automotive, 6-10pm, evening of cars, trucks, bikes, food, music and shopping, (830) 931-2479  
**10:** American Legion Scholarship Dinner, 5-7pm, American Legion Hall, (830) 538-9182  
**11:** Market Trail Days, Houston Square, 9am-4pm, (830) 538-2316 or (830) 426-9196  
**12:** Movies at Shooting Star Museum, 6pm. FREE!! (830) 931-3837  
**17:** Music on the Plaza, Stephanie's on the Plaza Salon, 7pm, (830) 931-2400  
**17:** Live music at the Hotel Alsace featuring The MuddCatts, 8pm, \$20, (830) 538-3200  
**22:** WOW Social, MV Methodist Church, 12 noon to 3pm, cards, games and fellowship  
**24:** Cruisin' in God's Country, 5:30 p.m., Hondo TX along 18th St., (830) 426-3037  
**28:** Chamber Director's Meeting, Castroville Cafe, 12 noon

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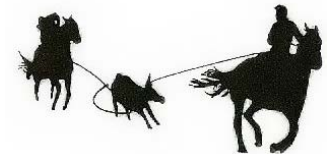
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## Sponsors Needed for Chamber New Teacher Luncheon

For the third consecutive year, the Chamber of Commerce will host a New Teacher Luncheon to welcome the new staff of Medina Valley ISD and St. Louis School.

The luncheon will be held on Friday, August 14th at 11:30a.m. The place is to be announced.

We will be sending out letters soon asking for businesses or individuals to sponsors a teacher for the luncheon. The cost has not been determined

but it will be under \$30 per teacher.

Sponsorship will include lunch and a polo shirt with the school logo embroidered on it. In addition the chamber will also give them a free membership for the remainder of the year.

We would also like to provide a "goodie bag" with items that will introduce them to Castroville as well as some freebie items from local businesses. If you'd like to donate an item for the bags,

please drop them by the Chamber Office no later than Monday, August 10th. We know the teachers love pens, note pads, key chains, coupons, etc...

As soon as we have more information such as the cost and place we will be sending out letters to all members.

If you already know you would like to sponsor one or more teachers, please call us at (830) 538-3142 or email [pat@castroville.com](mailto:pat@castroville.com).

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### *Business of the Month: Medina Valley Cafe*

Looking for a new place to have lunch today? Then look no further than to the newly opened Medina Valley Café located at 1302 Fiorella Street.

Owners Roland and Vicki Wolfe are native Texans who absolutely fell in love with Castroville when visiting some friends in San Antonio. They were living in Missouri at the time but as soon as they found out the building where La Normandie used to be was for rent, they immediately began making plans to open a restaurant there.

They flew back to Texas, rented the space, rented a house and as they say, "the rest was history."

"We were looking for a small, home-town place and Castroville fit the ticket," said Vicki.

Vicki fell in love with the restaurant business many years ago while working at a McDonalds during her college years. She began cooking meals

for small groups which led to cooking for large groups of people at the local schools and camps. She was hooked.

And you better believe there was none of that store bought stuff; everything was made from scratch and still is at the new restaurant.

Try one of their fresh salads with seven choices to choose from including a shrimp and avocado, grilled chicken and fresh fruit salad. And don't forget the homemade dressings!

Or maybe one of the delicious sandwiches is more to your tasting. Try the smoked turkey, brisket, traditional ham and cheese, fresh chicken salad or the new favorite, fried egg.

And although it's a hot one out there, Vicki said her chicken tortilla soup has become a favorite already. She will also feature a different soup weekly including cheese soup, shrimp

chowder, oxtail and others.

All meals come with fresh homemade muffins or you can take the muffins to go! And top off your lunch with one of their spectacular desserts featuring Italian cream cake and chocolate cherry nut cake.

Vicki and Roland plan to expand the business to later include catering and a "Blue Plate Special" which can go straight from the freezer to the oven.

"We want to meet the need of people in Castroville," Vicki said. They will be looking at extending their hours to meet that need and possibly include a "First Sunday Brunch."

So try out the new Medina Valley Café today. You won't be disappointed.

**Hours:**  
**Tues-Sat.: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**1302 Fiorella St.**  
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