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Archeology Field School Returning to Medina County

For the second year, the Texas Archeological Society (TAS) will be returning to the Eagle Bluff site just north of Hondo to complete their dig and excavation they began in 2010.

This is a great opportunity for you and your family to get involved in a fun and educational archeology dig.

The Eagle Bluff site, located on Hondo Creek, was an attractive place for hunters and gatherers to camp for thousands of years.

The field school will be staffed with experienced professionals and a vocational archeologist who will offer quality guidance and instruction for everyone from beginner to veteran.

The group will be here from June 11 – 18. They currently have over 350 participants, but could still use a few more. Participants may choose to excavate and learn proper field procedures or go on survey to learn how to locate and record historic and prehistoric sites. Still others may prefer less strenuous

activities, such as cleaning and recording artifacts in the laboratory.

The workday is from 7am to 1pm with the afternoons and evenings being free time for participants to rest, participate in educational workshops and programs or just socialize with friends.

The Society also provides a kitchen trailer and cooks to prepare breakfast and evening meals for those who want to avoid the hassle of cooking. The TAS campground will be at the Medina County Campgrounds in Hondo.

In addition to adult programs, TAS has an excellent Youth Program geared to children ages 7-14, conducted by two professional archaeologists. And, if you are a public school teacher, you can earn up to 48 hours of professional development credit.

Participation is open to members of TAS and their families, and fees vary depending on length of participation (\$90 to \$120).

The group will host two public events during the week. The first will be an Open House on Thursday, June 16 from 9am to 11am at the Eagle Bluff site. That evening they will host an “Artifact Identification Night” from 7pm to 8pm at the Medina County Fairgrounds where professional archeologist will examine your artifacts and help identify them.

The Texas Archeological Society is a statewide organization that promotes the awareness, study and preservation of archeology in Texas. TAS publishes a major scholarly journal, a quarterly newsletter and maintains two web sites. The primary activities of the Society are the Texas Archeological Academies (spring), Field School (summer) and Annual Meeting (fall).

Join TAS and learn about the cultural heritage in the Texas Hill County! For more information visit their website at www.txarch.org or contact Carol Macaulay at (254) 435-2797.

Special points of interest:

- Chamber Luncheon—Tuesday, June 7, 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: Castroville Clock Hus - 1 yr Wagner RV Inc. - 20 yrs.





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Chamber Looking for Business Mixer Sponsors

Last year we had a great turnout at many of the Chamber co-sponsored after hours business mixers and we want to bring those back again this year.

Hosting a business mixer is a great way to promote your business through networking with other business owners and individuals in Castroville.

The Chamber of Commerce will provide free advertisement for your mixer in the weekly chamber news column, in our weekly e-blast, on the calendar of events online, on our Facebook page and by placing an ad in the Castroville News Bulletin the week before or of your mixer.

Mixers provide a fun and casual environment which allows you to meet fellow business people and new potential clients. Connect with Castroville's unique community and showcase your skills and expertise.

If you are interested in hosting a business mixer we have openings for August through December, 2011. We would like to schedule the mixers for the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of every month.

As the host of the mixer it is your job to provide all the information about your business as well as the refreshments.

Want to cut down on your cost for the mixer? Why not co-host a mixer with another business in town. This may draw an even larger crowd to your mixer by getting others involved.

Be sure to check out the upcoming mixers. On June 15, Paradise Canyon will host a mixer along the Medina River. On July 13, Broadway National Bank and the Rotary club with sponsor a mixer and "Stuff the Bus" program.

If you are interested in hosting a mixer, please call the office and speak with Ashlee or email her at ashlee@castroville.com. But hurry because dates will start filling up quickly.

Independence Day Parade Back in Castroville July 4th

The City and volunteers are gearing up for the 11th Annual Independence Day Parade which will be held on Monday, July 4, 2011!

Applications are now available for those interested in having a float, car, truck, tractor or other vehicle in the parade.

This year's theme is "Freedom Rings, Our Flag Flies" and entrants will be judged on theme adaptation, patriotic influence and originality. Participation is free and trophies will be awarded in all categories.

Categories include Children's Float, Family Float, Other Float (includes business, church, organization, etc), trucks, tractors, cars, child general and equestrian.

Child general category includes patriotic costumes, bikes, walkers, skates, wagons, tricycles, small battery operated cars, mopeds, go-carts, etc...

Anyone wanting to be judged must be registered by June 25th. Registrants will receive a number and information on their staging area by mail. You must be in line for judging by 8:30am. The parade will begin at 9:30am. Late registrants

may participate in the parade but will not be judged.

The Chamber will again be on Houston Square handing out water, watermelon and small US Flags to all involved. If you or your business would like to donate any items to be handed out, or would like to set up with us, please call the Chamber office at (830) 538-3142.

Registration forms are available at City Hall, The Chamber office or online at www.castroville.com. For more information on the parade call 931-2262 or 931-2614.



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New Members since May 1, 2011

Alamo Credit Recovery, Tony VanDerbur

Melfor USA, Yves Padovani

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, Terry Ballard

Village Apartments, Linda McCulloch

June 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. If you have an event to add, please email all the information to the web mistress at ashlee@castroville.com.

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

Every Saturday: Farmer's Market at Alsace Hair, Nails and Tan, 9am to 3pm

03: Fiorella Friday, live music, artisans, wine tasting and much more, 6-9pm.

03: American Legion Scholarship Dinner, 5-7pm, American Legion Hall

04: **City Wide Yard Sale, 8am to 4pm, All Around Castroville, (830) 931-2525**

06: Chamber Board of Directors Meeting, 12 noon, Hotel Alsace & Spa

06-10: Sunny Day Farms Children's Camp, (830) 762-9000

07: **Chamber Luncheon, 12 noon, Sammy's Restaurant. All Members invited!**

08: Adult Social, 12 noon to 3pm, MV Methodist Church, cards, games and fellowship

08: Rotary Club Meeting, 11:45, Old Alsatian Steakhouse

08: Breast Cancer Support Group, 6pm, United Methodist Church in Hondo

08: Medina Valley VFW Post 8134 Meeting, 8pm, 11012 Castro Ave, La Coste

10: Friday Night Fever, 6-10pm, Wommack Chevrolet, evening of cars, trucks, bikes, food, music and shopping, (830) 931-2479

11: Market Trail Days, 9am-4pm, Houston Square, (830) 741-2313

11: **Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting for Papanenos, 10am, 703 Hwy 90 E, (830) 931-1265**

11-18: Archeology Field School, 7am to 1pm each day, Eagle Bluff site north of Hondo

12: Movies at Shooting Star Museum, 6pm, FREE!! (210) 386-6038

15: **After Hours Mixer at Paradise Canyon, 5:30pm, 2220 CR 2615, Rio Medina, (830) 751-9911**

16: Senior Citizens Luncheon, 1pm, Medina Valley VFW Hall in La Coste

17-19: Castroville Pottery Workshop, 1215 Fiorella, (830) 538-9705

18: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 10:30am, Castroville Public Library

19: **Father's Day!!**

20-24: Archeology Camp at Landmark Inn, 9am to 4pm, (830) 931-2133

22: Adult Social, 12 noon to 3pm, MV Methodist Church, cards, games and fellowship

24: Medina County Book Signing, 6-8pm, Landmark Inn, (830) 931-2133

28: Rotary Club Bingo at MV Rehab Center, 7pm-8pm, everyone welcome!

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Father's Day!

Landmark Inn Hosts Archeology Camp for Kids

The Landmark Inn State Historical Site and the Texas Historical Commission will host two Archeology Camps this summer for 8 and 9 year olds.

Join them in this exciting week-long journey into the past which will introduce children to the world of archeology, history and architectures using indoor and outdoor activities.

The camp will be held at the Landmark Inn and nearby

historic homesteads. Staff of the Texas Historical Commission and qualified volunteers will be conducting the camp.

There will be two camp sessions this summer. June 20-24 and July 18-22. Each camp will run from 9am to 2pm.

The cost of the camp is \$85 per child which includes supplies, snacks and a t-shirt.

Payment is due no later than Friday, June 3rd for the first session and Monday, July 4th for the second session.

Participation is limited to 16 children per camp so be sure to get registered early. Stop by the Landmark Inn today to find out more details or call them at (830) 931-2133. They are open 7 days a week from 8am to 5pm.



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Business of the Month: Gifts, Etc...

There is a new business in town that offers your one stop shop for all your present needs!

Gifts, Etc., located at 706 Hwy 90 East, was recently opened by Len and Sallie McVay and there is a special story behind the shop.

“My mom passed away in 2008 from cancer and I wanted something to keep her memory and kind ways alive. She owned the original Gifts Etc. in Lampasas, TX back in 1984,” said Sallie.

Len and Sallie wanted to create a place where customers could stop in and buy not only a gift, but also the gift bag or wrap to put it in before running off to a last minute event without having to go to San Antonio.

“My mom always said, ‘It is better to give than to receive.’

So, we started Gifts Etc. for all of your present needs,” said Sallie.

And boy do they have all your present needs! The indoor market offers a large array of vendors selling just about anything you can think of.

Vendors include Gifts Etc with party ware, gift wrap, candy, Blue Bell ice cream, balloons, candles, soaps and more; Cataplana iced coffees and smoothies; Oh How Cute Jewelry; Fickle Pickle; Cast Iron Corner; Model Trains by Uncle Mike; Birdman of Pipecreek featuring birdhouse and feeders; Holm’s Glass Creations; Traditions t-shirts; Custom Gun Cabinets; R-N-R headbands and accessories; Simply Max purses and perfume; Tupperware; Old Treasures, Incredible Eggs Gift

baskets; Layman Slayer Magic items; Dorey’s crystal and copper items; Lynn-N-Things and Sno Cone and fruit cups.

So as you can see from the large selection of vendors, you are sure to find that perfect gift for yourself or someone else.

And be sure to check back often because new vendors are always moving in. And if you are interested in selling your unique items, they still have spots available. However, they are exclusive so they do not allow vendors to sell the same items. If interested, stop by and leave your name and number with the cashier on duty or email Len and Sallie at castrovillegiftsetc@yahoo.com.

So the next time you are looking for that special gift, or maybe need a last minute item

for the birthday or graduation party you almost forgot about, stop by Gifts Etc. and check out what their vendors have to offer. With so much to choose from you just might end up leaving with more than you expected.

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Hours:
Closed on Monday
Tues - Saturday 10am to 6pm
Sunday noon to 5pm

