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Our Annual Wine Event is back and better than ever this year with the addition of beer samplings. This year's event will be a Wine and Beer Fest held on Friday, April 1st at Castroville Café and the surrounding streets.

This year we are changing things up by having not only samples of wines, but samples of beers as well. Every ticket holder will be able to sample a total of four different wines and 4 different beers chosen by Monte Bippert of Bippert's Bottle Shop.

Along with the wine and beer, Castroville Cafe will be catering the event with some delicious hors d'oeuvres which will pair well with wine and beer.

The night will be plenty of fun with live music by the Vinyl 45s, set up in Albros Casa y Garden parking lot, for everyone to enjoy.

Back by popular demand is the Live Auction which has been very successful in the past couple of year! The funds raised have helped tremendously to increase our building fund. We are still looking for donations for the live auction so if you or your business would like to donate, please let us know.

Along with the live auction, we will have a raffle that you can purchase tickets for. The raffle tickets will be \$5 each.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the Chamber Office, located in the Steinbach House across from

Sammy's Restaurant. Tickets are just \$40 per person or sponsor a table at \$300 and receive 8 tickets plus recognition in Chamber materials as well as that night at the event.

We hope you will all join us this year as we continue to raise money for the Chamber of Commerce and future building with our Annual Wine & Beer Fest! Enjoy an evening of drinks, food, fun and friends!

Businesses along Fiorella and Lafayette will also be open late in the evening for you to enjoy. Check out some of the local wares and remember to buy local!

We hope to see you all there!

Special points of interest:

- Chamber Luncheon—March 8, 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:
 Archeryholic - 1 yr
 Rio Medina Truck & Auto - 1 yr
 Ranchito Realty - 10 yrs
 JT Advertising & Graphics - 15 yrs
 Lil Rascals - 20 yrs

Historic Home Tour Features Five Homes

The Castro Garden Club is proud to announce that they will be hosting the Pioneer Homes Spring Tour on Saturday, April 30, 2011.

The Tour will feature five beautiful historic homes in Castroville and will run from 1pm to 5pm.

Along with the home tour, a Quilt Exhibit will take place at Landmark Inn from April

22nd thru the 30th. Those purchasing tickets to the home tour will gain admission to the quilt show on the 30th.

Tickets for the Home Tour are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets for the Quilt Exhibit are \$4 and the exhibit will run from 11am to 4pm each day.

On the 30th, there will also be a Quilt Raffle at the Landmark Inn with the drawing taking place at 4pm. Tickets are available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

For more information or to find out where to purchase tickets, call a Garden Club Member. This show is sure to be a treat for everyone.

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School Fundraiser Promises Fun for All

On March 26, 2011, St. Louis School will be hosting their first annual Comet Casino Gala at the Braden Keller Community Center located at 1410 Amelia Street.

To kick off the event a barbecued meal will be catered by Grady's BBQ from 6:30-7:30pm. Enjoy a Casino complete with Texas Hold em', craps, roulette and blackjack from 7pm-10pm.

Dance the night away to the wonderful sounds of

"Drugstore Cowboys" and DJ Tejas Music from 7:30 to midnight.

Throughout the night there will be door prizes given and a Silent Auction will take place. A raffle will also take place with the grand prize of a .50ctw diamond pendant donated by Americus Diamond.

The event is open to all adults and it is BYOB. Tickets for this event and the raffle are now on sale and can be purchased at the school office. Ticket prices

are \$25, \$55 and \$75 with raffle tickets at a \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5.

This event will take the place of the Irish Jig and all proceeds will benefit St. Louis School, a growing part of Castroville's historical heritage.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact St. Louis Catholic School at (830) 931-3544 or visit them on the web at www.saintlouiscs.org.

Vaudeville Variety Show Headed to Castroville

Coming this Friday, March 4, 2011, the Deer in the Headlights Variety Show and the Hotel Alsace present Vaudeville in Castroville.

The live stage production features a company of performers, showcasing a broad variety of material designed to entertain a family oriented audience.

Currently five performances are planned in the hotel ballroom from March thru November. Each performance is a different mixture of groups of talent, making each show unique.

Bob and Courtney Klemstein, owners, producers and directors, pride themselves in finding and bringing a variety of talent to the stage. They have presented singers, dancers, musicians, comedians, doo wop groups, cowboy poets, story tellers, spoon players and much, much more!

The results are truly amazing when the performers hit the spotlight and begin their acts. Most of the talent comes from the local areas in which the shows are held.

Special ticket prices are available for those making a d v a n c e t i c k e t

reservations. The special prices apply to individuals and groups of 5 or more.

Advance reservations can be made by going online to www.deerinthelightstheater.com or by calling 830-995-4988

Plan to come early and enjoy dinner at the Hotel Alsace Alsatian Restaurant overlooking the beautiful Medina River Valley. An all you can eat catfish dinner is being featured the evening of the show for only \$8.99. The hotel is also offering all advance ticket reservation holders a 15% room discount if you want to stay the night!

New Members since February 1, 2011

Elvira Ayala

The Bloomery, Rosie Dominguez & Allan Velasquez

Bretzke Financial Services, Sandy Bertzke

Tim Duke

Papanenos, Alexandra & Royce Brooks

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March Calendar of Events

Here's what's happening in Castroville in March. 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 Tues: Castroville Line Dancers, 1-3pm, Braden Keller Community Center

Every Wed: Rotary Club of Medina Valley, 11:45am, Old Alsatian Steakhouse

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

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24&31: Marriage Enrichment Class, Free, 6:30pm, Hotel Alsace, (830) 931-2277

04: Grand Re-opening of McDonald's in Castroville, 10am, (830) 538-2000

04: Grand Opening of Simply Rose & The Bloomey Flowers & Gifts, 6:30pm, (830) 538-2400

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

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

04: Vaudeville in Castroville, Hotel Alsace, 7:30pm, (830) 538-3200

05: Founders Fest, 5pm, Quihi Gun Club, (830) 538-2880

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

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

Speakers: Uvalde County Judge Camile Dubose

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

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

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

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

12: Medical Clinic of Castroville 5K Walk/Run, 9am, Regional Park, (830) 538-3035

12: St. Louis Society Wild Game Dinner, 4-7pm, Koenig Park, (830) 931-2826

13: Movies at Shooting Star Museum, 6pm. FREE!! (830) 931-3837

16: Hondo Lions Club Paintball Tourn, 10am, Rick Taylor Rec Center, (830) 741-0823

17: **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

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

20: American Legion BBQ Dinner, 11am, American Legion Hall, (210) 355-2963

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

26: Comet Casino Gala, 6pm, Braden Keller Community Center, (210) 347-9694

27: Relay for Life Car Show, 9am-5pm, Wommack Chevrolet, (210) 364-4300

27: Hondo Lions Club Golf Tournament, 12 noon, Alsatian Golf Club, (830) 426-3066

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**Happy
St. Patrick's Day**

Last Chance to Be Included in the Membership Directory

Each year we publish a Membership Directory which is handed out to all current members as well as members who join throughout the year.

We are currently working on the 2011 Directory and we don't want your business to be left out. Only members who have paid their 2011 dues will be listed in this year's

directory.

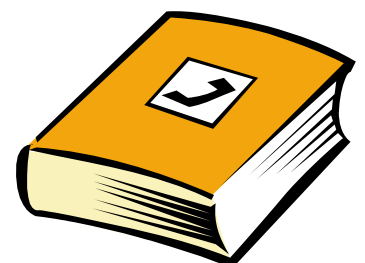
Second invoices have now been sent out to those who have not paid for 2011. If you have not received an invoice, please call us at (830) 538-3142.

Current member rates are as follows: Business-\$100, Individual-\$40, Couple-\$50, Non-Profit-\$40 and Over 65-

\$25.

Along with the directory, members receive many benefits from the Chamber. Check out the Chamber page at www.castroville.com. There you can review our benefits and be sure you are not missing out

So don't be left out, send in your 2011 membership dues today!



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Business of the Month: Simply Rose & The Bloomery Flowers & Gifts

Siblings Johnny and Rose Dominguez had an idea to open a gift shop where they could also feature Johnny's Massage Therapy. Thus came the beginning of Simply Rose featuring gift items as well as massage services.

Simply Rose, located at 413 Lafayette, Suite 2, has been open since May 2010. What started out as a dream, is now reality for the brother and sister.

When you walk into Simply Rose you can find just about any gift item you are looking for including wall crosses, angel figurines, wind chimes, beautiful hand made jewelry, rosaries, scented candles, and holistic items to help your mind, body and spirit.

Continue the holistic experience with one of their many massage services including Therapeutic Massage, chair massage, reflexology, hot stone massage or a paraffin wax hand

treatment. Johnny has been working in massage therapy for over 13 years and gift certificates are available for massage services.

Rose's sister-in-law, Rosie, recently retired and decided to set out on an adventure of her own and opened The Bloomery Flowers and Gifts because of her passion and love of flowers. They are located directly behind Simply Rose at 1105 Lorenzo.

Rosie saw the need for a flower shop in Castroville and knew someone who was in the flower business and decided to open the shop.

The Bloomery opened it's doors in January and hit the floor running with business taking off on Valentine's Day.

Lead Designer Allan Velasquez, who has 15 years of floral experience, said business was great for it being their first holiday and not doing much publicity. Word of mouth spread

quickly that there was a new flower shop in town and everyone wanted to check it out.

The shop specializes in fresh and silk flower arrangements for all occasions, plants, balloons, gifts and more. Whatever your floral needs are, they are sure to meet them.

Rose, Johnny and Rosie decided that Castroville was the perfect place for their businesses because they really enjoy the town and the people in the area. They love the small town atmosphere and look forward to working with the community.

Stop by both locations this Friday, March 4th for their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting. Starting at 6:30pm, a ribbon cutting will take place at Simply Rose followed by one at The Bloomery along with refreshments and music.

Come and check out both places this weekend and see what they have to offer. With a little bit of

everything, you are sure to find something that you can't live without! And it's great to have a flower shop right in our own backyard.

Simply Rose
413 Lafayette, Ste 2
(830) 538-2400

Store Hours:
Tues - Sat: 10am to 6pm

Massage Hours:
Tues: 2 to 6pm
Wed & Fri: 11am to 6pm

The Bloomery
1105 Lorenzo
(830) 931-3331

Hours:
Mon - Fri: 10am to 6pm
Sat: 10am to 3pm

