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Relay for Life Back in Castroville for the Second Year

Castroville is proud to welcome back the Medina County Relay for Life event which will be held at the Medina Valley High School Track on May 13-14 from 7pm to 7am.

Each year this event is held to let the community help save lives by being part of the event which raises funds for cancer research, education and services through the American Cancer Society.

Cancer Survivors are the guests of honor for the event and they will be treated as VIPs with a catered dinner in the high school cafeteria starting at 5 p.m. St. John's Catholic Church and R&R Meat Market are sponsoring the dinner and will be on hand to help serve.

Survivor Chair, LaDonna Cissell has been working hard to make this a special night for all cancer survivors. She encourages all survivors to join in the celebration.

The relay kicks off at 7pm with all cancer survivors leading the way around the track for a survivor lap. With over 200 survivors expected it is a very exciting moment

as everyone lines the track to cheer them on. After the survivors, caregivers may take a lap as they are honored as well for their efforts.

Participants and team members will camp out all night long and have at least one member of their team walking around the track at all times to show their support! The teams have worked hard to fundraise for the event.

The theme this year is sports, "Together we will Knock out Cancer". Throughout the night there will be plenty of fun activities planned and hopefully this year the weather will cooperate!

To date there are 47 teams signed up to participate in the Medina County Relay for Life and 447 individuals. Among those teams, they have currently raised over \$26,700 to go toward cancer research. That is amazing!

At dusk luminarias will again be lit in honor or in memory of someone who has been touched by cancer, and many are adorned with pictures and personal messages of inspiration and love. The

Luminaria Ceremony is a time to reflect and a time to find hope. Luminarias will be sold on site for \$5.

The relay has a goal to raise \$105,000. To date, the Medina County community has raised over a million dollars in 12 years on behalf of the American Cancer Society Bank Nights will be May 3 at Medina Valley High School and May 5 at Hondo National Bank both from 6-7 p.m.

Participants are also encouraged to bring a canned good out to the Relay for the Devine Food Bank. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together in support of a great cause. Each and everyone of us has been touched by cancer in some way. Together we can fight back against this disease that touches too many of us.

Those interested in getting involved are encouraged to register online at www.relayforlife.org/medinatx where you can also buy luminarias or make a donation. You can also email medinarelay@gmail.com or call American Cancer Society staff partner Darlene Willis at 210-595-0241

Special points of interest:

- Chamber Luncheon—May 3, 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:
Simply Rose - 1 yr
Amer. Legion Post 460 - 55 yrs
Hermann Sons Stkhouse-55 yrs



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Sunny Day Farms Offers Summer Camp for Kids

Do you have a school aged child who enjoys animals? Do they need something to do for the summer? Well if so then you need to get them signed up for Farm School Summer Camp at Sunny Days Farms located in La Coste, Texas.

The Farm School Camp will serve three age groups, with special activities for each group. Groups consist of 4-5 year olds, 6-8 year olds and 9-12 year olds.

Each child at camp will be able to help keep the animals happy and healthy by participating in age-appropriate farm chores such

as caring for the animals, planting seedlings and collecting eggs.

Each camper will experience what it takes to run a small organic farm. They will learn how a small seed can grow into a nutritious fruit or vegetable without the use of harmful chemicals. They'll also learn about recycling, composting and conservation lessons.

And for an even more fun experience, campers will have the opportunity to make farm crafts, jam, pickles and so much more!

The summer session will run from June 6-10. 4-5 year olds

will enjoy a half day program from 9am to 12pm while 6-12 year olds enjoy a full day program from 9am to 3pm. Precare and aftercare are available for an additional cost.

The week will conclude with a family and friends gathering Saturday afternoon to enjoy the farm.

The cost is \$125 for the half day program and \$175 for the full day. Sibling discounts are available.

For more information about the Summer Camp or the Farm, contact them at 830-762-9000 or by email at info@sunnydayfarms.com.

City Wide Yard Sale First Saturday in June

Start cleaning out those closets and attics now in preparation for this year's City Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 4th.

Starting at 8 a.m. vendors will be set up all over Castroville selling their items. This is one event that everyone wants to check out!

No permit is needed for this one day sale, however, if you would like to be included on the map which will be distributed around town it's just \$5. To sign up, stop by The Barnyard

Peddler, Ima's Antiques or Shirts 'N Stuff.

Money raised from the map benefits Castroville's Nip and Tuck program. This program is a low cost spay and neuter program for those living in the Medina County Area.

Spokeswoman, Kyle McVay, will be set up at her place of business, the Barnyard Peddler at 309 Lafayette. If you have any items you would like to donate to the sale she will gladly set them out. Money raised with your donated items will also benefit Nip and Tuck. Or if

you need a place to set-up, she will allow set-up at her location.

This great City Wide Sale only comes around twice a year and you don't want to miss the chance to be a part of it. The next one won't happen until November. So whether you want to sell items or purchase them, be ready by June 4th!

For more information on the sale, or to donate your items, please call Kyle McVay at (830) 931-2525.



New Members since April 1, 2011

Elizabeth Ray Foundation, Cindy Guzman
Gift, Etc..., Len & Sallie McVay
Le Chat Noir, Lynn Oefinger
Rotary Club of Medina Valley-Castroville, Jonathan Fish
St. Louis Catholic School, Larry Dorsey-Spitz

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May Calendar of Events



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

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

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

05: Preservation Workshop, 8:30am to 4pm, Lyndon B. Johnson National Park, hosted by the Texas Hill Country Trail Region, www.txhillcountrytrail.com.

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

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

06: Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting for Gifts Etc., 6pm, 706 Hwy 90 E

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

08: Mother's Day

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

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

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

13-14: Relay for Life, 7pm to 7am, Medina Valley Track, www.relayforlife.org/medinatx

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

14: Castroville Bicycle Tour, 8am, Castroville Regional Park, (830) 444-1057

15: Historic Sites Day, 8am to 5pm, Landmark Inn, free admission, (830) 931-2133

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

21: Grand Opening of the Castroville Regional Park Amphitheatre

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

30: Memorial Day!

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Castroville Bicycle Tour Supports Lions Sports Complex

For the second year in a row, the City of Castroville will hold the Castroville Bicycle Tour to help raise funds for the Lion's Sports Complex. This year's event will be on Saturday, May 14th.

The race will be held at the Castroville Regional Park with on-site registration starting at 7am. A staggered start begins the ride at 8am. There are 3 rides taking place including a 62 mile, 40 mile and 25 mile.

The bicycle tours offers a scenic tour of the historic

Medina County rural countryside. Indoor restrooms/shower facilities are available to all riders free of charge.

There is still time to register for the event. Registration is \$40 per rider.

All money raised will go to the Lion's Sports Complex which is located on the city block just north of the Castroville Elementary School.

It currently houses one fenced baseball field, two-50 year old restrooms,

dilapidated bleachers, and a multipurpose activity field. With the 2010 events, they were able to plant new trees and put in an accessible walking/running trail with exercise stations.

They hope to add more fitness stations, playground areas, renovate the softball field, concession stand, restrooms and bleachers.

For more information on the race or how you can get involved in the Sports Complex project please email donnajaklich@sbcglobal.net or call (830) 444-1057.



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Business of the Month: Le Chat Noir Eatery

If you're looking for a new place to eat this week then you need to visit the newest restaurant in Castroville, Le Chat Noir Eatery, located at 1302 Fiorella.

This Contemporary French/American restaurant was recently opened by Chef Lynn Oefinger and her father Mark Pocock who decided to go into the venture together.

"I have always enjoyed cooking and have been doing it since I was 12 years old," says Oefinger. "I learned by watching my parents and the kitchen is where I feel comfortable."

Lynn, a Hondo High School graduate, attended Texas A&M Kingsville where she received a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology & Biology. Not

long after that she decided she wanted to pursue her true passion for cooking and attended and graduated from the Texas Culinary Academy Le Cordon Bleu School.

After receiving her associates degree she worked in San Antonio for a while before heading back to Castroville to work as a chef. After working as a chef in other restaurants for five years, she and her father decided they wanted to open their own business and thus came Le Chat Noir.

Lynn, who was inspired by an old French poster for the name of the restaurant, says her style is unique because it is not traditional French food, but offers a French technique.

She will feature a revolving menu which could change

from week to week to offer the freshest of ingredients that are currently in season. Some samples of what's on the menu this week are fresh fish, scallops, quail, veal and a tenderloin steak.

Lunch is more of a casual affair with sandwiches including the Grilled Cheese and Short Rib sandwich or the Shrimp Po Boy sandwich, which is my new favorite! However, dinner is a little more formal with a Prix Fixe Menu which includes a salad, entrée and dessert, all for one set price.

They pride themselves on making everything fresh from scratch including their dressings and desserts which feature everything from crème brulee to homemade vanilla bean and honey ice cream.

The restaurant is family owned and operated with everyone other than her Sous Chef somehow related. Her Sous Chef, Matthew Juarez, is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in San Antonio.

So if you are in the mood for something different and quite delicious, why not visit Le Chat Noir this week. You will not be disappointed. I know I wasn't.

**1302 Fiorella Street
830-538-9347**

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