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Veteran's Day Services Honor Military Men & Women

On Friday, November 11, 2011, Weiss-Wurzbach American Legion Post 460 of Castroville will continue its long tradition of hosting a public Veterans Day ceremony to pay tribute to all military men and women who served our country. This year's ceremony will once again be held at September Square beginning at 11am. The guest speaker this year will be Dr. Joseph Milligan.

Dr. Milligan was born in Grandin, NJ on August 16, 1941. He earned a degree in Agriculture and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Rutgers University in 1963.

Among his flying assignments, he was one of the original twelve F-4 Wild Weasel pilots assigned to fly "Top Secret" Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) Hunter-Killer missions in North Vietnam. He has

combat time in three different aircraft in Southeast Asia (F-4C, T-28D and O-1F). Milligan was a Forward Air Controller flying the O-1F and directing combat air strikes in Laos. As an Air Commando, he flew clandestine interdiction missions and Special Forces extraction missions in the T-28D along the Ho Chi Minh Trail in North Vietnam and Laos.

On May 20, 1967, Milligan was shot down in an F-4C on his 113th combat mission while flying top-cover over North Vietnam. During that mission, he engaged the enemy in an aerial attack against an overwhelming force of MIG-17s. Despite being outnumbered more than 10 to 1, he participated in the destruction of four MIGs without the loss of a single member of the bomber force before, he was shot down. He spent nearly six years as a prisoner of war, being released on February 18, 1973.

Milligan's combat decorations include the Silver Star, two Legions of Merit, two Distinguished Flying Crosses with "V" (for Valor), the Bronze Star with "V", eight Air Medals, the POW Medal, and two Purple Hearts.

Milligan retired in 1988 as a Colonel after more than 24 years of active duty. He is now President and CEO of Environmental Decisions, Inc., San Antonio.

Master of ceremonies for the services will be Jay Tope, owner and morning show host of Radio San Antonio, and owner of SASports.com.

Immediately prior to the ceremony, the Medina Valley High School Band and the 2009th Junior ROTC color guard will lead the parade from the Legion Hall for two blocks along Fiorella Street to September Square.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served at the Legion Hall following the ceremony.

Special points of interest:

- Chamber Luncheon—Tuesday, November 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:
Whorton Law Firm - 10 yrs
The Alsatian Restaurant-15 yrs
Sonic Drive In - 15 yrs



Joe Milligan 1967



Joe Milligan 2011

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Members Invited to Open Houses in November

This month two of our members will host an open house at their place of business and they welcome you to attend.

Castroville Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine recently celebrated their one year anniversary and they invite you to a celebration on Saturday, November 5 from 1pm to 5pm at 1014 Paris Street, Suite A.

If you're ever in need of physical therapy and don't have the means to drive to San Antonio then let Manuel Sanchez and his

team help you out.

Stop by to see what all they have to offer and enjoy some refreshments.

If you haven't checked out Medina Valley Café's new location then you'll want to attend their open house on Saturday, November 12, 2011. The restaurant is now located at 11643 Castro Avenue in the La Coste General Store.

To celebrate the holiday spirit, owners Roland and Vicki Wolfe will offer samples of their delicious

desserts and dips from 2pm to 4pm.

The restaurant is currently open Tuesday through Saturday from 11am to 2pm and for dinner by reservation on the first Friday of each month.

Make your reservation for Thanksgiving Day dinner now or place an order for a whole cake or pie today.

All members and red vest individuals are invited to attend these open houses.

Shop This Weekend at the City Wide Yard Sale

I hope you're all ready for one of the most popular days in Castroville; the City Wide Yard Sale. From 8am to 4pm this Saturday, November 5, you will be able to find some great deals all over town.

This huge yard sale is hosted bi-annually by Castroville Nip and Tuck to help raise funds for their non-profit program.

If you're looking to get rid of some of that clutter then sign up to be on the map for just \$5. That \$5 will help print the map and get advertisements in newspapers in a 100 mile

area. Kyle McVay of Nip and Tuck will have the map ready to distribute the morning of the sale.

The Chamber of Commerce will once again help with the cost of the map and advertisements.

Map sign up is at The Barnyard Peddler, Ima's Antiques and Shirts 'N Stuff. Money raised from the map goes toward Castroville's Nip and Tuck program. This program is a low cost spay and neuter program for those living in the Medina County Area.

If you have any items you

would like to get rid of, but don't want to set up yourself, drop them off at the Barnyard Peddler to help raise even more funds for Nip and Tuck. Or if you need a place to set up, call Kyle and for just a small fee, she will let you set up at her shop.

So whether you're selling or ready for some great deals, don't miss this year's City Wide Yard Sale. There is sure to be something for everyone!

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

New Members since October 1, 2011

Aflac, Clark Brazil

Haunted Trails of Castroville, Guillermo Fuentes

Sandy's Candle Crafts & Clarks Collectibles, Sandy & Clark Brazil

Texas MOS, Inc., Kurt & Nora Naukam

Newsletter Information

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November Calendar of Events

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



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Monday: Free Computer Class at the Library, courtesy of American Legion

Every Tues & Thurs: Aerobics and Toning Class at Zion Lutheran Church

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

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

- 01: First Annual Beer & Brat Bonanza, 5:30pm, Alsatian Golf Club, (830) 931-1200
- 04: Fiorella Friday/A Night in Old Castroville, 5-9pm, shopping, wine, music, fun and more
- 04: American Legion Scholarship Dinner, 5-8pm, American Legion Hall, (210) 355-2963
- 05: City Wide Yard Sale, 8am to 4pm, all over Castroville, (830) 931-2525
- 05: Castroville Physical Therapy 1 Year Anniversary Celebration, 1-5pm, (830) 538-3344
- 07: **Chamber Board of Directors Meeting, 12 noon, Hotel Alsace & Spa**
- 08: **Chamber Luncheon, 12 noon, Sammy's Restaurant. All Members invited!**
- 08: Small Business Workshop, 6-8pm, MV High School room 204, (830) 538-9048
- 09: Rotary Club Meeting, 11:45, Old Alsatian Steakhouse, (830) 931-1200
- 09: Medina Valley VFW Post 8134 Meeting, 8pm, 11012 Castro Ave, La Coste
- 09: Adult Social, 12 noon to 3pm, MV Methodist Church, cards, games and fellowship
- 09: Breast Cancer Support Group, 6pm, United Methodist Church in Hondo
- 10: Small Business Workshop, 6-8pm, MV High School room 204, (830) 538-9048
- 11: Friday Night Fever, 6-10pm, Wommack Chevrolet, evening of cars, trucks, bikes, food, music and shopping, (830) 931-2479
- 11: Veteran's Day Services, 11am, September Square (210) 355-2963
- 12: Market Trail Days, 9am-4pm, Houston Square, (830) 741-2313
- 12: Pioneer Day, 9am to 4pm, Landmark Inn State Historic Site, (830) 931-2133
- 12: Medina Valley Café Open House, 2-4pm, 11643 Castro Ave, La Coste, (210) 394-6682
- 13: Movies at Shooting Star Museum, 6pm, FREE!! (210) 386-6038
- 15: Small Business Workshop, 6-8pm, MV High School room 204, (830) 538-9048
- 17: Senior Citizens Luncheon, 1pm, Medina Valley VFW Hall in La Coste
- 19: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 10:30am, Castroville Public Library
- 19: Christmas in God's Country, 10am, Along 18th Street in Hondo, (830) 426-3037
- 23: Adult Social, 12 noon to 3pm, MV Methodist Church, cards, games and fellowship
- 24: **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**
- 29: Rotary Club Bingo at MV Rehab Center, 7pm-8pm, everyone welcome!



Step Back In Time at the Pioneer Day

Have you every wondered what it would have been like to live in the 19th century when most people did not have electricity or running water? A time when cell phones and computers were non-existent?

The Friends of the Landmark Inn are hosting a very special Pioneer Day at the Landmark Inn on Saturday, November 12, 2011 so you can see just what it was like to live in the 19th century.

Come and explore the exhibits, displays and demonstrations of pioneer life from 9am to 4pm.

They will have interesting activities throughout the day including Dutch oven cooking, children's games, wine making and rope making.

Demonstrators will be dressed in period clothing so you can see just what it was they wore in the 1800s when our first

ancestors came over to Castroville from Alsace, France.

This event is completely free to the public. If you've never visited the Landmark Inn then this is a great time to explore the site and see some of the amazing buildings and artifacts they have on site.

For more information on this event and future events at the Landmark Inn visit them online at www.visitlandmarkinn.com or call (830) 931-2133



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Business of the Month: Castroville Pottery

With the cooler weather upon us you may be looking for something fun to do indoors. Well look no further than Castroville Pottery located right here in our beautiful little town.

We all say we'd love to learn something new and now is the perfect time. Castroville Pottery offers classes for everyone whether you are a beginning or a novice potter.

Owners Tim and Gloria Kelley had a dream to open a shop and studio in their home town and make ceramics available for Castroville and South Texas as well as an outlet for local potters to display and sell their work.

That dream became a reality in July of 2008 when they opened up the gallery and studio. They

now offer a wide array of items in the gallery including plates, bowls, dishes, platters, cups, vases, soaps, oils, decorative gifts and jewelry.

Besides the gallery, they have a two-story production studio located just behind the gallery, where local artists can come and create their works of art. They have a large selection of equipment available including a variety of clays and glazes, wheels, kilns, a slab roller and more.

This studio is not just for the professionals, they offer weekly classes for anyone interested in learning the art of pottery.

Classes in both hand built and wheel-thrown ceramics are available for beginner and intermediate potters.

Classes include Intro to Pottery

101 taught by Tim Kelley, Introduction to the Potters Wheel taught by Charles Haile, Beginning/Intermediate Hand Building taught by JoAnna Amundson, Expanding Throwing Skills taught by John Nelson, Maiolica Decoration taught by Hank Drennon and Glass Fusing Basics taught by Denise Martin.

Get the kids involved with the Clay and Pottery Play Date on Saturdays from 2pm to 4pm. Kids will learn all about the pottery wheel and the kiln and get to make a piece of pottery or two and choose a glaze. It's a great experience for the whole family.

All classes can be registered for online or by calling Tim Kelley at (830) 538-9705.

So whether your looking for a

new experience or looking for that perfect piece of art stop by Castroville Pottery and take a look around. Let them tell you all about their beautiful pieces of art and learn how you can make one or two yourself.

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