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Now Accepting Nominations for Three Director Positions

The Castroville Area Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting nominations for three (3) director positions with terms effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015.

The nominations will be reviewed and a slate of candidates will be presented for the election and put on the ballot in October. A ballot will be mailed to each voting member, and you may return it to the chamber office by mail or fax.

The new directors will be installed at the January 19, 2012 Chamber Banquet which will be held at the Grande Hall at Hofmann Ranch.

The outgoing directors are Teri Barrow, Gary Carter and Carol Ruhaak.

All Chamber voting members can nominate up to three individuals for a Director position. You should have received an email or letter in the mail last week with a nomination form. Please return the form to the chamber office no later than October 10th. You can send it by email, mail or fax to (830) 538-3295.

Please be sure to nominate someone who you feel will be a good fit for the Chamber of Commerce. Nominees must be a member of the Chamber at the time of the election. Directors

must serve the full four year term and are required to make the monthly meeting on the first Monday of every month. They are also expected to participate in Chamber functions, serve on Chamber Committees and attend as many Member Luncheons as possible. We need someone who is willing to work hard for the Chamber, its members and the community.

Individuals who have been chamber board members in the past are eligible to run again, if they are interested. Help us find some great leaders in this community to promote Castroville and all we stand for!

Special points of interest:

- Chamber Luncheon—Tuesday, October 4, 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:
2 Sisters Landscaping - 1 yr
Panna's Salon & Spa - 1 yr
Marion Haby Insurance - 10 yrs
Dr. Frank Danna, DDS - 15 yrs

Website Workshops Benefit Your Business

If you've been wanting to learn how to start your own website for your business then you won't want to miss the upcoming Business Website Workshops.

The Castroville Area Economic Development Council will once again host the website workshops but this time they will offer them in the evening.

Sign up today for the workshops which will run Tuesday and Thursday, October 4 and 6 from 6-9pm at Medina Valley High School.

Speaker Mark Ahrens, a certified business advisor with UTSA Small Business Development Center, will be on hand to teach the courses on "Start Up Essentials for

Websites" and "The Next Step With Websites."

The cost is just \$10 per class which provides you with a flash drive to use during the sessions and take home with you.

Hurry and sign up today as only 25 spaces are available. Contact Arnie Dollase at (830) 538-9048 or adollase@att.net

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Moye Hosts 13th Annual Heritage Day



The Sisters of Divine Providence will once again host their annual Heritage Day Celebration in Castroville on Sunday, October 9, 2011.

From 11am to 3pm event goers of all ages will enjoy a day filled with laughter, music, food, crafts and much more.

The delicious BBQ chicken and Alsatian sausage meal will be back this year and will once again be prepared by the St. Louis Men's Society. Plates are \$7 but be sure to get yours early before they run out! Homemade desserts will be

on sale to finish out your meal.

Arts and craft booths will be in abundance with items made by the Sisters of Divine Providence.

A children's area with games, pony rides and more will be available for all those youngsters or the young at heart!

The silent auction is back again this year with several antiques, handmade crafts, gift certificates and other unique items.

Maybe the quilt raffle is your favorite part of the day. Beautifully handmade

quilts will be raffled off during the event and the lucky winners will get to go home with a truly beautiful gift.

Live music throughout the day is just what this event needs to make it complete.

Each year the Moye Center, along with generous supporters in town, put on the Heritage Day which benefits the preservation of the Moye Retreat Center. We hope you'll come out and help support them. And don't forget to take a tour of the historic buildings on the property.

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Participants Needed for Old Fashion Christmas Night Parade



Last year's addition of Friday night to Old Fashion Christmas was a huge success and we'd like to make this year even bigger.

We will once again hold a night parade to kick off Old Fashion Christmas on Friday, December 2nd and we are looking for participants.

The parade will start along Lafayette in front of the Castroville Café and weave it's way to Houston Square.

All organizations, families, school and church groups are encouraged to join the

parade this year.

Oversized floats may not fit as we get closer to the square so we ask that you limit your entry to being on foot, wagons, bikes, strollers or small cars and trucks. We also welcome pets of all kinds to participate along with their owner.

The parade will end in Houston Square where we will gather in front of the large Christmas tree for a lighting ceremony. We encourage you to bring the whole family out to enjoy the many booths that will be set

up that night as well as on Saturday

Santa will once again join us for the parade and be available to take a few photos afterwards. He will also make an appearance on Saturday at 1pm for more photos.

If you are interested in participating in the parade, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at ashlee@castroville.com or call (830) 538-3142 to sign up. Registration is free!

We hope to see you all there!!



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New Members since September 1, 2011

Trick'd Out Nails & Boutique, Todd & Tricia Haby

The Play Haus Enrichment Academy, Amanda Krueger

October Calendar of Events



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

- 01: Fall Clean Up/Fix Up, 8am to 11am, Castroville Regional Park, (830) 931-2157
- 01: MV Area Stock Show Boosters Fundraiser, 6:30pm, Quihi Gun Club, (830) 931-5373
- 01: Dining & Walking with Ghosts, 6:30pm, Old Alsatian Steakhouse, (830) 931-9191
- 02: Zion Lutheran Church Fall Festival & Ham Dinner, 11am to 1pm, (830) 538-6355
- 02: Life Chain, 2pm to 3:30pm, in front of Community National Bank Haby's Bakery
- 03: **Chamber Board of Directors Meeting, 12 noon, Hotel Alsace & Spa**
- 04: **Chamber Luncheon, 12 noon, Sammy's Restaurant. All Members invited!**
- 04 & 06: Business Website Workshops, 6-9pm, MV High School, (830) 538-9048
- 07: **Meet & Greet with Congressman "Quico" Canseco, 12pm, Sammy's, (830) 538-3142**
- 07: American Legion Scholarship Dinner, 5-7pm, American Legion Hall
- 07: Fiorella Friday, 5-9pm, come enjoy shopping, wine, fun and much more
- 07: Golfapalooza, 2pm shotgun start, Golf Club of Texas, dinner & dance, (210) 677-0027
- 08: Plant Sale to Benefit H.A.N.K., 8am to 2:30pm, Royce Groff Oil Company Parking Lot
- 08: Market Trail Days, 9am-4pm, Houston Square, (830) 741-2313
- 08: Sausage Supper, 5-8pm, Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Quihi, (830) 426-4636
- 09: Moyer Heritage Day, 11am to 3pm, Moyer Retreat Center, (830) 931-2233
- 09: Movies at Shooting Star Museum, 6pm, FREE!! (210) 386-6038
- 12: Adult Social, 12 noon to 3pm, MV Methodist Church, cards, games and fellowship
- 12: Rotary Club Meeting, 11:45, Old Alsatian Steakhouse
- 12: Breast Cancer Support Group, 6pm, United Methodist Church in Hondo
- 12: Medina Valley VFW Post 8134 Meeting, 8pm, 11012 Castro Ave, La Coste
- 14: Friday Night Fever, 6-10pm, Wommack Chevrolet, evening of cars, trucks, bikes, food, music and shopping, (830) 931-2479
- 15: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 10:30am, Castroville Public Library
- 15: St. Louis School Halloween Carnival, 6pm, Koenig park, (830) 931-3544
- 16-30: MV United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch, after school & weekends, (830) 931-3533
- 20: Senior Citizens Luncheon, 1pm, Medina Valley VFW Hall in La Coste
- 26: Adult Social, 12 noon to 3pm, MV Methodist Church, cards, games and fellowship
- 29: Halloween Night in the Park, Castroville Regional Park, more info to come
- 29: Bippity Boppity Boo Halloween Bash, 7-9pm, The Connection, (830) 931-3057
- 31: Rotary Club Bingo at MV Rehab Center, 7pm-8pm, everyone welcome!
- 31: **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!**

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HERE**

Happy

Halloween!

H.A.N.K. to Benefit from Plant Sale

Frenchellen Gilliam, Miss San Antonio USA 2005 and Miss San Antonio Texas 2009, is hosting a plant sale fundraiser to benefit H.A.N.K. - Helping Abused and Neglected Children.

The sale will take place on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 8am to 2:30pm in

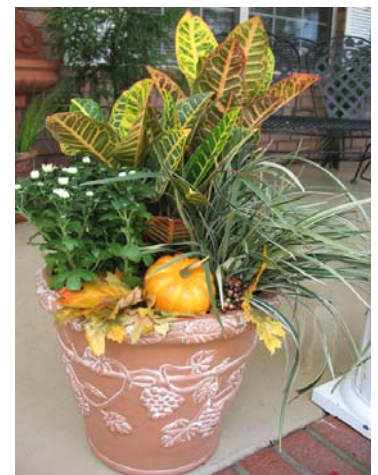
front of Royce Groff Oil Company on Hwy 90.

Frenchie appreciates the support provided to her by her hometown area and wanted a way to give back to the community.

The sale will feature fall plants, perennial's and

xeriscape. Local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops have been invited to assist with the fundraiser.

H.A.N.K. is a 501 (c) (3) that serves Medina County by providing assistance to children when no other agency is available.



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Plenty of Fall Fun in Castroville For All

It's fall time and that means the pumpkins are out, the costumes are being chosen and parents are looking for something fun to do with their kids. Well look no further than you own home town for all your fun fall festivities.

This Sunday starts us off with the Zion Lutheran Church Fall Festival and Ham Dinner. From 11am to 1pm enjoy a delicious ham meal with all the fixin's. They have lots of fun planned including a huge rummage sale both Saturday and Sunday, children's activities and games, a quilt raffle, silent auction and raffle.

Fall and Halloween just wouldn't be complete without that perfect pumpkin. The MV United Methodist Church will once again sponsor their annual Pumpkin Patch from October 16-31. Stop by any week day after school or on the

weekends and pick out a pumpkin to take home. It's also a great place to take a photo of your little one in their costume.

The St. Louis School Halloween Carnival is back for it's 22nd year and they have lined up plenty of fun for everyone on October 15! They are working on 14 new game booths for this year as well as a Haunted House. Larger kids rides will include a mechanical swing, moon bounce, giant slide and the Jolly Trolley. A petting zoo and pony rides will be offered for you animal lovers! They always have plenty of delicious food available as well as the popular cake walk and prizes for the kids!

The fun takes place at Koenig Park from 6pm to 9pm and the entrance is free! There is a small fee for game tickets and food.

If you're looking for something fun for the grown-ups to enjoy then why not take a ghost tour through Castroville and visit 10 of the most haunted locations in town. Nightly tours are brought to you by Haunted Trails of Castroville and start every Friday - Sunday night at 7:30pm and 9:05pm. To reserve your spot today contact them at (210) 689-3063.

On Saturday, October 29, venture on over to Regional Park for a Night at the Movies, a free event for the whole family. This year, in addition to a full length movie shown at the Amphitheatre, they will also host a "Trunk or Treat," a Halloween costume contest and a Haunted Trail. And all of this is completely FREE to the public! Bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the movie!

Also on Saturday the 29th,

Daystar Academy will host "A Bippity Boppity Boo Halloween Bash" at the Connection from 7-9pm. This is a free community event with fun Halloween activities.

On Halloween night, Medina Valley EMS will host a meet and greet with the EMTs and Fire Department. Halloween treats will be available for all.

Now that we've got your Fall/Halloween schedule lined up, be sure to mark those calendars so you don't miss any opportunity to enjoy this time of year in beautiful Castroville!

