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*Chamber's 8th Annual Volksmarch this Saturday*

Exercise is an important part of our lives. It's one of the things that keeps us in good health. Because of this, the Chamber will once again host our annual Volksmarch this Saturday, September 3, 2011. This event is co-sponsored by the American Volkssport Association.

Everyone is invited to join in this noncompetitive 10km/6km walk, jog or run which will start at the Castroville Regional Park and weave its way through historic Castroville. Start time is from 8:30am to 11:30am and the event will end by 2:30pm. Sign up at the Regional Park Pool Breezeway.

Everyone is welcome to join in on this walk/run. The cost is just \$3 per person and first time walkers are complimentary. The route may be walked twice to receive 20km distance credit.

Volksmarch is not a pledge

walk, it's not a race, it is a fun activity you do with a club, with your family, with your pet, or all by yourself. Volksmarching got its name from its origins in Europe. Today there are thousands of volkssport clubs around the world, allied in the International Volkssport Federation, the IVV.

This year's route is considered easy and is on city sidewalks and low traveled city streets. Highway 90 will be crossed at a crosswalk. The route also crosses the Medina River. The historic cemeteries will also be a part of this year's route. The trail is also suitable for strollers but may be difficult for wheelchairs due to a couple of hills.

Back this year is the addition of a walking trail through beautiful Regional Park. Everyone really enjoyed this scenic walk last year so we decided it needed to come

back. Several other points of interest along the route include historic homes, the Medina River, the Steinbach House and more. There will be two checkpoints along the 10km walk and one along the 6km walk. Each checkpoint will have water and power aid for your convenience.

Walk directions, along with a map, will be provided at the beginning of the walk and you can take your time strolling through beautiful Castroville. Maybe you've lived here your whole life and just never really taken the time to enjoy your town. This is a great way to do it.

Of course it will be warm out there so be sure and wear your sunscreen and pack a water bottle.

Head on over to the Regional Park this Saturday and participate in this year's Volksmarch! Bring the whole family and get some exercise!

**Special points of interest:**

- Chamber Luncheon—Tuesday, September 6, 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:  
 A-Zap Pest Control - 1 yr  
 Bippert's Insurance - 1 yr  
 La Coste Meat Market - 1 yr  
 Alamo Credit Recovery - 5 yrs  
 Medical Clinic of Castroville - 5 yr  
 Shirts N' Stuff - 25 years  
 Medina Eye Center - 35 years

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## *Medina County Fair Offers Fun for Everyone!*



The 31st Annual Medina County Fair will be held September 17th-18th and it boasts fun for the whole family.

Fairground gates open at 10am both Saturday and Sunday and admission is just \$5 per adult, \$2 per child 6-12 yrs and children under 5 are free!

Saturday morning starts with a parade in downtown Hondo starting at 10am. Then head on out to the fairgrounds for some good ol' Texas fun!

The day will feature everything from food

booths, arts and crafts and free games to live music, antique tractors and a rodeo.

There will be plenty of fun for the kids including a petting zoo, carnival and several free games.

The adults will enjoy a ranch rodeo, karaoke, baked good sales, live music on several stages and much more.

And speaking of live music, check out this line-up: Buster Jiggs Band, Nathan Mathis Band, Jeremy Richards, the Taylor Brothers Band, Charlie Lucas Band and the Bellamy Brothers! And that's just on

Saturday.

Sunday will offer groups such as Joyful Noise, The Vinyl 45s, and Keith Lutz & the Country Sunrise Band.

Animal exhibits and shows will go on throughout the day in the show barns.

Proceeds raised from the fair go into the scholarship fund for students involved in the different events going on at the Fair.

So be sure and mark your calendars for the week of September 17th. For more information, visit them **o n l i n e** at [www.medinacountyfair.org](http://www.medinacountyfair.org).

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## *Old Fashion Christmas Now Accepting New Vendors*

Yes, it's still months away, but we at the Chamber are tirelessly preparing for the 28th Annual Old Fashion Christmas to be held on Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, 2011.

We are now accepting applications from those interested in being a new vendor at this year's event. Friday night is optional but was a huge success last year so we highly encourage you to join in.

For the second year Friday evening will feature a

walking parade down Fiorella and Paris beginning at 6pm. The parade will lead to the center of Houston Square where we will have the lighting of a large tree. Vendors will be set up around the square for your shopping needs!

Saturday will once again boast nearly 250 vendors including food booths, unique arts and crafts, jewelry, a train for kids to ride, entertainment and more.

We are currently looking for more entertainment for

Saturday so if you are interested in performing, please contact the Chamber.

Applications are now available online and by email or mail. Simply call the Chamber office at (830) 538-3142 and we'll send you an application.

And if you are interested in participating in this year's parade, we'd love to have you. Just give us a call or **e m a i l** us at [ashlee@castroville.com](mailto:ashlee@castroville.com).



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## *New Members since August 1, 2011*

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## September Calendar of Events

Here's what's happening in Castroville in September. All details can be found on the calendar of events at [www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com). If you have an event to add, please email all the information to the web mistress at [ashlee@castroville.com](mailto: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:** Farmer's Market at Alsace Hair, Nails and Tan, 9am to 3pm

**02:** American Legion Scholarship Dinner, 5-7pm, American Legion Hall

**03:** **8th Annual Volksmarch, 8am to 2:30pm, Castroville Regional Park**

**05:** **Happy Labor Day, Chamber Office will be closed.**

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

**07-08:** Wine Tasting at Old Alsatian Steakhouse, 7pm, 1403 Angelo St., (830) 931-9191

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

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

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

**12:** CCHA Quarterly Meeting, 2pm, New Fountain Methodist Church Hall

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

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

**14:** Rotary Club Meeting, 11:45, Old Alsatian Steakhouse

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

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

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

**17-18:** Medina County Fair, Hondo Fair grounds

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

**17:** Heidi White Designs Fall Preview & Open House, 4pm to 8pm, Alsatian Golf Club

**18:** Veteran's Appreciation Dinner, 11am to 1:30pm, American Legion Hall in Castroville

**25:** Fajita Dinner, 11am to 1pm, MV United Methodist Church, (830) 931-3533

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

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

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# Happy Labor Day

## Wine Tasting in Castroville Features Italian Wines

The Old Alsatian Steakhouse and Ristorante will once again host one of their popular wine tastings and this month will feature two evenings to choose from.

Wednesday, September 7 and Thursday September 8, the steakhouse will offer a wine tasting featuring the famous wines of the Martin Ulisse Vineyard of the Abruzzi Region of Italy.

This region in Italy has some of the best wines that until recently were never

imported to America.

These wines are made by small town farmers whose love of their land and its produce are rare. Martin Ulisse's goal is to import only the finest Italian wine from the small boutique wineries in Italy and make them available to the American public. And now you have a chance to sample them right here in Castroville, Texas.

These delectable wines will be paired with delicious

selections from the kitchen created by their superb chef Margaritha Curel.

The event will take place at 7pm each night and reservations are required due to the popularity of the event.

Cost per person is \$35 and all wines featured will be sold to their guests at a discount.

To make your reservation today contact the restaurant at (830) 931-9191. They are located at 1403 Angelo St.



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### *Business of the Month: Castroville Bed and Breakfasts*

Have you ever wanted to get away from it all but don't want to go too far from home? Sure, we all have. Then it's time to reserve you a room right here in Castroville at one of the beautiful bed and breakfasts our town has to offer.

With so many different ones to choose from, you are sure to find that perfect room for your weekend getaway.

3 Cedars Ranch Bed and Breakfast offers country charm in the city. With two bedrooms, full kitchen, living room and sunroom, it can accommodate up to 6 people. Contact them at (210) 845-8049 or (830) 538-2816.

River House is located in the residential historic district and sleeps up to six with three bedrooms, full bath, large fully equipped kitchen, dining and living rooms and river access. Contact owners Boo & Meta at

(210) 828-2550.

If you've never been inside an historic home or building then why not stay at one of the beautiful bed and breakfasts located in a restored historic home.

Brock Haus Bed and Breakfast, built in 1873, offers four rooms including a bedroom with double bed, living room, fully equipped kitchen, dining room and full bath. Unique antiques add just the perfect touch and the home can accommodate one couple or single. Contact owner Janie Brock at (830) 931-9221.

Castroville Cottages offers three beautifully renovated historic homes. The original Henri Castro Homestead, built in 1845, accommodated up to 4 guests with two bedrooms, full bath, living room, dining room, full kitchen and cellar bedroom. The Ahr House,

located on the same property offers three bedrooms with their own private baths and can sleep up to two per room.

The Reppold House, located just down the road, was built in 1875 and offers two bedrooms, two full baths, dining room, living room, full kitchen, loft and river access. Contact Castroville Cottages at (210) 535-9220.

Another historic location in town is the Landmark Inn State Historic Site built in the 1840s. It features 8 rooms decorated in beautiful antiques on the grounds of the beautiful park site. Call them at (830) 931-2133 for reservations today.

The Old Standby Saloon is another option if you're looking for a historic B&B. Built in 1847, the saloon offers two luxurious bedrooms, a full kitchen, saloon, courtyard and gym. It's also a great place for

your next party or private function. Call Arlene at (210) 389-3584.

Another historic home located just outside of Castroville in Rio Medina is the Haby Settlement Guest House. This home, built in 1891, is located in the countryside and can accommodate a large group with 3 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen and screened-in porch. Contact Bonnie at (830) 538-3911.

With so many quaint bed and breakfast choices there is no reason to go far from home to get some rest and relaxation. Check out the chamber's website at **[www.castroville.com](http://www.castroville.com)** for more information on each of these local bed and breakfasts. Be sure to pass this information along to family and friends who are looking for a quiet getaway.