

# Castroville Area Business

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## NEWS

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### Jet fuel capability makes Castroville airport an inviting alternative for corporate travel to San Antonio.



Businesses flying into San Antonio will certainly welcome a great alternative to the busy airports in the city. Located just 22 miles west of San Antonio the Castroville airport makes the perfect destination to fly into, take a courtesy car or rent-a-car into the city and conduct business while your pilot refuels. If your business takes several days your crew will find the Hillside Texas a great place to stay with great restaurants to dine at.

### Castroville's newest auto dealership set to open September 3rd.

The initial phase of the Nyle Maxwell Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram dealership will be a 32,116 sq.ft., two story structure, with the building and vehicle lots utilizing approximately 5 acres of the nearly 60 acre property. The estimated value of the new construction is about \$7 million dollars.



The new Niles Maxwell dealership will have a look similar to their Round Rock dealership.

### The CAEDC sponsored Poppy Festival Poster Contest winners announced.

As an organization our commitment to enhancing and promoting the quality of life in Castroville is a year long endeavor. It starts with our sponsorship of the Poppy Festival Poster contest. Divided into student and adult categories the winners in each received a \$400 prize. With runners up receiving \$100 and four special judges awards also given out. Member Bryan Persyn also awarded \$100 as the People's Choice award.

Throughout the year the CAEDC is a contributor to the 4th of July celebration, the Young Eagles Flight Day and sponsorship of the Medina Valley High School annual scholarship. Individual members also contribute to a variety of events throughout the year.



Vice President Barbara Gilliam announcing Sophia Arguelles the winner of the 2019 official Poppy Festival Poster.

### NEW MEMBER PROFILE.

#### Anna Whorton

Attorney at law Anna Whorton has over 23 years of experience practicing law. Her law firm, Whorton Law PLLC, is full service but specializes in civil and business litigation including real estate and family law.

She, and her husband Gordon, chose Castroville as it's a safe, welcoming community to raise their three children.

"Castroville really has everything I need to grow my business and raise a family. Great schools, no hassle and an ever expanding need for legal services," Anna said.



### Who needs Starbucks when you have Magnolia Filling Station?

When Shelly and Jerry Mackie moved to Castroville they so fell in love with it they started a business here, The Magnolia Filling Station, celebrating their one year anniversary, is Castroville's answer to the question, "Who needs Starbucks?" Not when they have a selection of great coffees, homemade muffins, breakfast goodies and bagels. All in a historic filling station setting that makes you feel right at home.



### RESPEC, the first engineering company in Castroville, opened their office here to create more of a regional presence.

According to Russell Persyn, Texas Area Manager, RESPEC deals in several main areas that include: Flood Plain Mapping, Drainage & Storm Water Design and Civil Engineering. RESPEC has been named the District Engineer for East Medina County Special Utility District.

Their most recent project is the 3 mile long hiking and biking Alazan Creek Trail for the San Antonio River Authority and the City of San Antonio in which RESPEC is the lead design team.



Alazan Creek Trail Site Plan Schematic

### BREAKING NEWS

**Joshua Hart was recently appointed Vice President of Commercial Lending at Castroville State Bank.** Joshua spent 5 years with San Antonio based Frost bank and like nearly everyone at the bank he's a native. "Castroville State Bank is the oldest, locally owned community bank so we feel ideally suited to help businesses looking to locate here," He stated.



### This years recipient of the CAEDC business scholarship is Cole Modgling.

A senior at Medina Valley High School Cole plans to continue his education and baseball playing at Northeast Texas Community College.

Arnie Dollase, president of the CAEDC presented Cole with the scholarship. This is the eighth year of the scholarship.



### The CAEDC elects two new board members.

Pat Marince owns P.M. Careative and P.M. Photography and has over 40 years experience in the areas of tourism and destination advertising and marketing as well as economic development. Pat has worked in New York, Paris, London and Amsterdam and has won over 345 local, regional, national and international awards.

In 2016 he was awarded the Silver Medal by the San Antonio Advertising Federation for his, "Outstanding contributions to advertising, creative excellence and community involvement."

In 2018 he was named, "Citizen of The Year" by the Castroville Chamber of Commerce for his many contributions in promoting increasing tourism in Castroville.

Darrin Schroeder is currently a regional IT Operations Manager for Microsoft Datacenter Operation, where he has worked for over a decade. He is a leader and an innovator with extensive experience in strategy and global operations.

He currently holds three patents and has developed numerous systems that have fundamentally enhanced datacenter systems across the country.

He has been extremely involved in Castroville and Medina County. In addition to CAEDC, Darrin serves on Castroville's Historic Landmark Commission, Planning & Zoning Commission, and is Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. He has secured tens of thousands of dollars in donations for the area both through his company and his personal efforts, and helped found the Castroville Christmas Lighting Festival.

**To fill a critical workforce need the Medina Valley High School is now offering a Certificate 1 in Welding.** Recognizing the great need of certified welders in all areas of industry the MVISD has begun a program that will lead to a Certificate 1 in Welding.

