

# Castroville Area Business

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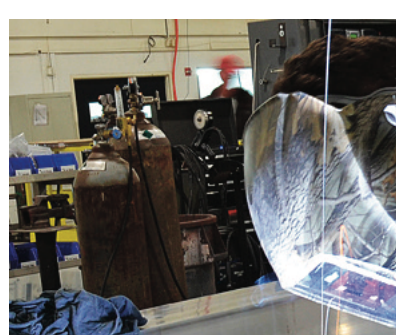
## NEWS

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### Medina Valley HS stays in tune with business's needs.

Many of Medina Valley's seniors graduate with advanced certifications ready to go to work. Among those with professional level certifications are:

**A Certificate 1 in Welding.** MVIDS Recognizes the great need of certified welders in all areas of industry and has created a program that leads to a Certificate 1 in Welding.



**Cybersecurity.** MA 4 course program leading to a Comp T/A Security+ and a CompT/A+ Network Certification

**Construction.** Graduates will have earned a NCCER Core Curriculum & an OSHA 10/30 Certification.



**Automotive Technology.** Upon completion graduates can earn an ASE A1-A8 Industry Certification

**Culinary Arts.** Graduates will earn a Food Handlers & Food Protection Manager Certification.

### Medina Speciality Care's expansion brings more specialists for patient care.

The Medina Healthcare System recognizes that as Castroville grows so does the need for expanded patient care. The latest addition to the Medina Speciality Care facilities brings specialists in the areas of plastic and microsurgery and wound care, cardiology, dermatology, gastroenterology and orthopedics to the community. The new facility will allow the existing clinic to greatly expand including their waiting and exam rooms and add a new state of the art x-ray unit and allow for the addition of two more providers.



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### Russell Persyn, a Castroville native, has been promoted to RESPEC's Senior Vice President of Water & Natural Resources.



**RESPEC** For 24 years Russell had advanced the cause of water-resource engineering. Now, as a Senior Vice President, located in the Castroville/San Antonio area his far-reaching work and local, national and global relationships will bring even more project dollars to the area and will continue to grow RESPEC. Understanding the importance of clean, accessible water it solidified his decision to focus on water rights prompting him to earn his PhD in Agricultural Engineering & Civil Engineering. RESPEC now has 26 offices Across the country, including Alaska.

### Daytripper highlights Castroville as a great tourist visit and a great place to live.

Recently Chet Garner brought his film crew to Castroville to film a segment of his well regarded Daytripper show seen on the PBS channel. The CAEDC combined with the Castroville Chamber of Commerce to fund the filming. The segment highlights Castroville as a great tourist visit in Texas as well as a great place to live. Chet Garner is also a monthly contributor to Texas Highways magazine.



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

The 8th Annual Castroville Alsatian Poppy Poster contest winners, sponsored by the Castroville Area Economic Development Council, were announced by Mayor Darrin Schroeder (back right). 1st and 2nd place winners in the Adult, Student and Kids categories all received cash awards with 4 \$25 Special Judges Awards given for artistic excellence. Local artist Brian Beck's poster was selected as the official 2024 Poster. Ivy, his granddaughter, holds his winning poster (front right).



### After 46 years the Rainbow Theater is restored to it's former glory.

Thanks to an amazing restoration the theater has been restored as a multipurpose, family-friendly, entertainment center. It will feature first run releases and classic films. As a community hub, the theater regularly hosts special events, free movie nights, and themed screenings. With its charming retro vibe and commitment to offering quality entertainment, Rainbow Theater is a must visit destination for both locals and visitors. For information; [rainbowtheatercastroville.com](http://rainbowtheatercastroville.com)



### Dream Flights finds a home at the Castroville Municipal Airport

Dream Flights is dedicated to honoring military veterans and seniors with the adventure of a lifetime: a flight in a Boeing Stearman biplane. Created in 2011 by Darryl & Carol Fisher and the Fisher Family Dream Flights has given over 1,000 WWII heroes flights.

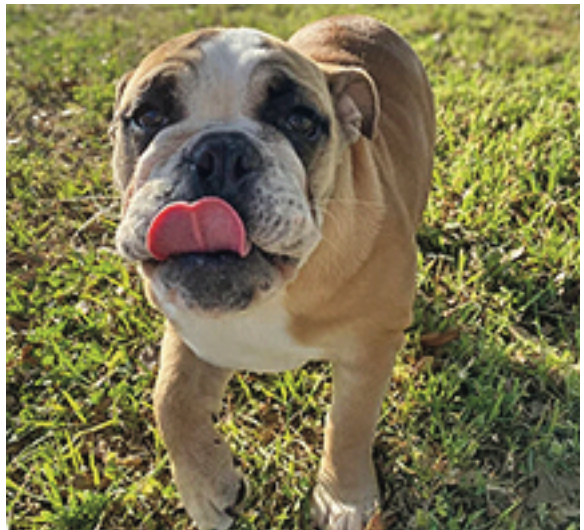
The flights inspire them to share their stories of how they survived in times of great strife which Dream Flights collects and preserves.



## BREAKING NEWS

### The CAEDC helps open the Heart Of Texas Dog Ranch.

The Castroville Area Economic Development Council (CAEDC) was instrumental in the opening of the Heart Of Texas Dog Ranch, a wonderful boarding facility. Arnie Dollase, President of CAEDC, provided leads on funding, business plans, county permitting contacts and connected the owners with the UTSA Small Business Development Center's counselor. Later the owners were interviewed for a social media broadcast about the business.



### This year's recipient of the CAEDC Rod Moss Memorial Scholarship is Madison Speed.

A graduated senior at Medina Valley High School, Madison is attending Texas A&M University in the fall majoring in Agribusiness with a minor in Poultry Science. "I want to study Agribusiness because I have an intense passion for agriculture." Madison said. Last year December she received the title, "State Champion" for her agricultural advocacy public speaking event.

