

NEWS BITS

ROTARY CLUB ORGANIZES CASTROVILLE CLEAN-UP DAY



Marina Waste Management for their donation of dumpsters. Man, did we fill them up! Following the clean up, volunteers gathered at the Community Center where a very hungry crew shared in barbequed hamburgers and hot dogs prepared by Luis Solano of the Whole Enchilada in Moss Landing. Again, thanks to one and all!

On Saturday, May 1st, under the guidance of Eric Tynan, several Rotarians and members of the community gathered together early in the morning to clean up the "Artichoke Center of the World." Manned with rakes, brooms, shovels, gloves and whatever it took, this industrious group set out to make this little town sparkle. The Castroville Rotary Club would like to thank the following folks for their participation: North County High School students, PAL's "Girl Active" Program, Diane Jimenez of LULAC, and other residents of Castroville. You did a fantastic job! We would also like to thank Carmel-

SPECTORDANCE SUMMER CAMP



Guest Artist Erica Jeffrey-photo by Scott Belders

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CASTROVILLE RABOBANK HOSTS MIXER

Calcagno, Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce President/ CEO Tom Carvey, NMCUSD Superintendent Sergio Montenegro, Gary DeAmaral NMCUSD Board President and President of the North Monterey County Chamber of Commerce, Larry Myland from The Herald and Jennifer Litty-Antoun from Clear Channel. The North Monterey County Chamber would like to thank Rabobank for hosting this mixer and for their dedication to our community. Did you know that Rabobank is one of the few banks in the world with a triple A credit rating and one of the world's 25 largest banks? Their mission is to create value for their customers, communities and employees. If you are looking for a bank that still offers customer care, why not stop by Rabobank at 10601 Merritt Street in Castroville and meet their friendly staff. Richard Aiello, Lori Miranda, Lizabeth Bravo, Sonia Mendoza, Lucy Gonzales, Rochelle Armendariz and Thomas Tackel are available to assist you with your banking needs. Or feel free to give them a call at (831) 633-3302. Do you bank at Rabobank? I do!

On Tuesday, April 20, 2010, Rabobank in Castroville hosted one mighty fine mixer. If you missed it, you missed out on friendly conversation and great food. Approximately 50 business owners, politicians, community leaders and local residents were in attendance. A steady stream of partygoers enjoyed a mouth-watering buffet that included fresh fried calamari, fried artichoke hearts, an array of cold cuts, cheese, crackers and brownies. Wine, beer and soft drinks were plentiful and enjoyed by all. Among those attending were two of the three candidates running for Monterey County Treasurer/Tax Collector, Mary Mangels Zeeb and Ron Holly. A long list of dignitaries and the "Who's Who" of North Monterey County were also on hand. Pat Hopper from the Artichoke Advisory Board, Eric Tynan, Hugo and Dolores Tottino, David and Michelle Pecci, Warren and Nadine Church, Rick and Cheryl Della Mora, Supervisor and Mrs. Lou

but the reward can truly make a difference."

Visitors can cast their votes at www.refresheverything.com/theamericanlegionlegacyscholarship.

Hill also recommended that Legionnaires, Legion family members, friends and supporters of The American Legion spread the message to vote for The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

"Individual voting alone will not win this competition," Hill said. "We need people to post it on their web sites, Facebook and Twitter accounts. They should use all social media methods at their disposal. Operation Comfort Warriors was able to win because American Legion posts, Auxiliary units, Sons of the American Legion squadrons and American Legion Riders chapters all came together and worked toward a common goal. Spreading the word in newsletters and the mainstream media can also help us replicate our earlier success."

With a current membership of 2.5-million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.

THE AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMPETING FOR \$250K PEPSI REFRESH EVERYTHING GRANT

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund is competing for a \$250,000 grant to be awarded by the Pepsi Beverage Company as part of its Refresh Everything Project this month. The winning charities are determined by the amount of votes received on the Refresh Everything Web site. The American Legion's Operation Comfort Warriors finished in first place during February's voting and has already been awarded the top grant of \$250,000.

"I was very proud of those who supported us in February and enabled us to fund a program that directly supports our wounded heroes," said The American Legion National Commander Clarence E. Hill. "Now it's time to come to the aid of another group of deserving people, those whose parents paid the ultimate price and sacrificed their lives while serving in our military during the War on Terrorism. The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund ensures that the children of these fallen heroes will be able to attend college and not have to worry about the rising cost of higher education. We can support the children of these heroes simply by voting every day throughout the month of May. The process will cost you nothing,

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