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Chamber

Chat



Ed Pipes (third from left), acting on behalf of his son, E-Z Stop owner Chris Pipes, and store Manager Janet Pennartz accept the November Business of the Month banner Nov. 8 from chamber board members.

Christmas Along the Corridor and Festival of Lights Parade

FOOD Kick off the holiday season by joining us **FUN**
Saturday, Dec. 3,

beginning at 2 p.m. on the courthouse square. Shop to your heart's content at a variety of vendor booths featuring unique gifts for that perfect Christmas gift!

Lighted parade begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by the lighting of the downtown area.



Delilah's Bistro is the December Business of the Month

See photo next month!



After-hours Mixer!

Join us Friday, Dec. 16, to welcome Texas Star Lodges to Floresville! The December after-hours mixer will be held there on Third Street from 4-7 p.m. Owners Galen and Jennifer Jansky will show off their new lodges, and treat us to barbecue and refreshments. Come meet some of our new chamber members, and network with them!



Welcome, new members!

- ♥Texas Star Lodges ♥Diana Garza
- ♥Finders Keepers Market ♥Jeannette Harrison
- ♥Falls City National Bank — Eagle Creek Branch
- ♥Wilson County Hardware
- ♥America's Cupcakes ♥Kicaster Country Store

Now through Dec. 15, the Floresville Blue Santa program will be accepting new, unwrapped toys for families in need in the Floresville area this Christmas season. Floresville Police Department officers will be delivering the toys. Donations may be dropped off at the Floresville Event Center, City Hall, and the offices of the Wilson County News.



Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
from your chamber's
board of directors:



- Philip Vipond Mark Brown
 - Teddi Harllee JoNelle Zager
 - Marlana Moeller Susan Hodges
 - Lee Cohen Delilah Garza
 - Cindy Cranston Jerry Kotzur
- and
Executive Director Bonnie Byrne



Dr. JoNelle Zager spoke at the Nov. 16 luncheon on preventing workplace injuries.



New members Robert Albert (left) of Finders Keepers Market and Arvis Holland of HIT Computers joined us at the November luncheon.



Join us at noon at Jack's Café on Wednesday, Dec. 20, for our monthly luncheon and networking! Our speaker will be from the Better Business Bureau



Community Events

- ▶ Saturday, Dec. 3 — Christmas Along the Corridor, 2 p.m., downtown Floresville. Arts and crafts booths, activities, food. No admission charge. 210-373-8634
- ▶ Saturday, Dec. 3 — Festival of Lights Parade, 6:30 p.m., downtown Floresville, followed by lighting of the Christmas tree and downtown stores. 210-373-8634
- ▶ Saturday, Dec. 3 — Jailhouse Museum open, 2-5 p.m., as part of the Christmas Along the Corridor activities. 830-393-2166
- ▶ Thursday, Dec. 8 — An Evening with Santa at Cooper's Garden Place, no matter what the weather! Get a photo with Santa, 4-8 p.m. 830-393-8847
- ▶ Saturday, Dec. 10 — Pancake Breakfast with Santa, 9-11 a.m., Floresville United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Kids 12 and under, \$5, ages 13 and up, \$6.50. Photos with Santa, \$5. Sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 559. 830-216-7150
- ▶ Friday, Dec. 16 — Holiday Extravaganza, 6 p.m., Floresville Event Center. Featuring Johnny Lee and the "Urban Cowboy Band" and Bobby Flores and the "Yellow Rose Band." 830-391-4736

To have your event listed here, e-mail Susan at shodges@stelera.net

Member News

- ▶ The **Wilson County News** is co-sponsoring an "Olde Time Christmas Night" on Friday, Dec. 2. Several participating stores will remain open until 8 p.m. for this late-night shopping event. Visit with Santa from 5-8 p.m. and enjoy refreshments at the newspaper's office at 1012 C St.
- ▶ **Studio C** at 246 Paloma Dr. would make a delightful place for your small gathering or reception — it's beautiful inside! You'll get 15 percent off the rental price (which includes tables and chairs) when you mention Studio C's ad in the Nov. 30 issue of the Wilson County News. Call 830-393-8638 to find out more.
- ▶ Every Wednesday is Ladies Night at **Roper's** — ladies get in free for the music! Happy hour is from 4-9 p.m. Monday through Friday. There's also WiFi available! 528 10th St., 830-216-9449.
- ▶ Visit with Santa Friday, Dec. 9, at **A Rey of Flowers** at 1000 C St. in downtown Floresville. Santa will be there from 6-8 p.m., giving a 10 percent discount on everything!
- ▶ **Tractor City Country Store** at 688 S.H. 97E is offering 10 percent off all toys just in time for Christmas! Find their ad in the Nov. 30 issue of the Wilson County News and take it with you.
- ▶ **Sisters Boutique & Gifts** is having their annual Christmas sales during the month. They'll be open until 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, as part of the "Olde Time Christmas Night" event.

Sales Tax figures

Tracking sales tax allocations to the city shows just what an impact your business — and shopping in Floresville — has on our city. Watch each month as we report the latest disbursement, which reflects sales made two months prior. For instance, sales in January are reported to the state comptroller in February, and allocated to the city in March.

		2011	2010
March	(Jan. sales)	127,305.61	113,288.51
April	(Feb. sales)	105,253.83	119,406.60
May	(Mar. sales)	178,984.49	151,659.95
June	(Apr. sales)	157,853.30	129,621.62
July	(May sales)	166,252.16	135,446.17
August	(June sales)	213,466.69	163,395.03
September	(July sales)	135,129.99	137,536.94
October	(August sales)	197,208.85	123,006.18
November	(Sept. sales)	159,766.40	152,539.41

Shop Floresville First!

Thanksgiving Dinner



David and Roxanne Longoria welcome nearly 300 people to the annual Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 22 in the Floresville Event Center. The event was sponsored by the Floresville Police Department, Jack's Café, the Floresville school district, Danny and Laurie Curtis, Jesse Reyes and Victory A/C, and Nancy Hosek with the Salvation Army.



Teddi Harlee and Cindy Cranston (above) prepare to dish up turkey and dressing. Before the meal, Cindy invited everyone to attend the Festival of Lights parade and Christmas Along the Corridor on Saturday, Dec. 3.



After-Hours Mixer



Carson and Christina Bourne (left) hosted the November mixer at Studio C on Nov. 18.

