

February 2009

Calendar
of
Events

Resurrection Ministries'

17th Annual Valentine's Day Banquet

Saturday, February 14

6:00 p.m.

Resurrection Ministries Church

2824 Whitley Avenue-Corcoran

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under

Enjoy carne asada, chili beans, rice, green salad, pastries, dinner rolls, punch, coffee, live music, raffle prizes, a short message from Pastor Cruz and lots of fun!

Information: 992-8671, 992-5479 or 362-5046

Chamber Office Closed for Holiday

Monday, February 16

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

50th Annual Spaghetti and Ravioli Dinner

Tuesday, March 3

4:30-7:30 p.m.

Goretti Center, next to the Church

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 children

Dine-in and Take-Out available.

Tickets/Information: 992-4414

Corcoran Rotary 18th Annual Crab Crack

Saturday, March 21

Open Bar begins at 6:00 p.m.

All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feed-7:00 p.m.

Kate Boswell Senior Center-900 Dairy Ave.

\$45/person

Silent auction with items from local merchants

Casual dress is suggested.

Tickets/Information: 816-0268

SAVE THE DATE!

2009 Administrative Professionals Luncheon

Friday, April 24

Place and time to be announced

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President/CEO message

Items sought for
soldier's care packages

Several care packages have already been sent to Corcoran soldiers who have been deployed overseas and our goal at the Chamber is to keep the packages going.

The chamber office has free shipping boxes to send the care packages. Items for the packages can be taken to the Corcoran Chamber of Commerce office, next to the train depot.

Items that are in hot demand by military personnel include: individual drink mixes, tea bags, beef jerky, trail mix and nuts, cereal bars, granola bars, microwave popcorn, cup of noodles, instant oatmeal or cream of wheat, rice krispy treats, date bars, gooey brownies, cheese crackers, spices, breath mints and candy (no chocolate).

Other items that will be welcomed include Q-tips, hand cream, sunscreen, chapstick and lip balm, insect bite prevention towelettes and pocket tissues, bandanas, bath soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, wet wipes, foot powder, anti-bacterial gel, hand sanitizer.

Fun things that can go in the care packages include hand-held games, travel games, puzzles and word games, yo-yos, nerf balls, Velcro darts, music CDs and books. Military personnel also like to receive zip-lock bags in any size, batteries, DVDs, heavy socks, sunglasses, blank cards to send back home, paper and envelopes, stamps, calling cards, holiday decorations—and anything else that can put a smile on their face.

They cannot receive any pork products and perishable foods, including fruit, meat and vegetables.

The Chamber is compiling a list of soldiers from Corcoran so that they are included in the mailings. If you know of a soldier who would like to receive a package, please call Lisa at the Chamber office 992-4514.

Corcoran Chamber puts "fun" into fundraising

Corcoran Chamber puts "fun" into fundraising The Corcoran Chamber of Commerce has a new membership service that actually puts the "fun" into fundraising...and it won't cost you a penny!

The Chamber has set up its very own travel website and this new service is like having our own Expedia® just for the Corcoran Chamber of Commerce supporters and friends. Everything you need is on our site CorcoranChamberTravel.com. You get access to the same airlines, hotels and rental car companies, cruises and vacation packages...everything you find on all the other major travel websites, and best of all, you get some of the lowest travel prices on the internet.

Here's how it works-Every time travel is arranged through an online travel website, travel companies pay commissions for your reservation. When travel is booked on our new website, the

The news from the state and federal government could not be worse. Our country is struggling financially and people all over—including our local Corcoran residents—are feeling the crunch.

We will all be making tough decisions this year on how we spend our precious paycheck. Every penny has got to count.

The Corcoran Chamber of Commerce is determined to provide services both to our businesses and to our residents. We'll provide a real bang for the buck.

The Chamber just hosted its annual banquet, honoring our man and woman of the year for 2008. Evelyn Fabrie and Jon Rachford took top honors. So did the FFA as organization of the year and AZ's Auto Parts as the Commercial Improvement Award winner.

With that behind us, we kick off a year of

activities for the community, with fun and values in mind.

In April, the chamber will host its yearly administrative luncheon. It's a cost-effective way for local business to celebrate the hard work of their administrative employees. And it's hosted right here in Corcoran, saving a trip to an expensive restaurant.

Then, in May, the community is invited to attend the annual Springfest, which will include a motorcycle show downtown. Bring the kids and enjoy a great spring day admiring the many bikes displayed on Whitley Ave. There will be other activities and plenty of good food.

During the summer, there's no better place than Stix and Flicks, with free entertainment in Christmas Tree Park, food on hand, and a great family movie to cap the evening. The entertainment is free. Join us!

Business Spotlight:
Cross Creek Trucking

Cross Creek Trucking, Inc. was established in 2006 by owner Fred Holt, a local farmer

by trade.

The business started with just one truck to help fulfill the hauling needs of a dairyman. Realizing there was a need in Corcoran and it's surrounding areas, Holt decided to expand his unique trucking company.

What makes Cross Creek trucking stand out from other companies is the diversity

of items and services available. For the local farmers and ranchers, Holt provides such services as manure for fields, rock or aggregate for roadways, low bed service to move heavy equipment and removal of waste items.

For the home- and business-owner, services included are building pads (residential and business),

top soil for landscaping, lot clean-up, demolition of pre-existing structures, removal of concrete, and aggregate or rock driveways.

updating interchanges and improving ramps. Holt's role in this project was to haul asphalt to several areas along Highway 99 in Tulare.

Cross Creek Trucking also hauled material for several commercial parking lots such as the Porterville Developmental Hospital, International House of Pancakes in Tulare, CVS Pharmacy in Tulare and Auto Zone in Lemoore.

Rock was also hauled for the completion of the fresh water treatment plant in

Hanford.

Ever so conscious of environmental concerns, Holt recycles all broken concrete for the aggregate driveways.

Recent large projects include the Highway 99 Project. Due to increased resident and commuter travel as well as shipment of farm commodities, the scope of the Highway 99 Project includes widening the corridor to at least six lanes,

Cross Creek Trucking, Inc. has been a member of the Corcoran Chamber of Commerce since 2008. Holt and his crew recently showcased their unique business as one of the table decorators at the Annual Banquet in January.

For more information, contact Cross Creek Trucking, Inc. at 684-0220.

Administrative
Professionals
to be honored
at Luncheon

In honor of administrative professionals in our community, the **Corcoran Chamber of Commerce** is hosting its Annual Administrative Luncheon, Friday, April 24.

This worldwide event was originally organized in 1952 as "National Secretaries Week" by the National Secretaries Association in conjunction with public relations executive Harry Klemfuss and a consortium of office product manufacturers. It was established in an effort to recognize secretaries for their contributions in the workplace, and to attract people to secretarial/administrative careers. In the year 2000, the organization announced a name change to Administrative Professionals Week and Administrative Professionals Day to keep pace with changing job titles and expanding responsibilities of today's administrative workforce. Over the years, Administrative Professionals Week has become one of the largest workforce observances.

This year's luncheon will include honoring one outstanding Administrative Professional from the Corcoran Community. Nominations for Outstanding Administrative Professionals are currently being sought from local businesses. To nominate, please pick up a form at the Chamber of Commerce Office, located at 1099 Otis Avenue, next to the train depot. The winner will be announced and honored the day of the event. For more information, please contact Lisa Shaw at the **Corcoran Chamber of Commerce** office 559-992-4514.

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