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# Items to serve families seeking safety

#### Cindy Aguirre-Herrera

(Seguin) -- The Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office is rolling out a new effort to help those families forced into emergency placement.

The sheriff's office has launched a bag drive on behalf of the Thriving Hearts Crisis Center. Coordinating the effort is Sgt. Elaine Reamer, a long-term supporter of the center, formerly known as the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter. Reamer says through her work; she has always found it difficult when folks have had to relocate using trash bags. She says she just wants to restore dignity within these families.

Now although the bag drive was her idea, Reamer attributes another officer for putting the plan into motion.

"Everything with this drive just kind of happened," said Reamer. "Sgt. Isak Moebius contacted me saying that he and his wife had done some spring cleaning, and they wanted to donate the suitcases, and he was like, 'I know exactly who to call for that kind of stuff.' So, he called me. Well Moebius left them at my door while I wasn't here over the weekend and the bags weren't going to be picked up until 2 p.m. so they were just in the hallway and it's funny how much that got people going like, 'hey, what's this for?' So, I told them about them being donated to Thriving Hearts and every single person that passed by said 'I've got backpacks! I've got suitcases!"

Reamer says she is grateful to Sheriff Joshua Ray for his immediate support of the idea. She also thanks the crisis center who couldn't be happier to be getting the bags.

He (the Sheriff) said 'absolutely, get to it.' So, I sent an email to our agency. We got the jail involved, dispatch, patrol, everybody in CID and the collection

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is growing. My office is out of control. I've got backpacks, duffle bags, I've got suitcases - everybody is really excited about doing this and I'm so grateful that the sheriff said yes," said Reamer.

Reamer says the sheriff's office is a big supporter of Thriving Hearts who continues to illustrate its work in the community of keeping adults and children safe. She says these items will come in very handy especially if some of these families have to be relocated for their safety or when they eventually relocate to their new home.

The effort is now being extended to those in the community who also want to donate new or used backpacks, suitcases, duffel bags and totes. The items can be dropped off in the main lobby of the sheriff's office 24/7. The items will be collected through April 18.

The sheriff's office is located at 2617 N. Guadalupe St.



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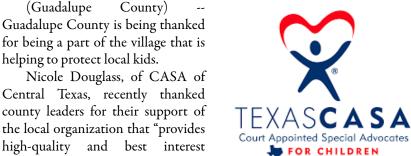
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# Efforts to advocate for foster kids do not go unnoticed by Guadalupe County



Cindy Aguirre-Herrera



in and outside of the courtroom, CASA's only focus is on what is best for the child who is in foster care.

Douglas says Guadalupe County's acknowledgement and observance of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month only amplifies its position on keeping kids safe.

'We can't do this without the support of guys and women like you on the commissioner's court. We appreciate so much every year that you allow us to come to commissioner's court. This is an amazing opportunity for us to spread awareness about child abuse, prevention and awareness. Just a bit of statistics for us, last year, we were able to serve 392 children in our four-county footprint and we can only do that by having enough volunteers to train and advocate for them and we just want to again thank you and it's you that makes everything a chance and a difference in a child's life," said Douglass.

This year marks the 40th anniversary for the CASA program.

Those interested in becoming a CASA volunteer are encouraged to visit www.casacentex.org.

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# Southwest Prep announces firstever Teacher of the Year tie

(Seguin) -- For the first time in campus history, Southwest Preparatory School here in Seguin has awarded two of its educators with the title of Teacher of the Year. It's a tie that school officials say highlights the dedication and impact that both honorees have had on their students and the school community.

This year's recipients are third grade teacher Venessa Merced-Rosales and fifth grade teacher Marilyn Rodriguez.

"Both of these educators are truly exceptional," said Mrs. Sarah Schwab, Principal at Southwest Preparatory School – Seguin. "They go above and beyond every day to support their students. This tie is a reflection of the deep respect and admiration our staff and families have for both of them."

Merced-Rosales has been with Southwest Preparatory School for four years and brings more than nine years of experience in education. Her journey at SWPREP included roles as a substitute teacher, instructional assistant, and math interventionist before she stepped into her current role as a 3rd-grade teacher. Known for her dedication and relationship-building with students and families, school officials say

Merced-Rosales creates a warm and encouraging classroom environment that fosters confidence and curiosity. A graduate of Ithaca College in New York, she has lived in several states but proudly calls Texas home.

Rodriguez, in her fifth year of teaching, is a TIAdesignated educator recognized for her measurable impact on student achievement. With experience in both 2nd and 5th grades, school leaders say she is passionate about helping students master literacy and math fundamentals. Her classroom is known for being inclusive, engaging, and student-centered. Rodriguez also supports gifted students and often leads academic enrichment trips. Committed to continuous growth, they say she regularly attends national conferences and brings fresh, innovative strategies back to her classroom.

Both teachers were nominated by their peers and selected for their instructional excellence, leadership, and contributions to a positive school culture.

Southwest Preparatory School–Seguin is a public, tuition-free charter school serving grades PreK through 12.



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# High school baseball and softball: Marion and Seguin baseball teams walk off district foes on Friday

#### Chris Austin

(Marion) -- Kade Pape stole third and came home to score the game winning run when the throw down went into left field as the Marion Bulldogs walked off Great Hearts Northern Oaks 5-4 on Friday night at Marion High School.

Marion scored three runs in the bottom of the 7th. Pape tied the game with a double to center scoring Kyson McBride and Jack Wells before coming home with the winning run.

Caden Ramsey got the victory in relief for the Bulldogs. Ramsey pitched two scoreless innings, striking out four. He worked his way out of a bases loaded jam with one out in the top of the 7th by getting a fielder's choice at the plate and a strikeout to end the threat.

Marion is 5-2 in District 27-3A. They are in second place in the district, two games behind Jourdanton with three games left in district play. Marion takes on Randolph today at Randolph High School.

(San Antonio) -- The Marion Lady Bulldog softball team took out Cornerstone Christian 3-2 in nine innings on Friday in a non-district game in San Antonio.

Alyson Robles and Maggie Luna had back-to-back RBI singles in the top of the 9th to give the Lady Bulldogs the lead. Cornerstone would score a run in the bottom of the 9th, but Alizayah Bernal would get a groundout to shortstop Madison Peavler with the tying run at 3rd base to end the ball game.

Marion, 5-1 in District 27-3A, will get back to district play when they play at Randolph today.

(Bandera) -- The Navarro Lady Panthers run-ruled Bandera 15-0 in Bandera on Friday.

Sarah Falor went 3-for-3 with two home runs and a double. She also earned the shutout in the circle allowing only two hits. Ally Antista also had a home run as she went 2-for-3 at the plate.

Navarro will host Wimberley on Tuesday.

(Bandera) -- The Navarro Panther baseball team won their fifth straight District 26-4A game with a 9-4 win at Bandera on Friday.

Elijah Farley had two triples and drove in three runs for the Panthers. Noah Rosas doubled and tripled and had a pair of RBI. Colt Brown and Ryan Davidson combined on the hill to strike out a combined nine while allowing only three earned runs.

Navarro is 5-1 in district. The Panthers will take on 6-0 Wimberley this week. The teams will meet in Geronimo tomorrow and in Wimberley on Thursday.

(Seguin) -- An Ocean Moreno base hit in the bottom of the 7th scored Griffin Welfel as the Seguin Matadors walked off San Antonio Burbank 2-1 on Friday at Matador Legends Ballpark.

Corey Dailey earned the win on the mound allowing just one hit and striking out four in three innings of relief. Seguin moved to 9-1 in District 27-5A. The Mats are a game ahead of San Antonio Edison with four games left in the district season.

Seguin fell 10-3 in a non-district game on Saturday afternoon to Buda Hays at Legends Ballpark. It was the Matadors third game in three days after district games on Thursday and Friday nights. Seguin will host San Antonio Highlands in district play on Tuesday afternoon at Legends Ballpark.

(Seguin) -- And the Seguin Lady Matadors fell for the first time this season in District 27-5A on Friday night in an 8-5 setback to Burbank at Seguin High School.

Brylee Wieding hit two solo home runs in the defeat. Camryn Rios went 4-for-4 with a double and triple. And D'yanna Priestly blasted a 2-run home run. Seguin and Burbank split their two games this season.

The Lady Mats will host Highlands on Tuesday. You'll be able to hear that game on KWED.



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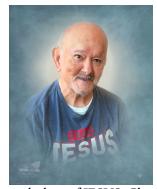












# Saenz

Marcial Saenz also known as "Mache" was born to Ofelia Zambrano & Fidel Saenz Sr. on December 26, 1945, in Seguin, Texas. Marcial gained his heavenly wings on April 9, 2025, and joined his parents and siblings. He is survived by his sister, Aurora Quintanilla.

He will be remembered by numerous nephews, nieces and extended family members for his caring

smile, love of JESUS, Christian music, eating enchiladas and playing bingo. The family would like to thank Walnut Springs Health and Rehabilitation, Hospice Heart to Heart & Bluebonnet Trails staff for the care and services provided to Marcial.

Serving as Pallbearers will be Armando Flores, Jonathan C. Flores, Alphonso

Flores, Eric Jordan Garcia, Robert Leal and Filemon Saenz. Honorary Pallbearers will be Robert Flores III and Samuel Saenz.

1John 4:7 My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows that we have been given new life. We are now God's children, and we know Him.

Visiting hours will be at Palmer Mortuary on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, starting at 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The final viewing will be at Palmer Mortuary on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, starting at 8:00 a.m. The chapel will dismiss at 9:00 a.m. and a Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment at the pavilion at Guadalupe Valley Memorial Park will follow.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Palmer Mortuary and Cremations located at 1116 N. Austin Street, Seguin, Texas 78155; 830.379.9430. Please log on to www.palmermortuary.com to sign and view the guest book.



# Johnson

Marylon Jean Johnson, a beloved member of our community, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 11, 2025, at the age of 90. She was born on May 19, 1934, in Seguin, Texas.

Marylon's life was a testament to her unwavering devotion to her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband Robert "Bob" Johnson, her son Jeffery Johnson, her

grandsons Brett Johnson and Tyler Johnson, her parents Mildred and Anthony Enck, and her brother Anthony Enck.

Survivors include her remaining brother, Raymond Enck; her sons, Greg Johnson and Brad Johnson; her grandson, Brice Johnson and wife Amanda; greatgrandchildren, Braxton, William and Kendra; as well as extended family and cherished friends.

Marylon's family was her greatest joy, and she cherished every moment spent with them. Her kindness, compassion, and unwavering spirit made her a beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She possessed an inner beauty that complemented her outward charm and elegance, bringing joy to everyone she met.

A memorial service will be held at Tres Hewell Mortuary Chapel on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. with the Reverend Jim Price officiating.

For those who desire the services may be livestreamed at https://s3-us-east-2. amazonaws.com/mf-fwp/hewell/hewell\_20250423.html.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Cross Church, 814 N. Bauer, Seguin, Texas, 78155, a cause that held immense significance for Marylon.

You are invited to sign the guest book at www.treshewell.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Tres Hewell Mortuary, 165 Tor Dr., Seguin, Texas, 78155, 830-549-5912.

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#### CMS Says Medicaid Can't Be Used For Gender Affirming Care

(Undated) -- The Trump Administration won't allow Medicare to be used for gender-affirming care for minors. On Friday, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services urged states to not use funds for gender-affirming care for anyone under 18. The restriction specifically applies for hormone treatments or gender reassignment surgeries. Newly appointed CMS Administrator Mehmet Oz said he has "a duty to ensure medical care is lawful, necessary, and truly in the best interests of patients."

#### US Reports Highest Number Of Measles Cases Since 2019 Spike

(Undated) -- The U.S. has recorded the highest number of measles cases since 2019. On Friday, the CDC announced there are now 712 confirmed cases of measles across 24 states. That's 105 more than last week. Officials also said the number is likely an undercount due to delays in reporting. Currently, eleven-percent of this year's measles patients have needed to be hospitalized, and the majority of those were in children. Roughly 97-percent of the confirmed cases have been in unvaccinated people. Back in 2019, there was a spike in measles around the country, leading to over 12-hundred reported cases.

#### Maternal Diabetes Increases Child's Neurodevelopmental Disorder Risk

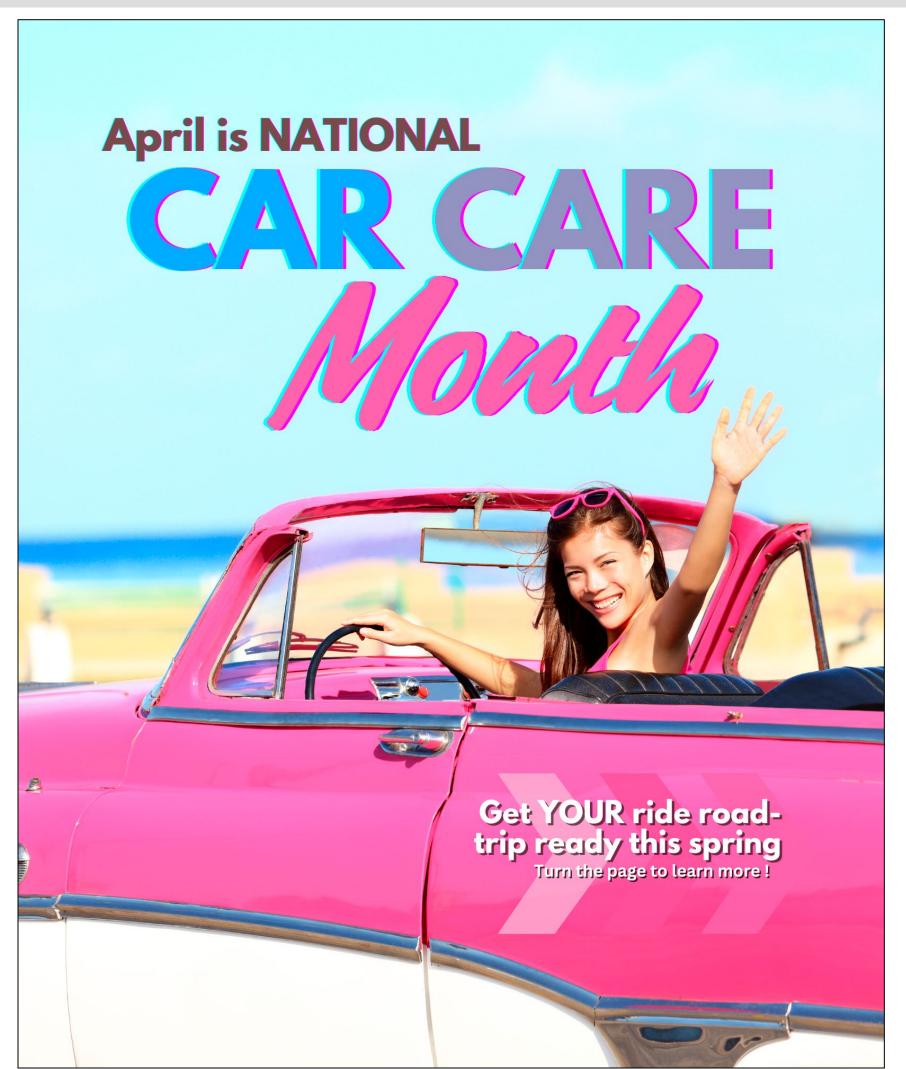
(Undated) -- A new study found maternal diabetes can increase a child's risk of having a neurodevelopmental disorder. Researchers discovered a link between mothers with gestational diabetes and a heightened risk for autism, ADHD, and intellectual disabilities in their kids. The authors of the study say more research is needed to understand why gestational diabetes increases the likelihood of these disorders.

#### Parkinson's Disease May Soon Outpace Dementia

(Undated) -- A new study shows Parkinson's disease may soon be more concerning than Alzheimer's. Cases of Parkinson's disease are estimated to rise 30-percent by 2050 in North America and will double globally. Symptoms of Parkinson's disease mostly affect movement, but can range from mental health effects to pain and tiredness. There is currently no cure for Parkinson's disease and scientist are working to determine what triggers the devastating illness.



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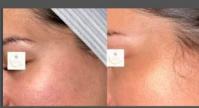
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#### April

# Greater Second Baptist to Host Family & Friends Day Dedication Event

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The Greater Second Baptist Church will be hosting Family & Friends' Day: Dedication to James Cooper at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 13 at 208 S. Crockett St. in Seguin. Themed "Playbook for Life: Faith vs Flesh," the celebration will feature a guest church, Dedicated Baptist Church, led by Pastor F. Burton. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Pamela Roundtree at (830) 557-2513.

# Free Debt Management Class at New Braunfels Food Bank

The New Braunfels Food Bank will be hosting a free Financial Literacy Class on Debt Management at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15. The session will be held upstairs at 1620 S. Seguin Ave. in New Braunfels. Refreshments will be provided, and attendees who stay until the end will be entered into a raffle for a gift card and San Antonio Spurs swag.

#### Mariachi Oro y Negro

Texas Lutheran University will be hosting Mariachi Oro y Negro at 7:00 p.m. on April 21 at Wupperman Little Theatre. This event is free and open to the public.

#### **Business After-Hours Networking**

The Seguin Chamber of Commerce will host a Business After-Hours Networking event from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, at the Seguin Chamber Office, located at 116 N. Camp St., Seguin, TX 78155. Sponsored by the Mid-Texas Symphony, this event provides an opportunity for professionals to connect and engage with the local business community. Chamber members are reminded to bring their membership cards for entry.

# Guadalupe County Wildlife Management Association Spring Meeting

The Guadalupe County Wildlife Management Association will be hosting its annual Spring Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on April 25 at The Red Barn, 390 Cordova Rd. in Seguin. Dinner plates will be available for \$15.00, provided by Next Door Catering, with dinner, meeting, and presentations beginning at 7:00 p.m. Guest speakers include a representative from Cargill/Nutrena and Olivia Kost, the Guadalupe County Wildlife Biologist, who will discuss local wild-life trends, data, and the MLDP program. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP by emailing guadcounty-wma@gmail.com or calling 830-660-3296.

#### **TLU Bands Prism Concert**

Texas Lutheran University will be hosting the TLU Bands Prism Concert at 7:00 p.m. on April 25 at Jackson Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

#### Gabe Galvan Band – April 25

The Silver Center will be hosting Gabe Galvan Band at 7:30 p.m. on April 25th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

#### TLU Bands Present "PRISM 2025: American Visions"

Join Texas Lutheran University Bands for PRISM 2025: American Visions on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 7:00 PM in Jackson Auditorium. This concert will feature a wide variety of selections performed by both large and small ensembles from the TLU School of Music. Admission is free and open to the public. Don't miss this exciting musical experience!

#### 8th Annual Vintage Car & Bike Show

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 245 will be hosting the 8th Annual Vintage Car & Bike Show at 9:00 a.m. on April 26 at 618 E. Kingsbury Street in Seguin. Registration is \$30, and the event will feature trophies, food, music, drinks, and prizes. Guests are invited to take a stroll down memory lane and enjoy a day of classic vehicles and community fun.

#### **Mid-Texas Symphony**

The Mid-Texas Symphony, with conductor, Akiko Fujimoto, will present Ode to Joy, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 27 at Jackson Auditorium at Texas Lutheran University. To purchase tickets, visit www.mtsymphony.org or call the box office 830-463-5353 For questions, email boxoffice@mtsymphony.org.

#### May

#### **Geronimo Lions First Friday Feast Set for May 2**

The Geronimo Lions will be hosting the First Friday Feast at 5:30 p.m. on May 2 at 390 Cordova Road in Seguin. Meals will be served until 7:30 p.m. or until sold out. Dinner options include steak or fish for \$20, with proceeds benefiting the Seguin Heritage Museum. Entertainment will be provided by Madelyn Abrameit. Payment can be made by cash, check, or credit card at the door.

#### 16th Annual Cinco de Mayo Pachanga in Seguin

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LU-LAC) Council 682 is hosting the 16th Annual Cinco de Mayo Pachanga on May 2-3, 2025, in Seguin's Central Park. The festival runs from 5:00 p.m. to midnight on Friday and noon to midnight on Saturday, celebrating Seguin's connection to the 1862 Battle of Puebla

#### Wings & Wheels Fly-In at the Pioneer Flight Museum

The Pioneer Flight Museum is hosting the Wings & Wheels Fly-In from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on

May 3, 2025, at 190 Pershing Ln, Kingsbury, TX. This museum fun day will feature a 1909 Blériot XI, along with antique, vintage, and classic aircraft and automobiles, food trucks, vendors, and living history displays. This spring fundraising event welcomes donations at the gate. For more information, visit PioneerFlightMuseum.org or call 830-639-4162.

#### Seguin's Small Business Resource Fair

The Seguin Chamber of Commerce, Main Street & CVB, and Seguin Economic Development Corporation are hosting Seguin's Small Business Resource Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on May 7, 2025, at the Seguin Coliseum, 950 S. Austin St. This free event provides valuable insights and resources for entrepreneurs and small business owners. A luncheon hosted by the Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce will follow from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., with tickets available for \$20.

#### Dedication Ceremony for Guadalupe County Historical Marker at San Juan Cemetery

The Guadalupe County Historical Commission will be hosting a dedication ceremony for a Guadalupe County Historical Marker at 10:30 a.m. on May 10 at the San Juan Cemetery, located at 330 Heinemeyer Road in Geronimo, TX.

#### Wrangler Country

The Silver Center will be hosting Wrangler Country at 7:30 p.m. on May 16th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

#### 12th Annual Nut Run

The American Legion Riders ALR 245 will be hosting the 12th Annual Nut Run at 9:00 a.m. on May 17 at 618 E. Kingsbury Street in Seguin. Registration takes place from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. with a \$35 fee for riders and \$20 for passengers. A meal is included with registration, and additional meals are available for \$10. The event will feature food, drinks, raffles, auctions, and entertainment.

#### Your Best Life Festival – Free Health & Wellness Expo

NAMI Guadalupe County is hosting Your Best Life Festival, a free health & wellness expo, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 17, 2025, at the Seguin Coliseum, 950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX. Attendees can explore community resources, insurance options, mental health support, fitness demonstrations, and safety information. Kids can enjoy free activities, including a bounce house and face painting. Giveaways and interactive booths will also be available. For more information, visit NAMIGuadalupeCounty.org/festival.

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#### **Guadalupe County Bulk Clean-up Event**

Guadalupe County will hold a Bulk Clean-up event on Saturday, May 17, from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Event is free and allows residents to safely dispose of unwanted items, helping to maintain a clean and safe environment. Proof of residency in Guadalupe County is required. The event will be held at the County Road & Bridge Central Yard, 310 IH-10 West. All vehicles must enter from North Austin Street and turn onto North Guadalupe Street, which is 0.5 miles north of IH-10. Visit GuadalupeTX.gov for a list of acceptable items.

#### Badges, Bikes & Tykes Community Event

The Seguin Police Department and Seguin Fire Department are hosting Badges, Bikes & Tykes from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 17, 2025, at Max Starcke Park Large Pavilion. This family-friendly event will feature games, prizes, bike raffles, music, and more. Join local first responders for a fun-filled day promoting bike safety and community engagement.

#### **Gabe Galvan Band**

The Silver Center will be hosting Gabe Galvan Band at 7:30 p.m. on May 30th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

#### June

ilies in need.

# 2nd Annual Build for Better Bash – Hosted by Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio & Guada-

lupe Valley Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio & Guadalupe Valley invites the community to the 2nd Annual Build for Better Bash on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Texas Lutheran University – Seguin Hall Parking Lot (1000 W Court St, Seguin, TX 78155). Join us for a community wall build to support local fam-

# 20th Annual Seguin Area Youth Leadership Academy (SAYLA)

The Seguin Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 20th Annual Seguin Area Youth Leadership Academy (SAYLA) from June 22-27, 2025. This program is open to Guadalupe County students entering their junior or senior year, providing team-building activities, personal development, daily tours, and community service opportunities. A mandatory overnight stay is required for one night only on June 22, 2025. Applications are available now, with a deadline of March 20, 2025. For more information, contact the Seguin Chamber at (830) 379-6382 or cofc@seguinchamber.com.

#### Seguin Parks & Recreation Nature Series: Nature Discovery

Seguin Parks & Recreation is hosting Nature Discovery at 9:00 a.m. on April 12, 2025, at the Irma Lewis Outdoor Learning Center, 1865 E. Hwy 90, Seguin, TX. This hands-on workshop is part of the Nature Series and encourages participants to explore and learn about the natural world. Registration is required at this link.

#### Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Spring Cleanup

The Geronimo and Alligator Creeks Watershed Partnership will host the Spring Stream Cleanup from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 12. Volunteers can meet at either the Seguin Outdoor Learning Center (1865 E US Highway 90) or Oak Creek Elementary in New Braunfels (3060 Goodwin Ln). Cleanup supplies will be provided, and limited special event t-shirts are available for participants. Free breakfast tacos and coffee will be offered. Registration is open at geronimocreek.org.

#### Field of Honor® Plate Sale

Field of Honor® will be hosting a plate sale from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, at Cash America Pawn, located at 1111 E Court St. Each plate is \$12 and includes half a chicken, cowboy potatoes, beans, and trimmings. Drinks and baked goods will also be available for purchase. Proceeds will support Field of Honor® and its initiatives.

#### Free Tax Clinic at TLU

Dr. Sally Cook announces that the annual Tax Clinic at Texas Lutheran University is now open. The clinic operates Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to noon, closing on the weekends surrounding Spring Break and the Wednesday of Spring Break. The final day of service is April 12. Taxpayers must bring their Social Security card, photo ID, all tax forms, and, if filing jointly, their spouse must be present to sign. Dependents claimed must also have Social Security cards. Taxpayers should line up in their cars on Beck Street, where student volunteers will assist. For more information, contact Dr. Sally Cook or Annette at 830-372-6050.

#### **Festival for Life: A Community Celebration**

The South Texas Pregnancy Care Center invites you to the Festival for Life on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the

Columbus Club of Seguin Hall, 1015 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX. Enjoy live music, a burger meal for \$10, and a dessert auction at 2:15 PM. Kids' activities, including a dunking booth, rock wall, photo booth, balloon animals, face painting, and more, are free. Come celebrate life with fun for the whole family!

# Panther Palooza Returns to Navarro ISD for a Night of Family Fun

Navarro ISD is hosting the second annual Panther Palooza on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Navarro Intermediate Parking Lot (588 Link Rd, Seguin, TX 78155). In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors.

#### Dedication of Guadalupe County Historical Marker at Nash Creek Cemetery

The Guadalupe County Historical Commission will hold a dedication ceremony for a Guadalupe County Historical Marker at Nash Creek Cemetery on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. The cemetery, located at 1351 Nash Creek Road, Kingsbury, TX, is recognized for its historical significance in the region.

#### Greater Second Baptist to Host Family & Friends Day Dedication Event

The Greater Second Baptist Church will be hosting Family & Friends' Day: Dedication to James Cooper at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 13 at 208 S. Crockett St. in Seguin. Themed "Playbook for Life: Faith vs Flesh," the celebration will feature a guest church, Dedicated Baptist Church, led by Pastor F. Burton. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Pamela Roundtree at (830) 557-2513.

# Free Debt Management Class at New Braunfels Food Bank

The New Braunfels Food Bank will be hosting a free Financial Literacy Class on Debt Management at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15. The session will be held upstairs at 1620 S. Seguin Ave. in New Braunfels. Refreshments will be provided, and attendees who stay until the end will be entered into a raffle for a gift card and San Antonio Spurs swag.

#### Mariachi Oro y Negro

Texas Lutheran University will be hosting Mariachi Oro y Negro at 7:00 p.m. on April 21 at Wupperman Little Theatre. This event is free and open to the public.

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#### **Small Business Development Seminar**

The Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Small Business Development Seminar at 11:30 a.m. on April 23 at Johnny Pickles Distillery, located at 1711 N. Austin Street in Seguin. Part of the Chamber's Small Business Development Series, the seminar will feature guest speaker Konni Williams of First United Bank, presenting on "Small Business Plans and Financing." The event includes networking, a presentation, and lunch for a \$15 registration fee. RSVP is required by Monday, April 21, 2025, as no tickets will be sold at the door.

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#### **Business After-Hours Networking**

The Seguin Chamber of Commerce will host a Business After-Hours Networking event from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, at the Seguin Chamber Office, located at 116 N. Camp St., Seguin, TX 78155. Sponsored by the Mid-Texas Symphony, this event provides an opportunity for professionals to connect and engage with the local business community. Chamber members are reminded to bring their membership cards for entry.

#### **TLU Bands Prism Concert**

Texas Lutheran University will be hosting the TLU Bands Prism Concert at 7:00 p.m. on April 25 at Jackson Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

#### Gabe Galvan Band – April 25

The Silver Center will be hosting Gabe Galvan Band at 7:30 p.m. on April 25th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

#### TLU Bands Present "PRISM 2025: American Visions"

Join Texas Lutheran University Bands for PRISM 2025: American Visions on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 7:00 PM in Jackson Auditorium. This concert will feature a wide variety of selections performed by both large and small ensembles from the TLU School of Music. Admission is free and open to the public. Don't miss this exciting musical experience!

#### **Mid-Texas Symphony**

The Mid-Texas Symphony, with conductor, Akiko Fujimoto, will present Ode to Joy, at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 27 at Jackson Auditorium at Texas Lutheran University. To purchase tickets, visit www.mtsymphony.org or call the box office 830-463-5353 For questions, email boxoffice@ mtsymphony.org.

#### Seguin Rotary Golf Tournament & Gala Fundraiser

The Seguin Rotary Club will be hosting its Golf Tournament and Gala Fundraiser at 7:00 a.m. on May 1 at The Bandit Golf Course. The event includes a driving range and putting green, an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start, and lunch and awards at 12:00 p.m. Registration includes cart and green fees, range balls, breakfast, drink tickets, and lunch. A four-person team entry is \$600, with sponsorship opportunities available. Highlights include a hole-in-one contest for a new 2025 Silverado, a \$20,000 raffle, and a Golden Ticket raffle for a trip to the 2026 Masters or 2025 Macy's Parade. Proceeds benefit high school scholarships and community grants.

#### 16th Annual Cinco de Mayo Pachanga in Seguin

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council 682 is hosting the 16th Annual Cinco de Mayo Pachanga on May 2-3, 2025, in Seguin's Central Park. The festival runs from 5:00 p.m. to midnight on Friday and noon to midnight on Saturday, celebrating Seguin's connection to the 1862 Battle of Puebla

#### Wings & Wheels Fly-In at the Pioneer Flight Museum

The Pioneer Flight Museum is hosting the Wings & Wheels Fly-In from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 3, 2025, at 190 Pershing Ln, Kingsbury, TX. This museum fun day will feature a 1909 Blériot XI, along with antique, vintage, and classic aircraft and automobiles, food trucks, vendors, and living history displays. This spring fundraising event welcomes donations at the gate. For more information, visit PioneerFlightMuseum.org or call 830-639-4162.

#### 2025 Teacher of the Year Banquet

The Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 2025 Teacher of the Year Banquet at 5:30 p.m. on May 5 at Geronimo Oaks Weddings and Events, located at 1377 Dietert Road in Seguin. The banquet honors the dedication of outstanding educators and invites Chamber members and the community to take part in this celebration. The event is presented by Northeast Lakeview College, part of the Alamo Colleges District, and organized by the Chamber's Education Partnership Committee. Sponsorships are available, and tickets can be purchased online.

#### Seguin's Small Business Resource Fair

The Seguin Chamber of Commerce, Main Street & CVB, and Seguin Economic Development Corporation are hosting Seguin's Small Business Resource Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on May 7, 2025, at the Seguin Coliseum, 950 S. Austin St. This free event provides valuable insights and

resources for entrepreneurs and small business owners. A luncheon hosted by the Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce will follow from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., with tickets available for \$20.

#### Wrangler Country

The Silver Center will be hosting Wrangler Country at 7:30 p.m. on May 16th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

# Your Best Life Festival – Free Health & Wellness Expo

NAMI Guadalupe County is hosting Your Best Life Festival, a free health & wellness expo, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 17, 2025, at the Seguin Coliseum, 950 S. Austin St., Seguin, TX. Attendees can explore community resources, insurance options, mental health support, fitness demonstrations, and safety information. Kids can enjoy free activities, including a bounce house and face painting. Giveaways and interactive booths will also be available. For more information, visit NAMIGuadalupeCounty.org/festival.

#### **Guadalupe County Bulk Clean-up Event**

Guadalupe County will hold a Bulk Clean-up event on Saturday, May 17, from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Event is free and allows residents to safely dispose of unwanted items, helping to maintain a clean and safe environment. Proof of residency in Guadalupe County is required. The event will be held at the County Road & Bridge Central Yard, 310 IH-10 West. All vehicles must enter from North Austin Street and turn onto North Guadalupe Street, which is 0.5 miles north of IH-10. Visit GuadalupeTX.gov for a list of acceptable items.

#### **Badges, Bikes & Tykes Community Event**

The Seguin Police Department and Seguin Fire Department are hosting Badges, Bikes & Tykes from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on May 17, 2025, at Max Starcke Park Large Pavilion. This family-friendly event will feature games, prizes, bike raffles, music, and more. Join local first responders for a fun-filled day promoting bike safety and community engagement.

#### **Gabe Galvan Band**

The Silver Center will be hosting Gabe Galvan Band at 7:30 p.m. on May 30th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

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#### June

#### 2nd Annual Build for Better Bash – Hosted by Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio & Guadalupe Valley

Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio & Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio & Guadalupe Valley invites the community to the 2nd Annual Build for Better Bash on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Texas Lutheran University – Seguin Hall Parking Lot (1000 W Court St, Seguin, TX 78155). Join us for a community wall build to support local families in need.

# 20th Annual Seguin Area Youth Leadership Academy (SAYLA)

The Seguin Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 20th Annual Seguin Area Youth Leadership Academy (SAYLA) from June 22-27, 2025. This program is open to Guadalupe County students entering their junior or senior year, providing team-building activities, personal development, daily tours, and community service opportunities. A mandatory overnight stay is required for one night only on June 22, 2025. Applications are available now, with a deadline of March 20, 2025. For more information, contact the Seguin Chamber at (830) 379-6382 or cofc@seguinchamber.com.

#### Seguin High School Strength and Conditioning Camp

The Seguin High School Athletic Department will be hosting a free Strength and Conditioning Camp from June 2–26 and July 7–24, running Monday through Thursday. Boys' high school sessions will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., girls' high school sessions from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., and middle school boys and girls will train from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Sessions include skills, weights, and running. For more information, contact Craig Dailey at cdailey@seguin.k12.tx.us.

#### Seguin High School Boys Basketball Camp

The Seguin High School Athletic Department will be hosting a Boys Basketball Camp from June 2–5 at Goldie. Camp for grades 1–5 will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., and grades 6–9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$30. For details, contact Guy Nowlin at gnowlin@seguin. k12.tx.us.

#### **Girls Basketball Camp**

The Seguin High School Athletic Department will be hosting a Girls Basketball Camp from June 2–5 at the SAC. Camp for grades 1–5 will run from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and grades 6–9 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$30. For more information, contact Veronda Kendall at vkendall@ seguin.k12.tx.us.

#### Volleyball Camp Scheduled at Seguin High School

The Seguin High School Athletic Department will be hosting a Volleyball Camp from June 9–12 at Goldie. Grades 1–5 will meet from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., grade 9 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., and grades 6–8 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$30. For questions, contact Ashley Farris at afarris@seguin.k12.tx.us.

# Tennis Camp Offered in June by Seguin High School Athletics

The Seguin High School Athletic Department will be hosting a Tennis Camp from June 9–12 at the SHS Tennis Courts. Camp for grades 1–5 will run from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., and grades 6–9 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$30. For more information, contact Derek Vera at dvera@seguin. k12.tx.us.

#### Bimbo

The Silver Center will be hosting Bimbo at 7:30 p.m. on June 13th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

#### **Gabe Galvan Band**

The Silver Center will be hosting Gabe Galvan Band at 7:30 p.m. on June 27th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

#### July

#### **Bryan Zipp**

The Silver Center will be hosting Bryan Zipp at 7:30 p.m. on July 11th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

#### **Gabe Galvan Band**

The Silver Center will be hosting Gabe Galvan Band at 7:30 p.m. on July 25th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

# Texas Women of Influence Conference Slated for July 31

The Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 2025 Texas Women of Influence Conference on July 31 at Geronimo Oaks Weddings and Events Venue, located at 1377 Dietert Road in Seguin. Organized by the Chamber's Women's Conference Planning Committee, the event aims to celebrate and empower women leaders across Texas. Further details, including registration and programming, will be announced closer to the date.

#### August

#### **Gabe Galvan Band**

The Silver Center will be hosting Gabe Galvan Band at 7:30 p.m. on August 22nd at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

#### September

#### Bimbo

The Silver Center will be hosting Bimbo at 7:30 p.m. on September 12th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

#### Gabe Galvan Band – September 26

The Silver Center will be hosting Gabe Galvan Band at 7:30 p.m. on September 26th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

#### **October**

#### **The Merles**

The Silver Center will be hosting The Merles Band at 7:30 p.m. on October 10th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

#### **Gabe Galvan Band**

The Silver Center will be hosting the Gabe Galvan Band at 7:30 p.m. on October 24th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

#### November

#### Wrangler Country

The Silver Center will be hosting Wrangler Country at 7:30 p.m. on November 14th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

#### **No Dance**

The Silver Center will not be hosting a dance on November 28th due to the holiday.

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#### December

#### Byron Zipp

The Silver Center will be hosting Byron Zipp at 7:30 p.m. on December 12th at the Crystal Chandelier Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 by calling 830-303-6612. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

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#### **No Dance**

The Silver Center will not be hosting a dance on December 26th due to the holiday.

#### **Ongoing Community Calendar Items**

# City of Seguin Reopens BIG Program with New Funding

The City of Seguin will be hosting the reopened Business Improvement Grant (BIG) Program following the approval of additional funding. The grant offers up to 75 percent reimbursement, with a maximum of \$10,000, for qualifying business improvements such as façade upgrades, signage, and equipment additions. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis through the BIG application portal at https://bit.ly/seguin-big24 and will remain open until funds are exhausted. For more information, visit www.SeguinEDC.com or call 830-401-2476.

**Geronimo VFW Dance Schedule – March to May 2025** The Geronimo VFW is hosting weekly dances at 6808 N Hwy 123, Geronimo, TX from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Sundays and select Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. on Sundays, and the kitchen opens at 2:00 p.m.

# AARP Tax-Aide Assistance at the Seguin Public Library

The AARP is providing free tax preparation assistance at the Seguin Public Library in the Technology Lab on Fridays and Saturdays from February 1 to April 12, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Assistance is by appointment only—walk-ins will not be accepted. Appointments can be scheduled at www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\_taxaide. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide serves all taxpayers, with a focus on those over 50 or with low to moderate income. For more information, call 210-802-6196 or visit library.seguintexas.gov.

# Seguin ISD Students to Provide Free Tax Assistance to the Public

Seguin High School students are offering free tax preparation services to eligible taxpayers through the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. These certified students, enrolled in the district's Career and Technical Education business pathway, have completed IRS-required training in tax law and available tax credits. Assistance is available for individuals and families earning \$67,000 or less annually, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers. Sessions will take place at the Seguin High School Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. through March. To ensure timely tax preparation, attendees should bring photo identification, Social Security or ITIN documents, last year's tax return, Forms W-2 and 1099, Form 1095-A (if applicable), and proof of bank account details for direct deposit. Married couples filing jointly must attend together. For more information, contact Seguin ISD Communications Director Emily Allen at eallen@seguin.k12.tx.us.

#### **CCSCT Utility Assistance Application for 2024**

Applications are available for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (C.E.A.P.) provided by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs through the CCSCT. The program will help low-income consumers reduce their utility bills. There is also assistance available through the Low Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). For more information visit www.ccsct.org or follow them on the socials at https://linktr.ee/ccsct\_cares.

#### **Heritage Museum Calendars**

The Heritage Museum is selling 2024 Then and Now Themed Calendars. There is a limited supply and they are available for purchase at the Heritage Museum, Gift & Gourmet, Pecan Town Books and Brews, Parker's City Pharmacy, and online at www.heritagemuseum.net. All proceeds benefit Museum projects.

#### 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Dial 988 for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline available 24 hours a day in English and Spanish.

#### **Volunteer Van Drivers Needed**

Guadalupe County Veteran Services Office is in great need of volunteer van drivers. Even those who can only commit to one day per month. Volunteers will drive local veterans who have no transportation to their VA medical appointments in San Antonio. To volunteer, call 830-303-4188 ext. 1249.

#### **Precious Life Services**

Precious Life Services is accepting new clients who may need help with Anger Management, Parenting Skills, Christian Counseling, Group and Family Therapy, Anxiety and Depression, etc. Appointments are available in-office, by Zoom or Teleconference by calling 830-372-5980.

#### Free Accredited Adult Homeschool Program

The Life Changing Church is now offering a Free Accredited Homeschool Program for adults want-

ing to earn their high school diploma. It is a selfpaced, no classes to attend program. You work around your schedule and at the end of the program you will receive an accredited diploma that is acceptable for college. Tutors are available at no charge. Free placement testing, no previous records required. For more information call or text Crystal at 325-956-1155.

#### **Salvation Army Office**

The Seguin Unit Salvation Army office is located at 205 North King Street. The office is open to receive requests for assistance weekly from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

#### Volunteers Needed

The Guadalupe Valley Young Marines need volunteers. They promote a healthy, drug-free program and need males, 19 years and up who would like to see the program grow by contributing time to help future citizens, boys and girls 8 to 18. Positions available include computer input, physical fitness training, planning/logistics, and medical. Contact Dina Dillon at 423-227-9610 or visit www.gvyoungmarines.org.

#### La Trinidad Blessing Box - Food Pantry

The La Trinidad United Methodist Church invites you to "Take what you need, Bring what you can, and above all be Blessed!" by its Blessing Box Food Pantry located at the corner of the church at 306 E. Gonzales St. in Seguin. The Blessing Box is filled with items to help those in need.

#### **The Country Church Attic**

The Country Church Attic is now open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday.

#### **Clothing Ministry**

The Refuge III Clothing Ministry continues to give away clothing, some furniture, dishes, and other items at 7535 Elm Creek Road in Seguin. For further information call 830-303-6478.

#### **Free Bible Course**

The World Bible School is offering free Bible correspondence courses. Answer questions from the Bible and send in for grading. Visit studygod. info for further information.

To ensure non-profit organization's meetings and events appear in this calendar, send information to: communitycalendar@kwed1580.com, or drop off the information at the Seguin Daily News/KWED offices located at 609 E. Court St. in Seguin. For best results, submit information at least two weeks prior to the event.

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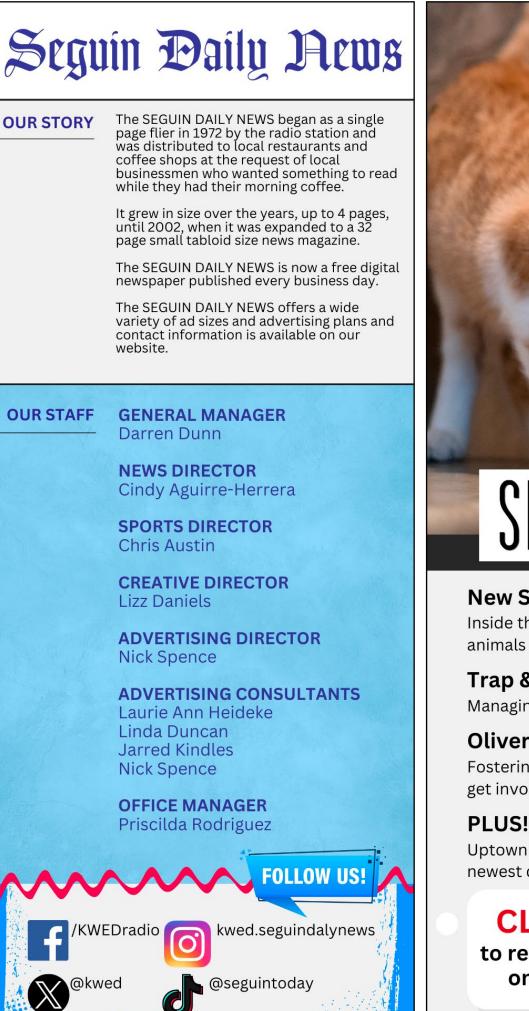
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