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This gentleman knew the assignment early Thursday morning as he waited for the doors to open at the newly named No. 1 Best Barbecue Joint in Texas by Texas Monthly Magazine. Following the prestigious title earned by Burnt Bean, long lines of customers were seen all weekend long wrapped around the downtown building on South Austin Street. Photo by Renae Young-Henze

Two confirmed Texas Syndicate gang members arrested in major drug bust on IH 10

Cindy Aguirre-Herrera

(Guadalupe County) -- A pair of individuals are behind bars after a routine traffic stop led to a huge drug bust.

Guadalupe County Sheriff's Officials say the incident began on Saturday when a deputy pulled over a small passenger vehicle for an equipment violation.

The stop was reported at 5 p.m. on IH 10 West near State Highway 46. Upon making contact with the vehicle, Deputy Israel Segura identified the two occupants as confirmed members of the Texas Syndicate, a known

prison gang with a history of criminal activity.

Following a probable cause search of the vehicle, authorities say they discovered a substantial quantity of illegal narcotics, including 260 grams of cocaine, 38 grams of heroin, 30 grams of methamphetamine, and various prescription drugs.

In addition, deputies seized a large sum of U.S. currency believed to be connected to drug trafficking.

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Seguin ISD confirms experience of newly appointed interim superintendent

Cindy Aguirre-Herrera

(Seguin) -- The Seguin ISD is sharing more behind its decision to appoint its current chief financial officer to the position of interim superintendent.

As reported earlier, district officials on Wednesday unanimously named its CFO Elizabeth “Liz” Banks, formerly Oaks to the position. Due to its superintendent search process timeline, Board President Denise Crettenden says Banks, thanks to her qualifications, will assume the position until the district names a new superintendent in July.

Banks joined the district as chief financial officer in April 2024. District officials say she has over a decade of experience in finance and operations, having served as chief financial officer for La Vernia ISD and Lamesa ISD, as well as having served as the business manager for Miami (TX) ISD. Prior to moving into finance, Banks also served two years in the classroom.

Banks is currently a registered Texas School Business Administrator (RTSBA), a member of the

Texas Association of

School Officials (TASBO) and a member of the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA).

Crettenden adds that Banks already has a great working relationship with the district’s leadership staff and is confident that Banks can implement the support and guidance that is required to keep things up and running.

She states, “there are things happening every day and so I think she is going to be great at making sure those things are running smoothly and will just set us up for a great next school year.”

District officials say many of Banks’ responsibilities are in the operation of the district. This includes construction, transportation and of course, the budget.

The school board this past Saturday continued its superintendent search process by conducting its first round of interviews. The hope is to name a lone finalist by June 17.

Gary Job Corps in San Marcos among dozens set to close nationwide

Cindy Aguirre-Herrera

(San Marcos) — The Gary Job Corps Center in neighboring San Marcos will close its doors this summer as part of a nationwide shutdown of contractor-operated Job Corps centers.

The U.S. Department of Labor announced this week it will pause operations at all such centers by June 30, 2025, citing poor outcomes, safety concerns, and growing financial deficits. The move impacts dozens of locations across the country, including Gary Job Corps — the closest center to Seguin, and one that has served thousands of South Central Texas students over the years.

Federal officials say the decision comes after a sweeping internal review that found the Job Corps program is no longer achieving the results intended when it was created to help young adults gain education and job training.

In its first-ever transparency report, the department revealed that the average graduation rate sits below 40 percent, while the average cost per graduate exceeds \$155,000.

Despite those costs, students earn just \$16,695 on average in their first year after leaving the program.

The report also highlighted safety issues, including more than 14,000 serious incidents in the last program year, with hundreds of cases involving violence, drug use, and sexual misconduct.

Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer said the pause will allow for a re-evaluation of the program’s structure and future. In the meantime, the department says it will work with local and state partners to help current students complete their training or transition to other education and employment opportunities.





Bust, continued.

Both individuals were taken into custody and charged with multiple felony offenses, including possession of controlled substances with intent to distribute and money laundering. They were booked into the Guadalupe County Adult Detention Facility, where they await arraignment.

The Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office has not yet released the names of the suspects at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

Seguin ISD stands by new SHS principal, says Muñoz passed all background checks

Cindy Aguirre-Herrera

(Seguin) — Just days after the announcement of Albert Muñoz as the new principal of Seguin High School, the Seguin ISD is addressing concerns over a resurfaced online post connected to a legal matter from 2014.

The district released a statement this week confirming that it was made aware of a repost circulating on social media that referenced an incident involving Muñoz, then a coach at Clemens High School in the Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD. The incident, which took place nearly 11 years ago, reportedly involved Muñoz's arrest "for engaging in sexual activity with an adult woman in a van parked at Olmos Basin Park in San Antonio."

According to news reports at the time, Muñoz was taken into custody — but he was never formally charged with a crime. Officials added that the case "did not proceed with prosecution."

In a prepared statement to KWED, the Seguin ISD emphasized that Muñoz passed both state and federal background checks — a standard



requirement it says is for all district hires.

"Seguin ISD has learned about a recent repost of 10-year-old information regarding one of our recent hires. We want to be clear about our process during hiring: this person passed a rigorous state and federal background check, as do all new hires in Seguin ISD. In an abundance of caution, when these reposts were brought to our attention, we took additional time to review the legal record again, and no record was found. Given that, all evidence indicates that the matter was closed without

being pursued further."

District officials have highlighted his two decades of experience in education, most recently as associate principal at John Jay High School in San Antonio. He has also worked at Stevens and O'Connor high schools in the Northside ISD, and previously in the Dilley ISD.

Muñoz's appointment, as Seguin High School principal, was recently approved by the Seguin ISD Board of Trustees. His first day on the job is June 2.

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Stauber

Carl Matthew Stauber, born January 18, 1933, in Tacoma Park, Maryland, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2025, at the age of 92. At the time of his passing, Carl resided in Argent Court, Seguin, Texas. Carl leaves behind a legacy of adventure, craftsmanship, friendship and love.

When Carl was 12 his mother died and he moved to Alma Center, Wisconsin to live with his Uncle Harold and Aunt Martha. It was there he discovered his lifelong passion for the great outdoors.

Carl's career as a cartographer started when he joined the United States Air Force in Intelligence. He served his country proudly during the Korean War. He worked for the USGS for many years. In 1957 he married Elaine Barker.

A gifted woodworker, Carl created beautiful furniture, and craft pieces for Elaine to paint, and later in life mastering the art of turning bowls and platters on his lathe.

His love for the outdoors led him to become an accomplished marksman, winning numerous state and regional trap shooting championships, often with his beloved wife, Elaine, by his side. Carl's skill as a waterfowl hunter was renowned from the Chesapeake Bay to the wilds of Canada and Alaska. If Carl wasn't hunting or shooting at clay birds he was fishing. He fished lakes, rivers, streams, the ocean; and if he thought it might have a fish in it, he was going to wet a hook and give it his best, which was outstanding. And somehow Carl found enough

time for golf and reading too.

But traveling in a camper with Elaine and their poodle, Taffy, may have brought him the most joy. Carl found immense joy in meeting new friends at every campground, his gift for storytelling captivating audiences with tales of his adventures in growing up in the Wisconsin woods, hunting, fishing, sailing, and shooting. Carl's friendly and resourceful nature, coupled with his loyalty and knack for finding good in others, made him a cherished friend across generations.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, Carl John Stauber and Milda Van Gordon Stauber, his sister Marie Stauber Pappas, his brother Van Gordon Stauber, and his beloved wife, Elaine B Stauber of almost 56 years. He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was a devoted Catholic and loved his church community.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 4, at 10:00 am at St. James Catholic Church, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 am, with the Rev. Greg Nevlud officiating. A reception will follow. Interment will take place at a later date in East Lawn Cemetery, Alma Center, Wisconsin.

Memorial contributions in Carl's name may be made to St. James Catholic Church, 510 S Camp, Seguin, Texas, 78155 or to the Guadalupe County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1593, Seguin, Texas, 78155.

Though Carl will be greatly missed, his stories will live on, bringing fond memories and smiles to all who knew him.

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.

Priestly

Charles Priestly died recently at the age of 78. Funeral Services will be held Friday, May 30th at the Refuge Church of our Lord in Seguin at 11AM. The body will lie in state at the Church from 9AM to 11AM. Interment will be Monday,

June 2nd at Ft.Sam Houston National Cemetery at 1:45pm. He is survived by children, Sheniqua Priestly and Charles Priestly, Jr. and sisters, Josephine Dolford and Erma Jean Galloway. Services entrusted to the reverent care of Eunice and Lee Mortuary

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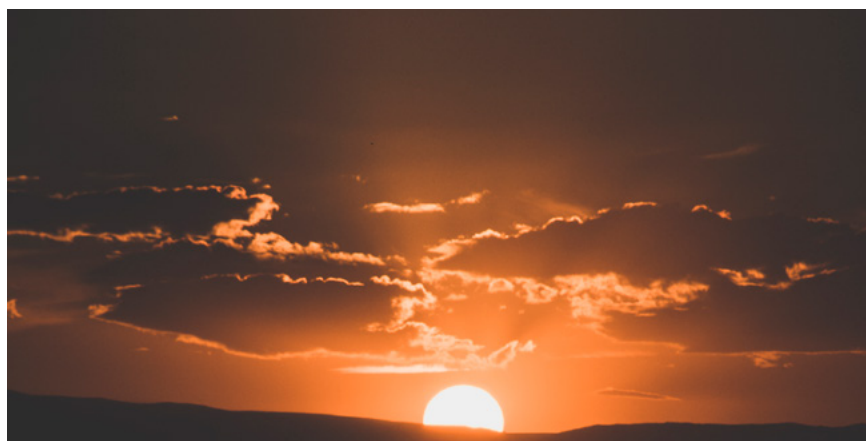
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CDC Says New COVID Strain From China Has Arrived In U.S.

(Atlanta, GA) -- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says a new COVID-19 strain, responsible for a large surge in China, has arrived in the U.S. It's an Omicron variant known as NB181 and has been detected through airport screening programs for international travelers. The first cases here showed up here in late March and early April producing symptoms similar to earlier COVID strains. The CDC says a handful of cases have been confirmed in New York, California, Rhode Island, Virginia, Ohio, Washington and Hawaii.

RFK Blocking Government Scientist From Publishing In Journals

(Undated) -- Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is considering a move to ban government scientists from publishing in leading medical journals. During a podcast appearance, Kennedy Jr. said Lancet, the New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA and other journals "are all corrupt." Although the publications are consistently ranked as the top medical journals in the world, Kennedy alleged they are "vessels" for pharmaceutical companies. Kennedy is proposing for agencies within HHS to create their own "in-house" journals that will become the preeminent journals in their field.

Study: U.S. Moms Are Struggling With Mental Health

(New York, NY) -- A new study says three-fourths of all moms in the U.S. are struggling with some degree of mental health issues. The study published Tuesday by Columbia University looked at nearly 200-thousand mothers over a seven-year period, and found only 25 percent reporting "excellent" mental health. That's down from 38 percent in 2016. The study also showed declines in physical health among U.S. mothers, especially among those who were single, younger, less educated and whose children were multi-racial or uninsured.

New Ultrasound Tool to Treat Liver Cancer Gaining Popularity

(Grand Rapids, MI) -- Michigan-based Corewell Health is now using a cutting-edge ultrasound device to treat certain liver cancers, and early results are promising. The technology, developed by HistoSonics out of the University of Michigan, uses focused sound waves to destroy tumors without harming nearby tissue. Approved by the FDA last year, it's currently cleared for liver cancer but could expand to other organs like the kidney and pancreas. Doctors say the treatment is non-invasive, highly precise, and well tolerated by patients. Corewell is one of just 30 hospitals nationwide offering the procedure.

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Geronimo Lions Steak and Fish Dinner at the Red Barn

The Geronimo Lions will be hosting a Steak and Fish Dinner at 5:30 p.m. on June 6 at the Red Barn on Cordova Road. Guests can enjoy an evening of great food and live entertainment by the Brushy Creek Boys. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Seguin Citizens Fire Academy.

Seguin Public Library Launches 2025 Summer Reading Experience

The Seguin Public Library will be hosting the 2025 Summer Reading Experience at 10 a.m. on June 7 at the Seguin Public Library. Themed “Color Our World,” the program invites participants of all ages to celebrate art, imagination, and reading through interactive events and exciting prizes. The kickoff features a Foam Party open to the community, followed by weekly children’s events, Teen Tuesdays, and adult programs like Escape Rooms and Comedy Nights. Registration begins May 30 and runs through August 7, with prize drawings on August 8. Events are free, though some require registration.

Private Applicator Training in San Antonio

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Bexar County, will be hosting a Private Appli-

cator Training at 8 a.m. on June 4 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, 3355 Cherry Ridge, Suite 208, in San Antonio. This training, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Agriculture, is for individuals seeking certification to obtain a Private Applicator License, which allows the purchase and use of restricted pesticides on agricultural land they control. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes study materials. Payment may be made by cash or check on the day of the event. To RSVP, contact Kennedy Green at (210) 631-0400 or email kennedy.green@ag.tamu.edu.

2nd Annual Build for Better Bash – Hosted by 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.

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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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.

Community Fundraiser for Portfolio Resident Services

The Portfolio Resident Services will be hosting a Community Fundraiser at 1 p.m. on June 14 at Seguin Brewing Company. The event will feature a variety of vendors, live music, and raffle items. The street will be closed off to allow attendees to walk freely and enjoy the outdoor festivities. Admission is free, and all proceeds will benefit PRS, which supports the local community through food pantry services, after-school programs, and school supply drives.

Science Mill STEM Camp at San Marcos CISD

The Science Mill will be hosting Science Mill Summer STEM Immersion (SCI) Camp at 9 a.m. on June 24 at San Marcos CISD. This no-cost STEM camp is open to students in grades 3–12 and features a week of interactive projects that develop skills in science, technology, engineering, and math through an “apocalypse”-themed scenario.

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.

Independent Cattlemen's Association Names Greg Seidenberger as President

The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas will be hosting its 51st Annual ICA Convention and Trade Show from June 25 to 27 at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos, where newly appointed President Greg Seidenberger will be in attendance. A native of Seguin, Seidenberger is a Vietnam veteran,

retired U.S. Air Force and American Airlines pilot, and former Guadalupe County Commissioner. He brings decades of agricultural experience and community leadership to his new role. Attendees are invited to meet and visit with President Seidenberger during the event.

Two-Day Paper Making Class at Seguin Art League

The Seguin Art League will be hosting a Two-Day Paper Making Class from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on June 26 and July 3 at the Seguin Art League Gallery, 104 S. Austin Street. Designed for adults ages 18 and older, this \$60 workshop will guide participants through creating hand-made paper with decorative add-ins and deckled edges on the first day, followed by preparing the dried pages for use on the second. The class requires a minimum of 8 and is limited to 12 participants. For more information, call 830-305-0472.

July

Seguin Art League Summer Art Camp – July Session

The Seguin Art League will be hosting a second session of the Wild Beasts: Animals in Folktales, Myth and Art Summer Art Camp from July 8 to July 11 at 104 S. Austin St. The camp runs from 10 a.m. to noon for ages 5 to 9, and 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 10 and older. Students will engage in creating bold and imaginative animal-themed art inspired by myth, folktale, and the wild style of the French “Fauves.” The cost is \$125, and supplies are included. Each session is limited to 8 students. For more information, call 830-305-0472.

Freedom Fiesta Seeking Food, Craft, Game, and Non-Profit Vendors

Seguin Daily News / KWED will be hosting Freedom Fiesta at 6 p.m. on July 5 in downtown Seguin. Vendor applications are

now open for food trucks, for-profit food and drink vendors, arts and crafts, games, and non-profit organizations. The fee is \$250 for food trucks and food vendors, and \$100 for drink vendors. All fees are non-refundable and must be paid to KWED upon signing the application. A \$25 food permit is also required for all food and drink vendors and must be obtained separately from the City of Seguin by noon on June 20, 2025. Non-profit organizations are encouraged to participate and should contact KWED for additional setup details. Space is limited, and forms should be submitted as soon as possible. For more information, call 830-379-2234.

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.

Science Mill STEM Camp at Texas Lutheran University

The Science Mill will be hosting Science Mill Summer STEM Immersion (SCI) Camp at 9 a.m. on July 15 at Texas Lutheran University. This free, week-long camp for students in grades 3–12 includes hands-on STEM activities like programming robots, creating chemical reactions, and designing bug-inspired drones. The 2025 theme is “apocalypse,” encouraging students to solve survival challenges using skills in renewable energy, chemical engineering, and robotics.

To ensure non-profit organization's meetings and events appear in this calendar, send information to: community-calendar@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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It grew in size over the years, up to 4 pages, until 2002, when it was expanded to a 32 page small tabloid size news magazine.

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