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Seguin's summer tradition returns as River Monsters take the field

Darren Dunn

(Seguin) – A summertime favorite returns to Seguin tonight as the Seguin River Monsters kick off their 2025 season. The team, made up of collegiate players from across the country, is part of the Texas Collegiate League (TCL). First pitch is set for 7 p.m. at “Smokey” Joe Williams Field.

Team owners Tommy and Kristin Stephens say they're excited to welcome fans back for another season of summer baseball.

“We're expecting a big turnout, so we reached out to the (Victoria) Generals because we're going to play them on Tuesday and Wednesday. They are offering some of their interns to come and help us. We're expecting a big Victoria turnout, because this is a little bit of a rivalry since we're so close to each other. Our fans and the Victoria fans have had a lot of fun in the past with the camaraderie,” said Tommy Stephens.

This year's roster includes a mix of returning players and new faces -- and the entertainment won't just be on the field.

“We have three players from the 2023 season that are coming back this year. They were on the championship team in '23. So, we have three of those returners. And then, we have six players from last year returning. So, there's nine. Plus, Kristin and (Dance Team Head Coach) Rhonda (Bloomer) added the Mavens, the dance team. I believe we're up to 10 girls

now,” said Tommy Stephens.

The Stephens say building a competitive team is one of the biggest challenges of ownership. Kristin Stephens says they work year-round to help Manager Tony Perez field a strong roster.

“On our website, we have what is called the player form and those kids -- starting in November -- are starting to fill out player forms. Our coach Tony Perez is excellent. So, in the beginning, he is reaching out to coaches and players that he already has a relationship with and whether they played with us or not, he reaches out very early. So, that relationship helps as we build and go through the months. We're still getting player forms turned in today. So, it does not stop... then Tony just chooses the fighters. You know, the ones that really want to keep playing,” said Kristin Stephens.

The couple purchased the team last year. It was Tommy's dream, and while neither had experience owning a baseball team, Kristin says they jumped in headfirst without knowing quite what to expect.

“When we decided we were buying a team, we went into this -- I think -- with no expectations at first. We had looked at teams all over the country. And so, coming in -- at least I'm going to speak for myself -- there were no expectations,” said Kristin Stephens.

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River Monsters, continued

After a whirlwind first season, the Stephens say they now have a better sense of what to expect in year two.

"Last year was a challenge. I mean we bought (the team), and we came in. It was like game time, 150 miles an hour each day. We had six rain-out games last year, which you don't expect in South Texas. So, you learn not to expect anything because from day-to-day it is completely different. Our only expectation for this year is to put on a great show, have a great time and just enjoy the game. We hope that everybody has a great time. We hope we keep you cool enough. And at the end of the day, we hope we put up a W," said Kristin Stephens.

Still, there were some unexpected joys. Tommy says they've developed meaningful connections with both players and the Seguin community.

"What we didn't expect were the relationships that we were able to create with the players last year that carried over to this year, (and) that we were able to follow them and go watch them play in other areas. That's been a great experience for us," said Tommy Stephens.

While the Stephens own the team, they say it's the community that really helps make it all work. They're encouraging fans to not only come out and fill the stands -- but also consider getting involved through sponsorships or other types of support.

Kristin says people can help by providing meals for the team or volunteering to host a player in their home.

"We have to feed both teams after the game. So, if there are any restaurants, food trucks, (or) things like that that can feed 75 players and coaches, we still have spots open for that. (We are) also looking for a couple host families," said Kristin Stephens.

If you're interested in helping with meals or hosting, the team makes it easy to sign up -- just reach out and they'll get you connected.

"The best way is to go to seguinrivermonsters@gmail.com, and just write me a letter...I will get back to them and we'll connect and have a conversation. It's as simple as that," said Kristin Stephens.

Tommy Stephens says the bonds formed between



players and their host families have been one of the most rewarding parts of owning the team. He hopes more people will consider opening their homes this season.

"Last year, one of the biggest experiences that we were able to share with the community was with our host families. I really need to praise them because a lot of them have kids that are playing sports and when these players came into those homes, it was like they automatically have big brothers. So, to see that experience out on the field and how those families supported those players -- even today, and (watch) how those players helped those kids. Because those players will work with those kids at their homes...all through the season. To see that and to see how the relationships are created between our players and the youth and the community -- is exciting to watch," said Tommy Stephens.

And while they're still looking for new sponsors, Kristin Stephens says they're thankful for the many partnerships already supporting the team.

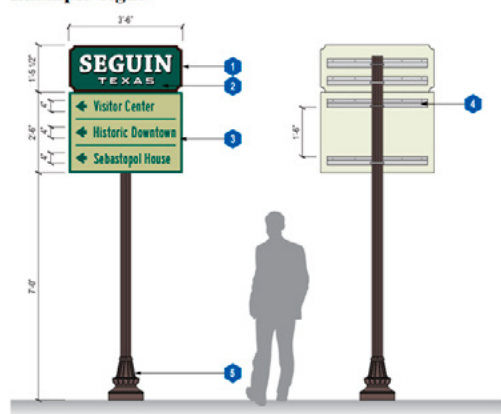
"The Brick (Kitchen & Bar) here in Seguin, Chicken Express and different places like that -- and Bosses (Pizza) out of New Braunfels, will be doing our after-game meals. So, we've got some really great sponsors, but we were looking for a few more to help us out. We're just excited about it. It's more than just...the sponsors. They're important to us, but like Tommy said -- at the end of the day, it's about the relationships that will continue past our season," said Kristin Stephens.

Beyond the baseball, Kristin says the goal is to make River Monsters games fun for everyone.

"We've got a few teams coming out for Field of Dreams this year. They actually get to get on the field with the players, play catch with them and then they get to run out with them during the National Anthem. We do have some people coming out to do the first pitch and we have a couple kids (from the area) that will be singing our National Anthem as well," said Kristin Stephens.

For ticket info, the full schedule, and more, visit seguinrivermonsters.com. The 2025 season officially begins tonight with a 7 p.m. first pitch at "Smokey" Joe Williams Field.

Example Signs



Seguin moves forward with long-delayed Wayfinding Sign Project

Darren Dunn

(Seguin) -- A long-delayed project, designed to help visitors find their way around Seguin, will finally get off the ground.

The Seguin City Council recently approved a contract that will allow wayfinding signs to be installed around the city. Wayfinding signs are used to make it easier for people to find specific locations within a community.

The wayfinding sign project was originally approved in 2019, but it was delayed for a number of reasons, including the COVID 19 pandemic.

The delay also means that it's going to cost the city significantly more to get the job done now.

City Engineer Melissa Reynolds says the original project was going to cost about \$145,000. An additional \$109,000 is now needed to cover today's prices for the work.

"Obviously, since 2019, there have been some changes, both from supply manufacturing and just cost in general inflation. So, we are trying to bring this project across the finish line kicking and screaming. We have met with TXDOT to ensure the locations are acceptable and the sign types are compliant and have gotten a final bid from the sign company to get this done and authorized. So, with that, this should be hopefully the last change

order to get them moving," said Reynolds.

The deal was approved, but not without some concerns raised by the council. Councilman Jim Lievens says the additional costs are a hard pill to swallow.

"Don't get me wrong, I love the project, but \$109,000...is tough to swallow. So, I guess, I'll chalk it up to the COVID or other things," said Lievens.

Reynolds says the project predates her time with the city. She didn't have answers for why the project was delayed for so long, but she assured the council that it was now ready to go.

"That project was given funding based on a bid prior to getting authorization from TXDOT, (and) prior to solidifying all of the locations and sign types. (We were) always anticipating a slight increase, given the number of signs locations and potential permitting challenges with TXDOT. But the delay between 2019 to today is a harder challenge for me to answer," said Reynolds.

The now \$252,000 wayfinding sign project will now be designed and installed by SSC Signs and Lighting. In all, 37 signs will be installed to provide directional information for visitors. It's expected to direct them to popular attractions around the city of Seguin.

Seguin Police Department looks into possible charges following Little League altercation

(Seguin) -- A youth baseball game meant to inspire teamwork and sportsmanship took a disturbing turn last week when a physical altercation broke out at the Seguin Little League Fields, involving players, coaches, and parents. That's according to Stephanie Larrimore, Seguin PD community engagement officer.

The Seguin Police Department responded to multiple 911 calls around 7:57 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, reporting a brawl at the field located at 1123 S. Austin Street. She says witnesses say tensions mounted during the game due to poor sportsmanship, ultimately prompting the umpire to end the match early. What was supposed to be a routine post-game handshake escalated into a physical confrontation after heated words were exchanged.

By the time officers arrived, Larrimore says many of those involved had already begun leaving the scene. Authorities confirmed that no serious injuries were reported on-site.

The Seguin Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is now reviewing evidence and witness statements, and charges will be filed based on the outcome of the investigation.

Meanwhile police officials are urging the community to reflect on serving as examples for young athletes. As the summer sports season continues, including the startup of All-Star baseball and softball tournaments, Larrimore says parents and coaches are reminded of their critical role in shaping not only a child's performance but also their character.

"The Seguin Police Department reminds all community members that sports events are intended to foster teamwork, discipline and positive community interaction. We urge everyone to demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect at all times," said Larrimore.

Anyone with additional information on the incident last week is encouraged to contact the Seguin Police Department.

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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.

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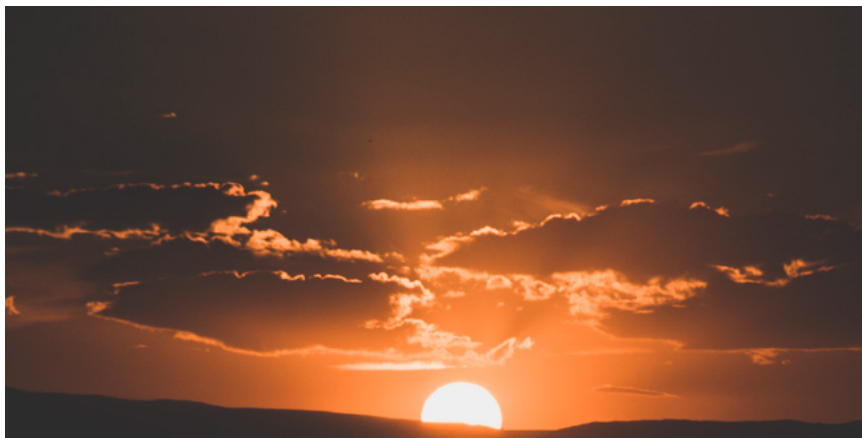
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CDC Says New COVID Strain From China Has Arrived In U.S.

(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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June

Seguin Art League Summer Art Camp – June Session

The Seguin Art League will be hosting its first session of the Wild Beasts: Animals in Folktales, Myth and Art Summer Art Camp from June 3 to June 6 at 104 S. Austin St. The session 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 explore animal-themed stories and art through 2D and 3D techniques inspired by the bold colors of the French "Fauves." The camp is taught by a certified teacher, includes all supplies, and costs \$125. Space is limited to 8 students per age group. For more information, call 830-305-0472.

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.

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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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