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Guadalupe County celebrates spirit of teamwork in economic development

Cindy Aguirre-Herrera

(Seguin) -- Guadalupe County is celebrating what some describe as a "team sport" in the recruitment and relocation of businesses to the area. The Guadalupe County Commissioners Court on Tuesday proclaimed the upcoming week May 9-15 as Economic Development Week.

County officials say economic developers promote economic well-being and quality of life for their

communities by creating and retaining jobs that facilitate growth, support workforce development, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base.

EDC representatives from Seguin, Schertz and Cibolo were all on hand for the recognition.

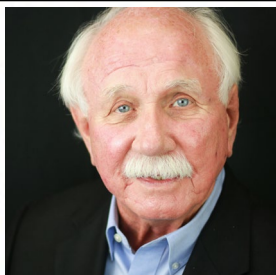
Leading the statements at the podium was Josh Schneuker, executive director for the Seguin Economic Development Corporation. Schneuker says it really

takes the efforts of everyone to get a deal done.

"It takes teamwork to get deals done and we are very happy that you all are a strong member of our economic development team and I think all of us here today are kind of symbolizing that economic development is a team sport so what's good for Seguin is going to be good for Schertz and Cibolo and vice versa."

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Seguin ISD to close out the school year with a couple of changes to its calendar

Cindy Aguirre-Herrera

(Seguin) – If you have a student enrolled in the Seguin ISD, then you will want to take note of some important changes that have recently been made in the current school calendar.

The first change is a half day schedule for all students. That means all students will be dismissed at noon on Friday, May 21.

The second change also pushes up the last day of school by one day.

The last day of school was originally Friday, June 11. Now, the last day of school in the Seguin ISD is Thursday, June 10.

During his recent virtual Town Hall Meeting with parents, Seguin ISD Superintendent Dr. Matthew Gutierrez shared a few more details behind these two changes.

“This means just a little bit less school. We have some minutes banked because we didn’t use them and so we have made the decision to hold a student half day on Friday, May the 21st. This is going to give our teachers an opportunity to have that afternoon for a workday, to catch up on grading, organizing classrooms, to regroup – This is a very challenging time of



the school year during a very challenging school year and keep in mind that we are ending later than usual as our last day of school was scheduled for June 11 so that day is going to be dedicated to teachers just having some time that they are going to need that time of year but the last day of school has moved to June 10th so please make sure you notate those changes. We wanted to give our parents plenty of time to arrange for childcare,” said Gutierrez.

The Seguin ISD also extends a community reminder about this year’s graduation date. This year’s graduation ceremony will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, June 11 at Matador Stadium. For years, the high school graduation ceremony has been held on a Saturday.

County, continued.

So, I really just want to thank you today for your support of economic development. I also would like to thank all of our partners here today as well as from around the county for all the hard work that they do to really make this place a wonderful place to live, work and play,” said Schneuker.

Next in line was Adrian Perez, of the Schertz Economic Development Corporation. Perez who serves as the EDC’s executive director says the recipes for success appear to be returning to the table and believes the local partnerships will go a long way in getting some of those companies to say yes to Guadalupe County.

“As we come out post pandemic and our country recovers and our state recovers, we are seeing more and more companies look at the state of Texas – finding a place where personal freedom, business friendliness, a focus on private investments so that we can all prosper is really what they are seeing and what they are being attracted to and when they come to Texas, they are seeing communities that partner with the same philosophy, with the same concepts in mind and they find communities, counties and cities working together so that they can be a success,” said Perez.

Also thanking the court was Dustin Morris, the business retention and expansion specialist for the Cibolo EDC.

Guadalupe County Judge Kyle Kutscher says he is thankful for each of the EDC’s in the county and looks forward to seeing their success continue.

“We would not be able to accomplish success stories that we have had in the past without the hard work from each of the individual cities. We know that without the EDC’s and all of their staff and everybody working every day, tirelessly trying to accomplish the goals that we have all laid out, these things would not have happened. As a county, we are very proud to be partners with you, but we understand we don’t carry the heavy load often times in a lot of these economic development conversations. We want to improve our position. We want to be more active. We want to help with more additional resources and I think we are moving in that right direction but we also understand the real focus is within the cities and even when there are prospects that look to locate outside of cities, all of you have come to our aid and worked with us in the same respect as if it was in the city limits and we truly, truly appreciate that,” said Kutscher.

In addition to the week of recognition, a signed proclamation was also ordered by the commissioner’s court. It applauds all the economic development efforts that have helped both small and large companies make significant capital investments throughout the county and that have helped create jobs for all residents.

TLU professor picks up prestigious statewide honor

(Seguin) -- Texas Lutheran University is home to one of the top 10 superior professors in the state of Texas.

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation has named TLU Physics Department Chair Dr. Toni D. Sauncy one of its 2021 Piper Professor honorees.

Founded in 1950 by Randall Gordon Piper and his wife, Minnie Stevens Piper, the foundation serves their dream of encouraging young minds and intellectual achievement. The Piper Professor Awards began in 1958 with eight recipients and the roster includes outstanding professors from two and four-year colleges and universities, public and private.

Ashlie Ford, director of marketing and communications for TLU says Sauncy is one of only 10 college professors in Texas to be selected for her superior teaching and for having a profound influence on students at the university level.

"The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation selects only 10 professors each year, so this award is really an honor because it is directly tied to superior teaching and for the influence that a professor has on students at the university level. Dr. Sauncy is our ninth Piper recipient. She joins the ranks of other professors like Dr. Doug Boyer; Dr. Annette Citzler; Dr. Tiffany Sia; Dr. Norm Beck so some very impressive work has been done and we are honored that she has made this list and representing



Dr. Sauncy - photo courtesy TLU

TLU at this level," said Ford.

To be eligible, candidates must be nominated through the President's Office of their university and participation is by invitation only.

Ford says Sauncy has more than earned the recognition.

"Dr. Sauncy is very well known for how hands on she is with her students and working one on one with them, she chairs the physics department. She chairs many different physics related groups. She serves on the Council on Undergraduates Research and she has taught at

various levels for the last 22 years. She's a proud first-generation college student. She's also the first in her family to graduate from high school so I know this award is very special but it's also very special to us because we do know how important working with student is to Dr. Sauncy and I echo the sentiments of President (Debbie) Cottrell and our Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Sarah Ferguson that this significant honor is not just for her but it is truly for TLU because it is an award that recognizes a professor's work

with her students so we could not be more proud to have Dr. Sauncy receive this honor," said Ford.

The prestigious recognition includes a \$5,000 award, and Sauncy is the ninth TLU professor to receive the honor. Other previous TLU Piper Professors include: Professor of Christianity and Philosophy Adolph Streng; Associate Professor of Education Helen Weiss; Associate Professor of Science Evelyn Streng and Professor of Physical Education Kathy Yandell.

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Seguin baseball WRAPS season with Senior Night SETBACK to Alamo Heights

Mike McBride

(Seguin) - The Matadors delivered a scrappy effort against one of the four playoff teams in District 26-5A to finish up the 2021 season Monday night, but Alamo Heights handed Seguin a 4-3 loss at 'Smokey' Joe Williams Field.

The game was called after six innings due to thunderstorms in the area.

Seguin led 3-0 after three innings, but the Mules plated four runs in the fourth, and the lead stood up for the game's duration.

Cory Mazzurana and Tim Belicek each drove in a run. Tristan Moreno, Micah Rodriguez, and

Marques Washington each scored once.

Rodriguez, Mazzurana, Belicek, and Osborne had Seguin's only hits.

Osborne worked a competitive 5-1/3 innings on the mound, allowing four runs on two hits with six strikeouts and five walks.

Moreno relieved Osborne and worked around a walk to record the final two outs in the top of the sixth without giving up a run.

Seguin went 3-13 in District 26-5A to finish with a final overall record of 3-13.



The Bulld Senior members of the Matador baseball team played their final home game at 'Smokey' Joe Williams on Monday. ogs celebrate their seventh SCAC championship on the field Monday afternoon in Kerrville. Photo by Tim Clark.

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YOUR WEEKLY SPORTS RUNDOWN



Monday Schedule

Seguin baseball vs. Alamo Heights, 6 p.m.
Navarro baseball vs. Yoakum (Senior Night), 7 p.m.

Friday Schedule

Navarro baseball @ Frederickburg, 4A bi-district playoffs (Game 1) 7 p.m. (6:45 pregame) on KWED 1580-AM and Seguintoday.com.
Marion softball vs. Vanderbilt-Industrial, 3A area playoffs @ Weimar, 7 p.m.
TLU baseball @ SCAC Tournament (Cleburne), TBA

Saturday Schedule

Navarro baseball vs. Fredericksburg, 4A bi-district playoffs (Game 2) Noon (11:50 pregame) on KWED 1580-AM and Seguintoday.com. (Game 3 after if necessary)
TLU baseball @ SCAC Tournament (Cleburne), TBA

Sunday Schedule

TLU baseball @ SCAC Tournament (Cleburne), TBA

Navarro baseball caps perfect district season with 14th straight win

Mike McBride

(Geronimo) - The Panthers completed a 6-0 run to the District 27-4A baseball championship and stretched their winning streak to 14 games Monday night with an 8-4 home triumph over La Vernia in a game that was pushed back three days after being rained out last Friday.

The visiting Bears led 2-0 early, but Navarro exploded for seven runs in the second to take the lead for good.

Will Boswell tripled and drove in two runs. Mark Wozniak and Jaxen Monkerud notched two hits apiece, and Wozniak scored once.

Sam Muniga doubled to go with an RBI and a run scored. Reece Rojas drove in a run. Rojas and Marco Moncado each had a base hit and a run scored.

Monkerud pitched 3-1/3 innings, allowing four runs (two earned) on six hits with three strikeouts.

Hunter Monroe gave the Panthers 2-2/3 scoreless frames of work on the mound.

Navarro's overall record is 25-3 heading into the UIL playoffs.

The Panthers face Fredericksburg in the bi-district round of the Region IV bracket. The best-of-three series starts in Fredericksburg on Friday at 7:00. Navarro hosts Game 2 in Geronimo on Saturday at noon, with Game 3 following if necessary.

The entire series will air live on KWED 1580-AM and Seguintoday.com. Friday's pre-game coverage starts at 6:45 p.m., Saturday's at 11:50.

Marion baseball grinds out 11th straight win, completes 12-0 run through district play

Mike McBride

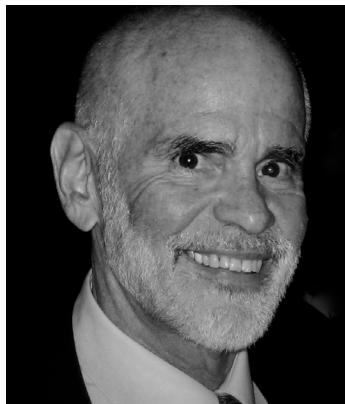
(Marion) - Marion put the finishing touches on a perfect 12-0 run through the District 26-3A baseball schedule Monday evening with a 6-1 win over San Antonio-Cole in a regular season finale that was initially rained out last Friday.

The Bulldogs used a combination of seven different pitchers to strike out 13 batters against Cole on Monday. Konner Harborth and Zach Halter each fanned three. Ty Blake, Bryce Gonyer, and Jayden Williams each struck out two.

Blake recorded Marion's only RBI. Williams and Chance Lowery had the team's only hits. Lowery doubled and scored once. Williams scored two runs.

The district champion Bulldogs take an 11-game winning streak and a 21-6 overall record into the Class-3A playoffs.

Marion meets Comfort in a best-of-three bi-district series at Jourdanton High School. The teams will play a doubleheader on Friday at 4:30 p.m. Game 3 is slated for Saturday at 11 a.m. if necessary.



CODY

Dr. Thomas Joseph “Tom” Cody aka “Grandpa on the Lake”, age 77 of McQueeney, Texas, passed away Saturday, April 17th, 2021 at Guadalupe Regional Medical Center (GRMC) where he worked as a Radiologist for 30 years.

Born on the 4th of July in 1943 in Sioux City, Iowa to Jack and Harriet Cody, Tom came into this world with a bang and never stopped dazzling his friends, family, and acquaintances with his sparkling smile and personality. Although his grand finale came much too soon, Tom will always

be remembered as a bright, shimmering light in this world.

Tom’s family moved to Yankton, South Dakota when he was 15. Growing up, Tom was known as “TJ” or “Little Cody” or “THOMAS JOSEPH!” when he was really in trouble with his mother or father. As a 6-foot tall freshman in high school, Tom was a powerhouse on the Yankton Bucks varsity football team and graduated in 1962. He got his undergraduate degree from and attended 2 years of medical school at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. He then transferred to the University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) in San Antonio and graduated with a medical degree followed by a residency in Radiology. He returned to teach at UTHSC in the 1970’s and once more after retiring from GRMC.

Tom was always a hard worker, but his high school Chemistry teacher Mr. Halstad and Dr. Steele both of Yankton, South Dakota were instrumental in helping him realize he could do anything he set his mind to, including becoming a physician. From that point on, Tom approached everything he did in life with passion, precision, and determination. He taught himself how to sail, he became a pilot, and he even raced mountain bikes with his son and daughter, winning several races including an off-road triathlon. He was often seen riding his bike in and around McQueeney and Seguin, but his favorite route to ride and run was always the loop around Treasure Island, where he lived for 45 years. He took up ballroom dancing in 2013 telling his wife Stella that “dance lessons were much cheaper and more fun than couple’s therapy”. They even ended up dancing in the New Braunfels performance of the Nutcracker that year.

He joined the staff as a radiologist at Guadalupe Valley Hospital in Seguin, Texas (now GRMC) in 1975 and retired 30 years later on July 26, 2006, which was declared “Dr. Tom Cody Day” by then mayor Betty Ann Matthies in a ceremony honoring his decades of service to the community.

In the mid 1980’s he converted a small church next to the hospital into a private practice and purchased the first mammogram machine for the community. He also helped transform the radiology department at GRMC during that time by convincing the hospital to acquire an ultrasound machine. In addition, he provided radiology services to Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital in Gonzales as well as hospitals in Lockhart and Luling, flying his small single engine airplane to these nearby communities to cover more ground in less time.

Tom grew up hunting in South Dakota with his father and brothers and shared that passion with his grandsons, who now carry on the tradition at the Diamond Half Ranch, the same ranch he hunted on for decades with friends and family.

He started focusing on his health in the 1970s and took up running before running shoes were even available. He bought a Vitamix in the 1990s and would make raw vegetable soup and smoothies for many of his meals for years. In fact, it was common knowledge that you’d need to BYOF (bring your own food) to Grandpa’s house if you wanted anything unhealthy to eat! As health conscious as

he was, he had a weakness for pie and it was not uncommon for him to polish one off in its entirety (after a long run or ride, of course).

He loved traveling with his family including numerous ski trips to Colorado, Universal Studios and other theme parks, many trips to Alaska, several cruises and sailing adventures including an epic trip to the Bahamas in the 1970s.

He was also blessed with incredible luck, which apparently runs in the family according to his brother Jim. He once had to cram for an important exam in medical school and only had time to review 2 of the 10 possible questions and the two he studied happened to be the questions on the exam! In addition, he won the Yankton Rocky Mountain Elk Chapter gun raffle both times he entered it. He and his family also narrowly escaped certain death in the early 1980’s on their way to South Dakota in Tom’s single engine Cessna. After the pilot he’d hired flew into a terrible storm just north of Austin, the clouds parted and the pilot landed safely. Needless to say, that flight to South Dakota did not happen that year!

Tom treated everyone equally, never judging them by their past, status or circumstance. He was always willing to help friends and family especially in times of crisis, including offering medical advice that ultimately saved his nephew’s life. In the words of his dear friend Dr. Howard Solomon, “he would have moved mountains for me”.

His memory will live on as his children and grandchildren share his love for the outdoors, adventure, health and fitness, and most of all...pie. He is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Harriet Cody, his brother Michael Cody, as well as his pet deer Bambo and cat Priscilla.

Survivors include his loving wife of 33 years Stella Cody; son, J.T. Cody and wife Sanaa; daughters, Rebecca “Becca Boo Baby” Cody and husband Divit Tripathi, and Jessica Guerrero; grandsons, Kellen Cody, Casey Cody, Connor Cody, Bodhi Tripathi, and Chander Tripathi; siblings, Rita Marschall of Reno, Nevada; James (Judy) Cody of Vermillion, South Dakota; Julie (Jerry) Wenner of Park City, Utah; Patrick (Denise) Cody of Yankton; and Nicholas Cody of Yankton, sister in law Mary Dell Cody as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and many friends and colleagues including Dr. Howard Solomon and Dr. Daryl Currier.

Tom requested a small private celebration that will be held on his birthday, which was always a joyous day of celebration with his family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one’s choice; and be sure to think of him every 4th of July or whenever you enjoy a slice of pie.

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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WARFIELD

You may have seen Billy riding around Seguin on his “motor sickle” along with his two schnauzer perched in his handmade doggy basket. Billy was known for his passionate story telling, legendary jokes, adoration of animals, and love for his family and church. He would often pull us aside to watch his beloved Purple Martins, to hop on the motorcycle for a ride down a winding country road, or to give us a taste of his favorite magic: flying. He was an avid tinkerer, and crafted three “Flying Machine” swings in his time, as well as his own invention of the hammok stand. His latest project was sharing God’s Light and Love simultaneously with flashlights engraved “God Loves You”. Just like his favorite hymn, it was his time to fly away to heaven and be reunited with loved ones. He will be dearly

missed by his loving wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

To help us celebrate his life, we ask you send pictures and stories of Billy to billywarfield29@gmail.com. His Celebration of Life will be livestreamed May 15th at 11am to:

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The public is invited to attend in person at First United Methodist Church Seguin, TX.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to First United Methodist Church, 710 N. Austin St., Seguin, Texas, 78155 or the Guadalupe County Humane Society, P. O. Box 1593, Seguin, TX, 78155. You are invited to sign the guest book at www.treshewell.com.



VORPAHL

Joanne Meyer Vorpahl was born September 8, 1951 in Austin, Texas to Clarence C. Meyer and Joann Helwig Meyer. She became an angel wrapped in God’s loving arms on April 17, 2021, joining her parents, brother Ernie, and other family members whom had gone before her. Jo grew up in Houston, and graduated from Bellaire High School. She attended Texas Lutheran (College) University in Seguin, Texas, graduating in May, 1973. Jo married Dwight Vorpahl on June 23, 1973 at Faith Lutheran Church, Bellaire, Texas. The couple moved back to Seguin and while

Dwight was attending law school at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio Jo taught economics and government and coached the debate team at Seguin High School from September 1973 until May 1975.

Jo and Dwight moved to Houston in June 1975 and lived in Houston, Missouri City and Sugar Land until May 2019. Jo worked in advertising for one year and then taught government and coached debate at Dulles High School in Sugar Land. In 1979 she was able to pursue her goal of attending law school, attended the University of Houston law school, graduating as an expectant mother in May, 1982. After taking and passing the Bar Exam, she became a mother and after things in that arena were under control, Jo began her legal career at Porter and Clements, which became Porter and Hedges. Jo spent her entire career at Porter Hedges, became a Partner and valuable member of the firm, mentored young lawyers and made many friendships with her colleagues at Porter Hedges, and those friendships exist to this day.

Jo and Dwight were founding members of New Hope Lutheran Church in Missouri City and were active members at their Church home. Jo served on church council, sang in the Chancel Choir, served on many committees, and taught Sunday School. Friendships kindled at New Hope likewise exist to this day and are cherished more than anyone can imagine.

Jo loved music, played the guitar and sang in the concert choir at Texas Lutheran, the choir at New Hope and the Sugar Land Choral Society. Jo loved to entertain friends and family and no one ever left one of her events hungry, thirsty or wishing they would have stayed home. She was a gracious and engaging host and thoroughly enjoyed getting to know people. Jo also loved planning and executing trips for her mother Joann, Aunt Clarice, and daughter Lizzie. Memories of vacations with our friends the Pollans, Cantrells and Johnsons will be cherished forever. There is likely some heavenly planning going on right now.

Jo had a great deal of love for and dedication to Texas Lutheran University, and served TLU as a member of the Corporation Board and the Development Board. Jo and Dwight continued support of TLU throughout the years.

Jo is survived by her husband Dwight; beloved daughter Elizabeth Alves (Lizzie), son-in-law Marc Alves, and awesome grandson Maverick Alves; brother Clarence (Buddy) Meyer, Jr., sister-in-law Joanne Meyer; sister-in-law Vicki Meyer; brother in law Andy Vorpahl; aunt Clarice Ullrich; uncle Lester Meyer, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services are planned in Seguin and Missouri City, on the dates at the times noted below. Whether or not you are able to attend the services, in person or virtually, please celebrate the life of your friend, colleague and loving family member. She will like that. Receptions following each service will be held outdoors, and comfortable

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a memorial donation to Texas Lutheran University, New Hope Lutheran Church of Missouri City, Texas, Cross Church in Seguin, Texas, or a charity of your choice. Jo will smile and sing a happy song for each donation.

Seguin service at Cross Church, 814 Bauer St., Seguin, TX 78152 PM, Sunday May 23, 2021 – the service may be livestreamed from the Cross Church – Seguin, TX facebook page.

Missouri City service at New Hope Lutheran Church, Missouri City, TX 77459 2 PM, Sunday June 6, 2021. Check www.treshewell.com later for livestream information

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NELSON

Jon Jones “Jon Jon” Nelson, Jr., age 52 of Seguin, passed away on April 24, 2021. Jon Jon was born on August 15, 1968 in Seguin, Texas to Anita Louise (Patterson) and Jon Jones Nelson, Sr. he graduated from Seguin High School in 1986. He enjoyed water skiing, golf, and hunting. He loved his pets and enjoyed having fun with friends.

“Jon Jon” was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his mother, Anita Nelson; sister, Mary Louise Luensmann and husband Reagan; nieces and nephews, Cheyenne Luensmann, Hunter Luensmann, Garrett Luensmann and Savannah Luensmann; numerous other loving family members and many friends.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 11, 2021 at Tres Hewell Mortuary Chapel at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Jeremy Roy officiating. Private interment will be held at a later date in San Geronimo Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Guadalupe County Humane Society, P. O. Box 1593, Seguin, Texas, 78155-1593. 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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Medical Expert Says "Ground Game" Important In Remaining Race To Vaccinate

(Providence, RI) -- A top public health expert is emphasizing the "ground game" in the remaining part of the race to get Americans vaccinated. On ABC's This Week, Brown University's Dr. Ashish Jha [[jah]] says the key is to make the vaccine as easy to get as possible so everyone can be vaccinated. He says more shots need to get into walk-in clinics and doctor's offices. Dr. Jha says with the virus still raging globally and the possibility that new variants could still develop, unvaccinated people are especially at risk for COVID-19. Jha says the goal should be to get at least 70 to 80 percent of American adults vaccinated.

WH Chief Of Staff: Admin Pushes To Make Getting COVID Vaccine Easier

(Washington, DC) -- The White House is promoting more ways for Americans to get their COVID-19 vaccine. Speaking on CBS's Face The Nation, Chief of Staff Ron Klain says 40-thousand pharmacies have vaccination doses in hand, and many have walk-in hours. He added that a new text line also allows people to find out where there are locations to get vaccinated near your home. Klain says the vaccination rollout continues at a great pace, as one in ten Americans got a shot in the last ten days, but there is work left to do.

Colorado Governor Extends Mask Mandate

(Denver, CO) -- Colorado's governor is extending the state's mask mandate. Governor Jared Polis's amended mask rules do allow for unmasked indoor gatherings of more than ten people if 80-percent of the crowd is vaccinated. Those who are vaccinated would have to show proof of vaccination. Otherwise, masks must be worn in large group gatherings. Polis urged more Coloradans to roll up their sleeves for vaccines, saying it will allow for a return to normalcy.

New York State Has Lowest COVID-19 Positivity Rate In Six Months

(Undated) -- The COVID-19 positivity rate in New York state drops to its lowest level in the last six months. Governor Andrew Cuomo released the state's latest coronavirus figures Sunday, and of the slightly more than 191-thousand test results reported Saturday, just under one-point-five percent were positive. That's the first time the state's positivity rate has been below that level since October 28th. The positivity rate on a seven-day rolling average dropped to one-point-eight percent, which is the lowest since November 6th. The governor also announced that COVID-related hospitalizations in the state dropped to around 25-hundred, the lowest since November 6th.

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Seguin Elks Lodge Wednesday Night Dinner

The Seguin Elks Lodge will serve its dinner menu for dine in or take out at 5 p.m. Wednesdays at 1331 C H Mathies Jr. in Seguin. For more information call 830-303-5844.

Civilian Response to Active Shooter Training Seminar

The Seguin Police Department will offer a free Civilian Response to Active Shooter Training Seminar from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 in the 1st Floor Meeting Room of the Seguin Public Library, located at 313 W. Nolte St. in Seguin. Seating is limited to 30 students and is open to adults. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. To register, call 830-386-2582.

Seguin Premier Toastmasters

Seguin Premier Toastmasters will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday on the month at the Geronimo. Toastmasters is a place to practice your speech for work or school where friendly people encourage and give tips to help you improve. For more information, call Dina at 423-227-9610.

Mother's Day Bake Sale

The Relay For Life Committee and Teams will have a Mothers Day Bake Sale beginning at 11 a.m. until sold out on Friday May 7 at El Ranchito Restaurant. COVID-19 restrictions will apply. For further information please call 830-379-3632.

First Friday Feast

The Geronimo Lions will have its First

Friday Feast Fish/Steak Dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Big Red Barn on Friday, May 7. Meals are \$15 and will be available IN PERSON and to go. Tickets can be purchased at the door (a child's hotdog plate is available for \$5). This month's beneficiary is Habitat For Humanity and entertainment will be provided by Big Daddy Dean.

Front Row with Verne Lundquist & Bill Rafferty

The 17th Annual Front Row Gala benefiting Texas Lutheran University will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, May 7 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton San Marcos Hotel Conference Center & Spa. For more and to purchase ticket visit www.tlu.edu/front-row or call 830-372-8030.

Business in the Park

The Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce will present a free Business in the Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 8 at the East Pavilion in Starcke Park. There will be music, food trucks, shopping, games, and more.

Geronimo VFW Dance

The Geronimo VFW Post 8456 will have a dance featuring Tom Teboe River City Wranglers from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9 in Geronimo. Admission is \$10. The VFW kitchen will open at 2 p.m. For reservations or more information, call 830-379-0506 or 830-305-8829.

Mental Health Month

May is mental health month and the National Alliance on Mental Illness

(NAMNI) Guadalupe County has placed green ribbons around Central Park and some businesses during May. The green ribbons signify mental health. The theme this year is "31 Days for Mental Health." The goal is to reach as many individuals as possible in 31 days and bring awareness of mental health and NAMNI Guadalupe County. The office is located at Emanuel Lutheran Church on Travis Street and is open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursdays. For more information, pick up a flyer from one of the realtor boxes on each corner in downtown Central Park.

Jam Session

There will be a Jam Session at the Geronimo VFW from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 11 at 6808 N Hwy 123 in Geronimo. Musicians, singers, and listeners are welcomed. Bring your snacks. Ice tea provided, and bar will be open for other drinks. Free, but donations will be accepted for the use of the hall. For more information, call 830-386-6294.

New Berlin VFD Whataburger Fundraiser

The New Berlin VFD will be have a fundraiser sponsored by Whataburger in La Vernia from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 12. A portion of the sales during that time frame will go to the NBVFD. The fundraiser is to help raise money for some of the items stolen from our fire station a few weeks ago. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1099509783861233>.

Seguin Small Business Roundtable

There will be a Seguin Small Business Roundtable at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 12 online and in person with limited seating at the Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 116 N. Camp St. in Seguin. The speakers will be Seguin Mayor, Donna Dodgen, on her vision for small business growth in Seguin and Lucinda Vela of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). For more information or to register call 830-379-6382 or visit <https://www.seguinchamber.com/events/details/small-business-roundtable-2617>.

Community Style Show

The Crystal Chandelier Event Center, formerly The Silver Center, will have a Community Style Show featuring Mayor Donna Dodgen and Elvis at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13 at 510 E. Court St. The Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$250 for a table of 8. There will be appetizers, one complimentary beverage, cash bar available, door prizes and raffle prizes. Tickets are available at Gift and Gourmet, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Christal Chandelier Event Center. There will also be a canned food drive to benefit the Christian Cupboard with an opportunity to be entered into a special drawing for your donation. For more information and to purchase tables, contact Glenda Layton at 830-303-6612.

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Senior Center Dance

There will be a dance featuring Jay Eric & Friends from 7:30 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 at The Crystal Chandelier Ballroom (formerly known as The Silver Center), located at 510 E. Court St. in Seguin. The doors open at 7 p.m. with a \$10 admission. For presale tickets or to reserve a table, call 830-303-6612.

The Big Red Barn Farmers Market

The Big Red Barn will have its Farmers Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Saturdays. For more information visit <http://texagedu.org/>.

Guadalupe Masonic Lodge BBQ Fundraiser

The Guadalupe Masonic Lodge will have its Annual BBQ Fundraiser and Silent Auction from 11 to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15 at 1945 W. Kingsbury St. in Seguin. Plates are \$10 and include BBQ brisket, sausage, and all the trimmings. To-go plates will also be available as well as desserts and canned sodas for sale to support the other Masonic bodies. The silent auction will close at 1 p.m. For more information call Mike 830-557-5852 or Robert at 830-237-9223.

Mid-Texas Symphony Debutante Information Meeting

The Mid-Texas Symphony Guild will have Informational Meetings for its Debutante Program at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, and at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20 in the Edward Jones Conference Room located at 116 S. Moss St. in Seguin. A parent must

accompany the potential debutante. Please RSVP to Mrs. Jill Law at 83-463-5014.

Geronimo VFW Dance

The Geronimo VFW Post 8456 will have a dance featuring the Good Ole Boys from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16 in Geronimo. Admission is \$10. The VFW kitchen will open at 2 p.m. For reservations or more information, call 830-379-0506 or 830-305-8829.

Back to the Basics Beef Cattle Series

There will be a Back to the Basics Beef Cattle Series from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays May 18, June 22, Sept. 21, and Oct. 19 online via Microsoft Teams presented by Texas AgriLife Extension. The cost is \$15 per class or \$45 for the series. Register by email to christopher.lambert@ag.tamu.edu.

Teacher of the Year Luncheon

The Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce will have its Teacher of the Year Luncheon from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 19 at the Geronimo Community Center, located at 280 Navarro Dr. in Seguin. For more information and to purchase tickets call 830-379-6382.

Damage Assessment Data Collection

The State of Texas has announced a statewide effort to collect damage assessment data from you or your business if affected by the freeze (i.e. no power, no running water, no natural gas, frozen or damaged water pipes, etc.), you are asked to visit <https://arcg.is/uOrOb> and fill out the online forms. The success of this effort will

assist the local jurisdictions with the eligibility to potential federal programs.

Geronimo VFW Dance

The Geronimo VFW Post 8456 will have a dance featuring Bimbo from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23 in Geronimo. Admission is \$10. The VFW kitchen will open at 2 p.m. For reservations or more information, call 830-379-0506 or 830-305-8829.

Geronimo VFW Dance

The Geronimo VFW Post 8456 will have a dance featuring Paul Sanchez and Wrangler Country from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 30 in Geronimo. Admission is \$10. The VFW kitchen will open at 2 p.m. For reservations or more information, call 830-379-0506 or 830-305-8829.

Fiddler on the Roof Production

Matador Theatre will present its 2021 musical, Fiddler on the Roof, at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 3, Friday, June 4, Saturday, June 5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 6 following senior recognition at 2:30 p.m. in the Seguin High School Performing Arts Center with limited seating for COVID-safety. Presale tickets are available at Gift & Gourmet and Keepers for \$12 per adult / \$8 per student. Ticket sales to a safe capacity will continue at the door for \$15 per adult / \$10 per student. Call Kelly Follis for more information at 830-305-1534.

Precious Life Services

Precious Life Services is now offering in-office and virtual mentoring and therapy sessions for individuals and families for anger management,

domestic violence prevention and parenting skills. To schedule an appointment, please contact us at 830-372-5980 or by email at preciouslifesuicideintervention@aol.com. CDC requirements of masks, social distancing, and temperature checks for all office visits will be followed.

Heritage Museum Calendars

The Heritage Museum is selling 2021 calendars for \$10 featuring historical buildings and information about Seguin. There is a limited supply and they are available for purchase at the Heritage Museum, Gift & Gourmet, the Aumont, the Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce and Parker's City Pharmacy.

To ensure non-profit organization's meetings and events appear in this calendar, send information to: communitycalendar@kwed1580.com, fax 379-2238, 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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The Country Church Attic is now open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday.

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Q: Why don't my snapdragons grow well indoors? I have them under a grow light.

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Q: How can I keep tomato hornworms and other bugs off of my tomatoes organically?

A: You can do this by playing an active role in your garden. I walk out every morning and check my tomato plants. I remove the bugs by hand, then smoosh them with a brick or throw them in a bucket of soapy water. One of our old time area gardeners always said that the best bug deterrent in your garden was your shadow. (In other words, you should be out there every day checking before an infestation can take over).

Besides hand-picking insects, Doug Welsh in his Texas Garden Almanac suggests using a high-pressure water spray. Also, once your fruit sets, cover your plants with netting. Another way to control insects is by using trap crops, but I haven't had much luck with them. I planted marigolds one year but did not notice any fewer bugs. I have sprayed with insecticidal soap. Be sure to check the label of your organic product to make sure that it is safe to spray on vegetables. FYI: Keep those birdbaths full. With our intermittent rainfall, birds, bees, and butterflies need all the help they can get.

Q: I have already been bitten by an Asian lady beetle. Are they a good bug or a bad bug?

A: They are basically beneficial insects to farmers and gardeners because they feed on aphids that can damage plants. The University of Minnesota Extension says that the Asian lady beetle or *Harmonia axyridis* is also known as the Halloween lady beetle and the Japanese lady beetle. The color of the beetle ranges from orange to yellow to red and to black. Usually the beetle has 19 spots with a black M-shaped marking behind its head.

The beetle can become a pest when it tries to get inside, but it does not infest wood, destroy fabrics, eat food or damage property. They also cannot sting and do not carry disease according to UMN. What they do, however, is bite which can be uncomfortable. They also secrete a smelly yellowish liquid from the joints of their legs, and, when they run out of aphids, will eat fall-ripening fruit such as grapes, apples and fall raspberries. Extension.umn.edu suggests picking up damaged apples and removing damaged fruit from the tree.



Clara Mae Marvotte is a Texas Master Gardener with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. If you have a question to be answered, call the Master Gardeners at 830-379-1972 or leave a message to be answered. The website is guadalupecountymastergardeners.org. The Master Gardener research library is open Wednesdays from 1 to 4, at 210 East Live Oak Street in Seguin.

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