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## **The One Place To Be This Tuesday**

This is what happens when you arrive at the Seguin Guadalupe County Coliseum on Tuesday, June 23. Delicious smells waft around you like a hint of garlic, a touch of cinnamon, roasted chilies, and grilled meat and bacon.

At 6pm the doors to the meeting rooms burst open, the throng will rush forward, a program is placed in your hand, you deposit your ticket in the tumbler, find a table, open your program, and begin planning your strategy.

Strategy? Yes, definitely. This is Taste of Seguin. You have 31 food items to sample from the finest chefs and cooks in the area. You then must vote on your favorite in each of four categories.

You can enjoy the complimentary beer and wine sponsored by American Bank and Trust. You have a lot to accomplish before 8:30. You need a plan because this is a major event sponsored by Guadalupe Regional Medical Center to benefit the Silver Center and it is definitely bigger this year.

Food is the main attraction, and your program shows the choices in the categories of appetizers, soups/salads, entrees and desserts. The competition is so fierce, the participants swore the committee to secrecy. No food items can be revealed in advance. But, honestly, where would one start in an attempt to copy *"Madd Thunder Down Under Beans?"*

We can say careful eaters will find traditional fare like pasta, wings and pizza while foodies can explore items with bolder sounding descriptors such as bacon ganache, green chili braise, bourbon pecans, and garlic knots. There are some, like the aforementioned beans, you guess until you try it.

There are choices when it comes to planning. Do you stroll and nibble, or carefully target, retrieve and sit down to savor? Are you a strict category by category

tester, or take what sounds best first and move down the list of what sounds good, gleefully jumping between desserts and appetizers? Length of line, distance from current location, or recommendation of another taster, all have plan proponents.

A recommendation is an initial tasting foray, followed by a stroll around the Silent Auction table while the food settles. Then undertake a second attack on the food.

The Silent Auction is almost an event itself. You'll find everything from a practical leaf blower, a glamorous jewelry set, a luxurious spa gift, gift cards, gift baskets and décor items. There are nearly 100 items, plus tables of baked goods including Richard Kenney's legendary Key Lime Pie, Bev Wescott's dinner rolls, (once sold for over \$100), apple pies, fabulous breads, and more. The Silent Auction bidding concludes at 8 PM.

Tin Roof will provide music to help you enjoy everything and you can dance if it helps work off calories.

Three additional booths can give you another food break. The custom jewelry of Mystic Creations, the cooking tools and tips of The Pampered Chef, and cook and serve ware from Polmedia Polish Pottery will be on display.

There will be a Live Auction at 7:15, headlined by a Tropical Getaway with a stay in a penthouse condo, as well as other select items.

Remember those tickets you dropped in the tumbler as you entered? One will be drawn every 15 minutes for a door prize.

It is quite a bargain for \$25 if you get your ticket before noon Tuesday at the Silver Center, Gift and Gourmet, Seguin Gazette, KWED, or Seguin Area Chamber. The ticket is \$30 at the door. Advance tickets for members are just \$20.

You get food, beer, wine, fun, competition, auctions, music, giveaways, and more. Taste of Seguin is the one place to be Tuesday.

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