

Silver Center Scene  
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There are two absolute necessities for the Silver Center to survive. Take away either one and you can envision the cartoon car that wheezes, sputters, clanks, and collapses into a heap of unworkable parts as a cloud of dust rises.

There are other important elements, but without the fuels of donations and volunteers, the Silver Center would cease running. This year Leadership Seguin is providing a major boost in donations since they chose the Center as their community project for the year.

Leadership Seguin is in the final stages of their campaign to raise money for major Silver Center repairs. Raffle tickets are now on sale for more than \$2000 worth of prizes such as a barbecue pit, beach condo weekend, Yeti cooler, several gift cards and much more. Their goal is \$20,000 to apply to some of the many needs such as roofs, air conditioning, a computer lab, equipment for the medical lending closet and more.

Admission to the May 14 event is free if you have purchased at least one \$10 raffle ticket. Tickets are also available five for \$40 and 10 for \$70. Any member of the Leadership Seguin class will have tickets for sale, or you can call the Seguin Chamber Office, 830-379-6383 or the Silver Center 830-303-6612 for tickets.

The Silver Center cannot depend just on the efforts of others, however, and work is underway for the next Taste of Seguin. This is the Center's largest annual fundraiser. Area restaurants, caterers and commercial kitchens compete for guests' votes after tasting their samples and hope to be named the best for appetizer, soup/salad, entrée or dessert.

Invitations are going out to the vendors now and event Chairman Kay Lynn Hawkins is working with a committee to develop several additions to the evening's events. It should be really fun and exciting this year. Save the date June 23 on your calendar and be ready to eat at 6 pm at the Seguin Coliseum.

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month and we can never appreciate ours too much. Although, we never get it done in April. The Silver Center is a very popular spot for several other Seguin non-profits to honor their volunteers with a luncheon, brunch or other event. So our kitchen, staff, and volunteers are busy serving the city's other volunteers who are being honored.

In truth, volunteers everywhere deserve the appreciation they receive. Of course, we brag about ours. But, it is like those conversations where grandparents discuss whose kids are best, or fishermen talk about the best bait, or golfers the best ball. The ones you have are the best, hands down, no discussion. Of course, some of ours volunteer at others spots too. Now those are really the best.

It is not all about raising money and helping out. Learning is important too. Falling is one of the biggest dangers for seniors. Matter of Balance is a course about preventing and minimizing the damage from falls and it begins April 21. The free Health Expo with lots of information and giveaways is 9 to noon on April 28.

A 6-week Diabetes 101 class will begin May 7 from 5 to 7 pm presented by Guadalupe Regional Medical Center. There is always a monthly Lunch 'N Learn and learners are welcome at the other groups.

There is so much happening at the Silver Center at any one time it never fits in a single column. So check the calendar of events on the webpage, <http://www.silvercenterseguin.com/>, go to the Facebook page or call the Center, 830-303-6612, for information.

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