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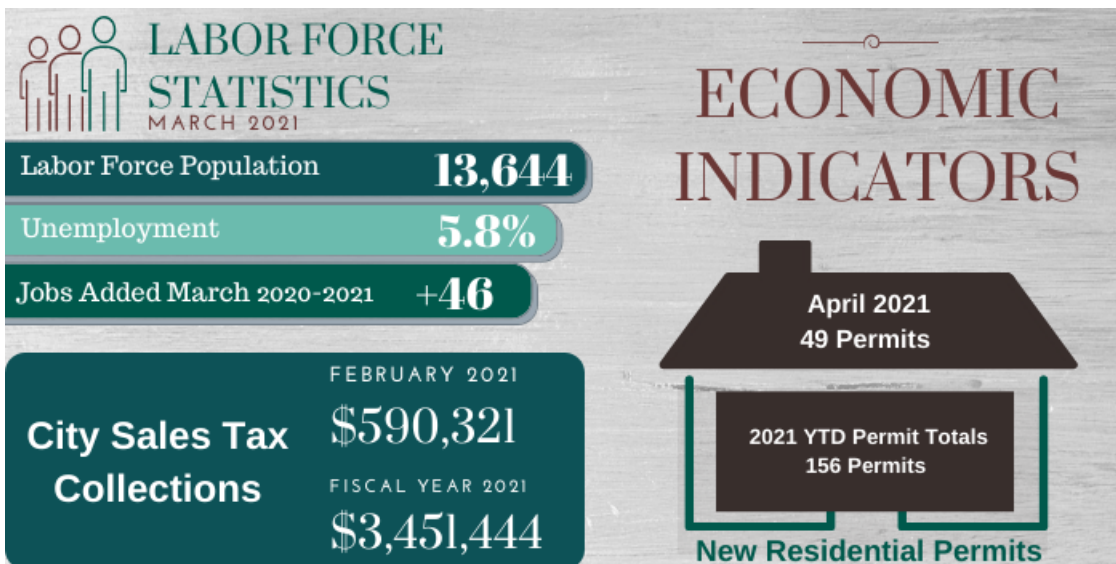
TOP STORIES

Area high school seniors take part in Seguin Career Day



(Seguin) — Whether it's a job right after graduation, a job during college or a place to comeback home to after receiving that college or technical degree, local high school seniors had plenty to choose from during Wednesday's Seguin Career Day. Seguin Career Day held on the Seguin High School Campus opened its doors to high school seniors from not only Seguin but from Navarro and Marion High Schools. The event featuring a variety of employers from throughout the area was hosted by the Seguin Economic Development Corporation. [Read More](#)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS



LOCAL NEWS

New Seguin Career Center opens its doors

(Seguin) – Looking for a job just got an upgrade here in Seguin. Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) recently celebrated the opening of its newly relocated renovated Seguin Career Center. The office, originally located at Crossroads Mall across from Alamo Group, is now open for job seekers in the Plaza Del Rey Shopping Center at 1411 E. Court Street. [Read More](#)

Townhall talks COVID, student return, calendars

Seguin ISD is ready to bring almost all of its students back next year for in-person instruction, while helping those who are struggling get a little extra help. Those were two of the topics Seguin ISD Superintendent Matthew Gutierrez touched on during a recent townhall meeting he held Thursday afternoon on Zoom. During the half-hour virtual meeting, Gutierrez discussed face-to-face learning, changes to this year's calendar, the intersession days that were approved for the 2021-22 calendar, and the upcoming vaccine clinic for high school students. [Read More](#)

Tyson Foods to offer onsite vaccinations

(Seguin) – Tyson Foods is doing its part to further protect its employees by being among the first batch of corporations to extend onsite COVID-19 vaccinations to family members of employees as well as others living in their homes. Here in Seguin, those vaccinations will be administered to its employees and their families this Friday. [Read More](#)

Local department recognized as one of the best in the state

Seguin) – The Seguin Police Department is again being recognized as one of the top law enforcement agencies in the state. The recognition is based on the police department's participation in the Best Practices program sponsored by the Texas Police Chiefs Association. The department first met the program's stringent standards in 2013. It again recently completed the process, and has received the Best Practices Re-Recognition Award. [Read More](#)

Housing market booming in South Texas

Seguin and Guadalupe County currently are in what constitutes a seller's housing market. That is great for those trying to sell a house or folks building new homes, but it could be a nightmare for home buyers. Buyers are snapping up houses as fast as they hit the market. Often, they need help finding homes when moving around this area, Corner Post Real Estate broker and Four Rivers Association of Realtors past president Katie Clark said. [Read More](#)

Partners bring HTeaO store to quench area residents' thirst

With the help of a business partner from up the road, a Seguin resident plans to bring a new company to town and, along with it, familial nostalgia. The business and Omar Alvidrez's fond memories surround iced tea — a staple in Texas and his upbringing. "I know everybody talks about comfort food, but to me, iced tea is a comfort drink," Alvidrez said. "It takes me back to family gatherings and my younger days. Whenever we had iced tea, there was always family and love around." [Read More](#)

New business brings co-working space to downtown Seguin

There's a new business downtown and its owner is hoping to see it "Rise" to the challenge. Seguin native Erik Saengerhausen purchased the building at 204 S. Austin St. that formerly housed Playoffs Sports Bar and converted it into a co-working space, called The Rise. "If you're a member, you can come in here and use it," he said. [Read More](#)

REGION AND STATE NEWS

San Antonio Economic Indicators

The San Antonio Business-Cycle Index strengthened in March as first-quarter jobs posted robust performance, and the unemployment rate ticked down. Local consumer spending declined in mid-February due to Winter Storm Uri but has since remained above prepandemic levels. Home sales activity tanked in February, and the number of individuals currently hospitalized with COVID-19 continued to decrease after peaking in late January. [Read More](#)

Growth in Texas Manufacturing Activity Remains Robust, Outlooks Improve Further

Texas factory activity expanded at solid clip in April, according to business executives responding to the Texas Manufacturing Outlook Survey. The production index, a key measure of state manufacturing conditions, fell 14 points to 34.0, a reading still well above average and indicative of robust output growth. Other measures of manufacturing activity also pointed to strong growth this month, with demand, labor, price and wage indexes reaching all-time highs. [Read More](#)

SEDC EVENTS

SEGUIN COMMUNITY JOB FAIR



MAY 13 | 10 AM - 4 PM

**Location: Soel Venue
112 W. Donegan St.
Seguin, TX**



Masks Required

Workforce Solutions Alamo is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. (Please request reasonable accommodations at least 48 hours in advance) Texas Relay Numbers: 1-800-735-2989 (TDD) or 1-800-735-2988 (Voice) or 711.

SMALL BUSINESS

Small Business Spotlight

Caliza Fresca



Caliza Fresca opened in downtown Seguin, TX in March 2021. The new eatery is open Monday-Friday 7 AM - 3 PM and serves fresh salads, sandwiches, smoothies, and sweets.

Visit their Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/calizafresca>

SBA's Restaurant Revitalization Fund Webinar

This program provides emergency assistance for eligible restaurants, bars, and other qualifying businesses impacted by COVID-19.

MAY 18 | 3 PM

Register:
<http://view.seguinedc.com/webinar51821>



SBA's Restaurant Revitalization Fund Webinar

The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open. This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023.

Join the SBA San Antonio District Office and the Seguin Economic Development Corporation to learn more about the Restaurant Revitalization Fund during this no-cost webinar on Tuesday, May 18 at 3:00 PM.

Tuesday, May 18 | 3:00 PM CST

Register

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