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Downtown Seguin events – something for everyone

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Downtown Seguin has many exciting arts and entertainment events coming up including: the annual Moonlight and Roses on May 20 at 7 p.m., a theatre production company bringing new life to the historic Palace Theatre on May 21 at 6 p.m. and a Texas country concert at the newly renovated Texas Theatre on May 21 at 9:30 p.m. Find out a bit more about each of the events below. Make sure you don't miss out on all the fun.

Annual Moonlight and Roses to be Held May 20

Get ready to bring out your lawn chairs, relax and enjoy a fun evening at the Memorial Rose Garden. The annual Moonlight and Roses will be held May 20 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Garden is located inside Walnut Springs Park at 317 West Court Street.



Those in attendance will enjoy the tastes of local cuisine and the sounds of local talent. Several restaurants donate hors d'oeuvres for the evening. Shaakir and Mike McGrew will perform jazz music. All you need to worry about is bringing a drink, a seat and a smile.

While the event is free, donations are appreciated to help offset the cost. Special glasses commemorating both the dedication of Walnut Springs Park and Moonlight and Roses will be available for \$5 each. To reserve glasses in advance, send an e-mail to: mainstreet@seguintexas.gov. For more information call: 830-401-5000.

Texas Country Star Granger Smith to Perform at Texas Theatre – Concert to Help Support Historic Theatre

With 5 top ten singles, 3 tours in Iraq and Kuwait to play for the troops and 3 shows at the White House, Granger Smith is one of the most popular performers in the Texas Music scene today.

Granger will bring his talents to Seguin with an unforgettable performance at the newly renovated historic Texas Theatre located at 425 North Austin Street. The all-ages show will be May 21 from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

"We're going to do a very special concert," Smith said. "I'm really excited. When people leave they can say: 'I may have seen Granger before, but I haven't seen him in this kind of environment.' We're going to do more of an unplugged package. We're going to make it as intimate as possible. We want people to feel like they are right there in our living room – where we can all talk and play songs that they want to hear."

Tickets are now on sale for \$20 at Gift & Gourmet, D & D Farm and Ranch, and the Seguin Chamber office. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the performance. Funds raised help support the theatre.

The show will include new tracks from Granger's latest release "Poets and Prisoners," fan favorites from previous albums



Granger Smith brings his music to Seguin at the newly renovated Texas Theatre, Saturday, May 21, at 9 p.m. Courtesy photo.

and audience requests.

"The new record came out in April," Smith said. "It's a little bit closer to home for me, a little bit closer to where I am in my life and my career. I tried to make it a roller-coaster melodically and lyrically."

The performance will include 85 seats in the balcony, as well as seats in the downstairs area. The downstairs area will also include standing room and a dance floor. There will be beer, wine, water and soda available.

"I've been calling my sound indie-country," Smith said. "It's a cleaner, rocking version of country music. If someone hears my songs, I hope it touches them in

a way that relates to what they're going through in their life. I hope it touches them on a personal level and moves them in a certain way – whether that's happy, sad or any kind of strong emotion. That's what I set out to do when I started my music and that's what I want to continue to do. We want to hit people where it counts."

One way in which Smith's music has made a very positive impact is through his loyal support for the troops. He recently completed a 100 mile walk in support of the troops.

"We walked a hundred miles in combat boots with help from The Boot Campaign – a non-profit

organization that supports returning veterans," Smith said. "We walked to raise awareness, morale and patriotism for the soldiers. We were supported by The Boot Campaign, Shiner Bock and Southern Thread Clothing. We walked all the way to Fort Hood. Then we played a concert on Fort Hood. It was great feeling. Obviously, it was hard physically and mentally – but it was definitely great to represent the ultimate sacrifice that the soldiers do for us every day."

For more information on Granger Smith: www.granger-smith.com. For more information on the Texas Theatre: www.seguin-conservation.org.

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