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Sealybration adds wine garden, expands entertainment line-up

The Sealy Community Foundation brings first-class entertainment and family fun to Sealy's 7th Annual Sealybration July 10-11, 2015.

Country singer and songwriter Earl Thomas Conley and Texas music artist Jody Booth will headline the entertainment line-up Saturday with five top notch performers starting Friday including Larry Joe Taylor and Max Stalling. A wine tasting garden featuring local wineries and local brewery Huff Brewing Company is a new feature Friday night.

"Every year we take feedback from the community and try to incorporate it into the event. This year we've added a wine tasting event Friday night and continue the VIP experience Saturday night," said Melanie Willingham, President of the Sealy Community Foundation. "We've also added to the entertainment line-up and hope everyone will come out to enjoy the weekend and support the Sealy community."

The gates open at 6 p.m. Friday, July 10 featuring food and retail vendors, the bean bag tournament, the Kidzone carnival, BBQ cook off and Annual Stars & Strikes Classic softball tournament. The 5 Alarm 5K and 1K Rookie fun runs are also held Friday night and benefit the Sealy Volunteer Fire Department. At 8:30 p.m. the musical entertainment gets started with performances by Texas country artists Max Stalling and Larry Joe Taylor at 10:30 p.m.

The gates open at 8 a.m. Saturday for all day fun at the Kidzone carnival, the tractor show, softball tournament as well as the retail and



Conley

food vendors. Musical entertainment starts at 5 p.m. with Fred Rusk & the Zydeco Hi-Steppers. Up-and-coming Texas music artist, Cole Deggs, take the stage next with Earl Thomas Conley at 9:45 p.m. and Jody Booth finishing off the night at 11:30 p.m. A spectacular fireworks show will light up the night sky at 9:15 p.m.

A new feature this year is Friday night's wine tasting garden where with the purchase of a \$5 Sealybration keepsake glass attendees enjoy tastings from local wineries. Huff Brewing Company of Bellville will also be on hand with their craft brews.

The popular VIP experience is \$60 a ticket and includes reserved parking close to the venue, front row seats for the concerts, a catered meal, discounted beer, private restrooms and an unrestricted view of the fireworks. Also, all VIP ticket holders will be entered in a drawing to attend a meet-and-greet with the musical entertainers.

Admission for Friday, July 10 is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, and 5 and under are free with festival hours running from 6 p.m. until midnight. Saturday, July 11 entry is \$10 for adults from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and \$15 from 5 p.m. until close.

Children 6-12 are \$5, and 5 and under are free all day. Early combo

President's remarks



Kathy Holloman
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of Commerce
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"Buy Local" campaigns have been around for years, with their popularity waxing and waning, depending on the economy and trends. But one question has remained: do they make a difference in the local economy? Now, independent research provides surprising evidence on how local Main Street programs can make the most of the trend toward "localism".

While "Buy Local" or "Buy Local First" campaigns can't revitalize a commercial district by themselves, they can be a useful tool in contributing to consumer awareness and boosting the vitality of our Main Street. This week we invite you to consider a buy local campaign for our community all year round, and the chamber encourages you to participate in our promotion of independent businesses.

Successful independent businesses contribute to the tax base, meet consumer demand, and add vibrancy to a community. But, they also bring stability.

For all of us here at the Chamber, local, independent businesses make all the difference to our community. The challenge to local business is to get people to choose your Main Street business because YOU have something of value that the competition lacks.

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You can take the Indie Challenge -- explore your local independent businesses and see how much of your purchasing for the week you can do with them. You'll keep your money circulating in your community three times as long. Every dollar you spend at a local independent business helps your community in many ways.

Why we NEED to shop SEALY and Austin County FIRST

- Reason: 1. Taxes
- Reason: 2. Selection
- Reason: 3. Employment
- Reason: 4. Quality Merchandise
- Reason: 5. Community Involvement
- Reason: 6. Save Money
- Reason: 7. Economy
- Reason: 8. Merchandise Availability
- Reason: 9. Personal Service
- Reason: 10. WE CARE.

SEALYBRATION

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passes are available for \$20 and include entry for both days. The early combo passes and the VIP tickets are available at Sealy City Hall, Sealy Chamber of Commerce, Citizens State Bank, Ranch Country Homes and Riverside Tire Center.

Sealybration is sponsored by the Sealy Community Foundation, a local non-profit organization whose mission is serving as a voice for all non-profits, with intent to advance education and charity. For registration forms, a detailed schedule of the Sealybration festivities, visit www.sealycommunityfoundation.org. Also, like "Sealy Community Foundation" on Facebook for updated information and contests.

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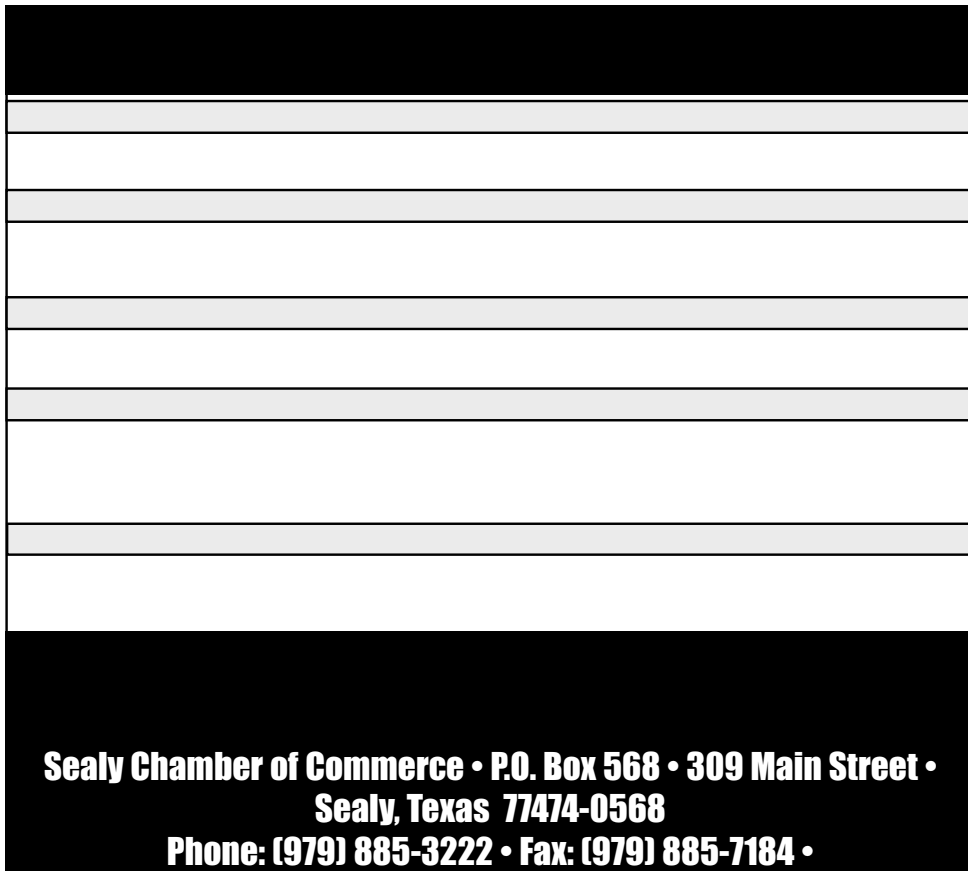
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"WE'VE PLANNED AROUND YOU"

- July 15:**
Chamber 101
Guest Speaker: Will Watson
of Infitech, LLC
(One of our members only
benefits!)
"EMV Rollout - Debunking
the Myths"
- July:**
More to be Announced...
watch for updates on our
weekly E-Newsletter!
- September 11:**
Annual Chamber Golf
Tournament and After Hours
- Mixer 5:30-7:30 p.m.**
Stephen F. Austin Golf Club
- September 24:**
KC After Hours Mixer
1290 Hwy. 90 West
- October 15:**
The Sealy Chamber of
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Circus
- November 5:**
Chamber Annual Award
Luncheon




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Off the Rail

The Off the Rail Street Dance and Cruise-In was held June 13 on Main Street, featuring the music of Blue Note Brothers. The event drew a large crowd despite the threat of rain.

AROUND TOWN ON THE BUSINESS FRONT

4th of JULY A Little History:

The Continental Congress officially adopted the document that we know as the Declaration of Independence on July 4, although the resolution that led to the writing of the Declaration was actually approved two days earlier.

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"LET US NOT FORGET" FREEDOM IS  
NEVER FREE

"MAY GOD PROTECT ALL THOSE THAT SERVE  
AND PROTECT AMERICA IN THE NAME OF  
FREEDOM"

A Chamber of Commerce is a volunteer-driven organization that unites the business and professional leaders in an area to expand the economy of that area. Chambers provide a venue through which members can get involved and accomplish collectively what no one business could do alone. Visit [www.sealychamber.com](http://www.sealychamber.com) for more information about joining the Sealy Chamber of Commerce.

**SEND US YOUR EVENTS!** If you have an event in the upcoming year that's open to the public and would like to see it in the Chambers E-blast, email the info to us at ([tammy@sealychamber.com](mailto:tammy@sealychamber.com)) by Friday and we'll add it to our Tuesday newsletter.



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