

## **2nd Quarter 2024**

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## Welcome Spring!

## **Community Calendar\***

### **April**

4th American Legion - 6pm - Legion Hall Harper Historical Society Board Meeting

- 2pm - Museum

9th HVFD Business Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station 9th Veterans Breakfast - 9am - Longhorn

15th Harper Library Executive Board of Directors - 4:30pm - Library

16th Harper Community Chamber of Commerce - 6pm - Gitter Hall at St. Anthony's

17th Harper Community Park Board - 5:30pm

- Community Hall

23rd HVFD Training Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station

### May

Harper Historical Society Board Meeting

- 2pm - Museum

14th HVFD Business Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station 14th Veterans Breakfast - 9am - Longhorn

15th Harper Community Park Board - 5:30pm

- Community Hall

20th Harper Library Executive Board of Directors - 4:30pm - Library

21st Harper Community Chamber of Commerce

- 6pm - Gitter Hall at St. Anthony's

28th HVFD Training Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station

#### June

6th American Legion - 6pm - Legion Hall Harper Historical Society Board Meeting

- 2pm - Museum

11th HVFD Business Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station

11th Veterans Breakfast - 9am - Longhorn

17th Harper Library Executive Board of Directors

- 4:30pm - Library

18th Harper Community Chamber of Commerce

- 6pm - Gitter Hall at St. Anthony's

19th Harper Community Park Board - 5:30pm

- Community Hall

25th HVFD Training Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station

\*Meeting dates, times, and events are subject to change.

## **HISD School Calendar**

#### **April**

1st School Holiday

3rd PTO Meeting - 3:45pm - Elementary Cafeteria

4th Last day of 5th six weeks

5th Teacher Inservice-Workday/Student Holiday

8th School Holiday

9th First day of 6th six weeks

15th HISD Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room

#### May

1st PTO Meeting - 3:45pm - Elementary Cafeteria 15th HISD Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room 17th Health & Safety/Bad Weather Makeup Day 20th School Holiday

21st- 22nd Semester Exams/Exempt
22nd Last day of school/Early Release
23rd- 24th Teacher Inservice-Workday/Student
Holiday

#### June

17th HISD Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room



# Headwaters For Heroes 12th Annual Combat Veterans and Gold Star Families Benefit Dinner and Live Auction

With Special Guest Speaker: Shilo Harris

Saturday, May 25, 2024 Harper Community Hall Doors open at 4:30pm

#### WELCOME NEW BUSINESS MEMBERS



830-895-1

2473 Junction Hwy, Kerrville, Tx 78028 830-895-1282 golds@hctc.net Hours: Mon. - Fri.

8am-5:30pm

Kerrville's oldest auto body shop was opened in 1974 by Jerry and Peggy Gold. Their son, Jackie, has worked there since the shop's opening. Grandson,

Donnie, started working there in 2006. The Chamber welcomes this local, family owned and operated business to our membership. Many of the employees have been part of the team for over 20 years.

From small dents to complete auto body repair service the affordable and professional auto body shop will service your needs. They will also handle all your insurance claim paperwork. A contact form is available on their website. You may also call to speak to a technician about your auto repair needs. They are "ready to serve you and get your vehicle back on the road".



**Connecting the Texas Hill Country** to the world since 1951

Main office: Ingram M-F 8am - 5pm 830-367-5333 • -292-5457 • marketing@hctc.coop HCTC, the Hill Country's premiere provider of telecommunication services, provides high quality internet and phone service. The HCTC network covers over 4,000 square miles and is delivered in a multitude of technologies including DSL, fixed wireless, and fiber optic cable. Kerrville Daily Times voted HCTC the best internet provider in 5 of the last 7 years. Their customers tell them they love HCTC because of their people. They are local, friendly, and care about your experience. Their bi-monthly publication, HCTC Connection, provides industry news, technology tips, stories about local communities, and recipes. They are "committed to providing excellent service, solid solutions, and cutting-edge technology". HCTC is also a large financial supporter of other non-profits organizations, not only in Hill Country but also in communities as far west as Sonora, Eldorado, and Big Lake. In addition to serving their communities, HCTC leadership keeps an eye focused on the constant developments in the industry. Their network is always improving, always becoming more efficient, and their employees are some of the best trained in the state. HCTC is proud to name Harper as one of their newest broadband service areas.



1405 Cypress Creek Rd., Kerrville, TX 78028 830-257-8625

**Owner: Tommy Dreibrodt** 

Hill Country G.R.S. has been serving the Hill Country since 1975. They provide Senox seamless aluminum and metal gutters and downspouts in 32 colors. Siding products include vinyl, aluminum, and steel. They also specialize in all metal roofing materials including standing seam and screw down. They specialize in metal standing seam roofs. Roofing materials include galvalume metal, painted metal, composite shingles, and clay, slate, and concrete tile. The company also provides custom fascia, soffits, and vents.

> Check out their photo gallery at: https://www.hcgrs.com/.



#### J. R. Dean Services

Backhoe work | Septic Tank Install | Repair System Modification | Material Delivery and Removal

(830) 496-1400

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JRDean Services is a locally owned and operated business. The owner, Josh Dean, is a veteran, serving our country for 11 years, and a Harper High School graduate. He is licensed, bonded, and insured. JRDean Services include installing conventional or aerobic septic systems for both commercial and residential customers. Josh will soon be adding a septic maintenance service. The company service area includes Gillespie, Kerr, and Kendall counties. You are invited to contact Josh by phone or email M-F from 8am-5pm for your reliable septic needs.

#### **WELCOME NEW BUSINESS MEMBERS**

### **Mountain Home Pool LLC**

830-928-0857 dwain@mountainhomepoolstx.com

The Chamber welcomes Mountain Home Pools to our membership. Owner, Dwain Cornelius, is a native Texan and a graduate of Harper High School who played sports there years ago. He's had the privilege of watching his kids and grandkids attend Harper schools. One of his grandsons works for the family business. If you're in need of a new pool or renovations to your existing pool, consider calling Dwain today. He works with gunite and shotcrete to build your pool. Dwain is also a dealer for container pools. Building pools entails expertise in many trades including excavation, electrical, concrete, and steel work. Dwain has experience in all these fields. Mountain Home Pools completes decking and rock work to beautify your pool surroundings. Dwain also installs rainwater collection systems. Contact Mountain Home Pools by calling or emailing him at dwain@mountainhomepoolstx.com

## Secor Equipment Co. 2026 Junction Highway, Kerrville, TX 78028

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M - F 8am -5:30 pm, Sat. 8am - 12pm
The inventory changes daily,
please call the store for information.

Secor Equipment Co. is the area dealer for Kawasaki, Ferris, Stihl, Honda, and Southwest Gooseneck. Check out their selection of Ferris zero-turn mowers, Stihl power equipment, Honda generators and water pumps, Southwest trailers, and Kawasaki ATV's and utility vehicles. The showroom includes manufacturer models, new, and used inventory. Check out their featured inventory too. Catalogs are available on their website for customers to shop for accessories. Dealer services include both a service and a parts department. Customers may submit information on their website and receive a call from one of their sales team members.



### **HIGHLIGHTS ON CHAMBER MEMBERS**

Redecorating? Updating Décor? New home?

## **Clarlyle Flooring Center**

1802 Sidney Baker St., Kerrville, Tx 78028
830-257-5222 www.clarlyle.com M-F 8am-5pm
Clarlyle Flooring Center is a family-owned business serving the Hill Country since 1966. They continuously strive to offer the best products and services while keeping in mind the customer is always first. They have received the Kerrville Daily Times Readers' Choice Award for 15 years! Carlyle Flooring Center has a large selection of wood, carpet, stone, floor / wall tile, vinyl plank, laminate products, and installation/setting materials. Professionals are on site to work with you. A free estimate is available for every job. They



remove and dispose of material being replaced and have a dust-free demolition process. DIY homeowners can purchase supplies too! Visit their showroom or call them today to experience "The Clarlyle Difference"!

#### **HIGHLIGHTS ON CHAMBER MEMBERS**

### **The Inside Story**

1324 S. State Hwy 16, Fredericksburg, Tx 78624 (830)997-8413 Hours: M-F 7:30am - 5pm www.theinsidestorytx.com insidestoryfbg@gmail.com

"Whether you're ready to update the entire look of your home or taking your remodel step by step, Inside Story offers everything you need for your interior decorating." Products they offer include carpets, flooring, paint, window treatments, area rugs, wallpaper, and fabric. They invite you to browse their showroom of beautiful home designs. You can also visit their website to see the list of top brand products they sell. All products come with manufacturing warranties. Inside Story also provides a one-year installation warranty and a measuring service before you make a final purchase. They have



a free design consultation service. A photo gallery of their showroom and completed projects are available on their website for you to be inspired.

Visit today or fill out the online form to request a call. "Let Us Help Make Your House A Home"

## **Library Preschool Story Time**

Thursday - 10:30am

The Preschool Story Time is for preschoolers ages 0-5. We read books, sing, dance, and craft together. This is a great way to promote literacy, work on language development, and have children socialize with other children. Come join us!





## Congratulations to the Harper High School graduating class of 2024.

Best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

Sarah Albers, Garrett Ballard, Oliver Burk, Lacie Childers, Brooklyne Clark, Jacob Conner, Kendall Courvelle, Hayleigh Davison, Rowdy Bo Dale Dean, Gavin Everett, Tucker Fleming, Shelby Freida, Yoselin Galindo Silva, Juan Gallegos, Justice Garcia, Wyatt Garcia, Walker Green, Jocelyn Groff, Hayden Hall, Jack Helfrich, Sael Herrera-



Rodriquez, Nathan Hicks, Sarah Hoffman, Landon Holmes, Hailey Howard, Tanner James-Gonzales, Bryson Lake, Robert Larson, Mark Lavallee, William Long, Ethan Marschall, Dakota Martin, Cole Masters, John Masters, Dalton Moellendorf, Matthew Murray, Aaron Pickell, Joseph Pierce, Kaylee Price, Jayden Reddick, Anthony Rivera, Mileidy Rojero Araiza, Kylah Sanchez, Luke Sanchez-Payne, Cristian Suarez.

#### **Central Texas Electric Co-op Operation Round-Up**

The Round-Up board gives funds for the benefit of individuals or family units, groups, organizations, or charities. The funds that are given out are received from CTEC customers who allow CTEC to round-up their monthly bill to the next whole dollar each month. For example, if the electric bill is \$75.30, it's "rounded up" to \$76.00. One-time monetary contributions to Operation Round-Up are also accepted. All donations are tax-deductible. To sign up or for more info about the round up program contact Roy Kasper at 1-830-889-0013 or CTEC at 1-830-997-2126.

#### **Harper Historical Society**

New Cookbook - Recipes & Memories, \$30.00 by mail or available at the museum for \$25 on Fridays 8am - 11am, Sundays 2pm-4pm

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Stay up to date with all of the fun by checking out our website at: https://www.harpercommunitypark.com/events.

## A Message from Chamber President, Paul Urban

It's membership renewal time with the Chamber. The board agreed not to change our membership fee. The business fee is \$100.00 or \$150.00 if you own two businesses, and they are each members. The fee for an individual membership is \$50.00. We ended 2024 with a total membership of about 140. We'd certainly like to grow that number and we'd appreciate any referrals you can send our way.

You might be asking "what do I get" for being a member? Benefits include a link to your business website through the listing on ours, business promotion on our social media sites, your business information listed in our business brochure and in our newsletter articles, inclusion of your promotional material in our welcome bags given to new residents, plus networking opportunities at our meetings.

As you know, Harper is an unincorporated community which means we have no city government. We are subject to the rules and regulations of Gillespie County. Did you know that if you own property in Harper with



a failing septic system and are interested in selling the property, the sale could be impacted by Gillespie County rules and regulations?

While not endorsing or promoting incorporation, your Chamber thinks our community needs a "voice" to make the county aware of our needs. We formed a strategic planning committee and have identified short term, intermediate and long-term goals for our community. Your membership allows you to participate with that committee, if you choose, and help define the future of Harper.

Join or renew your membership today! Help us help you.

## For your fencing and land clearing needs call:

Cactus Creek Land Clearing & Rock Milling 830-285-6576

General Rental Center 830-367-2773 Hunt Land Clearing 830-343-3215 Kerrville Fence & Gate 830-353-9020 M & K Land Clearing 830-864-5601 Rotge Services 830-522-1380 Two Saws Tree Service 830-733-7716

#### **Investing in Your Future?**

Contact a Chamber Business Member
Edward Jones - Dana Green 830-997-9141
Edward Jones - Kendall Davison 830-257-7877
First United Bank & Trust 830-997-0990
Joseph Financial Partners 830-997-4763
Massey-Itschner & Company 830-257-5330
Security State Bank & Trust 830-864-4400

Real Estate/Brokers

**Moran Real Estate & Appraisal** 830-459-3335 **R Bar Realty** 254-326-8676

## It's spring! Need fertilizer? Need pest control?

Who do you call?

Behrends' Feed & Fertilizer 830-864-4004 \*
Harper Feed & Hardware 830-864-4609
CT Pest & Weed Control 832-401-4453 \* Falco
Pest Management 830-992-2900
Hill Country Pest Control 830-896-4700

## **Preparing for the warmer temperatures?**72 Degrees AC & Heating

Time for an equipment checkup? "Wizards of Comfort available 24/7" 830-997-5651

## **Harper Community Park**

Submitted by Krista Bennett

What a great start to 2024.. we rang in the New Year with Billy Mata and The Texas Tradition and served up some of Andrea's Famous Black Eyed Peas. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Harper Community Park and start the New Year off with Friends and Fellowship. We also hosted the First Annual Cowboy Gala in conjunction with the Hill Country Horse Club to raise funds for the Harper Expo Center, it was such a beautiful event and a great night out. If you have not had



a chance to see the proposed project you can go to our website www.harpercommunitypark.com/ExpoCenter, and you will be able to take a look at the renderings and see what a great versatile facility it will be.

Looking for some fun? Mark your calendars for May 4, 2024 for a Derby Dance with The Rocky King Band. Doors will open at 5 giving us plenty of time to catch the race before we serve up Derby inspired eats & drinks, then Rocky King Band plays from 7-11pm. We may even have a fun Best Dressed and Best Hat contest so start planning those outfits now.

Planning for our 60th Annual Harper Frontier Days will be underway soon and if you or someone you know is interested in being a sponsor or volunteering to help us make it a success, please reach out to us at harpercommunitypark@gmail.com. We would love to have you.

## **American Legion Sageser-Haas Post 650**

**Reminder:** Flag Box for placement of flags to be retired remains available at the Harper Library. The American Legion has wheelchairs, walkers, canes, shower seats, and a ramp to loan. Call Roy Kasper at 830-864-5054.



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