



# 4th Quarter 2023

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## Community Calendar\*

### October

2nd Harper Historical Society Board Meeting - 2pm - Museum  
5th American Legion - 6pm - Legion Hall  
10th HVFD Business Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station  
10th Veterans Breakfast - 9am - Longhorn  
16th Harper Library Executive Board of Directors - 4:30pm  
- Library  
17th Harper Community Chamber of Commerce - 6pm  
- Gitter Hall at St. Anthony's  
18th Harper Community Park Board - 5:30pm  
- Community Hall  
24th HVFD Training Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station

### November

3rd 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

### December

1st Harper Historical Society Board Meeting - 2pm  
- Museum  
2nd American Legion - 6pm - Legion Hall  
12th HVFD Business Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station  
12th Veterans Breakfast - 9am - Longhorn  
18th Harper Library Executive Board of Directors - 4:30pm  
- Library  
19th Harper Community Chamber of Commerce - 6pm  
- Gitter Hall at St. Anthony's  
20th Harper Community Park Board - 5:30pm  
- Community Hall  
26th HVFD Training Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station

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

## Welcome Bags for New Residents

Have you recently moved to Harper? The Harper Community Chamber of Commerce has a gift bag for new residents. The reusable tote bag contains information about the community and Chamber member businesses. Special thanks to the business members who have provided promotional items for the welcome bags. The Welcome bags are available at the Harper Library.

## HISD School Calendar

### October

2nd First day of 2nd six weeks  
4th PTO Meeting - 3:45pm - Elementary Cafeteria  
13th Student Holiday/Teacher Comp  
16th Student Holiday  
16th HISD Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room

### November

1st PTO Meeting - 3:45pm - Elementary Cafeteria  
2nd Last day of 2nd six weeks  
3rd Teacher Inservice-Workday/Student Holiday  
6th First day of 3rd six weeks  
20th - 24th School Holiday  
20th HISD Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room

### December

5th - 15th EOC Retesting  
6th PTO Meeting - 3:45pm - Elementary Cafeteria  
18th HISD Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room  
18th - 19th Semester Exams/Last day 3rd six weeks  
19th Early Release for Students  
20th Teacher Inservice-Workday/Student Holiday  
21st - 29th School Holiday

### January

1st -5th School Holiday  
8th Teacher Inservice-Workday/Student Holiday  
9th First day of 3rd six weeks  
HISD All School Sports Family Pass /Home Events / \$125.00.

**Senior Passes for 65+ age group are free.**

**Passes are available at the Administrative Office.**

## Community Fall Festival

### October 31, 2023 6pm - 8pm

*Submitted by Karen Atkins*

Each year First Baptist Church and the other six churches of Harper host a safe alternative for Halloween, "The Fall Festival". This event is held Halloween night and is totally free to the Hill Country area children, teens, and their families. We have games, hayrides, face painting and other family-oriented activities, along with a photo booth. During this time, we serve popcorn, cotton candy, drinks, and other goodies. Any money raised this night goes to a scholarship for a senior taking off for college. All food is donated from area businesses.

We are always looking for more help, from going from business to business asking for donations to help that night in various ways. If you would like to help or would like more information about this event, our next meeting will be October 14, 2023 at 10AM at First Baptist Church of Harper. You may also contact Pastor Steve Williams at 830-719-3998 or Kay Atkins at 830-889-3409.



## WELCOME NEW BUSINESS MEMBER

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## HIGHLIGHTS ON CHAMBER MEMBERS



**Karen Vaucher**  
Proprietor

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### Old Stone Market

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### Old Stone Market

Karen Vaucher, owner, is a thirty-year veteran of the restaurant business. She was the owner of French Bistros in New York City for twenty of those years. You are invited to read her story at [www.oldstonemarket.com](http://www.oldstonemarket.com) about her discovery and sharing of the "finest, most aromatic black peppercorns in the world". The French import approximately 98% of the black peppercorns grown in Madagascar, the rest stay in the region. Old Stone Market is the exclusive U.S. importer of black peppercorns from Madagascar. In addition to black peppercorns, Old Stone Market offers herbs and spices such as saffron, whole cardamom, juniper berries, caraway seed, coriander seed, ground anise, and more! Two favorites from her dry rub collection include Quebec Steak Seasoning and Herbes de Provence. Popular sea salts are Celtic Gray Sea Salt, Himalayan Pink Sea Salt, and Alder Smoked Sea Salt. "The country store with a whole lot more" also sells Himalayan Salt Lamps and Atlas Pepper Mills. Shipping of the products is available.

Karen will be presenting a program in the community room of the Harper Library titled, "Mediterranean Cuisine and Lifestyle", on November 9th at 6pm.

Karen is also the author of a children's book, **Silvester Starr**. It is available on Amazon or an autographed copy is available directly from Karen.

## Girl Scouts of Central Texas

Submitted by Anita Braun, GSCTX

Girl Scouts of Central Texas connects more than 12,500 youth and nearly 10,000 adult members across 46 counties. Our council makes up the greater areas of Austin, Bryan/College Station, Brownwood, San Angelo, Stephenville, Killeen, Waco, Fredericksburg and HARPER.

We are committed to building an environment where diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) are shared values among all Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts is a community where everyone can contribute uniquely to our mission, while embracing their own leadership experience, and making the world a better place.

Girl Scouts create the world they want to live in and strive to make it better every single day. They explore their strengths, take on new challenges, and can always be themselves, regardless of background or ability.

Supported by adult volunteers and mentors right here in our community, as well as millions of alums around the globe, Girl Scouts lead the way as they discover who they are and how they can make the future a brighter place.

### Help Girl Scouts be their best selves this year.

It's always the right time to make a difference and now is the perfect time to do that as a Girl Scout volunteer. Discover how good it feels to help Girl Scouts find their voice.

Just by being yourself, you can be a person that girls can count on - the one who listens intently, who encourages them to chase their goals, who keeps them laughing, and who helps them feel confident in who they are. Together, you'll build a community where every Girl Scout is celebrated and valued.

You don't have to have a child of your own to get involved; all you need is a passion for mentoring the next generation of leaders. Girl Scouts of Central Texas is ready to get you started! [gsctx.org](http://gsctx.org)



## HIGHLIGHTS ON CHAMBER MEMBERS



Christian Outdoor Alliance is a non-profit organization based in Texas. Michael and Amy Marbach founded COA in 2002 with a Mission to guide youth and outdoorsman to a life with Christ in God's Great Outdoors.

We just completed our 22nd summer of youth outdoor camps and we did this at our new facility near Mountain Home, Texas.

We host hundreds of kids each year at our camps and week-end events. We also host hundreds of adults each year on the many different ranches with outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, family retreats, business retreats, etc.

Michael Marbach is a lifelong educator and coach. He served as Dean of Students and varsity baseball coach at St. Mary's Hall in San Antonio. His experiences range from teaching, to being an award-winning journalist and an accomplished outdoorsman. Michael currently writes a column under the pen name "Old Tex" in every issue of Texas Trophy Hunter Magazine. Michael is also an accomplished guide. He has a B.A. in Journalism from Tarleton State University and an M.A. in Communications from West Texas A & M University. Amy Marbach is the COA Camp RN, Camp Cook, and Administrative Assistant. She graduated with her BSN from West Texas A&M University and has spent most of her nursing career in ICU and School Nursing. Amy shares her many years of experience in youth ministry, Young Life, and camping with COA.

The knowledge that we bring works very well for serving

and working with groups of all ages and sizes. The heart of our program is our summer camps in which the kids spend an entire week on our Mountain Home location. During the week the kids are taught hunter education, shooting skills, fishing, kayaking, swimming, games, and most importantly the daily Bible lessons that teach good moral and ethical belief system. The kids have a blast at the camps as each is given the opportunity to hunt a big game animal, kill it, and see it from the field to the table. The last evening of our camps we have a wild game dinner with samples of meat taken by the campers.

One of our fundraising mechanisms for the program is our Outfitted hunts. It is a service we offer for hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities. The money derived from these trips goes straight into the nonprofit to fund the program. We have hunts and fishing trips for all native game and exotic game animals in Texas. We also offer services for out of state events and global activities. We have 30 plus years of experience and networking to help make this happen for the individual or groups that are looking for these activities.

Give them a call to book your next event. Contact COA at [coa@mycoa.org](mailto:coa@mycoa.org)

We also have a new 7 bedroom/5 bath COA lodge available in Mountain Home on Highway 41. It's listed in VRBO or call COA directly (210-827-9802). It may be booked for anything from family outings to hunting. The location is right in the path for the 2024 solar eclipse.



### American Legion Turkey Shoot

The American Legion Turkey Shoot will be held on Friday, Nov 3rd from 10:00 am to approximately 5:00 pm at the Harper Community Park. Rifle and archery targets are available. The cost is \$5 per shot and shooters can win a turkey or a ham. Shooters provide their own weapon and ammo. There will be a BB shoot for the kids. There will also be a paddle wheel with a large selection of prizes. The American Legion Auxiliary will be offering food and drink for sale. For more information, contact Elizabeth Fargason at 830-998-3254.

**Christmas wreaths and flags will once again be displayed for the holidays.**

**They are provided by the Harper Community Chamber of Commerce.**

**We wish you happy holidays and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



  
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*Paul and Jaydean Urban*





*Front row: Mara Williams, Angela King, Carlyn Capodagli, Shayla Miller, Marjorie Houghton, Aimee Longora, Alexia Rau.  
Back row: Jenny Craig, Garre& Wisdom, Kenny King, Jennifer Overpeck, Michael Oreka.*

## STEPHEN KRUPICKA IS THE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Meet Mr. Krupicka - This is my first year as Middle School Principal and my 18th year in education. I have spent the previous 5 years with Harper ISD as Band Director. While teaching students music will always hold a special place in my heart, I am very excited about this new adventure of being able to serve all students and teachers at HMS! While the start of this new school year has definitely been busy, I am really enjoying this transition. I received my Bachelor of Music Education Degree in 2003 from Texas Tech University and will receive my Masters from Lamar University in 2023. Prior to Harper ISD, I served as a band director for Shiner ISD and Tidehaven ISD.

My family and I love living in Harper. We moved here in 2015 as I took a 3 year break from education to serve as Director of Ebert Ranch Camp, a summer camp and retreat ministry just outside of town. However, I missed teaching and was blessed to return to education with Harper ISD In 2018. My wife, Kelly, serves as a special education aid at Harper Elementary. We have four sons; two have recently graduated from Harper High School, one son in HHS, and one son in HMS. When we're not at school, we enjoy going on camping trips, doing just about anything outdoors, and continuing to help manage Ebert Ranch Camp.

## MEET THE THIRTEEN NEW 2023-24 HISD STAFF MEMBERS

**Carlyn Capodagli** - I graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. I spent the first six years of my career as a probation officer in the Dallas and Fort Worth Area. I switched careers and became a teacher to try to reach young people before they started offending and were in the system. I have taught everything from Special Education, Kindergarten, Junior High, and High School for over 11 years. In my spare time I enjoy reading, writing, spending time with family, working out, and traveling. Every day I am truly grateful to be here and contribute.

**Jenny Craig** - I grew up in Waller, where I was active in 4-H, FFA, Color Guard, and was the school mascot. I graduated salutatorian from Waller High School in 2000. I received my Bachelor of Arts in Business Management and Communications from Houston Baptist University in 2004. I taught Speech at my alma mater for one year and discovered my love for 4th graders when I taught several years at Midland Classical Academy. For the last 9 years, I have homeschooled my three children, who are now attending Harper schools. We plan to make our home here. We are living with my parents while we build our home. I am so grateful for the opportunity to put down roots in Harper, the nicest little town in Texas!

**Marjorie Houghton** - I grew up in San Antonio, TX and moved to Kerrville, TX in 2020. I attended Eastern New Mexico University on a full volleyball scholarship, then completed my first Master's Degree in physical education and health at Valdosta State University. I became a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant and treated a myriad of patients from infant to geriatric.

I am currently obtaining my second Master's Degree in education at Schriener University. I left the medical field to become a teacher to continue to serve others in a different environment. I have 5 children, 4 boys and a girl ranging from age 6 to 14 years old. My husband and I both coach our children's sports teams and are very active in the community in Kerrville. I am so excited to start my journey as a Physical Education Coach here at Harper ISD and be a part of the Longhorn family.

**Angela King** - I am from Beaumont, Texas. I have 24 years' experience in education and have fulfilled roles as a Special Education Teacher, Master Reading Teacher, School Counselor, and Educational Diagnostician. I recently moved to Harper with my family. My interests include motorcycle riding, beekeeping, birding, gardening, and a new venture in Native American archery, including crafting Kiowa and Comanche bows and arrows. I am excited to be the new 504, RTI Coordinator and being a member of a great community and school district.

**Kenny King** - This is my 16th year of teaching and coaching, most recently at Center Point HS. I am teaching chemistry and physics, while serving as head softball coach. I am also coaching middle school football and middle school girls' basketball. This is my fifth year as a head softball coach, my eighth overall year of coaching the most exciting sport out there. I was a graduate of Duncanville High School and the University of North Texas, where I earned a Bachelor of Arts in history. My wife, Anna and I have been married for over nine years. We live in Kerrville and while we have no kids, we have our share of cats.

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## MEET THE THIRTEEN NEW 2023-24 HISD STAFF MEMBERS

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She teaches Spanish at Center Point with 25 years of experience. In our free time, we travel the state, watching softball and baseball, and making good use of our Texas State Parks pass.

**My name is Aimee Longoria.** I was raised in the Hill Country and graduated from Tivy High School in 2002. I received my Bachelors in Elementary Education from Western Governors University. I am joining Harper Elementary as the 2nd Grade ELAR teacher. My husband works for the Fredericksburg HEB and has 29 years with the company. We have 7 kids and 2 grandkids. I love spending time with my family, cooking, quilting, and gardening. I am very excited to be a part of this amazing team and the Harper Community!

**My name is Shayla Miller.** I am the new Elementary Paraprofessional. I graduated from Harper High School in 2010. From there I became a stay-at-home mother. For the past four years I worked at the Harper Community Preschool. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family. I also love to spend time outdoors. I am excited about this new journey and to be a part of Harper ISD.

**Michael Oreka** is the new Assistant Band Director at Harper ISD and is beginning his 15th year in education. Originally from Virginia, he has spent a majority of his career in Texas and is very excited to begin his time at Harper ISD. He lives in Fredericksburg with his wife, Bonnie, who is the head middle school band director at Fredericksburg ISD, and their three cats: Lucy, Ricky, and Ethel.

**My name is Jennifer Overpeck** and this year will be my 11th year in education. I taught in NISD for 9 years in grades 4th, 1st, and Kindergarten. I then went to SWISD where I had the privilege of teaching 3rd grade and helping the school maintain their B status with the state. During my year at SWISD God opened the door at Harper ISD and I accepted the position in 3rd grade ELAR. I am so excited to be a part of the Harper ISD family and feel beyond blessed to have the privilege to educate your children. Thank you, Harper Community, for welcoming

me like family and for the faith and trust in me to give the gift of an education to your children.

**My name is Alexis Rau.** I am teaching Aquatic Science, Environmental Systems and Life Health & Wellness this year while, assistant coaching Volleyball and Softball. I am from Abilene, Tx, went to college and graduated from Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi with a Bachelor's in Marine Biology. I work at the San Antonio Aquarium as well, in the Marine Dept., specializing in Sea Turtles, Octopus and Sharks/Rays. I recently got engaged to a Fireman/EMT who works in Kerrville. I am ecstatic to get this school year rolling and teaching all of the kiddos!!

**Krista Wells** joins the cafeteria staff. She is originally from the Pacific Northwest, with detours all over the continental US and abroad before landing here. She previously taught ESL in Seoul, South Korea and ran a food truck in Fredericksburg, before tackling a cabin-remodeling project via lots of DIY videos.

**My name is Mara Williams.** My husband, three girls, our dog and I moved to Harper last year from Houston. I come to Harper ISD with 18 years of teaching experience. I began at the elementary level for 3 years, before finding a home at the middle school level, teaching math, and loving it. I've taught everything from 7th and 8th grade math to algebra and even a little art sprinkled in the mix. I subbed for the district last year, which only led to the realization that I missed being in a classroom and working with students. My passion is bringing math to life through hands-on experiences that allow students to truly explore the curriculum and apply it to their everyday life in a manner that is relevant to them at their age. I love the challenge of taking a subject that often is not everyone's favorite and showing students that with an open mind and hard work, they absolutely can and will be successful, and even have a little fun along the way. In my free time I enjoy spending quality time with my family, which is a main reason for our move to the hill country. I've had a photography business for the last eight years that has become my escape and "me time" that keeps me grounded in life. I enjoy how opposite photography is from my day job, and that it allows me to channel all my creative energy into something that brings joy to others.

## HARPER LIBRARY NEWS

*Submitted by Denise Mazingo, Library Director*

### The Harper Library has a great lineup of Fall Programming.

Our regular monthly programs include the following:

Senior Game Day - Tuesdays - 10:00am

Weight Loss Support Group - Tuesdays at 4:00pm

Quilting and Needlework - first and third Fridays of each month -10:00am

### 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.

### Adult programming for the fall includes the following presentations:

Viking River Cruising - September 28th - 6:00pm

High Functioning Autism - October 28th - 10:00am-12:00pm

Mediterranean Cuisine and Lifestyle - November 9th - 6:00pm

**See you at the library!**



# HARPER COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Submitted by Paul Urban, President

Inflation, an increase in the costs of goods and services, means that your money has effectively gone down in value. We hear that day in day out but there are still some things that inflation hasn't taken down, including the benefits of your Chamber membership. These benefits include the opportunity to promote your business in various ways increasing your visibility in our community, the opportunity for your business to be featured in our newsletter and brochure and on different social media sites and the opportunity to showcase your business by sponsoring a meeting. Our benefits are listed below. Check us out! We value your membership and encourage you to get involved with Chamber activities.

## Chamber Benefits of Membership Business Promotion

- The chamber provides opportunities for members to promote their businesses through events, publications, and online platforms, increasing their visibility within the local community.
  - Business members are featured on the chamber's website, social media pages, and included in the annual business member directory brochure.
  - The chamber publishes free quarterly newsletters highlighting new member businesses to provide a platform for members to share news. It is sent electronically to all members, and printed copies are placed in businesses in town for area residents' convenience.
  - Business members may sponsor meetings to showcase and share information about their businesses.
  - Business members are eligible for ribbon-cutting ceremonies and grand openings, giving added visibility and recognition.
  - Business members may contribute business cards and/or promotional material for welcome bags distributed to new area residents allowing members to reach potential customers.
- ### Networking Opportunities
- Business members may connect with other business professionals, expand their network, and explore potential collaborations and partnerships through chamber networking events and community mixers.
- ### Community Involvement and Education Support:
- The chamber organizes various events, workshops, and educational resources aimed at supporting the growth of local businesses and providing valuable information to the community. These initiatives often feature informative guest speakers or events focused on relevant topics.
  - The chamber supports Christmas decorations in downtown Harper, contributing to the festive atmosphere and community spirit.
  - The chamber provides vocational/technical school scholarships available to Harper ISD graduating senior(s) through an application process.

## 2023 UPCOMING SHOWS



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
**CHAD COOKE BAND**  
wsg **DANNY FELLER BAND**



**SATURDAY, OCTOTBER 21**  
**SUNDANCE HEAD**  
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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**  
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**BIG BUCK CONTEST**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**  
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## Harper Volunteer Fire & EMS Annual Fish Fry

Submitted by Kimberly Long

The Harper Volunteer Fire Department has had a busy summer of fires and EMS calls. We are very grateful for the support of our town. Currently we are volunteering EMS services for all Harper ISD football games as well as other community events. Fire season is not over yet. We expect to stay busy throughout the year, continuing 911 services for Fire and EMS in Harper.

Catfish, Bucks, and Firetrucks our Annual Opening Day Fish Fry is right around the corner on November 4th. Food and all the activities will get started at 11am. You still have plenty of time to get in a morning hunt. There will be raffle tickets, a live auction, and more. We are also excited to have David Adam Byrnes and the Case Hardin Band bringing some great Texas music to the event. Come eat lunch with us and stay a while.

We continue to look for sponsors and prizes. We also need more volunteers. No experience is needed. If you are interested in volunteering keep an eye on Facebook and our



website [www.Harpervfd-ems.com](http://www.Harpervfd-ems.com). A sign up will be posted early October. You may also contact Kimberly Long [secretary@harpervfd-ems.com](mailto:secretary@harpervfd-ems.com) for more information or come and talk with a HVFD member. There is a place for everyone!

HVFD is so excited for the return of the Miss Flame Court. This year's winners are Brooklyne Clark - Queen, Mileidy Arai-za - Dutchess, and Kylah Sanchez - Dutchess. We know these three ladies will represent our department and our town well.



**The Rotary Club of Fredericksburg** is the sponsor for the Gillespie County USMC Toys for Tots program for low-income families living in Gillespie County. Applications to receive toys for infants through children 16 years of age (living in the household) will be available at the Harper Library; the Hill Country Community Needs Council, Good Samaritan Center, and KNAF Radio Station in Fredericksburg; beginning on October 16, 2023. Completed applica-

tions should be returned to one of those locations by December 9th. An HEB food gift certificate donated by the Fredericksburg Police Department and the wrapped toys will be delivered to households on Saturday, December 16, 2023. Donations of new, unwrapped toys for children will be accepted at the Harper Library until Tuesday, December 9, 2023. One of the additional donation stations is KNAF Radio Station, in Fredericksburg. Monetary donations may be made at <https://gillespie-county-tx.toysfortots.org>

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# HARPER COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Krista Bennett

We would like to thank all the generous SPONSORS and AMAZING community and park members that contributed to the 59th Annual Harper Frontier Day's celebration held on September 22nd & 23rd. It was a very busy weekend with fundraising events going on all over the Hill Country and we appreciate everyone who came out to support the Harper Community Park! It was a full weekend of Team Roping, Dominoes, Washer Pitching, Cornhole, Kid Fishin', Live Music from Jerry Almaraz, Parade, BBQ Meal, Lester Meier Rodeo & then Dancing with The Wagon Aces. We hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed all the events!

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to the volunteers from the American Legion, Harper FFA and community members for cleaning up the park in preparation for the 59th Annual Frontier Day's celebration. With the help of our volunteers, we were able to weed-eat, clean the pavilion, the BBQ shack, paint and so much more! The timing worked out perfect since the Annual Brush Arbor was held the next day! Thanks again to all of you for your hard work, the park looks great.

Don't forget the holiday season is just around the corner, so if you need a venue for your large family gathering, company retreat or more, please consider the facilities at the Harper Community Park. Make plans to join us on New Year's Eve to ring in the New Year with Billy Mata and the Texas Tradition.

Check out our website [www.harpercommunitypark.com](http://www.harpercommunitypark.com) for all the upcoming events!

## Harper Agriculture & Livestock Organization

HALO presents the 20th Annual Casino Night on October 28, 2023. The event will be held in the Harper Community Hall. Ticket prices are \$25. Attendees must be 21 years or older. Doors open at 4:30pm, social hour 5pm-6pm, silent auction 5-8:30pm, games 6-9pm. There will be food and drinks, roulette, craps, blackjack, Texas Hold'em, 42 Tournament, live auction, and a raffle. Visit Facebook or contact [halo78631@gmail.com](mailto:halo78631@gmail.com) for more information. HALO is dedicated to the support of the Harper 4-H and FFA youth who raise animal projects for the annual county livestock show.



## Your Passport to the World

From African safaris to river cruises, to wine destinations and everything in between, your journey will always be complete with a touch of luxury. If you're looking for your most unforgettable vacation yet, let me take your burdens away and plan all the perfect details for you.



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