

# 4th Quarter 2021

## Community Calendar\*

### October

- 7th American Legion - 6pm - Legion Hall
- 8th Harper Historical Society Board Meeting - 9am  
- Pioneer Museum
- 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 Catholic Church
- 20th Harper Community Park Board - 5:30pm  
- Community Hall

### November

- 6th HVFD & EMS Fish Fry 11am - Fire Station
- 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 Catholic Church
- 17th Harper Community Park Board - 5:30pm  
- Community Hall
- 21st Community Thanksgiving Program - 6pm  
- Presbyterian Church

### December

- 2nd American Legion - 6pm - Legion Hall
- 3rd Harper Historical Society Board Meeting - 9am  
- Pioneer Museum
- 12th Community Christmas Program - 6pm  
- Wild Ride Ministries
- 14th Veterans Breakfast - 9am - Longhorn
- 14th HVFD Business Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station
- 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 Catholic Church

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



## Harper ISD School Calendar\*

### October

- 1st Walk-a-thon
- 6th HISD PTO Meeting - 6pm - Elementary Cafeteria
- 11th Columbus Day Holiday
- 18th HISD School Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room
- 29th Last Day of Six Weeks

### November

- 1st Teacher Inservice
- 2nd First Day of Six Weeks
- 3rd HISD PTO Meeting - 6pm - Elementary Cafeteria
- 11th Veteran's Day Ceremony at Harper High School\*\*
- 15th HISD School Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room
- 22nd-26th Thanksgiving Holiday

### December

- 1st HISD PTO Meeting - 6pm - Elementary Cafeteria
- 7th - 10th STARR/EOC Testing
- 13th HISD School Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room
- 15th - 16th Semester Exams
- 16th Early Release Day/Last Day of Semester
- 17th Teacher Comp Day
- 13th HISD School Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room
- 20th - 31st Christmas Holidays

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*\*\* A brunch will follow at the First Baptist Church following the ceremony. An organization called Quilts of Honor will be passing out homemade quilts to all veterans in attendance.*

**Congratulations to the Harper High School Band  
HISD Band will participate in the Pearl Harbor  
Celebration in Hawaii in December.  
They are the only Texas band selected to perform!**

**Contact Information:  
Harper Community  
Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 308  
Harper, Texas 78631**

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[www.harpertexaschamber.com](http://www.harpertexaschamber.com)  
Members please send news to:  
[HarperChamberNews@gmail.com](mailto:HarperChamberNews@gmail.com)**

# WELCOME NEW BUSINESS MEMBERS

## CT PEST & WEED CONTROL

CT Pest & Weed Control is owned by Chad and Janith Truesdell. Their services include residential and commercial pest, weed, and cactus control; fence line spraying; and right-of-way spraying. The Chamber welcomes Chad and Janith to our community. The couple grew up in Ft Stockton, Tx. They moved to Cleveland, Tx, which is about 60 miles from Houston, where Chad had a lawn care and pest control company in Houston for 25 years. After their business in Houston sold, they moved to Harper and opened their new pest control business. They plan on retiring here. They have one son that lives in Florida and is a scuba instructor.



## EFFEX POWDER COATING AND ENGRAVING

<https://effexpowdercoating.com/>

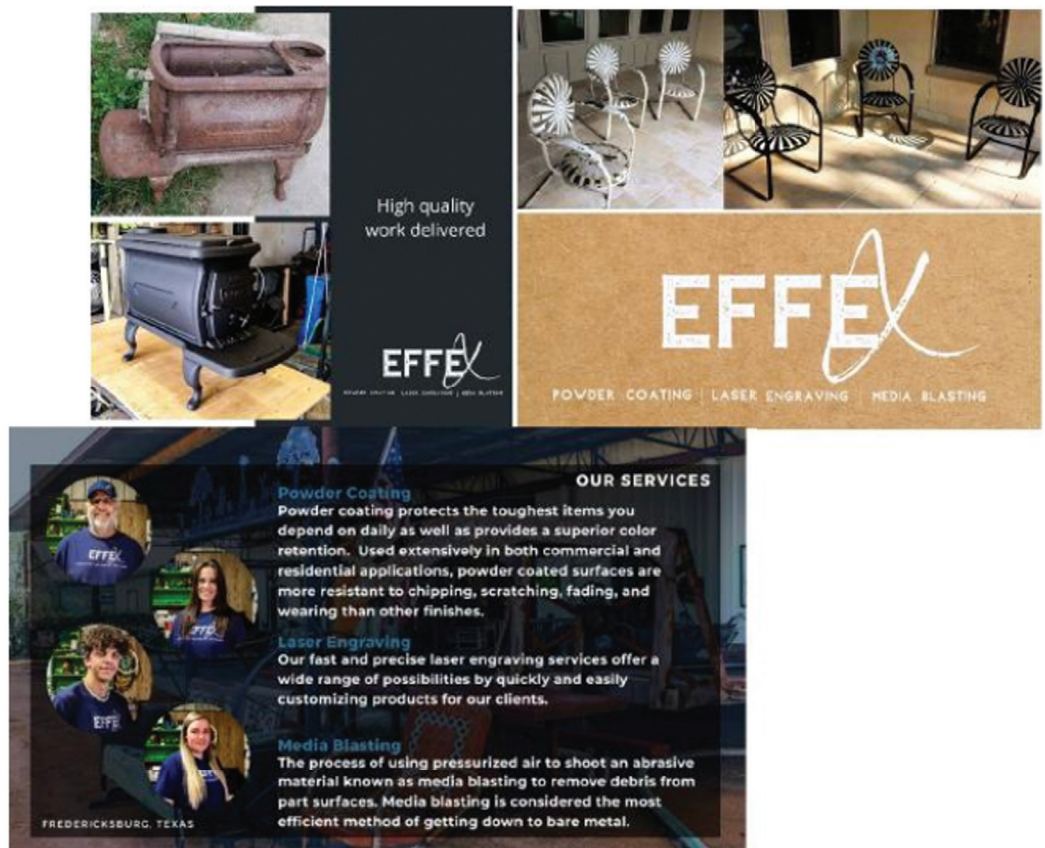
1522 Hwy 290 W,  
Fredericksburg TX 78624  
425-8923

The Chamber welcomes Effex Powder Coating & Laser Engraving, a family owned and operated business, as one of our newest members.

They provide dustless media blasting and restoration of family heirlooms as well as powder coating and laser engraving. Their website is amazing! Check it out for pictures of completed projects, before and after photos, laser engraving photos, and engravable gift selections. The site includes step by step details of their process for refinishing items.

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## WELCOME NEW BUSINESS MEMBERS



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## SPOTLIGHT ON CHAMBER MEMBERS



### Seven E Taxidermy Outback Processing

Delbert Green opened Seven E Taxidermy in October 2010. The building at their current location was purchased in 2011 and remodeled. This family owned and operated business has grown exponentially through the years. Some mounts have been created for customers who have been with them since their business opened. Check out their Facebook page to view pictures of the artistic mounts created by daughters, Tyra and Tana, and ("like family" staff members) April and Jeremiah. Tyra has worked in the family business since 2012 and Tana joined the staff in 2014. The Seven E Facebook page includes photos of the step-by-step stages of creating a mount and the completed project. Photos of youth with their first deer are also highlighted on their site. When asked about their obvious success, the immediate answer was "we treat everybody like family". In addition to providing expert workmanship, if you stop by Seven E they will inquire about your family and listen attentively to your interesting hunting stories. You may be able to visit with Dana Green too. She uses her skills to keep the financial books for the family business.

In addition to taxidermy, Delbert Green opened Outback Processing, located behind Seven E, in November 2019. Services include standard and custom processing. Standard processing includes deer meat (Ex. hamburger, chili, roasts). Family recipes are used for custom processing (Ex. sausage, dry ring, cured meats). Delbert's sister and brother-in-law assist with the processing. Easy access is available for after-hours drop off.

The expansion of Seven E and Outback Processing will include a new facility, placing both businesses under one roof, located at 23278 W. US Hwy 290 (to the right of the Park entrance). The targeted move in date is July 2022. The lot has been leveled and hopefully the facility will be dried in before hunting season.

Hunting and Fishing licenses are sold at Seven E.



*Delbert and Dana Green & family*

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# Hunting Season starts soon!

## Area Hunting Opportunities...

Christian Outdoor Alliance Outfitters offer 22,500 acres of fun. Give them a call to book your next hunt. For those that hunt other parts of the country, come take advantage of our extra-long season. Hunting dates are open January 26th - February 28th for booking, plus many other dates remain open in October - January. Pick four days and come see us! [mycoa.org](http://mycoa.org)

## American Legion Turkey Shoot

*Submitted by Elizabeth Fargason*

The Turkey Shoot will be held on Friday, Nov 5th from 10am to approximately 5pm at the Harper Community Park. Rifle and archery targets will be available. The cost is \$5 per shot and shooters can win a turkey or a ham. Shooters provide their own weapon and ammo. Children 12 and under can use a support to shoot but adults must stand. 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. 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.



*Turkey Shoot*

## HWMA Youth Hunt

The Harper Wildlife Management Association Youth Hunt is planned for January 14-16, 2022. The hunt is open to veteran's children ages 9-17. The event is co-sponsored by HWMA, Texas Youth Hunting Program, and Fredericksburg Salutes Our Wounded Warriors. This is the ninth year for the hunt in memory of Jacob Krebs, who drowned in 2013 while training for his Navy SEALs contract. For more information contact Will Krebs at [kreblaser@yahoo.com](mailto:kreblaser@yahoo.com), [tyhp.org](http://tyhp.org) or follow Harper WMA Youth Hunt on Facebook.

## Dos Cedros Ranch

Offers trophy whitetail hunts. Call Richard Bateman for information: 830-644-8013.



### Behrend's Feed

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# Harper Community Chamber of Commerce News

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Why is membership beneficial? We are here to help the business community flourish. Our website advertises our business members! Each member may place an ad on our website including pictures and a business card or logo. The ad includes a direct link to the business website or business Facebook page. New members are highlighted in the Chamber's quarterly newsletter. Businesses may purchase ads to be published in the newsletter. The newsletter also includes news articles from existing members. The Chamber distributes Welcome Bags containing business cards, promotional items, and even gift certificates from HCCC business members to new residents of Harper. Membership applications are available on our website.

The Harper Community Chamber of Commerce is seeking a Membership Chairperson to help grow its membership. The Chairman would have the support of the Board, the website administrator, and other volunteers from the membership in soliciting new members, promoting renewals each year, and encouraging attendance at our monthly meetings. Contact any Board member or the website administrator for more information.

At a recent meeting, representatives from Pedernales Electric Cooperative spoke regarding the pre-event preparations, calendar, actions, and after-action review of the winter storm in February. They highlighted their efforts of strengthening communication with members. To expediate service and repairs, they stated all PEC members should maintain their PEC account by assuring PEC has a current phone number and current gate code. Report all power interruptions to 888-883-3379 or online through a Smart Hub account or Smart Hub app. In August, PEC sent one way text alerts to members asking them to sign up to receive emergency and outage information. Representatives from CTEC spoke at the September meeting. Information could not be included in this issue since the newsletter was sent to print prior to their presentation.

**HCCC meetings are informative! Join us for the October meeting!**

## Our Deepest Sympathy

The Chamber extends sincere condolences to Tomi and the extended family of Homer Pugh, Lt. Col. Army Retired, who passed away on July 29, 2021. We are grateful for the dedicated service Homer gave to our community through the Harper Library, the HVFD & EMS as a firefighter and EMT/Licensed Paramedic, and the Harper Community Chamber of Commerce. Homer served as treasurer of the Chamber for several years. He will be greatly missed.

### Rotary Toys for Tots Program

The Fredericksburg Rotary Club sponsors a Toys for Tots program for low-income families living in Gillespie County. Applications to receive toys for infants through children 16 years of age will be available at the Harper Library, the Hill Country Community Needs Council, Good Samaritan Center, Fredericksburg Visitor Center, and KNAF Radio Station in Fredericksburg beginning on November 15, 2021. Completed applications should be returned to one of those locations by December 6, 2021. Wrapped toys and an HEB gift certificate for food items from the Fredericksburg Police Department will be delivered to households by Rotary members on Saturday, December 11, 2021.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be accepted at the Harper Library through Dec. 7, 2021.



### Harper Presbyterian Church

23715 US Hwy 290,  
Harper Texas 78631

**Community Thanksgiving Program**  
Nov. 21st • 6pm



### Wild Ride Ministries

20842 W. US Hwy 290,  
Harper, Texas

**Community Christmas Program**  
Dec. 12th • 6pm



# Harper Volunteer Fire Department & EMS Annual Opening Day Fish Fry



**Food, Fun, Door Prizes, Silent Auction,  
& Raffle Prizes**

**Saturday, November 6th starting at 11am  
Harper Fire and EMS Station**

The menu will feature catfish, coleslaw, potato salad, beans, hush puppies, all the fixin's, drinks, and dessert. Drive thru will be available. Raffle tickets for prize items may be purchased from any Fire/EMS department member or at the event.

## Harper Community Park News

*Submitted by Glenna Short*

I am writing this article before Harper's 57th Annual Frontier Day celebration - September 24th & 25th, but we would like to thank all the SPONSORS and AMAZING community and park members that contributed to this event.

Look for updated information on our web page - [www.harpercommunitypark.org](http://www.harpercommunitypark.org) or Facebook.

I would like to thank the volunteers from the American Legion and the rest of the community volunteers for cleaning up the park before the 57th Annual Frontier Day celebration. With the energized group, we were able to mow the entire park, weed eat, clean the pavilion and the BBQ shack. Thank you everyone for all your hard work. The park looks wonderful.

We have added a new page to our website - Donations. On this page we have listed either items or services that Harper Community Park is needing. We have also created links if you would like to donate to a

specific area of the park such as the community hall, the arena, or the general fund.

The holiday season is just around the corner, so if you need a place for your company party or a big family gathering, consider the facilities at the Harper Community Park.

### Free Coffee on the Porch



**Harper Pioneer  
Memorial Museum  
Fridays at 8:00am**

**Host: Mark Schumpelt**

Come by the Museum for a cup of coffee and a taste of history. Make this a stop

on Friday mornings to pass the time and say hello. You can help support having our museum open more often, more regularly. Help spread the word. Hope to see you!

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# MEET THE NEW HARPER ISD STAFF MEMBERS

**My name is Natalie Rojero-Araiza.** My family and I have been Harper residents since 2005. We have four beautiful children who attend Harper ISD. I am blessed and delighted to be part of Harper ISD and I look forward to an incredible year!

**Hi I'm Tina Miller!** This is my second year in education but my first year teaching here in Harper! I'll be teaching 3rd Grade Reading and Social Studies. I'm originally from El Paso, TX and moved to this area in 2005. I graduated from Harper in 2010 and I am thrilled to be back here as a teacher. Myself, my husband and our two children live in Mountain Home and we have chickens, sheep, a horse, and a dog. My son will be in 2nd grade and he's super excited to be here as well. We are looking forward to this year and very grateful for everyone here and the community!



*From left to right: Natalie Rojero-Araiza, Tina Miller, Kelly Krupicka, Dana Baethge*

**Hello! I'm Kelly Krupicka.** I'm excited to be starting my first year with Harper ISD. I will be working as an Instructional Aide at the Elementary Campus. My husband Stephen and I have lived in Harper for 6 years. We have four boys. Our oldest graduated from HISD in May 2021, and the other three boys still attend HISD. We enjoy hiking, camping, and spending most of our free time outdoors. I am thankful I have been given the opportunity to join the HISD family and look forward to what the future brings

**I am Dana Baethge.** I have been a resident of Gillespie County for over 25 years. I have three daughters, the oldest is a Harper graduate. Kamrynn and Karsann are both Harper High School students. This is my first official year teaching. I have been a substitute teacher at Harper for a couple of years. Last year I was a long-term sub for a high school science teacher who was called up to duty. This is a recent career change for me. I graduated from Tarleton State University with a degree in Business Administration with a minor in accounting. Therefore, spending the majority of my career working in the accounting field. I was the assistant county auditor in Gillespie County for four years, then transferred to Kendall County as the county auditor for over 15 years. I am excited to have this opportunity to teach 7th grade math this year and to be closer to home - where I can spend more time with my family.

## ANGEL TREE

The Harper ISD will once again have an Angel Tree. The tree will have cards for the angels on it which will include the age of the student or younger sibling, their size of clothing and shoes, and type of toy on their wish list. Contact Susan Henderson at 830-864-4044, ext. 1404 in November for date of availability of angels and drop off information. Please help a child have a magical Christmas.

*Is fall cleaning on your to do list? Need storage?*

## Longhorn Self Storage

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Colinn Evans, 830-719-9415

Lisa Atchison, 830-992-1222

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