



2nd Quarter 2023

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Community Calendar*

April

2nd Community Easter Service - St. Anthony Catholic Church - 6pm
 6th American Legion - 6pm - Legion Hall
 11th Veterans Breakfast - 9am - Longhorn
 11th HVFD Business Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station
 17th Harper Library Executive Board of Directors - 4:30pm - Library
 18th Harper Community Chamber of Commerce - 6pm
 Gitter Hall at St. Anthony Catholic Church
 Guest Speaker - Justin Calhoun, Jennifer Krupa
 Gillespie County Eclipse Task Force
 19th Harper Community Park Board - 5:30pm - Community Hall
 25th HVFD Training Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station

May

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
 Guest Speaker - Jeff Stone - Dark Skies
 17th Harper Community Park Board - 5:30pm - Community Hall
 23rd HVFD Training Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station

June

1st American Legion - 6pm - Legion Hall
 13th HVFD Business Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station
 13th Veterans Breakfast - 9am - Longhorn
 19th Harper Library Executive Board of Directors - 4:30pm - Library
 20th Harper Community Chamber of Commerce - 6pm - Mixer
 Location to be announced.
 21st Harper Community Park Board - 5:30pm - Community Hall
 27th HVFD Training Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station
 *Meeting dates, times, and events are subject to change.

HISD School Calendar

April

5th PTO Meeting - 3:45pm - Elementary Cafeteria
 7th Good Friday Holiday
 10th Health & Safety/Bad Weather Make-up
 13th Last Day of 5th Six Weeks
 14th Teacher Workday/Student Holiday
 17th First Day of 6th Six Weeks
 17th HISD Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room
 18th - 28th STARR Testing

May

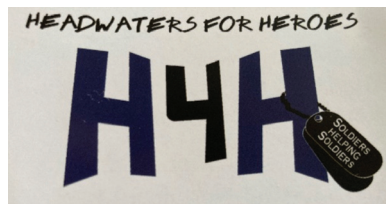
1st - 12th STARR Testing
 3rd PTO Meeting - 3:45pm - Elementary Cafeteria
 15th Health & Safety/Bad Weather Make-up
 15th HISD Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room
 24th - 25th - Semester Exams/Exempt
 25th Last Day of 6th Six Weeks
 25th Last Day of School/Early Release
 25th 8th Grade Promotion
 26th Teacher Workday
 26th Graduation

June

19th HISD Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room
 20th - 30th STARR Retest

Congratulations to Dana Baethge, HISD teacher, for receiving a Teachers of Tomorrow New Teacher Scholarship. Dana was one of 20 /7,000 to receive the scholarship.

Security State Bank & Trust sponsored the purchase of new scoreboards for the Harper High School gym. The scoreboard is updated with the new school logo. Go Longhorns!



Headwaters for Heroes

11th Annual Combat Veterans & Gold Star Families Benefit

May 12-13, 2023 8am -10pm
229 S. RR 783, Harper, Tx 78631 (830) 864-4096
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Billy Johnson has been a State Farm agent since 1980. He is a native Texan and a graduate of Texas State. In addition to leadership in professional organizations, he is a Past Chairman of the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce.

COWGIRL PEG

The Chamber welcomes local author Peg Sundberg. Seven of Ms. Sundberg's Cowgirl Peg books are written from firsthand experiences with animals. **Crooze on Croozier**, a new book for 2023, was introduced to the students at HISD on Valentine's Day. The book is an amazing story of a little blind dog. The story has an "encouraging message for those who 'see with superpowers' instead of eyes". **Lonesome the Little Horse** teaches readers to be friendly, never be a bully, and make good choices. **Shortstuff Bucks** is a rodeo story told by her horses. It teaches children to believe in themselves. **Jazmine's Incredible Story** tells the story of Cowgirl Peg's dog. It teaches animals have feelings just like people do. In the book, **Okey-Dokey Oakie**, Cowgirl Peg's horses and the Cowgirl tell the story. Lessons include making smart choices, respecting your friends, and having good fun. **Cowgirl Peg and The Great Race** features all the characters from her other books. The message is about healthy lifestyles, teamwork, honesty, and friendship. A chapter book Ms. Sundberg has written, **Adventures and Misadventures of Cowgirl Peg**, is for children with a higher reading level. It is a mini-autobiography and teaches life lessons. Books may be ordered on her website: www.cowgirlpeg.com. Consider delighting your children today with a purchase. Ms. Sundberg has presented numerous programs for children to learn about the writing process and how to become an author or illustrator.



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Doss store is located a short drive from Harper, Fredericksburg, Kerrville, Mason, and Llano. Owner Deb Carlisle invites you to this gem in the heart of the Texas Hill Country for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Deb and her late husband leased the store in 2020. Today, Deb manages the store and greets her patrons with lively conversation and caring. Dine at the Doss Café to experience Chef Johnny Hubbard's chicken fried steak, famous shrimp appetizers, delicious catfish and homemade fries on Fridays, and cooked to perfection steaks on the weekends. Don't forget to save room for desserts...especially the bread pudding and cheesecake! Favorite daily menu items include mouthwatering BBQ and hamburgers. A wide selection of beer and wine are available for purchase. Menu items are also available for take-out. Gifts and necessities are sold in the convenience store. Customers may fill up their tanks at the gas pumps, or purchase deer corn and protein at the Doss Store. Enjoy the drive. The destination is worth it!



EZ PZ PIZZA

1003 South State Hwy 16, Fredericksburg, Tx 78624

830-900-3979 www.ezpz.pizza Open Sun-Th 11am -8pm & Fri-Sat 11am -9pm

Good news Harper...

Greg Perkins, owner of EZ PZ Pizza, has announced they deliver to Harper! Place your order every Monday by ordering online or calling before 2pm. When



ordering online, be sure and select the DELIVERY option and use Headwaters Saloon address (229 South Ranch Road 783, Harper, Tx 78631) for the delivery address. All delivery orders will be available for pick up at Headwaters Saloon by 4pm. Pizzas are take-and-bake, thus allowing you to cook them in your own oven. Crust options include handmade, vegan cauliflower, or jalapeno popper stuffed. Order one of their 11 gourmet pizzas (to name a few... deluxe, margherita, Tx BBQ chicken, white herb, & total eclipse) or build your own and choose your crust, sauce, and toppings. They also offer salads, cheesy breads, desserts, and beverages. Order and see why they were voted best pizza in the 2022 Fredericksburg Reader's Choice awards!

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SPOTLIGHT ON CHAMBER MEMBER

Harper Library & Resale Shop

"The Little Library That Could" became the "Little Library That Did"

The seed for what would grow into today's Harper Library was planted by Gayle Reed in a letter to the editor of the Fredericksburg newspaper in April 2004. She pointed out the need for a library in the western part of Gillespie County. It was at least a fifty-mile round trip to check out a book!

The dream started to become a reality when Peggy Ernst called the first meeting of interested citizens in June 2004. The small group of workers set off to collect book donations and secure a location for the new library. They rented a small house on US Hwy 290 and began to furnish it. Officers were elected to the newly formed Friends of Harper Library: Peggy Ernst, President; Gayle Reed, VP; Tomi Pugh, Secretary/Treasurer. Jeannie Ross, a retired librarian from Kerr helped the group set up the library and trained the volunteers in cataloging, processing, and ordering of books. The first Summer Reading Program for children was held in 2005. One original helper, Sharon Kasper, worked to present the program. For many years since then, she has Co-chaired the event with her sister, Brenda Hollis. The volunteers organized book sales; held Music Fests, silent auctions, and sponsored Home Tours to raise funds for the new library. The Harper Library was soon recognized as a 501 © 3 corporation. The Library Dedication and Open House was held on Sunday, April 2, 2006.

"No more room" was the call heard just one year later. The library moved to a larger location on Hwy 290. It had better parking, room to house the library's collection and a public meeting room. A Grant from LCRA enabled the purchase of a circulation desk and other furnishings. Saturday Seminars and a "Books on Wheels" program were started. "Super Saturday" was held in the park. Used books were sold, cakes and pies were auctioned, and a dinner was cooked. Grant money provided standardized shelving, an automated Biblionix program, and computers.

On May 17, 2008 the Library Corporation opened the Resale Shop in a building on Hwy 290, formerly the Sinclair Service Station. The shop's first management team was Glenda Rusin, Kathryn Jenschke, and Kathleen Keller. Thanks to the Peterson Foundation and local department stores the shop was equipped with clothing racks and hangers. All proceeds from sales at the Resale Shop benefited the library.

In January 2009, the library signed a contract with Gillespie County. The contract was needed to join the Texas Library System which would provide access to borrowing books throughout the State and the availability of workshops and training. New activities at the library included Preschool

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HARPER LIBRARY

Tues/Wed/Thurs: 10 am-6 pm

Fri/Sat: 10 am-3 pm

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www.harperlibrary.org

Story Hour, Senior Game Day, a Fireworks Jamboree in July, Santa visits in December, a Youth Volunteer Club, and an Adult Literacy Program and ESL (started by Marcia Greding and continued by Emilio Rendon and Kerry Sandstrom).

"No More Rent" was the new call heard. In October 2009, the Sanders Farm & Ranch building was purchased. Renovations were completed in the Spring of 2011. With private donations, numerous grants, and sales from the Resale Shop, the renovation costs were paid in full.

Tomi Pugh was appointed the volunteer Library Director. Donating thousands of hours of her time and her expertise to manage the library, Tomi served until 2017 when a paid part-time Director was hired. Part-time Directors have included Cindy Barkley (2017-2020) and Laura Foster (2020-23). The new Director, Denise Mozingo, was welcomed on March 20, 2023.

Today the library has a collection of over 13,000 items including adult fiction and non-fiction, children, juvenile, and young adult sections, Texas history, biographies, westerns, large print books, audio books, DVD's, books in Spanish, reference books, and periodicals. There are seven computer stations of which two are designated for children. Library services include interlibrary loans and a digital library through Libby. Office services include faxes and copies. The Community Room is used by game day groups, for community meetings, and for presentations by informative speakers.

Special thanks to Robert & Doris Kensing, sustaining donors, and all individual current and future donors for their generous donations to make possible the preservation and growth of our small-town Library and Resale Shop well into the future.

Board members and volunteers in the Library and Resale Shop deserve much appreciation for their hard work. Kudos to the many volunteers who have made this possible! Stop by the library, register for a card, check out an item, and visit the Resale Shop.

HARPER LIBRARY RESALE SHOP

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Harper Library

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What do these have in common? They all opened for business in Harper in the past few years. Who says Harper isn't growing?

In response to a recent survey of our members, the Chamber initiated a marketing program beginning with the distribution of "Rack Cards" to area hotels, Visitor Centers, and Chamber of Commerce locations. The rack cards include photos and area attractions with the aim of bringing visitors to our town and our businesses.

The Chamber welcomes Janith Truesdell as the new reporting Treasurer.

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Congratulations to the Harper High School graduating class of 2023. Best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

Class of 2023: Kamrynn Baethge, Jaycee Conner, Whyatt Cottle, Peyton Cox, Jackson Davis, Fred Earhart, Brittany Evans, Brooke Felts, Ethan Garrett, Whitney Gazaway, Brayden Hammack, Hernan Herrera Rodriguez, Ty Holekamp, Star Hughes, Samantha Klein, Kase Kramer, Nia Lessire, Cooper Lewis, Jacoby Lovell, Madison McDaniel, Talli Millican, Isaiah Mira, Shelby Moellendorf, Jocelynn Pascznk, Alexis Pendergrass, Lucus Pendergrass, Bailey Pullin, Silas Sander, Barrett Sander, Kellan Sawyer, Zane Schubert, Sloan Spenrath, Emma Strickland, Kenna Tatsch, Bryn Wehmeyer, Payton Witcher, Coy Wilson, Carter Wood, Landry Wren.

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2023 UPCOMING SHOWS

Lodging available on site for up to 16 people.



Friday, April 21
Dinner with Buddy Jewell



Saturday, April 22
Buddy Jewell with Curtis Grimes



Sunday, April 23, 10:00AM
Church Service with Curtis Grimes



Friday, May 5
**Gary P. Nunn and (on one stage)
with Southern Boss Comedy Show**



Saturday, May 6
**Mother-Son Red Carpet Event
& Dance** with Silverado Mullet Country



Friday, May 19
Stoney LaRue with Special Guest
To Be Announced



Friday, June 2
David Adam Byrnes with Special
Guest To Be Announced



Saturday, June 3
Taylor Branch/Station Car Show



Saturday, June 24
Sundance Head with Special Guest
Chuck Wimer

For more details on upcoming shows go to our website or join us at Facebook.com/TheStationOn290.

The Station On 290, 23717 US Hwy 290, Harper, Texas 78631
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HARPER COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Krista Bennett

Greetings from the Harper Community Park Association. We finished out 2022 with a bang and had a great turnout for our New Year's Eve dance featuring Billy Mata and The Texas Tradition. If you haven't had the opportunity to make it out to one of our dances, make sure to put April 22, 2023 on the calendar for Jake Hooker and The Outsiders. We are also excited to bring a Youth Rodeo Series and Open 4D Barrel Race to the community, with the help of the Hill Country Horse Club. The dates for the events are April 21, May 19, June 16 & July 21. The fundraising efforts continue for the new arena project and a committee has been established to focus on this task.

The Park Board would like to welcome and thank the new members that joined the park. The Community Park is owned by its members and welcomes any and all new ideas in order to improve the park for the community.

For more information and to stay up-to-date check out the web at www.harpercommunitypark.com and follow us on Facebook.

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June 11 – July 28,
2023

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