



1st Quarter 2024

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Happy New Year!

Community Calendar*

January

5th 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
Guest speaker from Harper Historical Society
17th Harper Community Park Board - 5:30pm
Community Hall
23rd HVFD Training Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station

February

1st American Legion - 6pm - Legion Hall
2nd Harper Historical Society Board Meeting - 2pm - Museum
6th HVFD Business Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station
6th Veterans Breakfast - 9am - Longhorn
13th Harper Community Chamber of Commerce - 6pm
Gitter Hall at St. Anthony's
Guest speaker: Melissa Eckert, Gillespie County Engineer
14th Harper Community Park Board - 5:30pm
Community Hall
19th Harper Library Executive Board of Directors
4:30pm - Library
27th HVFD Training Meeting - 7pm - Fire Station

March

1st Harper Historical Society Board Meeting - 2pm - 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's
Guest speaker: Mary Krebs, Topic: Organ Donation
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.*

HISD School Calendar

January

1st -5th School Holiday
8th Teacher Inservice-Workday/Student Holiday
9th First day of 4th six weeks
15th School Holiday
16th HISD Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room

February

1st PTO Meeting - 3:45pm - Elementary Cafeteria
15th Last day of 4th six weeks
16th Teacher Inservice-Workday/Student Holiday
19th School Holiday
20th HISD Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room
20th First day of 5th six weeks

March

6th PTO Meeting - 3:45pm - Elementary Cafeteria
11th - 15th School Holiday
18th HISD Board Meeting - 6pm - Board Room
29th School Holiday

American Legion Boys State 2024

The Texas American Legion Boys State will take place June 9-14, 2024 at the University of Texas.

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each student becomes a part of the operation of his local, county, and state government.

At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities, of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical, with city, county, and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices.

The American Legion covers the cost of the tuition for 2 boys. Applications must be submitted by April 15, 2024. Eligible candidates must complete Junior year prior to attending.

Find out more at www.texasboysstate.com
or contact the Harper American Legion Commander,
Elizabeth Fargason at efargason@outlook.com

Harper Pioneer Memorial Museum Volunteer Opportunities

Submitted by Kina Baethge Senior, Pres.

At the Harper Pioneer Memorial Museum we have volunteer's or "docents" as they are referred to. Our community's museum is open on Sundays, 2-4, from March through October. There is no special skill or knowledge needed. All new docents are given instructions on what they need to know. A background in History is not needed, there just needs to be someone there to keep the doors open and welcome the visitors. The docents are spread out thru the months, you might work one day a month, if that often, depending on how many docents share the responsibility.

We look forward to hearing from our community as it takes all of us to make these volunteer opportunities come to life.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESS MEMBERS



"Branding Dreams in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, one acre at a time."

Meet Jessica and Allen Robinson, the proud owners of RBAR Realty, based in Harper, Texas. With a focus on comprehensive buyers and sellers agency services, as well as ranch and property management, Jessica and Allen bring two decades of invaluable experience to the heart of Texas Hill Country. They hope to have an office in Harper opened soon with an expanded team of agents.

Originally hailing from Iredell, Texas, in Bosque County, they understand the importance of community ties and the unique needs of the residents. They also have a deep connection to the land and a profound understanding of the details of ranch management. Prior to founding RBAR Realty, they successfully owned and operated a ranch management company in Bosque County. They were also successful real estate agents with offices based in Hico, Meridian, and Clifton. They have a passion for helping clients and their commitment goes beyond the transactional aspects, as they are genuinely invested in the dreams and aspirations of those they serve.

Both Jessica and Allen are proud alumni of Kansas State University, where they cultivated a strong foundation for their future endeavors. However, their hearts led them back to Texas, driven by a passion for the land and a commitment to community. Currently, they are not just real estate professionals but active members of the Harper community, with their two young children enrolled in Harper ISD.

At RBAR Realty, Jessica and Allen Robinson offer a unique blend of academic knowledge, hands-on experience, and a genuine love for the Texas landscape. Whether you're seeking help to buy or sell property, or with ranch & property management trust RBAR Realty for a personalized, knowledgeable, and results-driven approach. Your real estate dreams are in capable hands with the Robinsons at RBAR Realty.

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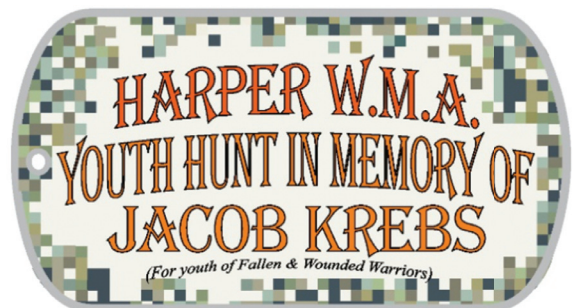
Holding a Royal Flush Septic Wastewater Removal Service is a mission driven veteran/women owned and operated business dedicated to providing outstanding services to the Gillespie County community and surrounding communities including Kerrville, Llano, Fredericksburg, Junction, and Mason. Their company employees share this commitment and strive to provide safe, on time, dependable and reliable services to their customers. The company provides septic services including wastewater removal, septic maintenance, environmental protection, and maintains customer relations.

Owner, Linda Page, sets priorities as supporting the community and fellow veterans through business growth and employment opportunities. She strives to influence, mentor, and support other women and veterans in creating small businesses to support our community.

Harper Wildlife Area Youth Hunt In Memory of Jacob Krebs

This is the 11th year for the hunt held in memory of Jacob Krebs, who drowned April 1, 2013 while training for his Navy S.E.A.L. contract. Jacob was involved in TYHP hunts, was an Assistant Hunter's Ed Instructor, was an Eagle Scout, and an active volunteer in his school and community. Jacob admired those who served our country and believed in honoring wounded warriors. The hunt is an indirect way to give back to them in memory of Jacob.

The Harper Wildlife Area Youth Hunt is planned for January 12-14, 2024. The theme for this year is "Eleven Look to the Heavens". The mission of the hunt "is to provide youth (ages 9-17) of fallen and wounded soldiers, and active and retired U.S. military, the opportunity to spend quality time hunting together and educating them about hunting, conservation, and firearms." During the weekend, in addition to harvesting a deer, youth participate in educational activities related to hunting safety, wildlife conservation, and land management. Contact Will Krebs for more information at (830) 889-2860 or email: 1395jak@gmail.com



HIGHLIGHTS ON CHAMBER MEMBERS

Legacy Accounting

"Helping your dollars make the most cents!"

Legacy Accounting opened in November 2021 and offers bookkeeping services.

Owner, Miranda Heflin was born and raised in the Hill Country.

New services! – copies, faxes, blueprints, laminating, spiral binding, conference room and desks available for rent.

Don't forget to visit them for your 2023 taxes as well!

The accounting services they offer include:

Monthly & Quarterly Financial Reporting: Reconciliations, Balance Sheet, Comparative Income Statement, General Ledger, Trial Balance.

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Additional services available to clients with bookkeeping engagement: Accounts Payable, Sales Tax Reporting & Filing, Set-up QuickBooks Files, Convert from QuickBooks Desktop to QuickBooks Online, Catch Up Bookkeeping, Clean Up Bookkeeping.

Payroll services available to clients with bookkeeping engagement: Direct Deposit, Electronic Tax Payments, Online Employee Access, Quarterly & Annual Payroll Tax Reports, W-2's & W3. They also offer tax services, LLC formation, etc.

You are invited to visit them at 23654 W. Hwy 290, Harper or call (830) 343-4703



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HARPER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

2024 Membership forms are posted on our website. Renew now! Consider Volunteering Today!

Submitted by Paul Urban, President

How would we celebrate Frontier Days if we didn't have volunteers. What would we do for fire and EMS protection if it weren't for volunteers. How would our first-class library corporation operate if it weren't for volunteers. How would The Help Center serve our disadvantaged neighbors if it weren't for volunteers. Your Chamber of Commerce operates solely with volunteers. The list goes on and on, but the question is "for how long".

Don't wait to be recruited for community service, volunteer now.

Volunteers are priceless. No salaries, but innumerable non-tangible rewards. You can change the lives of others by donating your time and energy for community service and in support of nonprofit organizations in our community. Civic mindedness is a way of life in Harper! Volunteer opportunities are available through numerous Chamber member organizations such as: American Legion, Harper Community Chamber of Commerce, HALO, H4H, HVFD, Harper Community Park, Harper Library & Resale Shop, Harper Wildlife Area Youth Hunt in Memory of Jacob Krebs, local churches, HISD, Harper Historical Society, American Legion Road Clean-up, Meals for Vets, and The Schatze House.

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve....You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love." Martin Luther King Jr.

HARPER COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION

Did you know the Harper Community Park Association does not receive outside funding? The Park exists solely by your generous donations, event sponsors, rental income, and volunteers. We are so incredibly fortunate to have the support of our amazing community and without you all the Harper Community Park would not be able to continue. We love being able to provide a place for all to enjoy with their family and friends, host weddings, reunions, rodeos, dances and more. We are always happy to welcome new members, volunteers, sponsors & donors. The annual membership meeting will be held first quarter 2024, we will be electing 2024-2025 directors and all members and those looking to become members are welcome. Please make plans to join us, the date will be posted soon, or you can email us or check out the calendar on our website to confirm date. If you would like to support the Harper Community Park please check out our website at www.harpercommunitypark.com and visit our About Page.



The most recent project the Harper Community Park Association is working towards is bettering our facilities so we can host even more events in the park. Currently the board is seeking funds to complete the construction of a cover over the arena to create a more versatile EXPO center. Our hopes are to build a facility that can be utilized by our community members, including the school, 4H/FFA and other local organizations. Mark your calendars for the upcoming Cowboy Gala on February 17th, benefitting the construction of the arena cover. If you would like to volunteer your time to assist with this project or any other events hosted by the Harper Community Park Association, please reach out to us at harpercommunitypark@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to hosting some fun events this year, make sure you don't miss any by checking out our website <https://www.harpercommunitypark.com/events>.

Submitted by Krista Bennett

THE HARPER LIBRARY AND RESALE SHOP NEEDS YOU!

Meeting new friends, learning new skills, supporting your community, helping others. That is volunteering! Are you a newcomer to the Harper area or a longtime resident needing a new opportunity? Our volunteer family at the Harper Library and the Resale shop welcome you to come join us. There are multiple volunteer openings for friendly, interested, motivated, and willing volunteers. Both of our staffs have seasoned volunteers and now there are opportunities to volunteer at both the library and the resale shop.

Harper Library volunteers can be assigned to a regular weekly shift. Regular shifts are usually 4-5 hours. "Floater" volunteers are called in to work whenever the usual volunteer cannot be present. We welcome volunteers who can only give time every week or 1-2 days a month or who want to help plan and assist in our programs offered to the public. The library director or a seasoned volunteer will happily train you. We try very hard to always have 2 or more volunteers assigned to each shift.

Harper Library Resale Shop has several openings for cashiers or warehouse help. Come help sort, price, and place the many wonderful treasures donated every week. Have retail experience? Train to be a cashier and interact with our customers. Be a sales floor assistant and assist customers, neaten displays, or help bag sold goods. Volunteers can work weekly or once or twice a month. Team and department leads will train any new volunteers.

Come by the library or the resale shop to visit with a current volunteer and complete an application. We would love to have you join our family.

Submitted by Tomi Pugh

HARPER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Needs You!

Learn More: Business Meetings

Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7 pm

CONTACT: info@harpervfd-ems.com • <http://harpervfd-ems.com/>

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The HVFD has been providing fire response services since 1940 and EMS coverage since 1946, covering 505 square miles in Gillespie County with an all-volunteer team. The hardworking, dedicated members are "representatives from all walks of life including business professionals, educators, city employees, ranchers, wives, husbands, parents, students, and retired workers" (HVFD Volunteer Brochure). Since many of the volunteers work full time, there is a great need for individuals who are available during the daytime hours. Also, young men and women are encouraged to join the ranks and learn from the current experienced volunteers. HVFD and EMS need more than the current number of volunteers to respond to the needs of the community.

The minimum requirements to join include: "a strong desire to serve our community, ability to work as part of a team, be 18 years or older, have an acceptable driving history and current Texas driver's license, and pass a criminal background check. To apply an individual must meet with an officer and obtain an application, submit a completed application, and attend a business meeting" (Brochure).

Volunteers can expect in house training, training with other departments, and other professional training to obtain both Fire and EMS credentials. "Volunteering looks different for everyone! Whether you are on the end of a nozzle inside a burning building, extricating occupants of a crashed vehicle, setting up a landing zone for a helicopter, providing medical treatments to a sick person, providing support to other fire fighters on a scene, preparing a fire apparatus for the next call, or helping our community to prepare for emergencies - all are critical to the service of our community" (Brochure).

The HVFD is visible in the community in so many other ways. The ambulance is stationed at local 4th of July firework displays, rodeos, and HISD football games. They participate in send-offs for high school play-off games and band competitions. The HVFD participates in activities for Fire Prevention Week and assists with the Shattered Dreams event. They also host the HISD Kindergarten class for a visit each school year.

Thank you for your support of our annual fish fry fundraiser each November.



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Harper Community Chamber of Commerce News

2024 Membership forms are posted on our website. Renew now!
Hanging of the Wreaths on 290. Welcome to festive Harper!

A special thank you to Steve Inmon, owner of Cowboy Communications, for his support of the chamber. Steve along with his wife who was born and raised here and attended Harper schools, is a long-time local resident. Cowboy Communications installs poles and lays fiber optic cable; in ground or in the air; in areas of service for Hill Country Telephone Cooperative. Employees of Cowboy Communications hung the wreaths on poles on 290 through Harper. Their work was greatly appreciated. What great pride in their community to lend a helping hand.



Christmas Tree Lighting

The Christmas tree lighting and gathering was fun for all. What wonderful community fellowship and holiday spirit! A tree lighting, a visit with Santa, and a fire-truck....does it get any better? Thank you to HVFD for hosting the event, Teri and Ron Sandler for the donating the Christmas tree, the Harper Chamber for providing the refreshments, and Harper Feed and Hardware for donating the popcorn and use of the popcorn machine. Thanks to all who attended. "Let's do it again next year" was heard in the crowd.



Chamber Members Offer Scholarships for Harper High School Graduating Seniors



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**2024 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HARPER HIGH SCHOOL
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DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS 5PM, FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

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The Community Foundation scholarship application is a universal application that will need to be completed one time. Based on your responses to questions, the system will automatically determine your eligibility for each of the scholarships held at the Foundation. Upon submittal, a notification page will populate a list of the scholarships you have successfully applied for. If one or more of these scholarships require an additional essay, letter of recommendation, etc. you will receive directions on how to complete those additional requirements.

**For questions or information, please contact Ingrid Cunyus,
Grants and Scholarships Manager:**

**ingrid@communityfoundation.net | 830-896-8811
241 Earl Garrett, Kerrville, Texas 78028**

HISD NEEDS YOU!

There are several volunteer opportunities at Harper ISD. The PTO, Athletic Boosters and Band Boosters are organizations that provide so much for the school. These organizations need volunteers to continue providing for the school's needs. Volunteers are needed to help with fundraising events as well as concession stand workers, etc.

If interested in volunteering with any of these organizations, please contact the school and we will put you in touch with the organization. (830) 864-3200



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HARPER COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP

The Harper Community Chamber of Commerce is proud to offer one \$1,000 scholarship to a qualifying graduating senior accepted at an accredited vocational or trade school. Applications should be made for this scholarship by completing the universal application available at www.communityfoundation.net.

GILLESPIE COUNTY FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP

Membership in the Gillespie County Farm Bureau is required. Applications are available at their office on 237 Equestrian Dr., Fredericksburg, TX or you may call and request an application be sent to you in the mail. Applications are also available from the Harper High School Counselor. Deadline for applications to be received is April 5, 2024. Information is on their Facebook page and on their website at Texasfarmbureau.org

CENTRAL TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

CTEC awards twenty-five \$1,000 college scholarships to students whose primary residence is served by CTEC. Students must attend an accredited Texas institution of higher education and enroll for a minimum of 12 credit hours or be considered by the registrar to be a full-time student. Students must be of good character as evidenced by at least two letters of recommendation from teachers, principals, counselors, etc. at the student's current school. Applicants must have a coherent degree plan and must demonstrate willingness to pursue a course of higher learning. Applications and guidelines are available in early January to schools in co-op service territory or on the CTEC website. Guidelines and information will be in the January issue of the CTEC magazine. Recipients will be announced in late April or early May. Applications are due by February 23, 2024.



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