

1st Quarter 2021

Happy New Year!!!!



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Community Calendar

January

- 7th – 9th Gillespie County Livestock Show
- 12th - Harper VFD meeting, 7:00pm at Station
- 13th - Harper Community Chamber of Commerce meeting, 6:00pm
- 18th - Harper Library Board meeting, 5:00pm at Library
- 20th - Harper Community Park Board, 5:30pm at Community Hall

February

- 4th - American Legion meeting, 6:00pm Legion Hall
- 9th - Harper VFD meeting, 7:00pm at Station
- 10th - Harper Community Chamber of Commerce meeting, 6:00pm
- 15th - Harper Library Board meeting, 5:00pm at Library
- 17th - Harper Community Park Board, 5:30pm at Community Hall

March

- 9th - Harper VFD meeting, 7:00pm at Station
- 10th - Harper Community Chamber of Commerce meeting, 6:00pm
- 15th - Harper Library Board meeting, 5:00pm at Library
- 17th - Harper Community Park Board, 5:30pm at Community Hall

Project Graduation

Project graduation is a program offered by any high school in the United States, in which organized, adult-supervised alcohol-free and drug free activities are offered as part of a post-graduation party. In Harper, we would like to provide this year's seniors with a memorable, safe, and fun graduation party, especially in this pandemic.

The committee is organizing fundraisers throughout the school year to raise money in order to have a successful party. They are requesting donations and sponsors for the following items: donated items for a raffle, monetary donations, prizes for events, sponsors for the "You've Been Flocked" (Flamingo Yard Art) \$150; Spaghetti dinner sponsor \$250; Color War/Run sponsor \$350 (props and color kits); and Color War/Run Sponsor \$400 (entertainment).

Funding will be needed by April 2021.

For information contact them at:

Harperseniors2021@gmail.com

or call (830) 460-0833 or (830) 928-9322.



HARPER SCHOOL NEWS

Harper ISD High School Calendar*

Submitted by Julie Fiedler, High School Principal

January

- 5K Online Registration Open
- 4 - Beginning of the 4th 6th weeks
- 5 - Girls/Boys Basketball against Junction
in Harper - 4, 5, 6:15, 7:30pm
- 6 - PTO meeting 6PM Elementary cafeteria
- 7, 8 -School Holiday - Gillespie County Livestock Show
- 12 - Girls/Boys Basketball against Goldthwaite
in Harper 4, 5, 6:15, 7:30pm
- 15 - Girls/Boys Basketball against Johnson City
in Harper 4, 5, 6:15, 7:30pm
- 18 - Board Meeting 7pm
- 21 - 3 weeks progress reports due
- 22 - Teacher Comp Day / Student Holiday / Girls/Boys
Basketball against San Saba 4, 5, 6:15, 7:30pm
- 26 - Girls/Boys Basketball against Center Point
in Harper 4, 5, 6:15, 7:30pm
- 29 - Girls/Boys Basketball against Junction
in Junction 4, 5, 6:15, 7:30pm

February

- 2 - Girls/Boys Basketball against Mason
in Harper 4, 5, 6:15, 7:30pm
- 3 - PTO meeting 6pm Elementary Cafeteria
- 5 - Girls/Boys Basketball against Goldthwaite
in Goldthwaite 4, 5, 6:15, 7:30pm
- 9 - Boys Basketball against Johnson City
in Johnson City 5, 7:30pm
- 12 - End of the 4th 6th Weeks / Early Release
at 12:30pm
- 15 - Begin the 5th 6th Weeks
- 15 - Board Meeting 7pm
- 23-25 Credit By Exams
- 28 - Harper 5K in the Harper Community Park

March

- 2 - Spring Picture Days
- 3 - PTO meeting Elementary Cafeteria
- 5 - 3 weeks Progress Due
- 10 - Student Show Case 4:30pm - 6:30pm /
2nd Annual College/Career Fair 1:30pm-6:00pm
- 15-19 Spring Break
- 19 - Bi-district One Act Play - Kerrville Tivv
- 22 - Board Meeting 7pm
- 22 -24 District golf - Kerrville
- 24 -25 UIL - Junction

**There may be additions to the calendar.*

Harper Elementary School News

Submitted by Jennifer Moody, Principal

Harper Elementary is excited to return to school after the Christmas holidays. January, February, and March are always busy times for us. The Gillespie County Stock show is scheduled for January 8th and it is a school holiday for students and staff. STAAR tests begin in early April, so these few months are a great time to buckle down and prepare for those standardized tests. We are so blessed at HISD with an amazing staff of teachers and support team, and more importantly we have amazing students in our little Harper Elementary family. We are having a great year!

Harper ISD Middle School News

Submitted by Jay Harper, Middle School Principal

January 6th - Harper PTO meeting in Elementary School Cafeteria at 6:00 pm
January 7th -8th - Gillespie County Stock Show – Holidays
January 22nd – Teacher Comp Day – Kerrville Stock Show – Student Holiday
February 3rd - Harper PTO meeting in Elementary School Cafeteria at 6:00 pm
February 12th - End of 4th six weeks – Early release for students at 12:30 pm

KUDOS to Harper ISD Student Council

The Student Council's annual canned food drive resulted in gathering 1,030 items for the Harper Help Center.

HARPER SCHOOL NEWS

Harper ISD School Board Election Results

The Harper ISD School Board election results are:

Trey Garrett,
Amy Spiess,
and Erin Worrell.

*Congratulations and thank
you for serving.*



Trey Garrett



Amy Spiess



Erin Worrell

*Commercial and
Residential*

*Licensed and
Insured*



Brian Crenwelge
bdcpestcontrol.com

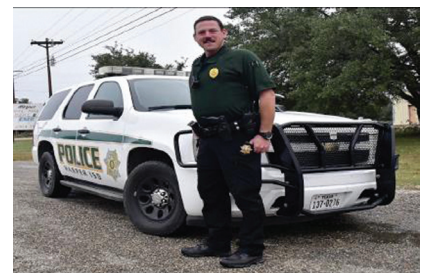
Office: 830-864-5258
Cell: 830-343-7145



Harper Police Department

Chief Strickland and his officers have been a blessing to Harper. It is always comforting to see them on patrol in Harper and the surrounding area.

More importantly is knowing the students attending our schools are safe under their care. Thank you for joining the Harper ISD family and becoming part of the community.



Harper Community Chamber Of Commerce

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Harper Community Chamber Of Commerce News

Your community chamber of commerce currently has 107 members – made up of area businesses, organizations, and interested members of the community. The chamber's mission is to promote the area businesses and to improve the Harper community.

The current chamber board members are: President Lois Pariseau, Vice President David Kemp, Treasurer Homer Pugh, Secretary Tomi Pugh, Directors J.B. Rieger, Kenneth Bonnet, and Paul Urban.

Downtown Christmas decorations are sponsored by the Chamber. An annual vocational/technical school scholarship is available to a HISD graduating senior through an application process. When area organizations have special projects or events the organizations can complete a donation request for consideration by the Chamber. A free quarterly newsletter is printed and placed at businesses in town for area residents' convenience. Our website advertises our business members and has a "Harper Happenings" calendar for any events and activities to help our residents stay "in the know"! We have a Facebook page to help get news out. We also sponsored "Meet the Candidates" for local elections and a special website page for the HISD school board election.

If you are not a member now...we would love to have you join us...applications are on our website. Our annual dues are very reasonable. Let's work for Harper!!! Call (830) 343-4222.

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Kerrville Fence & Gate was established in 1994, now with over 25 years in the Texas Hill Country clearing cedar and building fences. They have the experience, company owned right equipment for the job, and knowledge to understand and face the challenges of building in the Texas terrain. They provide quality and lasting wear to your investment. As owner-operator they use only top-quality products, starting with Stay-Tuff Fencing and Apollo Automatic Gate Systems. All their fence posts are set deep into the ground, all line and corner posts are set in concrete, all H braces are made on site, and all fences are welded - not bolted together. They offer ranch, hog proof, cedar post, barbed wire, and garden fences as well as high fences for wildlife and exotics. No job is too big or too small for their company. They have repeat customers and customer referrals. Nothing speaks of quality work better than a referral.

Visit: www.Kerrvillefenceandgate.com for more information and to view gallery photos and videos.



American Flags

The American Legion has offered to properly dispose of worn out flags. Please bring your flags to the Library and place them in the box provided.

Medical Equipment

The American Legion has medical equipment to loan out to people that need it. They have wheelchairs, walkers, shower seats, a ramp for a porch, and walking canes. Please call Roy Kasper 830-864-5054.

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS MEMBERS

Totally Stitched Embroidery

Call Lois Pariseau at (210) 417-8244 if you would like to have logos, monograms, and other designs embroidered on shirts, hats, and other materials. Bring in your own design or she can help you find one. Totally Stitched Embroidery is a full-service commercial embroidery and heat press service. She cares about her customers and their satisfaction.

The Arosa Bed and Breakfast



Come join us for "Girls Night In" on the 2nd Friday night of every month from 7pm-10pm. It is hosted by the Arosa Bed and Breakfast. For reservations call (830) 460-0833 or contact them at thearosabnb@gmail.com

Jeanette Bode Receives Appreciation Plaque



At the November Chamber meeting, President Lois Pariseau presented Jeanette Bode with a beautiful plaque. The plaque represents her years of service. Jeanette started the Chamber back up and has faithfully led the Chamber of Commerce with her leadership and ideas. Having retired as President, Jeanette remains active in the Chamber. Thank you, Jeanette, for all you do for Harper.



Jake's Auto

Jake's Auto is equipped and capable of making gates and hydraulic hoses for your farm and construction needs.

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Aqua Water Tank

If you have not seen the Aqua water tank drive by and look at the slogan on it in honor of Harper ISD.

Harper VFD & EMS

The Harper Volunteer Fire Department & EMS annual Opening Day Fish Fry was another success. Supporters who wanted to socialize took advantage of the limited seating inside the station. Other supporters chose to use the new drive through to take their meals home. Prizes included many donated custom-made items and thirteen sponsored firearms which were awarded to lucky individuals who purchased winning raffle tickets, except for a few guns that were auctioned off via virtual online bidding – a first for HVFD! Many positive comments have been received from the smoothness and speed of the drive thru to the tasty American catfish.

The Harper VFD and EMS thanks the Harper community and friends for their support and looks forward to seeing everyone again on opening day 2022.

Sweetheart Banquet

The banquet has been cancelled for February 2021 due to the coronavirus and the concern for everyone's health. The Sweetheart Banquet will resume in February 2022.



American Legion Boy's State 2021

The Texas American Legion Boy's State will take place from 27 June- 2 July 2021 at University Texas. It is currently scheduled to take place in Austin but may change to virtual. We will know by 31 March 2021

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 1 May 2021. 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

Annual Harper WMA Youth Hunt



The Harper Wildlife Management Association Youth Hunt is planned for January 15-17, 2021. The hunt, open to veterans' children ages 9-17, has approximately 18 youth registered this year. The event is co-sponsored by HWMA, Fredericksburg Salutes Our Wounded Warriors (FSOWW), and the Texas Youth Hunting Program (TYHP). Scholarships are provided by FSOWW for many of the children and their sponsors. During the weekend, in addition to harvesting a deer, youth participate in educational activities related to hunting safety, wildlife conservation, and land management.

The event gives veterans the opportunity, as their slogan states, to spend "quality time in a deer blind and a lot more" with their teenage children. This is the 8th year for the hunt held in memory of Jacob Krebs, who drowned in 2013 while training for his Navy SEALs contract. Jacob always looked up to those who served our country, thanked every veteran he met, and believed in honoring every wounded warrior. The hunt serves as an indirect way to give back to

them in memory of Jacob.

The Harper community has been directly involved in the event every year. The hunt is successful because of local donors, landowners who open their ranches for hunting, and the many local volunteers who assist in every aspect of the hunt.

For more information about the hunt contact Will Krebs at kreblaser@yahoo.com, tyhp.org or follow Harper WMA Youth Hunt on Facebook.

Harper Community Park Association

Submitted by Glenna Short

This year with the help of our AMAZING community and members, the Harper Community Park Association was able to raise \$23,400.00 during Harper's 56th Annual Frontier Day celebration. We are so grateful for each and every one of you that helped make this possible, whether it was by making a donation, sponsoring an event, or showing up to support, we cannot THANK YOU enough.

We hope everyone that attended the Christmas in the Park fundraiser on December 12th had a great time listening to the music by Jake Hooker and the Outsiders, enjoying the food, and doing some boot scooting dancing.

If you are planning a wedding or family reunion in 2021, come by and check out the Community Hall. Visit our web page – www.harpercommunitypark.org for information and the rental contract.

We have not set the date for our annual meeting, but we will update our calendar shortly.

