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## HIGH PLAINS WRITERS

September 2021

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter



### From The President

THPW friends,

For many, the wait for 2021 seemed to take a decade. But now we're three months away from Christmas, and I'm just starting to figure out how to navigate my life again. Fortunately, our bi-monthly meetings remain a part of that schedule.

And I've been anticipating this month's program since taking over as president last week ... I mean, in January.

Taylor Moore's *Down Range* was one of New York publishing's biggest releases of the summer (William Morrow — an imprint of HarperCollins — printed 100,000 hardcover copies, according to Publishers Weekly). But aside from that, he's also one of the most engaging and thoughtful people I know, which many of you will remember from the last time he spoke to the High Plains Writers.

This time, however, the former CIA officer and DOD contractor is coming as someone with first-hand knowledge of what it takes to get to where many of us — myself included — aspire to be in our writing careers — writing under contract with a major New York publisher. I hope hearing his story is inspirational.

I also hope it's an eye-opener.

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In addition to such a fantastic guest, those who feel safe meeting in-person will once again gather at Sharpened Iron Studios. This time we'll be in the auditorium, and Burrowing Owl Books will be selling copies of *Down Range* for him to sign. We'll also have online options so everyone can benefit from Taylor's experience and expertise.

No matter how you do it, I hope all of you take advantage of this program.

And, as always, thank you for being members of one of the finest literary organizations in the country.

Rick Treon

President, Texas High Plains Writers



## Taylor Moore

Moore, an Amarillo resident and sixth-generation Texan, is a former analyst and operations officer with the CIA and consultant for the Department of Defense. Moore then went on to help secure mineral rights as a landman in the Texas Panhandle before becoming a full-time author and speaker.

Moore's presentation will include his publishing journey, and how many years it truly takes to become an "overnight success" in traditional publishing.

For more information about Taylor Moore, visit his website at [taylormoorebooks.com](http://taylormoorebooks.com).

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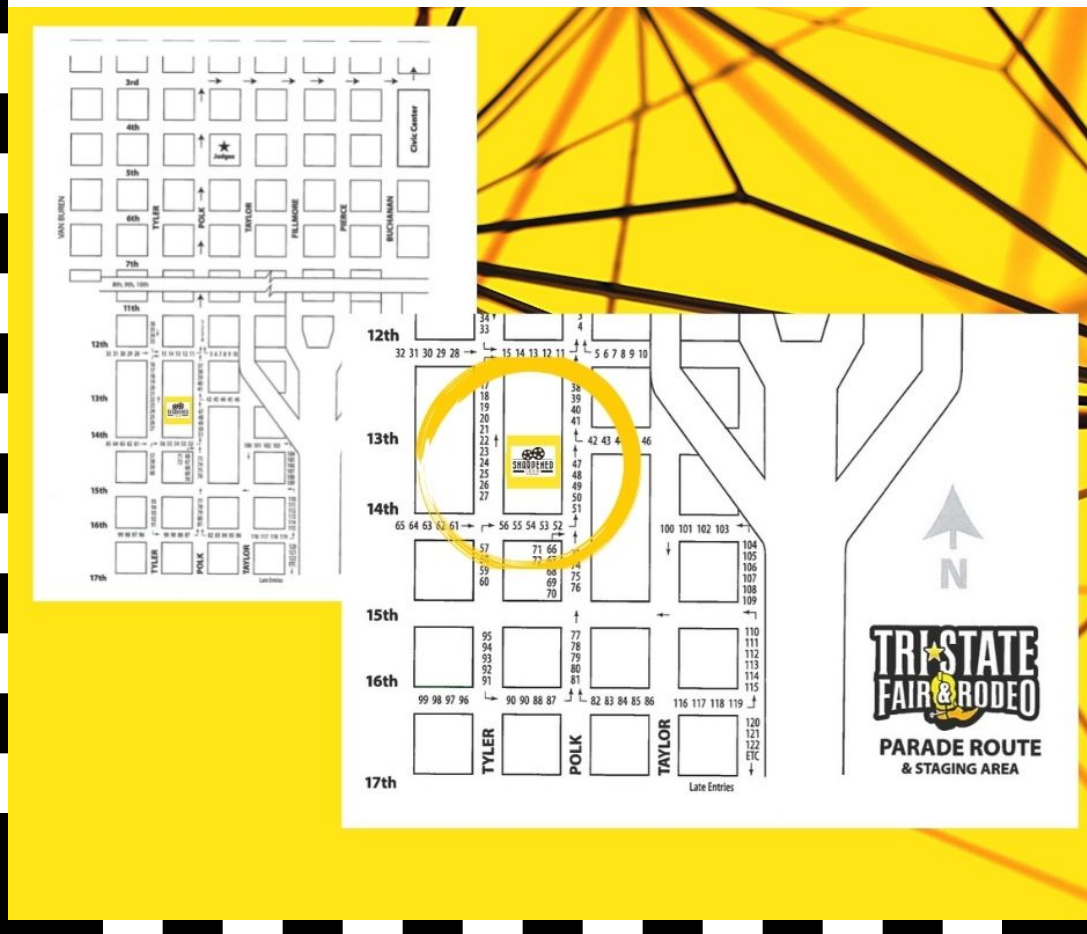
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## Detour Ahead

Sharpened Iron Studios, **1314 S. Polk St.**, is in the middle of Tri-State Fair Parade Staging! It's an exciting weekend in Amarillo!

Don't let the added navigation keep you away.

Plan your travel accordingly. Allow time for delays and detours, construction on I-40, and parking.



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ThePanhandleGives.org  
#ThePanhandleGives #GivingTuesday  
**November 22-30, 2021**

You don't have to live in the Texas Panhandle to support the over 100 years old Texas High Plains Writers (THPW).

#ThePanhandleGives is nine days of enhanced charitable giving to support diverse nonprofits in the Texas Panhandle.

From November 22 through November 30, go to ThePanhandleGives.org, find Texas High Plains Writers, and donate. Help THPW raise over \$250 by making a donation so it will qualify to receive Amplification dollars from the Amarillo Area Foundation.

Amplification dollars are a percentage of the funds raised during The Panhandle Gives campaign. **What that means is the more funds THPW raises through The Panhandle Gives, the more funds THPW will receive from the Amarillo Area Foundation beyond the amount donated to THPW.**

Mark your calendar today to donate from November 22 through November 30.

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## THPW 2021 Calendar

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- **November 20** - Guest, Kenja Purkey

Your Board is working diligently to bring great programs that meet the needs and desires of our members. Please let us know if you have any program ideas or requests. We always welcome input from our members.

At this time masks wearing is optional for our in-person meeting.

## Critique Session Guidelines

*Critique sessions suspended as we determine member interest and participation level. Thank you.*

*Meetings are held on the third Saturday in odd-numbered months: January, March, May, July, September, and November.*

*Meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome. There is no fee for members of Texas High Plains Writers to attend our regular bi-monthly meetings. A \$10 fee may apply to nonmembers.*

*(Note: We must occasionally switch our meeting location, or we may need to change the date to avoid conflicts. So, please check the address and date for each meeting.)*

*Our meetings/programs follow this schedule:*

**Check-In and Meet & Greet**

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

**Business Meeting**

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Program/Presentation**

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

**Lunch On Your Own**

12:15 - 1 p.m.

**Critique Session, if Announced**

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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