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Angel Arreola and Ivan Carnero, proud owners of the Maestro Taquero Bar & Grill on Sixth, have been hard at work making their dream come true. The finished piece will be a masterpiece of design, upper scale food and drinks and a major feat in repurposing an older, treasured building. PHOTOS BY NELL WILLIAMS/AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS

Maestro Taquero coming together

Upscale, authentic Mexican dining planned

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Ivan Carnero and Angel Arreola met as kids, horseback riding in their east side neighborhood in Amarillo, and became friends, though Arreola went to Tascosa High School and Carnero went to Caprock High School. After running into each other later on, they began to speculate on what they might want to do as business partners.

Arreola came from a family who owned a grocery store and meat market

in East Amarillo, and Carnero became an experienced home builder. They two talents came together, and they began to dream about opening a small taquero place, like a Subway-type place for tacos.

“But then came this guy (Carnero) and said, ‘Uh, let’s get a bigger place,’” Arreola said. When Arreola saw Marshall’s, he showed it to Carnero and he kind of liked it. “It was broken up, it was terrible,” Carnero said. “The walls were falling in and just piles on piles of a mess in here. The concrete over in one area had roots come through from the big trees around the building. It was a nightmare.”

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Great care has been taken by the new owners of the Maestro Taquero Bar & Grill on Sixth Street, on the exterior and interior of what was once Marshall’s Tavern and Austin’s Bar, a favorite haunt of Amarillo music and pool lovers

Families prep for back to school tax savings

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Families across the Texas Panhandle, South Plains and beyond will join the rest of the state in taking advantage of the annual Tax-Free Weekend, a statewide event offering temporary relief from sales tax on essential back-to-school purchases. This year’s tax holiday runs from 12:01 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8, through midnight Sunday, Aug. 10, and applies to a wide variety of qualifying items priced under \$100.

The Texas Comptroller’s Office estimates shoppers will save approximately \$133.2 million in state and local sales taxes during the three-day event. “Back-to-school costs can add up fast,” said Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock, who announced the savings during a visit to a major retailer in Midland.

“Whether you prefer to shop in person or online, this tax-free weekend helps families stretch their hard-earned dollars, saving about \$8 for every \$100 spent. Texans have saved more than \$2 billion since this tradition began in 1999, and we’re glad to keep it operating,” Hancock said.

What qualifies — and what doesn’t

The tax exemption applies to a wide range of items commonly purchased for the school year. These include clothing and footwear such as shirts, jeans, dresses, socks, sneakers, uniforms, raincoats and cowboy boots; school supplies such as pencils, pens,

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Here’s why Arrington voted yes to take back money from public media funds

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Days before the Corporation for Public Broadcasting announced that it would be shuttering its operations, U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington talked about his decision to vote yes to cut federal funding to public media.

Arrington, R-Lubbock, sat down with the Avalanche-Journal during a visit to Lubbock last week and talked about why he voted yes on the \$9 billion Rescission Package — the parent bill that cut funding to CPB and is set to impact local NPR and PBS stations.

“We don’t believe that we should have a national government sponsored media,” Arrington said. “We think that nothing good and only bad can come out of that — abuses, bias and compromising free speech.”



U.S. Rep. Jodey Arrington, R-TX, talks to PBS Kids character Curious George at the City of Lubbock Back-2-School Bash at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center on July 30. MATEO ROSILES/AVALANCHE-JOURNAL

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