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## Don't Mess With Texas City Wide Trash-Off Scheduled

Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. -- Meet at City Hall 2014 projects include Adopt-A-Highway Trash Pickup along Highways 16 and 108, new planters and plants for downtown, and City Auditorium clean-up. Lunch will be provided to volunteers and everyone is encouraged to come out and participate.

Mark your calendars and join us for the Don't mess with Texas® Trash-Off, which encourages Texans across the state

to join forces and clear Texas roadsides of trash. Millions of pieces of litter accumulate on our roadways each year, which means we need your help.

The Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off is the single largest one-day cleanup event in the state and serves as Texas's signature event for the Great American

Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program.

Last year, Strawn volunteers not only cleared trash, dirt and debris from downtown lots, they also assisted in placing new planters throughout downtown. If you would like to learn more about the project or want to participate, please contact the Chamber at 254-595-0197 or via email at [strawnchamber@att.net](mailto:strawnchamber@att.net). Or... just show up and help Strawn become a better city!

Don't mess with Texas

# TRASH-OFF

APRIL 5, 2014

## Star Gazers Prepare for Return to State Park This Month

Palo Pinto Mountains State Park will again host a star gazing party on Saturday, April 26. The Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas, the Fort Worth Astronomical Society, and the Strawn Chamber of Commerce,

along with the State Park, are sponsoring this free public function, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on April 26.

To get to the event, just go west from Strawn on FM 2372 or the Tucker Lake Road. Go two miles

from town and look for the signs. You can bring your own telescope or use one provided by volunteers, who will be on hand to share expertise, knowledge, and lore. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and drinks will

be available. Come early, stay late, explore the heavens, and learn about nearby constellations in our beautiful night sky. For more information call Park Superintendent John Ferguson at 254-210-3015.

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*All Are Welcome to Attend!*



## City Hall News

On March 10, after approximately 16 months of back-and-forth discussion, the city council voted to give the Mayor of Strawn the authority to execute a gift deed for property surrounding Lake Tucker and a 99 year lease of Lake Tucker be-

tween City of Strawn and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The terms will need to be approved by the board of directors at Texas Parks and Wildlife. If the documents are approved by TPWD's board, then the Mayor will execute the documents on be-

half of the City of Strawn sometime in May or June. \*For more information, go to <http://www.microplexnews.com/strawn-city-council-approves-state-park-gift-deed-and-lease-agreement>

In other news, the council

voted to refinance two outstanding bonds that were sold in order to finance water line projects in the mid 1990's. The reduction in interest will save the City approximately \$100,000.00 and allow the bonds to be paid off 3 years earlier than the original 2036 date.

## Shiny Things Attracting Shoppers to Strawn's Newest Biz

(MicroplexNews.com) Susan Rester has recently opened Shiny Things on the corner of Central Avenue and Housley Street in Strawn.

Available at Shiny Things are handmade

jewelry, as well as all sorts of beads and trinkets for the jewelry designer. Shiny Things offers antique and unique items. If you've visited the store in the last couple of days, you probably

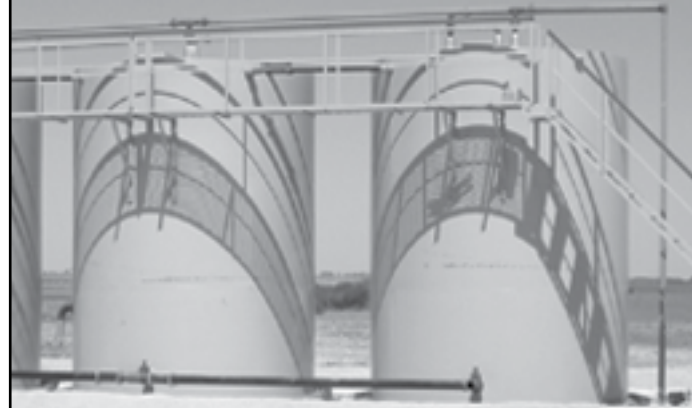
want to visit again next week as Susan plans to have a constantly changing and expanding inventory.

Store hours for Shiny Things are Tuesday through Saturday 10:30

a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The store will be closed each day for lunch from noon to 1:00 p.m.

You can find out more about the store by following Shiny Things on Facebook.

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## It's Nacho Mama's Closet and It's Opening Soon!

(MicroplexNews.com) Downtown Strawn, Texas will have one more place to shop soon! Sarah Ferguson, with the help of her husband, John, will be opening a consignment and retail store in downtown Strawn at 111 Central Avenue.

John and Sarah moved to Strawn two years ago and have three children ages 3, 5 and 6. John is the Superintendent for Palo Pinto Mountains State Park.

Having three little ones at home and often being invited to children's birthday parties, Sarah saw a need in Strawn for things like gift items. She also wanted to offer nice clothing at rea-

sonable prices. After being a stay-at-home mom for nearly seven years, a kid friendly place to socialize and shop was also something that appealed to her. With Nacho Mama's Closet, Sarah will be offering all these things in one location.

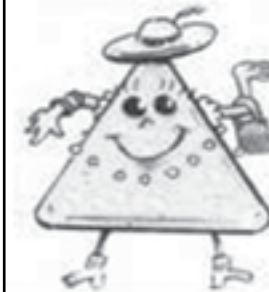
Nacho Mama's Closet will carry nicer consignments in women's, children's and men's clothing as well as accessories such as shoes, purses and jewelry. No home goods. The store will also carry new gifts for all occasions and seasonal, holiday merchandise. As for the socializing, there will be a "man cave," ladies lounge and children's play

area. They will offer free hot tea and coffee as well as freezie-pops for the kids during warm months.

Nacho Mama's Closet is now accepting consignments, Thursday through Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The target date to open for business is May 1, with operating hours Thursday through Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Call 254-210-2178 or email Sarah at [nachomamas closet@gmail.com](mailto:nachomamas closet@gmail.com) for more information.

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The Strawn Martial Arts Academy is sponsoring a Black Belt examination on Saturday, April 12, 12 p.m., at the Strawn High School Gym. The exam is sanctioned under the United States Grand Masters Taekwondo Association. Candidates from Florida, California, and Texas will be examined for skills in self defense, free sparring, technical skill, and breaking boards and bricks (strength and speed). The public is invited to attend at no charge.

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# Lady Hounds and Greyhounds Named to All-District Teams

Congratulations to the following Strawn ISD students who were selected for the All-District 17 1A-II basketball teams:  
 Jacqueline Berumen, Junior – District Co-Offensive MVP.

Jayde Price, Junior – District Co-Offensive MVP.  
 Shelley Abbott, Senior – First-Team All-District.  
 Tearany Atkins, Junior – Second-Team All-District.  
 Eva DeGregorio, Senior – All-District Honorable

able Mention.  
 Sidney Pollock, Junior – All-District Honorable Mention.  
 Cori Pollock, Junior – All-District Honorable Mention.  
 Harrison Nowak, Junior – Offensive MVP.

Coletyn King, Sophomore – Second-Team All-District.  
 Tyler Bays, Junior – All-District Honorable Mention.  
 Abram Jaramillo, Junior – All-District Honorable Mention.

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# Strawn Student Selected for United Co-op Youth Tour

Ross Alison will be attending the 2014 Government-in-Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. for one week in June. He was selected as one of two students to represent the service

area for United Co-op, a Texas Electric Cooperative. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association began coordinating tours in 1964 and now more than 1,500

teens visit Washington at the same time each year, taking part in the Youth Tour experience, traveling to Washington, D.C., where they meet U.S. Representatives and Senators. This

unique trip will give teens the opportunity to watch history come alive as they explore the museums, memorials and monuments. Congratulations, Ross, on receiving this honor!

## Second Annual Run 4 the Rescue Slated for April 12

The second annual Run 4 the Rescue 5K, 10K, and 1-mile fun run/dog walk will take place at 8:30 a.m. on April 12. The event starts and ends at Gordon ISD offices, 112 Rusk St.

Participants can register early or upon arrival.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, visit [www.care4rescue.com](http://www.care4rescue.com) or [www.racedayeventservices.com](http://www.racedayeventservices.com). All proceeds help C.A.R.E. continue to rescue abused and abandoned animals in area communities.



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# Area Happenings

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Every Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., & Wednesday, 9-11 a.m.  
206 NW 2nd Street, Mineral Wells  
Call 940-327-8700 for more information or to confirm your attendance.

## Workforce Solutions Mobile Unit

Every Wednesday -- April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30  
Boyce Ditto Public Library in Mineral Wells  
Computer stations to search for jobs, work on resumes and receive training.

**2300 SE Martin Luther King Jr. St.  
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## 2nd Annual Pearl Snap Suicide Prevention Walk/5k

April 5th - 10:00 am - Gordon ISD Track  
Tshirts Available for \$10/Free Wristband/Free Pizza following Walk Donations may be made to PO Box 17, Gordon, TX 76453  
For more info call 940-452-1218

## Free Vocation Nurse Information Session

TX State Technical College-West TX Breckenridge  
Friday, April 11th - 10:00 to 12:00  
Contact Lisa Langford 254-559-7731 or email lisa.langford@tstc.edu or sherry.strickeland@tstc.edu  
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## PK Trail Run Adventure

Saturday, April 12th  
PK Hike & Bike Trails  
Endurance Buzz Adventures will be back for another Possum Kingdom Trail Run adventure. There will be a 20k, 55k, and 52 mile adventures on the PK Hike and Bike trails located on the east side PK lake area. Event information: endurancebuzzadventures.com

## St. Barbara's Benefit Bocci Ball Tournament

April 12th - St. Barbara's Church, E. IH-20, Thurber, TX (below NY Hill Restaurant)  
Registration begins at 9 a.m. Games begin at 9:30 a.m.  
Entry fee: \$10 per player. Thurber rules will apply:  
Teams will consist of four players, teams of 3 can play with players rotating on 4th. Play is to 11 points.

## PK Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 20th  
BRA Observation Point  
301 Observation Point off S. FM 2353  
Everyone Invited - Bring Chairs & Blanket

## Art de los Brazos - A Fine Art Exhibit at Possum Kingdom Lake

April 26th - May 5th  
PK Chamber Building - 362 N. FM 2353, Graford, TX 76449 (near PK Airport)  
Exhibit begins Saturday, April 26 thru May 3 at the Possum Kingdom Chamber of Commerce building. Open to everyone - no admission fee. Local artists showing their finest artwork, all medium types...oil, watercolor, pastels, acrylic and much more.

The art show features local artists from many of the local art clubs from Graham, Mineral Wells, Breckenridge, Weatherford, Bosque County, Hamilton, Wichita Falls and Brownwood. As well, there will be several invited "Artists at Large" that will be displaying their work, but they will not be included in the judging

## NIGHT OUT AT THE OPERA HOUSE - Featuring "In Old Arizona"

April 26, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.  
Join us for our Night Out at the Opera House, a FREE public event at the W.K. Gordon Center. A charming, happy-go-lucky bandit in old Arizona plays cat-and-mouse with the sheriff trying to catch him while he romances a local beauty. Seating is limited to the first 25 guests. Reservations are highly recommended. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 254.968.1886 or E-mail mkadams@tarleton.edu to reserve your seat today! The W.K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas, a museum & research facility of Tarleton State University is located in Thurber, Texas at Exit 367 on Interstate 20.

# APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
April 5	Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off	9:00 am	Meet at Community Pavilion
April 8	Strawn Lions Club	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
April 10	High School Area Track Meet		Strawn ISD Track Field
April 12	C.A.R.E. Run-4-the-Rescue	8:30 am	Gordon ISD
April 12	Taekwondo Do Grand Master Black Belt Exam	12 Noon	Strawn High School
April 14	Palo Pinto County Commissioner's Court	9:00 am	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
April 14	Development Corp. of Strawn Meeting	6:00 pm	Strawn City Hall
April 14	Strawn City Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Strawn City Hall
April 15	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
April 15	Booster Club Meeting	6:30 pm	Strawn ISD Cafeteria
April 18	Strawn ISD Easter Holiday		
April 18	High School Track Meet Regional Qualifier	TBA	TBA
April 21	Chamber of Commerce Meeting	2:00 pm	Strawn City Hall
April 21	Strawn ISD Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Strawn ISD Admin. Bldg.
April 22	Strawn Lion's Club Meeting	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
April 25-26	High School Regional Track Meet		Bullard ISD Track Field
April 26	Star Gazing Party	5 pm	Palo Pinto Mtns. State Park
April 28	Palo Pinto County Commissioner's Court	9:00 am	Palo Pinto County Courthouse

\*For more information, check out the following websites: <http://www.strawntx.com> or <http://www.strawnschool.net>

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