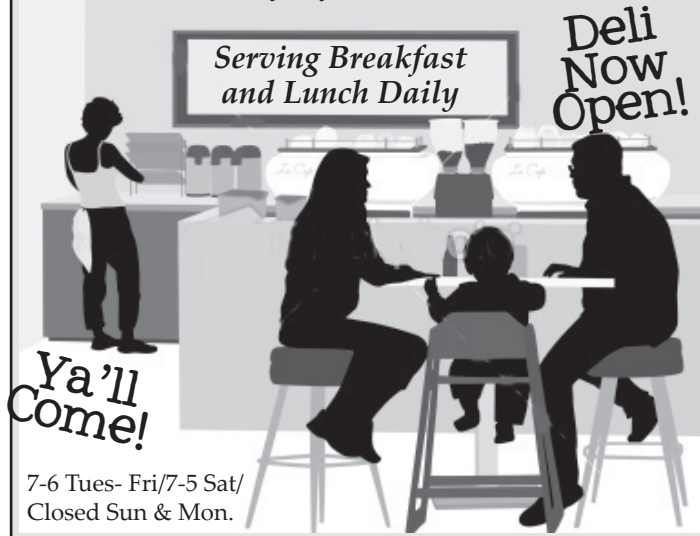


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Strawn Students Help Moore, Oklahoma Schools

(MicroplexNews.com) After a deadly tornado destroyed two elementary schools in Moore, Oklahoma in May, Strawn School Board President Nancy Mallory wanted to do something to help the teachers and students. Mallory liked the idea of one school helping another.

In order to raise funds, a bake sale was held the last of May at the Pac-A-Sac and Strawn Greyhound football stadium. The Strawn community and Machacek Bakery and Market baked and donated items to sell. Strawn

students took shifts running the booths. Head coach Dwaine Lee coordinated the effort.



Photo courtesy Microplex News
Pictured above are Strawn ISD students Faith Duncan, Jaqueline Beruman, Tearany Atkins and Shyla Thomas who helped with the bake sale held to aid the Moore, Oklahoma schools hit by a tornado in May.

At the end of the day, Strawn schools had raised \$1,500.00 which they sent directly to the Moore Public Schools to help with replacing school materials. Mallory said the school was very appreciative of the donation and immediately sent a thank you note from the superintendent of the Moore Public School system. Considering all the donations the school most likely received, Mallory stated that she was pleasantly surprised that they took the time to write and send a thank you note.

Local Booster Club Gearing Up For Coming Year

After a very successful first year, the Strawn Booster Club is gearing up for the 2013-14 school year. The organization, formed in October 2012, works to boost the experiences of our students in the areas of academics, fine arts, athletics, cheerleading, and the FFA.

To help start the year off right, the Booster Club has purchased and will be donating the following items to Strawn ISD:

- Five document cameras and projectors to be used in the elementary and middle school classrooms that did not already have such equipment.

- The Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade classrooms will each be receiving a big book easel for the storage and display of oversized books that are such a rich part of their literacy programs.

- A portable sound system, along with a projector and movie screen,

will add to the presentation possibilities in classrooms, assemblies, and other public forums.

- A Scantron Scanner will be used in conjunction with a new data program purchased by Strawn ISD. The system will help with tracking

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Doing Good for Others Brings Twice Blessed Success

Twice Blessed Resale Shop, located in downtown Gordon at 115 S. Main Street, has been serving and helping local residents for over eight years and is still going strong!

After the death of Al Weidner, who along with his wife Fran was the longtime owner of Gordon Dry Goods, the Weidner Family decided that the building formerly housing the Dry Goods Store should be used to serve the area communities. Susan Weidner, wife of Al and Fran's son David Weidner, first approached the Gordon Methodist Church with

the idea of opening a resale shop. After deciding that this would be too large of a task for one group, other churches and groups were approached to participate in this project.

Once it was determined that there was enough interest and support in the area communities, a diverse board of directors was elected; incorporation papers were filed with the state and 501c3 non-profit status was obtained. The building was deeded to Twice Blessed and operations began in December 2004.

The store is solely dependent on donations of

goods and money. Donated goods are sold and the proceeds (minus operating costs) are used to help needy individuals and families as well as organizations in the area communities. New donations come in every week, and prices are extremely reasonable (clothing for instance, \$1.) Any items that are donated should be clean, usable and in safe condition. Food items, computer equipment, animals, toys and unsafe items are NOT accepted.

The shop carries men's, women's and children's clothes, household and decorating items (pic-

tures, vases, lamps, floral arrangements, etc.), housewares, small appliances, furniture, books, audio and video equipment, hardware items, purses, jewelry, curtains, bed spreads, small gardening equipment and yard tools.

Area groups that have volunteered their time and energy include: Gordon First Baptist Church, Gordon United Methodist Church, Gordon Church of Christ, Mingus Baptist Church, Santo Baptist Church, Lone Camp Baptist Church, Strawn Baptist Church, Ladies of the

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Twice Blessed Success Story *(continued from page 2)*

Lake and the associated men's group. Volunteers work Friday and Saturday. Additional help is always gladly accepted and needed. Volunteers from Strawn, both individuals and groups, are especially needed to help staff the store!

The shop's Emergency Aid Committee has provided quick aid to individuals with needs such as utility bills, medical bills, auto repair, rent/loan assistance, prescriptions, accidents and prescriptions, just to name a few. Approximately 60 percent of this assistance has gone to Strawn area residents. Ad-

ditionally, Twice Blessed has assisted other area community organizations including six local area Volunteer Fire Departments (in 2006 and 2011), meals for local elderly, area Angel Tree programs, clothing/supplies for local school children, Foster's Home in Stephenville and fire victims in the region. At the end of each season, surplus clothing is gathered and taken to Brownwood, where the Baptist Mission Board takes it to Mexico.

Twice Blessed primarily focuses on helping those in need in southern Palo Pinto County.

People and organizations in and around Strawn, Mingus, Gordon, Santo, Lone Camp and Lake Palo Pinto have been the main recipients of assistance. Assistance from Twice Blessed is intended for short term problems that can be eased with financial aid. A typical case requires several hundred dollars in aid. On average, Twice Blessed assists approximately 40 individuals each year.

Donations can be mailed to: PO Box 293, Gordon, TX 76453. Retail hours are: Friday and Saturday (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Wednesday (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

If you have any questions, please contact Twice Blessed at 254-693-5883 or Shirley Lindsay (Strawn) at 940-659-8023.

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Local Salsa Makers Now Taking Tamale Orders

Orders for delicious tamales prepared by Palo Pinto Challenge are currently being taken through August 9. Call 940-325-7100 or 254-672-5891 to leave your order. The tamales are \$10 per dozen. You may pick up your order on Saturday, August 24, from 10 a.m.-noon at the Palo Pinto Challenge headquarters in Strawn. Earlier in July, the Strawn headquarters was the site of multiple acts of vandalism. The salsa makers group is working hard to offset the unexpected costs related to the vandalism.

Back-to-School Fair Offers Help to PPC Students

Mineral Wells First Baptist Church and community partners will hold a Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at Mineral Wells Junior High School. The fair is open to all Palo Pinto County students and will feature free school supplies, free sports physicals, a vendor fair, and blood drive. Students must be present to receive supplies.

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Strawn Student School Supply Donations Now Accepted at Texas Cafe

Texas Café is currently accepting donations of school supplies for Strawn students. You may leave donations in a drop box inside the café, which is located across from the post office. Donors will receive 10 percent off a meal for any school supply item they contribute through August 23. Owners Kelly and Abby Scott encourage everyone to support Strawn's youth.

Martial Arts Academy Students Win Big at Tournament

Roy and Janette Kurban celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Strawn Martial Arts Academy by taking nine students to their first martial arts tournament. The nine students captured seventeen awards in fighting and form competitions. Congratulations to all competitors and their families for a job well done!

The Strawn martial artists are now training for the Fort Worth International Taekwondo Championships at the Tarrant County Convention Center. Over one thousand athletes will participate under Olympic rules.



Photo courtesy Microplex News
Back Row (left to right): David Day, Dan Bell, Stephen Nowak, Instructor Grandmaster Roy Kurban, Lacey Day, Kevin West. Front Row (left to right): Austin Dekeyser, Tanner Hodgkins, Krece Nowak and Cassidy Nowak

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**Exhibition at the Old Jail Museum,
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August 1 - August 28**

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**99th De Leon Peach and Melon
Festival & Tractor Pull,
August 6 -10**

Carnival, Food Booths, and Vendors open all week starting at 5 p.m. Parade, August 7 at 7 p.m.; Tractor Pull, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. For a schedule of all events, visit <http://www.peachand-melonfestival.com>

**“Always...Patsy Cline”
Albany Aztec Theater**

Featuring the Albany Mainstreet Players with original cast members Lorna Ayers as Patsy Cline and Pam Davis as Louise. Six performances are planned, including two Sunday matinees.

Show Times: Thursday & Friday, August 8 & 9, at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday & Saturday, August 15 & 17, at 7:30 p.m.; Matinees: Sunday, August 11 & 18, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets on sale at the Albany Chamber of Commerce office. 2 Railroad St. Ticket Office hours are 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1- 4 p.m. Tuesdays through

Fridays. Call 325-762-2525 for more information.

**Night Out at the Opera House featuring
Alice in Wonderland
Saturday, August 17, at the W.K. Gordon
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**Palo Pinto County Livestock Assoc.
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August 7, 14, 21, and 28**

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If you know in advance of an event taking place that you would like to see listed in Area Happenings, please give us a call at 254-595-0197. Thank you.

Booster Club Gearing Up For New Year *(continued from page 1)*

performance and preparing students for state mandated testing. Additional funds have been set aside for scholarship programs and for the purchase and construction of a basic UIL set for the Theater Arts program. The next step for the Strawn Booster Club is the Fall Membership

Drive, which will soon be underway. Watch for more details and be ready to join in. The more participation and support the organization has, the more it can do for our kids!

Operation Kid Safe

Ram Country dealership in Mineral Wells is currently sponsoring Operation Kid safe. This program provides fingerprinting and a photo ID of children, which are then given to parents for safekeeping. Call 940-654-3120 for more information.



AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
Aug 5	Greyhound Football Practice Begins		Greyhound Stadium
Aug 6	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	Noon	Mary's Cafe
Aug 7-9	Mini-Cheer Camp	9-11 AM	Strawn ISD Gymnasium
Aug 9	Mini-Cheer Camp Performance	11:30 AM	Strawn ISD Gymnasium
Aug 12	Palo Pinto County Commissioners Court	9 AM	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
Aug 12	Development Corporation of Strawn	6 PM	Strawn City Hall
Aug 12	Strawn City Council Meeting	7 PM	Strawn City Hall
Aug 13	C.A.R.E. Board Meeting	5:30 PM	Mingus C.A.R.E Headquarters
Aug 13	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	Noon	Mary's Cafe
Aug 17	Historical Museum Annual Mbrship Mtg.	2 PM	Strawn City Hall
Aug 17	Football Scrimmage	TBA	Dallas
Aug 19	Strawn ISD Board Meeting (public hearing on budget/proposed tax rate)	7:00 PM	Strawn ISD Administration Bldg.
Aug 20	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	Noon	Mary's Cafe
Aug 20	Booster Club Meeting	7 PM	Strawn ISD Cafeteria
Aug 24	Football Scrimmage	TBA	TBA
Aug 26	First Day of School		Strawn ISD
Aug 26	Palo Pinto County Commissioners Court	9 AM	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
Aug 27	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	Noon	Mary's Cafe
Aug 31	Hico Six-Man Super Saturday (Strawn vs Ira)	3 PM	Hico Stadium

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