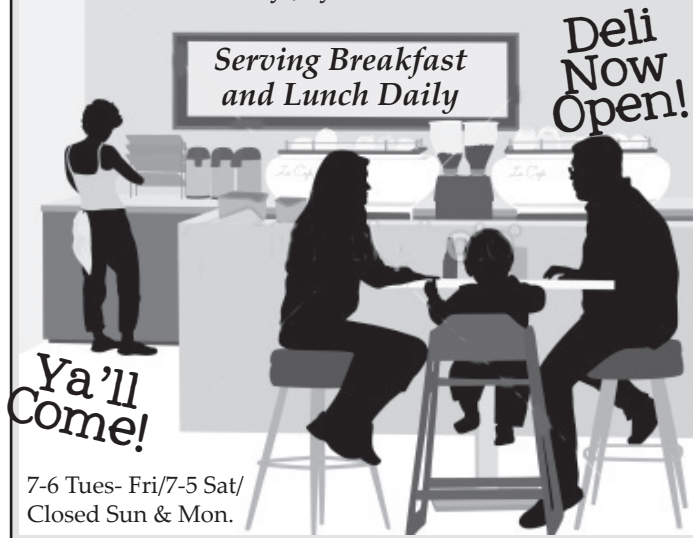


# Country Dollar Store

109 West Housley St.  
Downtown Strawn Behind Bank

- Fresh Sliced Deli Meats & Cheeses
- Grocery Items/Soups & Salads
- Complete Line of Cleaning Products
- Healthy & Beauty Aids
- Greeting Cards, Party Items & Balloons
- Mosaics by Joy Harris



7-6 Tues- Fri/7-5 Sat/  
Closed Sun & Mon.

Texas Drinking Water Systems  
of Weatherford



*We Fix Water*

Reverse Osmosis  
Remove Iron &/or Rotten Egg Smell  
Water Softeners & Conditioners  
Tanks & Pumps  
Bottleless Water Coolers

Sales • Service • Rentals

817-598-0626

[www.txdrinkingwater.com](http://www.txdrinkingwater.com)

# The Strawn Advocate

*The Community's Local News Source*

TAKE ONE  
IT'S FREE

VOL. 1. ISSUE 8

JULY 2013

## Taste Appeal is Hallmark of Strawn's Newest Biz

(From Microplex News)

On June 14 the Strawn Chamber of Commerce held their first official ribbon cutting at the Texas Café. The Texas Café, owned by Kelly and Abby Scott, is located at 120 Houston Street across from the post office in Strawn. The café is family owned and operated, with sons Sean and Harrison, Sean's wife Mercedes, and daughter Jessica Gallo-way all helping out. The cafe will be open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day except Tuesday through the summer.

Hours and days of operation will be adjusted after school starts. Serving breakfast and lunch

with daily plate lunch specials, the cafe also has a variety of donuts and other fresh made pastries available each morning. Although at this time they are not open during the evening hours, they welcome reservations for private group dinners. For reservations, call 254-672-5558. They plan for their private party meals to rival those nicer restaurants you have to drive out of town to visit. The Scotts want to thank the Strawn Development Corporation for their help in opening for business.



Photo courtesy Microplex News  
Pictured above are Terry Lee, Jeff Hinkson, Abby Scott, Kelly Scott, Mercedes Scott, Sean Scott holding Payton, Harrison Scott, Adrian Corbin, Georgia Braun, Jessica Braun, and Jeanine Caraway at the June 14 Chamber of Commerce official ribbon cutting for the newly opened Texas Café..

## C.A.R.E. Assists With Granbury Disaster Relief Effort

On May 16 a team of local Community Animal Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E.) volunteers deployed to Granbury to assist with disaster relief efforts involving displaced and injured animals from the tornado that hit Hood County.

C.A.R.E. was contacted to assist, along with other area

organizations known to have experience with handling animals, including those which are aggressive. The area hardest hit by the tornado was a housing area known to have numerous Pit Bulls.

Strawn resident Peggy McQueary noted that C.A.R.E. gained a great

deal of experience learning the techniques of First Responding. These included setting up a warehouse or housing area to intake rescues, planning and coordinating, receiving donated items, and controlling large volumes of victims searching for their pets. Several days later, C.A.R.E.

was called again to deploy to Moore, Oklahoma after the area was hit by an F-5 Tornado. Once they arrived at the Animal Resource Center in Moore, the team was immediately briefed and began volunteering. They were placed in the animal handling

(continued on page 5)

This space intentionally left blank  
to accomodate mailing info

W. H. HINKSON  
RANCH  
Proud of the Strawn  
Chamber of Commerce

1st We Support  
Strawn!  
First National Bank  
of Albany/Breckenridge

CRAWFORD  
RANCH  
Proud to be Strawn  
Chamber of Commerce  
Supporters!

SUPPORT  
STRAWN'S FUTURE  
Join the Chamber  
Next Meeting in the Fall  
All are Welcome

## Strawn Chamber Turns Spotlight on Machacek Bakery



Goodies on display in Machacek Bakery

Co-owners Tina Thomas and Tammie Schraeder opened Machacek Bakery & Market in October 2010. They like to refer to their store as “an old style grocery store and eatery with down home country style cooking and hospitality.” According to their mission statement, they want to “share our gift of quality homemade baked goods for you, your family and friends to enjoy.”

Named after Thomas’ grandparents, who are Czech, the owners wanted to open their own bakery to recreate the wonderful kolaches made by Thomas’ grandmother. Proud to

be 4th generation Texan Czech’s, they refer to themselves as the “bakery with the funny name” and suggest that people remember how to pronounce it by thinking of “ma-hot-check.”

Thomas and Schraeder are also proud of the history behind the grocery store formerly known as Lovera’s. Built in the 1920s, they like to point out features such as the antique meat locker built in 1928, the antique cutting table where they cut their own meats with an old meat cutting saw. They also use an antique scale that is over

(continued on page 7)

## Chamber Spotlight on Machacek Bakery *(continued from page 2)*

100 years old and which Tina remarks “works better than digital!”

All of their bakery items are handmade from scratch, using only fresh quality premium ingredients. Authentic Czech kolaches, cinnamon rolls, scones, biscotti, bread, cookies, and more can be found in their bakery case. Their most popular dessert is Chess Pie Bars, including German chocolate, turtle top, and the original bar. Special occasion cakes are also available.

In 2011, Thomas and Schraeder gained widespread exposure when Machacek Bakery was fea-

tured on the “Foodcrafters” baking episode of The Cooking Channel. Appearing January 25 and July 11 in two episodes, they were selected due to their reputation for unique and high quality baked goods.

Along with their delicious baked goods, Machaceks offers hand cut meats, fresh deli meats and cheeses, fresh produce and dairy, and other groceries. In addition, they offer a light sandwich shoppe menu and Hunt Brothers Pizza. They proudly advertise their “darn good burgers” as the best in town, made the ole’ diner way.

Recently, they have added

new menu items featuring sandwiches which all come on homemade buns and breads and have meats cured and prepared in house. Sandwich offerings include a Reuben with homemade sauerkraut and rye bread, Roast Beef on homemade hoagie buns, a Gone Hog Wild sandwich with slow cooked pulled pork, a variety of Hot Dawg platters, Chopped Sirloin Burger platters featuring fresh ground patties, and a Bacon Avocado Turkey Burger. You can dine in or take menu items to go. They will take your order over the phone and have it ready to go when you need it.

Located at 300 Grant Avenue in Strawn, hours of operation are 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday. The grill is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.-5:45 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.. Call 254-672-5372, email tthomas@machacekbakery.com or visit their website at www.machacekbakery.com to learn more. On July 20, they are having a special Taste of Machacek Bakery Day. Tina and Tammy invite the community and visitors to stop by and “Czech” out their store--taste what has arrived in Strawn!

### STEWART TANK COMPANY & OILFIELD SUPPLY, INC.



402 W Walnut St. – P O Box 158  
Strawn, Texas 76475  
254-672-5102 office/254-672-5122 fax  
Ricky & Lou Jones, Owners

## The Strawn Advocate

Published Monthly by the  
Strawn Chamber of Commerce

#### News Stories and Info:

Contact Diana Hinkson at 254-672-5281  
Email: dianahinkson476@msn.com

#### Advertising:

Contact Kim Garland at 940-328-5451  
Email: kimila77@hotmail.com

#### Chamber Info:

Contact Jeanine Caraway: 254-672-5347  
Email: jeaninecaraway@aol.com

### TREY'S CONSTRUCTION, INC

*Metal Building  
Specialist*

SERVING STRAWN, PALO PINTO COUNTY  
AND MOST OF TEXAS

20 YEARS OF QUALITY SERVICE

TREY HODGKINS, OWNER  
PHONE: 817-999-5071  
EMAIL: TREYHODGKINS@YAHOO.COM

## Machacek Bakery & Market

New Sandwiches  
Dawg Platters  
Fresh Chopped Sirloin  
Burger Platters

*Czech Us Out!*

You are cordially invited to join us on July 20 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a New Menu Taste Testing. We will be serving samples of all of our new menu items which are all made with our own in-house prepared meats, homemade hand cut fries, homemade chips & homemade buns & breads. ***So come Czech us out!!***

#### Store hours:

Mon - Fri 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sat - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### Food service hours:

Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

300 Grant Avenue,  
254-672-5372

Strawn, Texas

# City Releases Update on Recent Water Issues

According to City Secretary Danny Miller, the blockage in the water line was found on June 20. It was located approximately ¼ mile west of Park Superintendent John Ferguson's living quarters on the lake road. The blockage was due primarily to a large fish and several smaller fish as well as a rock about the size of a man's fist. The water line was then flushed for about 6 hours through a 10" T connector just west of the water treatment plant. The 10" line was brought back into use Friday, June 21, around 12 noon. The city has been using that line since then and everything is almost back to normal. In the upcoming weeks, the city crew will address maintenance issues at the plant regarding the high service pumps and an automated control valve. The valves that were installed on the 10" line are actually 2" valves that were used in the troubleshooting process; however, these are not big enough to be good flush valves. At this time, the city does not have enough money to install 10" flush valves; therefore, this issue will have to be addressed in the future. The city now has a completely functional 6" back up line with an electric pump for emergency use. This line will be maintained and kept operational in case the city encounters a blockage in the future.

## Successful Booster Club Fundraiser *(continued from page 3)*

Johnson, Gage Johnson, Mike Lundstrom, and Russell Griffin) captured the overall team championship behind the sharp shooting skills of Griffin, who shot a 77 out of a possible 80 clays to win the day's "Top Shot" award. Genny Warren of Grapevine took home the prize of "Ladies' Top Shot." Booster Club Academic Chairperson Tamara Alison added "We are extremely grateful for all of the support we received from our sponsors, our volunteers, and the event attendees. We feel like the event was a big success and are already looking forward to next year's Clay Shoot. We are planning some improvements and additions, so we expect it to be even bigger and better." Alison further noted, "What we do is for the students; the real 'Big Winners' here are our kids!"

# Booster Club's First Clay Shoot Deemed a Big Success

The Strawn Booster Club announced today that they raised \$20,000 at their First Annual Clay Shoot Tournament. The event was held June 8 at the Dodson Prairie Shooting Range located on the J. O. Cox Ranch north of Strawn. Board member Trey Hodgkins stated that "The tremendous response and participation we received from both the shooters and the community was just so awesome! That type of support is so important for our success and is greatly appreciated." Hodgkins further noted that "The funds raised from this event will allow us to expand our efforts in supporting the school to educate our students and will give us a head start with our first full year of projects in the fall." The Title Sponsors for the event were Blake Fullenwider Car Dealership (of Eastland), Cowgirls' Flower Shack, and First National Bank of Albany (Strawn Branch). Booster Club President Alan Alison commented, "This is a great organization that provides a valuable service to our community. We are grateful for the response and participation from our sponsors and community leaders." According to Alison, "The Booster Club can play such a vital role in our school; we have so many exciting projects and really want to get more folks involved." The impressive amount of funds raised by this event were largely due to the efforts of a small group of dedicated, local volunteers and generous business partners including Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, Mary's Cafe, Stewart Tank Company, Trey's Construction, Fullen Motor Company, Nunez Tire Shop, Greyhound Pak-A-Sac, Guest Ranch, Whitley Steel, Inc., Phil Luker State Farm Insurance, Ranger Hill CB Shop, Robert Ray Construction, Nowak Lawn Care & Dirt Work, Stowe Ford, Wash Down USA, Golden Oak of DeLeon, Comanche National Bank (Mingus Branch), Stephen's Ranch Partnership, Faithful Companions, Crawford Bros. Ranch, Strawn Chamber of Commerce, WH Hinkson Ranch, Fred Garrison Oil, Lil' Jo's Big Game Hunts, Walt Harris and Allen Smith. The tournament's over 100 shooters enjoyed an afternoon of clay shooting, a BBQ dinner, and a cold beer while listening to local country music legend Shane Mallory. The Blake Fullenwider team (Brad *(continued on page 6)*

**Greyhound Pac-A-Sac**

202 S. Front St. • Strawn, Texas

Sun-Thurs 5:00 am - 10:00 pm  
Fri & Sat 5:00 am - Midnight

254-672-5986

Week Day Lunch Specials  
Grill Open 5 am - 8 pm Daily  
Hunting-Fishing Licenses  
Deer Corn • Gas • Groceries

**MISSING:**  
35 brown metal folding chairs  
belonging to Strawn ISD  
PLEASE RETURN TO:  
Bill Williams at Strawn ISD

**Millsap Small Engine**  
ATVs – Mowers – Generators – Welders  
Service repair on all  
lawn & garden equipment  
  
817-599-5296  
940-683-4724  
millsapsmallengine@yahoo.com

Grandmaster Roy Kurban




- 8th Dan Black Belt
- Taekwondo

**STRAWN  
MARTIAL ARTS  
ACADEMY**

**817-266-0877**

117 CENTRAL AVE.  
STRAWN, TEXAS

[www.RoyKurban.com](http://www.RoyKurban.com)

**KURBAN**

**CHIROPRACTIC  
& ACUPUNCTURE**

JANETTE A. KURBAN, D.C., FASA

Located in the  
Strawn Wellness Center  
119 Central Ave.  
Strawn, Texas 76475  
817-266-5558

# Area Happenings

## Exhibition at the Old Jail Museum, Palo Pinto “The Bill of Rights” July 1 - July 29

Produced by the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and organized by Humanities Texas, this compelling presentation surveys the American Bill of Rights along with other important amendments to the Constitution that changed the course of American history,. The Old Jail Museum is open 10 am through 3 pm, Thursday through Saturday. For information about group times, contact Anne Reagan at 940-659-2555.

## Possum Kingdom Chamber of Commerce Presents Fireworks at Hell’s Gate Saturday, July 6

View the firework show by boat on the water or enjoy watching the show from the YMCA Camp Grady Spruce - located at the end of Park Road 36. Fireworks, entertainment, kids activities, concessions and lots of fun. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blanket and you can also bring your own picnic. The YMCA gate will open @ 6:30 p.m. and will close at 8:45 p.m. (no exceptions). Entry fee is \$5 per person - ages 3 and under are free. Alcoholic beverages and pets are strictly prohibited- YMCA camp area will not be accessible by boat. Premium/private seating available at the YMCA camp; call 940-779-2424 for pricing, locations and availability.

## Buckets and Boots Concert Rocker B Ranch, Graford, Texas Saturday, July 13

The third annual Buckets and Boots Fundraiser will feature Willie Robertson, CEO of Commander Duck Calls and star of the A&E television show “Duck Dynasty,” as master of ceremonies. The preliminary line-up includes a headline appearance by country artist Tracy Lawrence, Burleson native, the Casey Donahew Band and Turnpike Troubadours. A surprise Texas country performer will be announced July 5 as an addition to the line-up.

Tickets are \$25 and are available in Mineral Wells at the Area Chamber of Commerce or First Financial Bank, at Possum Kingdom Chamber of Commerce, and Lake Country Sun. Proceeds are awarded through a grant process to local volunteer fire departments. In the past the grants have played a key role in purchasing six new fire engines for local departments and aided in the repair of existing equipment and the purchase of new equipment. The foundation has announced that a portion of this year’s event will directly benefit the West, Texas, Volunteer Fire Department that was devastated last month when a fertilizer plant exploded in the small Texas town. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 817-984-8532 or visit [www.bucketsandboots.org](http://www.bucketsandboots.org).

## A Taste of Palo Pinto County Holiday Hills Country Club, 4801 Hwy 180 E., Mineral Wells July 15, 6 p.m.

Sample foods from the area’s best restaurants and caterers. Tickets are \$40.00 Proceeds to benefit the Mineral Wells Senior Center. For more information, contact the Mineral Wells Senior Center at 940-328-3742.

## Palo Pinto County Livestock Assoc. Regular Meeting July 25, 7-8 PM Expo Building, Mineral Wells

## C.A.R.E. Garage Sale Saturday, July 27 Ricky and Diane Andreatta’s home in Mingus, (The red brick house located on the road behind the Trio.)

Donated articles may be dropped off at C.A.R.E headquarters in Mingus or at the Andreatta home. For more information, call 254-631-6937

*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.*

# C.A.R.E. Assists With Disaster Relief Effort *(continued from page 1)*

area, dealing mainly with aggressive kenneled animals. In addition, they were asked to intake, help with donations, and assist victims searching for their lost pets and reuniting them. According to Peggy McQueary, “It was an amazing experience none of us will ever forget.”

Due to these experiences, C.A.R.E. is researching emergency preparedness for animals in Palo Pinto County. They are formulating plans to register animals by having clinics to microchip animals for identification in case of a local emergency or disaster. Microchipping will also help daily animal rescue operations. McQueary re-

marked that “The quicker C.A.R.E. can identify the owners of an animal, the greater the success rate of returning it home.” To help meet these goals, Dr. Kelly Bruner has donated microchip detectors to C.A.R.E. and the Palo Pinto Humane Society.

McQueary noted that C.A.R.E.’s involvement with the disaster relief would not have been possible without the participation and support from our own communities. C.A.R.E. received donations from Stephens Ranch and Terry Lee, along with other donations which exceeded \$1400. These donations covered the volunteers’ expenses, mainly

fuel for the C.A.R.E. bus. The C.A.R.E. volunteers involved in responding were: Jack and Mary Martin, Leanne Wells, Terry Lee, Mary Harmony, Kevin Williams, Ricky Andreatta and Peggy McQueary. Numerous other volunteers worked to maintain the daily opera-

tions of C.A.R.E. in our communities during the two deployments. Below is the team of volunteers that responded to the disasters. To view photos of the team of volunteers that responded to the disaster, visit the C.A.R.E. website at [www.care4rescue.com](http://www.care4rescue.com).



# JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
July 8	PPC Commissioners Court Meeting	9 AM	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
July 8	Development Corp. of Strawn Meeting	6 PM	Strawn City Hall
July 8	Strawn City Council Meeting	7 PM	Strawn City Hall
July 9	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	Noon	Mary’s Cafe
July 9	Strawn Historical Museum Meeting	6:30 PM	Strawn City Hall
July 12	C.A.R.E Board Meeting	5:30 PM	Mingus C.A.R.E Headquarters
July 12	Desdemona Senior Dance	7-9:30 PM	Desdemona Community Center
July 15	Strawn ISD Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Strawn ISD Administration Bldg.
July 16	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	Noon	Mary’s Cafe
July 20	Taste of Machacek Bakery Day	11 am to 2 pm	Machacek Bakery
July 22	PPC Commissioners Court Meeting	9 AM	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
July 23	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	Noon	Mary’s Cafe
July 27	C.A.R.E Garage Sale	All Day	Andreatta Home in Mingus
July 30	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	Noon	Mary’s Cafe

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