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Strawn ISD Booster Club Drive Underway

The newly formed Strawn ISD Booster Club is seeking to boost its membership enrollment by encouraging everyone in the community to join. Dues are \$5 per person or \$10 per household.

According to Tamara Alison, Strawn Booster Club Academic Chair, not all members will be able to contribute in the same ways, but the most important way is by joining. Alison suggested the following ways that Booster Club members could help:

1) Come to meetings to share ideas, perspectives, and help with planning and decision-making.

2) Volunteer to be at school events and fund raisers as a worker/helper.

3) Volunteer to make or provide needed items/services for school events and fund raisers.

4) Give the \$5 or \$10 membership fee to add to operating funds. Having money in the bank helps us accomplish goals and provide needed things for

our school; it also shows the school's sustainability when seeking grant monies.

Adding another name to the membership roll helps Strawn ISD to show the level of support that we can "muster" in our community, and that goes a long way in getting more support from sources outside the community, such as business sponsorships and grants.

Alison adds, "for those 'potential members' who say they can't join because of their work schedule or whatever, we DO still need them! Paying a membership fee is a valuable contribution, even if it is all they can give at this point. Together we can do so much more!"

The next meeting is March 19 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Booster club membership cards can be picked up in the school office. Contact Alan Alison at 940-654-0455 or by email at alan.alison@pga.com for more information.

**Join The Strawn
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NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 21ST at 6:30 PM
AT THE GUEST CHAPEL

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Strawn ISD Board Votes to Move Forward With Bond Election

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At the monthly meeting on February 18, the Strawn ISD School Board voted to call for a bond election and hired an architect and construction manager in case the bond issue passes. The bond money would be used to fund a new school.

Hired as architect is Andrew Hawkins of Hawkins Architecture, Inc. Del

Ware out of Marble Falls was hired as construction manager. Del Ware comes with an extensive background in renovating and building schools in Texas, and the two companies have worked together on many projects. Both Hawkins and Ware were at the meeting

Monday night.

Strawn qualifies for a \$5 million loan. Andrew Hawkins and Del Ware presented plans and felt sure they could build Strawn a new school within that budget. The cost of hiring Hawkins and Ware will be paid out of the funds from the sale of

the bonds. If voters vote no on the bond election, there will be no charge from Hawkins and Ware to the school.

It was explained that the architecture firm and construction manager are not services the school can put out for bids. Each seg-

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New Office in the Works for Strawn Chamber of Commerce

The Strawn Chamber of Commerce will soon have an official home! First National Bank of Albany/Breckenridge-Strawn Branch has donated the use of an office that is currently being renovated and will soon be the Chamber's new official location. The of-

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Lady Hounds Win Quarterfinal Championship



Congratulations to the Lady Hounds for a very successful season! In the Conference 1A Division 2 playoffs, they won the Area championship by defeating Milford 80-39 and then became the Regional Quarterfinals champions by defeating Frost 65-48. They advanced to the Regional Semifinal playoffs, losing to Saltillo 45-27.

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Area Happenings

Community Days at W.K Gordon Center

Area citizens can celebrate local history this March by exploring the history and culture of Thurber. There will be *free admission* to the W.K. Gordon Center for residents on the following weekends in March:

March 9-10:

Mingus Days

March 15-16:

Gordon Days

March 23-24:

Strawn Days

The W.K. Gordon Center weekend hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. To find out more about the center please visit the website at the address below or contact the center by emailing giffin@tarleton.edu or calling 254-968-1886.

For more info visit the W.K. Gordon Center online
www.tarleton.edu/gordoncenter

Plant sale sponsored by Stephenville Museum

Vendors will be offering native and adapted plants, herbs, vegetables, arts & crafts, and more on the grounds of the beautiful Stephenville Museum. There will also be informative speakers and concessions.

When: Saturday, April 13, 2013, 9:00 AM

Where: Stephenville Museum Grounds

Event Sponsor: Stephenville Museum


Web Link: www.stephenvillemuseum.org

Directions - 525 E Washington Street, Stephenville
More Information - Vendor space is FREE; contact Russell at 254-968-9761 if interested. Admission is free to the public...9 AM to 3 PM. Bring your carts and wagons!

Local Artists on Display at Pk Chamber

A Fine Art Exhibit at Possum Kingdom Lake begins Saturday, April 13, and extends through Sunday, April 21. Come see local artists showing their finest artwork, including oils, watercolor, pastels, acrylic and much more.

The exhibit will be held at the Possum Kingdom Chamber of Commerce building, which is located at 362 N. FM 2353 in Graford, Texas. Admission is FREE, and the exhibit is open to everyone!



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C.A.R.E Sponsors 5K Run to Help Area Rescue Effort

Community Animal Rescue Effort (C.A.R.E.), sponsored by the Mill-sap Vet Clinic, will hold a 5K/10K and One Mile Fun Run on April 13, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. starting at the Gordon ISD. The race course will be along Dairy Farm Road. There will be goody bags for all registered participants. Children and dogs are welcome to accompany their parent/ person in the One Mile Fun Run. T-Shirts, finisher medals and CASH PRIZES for the top male and female overall and masters finishers will be awarded in the 5K/10K (no cash prizes will be given to anyone under 18 years of age). Certificates will be given to the top finishers in the 5K/10K age group categories. Registration is available online at Active.Com or go to www.care4rescue.com to download a printable version of the registration form. Proceeds from “Run 4 the Rescue” will be used to feed, shelter and provide medical care to animals that have been abused, neglected and often dumped in our rural area and to open a low cost spay/neuter clinic at C.A.R.E’s Mingo headquarters. For additional information please call 254-631-6937 or 254-672-5347.

“Run 4 the Rescue” Sponsors T-Shirt Contest for Students

Hey Kids! Would you like your artwork to appear on the 2014 “Run 4 the Rescue” 5K/10K Race T-shirt? How about winning tickets to The Lion King and a free gas card to get there? All you need to do is submit a themed drawing or painting to your Principal’s Office by April 2, 2013. Make sure your art relates to helping, playing with, or rescuing dogs/cats or the activity of running in a race. The T-Shirt Art Contest is open to any registered student of Santo, Gordon, Palo Pinto, Strawn and Ranger ISD. Please check with your school Principal for additional contest rules. Winners will be announced and awards given during the runner’s award ceremony starting at 9:30 am on April 13, 2013 in front of Gordon ISD. One Grand Prize Winner will receive 2 tickets to a fall performance of The Lion King plus a gas card. In addition, if the artwork is suitable, it will be included on the 2014 T-Shirt. Second and Third place winners will receive plaques.

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Chamber To Sell Lunches For County History Driving Tour

The Strawn Chamber will be providing a lunch stop during the Palo Pinto County Historical Driving Tour scheduled for Saturday, April 27. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Pavilion next to City Hall and will include hamburgers, hot dogs, wraps, drinks, and more for sale. More details to come....

Four of the eight stops on the County Historical Tour are located in Strawn, and this will be a great opportunity to showcase the City and

show our hospitality to visitors from around the region. The tour will include the following historical sites: Strawn Presbyterian Church (Guest Chapel), Stuart Estate, Palo Pinto Mountains State Park, Strawn Historical Museum, Palo Pinto Old Jail Museum, Lover’s Retreat, Johnson League Ranch, and the Belding Ranch.

Volunteers are needed to help with the lunch!! If you would like to volunteer, please email contact@strawnchamber.org or call 254-672-5347.

It’s Time to Move Forward...

It’s time to move your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 10, when Daylight Savings Time begins. This is also a good time to review the

medical information in the Vial of Life containers and update any changes. The Vial of Life containers are available at the Country Dollar Store.

New Chamber Office (continued from page 1)

fice, which has its own entrance facing Central Ave., will be housed in the old insurance office next to the Bank. Tentative plans are for the office to be open on Tuesday & Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office will be equipped with WiFi, Computer, printer, fax and copier, which will be available

to Chamber members. The Chamber is looking for volunteers to staff the office. We expect that volunteers will only need to be available one or two days per month. If you would like to volunteer, please email contact@strawnchamber.org or call 254-672-5347. A Chamber Office Grand Opening is tentatively set for April.



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Proposed Strawn ISD Bond Election (continued from Page 1)

ment of the project, however, would be put out for bids.

Interim Superintendent Lane Jackson told the board that the timing is good for doing this kind of project because interest rates are so low. He went on to talk about how good the students are at Strawn ISD. Jackson said “the timing is right; our facilities are lacking and our kids are really, really good.”

Strawn’s schools are not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant; however, unless they remodel, renovate or add any structure, they are grandfathered and do not have to be compliant. Hawkins discussed different problems he had seen with the current school but said that he has seen some in a lot worse shape that were still in operation. If the voters vote no on the bond issue, the

school can still be used as is, and they will be out no cost for the preliminary work the architecture and construction manager will have already done.

A new school would bring added security to students with a principal’s office facing the front entrance to the building. The old gym would be removed to accommodate the new building. It is possible that the final plan could have any or all of the el-

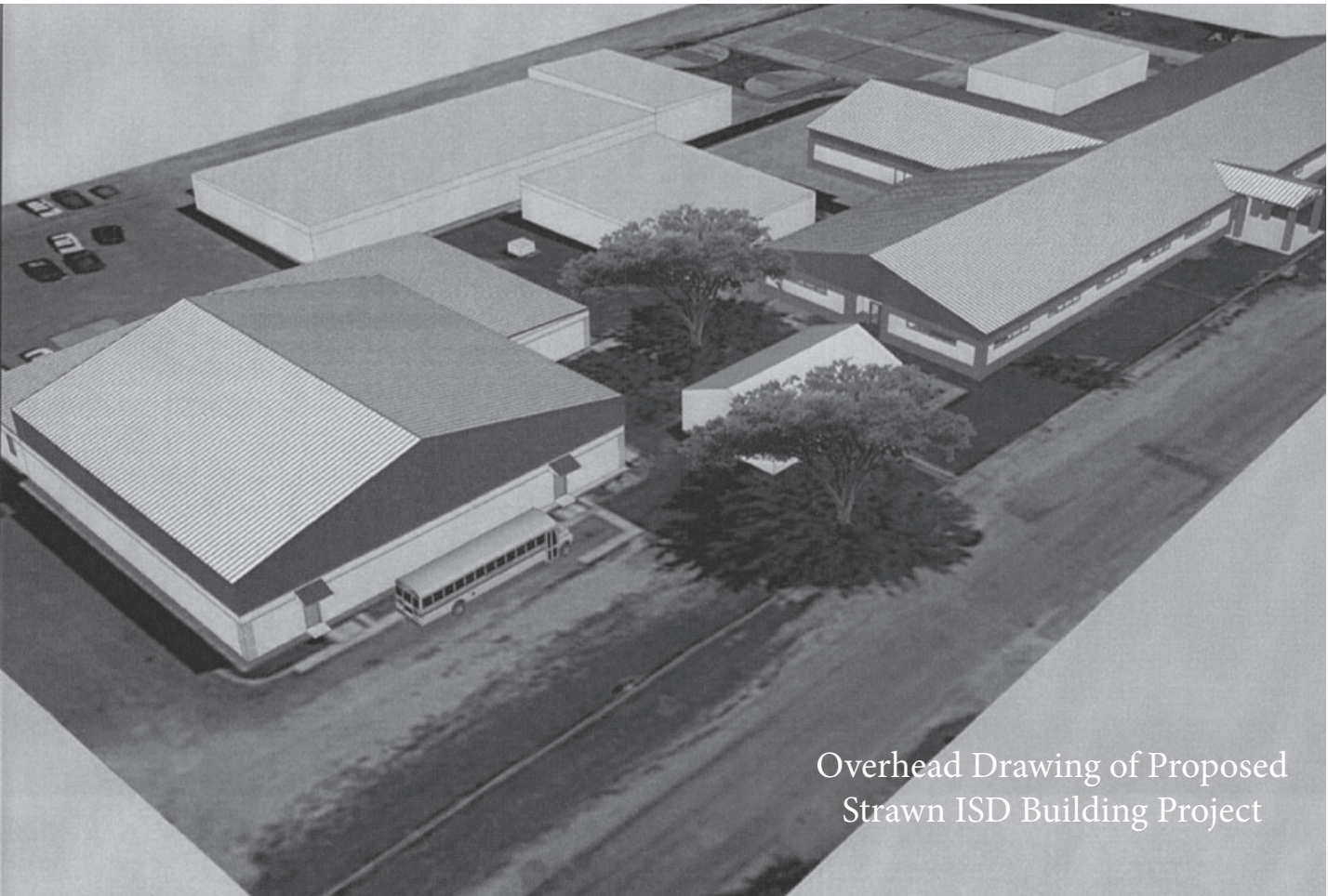
ementary school building, the middle school/high school building and the coach’s office building removed. The plans presented were a very preliminary, with many meetings and discussions to be held in the near future before a final plan would be laid out. If the bond issue passes, the goal would be to have the new school ready for students the beginning of the 2014 school year.

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

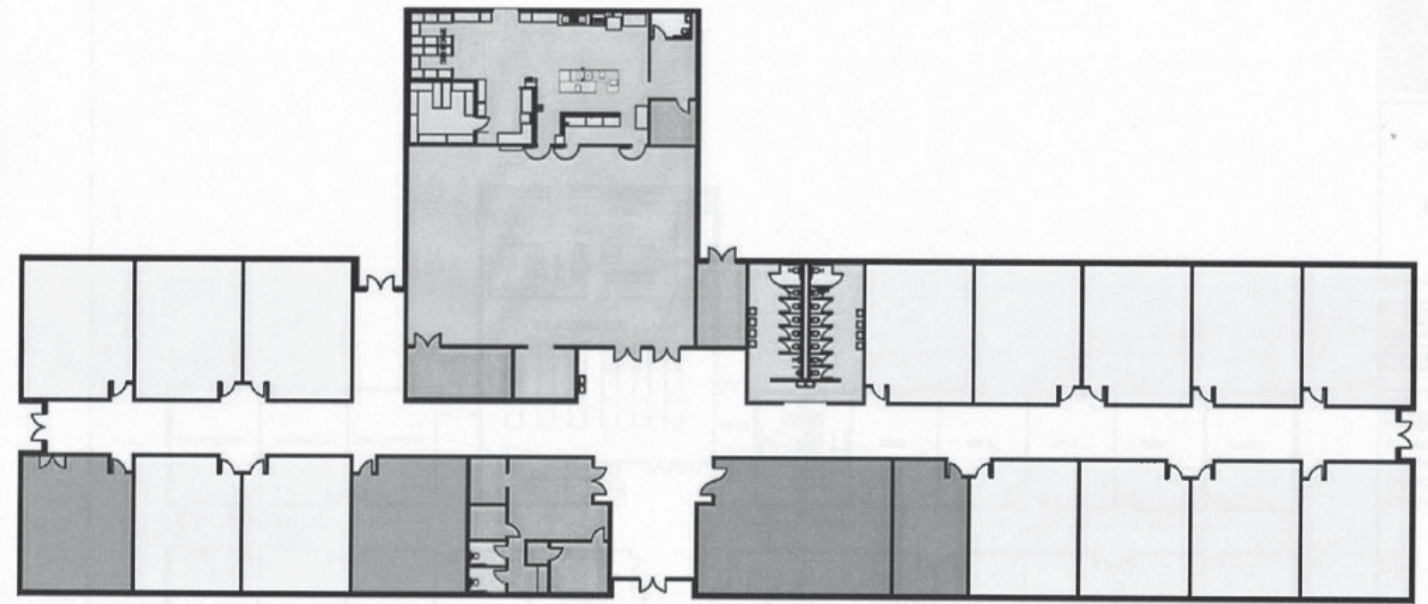
Date	Event	Time	Location
March 5	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	12 Noon	Mary’s Cafe
March 5	HS Junior Varsity Tennis	3:30 PM	Glen Rose
March 7	HS Track Meet	All Day	Gordon ISD Track Field
March 8	HS Varsity Tennis	TBA	Santa Anna ISD
March 8	C.A.R.E. Board Meeting	5:30 PM	Mingus C.A.R.E. Headquarters
March 11-15	Strawn ISD Spring Break		
March 11	P.P.C Commissioners Court Meeting	9 AM	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
March 11`	Development Corp of Strawn Meeting	6 PM	Strawn City Hall
March 11	Strawn City Council Meeting	7 PM	Strawn City Hall
March 12	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	12 Noon	Mary’s Cafe
March 12	Strawn Historical Museum Meeting	6:30 PM	Strawn City Hall
March 18	Junior High Track Meet	After School	Strawn ISD Track Field
March 18	Strawn ISD Board Meeting	7 PM	Strawn ISD Administration Bldg
March 18	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	12 Noon	Mary’s Cafe
March 19	Strawn ISD Booster Club Meeting	6 PM	Strawn ISD School Cafeteria
March 21	HS Track Meet	All Day	Santo ISD Track Field
March 21	Chamber of Commerce Meeting	6:30 PM	Guest Chapel
March 25	JH District Track Meet	After School	Strawn ISD Track Field
March 25	PPC Commissioners Court Meeting	9 AM	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
March 28	HS Track Meet	All Day	May
March 29	Strawn ISD Easter Holiday		

For more information, check the following websites:

<http://www.strawntx.com>
<http://www.strawnschool.net>



Overhead Drawing of Proposed Strawn ISD Building Project



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- RESTROOMS
- CAFETERIA
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- SPECIALTY CLASSROOMS
- LIBRARY
- MECHANICAL

Floorplan for Proposed Strawn ISD Building Project