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School Bond Proposal and Trustee Election to be Held May 11th

Strawn residents are encouraged to cast their ballot in the upcoming election on May 11. Voting will take place from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. at City Hall.

In the school board race, three candidates for Strawn ISD trustee will vie for two at-large seats. According to

the sample ballot, you may “vote for none, one or two” of the following candidates:

- Tina Spakes
- Reese Sparks
- Craig Abbott

Spakes and Abbott currently serve on the board and are seeking reelection. Sparks is challenging the

two incumbents for one of the seats.

Included on the ballot is a proposition for a \$5 million dollar bond issue. The proposition is worded as follows on the sample ballot:

“The issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,000,000

for the construction, renovation, acquisition and equipment of school buildings and the levying of the tax in payment thereof.”

Early voting began on April 29 and continues through Tuesday, May 7, at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed from 12-1).

Strawn's First Bash on the Bricks Festival Deemed a Success

(MicroplexNews.com) The Palo Pinto County Historic and Wildflower Tour was held on Saturday,

April 27. The eight tour stop locations were scattered around the southwest corner of Palo Pinto

County with four stops in Strawn. The newly formed Strawn Chamber of Commerce arranged a visitor

greeting with style. The town rolled out the red carpet with their newly landscaped areas and flags lining Main Street.

A steady stream of traffic moved through Strawn from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Approximately 30 arts, crafts and food vendors set up all around City Hall and the Strawn Museum. The sound of live entertainment and the smell of burgers cooking on the grill wafted through the crowd. On a day with perfect temperatures for such an event, people stopped, shopped, strolled and visited, easily finding seats in many of the shady spots in



Approximately 30 arts, crafts and food vendors set up around Strawn City Hall and the museum during the first annual Bash on the Bricks Festival held in April in conjunction with the Palo Pinto County Historic and Wildflower Tour. (photo courtesy Microplex News)

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Strawn's Downtown Area Gets Spruced Up For Spring

Much like when the in-law's come to visit and the house finally gets that thorough cleaning, downtown Strawn got a good sprucing up prior to The Bash On the Bricks Festival.

The City of Strawn, the Development Corporation of Strawn and the Strawn Chamber partnered in coordinating and purchasing materials to landscape the south end of downtown between the two main railroad crossings.

The Chamber met with and presented plans to the TXDOT representative in early April and also obtained approval and

the backing of the City and the DCOS. A project that normally would take months to obtain approval and implement was expedited and within four days, downtown Strawn had new landscaping.

The project consisted of laying a new curb from the Hwy 16 railroad crossing to the Lincoln Avenue railroad crossing. Additionally, the corner lot next to Ancient Art Soap Company was also landscaped. The cream colored blocks were donated by Texas Building Products. The new landscaping included three rows of large native yucca, red yucca, yellow variegated yucca

and lantana. In total, over 170 new, heat/drought tolerant plants were installed. To keep maintenance at a minimum, weed block material and decomposed granite covered the area and a drip irrigation system was installed.

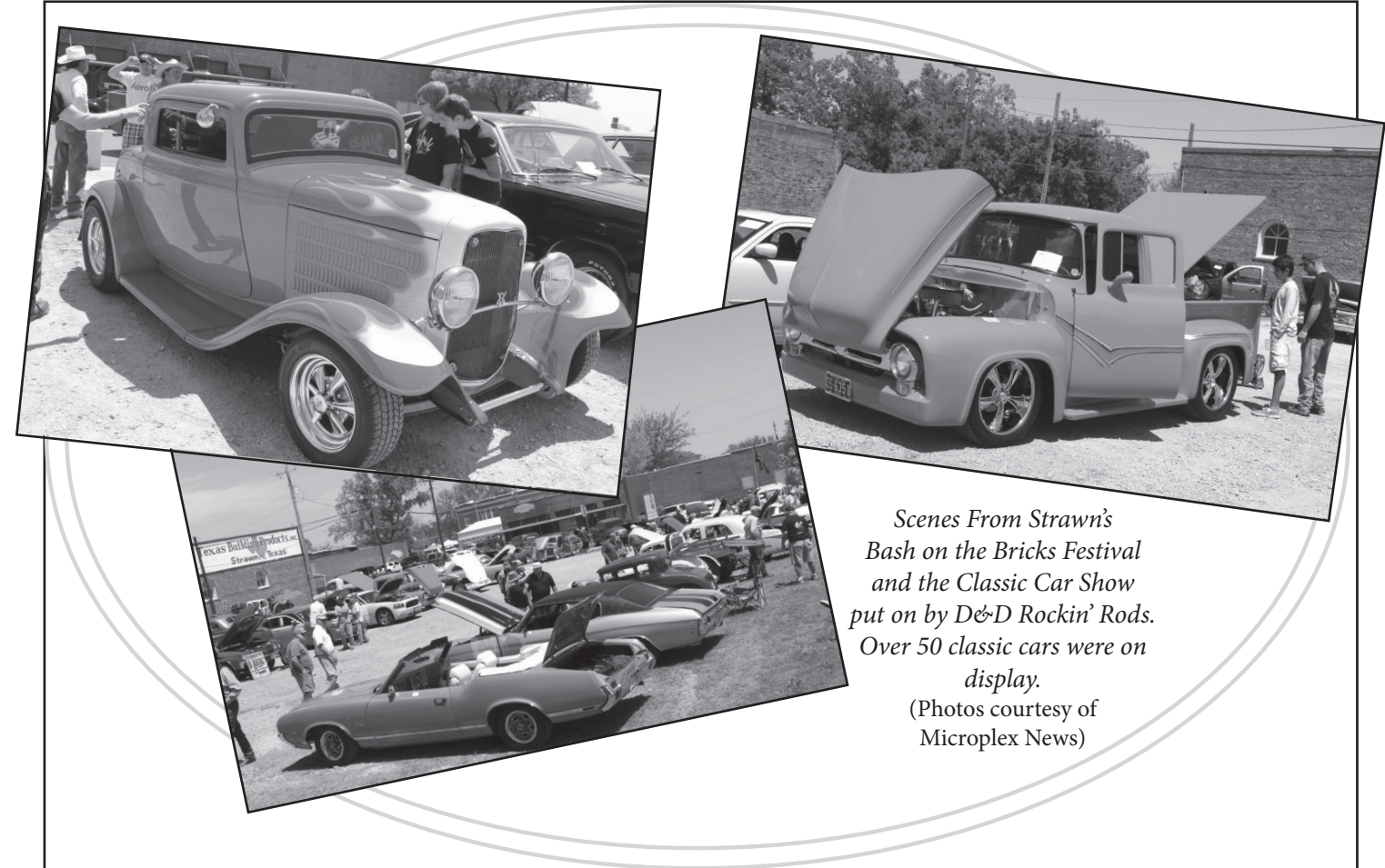
A big "Thank You" goes out to the City of Strawn crew, State Park employees and several local residents for all the hard work, to the TXDOT Staff for ex-

pediting the approval process, to Lowe's (Weatherford) for a huge discount on supplies and plants, to Texas Building Products for donating the blocks, and to John Sizemore for power washing all the downtown sidewalks and the pavilion.

If you see these folks around town, be sure to commend them for their efforts. They all deserve a big round of applause!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

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Scenes From Strawn's Bash on the Bricks Festival and the Classic Car Show put on by D&D Rockin' Rods. Over 50 classic cars were on display.

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Good Turnout Reported For State Park’s First Star Party

Park Superintendent John Ferguson reported that over 130 people showed up for the Star Gazing Party on April 6 at Palo Pinto Mountains State Park just outside of Strawn. Close to 50 telescopes were set up for viewing the stars. In addition to the general public, members of astronomy clubs also attended the event.

Barbeque sandwiches were served, t-shirts were raffled off, and star wheels

were handed out to those in attendance. John Ferguson gave an introduction to the new state park and what to expect in the future.

Astronomers from the Metroplex are attracted to the State Park because Strawn’s night skies are not polluted with light as the more densely populated areas like Dallas and Ft. Worth. Another star party is planned for later this year.



Chamber, Council & Volunteers Join Together To Beautify Strawn

Thanks to a group of enthusiastic and energetic volunteers, downtown Strawn has a new look these days.

On Saturday, April 6, members of the First Baptist Church Youth Group, along with other community volunteers, came together to clean up the four blocks of downtown. Volunteers placed 30 landscaped planters throughout the downtown area, cleaned windows, painted benches and cleaned sidewalks. The Development Corporation of Strawn (DCOS) and City of Strawn partnered to purchase new concrete planters and landscaping, and the Chamber coordinated the efforts and provided lunch to the volunteers.

This effort coincided with the Don’t Mess with Texas Trash-Off annual event, which encourages Texans across the state to join forces to clean up Texas roadsides. It is the single largest one day clean-up event in the state.

We hope everyone will take pride in the new landscaping, cleaner downtown and the great “can do” spirit that Texans are known for. Thank you to everyone who volunteered!



First Baptist Church Youth Group members, along with other volunteers came together to clean up the four blocks of the Strawn downtown recently.



Thirty new landscaped planters were placed throughout Strawn’s downtown area during a recent volunteer-empowered sprucing up campaign.

New Superintendent and Principal Named For Strawn School District

At the April 15 school board meeting, trustees appointed Brent Dawson as the long-term interim superintendent. Dawson, who has been with the school district since 2004, most recently served as principal and

has also been a coach and math teacher. The board also appointed Jessica Mallory as the new principal for Strawn School. She has served as school counselor and will also continue in that role.

Strawn’s First Bash on the Bricks Festival...

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the events areas. Across Central Avenue from the bed of activities, D&D Rockin’ Rods put on a classic car show complete with an oldies music sound track taking you back to a time when the cars were new on the showroom floor. Over 50 vintage cars were on display throughout most of the day. Trophies were given out, a drawing for a cash prize was held and the Best of Show and Strawn’s Choice cars were selected. Local judges for the car show were Coppy Hodgkins, Trey Hodgkins, Ricky Jones and Cory Crenshaw. The Strawn’s Choice winner was Wayne & Charlotte Karitis from Aledo with their 1932 Ford Coupe. Best of Show was Jim & Carol Long’s orange 1956 Ford truck.

The Strawn Chamber reported that the event drew in approximately 400 out of town guests, and several local businesses stated that they had doubled or tripled their average amount of business for a typical Saturday. Additionally, the Arts & Crafts Fair vendors did a brisk business with most reporting a healthy profit. The Chamber deemed this inaugural event a big success and have plans to make it even bigger and better next year. To see more photos from the car show and festival, visit microplexnews.com/strawn-bash-on-the-bricks-photos

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Palo Pinto County Livestock Association
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The 76th Annual Palo Pinto County Livestock Association Rodeo begins Wednesday evening at 5 p.m. with promise of hoof-pounding, rip-roaring fun. Following a trail ride from Weatherford Thursday morning and a downtown parade at 5 p.m., the rodeo's opening night begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Mineral Wells rodeo grounds, 800 Farm-to-Market Road 1821 N. Contact Will Haggard at 254-968-5200.

Pre-shows start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

A Taste of Eastland
May 16 from 5-7 p.m.
Connellee Hotel & Civic Center
in downtown Eastland.

Enjoy a sampling of cuisine offered by area restaurants and caterers. Advance tickets are \$12 or purchase at the door for \$15. For more information, call 254-629-2332 or visit www.eastlandchamber.com.

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2nd Annual Great Outdoors Show

To be held on May 18 from 10 AM to 4 PM in Eastland, featuring a wide variety of outdoor items and vendor booths. Contact Terry Slavens at 254-631-2726 for info.

Community Garage Sale
Desdemona Community Center
May 23-25

Donations accepted. Call 254-758-2548 or 254-485-5578 for more info.

Frontier Day, Celebrating Old Settlers
Saturday, June 1, in Palo Pinto

Featuring live demonstrations, live music, lunch, and tours of the Old Jail, Black Springs Fort, Log Cabins, and First Christian Church.

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.

Free Blood Pressure Screening
Service to be Offered in Area

Amy Barton, LVN, representing Encompass Home Health, will be available for free blood pressure screening each Tuesday from 3:00-5:00 p.m. building located at 119 Central Ave in Strawn. It is not Ms. Barton's policy to perform this service in your home but rather at the above location.

This service will be provided by Ms. Barton at the Strawn Wellness Center Please take advantage of this free service. It could save your life.

Strawn Booster Club Hosts Clay Shoot Tournament

The Strawn Booster Club will be hosting its first Clay Shoot Tournament on Saturday, June 8th at the Dodson Prairie Shooting Range, located across from the Dodson Prairie Community Center. Check-in time is 1 pm. All proceeds will benefit the Strawn Booster Club, which supports Greyhound students and athletes. Those registering prior to June 1st will receive a \$50 entrance fee discount. Prizes will include first, second and 3rd place Team Awards, Top Shooter Award, The Annie Oakley Award (half the pot) and a Last Place Award. Door prizes will also be drawn during the event. A barbecue dinner will be served at 5 pm that evening, with live music provided by Shane Mallory. Sponsorships are still available, ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. For more information, contact Trey Hodgkins at 817-999-5071. The Strawn Booster Club is a parent-supported nonprofit volunteer group organized for the benefit of our Greyhound students & athletes. The Greyhounds are supported through volunteering and fundraising activities. The Booster Club is a vital part of the Strawn Greyhound program and participation in this and all Booster Club events is encouraged and appreciated.

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
May 7	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	Noon	Mary's Cafe
May 10	Desdemona Seniors Dance	7- 9:30 PM	Desdemona Community Center
May 11	School Bond and School Board Elections	7 AM - 7 PM	Strawn City Hall
May 13	PPC Commissioners Court Meeting	9 AM	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
May 13	Development Corp. of Strawn Meeting	6 PM	Strawn City Hall
May 13	Strawn City Council Meeting	7 PM	Strawn City Hall
May 14	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	Noon	Mary's Cafe
May 14	Strawn Historical Museum Meeting	6:30 PM	Strawn City Hall
May 16	FFA Banquet	6:30 PM	Strawn ISD Cafeteria
May 16	Strawn Chamber of Commerce Meeting	6:30 PM	Guest Chapel
May 17	Strawn ISD Bad Weather Day - No School		
May 20	Strawn ISD Board Meeting	7:00 PM	Strawn ISD Administration Bldg.
May 21	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	Noon	Mary's Cafe
May 21	Strawn ISD Sports Banquet	6 PM	Strawn ISD Cafeteria
May 23	Strawn ISD Science Fair	6-7 PM	Strawn ISD Cafeteria
May 24	Strawn ISD Booster Club Meeting	6:00 PM	Strawn ISD Cafeteria
May 24	Strawn ISD Spring Play	TBA	Strawn ISD Gymnasium
May 27	PPC Commissioners Court Meeting	9 AM	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
May 28	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	Noon	Mary's Cafe
May 30	Kindergarten Graduation	6 PM	Strawn ISD Gymnasium
May 30	8th Grade Graduation/Junior High Awards	6:30 PM	Strawn ISD Gymnasium
May 31	Elementary Awards Ceremony	9 AM	Strawn ISD Gymnasium
May 31	High School Graduation	7 PM	Strawn ISD Gymnasium

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