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Strawn Receives Three Keep Texas Beautiful Awards

At the July 14th City Council meeting, the Strawn Chamber presented the City & DCOS with three Keep Texas Beautiful Awards that were awarded Strawn during the 47th Annual KTB Conference held in Austin on June 25th. The particular awards presented to the city of Strawn were the Governor's Community Achievement Award (3rd Place); the Keep Texas Beautiful Gold Star Affiliate Certificate; and the Keep Texas Beautiful Outstanding Achievement Award for being one of 26 communities out of approximately 200 that applied and scored above 90 points on the Governor's Community Achievement Award. Strawn scored an impressive 95.3 on a 100 point scale. The Keep Texas Beautiful Awards recognize the efforts of individuals and groups statewide who make efforts to enhance their community and protect the Lone Star State.

City of Strawn

News

**New Alderman**  
During the June 26th Strawn City Council meeting, Regina Baker was sworn in as alderwoman filling an unexpired one year term. The seat became vacant when Tye Jackson was elected mayor.

**New Hire**  
The City of Strawn conducted interviews the week of June 23 for the public works employee  
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Strawn City Mayor Tye Jackson (far left), DCOS Executive Director Danny Miller (far right) and Chamber representative Diana Hinkson (center right) show off three Keep Texas Beautiful awards presented to the Chamber and Keep Strawn Beautiful at the 47th Annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference held in Austin on June 25th. Helping to present the awards is Shanah Coe, also with the Chamber. (Photo courtesy of MicroplexNews.com)

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# Strawn to be Showcased by New I-20 Billboard

The Chamber and the Development Corporation (DCOS) have partnered on a new billboard to promote Strawn that will be erected on I-20 at the top of Ranger Hill. Strawn's new logo consists of a cowboy hat which is made up of a mountain, a stream representing Palo Pinto Creek and a green space representing the Palo Pinto Mountains State Park. The design was the brilliant work of Perri Leavelle and Regan Johnson of Perri Leavelle Design in Mineral Wells. The billboard will be up by mid-August. T-Shirts with the new logo can be purchased at any of the following locations: Chamber Office, Nacho Mama's Closet, Country Dollar Store, Shiny Things and Ancient Art Soap Company. All proceeds go to the Chamber.



Interstate 20 will be home to a new billboard highlighting the city of Strawn. The billboard is the result of a collaboration between the Strawn Chamber of Commerce and the Strawn Development Corporation.

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AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
August 5	Strawn Lions Club	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
August 6	Medical Office Open for Appointments	1-5:30pm	Strawn Wellness Center
August 7	Texas Parks and Wildlife Public Meeting	7:00pm	Opal Guest Chapel
August 9	Farmer's Market	8 am-noon	Zim's Place
August 9	The Resting Place - Back to School Kickoff	5-6:30 pm	The Resting Place, Mingus
August 11	Palo Pinto County Commissioner's Court	9:00 am	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
August 11	Development Corp of Strawn Meeting	6:00 pm	Strawn City Hall
August 12	Strawn City Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Strawn City Hall
August 13	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
August 16	Medical Office Open for Appointments	1-5:30pm	Strawn Wellness Center
August 16	Farmer's Market	8-noon	Zim's Place
August 18	Strawn ISD Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Strawn ISD Admin. Bldg.
August 19	Strawn Lion's Club Meeting	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
August 20	Medical Office Open for Appointments	1-5:30pm	Strawn Wellness Center
August 21	Strawn ISD "Meet the Teacher"	3-5 pm	Strawn School
August 23	Farmer's Market	8-noon	Zim's Place
August 25	First Day of School	8:00 am	Strawn School
August 25	Palo Pinto County Commissioner's Court	9:00 am	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
August 26	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
August 27	Medical Office Open for Appointments	1-5:30pm	Strawn Wellness Center
August 30	Farmer's Market	8-noon	Zim's Place
August 30	11th Annual Hico Six-Man Super Saturday	All Day	Hico (Strawn vs. Lueders-Avoca at 1:30)

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a TPWD Public Meeting  
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on Thursday, Aug. 7th @ 7:00 pm  
at Opal Guest Chapel.  
Everyone is Encouraged to Attend.

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The winners for the Strawn Chamber’s Spring Clean Fling Contest are shown after receiving their awards from the Strawn Chamber of Commerce. Second place winner Laura Million (front far left) and 1st place winner Dale Hopkins, middle front. Also shown are (left to right back) DCOS Director Danny Miller and Strawn mayor Tye Jackson. Chamber member Shanah Coe and Chamber Director Georgia Braun are shown center and right front.

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position vacated by Scott Parsons earlier in the month. Louis Berumen has been hired and started his new job on June 30.

### City of Strawn & DCOS Financial Updates

City Auditor, Cameron Gulley, met separately

with the City Council as well as the DCOS Board on Monday, July 14th to discuss the 2014 Audits for each entity. Mr. Gulley stated that there was no problem with any financial records by either organization and they both received a

“clean” audit. The City of Strawn budget process for FY2014-FY2015 is currently underway. There will be two meetings scheduled in August. A regular Council meeting will be held on August 11th

and a budget workshop will be held later in the month. The budget will be finalized and voted on in September. The decrease in income due to drought restrictions will play a part in the budget discussions.

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Sat 8/30 Reunion show/Aaron Phillips  
and Chris Burns

Sat 9/13 The Hindenburg Project

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 254-672-5281. Thank you.

## 100th De Leon Peach & Melon Festival

Aug 5th -9th - Starting at 5:00 pm each day

Carnival & Food Booths

Wed 8/6 - Parade 7pm; Melon/Fruit/Cake Auction;  
Thur 8/7 - Tractor Pull, Free Concert (Johnny Bush, Justin Trevino, Krisit Kaylin); Fri 8/8 - Tractor Pull, Concert; Sat 8/9 - 5K/10K Run, "42" Tournament, Spaghetti Lunch, Seed Spitting Contest, Dance, Gospel/Bluegrass Concert, Tractor Pull.

## Night Out at the Opera

Sat., 8/16 - "Bright Eyes"

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Films are shown in the W.K. Gordon's recreated Opera House located inside the museum. The film is free to the public but seating is limited and reservations are requested. Contact 254-968-1886 or mkadams@tarleton.edu. W.K. Gordon Center - Thurber, TX

## Gordon Ex-Student Homecoming

Sept. 19th & 20th Everyone Welcome!

Fri 9/19 Longhorns vs Rising Star 7:30 pm

Sat 9/20 Registration/ Visiting (new gym 8am); Lunch/Bingo/Horseshoes/Vendors (noon); Parade (6pm); Homecoming Dance-Kenneth Doyle Band (8pm)

Contact - Pam McQueary, ph 940-452-6384; email phinkson@sbcglobal.net

# New Staff Preparing to Welcome Students for Strawn ISD

Richard Mitchell has been hired as the new principal and started his duties July 1. Richard previously worked at Cleburne ISD for nearly 20 years as a principal, assistant principal, and special education teacher. Mr. Mitchell has three children, Carsyn, 10; Carrissa, 14; and Cameron, 19 who is attending the University of Dallas next fall. Melanie Cormack has been hired as school counselor. Melanie previously worked for Strawn ISD until 2010 as a teacher, counselor, principal and superintendent. For the past several years, Melanie has worked for the Mineral Wells ISD. Melanie and her family operate the Cormack

Ranch west of Strawn.

Daryl Atkins has been hired as the maintenance supervisor to replace Bill Williams who passed away in May. Daryl is a 1977 graduate of Strawn ISD and previously worked for Trey's Construction.

Rochelle Colclasure, Teacher-Grade 8-12 English/Language Arts and High School Theatre Arts. She comes to Strawn after serving in the Lingleville ISD since 2010 and is a master teacher with many years of dedicated instruction to students throughout the state of Texas. Mrs. Colclasure is also a Tarleton State University alumni. Lynn Carroll, Teacher-Pre

Kindergarten. She comes to our school district after serving the Mineral Wells ISD for three years. Mrs. Carroll has experience with teaching a diverse group of learners in her career and is very excited about joining our Strawn ISD family. She is also a Tarleton State University graduate.

Trey Schur, Teacher-Grade 7-12 Agricultural Science. Mr. Schur is a Tarleton State University graduate that comes to Strawn ISD with many years' experience in ranch management and with hands-on experience in agriculture, welding and animal husbandry. Trey has taken over for Mr. Miller,

who retired last May after serving the Strawn school district honorably for many years. Mr. Schur is looking forward to continuing the outstanding tradition in Ag. Science here in Strawn ISD. Congratulations to all.

We'd like to say "Thank You" and farewell to several former Strawn ISD Employees. After many years at Strawn ISD, Lydia Popham, Frank Miller and Connie Hinkson have retired. Mr. West and Mr. Culverhouse have taken new positions at Eastland High School, and Mrs. Malory has taken a new position at Millsap High School. Best wishes and good luck to all!

## Notice of Public Meeting

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed facilities and recreational use concept for Palo Pinto Mountains State Park in Palo Pinto & Stephens Counties, Texas. The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2014, at the Opel Guest Chapel, 321 Houston Avenue, Strawn, Texas, 76475. The meeting will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to present the proposed facilities and recreational use to the public and receive comments. The proposed plan will illustrate and direct the future development of day use, overnight, and administrative support facilities for the park.

Maps showing the proposed facilities and recreational use will be available for viewing at the Public Meeting.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and may be presented for a period of 10 calendar days following the meeting. Written comments may be submitted either in person, by mail, or email to John Ferguson, 118 East Housley St. (1915 FM 2372, mailing), Strawn, TX, 76475, john.ferguson@tpwd.texas.gov or Chris Beckcom, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin TX, 78744, christopher.beckcom@tpwd.texas.gov

Written comments must be received by August 18, 2014 to be included in the Public Meeting Summary.

If you have general questions regarding the park, you may contact John Ferguson, Park Superintendent, (254) 210-3015, john.ferguson@tpwd.texas.gov.

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