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VOL. 2. ISSUE 9 AUGUST 2014 Strawn Receives Three Keep Texas Beautiful Awards

At the July 14th City tin on June 25th. The par- Outstanding Achieve- sive 95.3 on a 100 point Council meeting, the ticular awards presented ment Award for being scale. Strawn Chamber present- to the city of Strawn were one of 26 communities The Keep Texas Beautied the City & DCOS with the Governor's Commu- out of approximately 200 three Keep Texas Beau- nity Achievement Award that applied and scored efforts of individuals and tiful Awards that were (3rd Place); the Keep above 90 points on the groups statewide who awarded Strawn during Texas Beautiful Gold Star Governor's Community the 47th Annual KTB Affiliate Certificate; and Achievement Award. Conference held in Aus- the Keep Texas Beautiful Strawn scored an impres- tect the Lone Star State.

City of Strawn Mews

New Alderman During the June 26th City Council Strawn 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 (continued on page 3)



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ful Awards recognize the make efforts to enhance their community and pro-

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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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	1-5:30 pm	Strawn Wellness Center
August 7	Texas Parks and Wildlife Public Meeting	7:00 pm	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	1-5:30 pm	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	1-5:30 pm	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



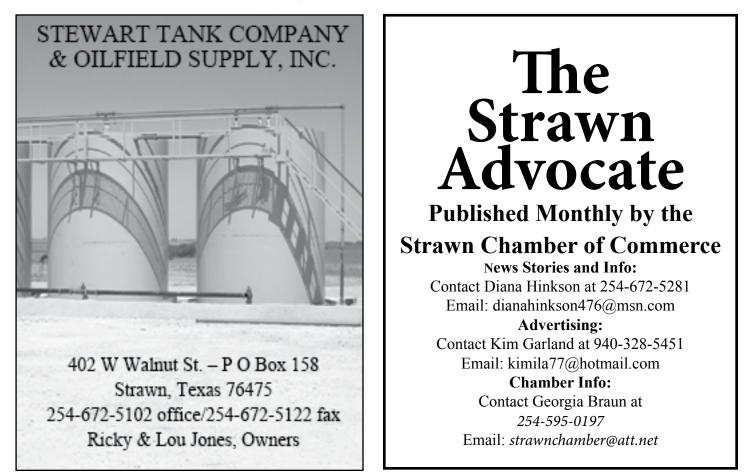
velopment Corporation is made up of a mountain, (DCOS) have partnered on a stream representing Palo a new billboard to promote Pinto Creek and a green Strawn that will be erected on I-20 at the top of Ranger Pinto Mountains State Park. Hill. Strawn's new logo con-

The Chamber and the De- sist of a cowboy hat which liant work of Perri Leavelle lowing locations: Chamber space representing the Palo The design was the bril-

and Regan Johnson of Perri Office, Nacho Mama's Clos-Leavelle Design in Mineral et, Country Dollar Store, Wells. The billboard will be Shiny Things and Ancient up by mid-August. T-Shirts Art Soap Company. All with the new logo can be proceeds go to the Champurchased at any of the fol- ber.

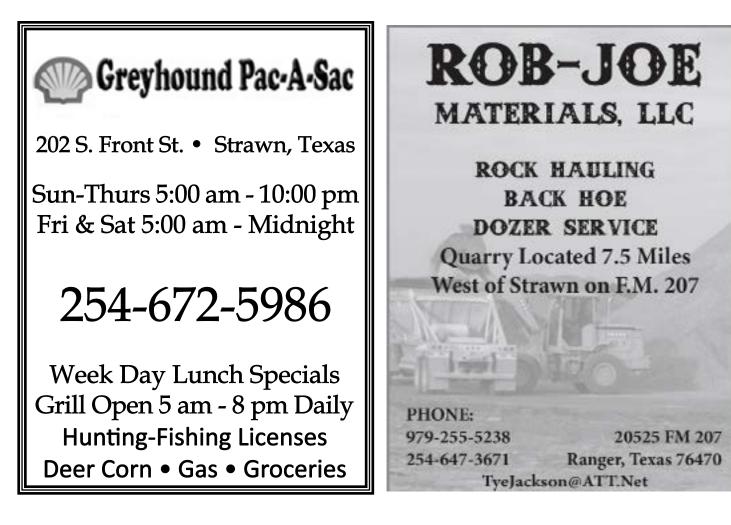


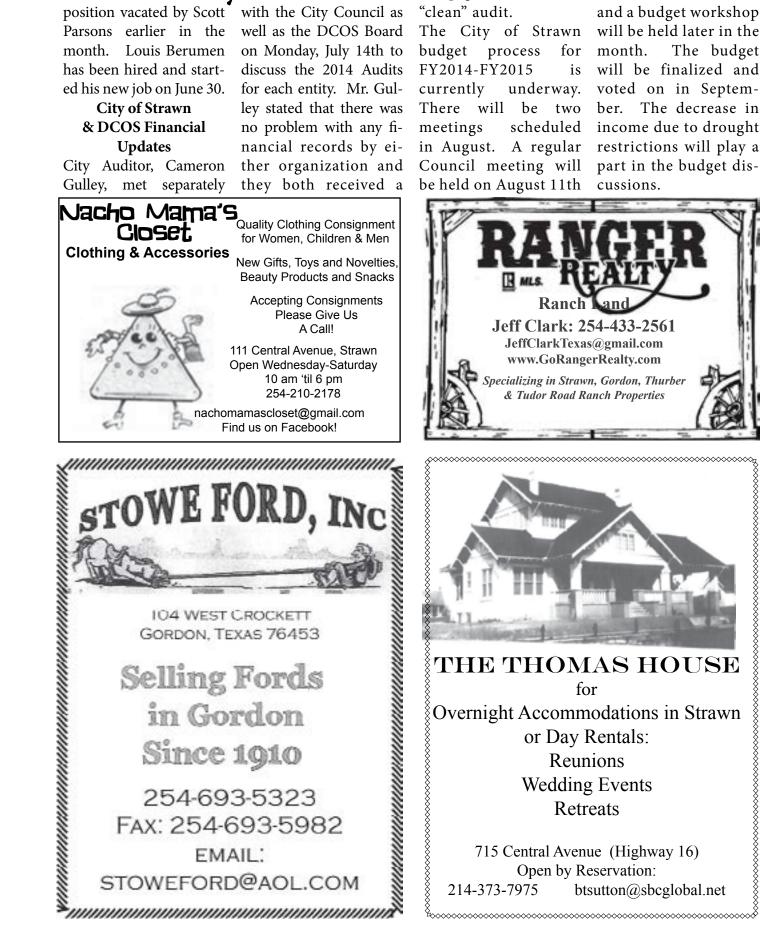
Interstate 20 will be home to a new billboard highlighting the city of Strawn. The billboard is the result of a collaboration between the Strawn Chamber of Commerce and the Strawn Development Corporation.





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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on Monday, July 14th to budget process for month. The budget discuss the 2014 Audits FY2014-FY2015 for each entity. Mr. Gul- currently underway. voted on in Septemley stated that there was There will be two ber. The decrease in no problem with any fi- meetings scheduled income due to drought nancial records by ei- in August. A regular restrictions will play a they both received a beheld on August 11th cussions.

and a budget workshop is will be finalized and





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Workforce Solutions Mobile Unit

Every Wednesday -- August 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th Boyce Ditto Public Library in Mineral Wells Computer stations to search for jobs, work on resumes and receive training.

> 2300 SE Martin Luther King Jr. St. Mineral Wells, TX 76067 (940) 328-7880

Root's - Live Music & Good Times! 610 S. Hwy. 16, Strawn, TX; Ph 940-745-0498 Check us out on Facebook Sat 8/23 Spur 490 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" **1934 Classic Starring Shirley Temple!**

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 Ranch west of Strawn. hired as the new principal and started his duties July 1. Richard previously worked sor to replace Bill Williams at Cleburne ISD for nearly 20 years as a principal, assistant Daryl is a 1977 graduate of principal, and special educa- Strawn ISD and previously tion teacher. Mr. Mitchell has three children, Carsyn, 10; tion. Carrissa, 14; and Cameron, Rochelle Colclasure, Teachversity of Dallas next fall.

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teacher, counselor, principal

Kindergarten. She comes to who retired last May after Daryl Atkins has been hired our school district after serving the Mineral Wells ISD for as the maintenance supervithree years. Mrs. Carroll has experience with teaching a who passed away in May. diverse group of learners in her career and is very excitworked for Trey's Construced about joining our Strawn ISD family. She is also a Tarleton State University graduate.

19 who is attending the Uni- er-Grade 8-12 English/Language Arts and High School Trey Schur, Teacher-Grade After many years at Strawn Melanie Cormack has been Theatre Arts. She comes to 7-12 Agricultural Science. hired as school counselor. Strawn after serving in the Mr. Schur is a Tarleton State Melanie previously worked Lingleville ISD since 2010 University graduate that for Strawn ISD until 2010 as a and is a master teacher comes to Strawn ISD with with many years of dedimany years' experience in and superintendent. For the cated instruction to students ranch management and with hands-on experience past several years, Melanie throughout the state of Texas. in agriculture, welding and has worked for the Mineral Mrs. Colclasure is also a Tar-Wells ISD. Melanie and her leton State University alumni. animal husbandry. Trey has family operate the Cormack Lynn Carroll, Teacher-Pre taken over for Mr. Miller, 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.

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. 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. Mallory has taken a new position at Millsap High School. Best wishes and good luck

