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## City and School Board Elections to be Held May 10th

Strawn voters will elect three school board members, a mayor, and two city aldermen in the upcoming election on May 10.

For the Strawn ISD Board of Trustees, five candidates are vying for

three positions. The candidates are Shiela Flores, Jeff Hopkins, Mindy Hodgkins (incumbent), Nancy Mallory (incumbent), and Jim Pollock (incumbent).

The Strawn City Council has two candidates

for mayor: Tye Jackson (incumbent) and Bill Hetrick. Randy Johnson is challenging

incumbents Jeff Greenwood and Shirley Lindsay for the two alderman seats.

## Biannual Exes Homecoming Celebration Slated for June

Plans are underway for the biannual Ex-Students Homecoming to be held June 13 and 14. In conjunction with homecoming, the Bash on the Bricks Festival (first held in April 2013) will also take place.

Kicking off the events on Friday evening will be a Poker Tournament (time and place TBD) and Exes Dance at Roots. Events on Saturday, June 14, include a parade at 10

a.m., followed by a barbeque lunch, carnival, bingo, horseshoes, movies in City Hall, and street dance that evening. New to homecoming this year will be vendor booths and an antique car show.

Watch for a Strawn Homecoming Facebook page and more information on the City of Strawn website ([www.strawntx.com](http://www.strawntx.com)). A complete schedule of events will be included in the June Advocate.



**Palo Pinto Mountains State Park, the Strawn Chamber, and local churches sponsored the first Easter at the Park on Saturday, April 12. More than 50 kids participated. A special thank you goes out to Brandi Sizemore for chairing this event, the Strawn Volunteer Fire Department for donating and serving hotdogs, and many other volunteers who helped.**

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# Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off Deemed A Big Success

More than 60 volunteers turned out for the second annual Don't Mess with Texas City-Wide Trash-Off on April 5. About 40 youth and 20 adults spent the day picking up litter, setting out new plants and planters, and cleaning the City auditorium and old Fire Hall located on the second floor of City Hall.

Three groups picked up litter along 2-mile stretches of Highway 16 (north and south) and Highway 108 to the block plant. Over 40 bags of trash were picked up, along with several large bags of aluminum cans that were donated to C.A.R.E. to be recycled. The three



groups participating in the highway cleanup were C.A.R.E., 1G Youth Group, and Strawn High School Student Council.

Volunteers also placed 20 new colored planters in front of businesses. The Chamber and the partici-

pating businesses split the cost of the planters, and the chamber supplied the dirt and plants. The Chamber also purchased new yucca plants for six of the concrete planters which were placed around town in last year's cleanup.

Approximately 15 volunteers sorted through all of the items in the City Auditorium/Fire Hall and cleaned the space. Any furniture that is historical or worth saving is temporarily stored in the auditorium.

In case you haven't noticed, a Keep Strawn Beautiful banner is displayed under the Greyhound sign by the railroad tracks downtown. This banner signifies that Strawn is an affiliate of the Keep Texas Beautiful program and serves as a reminder for everyone to take pride in keeping our city clean and making it a more attractive place to live.



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As announced in January, the City of Strawn will begin enforcing City Codes related to high grass/brush, dilapidated buildings, abandoned vehicles, junky lots and litter. To encourage residents to comply and provide an incentive, we are sponsoring a Spring Clean Fling and **giving away a \$500 Gift Card!**

Contest is open to all property owners/renters located in Strawn or within a one-mile stretch of the Strawn city limits. To learn more about the contest rules/parameters, pick up an application at City Hall or at the Chamber Office (open Friday from 10:00 to 3:00)

**For more information, call 254-595-0197**

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Call 940-327-8700 for more information or to confirm your attendance.

## Workforce Solutions Mobile Unit

Every Wednesday —May 2, 7, 14, 21 and 28  
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

## Wilderness and Wildflowers

### The Legacy of Lady Bird Johnson

Palo Pinto Old Jail Museum Complex  
April 15th – May 25th

An exhibition created by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center to honor the former first lady and celebrate the centennial year of her birth. Wilderness and Wildflowers highlights Mrs. Johnson’s adventurous spirit and deep commitment to the preservation and beautification of the nation’s environment. The exhibit features photographs, video, and excerpts from her speeches and writings. Wilderness and Wildflowers introduces viewers to a strong and intelligent woman who cloaked her enterprising spirit in civility and a warm, gracious manner.

## Taste of Eastland Thursday, May 15th 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Connellee Hotel - 209 W. Main St.,  
Suite A, Eastland, TX 76448

Come and enjoy a sampling of the cuisine offered by area restaurants and caterers in the elegance of the historic Connellee Hotel in downtown Eastland! Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce, 209 W. Main St. Advance tickets are \$10.00 and \$12.00 at the door. Cecil Funderburgh -254-629-2332.

## 10th Annual Texas Steak Cookoff – Hico, TX Saturday, May 17th —10 am — Downtown Hico

This is a family fun event containing artisan vendors, local shopping, and the chance to see backyard chefs from all over the Southwest compete to see who cooks the best steak!

## Frontier Days

Celebrating Palo Pinto County Old Settlers -

Palo Pinto Old Jail Museum Complex

Saturday, June 7th - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Old Jail Museum Complex - Located two blocks south of the Palo Pinto Courthouse

All Day - Live Music and Living History Demonstrations - doll making, sewing, quilting, spinning, whittling, flint knapping and more. Tours Available of the Old Jail Museum Complex, including Black Springs Fort, Old Jail and Log Cabins and see the 1880 replica, 15 passenger Stage Coach Tickets available for rides: \$25 each or Drive for \$50 each.

# MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
May 6	Strawn Lions Club	12 Noon	Mary’s Cafe
May 8-10	Palo Pinto Co. Livestock Assoc. Rodeo	7:30 pm	Mineral Wells Rodeo Grounds
May 10	City and School Board Elections	7am-7pm	Strawn City Hall
May 10	Spur 490 Band	9:00 pm	Roots
May 12	Palo Pinto County Commissioner’s Court	9:00 am	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
May 12	Development Corp. of Strawn Meeting	6:00 pm	Strawn City Hall
May 12	Strawn City Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Strawn City Hall
May 13	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	12 Noon	Mary’s Cafe
May 13	Chamber of Commerce Public Meeting	6 pm	Guest Chapel
May 17	Booster Club Clay Shoot	8 am	Dodson Prairie Shooting Range
May 17	Vaccination Clinic by Millsap Vet Clinic	2-4 pm	C.A.R.E. Hdqtrs. Mingus
May 17	Strawn Junior-Senior Prom	TBA	
May 17	Beau Taylor Band	9:00 pm	Roots
May 19	Strawn ISD Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Strawn ISD Admin. Bldg.
May 19	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	12 Noon	Mary’s Cafe
May 20	Strawn ISD Science Fair	TBA	Strawn ISD Cafeteria
May 22	Strawn FFA Banquet	7:00 pm	Strawn ISD Cafeteria
May 26	Palo Pinto County Commissioner’s Court	9:00 am	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
May 26	Memorial Day - Show Your Patriotism		Fly Your Flag!
May 27	Strawn Lions Club Meeting	12 Noon	Mary’s Cafe
May 27	Strawn High School Athletic Banquet	TBA	
May 29	Strawn Kindergarten & Jr. High Graduation	6:00 pm	Strawn ISD Cafeteria
May 30	Last Day of School at Strawn ISD		
May 30	Strawn High School Graduation	7:00 pm	Strawn ISD Gymnasium

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



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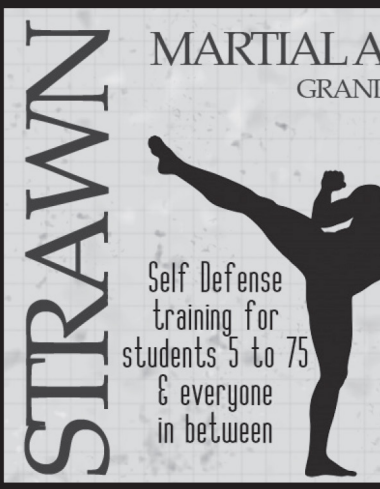
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