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# Strawn Enters Stage 3 Drought Contingency Plan

The City of Strawn has entered Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan, which was adopted in September 2014. This condition was reached when city engineers, after a water survey, determined

that Lake Tucker has a 10-month supply of water available to the city under normal usage without any rainfall to replenish the lake. Stage 3 is defined as a Drought Emergency. The following measures

will be implemented:

- 1.Prohibit all outdoor water use.
- 2.For residential customers, the following applies:
  - Limited to 8,000 gallons per month per meter.

•Surcharges will apply for water use exceeding 8,000 gallons.

- 3.For commercial customers, the following applies:
  - Limited to 75 percent of their annual average monthly use.



## Fall Festival Costume Winners

Pictured at left are best costume winners Gage Boston (left) - 2nd place winner, Gabby Edens (middle) - 1st place winner, and Marcus Williams (right) - 3rd place winner. The Fall Festival was held October 25 on the City Hall grounds and featured a bounce house, games, face painting, bingo and costume contest

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# Strawn Chamber to Sponsor Christmas Angel Tree

Christmas is the season of giving, and the Strawn Angel Tree needs your help and generosity. You can participate in either of the following ways:

1) Starting December 4, stop by and select an Angel to sponsor. The 2014 Angel Tree is located at Strawn Wellness Center, 119 Central Ave, Strawn, TX.

2) Make a donation, which will go toward purchasing clothes and gifts for the Angel Tree children. An account has been set up at the Strawn Bank to accept donations, or they can be mailed to: Strawn Angel Tree, c/o Strawn Chamber, PO Box 278, Strawn, TX 76475

Donations and gifts will be accepted from November 1 through December 21.

In 2013, the Strawn Angel Tree project helped provide gifts for 40 children from 13 families, all from the Strawn/Mingus area. The Strawn Angel Tree project began in 2004 and since then has helped hundreds of local kids have a happier Christmas!

If you have questions about the Angel Tree Project, please contact Georgia Braun with the Strawn Chamber at 254-595-0197 or email [strawnchamber@att.net](mailto:strawnchamber@att.net).

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# PALO PINTO CHALLENGE TAKING TAMALES ORDERS NOW

Orders can be placed for homemade tamales from Palo Pinto Challenge through November 10. Pick up days are Friday, November 21, at Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce from 3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 22, at Palo Pinto Challenge in Strawn from 10 a.m. to noon. Place your order by calling 940-325-7100 or 254-672-5891.



State Park Star Party and Trail Ride – Palo Pinto Mountains State Park Superintendent John Ferguson reported a good turnout for both the Trail Ride and Star Party held in October. Approximately 45 registered for the trail ride and 120 attended the Star Party. Pictured above are some of the guests setting up for the Star Party.

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## Museum Receives Grant for Old Depot Restoration

The Strawn Historical Museum has received a \$30,000 grant from the Brazos Foundation. This grant was designated for restoration of the historic Strawn train depot, which is located in Memorial Park across from the railroad. The Board of Directors for the Strawn Historical Museum is grateful to the Brazos Foundation for their continued support in helping to preserve the history of Strawn.

*Pictured at left (L-R) are Grandmaster Roy Kurban with students Kye Harrington and Larry Spraggins of the Strawn Martial Arts Academy. Local brown belt Larry Spraggins took 1st place in forms and 3rd place in sparring at the 34th Ft. Worth International Taekwondo Championships, which was held October 18 at the Ft. Worth Convention Center. Seven year old Kye Harrington of Ranger took 1st place in forms in the junior division.*

## Support Local Participants in 2015 Palo Pinto County Livestock Show and Fair

The Strawn Lions Club is once again spearheading efforts to raise funds in support of Strawn area participants in the Palo Pinto County Livestock Show. An account has been created at First National Bank Albany/Breckenridge-Strawn Branch so that area ranches, businesses and residents can make contributions to the fund until January 9, 2015. Please show your support for our youth and make a tax deductible contribution to the fund today.

### United Way Bake Sale a Success

United Way Bake Sale was held at Greyhound Pac-A-Sac on October 25. According to Mary Crawford, \$657 was raised to help provides home-delivered meals to Strawn residents through the Meals-On-Wheels program. Thank you to everyone who supported the bake sale.

**Remember to vote in the General Election on November 4th 7 am to 7 pm at Strawn City Hall**

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# Area Happenings

**Asleep at the Wheel**  
**Monday, Nov. 3rd**  
**Graham Memorial Auditorium -**  
628 Third St. Graham, TX  
Doors Open at 6:30pm  
Show Begins at 7:30 pm

- Ray Benson and his impressive band members have reigned as the post-modern kings of Western Swing for more than 40 years. Western Swing is what Benson calls “jazz with a cowboy hat,” For a complete listing of upcoming concerts please visit [www.grahamconcertassociation.com](http://www.grahamconcertassociation.com). The Graham Concert Association is SOLD OUT for the 2014-15 Season. If there are any vacant seats available the evening of a performance tickets will be sold at the box office. Requests to be included in next season’s (2015-16) membership mailing can be sent to:  
Graham Concert Association,  
PO Box 1035, Graham, TX 76450

**Night Out at the Opera**  
**Saturday, 11/8/14 6pm to 9pm**  
**All Quiet on the Western Front**  
W.K. Gordon Center, Thurber, TX  
Join us for this month’s film, All Quiet on the Western Front, as the world commemorates the 100th anniversary of World War I. The film is free to the public but seating is limited and reservations are requested. Contact 254-968-1886 or [sadams@tarleton.edu](mailto:sadams@tarleton.edu).

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**Election Day – Tuesday, Nov. 4th**  
**General & Special Elections**  
Local – Strawn ISD  
Tax Ratification Election (TRE)  
County Offices – County Judge, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer  
State Offices – Governor, Lieutenant Governor, US Senator, Comptroller, Ag Commissioner, General Land Office Commissioner, Attorney General, US Congress Dist. 11, Attorney General, Railroad Commission, TX Supreme Court, TX Criminal Appeals Courts, TX 11th Court of Appeals, State Representative, State Senator. Proposed Texas Constitutional Amendment – Proposition 1 (State Hwy Funding)

**Veterans Day - Tuesday, 11/11/14**  
Veterans Day is an official Federal holiday which honors people who have served in the US armed services. It is observed on November 11th which is the date that major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. It coincides with Armistice Day and Remembrance Day (Britain & the British Commonwealth of Nations), which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Everyone is encouraged to fly your flag in salute to our active duty military and Veterans.

**Texas Olive Ranch Olive Oil Tasting**  
**Sunday, 11/16/14 2pm – 4pm**  
**W.K. Gordon Center, Thurber, TX**  
Join us for an afternoon of olive oil tasting with our guests from the Texas Olive Ranch! Learn about the Texas olive industry while sampling some of sumptuous Texas olive oils! This program is free to the public, but we do ask that you make reservations as space is limited. Please contact Shae Adams for reservations at 254-968-1886 or [sadams@tarleton.edu](mailto:sadams@tarleton.edu).

*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.*

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
November 1	City Wide Cleanup	8 AM-2PM	Dumpsters at Baseball Field
November 1	Farmer's Market	8 AM-Noon	Zim's Place
November 4	Vote in General Election	7AM-7PM	Strawn City Hall
November 4	Strawn Lion's Club	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
November 5	Medical Office open for appointments	1-5:30 PM	Strawn Wellness Center
November 6	Junior High Football vs. Gustine	6 PM	Greyhound Gymnasium
November 7	Varsity Football vs. Gustine	7:30 PM	Gustine ISD Stadium
November 8	Farmer's Market	8AM-Noon	Zim's Place
November 10	Palo Pinto County Commissioners Court	9 AM	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
November 10	Junior High Boys & Girls Basketball	6 PM	Gorman ISD Gymnasium
November 10	Strawn City Council Meeting	7 PM	Sttawn City Hall
November 11	Strawn Lion's Club	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
November 11	JV & Varsity Girl's Basketball vs Gustine	5 PM	Greyhound Gymnasium
November 11	Booster Club Meeting	7 PM	Strawn ISD Cafeteria
November 12	Medical Office open for appointments	1-5:30 PM	Strawn Wellness Center
November 13	Varsity Girl's Basketball Tournament	TBA	Coleman ISD Gymnasium
November 15	Farmer's Market	8 AM-Noon	Zim's Place
November 17	Junior High Basketball vs Lingleville	6 PM	Greyhound Gymnasium
November 18	Strawn Lion's Club	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
November 18	JV & Varsity Girl's Basketball vs Early	5 PM	Early ISD Gymnasium
November 19	Medical Office Open for Appointments	1-5:30 pm	Strawn Wellness Center
November 19	Chamber of Commerce Meeting	7 PM	Machacek Bakery
November 20-22	JV Girl's Basketball Tournament	TBA	Lipan ISD Gymnasium
November 22	Farmer's Market	8AM-Noon	Zim's Place
November 22	Varsity Girl's Basketball vs. Breckenridge	1 PM	Greyhound Gymnasium
November 24	Palo Pinto County Commissioner's Court	9 AM	Palo Pinto County Courthouse
November 24	Junior High Basketball vs. Gordon	6 PM	Greyhound Gymnasium
November 25	Strawn Lion's Club	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
November 25	JV & Girl's Basketball vs Tolar	5 PM	Greyhound Gymnasium
November 26	Medical Office Open for Appointments	1-5:30 PM	Strawn Wellness Center
November 27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!		

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

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