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Stage Two Drought Warning Now In Effect

Due to the continuing drought, the City of Strawn adopted a new Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan 2014. Stage 2— The new Drought Con-

Drought Warning went into effect on October 3.

tgency Plan stipulates that Stage 2 is triggered when water storage in the City's reservoir falls at or below 50 percent of its active water supply capacity.



Due to the continuing drought, the City of Strawn has announced that Stage 2 of the 2014 Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan is now in effect.

The entire ordinance is available for review at City Hall and on the city's website (www.strawntx.com). Letters explaining the new ordinance have been mailed out to all water customers.

The Stage 2- Drought Warning water restrictions include the following:

- Outside lawn/landscape watering is limited to one day a week be-

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LaMancha Barbecue Cook-Off Slated for October 17-18

It's time again for the annual LaMancha BBQ cook-off benefit, which is one of the major fundraisers for C.A.R.E. Animal Rescue and other area animal shelters. According to local C.A.R.E. volunteer Terry Lee, "There are many ways to help make this event a big success. If you would like more information or to make a donation, please call 254-672-5501."

Other events are planned to

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## Stage 2 Water Restrictions in Place *(continued from page 1)*

tween the hours of 6-10 a.m. and 8-10 p.m.

- The once-a-week watering schedule is based on a water customer's address.

- Addresses ending with odd numbers will be allowed to water on Tuesday and those with even numbers on Thursday. This watering may be done by handheld hose, hose-end sprinkler, or per-

manently installed sprinkler systems.

- Certain water uses considered not essential for public health or safety are prohibited. The prohibited uses include: street washing, water hydrant flushing, and filling pools.

- Car washing, window washing, and pavement washing shall be prohibited except when a bucket is used.

- Shrubs and newly established lawn grasses may be watered with a hand held hose with a sprayer limiting nozzle discharge to 2.0 gallons per minute at any time. The City also encourages water users to look for ways to reduce water consumption voluntarily. Please conserve water!

Any person who violates this plan is guilty

of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$250. Each day that one or more of the provisions in this plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. Three or more separate violation convictions may result in termination of water service.

## Strawn Boosters Make Clean Sweep of Work Day

The Strawn Booster Club held a Back-to-School Work Day on Saturday, August 16, to give the school a much needed

face-lift before the kids were welcomed back for the new school year. A crew of about 15 adults and 30 students,

including the football team, showed up to pitch-in on a long list of tasks. All exterior doors were sanded and repainted, along with the hand rails on the new gym and the pipe barrier in the parking lot. Repairs were made to several pieces of playground equipment and the fencing surrounding the tennis courts.

The bulk of the manpower went into a ma-

jor landscaping project around the elementary buildings in the playground area. Austin white stone was laid to create new flower bed borders; beds were filled with mulch and walkways were lined with decomposed granite. The ground was leveled to prevent puddles under play equipment, and several loads of gravel were added to aid in drainage.

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## Strawn Booster Club Clean Up *(continued from page 2)*

The work day was deemed a success by Booster Club President Alan Alison. "This was a great start, but there are still many projects we'd like to help with," according to Alison. "We are hoping to schedule another work day this fall once cooler temperatures have set in. So, if you didn't make it out for this one, you will have another chance."



*Major landscaping projects around the elementary buildings and playground at Strawn ISD were recently handled by volunteer members of the Strawn Booster Club, including laying Austin stone to create new flower beds, sanding and painting doors and handrails and repairing playground equipment. See story beginning on page 2.*

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City-Wide Cleanup  
& Adopt-A-Highway  
Fall Trash Pickup  
November 1.

Watch for more information on these  
important events

Trinity Pastor Bro. Mike Orsini  
Celebrates 39th Anniversary

Trinity Baptist Church will welcome to attend the two  
celebrate Pastor Mike Or- services at 10 a.m. and 6  
sini's 39th anniversary on p.m. Special music will be  
October 26. Everyone is provided by the Flanagans.

Remember to vote in the  
general election on November 4.

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La Mancha BBQ (cont. from page 1)

gear up for the fundraiser.  
The schedule includes the  
following:

October 4 – C.A.R.E. booth  
at RipFest in downtown  
Eastland. Homemade baked  
goods and breakfast burritos  
will be available, along with a  
raffle for a KitchenAid mixer.  
The drawing will be held  
on October 18, and you do  
not have to be present to win  
the raffle. Tickets are \$5 each  
or 3 for \$10.

October 11 – 2nd annual  
Soggy Dawg Golf Scramble  
at Lakeside Country Club.  
Entry is \$100 per 4-person  
team, with cash prizes for the  
winners.

October 17 – main event  
BBQ Cook-Off starts with

signup, fajita diner, live mu-  
sic, bingo, and a silent auc-  
tion.

October 18 – cooking and  
judging starts early with en-  
tries in brisket, ribs, chicken,  
beans, chili, dutch oven des-  
serts, and more. Make plans  
to come out and cook or just  
have fun. Sample some of  
the great cooking and vote  
for your favorites in the peo-  
ple's choice award category.  
Bid on an array of items at  
the silent auction and shop  
with the vendors.

Camp sites and cabins are  
available at LaMancha Lake  
resort, so call for more in-  
formation at 254-647-3651.

Come out and support  
C.A.R.E. Animal Rescue!



The historical Robinson school house and grounds,  
located north of Strawn on Hwy 16, recently got a  
makeover with over an acre of brush being cleared,  
windows fixed and rock edging around many of  
the trees. Thanks goes out to Ray Gonzalez, Jacob  
Sanchez, Jeff Hinkson and Jacqueline Hinkson for  
taking on this project.

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# Area Happenings

**35th Annual Crazy Water Festival**  
**Saturday, October 11 – 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
The Crazy Water Festival was started in 1979 to celebrate the crazy history of Mineral Wells and its acclaimed mineral water. The Festival features live music, street art, beer garden, raffle, a children’s area and much more.

**WK Gordon Center October Events:**  
**Kick Off to College, Saturday, October 18,**  
**10 a.m. to 1 p.m**  
All high school students and their families are invited to visit to learn more about attending college at Tarleton State University! Tarleton representatives will be available to discuss applications, scholarships, other funding opportunities, and campus tours! Free admission to the museum to all high school students and their families! For info contact: Shae Adams -  
Ph: 254-968-1886 or sadams@tarleton.edu

**Flashlight Tour of the Museum**  
**Saturday, October 18, 7 - 9 p.m.**  
Looking for something spooky? Come explore the Gordon Center after dark! Bring your own flashlight and nerves of steel! Who knows what you’ll find at night in one of Texas’ most famous ghost towns! Hope to see you there, if you dare!

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**Night out at the Opera**  
**Saturday, 10/25/14 6 – 9 p. m.**  
This month’s film is “The Mummy” from 1932 featuring Boris Karloff! The film is free to the public but seating is limited and reservations are requested. Contact 254-968-1886 or send email to mkadams@tarleton.edu.

**Private Water Well Screening**  
**Wednesday, October 22nd**  
**8:30 am to 10:00 am**  
**Palo Pinto County Extension Office,**  
**South 5th Avenue, Palo Pinto,TX 76484**  
Private water well screening set for Palo Pinto County residents for 10/22/14. The Texas Well Owner Network is hosting a water well screening at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office to give area residents the opportunity to have their well water tested.

For more info: Go to <http://palopinto.agrilife.org/>  
Contact: Scott Mauney - 940-659-1228 or  
s-mauney@tamu.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.*

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OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
October 7	Strawn Lions Club	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
October 8	Medical Office open for appointments	1-5:30 pm	Strawn Wellness Center
October 9	Strawn Junior High Football	TBA	TBA
October 9	Strawn Junior Varsity Football	TBA	TBA
October 11	Equestrian Trail Ride	TBA	PP Mountains State Park
October 11	Farmer's Market	8-noon	Zim's Place
October 13	Palo Pinto County Commissioners Court	9:00 am	Palo Pinto Co. Courthouse
October 13	Development Corp. of Strawn Meeting	6:00 pm	Strawn City Hall
October 13	Strawn City Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Strawn City Hall
October 13	Booster Club Meeting	7:00 pm	Strawn ISD Cafeteria
October 14	Strawn Historical Museum Meeting	6:30 pm	Strawn Museum
October 15	Medical Office open for appointments	1-5:30 pm	Strawn Wellness Center
October 15	Strawn Chamber of Commerce Meeting	6:00 pm	TBA
October 16	Strawn Junior High Football vs. May	6:00 pm	May ISD Stadium
October 16	Strawn Junior Varsity Football vs May	TBA	May ISD Stadium
October 17	Strawn Varsity Football vs. May	7:30 pm	Greyhound Stadium
October 18	Farmer's Market	8-noon	Zim's Place
October 18	Star Gazing Party	TBA	PP Mountains State Park
October 20	Strawn ISD Board Meeting	7:00 pm	Strawn ISD Admin Bldg.
October 21	Strawn Lions Club	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
October 22	Medical Office open for appointments	1-5:30 pm	Strawn Wellness Center
October 23	Strawn Junior High Football vs. Gordon	6:00 pm	Greyhound Stadium
October 23	Strawn Junior Varsity Football vs. Gordon	7:00 pm	Greyhound Stadium
October 24	Strawn Varsity Football vs. Gordon	7:30 pm	Gordon ISD Stadium
October 25	Farmer's Market	8-noon	Zim's Place
October 25	Strawn ISD Booster Club Fall Festival	2:00 - 5:00	TBA
October 27	Palo Pinto County Commissioner's Court	9:00 am	Palo Pinto Co. Courthouse
October 28	Strawn Lions Club	12 Noon	Mary's Cafe
October 29	Medical Office open for appointments	1-5:30 pm	Strawn Wellness Center
October 30	Strawn Junior High Football vs. Lingleville	6:00 pm	Lingleville ISD Stadium
October 30	Strawn Junior Varsity Football vs. Lingleville	7:00 pm	Lingleville ISD Stadium
October 31	Strawn Varsity Football vs. Lingleville	7:30 pm	Greyhound Stadium

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

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