Annual Easter Egg Hunt planned

New Strawn Community Improvement Organization (NSCIO) will host the annual New Strawn Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31 at the New Strawn Community Building. The time for the event was chosen to coincide with this year’s Hops & Hayride event! Check the city’s website at newstrawn.org for updates.

This event is for children up to age 11 and is always a huge success and well-attended. The Easter Bunny sometimes “hops in” for photo ops and very nice prizes are given away, such as new bicycles!

If you would like to donate candy for this event, you may drop it off at City Hall. Contact Brenda Klubek at (620)-364-5210 or Jeri Carpenter at (620)-364-2406 for more information or to volunteer to help.

Stuffing hundreds of eggs with candy and prizes is time-consuming and NSCIO always welcomes new members. If you’re looking for a way to give back to your community and to get more involved, joining this organization would be a great way to do that. They are invaluable to our city and we are so lucky to have them!

Don’t forget to tag your pets

It’s time to renew your animal licenses for 2018. As a reminder, it is unlawful for the owner of any dog or cat to fail to maintain current registration of such animal. A newly acquired animal over six months of age must be registered within 30 days from acquisition or bringing the animal into the city. A fine of up to $100 can be imposed on violators. Remember to bring a copy of a current rabies immunization record. If the immunization record does not indicate whether the animal has been spayed or neutered, please bring a certificate or receipt showing proof of the procedure. The registration fees through the end of January are $2.00 for a spayed or neutered animal and $8.00 for unspayed or unneutered pets. The fee will go up Feb. 1 to $4.00 for spayed/neutered animals and $10.00 for unspayed and cats and dogs. In March the fees increase, again, to $8.00 for spayed or neutered animals and $20.00 for unspayed unaltered pets.

A benefit of registering your animals with the city is having a record of the description of your pet in the event it is found at-large (sometimes they do run off and get lost). The City will make every attempt to contact you if your animal is found and can be identified by the information file. Before surrendering the animal to the Burlington Animal Shelter.

If you can’t make it into City Hall during regular business hours to get your pets tagged, you can drop the appropriate payment and documentation in our night drop box and your tags will be mailed to you.

While we’re on the subject of furry friends: fur babies let’s talk about courtesy. City Hall has had numerous recent complaints regarding dogs being allowed to do their “business” in others’ yards. While we all understand that a dog must do his “business” in the yard, and sometimes only after a vigorous walk has coaxed his “business” forth, it’s just a common courtesy to carry a little plastic baggy with you and pick up Fido’s doo-doo rather than leave it where it was deposited. Your neighbors don’t want to step in that, or mow over it and sling it all over kingdom come. So, please, practice a little “crapity-doo-dah” courtesy and pick up your pets’ toilets.

New council members sworn in

Three council members were sworn in prior to the regular Jan. 11 New Strawn City Council meeting. Jeanne Haas, who sought and won a third term on the council, took the oath of office along with Richard Croll and Rhonda Taylor. Haas was first elected to serve on the City Council in 2009. Prior to moving to New Strawn, Haas also served on the City of Gridley’s council, so she is well-versed in the ways of small-town municipal government and is a valuable asset to New Strawn!

Richard Croll has been an appointed member of the New Strawn Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals for the City for the past eight years, serving as Chairman of the Commission for seven of those eight years. Croll also served previously as a New Strawn City Council member, so he brings an abundance of experience and knowledge to the council table.

Rhonda Taylor, although a “newbie” to the New Strawn City Council, is certainly no stranger to governmental proceedings. Taylor also served as an appointed member on the New Strawn Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals for eight years, acting as secretary for the commission for part of that period. Taylor has also previously served as a member on the Burlington USD 244 Board of Education and will undoubtedly bring some new ideas and a fresh approach to many aspects of City business.

As we say “hello” to these newest members, we also say “goodbye” and “thanks” to the outgoing members.

Kraig Kirchner, who stepped up and accepted an appointment to the Council when a vacancy was created by the departure of Patty Anderson, served our community well. He attended meetings faithfully, offered insightful and thoughtful input on all city matters and conducted himself well throughout his term, which spanned a little over a year. Bobby Bryant was elected to the Council in April of 2013 and served a four-year term. He admittedly “knew

Breakfast fundraiser

Firefighters from the New Strawn Fire Station will be holding a breakfast fundraiser 7 a.m. Saturday, March 31 at the New Strawn Fire Station. This year they are expanding their menu and will have more breakfast food items available besides biscuits and gravy! Be sure to mark your calendars! Fire Station … and to gorge yourself on some truly delicious food!

Strawnfest

Plans are underway for Strawnfest 2018, which will be held on June 30. A committee is being formed to plan the event this year. Please contact City Hall at 5210 if you’d like to be on the committee, or help with Strawnfest 2018.

Tout on the way

Each year, New Strawn City Lake is stocked with 470+ pounds of rainbow and golden trout, ranging in length from 8 to more than 16 inches and weighing in at an average of more than three-quarters pound each. This year, the trout will arrive on or around Jan. 25. As usual, there will be some lunkers waiting to be caught ranging in weight from 3 to 9 pounds. New Strawn’s trout come from southwestern Missouri, down where those spring-fed streams grow ‘em big and feisty!

Besides a current Kansas fishing license, a city fishing permit is required to fish in the City Lake. A trout stamp is required to be purchased through May 1st, or for those anglers from out of state. The daily creel limit for our trout is two. There is a “No Catch and Release” provision in effect for the trout, because once they have been hooked, they will die.

City fishing permits and trout stamps are available at City Hall as well as Caseys, Circle B Lumber & Farm Supply and Coffey County Honda. We greatly appreciate these businesses helping us sell the permits!

The cost for USD 244 (Burlington and New Strawn area) residents is:

- Adult - $10, Youth - $4. Fishing enthusiasts living outside of USD 244 will pay $15 for an adult license and $6 for youth licenses.

Besides the regular USD 244 Recreation Committee, or help with Strawnfest 2018. The committee is being formed to plan the event this year. Please contact City Hall at 5210 if you’d like to be on the committee, or help with Strawnfest 2018.

The USD 244 Recreation Commission generously contributes $1,500 annually to New Strawn for the purchase of the trout and we thank them for that! We have anglers from all over the county and even out of the state who show up at our little lake to fish for trout through the end of April! As always, we encourage anyone who enjoys fishing to drop by City Hall at 5210 and check out what we have going on. You can contact Brenda Klubek at (620)-364-2406 or Jeri Carpenter at (620)-364-2406 for more information or to volunteer to help.

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little” (in his own words) about city government when he came on board but was a quick study and was soon offering new ideas and ways of approaching old issues. Mayor Bryant treated everyone with the utmost respect – fellow council members, employees and anyone who brought a problem or an issue to a council meeting.

Hats off to both of these gentlemen, and to the three newly elected members as well as sitting Council members Jim Wingo and Mark Feldhausen and Councilor for at-large, in part, that a job, that few are eager to accept but many are eager to criticize. And while we’re dishing out accolades, our current mayor, Mark Petterson, has consecutively served the community of New Strawn for well over 16 years – first, as a council member and then as Mayor. Talk about dedication and a willingness to serve! Hats off to you as well, Mr. Petterson!

LAWN OF THE MONTH: There were some “spooktacularly” decorated houses and lawns around town last October, but the Fosters at 115 N. Sixth Street ended up snagging the “Lawn of the Month” prize. The Fosters had an outside display and decorations that went all out for Halloween! Mr. Foster says they love to decorate for the holidays and plan on adding even more frighteningly fun stuff for Halloween 2018!