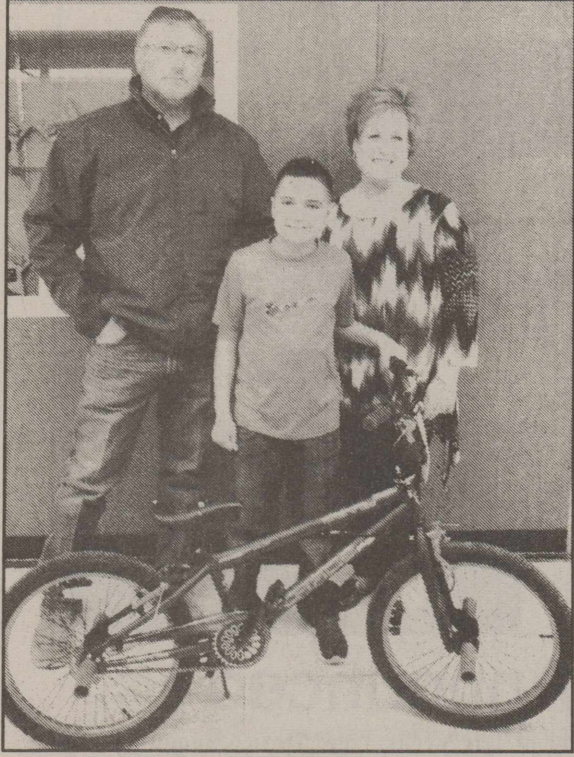


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Perfect Attendance Winners 4th Six Weeks

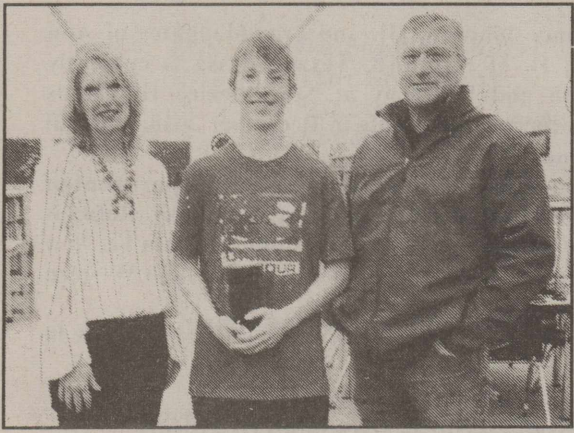
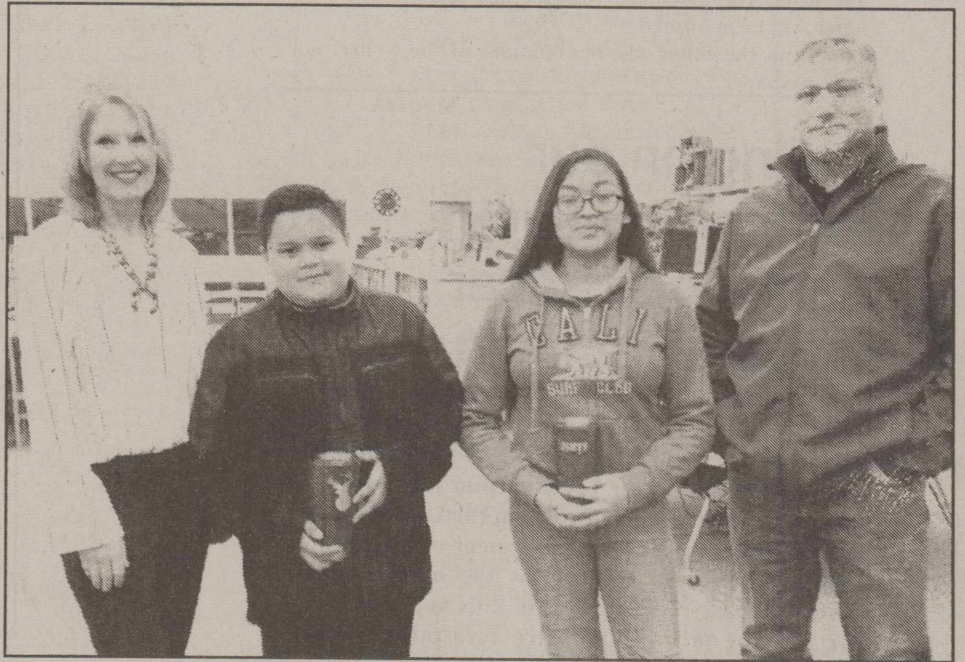


Photo above left is Gary Clements of Clements Insurance and Principal Jennifer DeAnda with Steve Ortega winner of a bike for Stratford Elementary Perfect Attendance.
Photo above right are Cindy and Gary Clements with 4th six weeks perfect attendance winners Stratford Junior High Emelano Camberos and Jasmyn Ortega. Shown at left are Cindy Clements and Gary Clements with Slate Anderton winner of the Yeti cup for Stratford High School. Right is Payton Berry Yeti Cup winner for Stratford High School. Congratulations to all of the students for the perfect Attendance. Gary and Cindy Clements of Clementa Insurance are proud to recognize these students.



History Class Visit to Coldwater Cemetery

The Sherman County Historical Commission hosted a program at the original Sherman County Seat town site of Coldwater for the Middle School Texas History Class Wednesday March 7. The focus was the Coldwater Cemetery and a narrative by Commission Board Members; Ann Wells, Barbara Chumley, Jim Bob Brown, on the 8 graves identified. A special thanks for permission from the private land owner and the county commission for preparing the Cemetery grounds and road for the visit. Gaynelle Riffe, Chairman

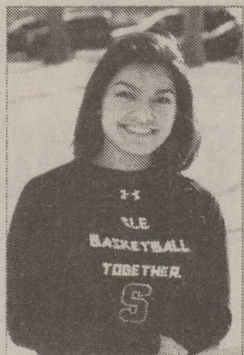
Amarillo Area Golden Nail Awards April 12

Amarillo Chamber of Commerce will host an Awards and Reception for Amarillo Area golden Nail Awards to persons giving volunteer time and funding to the Area Arts. There is a change this year in the programing. It will not be a sit down dinner and will be held in the Globe News Performing Arts Center with the presentation of winners followed by a reception. Tickets will be available from the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. Past recipients from Stratford; Janet Riffe, Scott & Dana Buckles, George Harding, Gaynelle Riffe, Terri Teig, Jackie Gilley.

"America's Got Talent" at LaRita Theatre

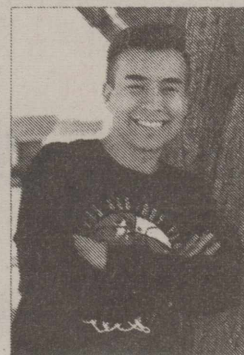
LaRita Theatre will present "America's Got Talent" finalist Eric Jones and Evie Clair April 7, 2018 at 7:00. Tickets on line LARITA.Org or at Dalhart Chamber of Commerce 806-244-5646

TEXAS PROUD.



VANESSA GONZALEZ

Vanessa is the 17-year-old daughter of Juan and Josefina Gonzalez. Her favorite class is Pre-Calculus and she enjoys competing in athletics. In addition to being a Lady Elk, Vanessa is a member of FCCLA, Pep Club and Youth Group. She plans to attend Oklahoma Panhandle State University where she will major in Criminal Justice while being a two-sport athlete. Her favorite memory about Stratford is playing every Sunday at the gym with her friends.



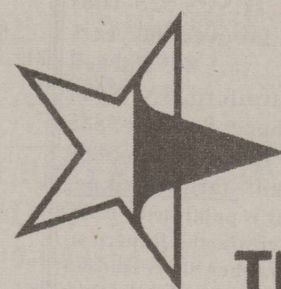
BRANDON MIRELES

Brandon is the son of Rose and Carlos Mireles. His favorite class is Algebra II and he enjoys cheering on the Elks and Lady Elks. Brandon is a member of FCCLA, Newspaper and Pep Club. He plans to attend Amarillo College and major in Dental Hygiene. "Use your smile to change the world." What he will miss most about Stratford is the people he grew up with and the memories they shared.

Congratulations to our Stratford High School Students of the Month!

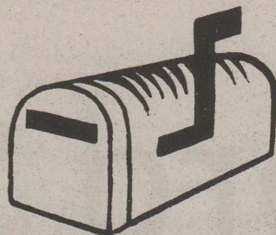
Texas Farm Bureau Insurance is proud to recognize these students who have been selected by the SHS faculty based on outstanding academics, extracurricular activities, service, citizenship and leadership skills. Great job, students! Keep up the good work!

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Letter to the Editor



SUBMITTING A LETTER: Letters should be no more than 200 words and can be mailed to PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 or faxed to 366-5884 or e-mailed to stardm@xit.net. Please include your street address (NO PO boxes), daytime phone number and full name. All submissions are subject to editing for length, libel, clarity and taste. The newspaper has the last say on whether a letter will be published.

Letters to the editor are the opinions of the writer, not the newspaper.

Calling on our senators to back childhood cancer research funding

Now that a U.S. Senate committee approved a bipartisan bill to advance pediatric cancer research, I urge the entire Senate to say "yes" to saving lives.

After accidents, cancer is the second leading cause of death in children ages 1 to 14 in the United States. Here at home, the Texas Department of Health and Human Services says cancer is the most-common cause of disease-related death in kids and that every year 1,200 of our neighbors are devastated to learn their child has cancer.

There are many types of childhood cancer that are without a known treatment or cure. The Childhood Cancer Survivorship, Treatment, Access and Research (STAR) Act would not only help find new treatments, but improve the quality of life for kids in treatment and for the rest of their lives. We need Congress to act now -- for our children.

I'm a grandmother to 6 wonderful kiddos. It terrifies me to know that childhood cancer rates have risen in the last few decades, but the committee's passage of the STAR Act is a step in the right direction. I hope Texans can count on Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz to support the STAR Act when it comes up for a vote.

Susan Spurlock Rawlins
State Lead Ambassador, American Cancer Society
Cancer Action Network-Texas
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Card of Thanks

Sherman County Voters thank you to all my supporters in the recent election! I hope to serve you well as your Justice of the Peace.
Again, let me say thanks!

Sincerely
Brenda Acker

Card of Thanks

St. Joseph's Catholic Church would like to thank everyone that helped make the Sausage Dinner a huge success! Many people volunteered to make the sausage, cook, provide supplies, serve, advertise and clean up! We greatly appreciate the support provided from this community and the other churches. Thank You!!!

SCOT Monthly Activities

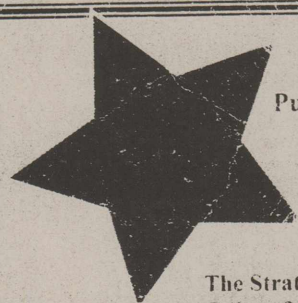
Men's Pool daily 1 p.m. M-F

Ladies Mexican Train Dominoes
Monday at 1:30 p.m.

Yoga with Erin Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m.

Yoga with Cindy Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Monthly luncheon-4th Thursday-12 noon
(covered dish Luncheon)



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Engagement Announced

Alyssa A. Johnson and Robin C. Smith of Las Vegas, New Mexico announce their engagement.

Alyssa is the daughter of the late James Johnson, III, and granddaughter of Ann Johnson and the late James Johnson, II, of Stratford, Texas. Alyssa is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Math and Sociology at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico, expects to graduate in December 2018, and will attend graduate school for Urban Planning.

Robin is the son of Storey A. M. Sorensen, a civilian employee of the Department of Defense currently in Afghanistan, and Michael Smith of Florence, Kentucky. Robin is an Information Services Technician at Christus St. Vincent Hospital in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Network Operations through Western Governors University.

The wedding will take place in September 2018. The couple will continue to reside in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY VOLUNTEERS KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL ONE MILE AT A TIME

Annual Trash-Off Cleanup day set for Saturday, April 7th

AMARILLO - Mark your calendars and join us for the Don't mess with Texas(r) Trash-Off annual cleanup on Saturday, April 7. The Trash-Off encourages Texans across the state to join forces and clear Texas roadsides of trash. Millions of pieces of litter accumulate on our roadways each year, which means we need your help.

Everyone can participate! Volunteers come from all walks of life: students, business leaders, civic and non-profit organizations, individuals, families, community groups, sororities, fraternities, sports teams, military, etc. If you have some free time, please volunteer and make a difference.

The Don't mess with Texas(r) Trash-Off is the single largest one-day cleanup event in the state and serves as Texas' signature event for the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program.

The Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off is part of TxDOT's litter prevention program, which includes Don't mess with Texas, Adopt-a-Highway and a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Join us and be a part of this great event. Your participation sends a clear message to Texans everywhere: The smallest efforts really do make the biggest difference. Take pride in the fact that you are part of making our great state beautiful. Join this event and help us make a difference! Sign up at Keep Texas Beautiful <<https://www.ktb.org/don-t-mess-with-texas-trash-off>> or call 1-800-CLEAN-TX. If you're part of an Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) group, contact your district AAH

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COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

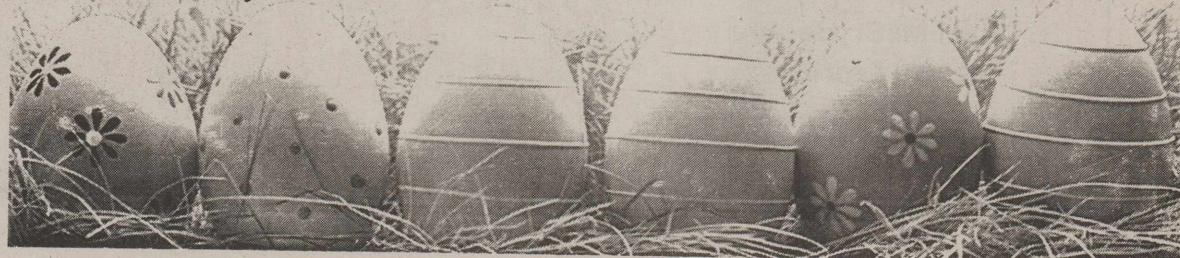
Easter Sunday, April 1 @ 9:20am

Littles ones up to kindergarten - First Christian Church courtyard

1st-3rd Grade - First United Methodist Church courtyard

4th-6th Grade - First United Methodist Church Youth House
(on corner of 5th and Main)

Let your little ones hunt for eggs, then join either First United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. or First Christian Church at 10:45 a.m. as we share the true story of Easter. All are welcome, come as you are!



The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

First Assembly of God
 Kevin Anderson, Pastor
 921 Fulton
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
 5th & Main
 Tim Boyer, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (Nursery)
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
 No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
 Rev. Damon Stalvey
 520 N. Main
 Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Junior & Senior High UMY 5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
 6th & Pearl
 Rectory 366-5687
 Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. (English) 9:30 (Spanish)
 Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Mass or t.
 Christian Formation Classes K-6 Grade Wed. Afternoon
 Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church
 Pastor Ron Whitt
 702 N. 3rd
 Sun.-Coffee 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Wed. Children 6 p.m. youth 7 p.m.

Heritage Bible Baptist
 Pastor Mark Looney
 302 S. Main
 For more info-call 396-2212
 Morning worship 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service 6 p.m.
 Thurs. Service 7:00 p.m.



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 Escuela Dominical 9:45 a.m.
 Miercoles (Wednesday)
 Servicio De Adoration 11 a.m. Estudio
 Biblico & Servicio De Oraction 6 p.m.
 Servicio De Adoration 6 p.m. se Cuidamos
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 Escuela Dominical 10 a.m. - 12 noon
 Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
 Miercoles: Servicio De Adoracion 6-8 p.m.

Kerrick Community
 Pastor Roy Harris
 Community Building
 10 a.m. Worship Service

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N. 3rd & Chestnut
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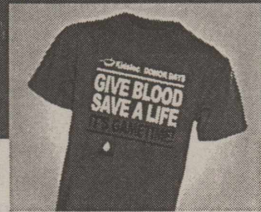
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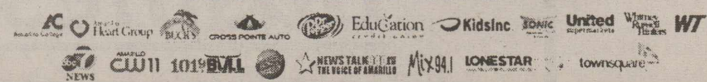
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Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative is gearing up for the 2018 Annual Meeting, which will be held March 21, 2018 at the Rita Blanca Coliseum in Dalhart TX. Lunch will be served at 11:30PM followed by a Business meeting.

The Annual Meeting is a special time for Co-op members to gather, share experiences, hear from Co-op leaders and, perhaps most important, vote to elect board members.

The Co-op employees work hard to host this event, and members are encouraged to attend and exercise some of the many rights you have as a member of an electric cooperative. We know the food and prizes are highlights of the meeting, but there is so much more to the event.

Did you know the annual meeting also is an occasion to learn more about the issues affecting your cooperative? You can also find out what the co-op is doing to provide reliable services at affordable prices.

Rita Blanca Electric is not owned by faraway investors; it is run by a democratically elected board that is given the privilege to serve because of your vote.

At this year's annual meeting, not only will you learn more about your cooperative (and maybe win a prize), but also you will feel good knowing that you had a voice in important decisions that affect one of our most vital resources, electricity.

From all of your friends at Rita Blanca Electric, we hope to see you at the annual meeting!

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STRATFORD LIONS CLUB



Sunday, March 25, 2018

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location - County Barn

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