

## Eighth grade essay winners named

Eight Texhoma 8th grade students have been named as the winners in Southwest Rural Electric Association's 2018 Youth Energy Essay Contest. Each winning student received a \$50 cash prize.

The contest winners are as follows:

**Morgan Bailey**, Tipton Middle School. She is the daughter of Jenny and Shannon Olson. Her TMS English teacher is Marisa White.

**Jaycent Froelich**, Blair School. He is the son of Jen Maxwell. His English teacher is Kathi Martin.

**Maddie Gillespie**, Northside ISD. Her parents are Heather and Rick Gillespie. Her English teacher is Diana Brints.

**Audrey Hodges**, Vernon Middle School. She is the daughter of Michelle and Wayne Hodges. Her English teacher is Misti Dickerson.

**Cielo Martinez**, Vernon Middle School. She is the daughter of Julia Ochoa. Her English teacher is Misti Dickerson.

**Alyssia Patrick**, Northside ISD. She is the daughter of Kelly McMillan. Her English teacher is Diana Brints.

**Elizabeth Stengell**, Navajo Schools. Her parents are Joey and Kathy Stengall. Her English teacher is Kaylyn Dinser.

**Carter Torrez**, Blair Schools. He is the son of Melissa Charles and Isaac Torrez. His English teacher at Blair Schools is Kathi Martin.

### 2018 Contest Theme:

"Imagine that the governor has appointed YOU to be in charge of promoting energy efficiency



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in your town or community."

That was the challenge that was given to students in this year's contest. Student submissions were very well thought-out. Submissions had dozens of ideas for how to promote energy efficiency on an individual and community-sized level.

All students were asked to be creative, but to also give careful consideration to grammar, spelling, punctuation, and composition.

"Supporting local education has always been a top priority for our cooperative's members," said Kenneth Simmons, SWRE's chief executive officer. "We are pleased to be able to recognize these excellent 8th grade students."

The annual Youth Energy Contest is open to any 8th grader who attends school or resides in the SWRE service area.

## SWRE Manager's Report



### Round Up to partner with community organizations

How many of you are involved in a community organization of some sort? Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge, Chamber of Commerce, Food Pantries and Senior Citizen groups are all examples of these. Others of you still may be volunteer firefighters or educational advocates for your community.

All of these programs are vital to the quality of life in our area. You know as well as I, that these types of programs always need assistance in funding their meaningful projects. Our businesses donate, our citizens donate and our patrons donate. Still, there are so many projects and such a small pool of money within each organization that it can be difficult to thrive in the areas most needed to succeed.

SWRE wants to help be a solution to this problem, which is why will be giving our members the opportunity to support one another through Operation Round Up. Operation Round Up is a donation of less than one dollar per month that will be totaled across our membership. These dollars add up faster together than they do on their own. Together, we will be able to distribute grants to the community organizations we know and love.

The best part is that one hundred percent of the donations will stay directly in SWRE territory. That means members helping

members achieve greater community goals!

Recently, I have seen folks already begin to rally behind this amazing program. Many can see the potential of helping one another locally. Perhaps something in your town will affect a neighboring town's organization as well. The more we work together, the greater effect we can have on our local and regional quality of life.

Operation Round Up will begin donations in June of 2018. If you do not wish to be a part of this program, please call our offices to opt-out. This is a voluntary operation for our community-minded members.

If you know of an organization that Operation Round Up can partner with for mutual benefits, please give us a call. We are currently hosting Operation Round Up information booths at community events. This is to demonstrate the heart of the operation, which is our members desire to help existing community organizations. Partnering together is what makes the program meaningful. It's going to take lots of small change to create large, lasting change, but together we can make it happen.



## Operation Round Up

*Small change that changes lives.*

Beginning June 2018.

## Akin works as new Member Services Representative

Johnita Akin will join SWRE as the Member Service Representative. She will begin her duties on April 23rd.

Among her many responsibilities include directing member questions, taking payments and greeting member-owners.

Johnita is a graduate of Pauls Valley high school, though her and her husband, Chad Akin, have lived around the Frederick/Davidson area for over 20 years. They are longtime member-owners of SWRE.

Johnita has worked at Valor Bank (formerly First State Bank) in Davidson, for 23 years. She has most recently served as Vice President, Branch Manager, Loan Officer and Security Officer for the bank. She also has experience as a legal secretary, a data entry specialist and a store clerk. "We are very excited to welcome Johnita



Johnita Akin

to the SWRE team. She brings solid experience and a great deal of enthusiasm to the job," said Kenneth E. Simmons, general manager and CEO.

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- ✓ www.SWRE.com
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- ✓ SWRE Office  
*700 North Broadway,  
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- Altus – Frazer Bank, National Bank of Commerce
- Blair – Peoples State Bank
- Chillicothe – American National Bank
- Crowell – State Bank
- Electra – Waggoner National Bank
- Frederick – BancFirst, Frazer Bank
- Snyder – All American Bank
- Vernon – Herring Bank, Waggoner Bank, Bank of the West

**NOTE:** When paying at a bank, allow 10 days prior to the bill's due date.

## Our offices will be closed May 28th in honor of Memorial Day.

*We wish you and your family a safe holiday!*

### What's Cookin' in the SWRE Kitchen

## Keith Jonas' Baked Beans



#### Ingredients:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 16 oz. bacon          | 2 tsp. pepper                        |
| 16 oz. pork sausage   | 1/2 cup "Sweet Baby Ray's" BBQ sauce |
| 1 large onion         | 3/4 cup dark brown sugar             |
| 1 red bell pepper     | 1/3 cup "French's" mustard           |
| 1 poblano pepper      |                                      |
| 2 tbsp. minced garlic |                                      |
| 1 tsp. salt           |                                      |

#### Directions:

1. Brown pork and sausage in skillet. Drain grease and set meat aside.
2. Cut bacon into 1/4" pieces and fry until crisp. Remove bacon and place on paper towel. Pour drippings into container for later use.
3. Dice onion and peppers and fry with bacon drippings until they start to brown.
4. In large foil pan mix all ingredients plus leftover bacon drippings. Bake at 350 degrees for 1.5 hours.
5. Bring to work to share with all of your co-workers!

*Keith Jonas is our Meter Technician here at SWRE.*

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**For Sale:** 1/4 Beef (roughly 150 pounds) processed at Quartz Meat in Altus, OK. Includes 2 pound packages of hamburger meat, steaks of various styles (including T-Bones) and various styles of roasts along with stew meat. \$5.50/ pound delivered or \$5/pound if you pick up at the ranch. 10% discount for Active Duty/Veterans/Seniors. Call or text Joel at 580-284-1911.

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**For Sale:** 1991 Nuwa Hitchhiker 32' 5th Wheel RV with slide out. \$5,000. Call 405-606-1405

**For Sale:** Fencing wood posts, used, various sizes, discount off 25-50%. 940-631-2568.

**For Sale:** 2 black Angus cross pairs for sale, 2 yrs old, good body condition, B.O.A. 940-631-2568.

**For Sale:** Reg. Angus Bulls 16-22 mo. old, Bred and yearling Heifers. AI Sires. Mc Phail Angus, Snyder, Ok. Call 580-480-5131.

**For Sale:** Registered Dexter cattle, young cattle and heifers for sale. Excellent beef, very low cholesterol. Call 580-301-1793 or 580-738-5720.

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**For Sale:** Black aluminum pick-up-bed tool box with key. Paid \$270 but selling for \$100; just like new; has been stored in barn. Call 580-335-5848.

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