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Membership to Elect Director at the, 60th Annual Membership Meeting

Dell Telephone's 60th Annual Membership Meeting is just around the corner! Membership packets will be mailed out the week of February 15th 2016.

Included in your packet will be your mail ballot, ballot envelope, and postage paid return mail envelope. Please read the instructions carefully and contact our Business Office at 915/964-2352 if you have any questions. You may vote by mail or in person at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Cooperative in Dell City on Saturday, April 2, 2016. Registration will be from 9:00A.M. —10:00A.M. The Business Meeting will begin at 10:00A.M. During the Business Meeting, members that did not vote by mail will vote for Director of District #2.

District #2 Rob Beard



DTC Scholarships Available for High School Seniors

What does your high school senior plan to do after graduation? If attending college, technical school, or vocational training is in your child's future, Dell Telephone Cooperative may be able to help!

The Education Foundation of Dell Telephone Cooperative will award scholarships to high school seniors at the 60th Annual Membership Meeting, set for Saturday, April 2, 2016. Your high school senior may be eligible to apply!

To be eligible to apply, the applicant must be the dependent of an active Cooperative member in good standing, receiving local service (dial tone) from any Dell Telephone Exchange as of December 1, 2015.

Scholarship applications are available at the Business Office located at 610 South Main Street in Dell City, Texas. For additional information, please contact Susan Barker at 915/964-2139.

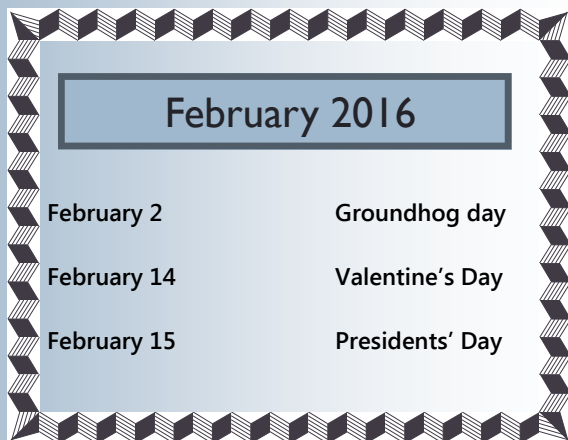


Teach your children to apply themselves

Helping young people understand that applying themselves to tasks like schoolwork and household chores are important to their long-term attitudes and ultimate success in life. Teach your kids to try harder without resorting to threats or bribes with these tips:

- **Get to the root of problems.** Kids are usually motivated simply by the prospect of pleasing their parents and teachers. If their efforts start to drop, check with your pediatrician and school counselors to find out whether an emotional issue is creating difficulties, and talk with your kids directly.
- **Focus on progress.** Goals are important, but steady progress is the secret of success. Instead of insisting that your child become a star quarterback or a champion speller, emphasize improvement as he or she makes progress.
- **Give children a choice.** Don't try to force your children into an activity because you think they should do it (or because you did it yourself as a child). If kids feel they have a choice, they'll try harder. Point out what talents they have, provide options and opportunities, and be honest about what to expect as they try to excel in any chosen activity.
- **Make them feel positive.** Give children lots of praise. They'll want to do more if they feel good about what they're doing. Just make sure you're sincere, honest, and specific.
- **Use rewards wisely.** Sometimes a reward helps a child get started in an activity or motivate kids when they're losing interest. But use the reward only to give them a jump-start. After that, replace rewards with verbal encouragement.

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NEW LISTINGS— 2016 January

Guillen, Donovan Mark	964-2207
Bell, Eric & Victoria	964-2870
Kreger, Michael	987-2622
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