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- 6 And the Broncos start their baseball season.

All this and much more as *The Enterprise* reports in this week's amazing edition!

Primary voters start casting early ballots

Republican and Democratic voters began heading to the polls this week as early balloting for the spring primaries began Tuesday.

Early votes can be cast by personal appearance at the Donley County Courthouse Annex.

The office of county judge has four Republican candidates – Randy Bond, Gary Campbell, Jack Craft, and Dr. John Howard; and three men are running as Republicans to be Commissioner of Precinct 2 – Daniel Ford, John Grady, and Mitchell Martin.

Other Republican candidates are Pam Mason for Precinct 1&2 Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3&4 Justice of the Peace Denise Bertrand, Precinct 1 Commissioner Dan Sawyer, and County Treasurer Wanda Smith. Katherine Williams is not on the ballot but is a write-in candidate for Republican County Chair.

In the Democratic primary, the following local candidates are running: Precinct 1&2 Justice of the Peace Connie Havens, Ricky Rattan for Precinct 4 Commissioner, and County/District Clerk Fay.

Early voting runs through February 28. The primaries will be on March 4.

Bairfield Foundation awards three grants

Three local groups are the recipients of grants totaling \$10,000 from the Charles & Thelma A. Bairfield Foundation.

Trustees of the Foundation met in January to consider three requests for funding. The Hedley Senior Citizens organization was awarded \$5,000 to help with operating expenses and contribute to a fund that will eventually replace their current facility. Clarendon College received \$4,000 to establish the Jerry Gage Ranch & Feedlot Operations Scholarship Fund in memory of longtime RFO instructor Jerry Gage. And the Clarendon Lions Club received \$1,000 for the Chance Mark Jones Memorial Playground in Clarendon's City Park.

With these grants, the Bairfield Foundation has awarded \$119,894.13 to deserving causes since being funded in 1993.

United Christians breakfast this week

The United Christians Monthly Breakfast will be held at 7:00 Thursday morning, February 20, 2014, at the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Church.

Lance Wood, Pastor of The First Baptist Church in Clarendon, will bring the program. Lance and others have just returned from a mission trip to Africa. Come and enjoy breakfast.

Chamber social to be held on March 6

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business After Hours Social for members, merchants, and prospective members, Thursday, March 6. The host for this event will be L&L Book-keeping & Tax Service. The hours will be 5:30 – 7:00. Bring a friend.

Local students more likely to earn degrees

Based on a report by Reeve Hamilton, Texas Tribune

Donley County youth beat the state statistic in a recent study of kids who go on to earn a higher education credential with six years of graduating high school.

Among young Texans who started eighth grade in 2000, less than one-fifth went on to earn a higher education credential, according to data analyzed by two state education agencies and presented last Tuesday in a Texas Tribune news application.

However, the application revealed that of the 60 students in Donley County who began 8th grade

in 2000 – students who are now in their 20s – 33.3 percent received a higher education degree or certificate within six years of their anticipated high school graduation date.

That rate is 13.9 percentage points higher than the statewide rate

Donley County students also beat the regional data which found that of 5,887 eighth graders served by Region 16 in 2000 in the Texas Panhandle, only 20.3 percent received a college degree or certificate, which was just more than one percentage point higher than the state rate.

Local students also beat neighboring county higher education achievement rates, including Armstrong 16.0, Briscoe 20.0, Carson

31.5, Collingsworth 9.6, Hall 26.9, Gray 24.1, and Childress 28.4.

Most students from nearby counties fared better with eighth graders who started in 2001. Donley County's rate stayed at 33.3 percent, Armstrong rose to 22.6, Briscoe came up to 26.1, Carson was closest to Donley at 33.0, Collingsworth rose considerably to 31.7, Hall fell to 10.5, Gray was just above even at 24.5, and Childress dropped slightly to 24.5

The highest local performing class in the study range 1997-2001, were eighth graders who started in 1998. Of the 54 students in that cohort, 38.9 percent earned a college degree or certification, beating the

state rate for that class by more than 20 points.

Clarendon College President Dr. Robert Riza said the success of local students is helped by the presence of a community college at home but that other factors also contribute.

"This shows the fine job the ISDs are doing and the importance of the college working closely with the ISDs," Riza said. "It also goes back to the community itself and the focus families place on education."

Since 2012, Houston Endowment, a philanthropic foundation and sponsor of the news app, has advocated for the use of "cohort tracking" to evaluate the state's education pipeline. The analysis begins with all

Texas students entering eighth grade in a given year and follows them for 11 years, giving them six years after high school to earn a post-secondary degree.

George Grainger, senior program officer for Houston Endowment's education initiatives, said he believes it's a valid performance index for the entire education pipeline, not just higher education. "We felt if we put our name on this, we can talk about it in a way that a state agency is perhaps not able to," he said.

Cohort tracking is something the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board had been doing for See 'Degrees' on page 3.



Area Champions

The Clarendon Lady Broncos claimed the 2014 Area Championship trophy Friday night, dominating Wheeler, 63-22. Complete details of that game are located inside this week's issue. The girls are advancing to the regional tournament after defeating Sunray this week. They will play Sundown at 6:30 p

COURTESY PHOTO / MELODY HYSINGER

Local offices drawing more candidate filings

Candidates continue to line up for this spring as sign-ups for seven boards continues.

Clarendon Aldermen Larry Jeffers and Beverly Burrow has signed up to seek two of the three terms available on the city board. They will be joined on the ballot by challenger John Lockhart, who announced his candidacy Tuesday afternoon. Aldermen Will Thompson, whose term is expiring, has not filed to run again.

The City of Hedley has three

positions available on the May ballot. The terms of Mayor Leon Ward and Aldermen Lonnie Roby and Carrie Butler are up this year. Roby and Ward are running for reelection, and Diana Postma has filed for the board.

The Clarendon County Hospital has three seats available on the Board of Regents, and the positions are held by Dr. John Howard, Dr. Bill Sansing, and Jack Moreman. All three incumbents have signed up to run for re-election.

Incumbent Ted Wright and challengers Troy Monroe and Michelle McCann have signed up to run for three positions on the Hedley ISD Board of Trustees. The other two posts are currently held by Karen Watt and Tonja Ruthardt.

The Donley County Hospital Board has four positions up for election this year. Those seats are currently held by Jan Farris – Place 4, Jeannie Owens – Place 5, Mark C. White – Place 6, and Lori Howard – Place 7. All four incumbents have

signed up to run again.

H.L. Baird is running for the city board in Howardwick where three positions are open. Those seats are currently held by Gene Rogers, Cory Longan, and Robert Brewster.

Clarendon ISD has two trustee positions up this year, which are held by Renee Betts and Weldon Sears. Only Sears has filed for re-election at press time.

Filing for local positions runs through February 28. Elections will be held May 10.

Second Jones 5K to fund playground

Planning is underway for the second annual Chance Mark Jones Memorial 5K, which will be held Saturday, April 12, and help fund new playground equipment at City Park.

The race and playground project is sponsored by the Clarendon Lions Club in conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention Month to raise awareness of child abuse.

Last year's race and subsequent donations, including most recently \$1,000 from the Bairfield Foundation, have raised more than \$23,000 of the needed \$33,000 to purchase playground equipment.

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen gave their blessing to the playground project last week and approved placing the equipment in the southwest corner of the park near the covered pavilion there.

The equipment when installed will be 21 feet by 15 feet and will accommodate up to 29 children in ages ranging from two to 12. The playground will also be designed to include four play components that will meet the needs of children with disabilities.

The race and playground are intended to honor the life of four-year-old Jones, who died from abuse in 2011.



Proposed Chance Mark Jones Memorial Playground.

Sponsorships are now being sought for the race and registrations for runners/walkers are also being accepted.

This year's race will start and end at Clarendon College and will run through town and by the future site of the playground equipment. The start time is 9 a.m.

The event is expected to draw several out-of-town athletes to the community, as running events continue to gain in popularity and participation in them increases. Last year's event drew more than 200 participants.

For more information, contact Boss Lion Ashlee Estlack at ashlee.

estlack@clarendoncollege.edu or 806-874-4808 or 806-662-4687 or Lion Chandra Eggemeyer at tourism@cityofclarendon.com or 806-874-2421 or 325-234-3401. Race registrations are available at the Clarendon Visitor Center at the Mulkey Theatre or online at <http://bit.ly/1dFOBdH>.

Hardaway accepts plea deal on assault

A man accused of attacking a Clarendon woman has been sentenced to prison after accepting a plea agreement in district court last Monday, February 10.

Devonte Deshun Hardaway was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in the Institutional Division of Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the second degree felony offense of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Hardaway is required to pay \$398 in court costs.

Hardaway, a 20-year-old resident of Clarendon, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place November 3, 2013, by Donley County Deputy Sonny Marasco.

According to published reports, a 17-year-old woman was severely beaten and stabbed early Sunday morning, November 3. Sheriff Butch Blackburn said the woman, identified by social media sources as Shantel Harris, was walking home from a birthday party when she was attacked in a vacant lot near the North Ward Park and beaten and stabbed in the neck.

Harris identified Hardaway and Tyler Lee Smith, age 19, of Memphis as her attackers. Smith remains in the Donley County Jail at press time.

Hardaway's plea came before District Judge Stuart Messer in Panhandle. District Attorney Luke Inman, assisted by Scott Sherwood, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas.

City sales tax revenue rises

Economic activity in Clarendon showed continued growth in the final quarter of 2013 according to sales tax information released by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs last week.

The city's February sales allocation came in at a \$39,841.45, up 14.87 percent compared to \$34,682.99 for the same period last year.

The sales tax figures represent December sales reported by monthly tax filers as well as October, November, and December sales by businesses that report tax quarterly.

Clarendon is 11.42 percent ahead for calendar year 2014 with sales tax revenue of \$67,479.29.

Revenue is also up for Hedley, which had an allocation of \$911.01 this month, up 34.2 percent for the month and bringing the year-to-date tally up 11.56 percent to \$1,220.29.

Howardwick was up 24.50 percent for the month at \$1,483.86 but is slightly behind for the year-to-date, down 2.34 percent at \$2,296.58.

Statewide sales tax revenue in January was \$2.3 billion, up 8.3 percent compared to January 2013.

guest commentary

Presidents Day: What is there to Celebrate?

By Gene Healy, Cato Institute

Deals on used cars, discount mattresses and not so much as an honorific doodle of Teddy Roosevelt on Google's homepage — have we drifted away from the true spirit of Presidents Day?

Real patriots spend the third Monday in February thinking about the presidency. In fact, I spent the day reading Thinking About the Presidency, a new book by the distinguished University of Chicago political scientist William G. Howell. And now I think we're screwed.

The book's subtitle is "the Primacy of Power," reflecting Howell's view that "power is the president's North Star. ... The need to acquire, protect, and expand power is built into the office of the presidency itself, and it quickly takes hold of whoever temporarily bears the title of chief executive."

The demands Americans place on the presidency are virtually boundless: They "invest in the president their highest aspirations not just for the federal government, but for the general polity, for their communities and families, and for their own private lives." Responding to the incentives that confront them, presidents naturally seek power to meet the insatiable public demands for presidential salvation.

Thus, Howell writes, "from nearly the moment he assumes office, the most self-effacing presidential candidate will quickly be transformed into a great apologist for presidential power."

You wouldn't exactly call President Obama "self-effacing." But his background as a former constitutional law professor and liberal state senator, and his campaign speeches denouncing "unchecked presidential power," led some liberals to believe he'd be "our first civil libertarian president."

And yet, since assuming office, Obama has broken more campaign-trail promises on executive power than you could fit into a Buzzfeed listicle. A sample:

"The President does not have power under the Constitution to unilaterally authorize a military attack [absent] an actual or imminent threat." But "kinetic military action" against Libya is a different story entirely.

"No more ignoring the law when it is inconvenient." Still, taking care that Obamacare's firm legislative deadlines are faithfully adhered to would be really inconvenient before the midterms.

"We're not going to use signing statements as a way of doing an end run around Congress." Unless Congress gets out of line and defunds my czars.

"No more national security letters to spy on citizens who are not suspected of a crime." Actually, according to the Electronic Frontier Foundation, the president has "continued to block reform and has even sought to expand NSL powers."

Obama didn't set out to forge a legacy as the Surveillance State's greatest champion, any more than President George W. Bush had an ideological precommitment to vastly expanding presidential power over the economy. But as Howell notes, "presidents can ill afford to repudiate any power that might enable them to address the onslaught of expectations put before them."

As law professor Garrett Epps has noted, the Framers did something new under the sun with the creation of the presidency. But "it wasn't their best work." The Framers thought they'd made separation of powers largely self-executing: Ambition would counteract ambition, so that, in Madison's words, "the private interest of every individual may be a sentinel over the public rights."

But the mechanism doesn't work as planned: The private interests of individual congressmen lead them to cede power to the executive branch and focus on reelection. Congress rarely guards its institutional turf — yet every president ends up leaving the presidency stronger than he found it.

The results are nothing to celebrate. Every year, there are conservatives who complain about a "War on Christmas." If there's ever a War on Presidents Day, sign me up.

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The cherished freedom to exhale

So far as I know, none of my elementary schoolmates made it to the Metropolitan Opera — unless as a member of the audience, usher staff or clean-up crew.

On balance, our highest musical aspirations might have justified our inclusion in church choirs, but without expectation to be chosen for solos. When Christmas pageant time rolled around, we risked minimal embarrassment by shooting for silent roles — perhaps as shepherds.

Donning masquerades as camels might best have fit our ability — front or back end — as long as each end knew what the other was doing....

Lest you think our teacher was a buffoon, I hasten to emphasize that the late Betty Jo Rice was more than "up to speed" to handle music instruction for all eight grades. In fact, she was superior in numerous ways, not the least of which was showing us that music fits neatly into our lives long after school bells are silent.

She convinced us that we could — and should — face the day smiling. Surveying the room, she smiled broadly each day, asking if we were ready for our breathing exercise. We were determined to please her, with our breathing if not our singing.

We may have been among the best "breathers" on the planet, taking in big gulps of air, holding 'em a few seconds, then exhaling on command. I'm here to tell you, we had the breathing part down....

Little did we know at the time that now, some 70 years later, we've pretty much given up on singing outside the shower. However, we're clinging to an

exercise regimen, hopeful for another "inhale" after each "exhale." Mrs. Rice might find it hard to believe that in these days, exhaling is the hardest part.

We all have lists of breathtaking challenges, from the communities where we live to the globe which we share. Admittedly, Carter was big in pill production, but many folks today have as many problems as he had pills.

Take the current Winter Olympics as an example. When will all parties concerned — participants, fans, media personnel and Russian hosts — feel free to exhale? Add pilots and flight attendants to the list; surely they have to wonder if someone has slipped a rigged tube of toothpaste onto the plane. (One guy mentioned he'd never previously heard of "Sochi," and when he did, offered a "Gesundheit.")...

As a former higher education administrator, I wonder how many educators today need to take some deep breaths, hold 'em and then fully exhale.

At the University of Texas, for example, worms are out of the can. What a mish-mash of problems between the governor, regents, chancellor, presidents and coaches, perhaps not in that order.

Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa has had enough, opting to return to his medical career in organ transplants. After all, he's performed kidney and liver transplants "every three or four weeks"



the idle american
by dr. dan newbury

during his five years as chancellor. On my best "chancelloring" days at a much smaller institution, they wouldn't have thought me capable of transplanting mesquite trees. However, I could exhale with the best of them....

On local levels, stomachs churn on many topics. Consider "bullying," a problem atop many lists. Some bullies seem committed to ugly tactics for a lifetime. (It wasn't long ago that the word "bully" was usually followed by "pulpit.")

We risk boggled minds with daily news accounts of man's ongoing inhumanity to man. Sometimes it's more than a body can reasonably bear. (Deliver me from Denmark, where zoo workers have ghoulish ways to dispose of giraffes.) Only the lions win....

I heard of a third-grader, call him "Wee Willie," who asked his dad for \$5 to take to school the next day. Sensing jagged edges of concern in his son's request, Mr. Winkle, reached for his wallet, always eager to help out. Pausing, he asked, "What's it for?"

"Big Bob the Baddest Bully blabbed that if I don't bring bucks — five of 'em — he's going to bludgeon me to a bloody blob," Willie answered. The youngster found little comfort in his dad's response, "No way, son, that's extortion."

"Nope," the third-grader countered, "Big Bob says it's health care." (No doubt Mr. Winkle gasped for air, hopeful of being able to exhale before too long....)

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Baseball Hall of Fame's Biggio Dilemma

By Bobby Riza

Today's Baseball Hall of Fame voters face an impossible challenge of electing the best players into Cooperstown with a limited number of ballots. In the current format, voters are only allowed to have ten names on their ballot. This causes concern when players who are deserving of being inducted are left off the ballot because of lack of space.

No player better demonstrates this dilemma better than Craig Biggio, who played for 20 years of all them with the Houston Astros organization. He had more than 3,000 career hits (the highest total of any hitter eligible to be on the ballot in 2015), seven All Star selections including five straight from '94 to '98, five Gold Gloves, and finished in the top ten of MVP voting three times, twice finishing in the top five. He switched from catcher to second base after the 1991 season in which he was an All Star at the position.

This past voting cycle, Biggio was two votes away from being elected into the Cooperstown. This year he will surely receive the recognition that his career rightfully deserves. The question is: who will this year's Biggio be? With only ten spots and a wealth of great players on this year's ballot, great and deserving players are sure to be left out

of next year's class. There are so many notable players who are entering their first year of eligibility. Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and John Smoltz headline this year's pitcher crop while Gary Sheffield, Nomar Garciaparra, and Carlos Delgado head up the hitters. Smoltz and Johnson should be First Balloters by a landslide, and there is a strong case to be made that the others won't have to wait long to get their call form Cooperstown.

The dilemma starts when you look at those players and the players already on the ballot such as Mike Piazza — the great Mets catcher, Jeff Bagwell, Rodger Clemens, Mark McGwire, and Barry Bonds. Many of the names on the list are shrouded in doubt from one of baseball's darkest times from players who admitted their guilt to those whose guilt was never proven but still suspected. Then you have those like Don Mattingly whose time on the ballot is nearing its end. Many voters feel compelled to help the older players get in if it is close to their final years on the ballot thus pushing other younger players off the ballot. How are voters supposed to weigh between those they feel should be in and those whose résumés speak for themselves? This task seems near impossible thanks to their lack of votes. Having an unlimited number of votes

isn't a solution because the selectivity of the hall would be diminished, but the number of votes each writer gets should be increased. Voters today face a huge challenge, and one I would not wish to share.

To prove how stacked this year's crop is here would be my vote — if I had one — for the Baseball HOF class of 2015 in no particular order. Craig Biggio, Don Mattingly, Randy Johnson, Lee Smith, Gary Sheffield, John Smoltz, Mike Piazza, Jeff Bagwell, Roger Clemens, and Mark McGwire. I voted for the final two because even though their legacies were tarnished with involvement in steroids, the hall is about the best players being in and Clemens and McGwire were two of the greatest players of their generation with Clemens being one of the greatest pitchers of all time. Whether or not the voters agree with my selections, one thing is clear: there is surely going to be somebody deserving left off of the class of 2015. The only question is who will be talked about as next year's biggest snub.

Bobby Riza is a sophomore journalism and electronic media communications major at Texas Tech University. Sources for this article was information from BaseballReference.com.

Degrees: Continued from page one.

some time — but quietly. Houston Endowment approached the agency about running the numbers again and providing an annual snapshot of the education system, this time for public consumption.

Texas Higher Education Commissioner Raymund Paredes called the idea of using the simple, easy-to-understand metric — rather than standard metrics like college graduation rates — “a minor act of genius.”

“If your final number is 19 out of 100 students receiving some form of post-secondary credential, you know there’s an awful lot of leakage

in the pipeline,” Paredes said.

Houston Endowment is careful not to be prescriptive in its cohort analysis.

“We’re very careful in saying that we don’t know what the goal for the state should be for this index,” Grainger said, “nor are we saying how to get there.”

But he acknowledged that “intuitively,” the fact that just one out of five Texas students completes a post-secondary degree is “not what Texas needs, not what the kids of Texas need, not what employers need.”

Texas’ data collection isn’t perfect. The cohort analysis, for example, does not account for some productive post-secondary endeavors, such as military service and apprenticeship programs.

Plus, if students move out of state, the system loses track of them until they move back in — meaning those who attend out-of-state colleges or universities and don’t return aren’t counted.

This omission could be corrected, Grainger said, but Texas does not currently pay to access National Student Clearinghouse data.

Citizens invited to attend Groundwater meeting

Managing area groundwater resources will be the topic of an Amarillo meeting this Friday, February 21, at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission office.

Citizens are invited to attend the Groundwater Management Area 1 Joint Planning Meeting, held by groundwater conservation districts located in whole or in part of the management area. Attendance is free and open to the public.

Texas Water Code Chapter 36 requires groundwater conservation districts to conduct joint planning within groundwater management

areas. The groundwater conservation districts must meet at least annually to review management plans, accomplishments of the management area, and proposals to adopt new or amend existing desired future conditions for the relevant aquifers within the management area. TWDB will calculate modeled available groundwater values, based on the desired future conditions, which will be used for regional water planning, groundwater conservation district management plans, and for permitting groundwater withdrawals.

Groundwater Management

Area 1 consists of the following groundwater conservation districts: Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No.1, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, and Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

Counties within Groundwater Management Area 1 include Armstrong, Carson, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler.

Extension preplant decision workshop set

CANYON – A Producers Preplant Decisions Workshop will be held Feb. 26 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Kuhlman Center, 200 N. Brown Road, Canyon.

“Our speakers will provide producers with helpful information for critical preplanting decisions,” said Dr. J.D. Ragland, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Randall County.

The meeting will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and the program at 9 a.m. The fee is \$10, payable at the door. Those planning

to attend should preregister before noon Feb. 25 by calling the AgriLife Extension office for Randall County at 806-468-5543.

Topics and speakers for the morning program will be:

- Estimating Soil Fertility Requirements for Sorghum and Corn, Dr. Robert Schwartz, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service soil scientist at Bushland.

- Critical Decisions for Irrigated Cotton Production, Dr. Louis Baumhardt, USDA-ARS soil scientist at Bushland.

- Recommended Sorghum Varieties for Both Dryland and Irrigated, Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock.

- Sorghum Yield Under Dryland, Supplemental and Full Irrigation, Schwartz.

- Suggested Seeding Rates at Planting, Trostle.

- Top Dressing Wheat, Trostle.

Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. and include a discussion of in-depth result demonstrations. The program will offer three Texas Department of Agriculture general continuing education units for private applicators.

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Community Calendar

- February 18-28**
Early Voting • 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Courthouse Annex
- February 20**
Buildings & Lady Bulldogs v Western Texas College • 5:45/7:45 p.m. • Dawg house
- February 24**
Bulldogs v NMMI • 7:45 p.m. • Dawg house
- February 25**
Lady Bulldog Softball v Western Oklahoma • 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. • CC Softball Field
- February 26**
Lady Bulldog Volleyball v Faculty • 7 p.m. • Bulldog Gym
- March 4**
Primary Election Day • 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. • At local Poll Locations
- March 5**
Bulldog Baseball v Seward • 3 p.m. • CC Baseball Field
- March 7**
Bulldog Baseball v NMMI • Noon • CC Baseball Field
- Lady Bulldog Softball v Midland • 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. • CC Softball Field
- March 8**
Lady Bulldog Softball v Odessa College • 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. • CC Softball Field
- Bulldog Baseball v NMMI • Noon • CC Baseball Field
- Clarendon College and Outline Productions Barrel Race • LEC • Details TBA
- March 10**
Lady Bulldog Softball v Garden City • 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. • CC Softball Field
- March 12**
Lady Bulldog Softball v Rose State • 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. • CC Softball Field

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Menus

February 24 - 28

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Vegetable soup, Santa Fe chicken oven browned, potatoes, wheat bread/crackers, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, vanilla pudding, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Spaghetti/meatballs, garlic bread, margarine, spinach, cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Thur: Chicken cordon blu, baked potatoes, seasoned vegetables blend, strawberries & bananas, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Lasagna, mixed salad, garlic bread, brussel sprouts, sliced pears, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Baked chicken breast, baked potato w/sour cream, green peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Catfish, spinach, coleslaw, hushpuppy, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken tenders, baked potato w/sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries & whip topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Thur: Beef tips & noodles, meadow blend vegetables, corn, wheat roll, chocolate cake/strawberries, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned corn, cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: French toast sticks, fresh fruit, milk.
Tue: Scrambled eggs, biscuit & gravy, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast club, fresh fruit, milk.
Thur: Chicken-n-waffles, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Breakfast burrito, fresh fruit, milk.
Lunch
Mon: Corndog, black eyed peas, tomato, cucumber cup, apple-pineapple delight, milk.
Tue: Beefy queso, refried beans, salad, orange smiles, milk.
Wed: Chicken sandwich, oven fries, veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk.
Thur: Chicken nuggets, salad, baby carrots, grapes, breadstick, milk.
Fri: Pizza, crunchy broccoli, salad, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Waffles & chicken, syrup, cereal variety, fruit juice, milk.
Tue: Oatmeal muffin squares, yogurt, cereal variety, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Texas toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, cereal variety, fruit juice, milk.
Thur: Breakfast club, cereal variety, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Biscuits w/gravy, sausage, cereal variety, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch
Mon: Hamburger/cheeseburger, hamburger garnish, tator tots, Western beans, pears, milk.
Tue: Tangerine chicken, brown rice, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple tidbits, milk.
Wed: Tex-mex stack, corn chips, Spanish rice, refried beans, salad, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, milk.
Thur: Chicken fajita, tortilla chips, salsa, baby carrots, fruit bowl, milk.
Fri: Chicken parmesan, breadsticks, salad, green beans, apple slices, milk.

Beware light bulbs, flappy birds

Hi, gang! Watch out for light bulb danger. Dorothy had just walked out of her bathroom Saturday the 15th when a GE light bulb exploded showering small shards of glass across the room. The bulb was a GE Halogen made in Mexico, 72 W-120V White 1490 Lumens. It looks like our old light bulbs we have use for years. I have pictures including the writing on the bulb and three good bulbs. I have pictures and will be sending pictures and information to several places attempting to warn of a possible danger.

I also included several things that you can do to prevent fraud while winter still lingers. You may be anxious to do some "pre" spring, spring cleaning. If you've ever wondered how to remove your name from a mailing list, get your free credit report or contact a consumer agency - some of the BBB's most requested information - the below will help.

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Copies of Hit Flappy Bird App Contain Malware:

When the maker of the popular smartphone app, Flappy Bird, pulled the hit game after just a month, scammers rose up to meet demand. Unfortunately, some copies of the app come with undesirable side effects.

How the Scam Works: You want the new smartphone app that everyone is talking about, Flappy Bird. But the developer pulled it before you could download the game. You decide to look in the app store anyway. And sure enough, there is an app claiming to be Flappy Bird.

In order to install it, the scam app requires you to give it permission to send text messages, read your texts and access other apps. This is unusual. The real Flappy Bird app only asked downloaders to grant it access to the network, so it could serve up ads. Once installed, the fake Flappy Bird app tries to force users into sending text messages



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to a premium number. Even if you hit "cancel," the app keeps running in the background, where it could access information stored on your phone. Tips for Avoiding Scam Apps:

Just as your computer can become infected with a virus, so can your smartphone. Follow these tips to avoid malware infected apps. Stay away from discontinued apps:

Don't attempt to download anything calling itself Flappy Bird, since the original version is "dead." This goes for other apps, too. Make sure to read the user reviews before downloading an app. Be sure to download apps through the official app stores, not alternative markets. Use security and anti-virus programs on your smartphone, just as you would a computer. Look in the app store for reputable solutions. To find out more about scams, check out BBB Scam Stopper.

Dating Online & Sending Money - Not A Good Match. Meeting online, usually through a dating site can be simple and fun but things can start to change quickly. The warning signs of online Romance scams: Being asked to talk or chat on an outside email or messaging service. Given all kinds of excuses not to meet in person. Being asked you for money or credit card information. Receiving emails with questionable links to third-party websites. To find out more about scams, check out BBB Scam Stopper.

Be safe out there.

Celebrate presidents throughout the year

As a kid our school celebrated two Presidential birthdays in February - Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and George Washington on February 22, and school was dismissed for those days. We learned of their young life with Abe growing up in a log cabin and George cutting down the cherry tree with a little of the war years thrown in. I grew up to respect those two men and the office of the President. Schools are closed today [Monday]; and if you Google "Presidents Day," you may be surprised by what you learn, which is, there is no such thing as a national holiday by that name. Today is officially George

Washington's birthday. The name it is called has to do with the different states and in Texas it is, "Presidents Day."

This was one of those holidays that was messed with to make them a three-day holiday in 1971. The state of Texas decided to call it Presidents' Day and encouraged people to shop and boost the economy. Okay. It is



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celebrated on the third Monday of February each year which can range from the 15- 27 but messing with it takes away the true meaning of a birthday, which is to honor that person. I hope you all had a nice day remembering the Presidents, even if it wasn't their birthday.

Our condolences to Forrest and Judy Newton on the loss of their daughter Julie Papa on Feb 7. Tragically followed on February 15 with a house fire at the Newtons' residence. Thankfully, no one was injured in the fire. Please add this family at the top of your prayer list and offer a helping hand.

Parenting workshop to be held by STAR

Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families (STAR) will present "Back in Control," a parenting workshop, on Saturday, March 1, at the Texas Panhandle Centers Children's Services Building in Amarillo from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pre-registration is required by calling 359-2005. Instructor will be Janice James, MA, QMHP. CEUs are available.

There is no charge for the session, but seating is limited, and no childcare is provided.

NRCS office to sell trees next month

The Donley County Soil & Water Conservation District is selling a wide variety of small, medium and large sized evergreens, deciduous shade, shrubs, and fruit trees.

Order forms are available at the Donley County NRCS office, and those interested are asked to have orders turned in by March 1, 2014. The trees should be delivered to NRCS around the second or third week in March.

They will also have extra trees to be sold on a first come, first served basis at that time.

For more information, contact the Donley County Soil & Water Conservation District at 806-874-3561, extension 3. The office is located at 321 S. Sully in Clarendon.

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Drugs in the News

Positive Test Results: Prostate Cancer Drug

Recently released results from an ongoing clinical trial showed that a prostate cancer medication may reduce PSA levels if it is used before starting chemotherapy. PSA is a protein that is released by the prostate which may be signal a higher chance of prostate cancer. According to the results of the study, enzalutamide (Xtandi) helped prolong life and delay the growth of the tumor when used before standard chemotherapy in men with prostate cancer compared to people who took a sugar pill. The research study included over 1700 participants and was stopped early because the trial results proved effective.

Xtandi was approved in 2012 to help treat prostate cancer that has spread to other parts of the body after taking a specific chemotherapy drug. This medication has a warning that it may cause seizures in certain people who have a high risk for seizures. Xtandi is available as a capsule and works by blocking a hormone receptor from interfering with the DNA. The most common side effects include sluggishness, back pain, watery stools, muscle weakness and pain, and hot flushes.

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At the regular 4H meeting on February 11th Tyler Harper, Jodie Pigg, Calder Havens, Laney Gates and Brenna Ellis played Simon Says led by Blaine Ellis and Tres Hommel. Members also played In the River, On the Bank. The next meeting will be March 4th at the Donley County Activity Center.

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American Legion to convene in Amarillo

The American Legion, Department of Texas, Amarillo's Hanson Post 54 will be the site of the Spring convention scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2014.

William Dannheim, 18th District Commander, said that this particular meeting would be extremely special because of the presence of many state and national leaders. Attending will be: Alternate National Executive Committeeman and Past State Commander Butch Sparks of Pearland, State Commander Jim Fleming of Anna, State SAL Commander Bill Kuehner of Benbrook, 4th Division Commander Ron Pietzsch of Roscoe, 4th Division Auxiliary President Carolyn Dutton of Weatherford, Past State Vice Commander Lynn Sparks of Pearland and State Training Committee Chairman Fred Rogers of Frisco. Also planning to attend are several Past District and Division

Commanders and Presidents.

The event will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a special Cannon Salute To The Fallen and remarks from key leaders. Hanson Post 54 Commander Charles Frenzel has invited the Mayor of Amarillo to welcome the delegates. Commander Dannheim will oversee the event and lead the official American Legion sessions. President Dutton will oversee the Auxiliary session. The Sons of The American Legion will meet with the Legionnaires.

The entire afternoon will be dedicated to the American Legion Extension Institute which is a four hour training session instructed by State Training Chairman Fred Rogers who is one of only eight certified instructors in the State.

Barry Schoenhals of Darrouzett who chaired the state training committee for the past two years, explained that this level of training

has never been conducted in the 18th District and to have the chairman instructing the session is even more meaningful. Schoenhals went on to explain that the training committee was established three years ago to develop programs and curriculum that would advance The American Legion through training and awareness.

The official business session will consider the approval of a newly revised District Constitution and By-Laws and a resolution to create a District Oratorical Scholarship and a method to fund it and the existing Eagle Scout Scholarship and support the General Fund as well. Delegates will also elect new District Officers, who will serve two year terms. "It will be a very busy day," Commander Dannheim explained, "but I'm extremely excited about this event and what it will represent. Commander Frenzel and Hanson

American Legion Post 54 have done a marvelous job in planning it."

18th District meetings occur every six months and create a forum for Post delegates to convene, train and offer reports on Post activities. The American Legion is the nation's largest and most influential organization of wartime veterans and was chartered by congress in 1919 with a purpose to support Children and Youth, Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, Americanism and a Strong National Defense. The 18th District is one of five in the 4th Division, 23 in the State of Texas and comprises the top 28 counties of the Texas Panhandle and Northern Rolling Plains with Posts in Amarillo, Borger, Stratford, Memphis, Booker, Perryton, Darrouzett, Claude, Parmer County, Dimmitt, Tulia, Higgins, Nazareth, Childress, Vega, Shamrock, Hedley, Hereford, Wheeler, Matador, Canadian, Miami and Dumas.

Fire damages homes

The home of Forrest and Judy Newton in Howardwick was lightly damaged by fire shortly after 8 p.m. last Saturday, February 15.

Howardwick Fire Chief Joe Hall said the fire started under the decking at the porch near the east entrance of the home. Hall thanked the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department for their assistance and called CVFD's new thermal tool a great asset. Clarendon Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said 13 firemen and seven apparatus responded to the blaze. Powell said there were no injuries and said the fire was caused by a discarded cigarette.

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Fri	14	59°	29°	-
Sat	15	68°	30°	-
Sun	16	68°	41°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.19"
Total precipitation to date: 0.19"

weekend forecast

Fri., Feb. 21
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Sat., Feb. 22
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Bronco baseball season underway

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco baseball team participated in a scrimmage with Memphis last Friday, February 15, as they begin their 2014 season.

According to Clarendon coach Brad Elam, the scrimmage went well.

“We didn’t really hit the ball all that great, but our pitching and defense was good for this early on. Zack LaRoe and Caleb Cobb pitched really well for eight innings. Ray Jaramillo, Brandon Miller, and Mykeal LaRoe made good plays on defense.”

The Broncos will play a regular season game at home against Hale Center on Saturday, February 22, at 2:00 p.m.

They will travel to Memphis on Monday, February 24, and play at 4:00 p.m.



Caleb Cobb bats for the Broncos.

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Zack LaRoe pitches for the Broncos during their scrimmage against River Road last Thursday.

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Nicholas Shadle up to bat during the first scrimmage of the season held Feb. Thursday the 13th against River Road.

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Lady Broncos win area championship

By Sandy Anderberg

In a total show of dominance over Wheeler, the Lady Broncos routed the Lady Mustangs Friday night, 63-22, at Amarillo High School in the Area game of the playoffs. The win earned the Lady Broncos the right to continue in post-season play on Tuesday night, February 18, against a tough Sunray team.

The Regional I-1A quarter-final game was held at Caprock High School with the Lady Broncos claiming another win and advancing to play Sundown in the Regional Tournament this Friday in Levelland.

On their game from the tip-off last week, the Lady Broncos were determined to get the win. The ladies put up several unanswered points in the opening minutes of the game and set the tempo for the remaining play as they led 34-11 at the break. Great offensive execution coupled with aggressive defense, the Lady Broncos denied everything Wheeler tried,

which left the Lady Mustangs totally frustrated.

Offensively, the Lady Broncos pumped in seven three-pointers with Camra Smith hitting three of those. Smith, Ryann Starnes, and Taylor Gaines all finished with 11 points each to lead the Lady Broncos on the scoreboard.

Because of the Lady Broncos' huge lead, the junior varsity starters were able to come into the game and the five held their own with Briley Chadwick and Jensen Hatley putting up five points for the Lady Broncos.

"Getting this win against Wheeler was great," head coach Molly Weatherred said. "The girls played aggressively from the beginning and played hard throughout. Several players stepped up and had a big part in our win."

Also scoring: Phara Berry 8, Taylor DeGrate 7, Chadwick 4, Haley Ferguson 4, Deborah Howard 2, Brittney Braim 2, Skyler White 2, and Hatley 1.



Taylor Gaines scores under the basket during the Lady Broncos playoff game against Wheeler last Friday night.

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Phara Berry shoots a 3-pointer for the Lady Broncos during their playoff game against Wheeler. The ladies won 63-22 over the Lady Mustangs.

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Ag apps workshops set in March, April

AMARILLO – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct two workshops to train farmers and ranchers to use their iPhones and iPads or other tablets and smart phones to make decisions to increase their bottom lines.

Agricultural Applications of Tablets and Smartphones classes will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 4 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo, and on April 3 at the Roberts County Annex, 122 Waters St. in Miami.

The registration fee is \$20 for each workshop, to be paid at the door by check, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo. Workshop materials, refreshments at breaks and the noon meal are included in the registration fee.

Seating is limited to 30 participants at each location, so advanced registration is requested, she said. To register, contact Jones by calling 806-677-5667 or djones@ag.tamu.edu.

The workshop is designed to teach participants how to use mobile technology to make quick decisions in the field, in the pasture, on the tractor, in the auction barn or in the pickup, Jones said. Each participant will have access to iPads with apps already installed. They will learn how to obtain data and do calculations that will improve their price and production risk management skills.

She said the workshops' goal is to teach participants the basics, as well as demonstrate and discuss both Android and Microsoft tablets. Participants are welcome to bring their own tablet or smartphone.

FSA accepting emergency loan applications

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by drought beginning December 17, 2013, and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Perryton, Texas.

Donley, Lipscomb and Roberts Counties recently received a disaster designation as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses under the "fast track" authority. As contiguous counties also named under this disaster were Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Ochiltree and Wheeler Counties.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 2.875 percent.

As a general rule a farmer or rancher must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of crop production or suffered any physical loss to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan under this disaster designation of drought conditions beginning December 17, 2013.

Producers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their production loss.

Additionally, any insurance proceeds received by producers as a result of the physical loss will have to be considered in determining their total loss.

Application for loans under this emergency designation for physical or production losses will be accepted until October 14, 2014.

For further information, you may contact James M. Heck at (806) 435-6597, ext. 4 or contact your local FSA office and they will direct you to the Farm Loan Program office that handles your county. Additional information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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SWEPCO requests that the Commission approve a TCRF that would result in an increase in revenues of \$9,843,696 per annum, an increase of 3.50 percent in overall annualized revenue. All customers in SWEPCO's Texas retail rate classes are affected by this request.


Persons who have questions or who want more information about SWEPCO's application may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 42089 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline of March 7, 2014 has been imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, and should refer to Docket No. 42089. Further information also may be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.



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**THE PANHANDLE GROUNDWATER CON-
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will receive public comment on the proposed
amendments to the Rules of the District at a
public hearing at the District Office, located at
201 West Third Street, White Deer, Texas,
on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 1:30 pm. The
District Board at the conclusion of the public
hearing will discuss comments received and
consider possible adoption of the proposed
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posed rules must be submitted to the District
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The following is a brief outline of the substantive
rule changes:
Rule 1 - DEFINITIONS - The District proposes
to add "Property Line" as a new Definition,
being defined as real property lines and sub-
terranean groundwater property lines when
water rights have been severed; and
The District proposes to include additional
definition to:

(h) "Contiguous acreage"
(a) "Initial production allowable"
(a) "Permit"
Rule 3.3 - ENFORCEMENT OF RULES - The
District proposes to include additional defini-
tion to:

adding language to clarify violation com-
pliance and violator cooperation and second
and third offense penalty; increasing penalties
and adding penalties.

Rule 4.3 - DRILLING AND PRODUCTION PER-
MITS - (g) Maximum Production - The District
proposes to include additional language to
including water rights owned.
Rule 4.4 - REQUIREMENT OF DRILLER'S
LOG, CASING, PUMP DATA AND METERS -
(c) adding language that meters on 4 inch or
larger column pipe diameter includes water
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A complete copy of the current Rules of the
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Aldermen discuss improvements

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen met in regular session February 11 with busy agenda, which began with discussion about a street paving project.

The board discussed the project for more than an hour and a half with engineer Clayton Scales and Mayor Larry Hicks as all parties tried to determine issues of curbing and street widths for a project that was approved by city voters in May 2012.

Scales will take information from the meeting and work with Hicks to prepare a set of plans to present to the board at its next regular meeting on February 25.

Scales also presented an opportunity for the city participate in a loan from the State Revolving Fund, which would provide \$215,000 for the plan and design of a water tower or standpipe to replace the one on the east side of town that has been offline for some time.

Scales said the project could help with water quality and pressure on the east side, but aldermen

expressed concern that the city had too much going on at this time to add another project and took no action on the subject.

Ashlee Estlack on behalf of the Clarendon Lions Club presented a plan for playground equipment for City Park and said the club would like to work on future park improvements going forward. The equipment is being purchased with funds raised by the Chance Mark Jones Memorial 5K. Aldermen enthusiastically voiced their support for the project and officially approved placement of the equipment in the park.

Gary Campbell gave a brief presentation on a proposal for an official city website. No action was taken.

The board reviewed the city's statement of revenue and expenses to learn more about cost of equipment repairs in the sanitation department as the city considers purchasing a new trash truck.

The board approved a resolution calling for a general election on May

10 to elect three aldermen, and a motion was approved to amend the 2013-2014 city budget to reflect a two percent annual increase in the contract with the Donley County Sheriff's Department as well as amending the budget to allow for an increase in the contract with the Donley Appraisal District.

Purchasing and installing new phones for City Hall was discussed but no action was taken.

The board did approve amending the budget to provide for a \$15,000 plan by Public Works Director John Molder to install three blocks of six-inch waterline on Fifth Street from Bugbee Avenue to Collinson Street. The project would also install two fire hydrants and would result in the complete elimination of cast iron water lines west of Bugbee Avenue.

The board discussed the Code Compliance/Animal Control officer position and considered splitting the position. This item will be discussed further at a future meeting.

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- Frequent absence or tardiness without reasonable explanation
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- Chronic runaway

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