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4 Peggy continues her trip through the past of Donley County.

5 CHS physics students experiment with bridges of balsa wood.

6 And the Lady Broncos beat the girls from Memphis.

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

King appointed to key committees

AUSTIN – Texas House Speaker Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) released committee assignments for the 84th Legislature last Wednesday, and State Rep. Ken King (R-Canadian) issued the following statement regarding the committees he will be serving on.

"I am proud to announce that Speaker Straus has appointed me to on the House Administration, Calendars, Environmental Regulations and Public Education Committees," King said. "I am honored that the Speaker and leadership have the faith and confidence to appointment me to these key committees. I believe that these appointments put me in a position to continue to fight for rural Texas and House District 88."

SWCD selling trees for spring planting

The Donley County Soil & Water Conservation District has a wide variety of small, medium and large sized evergreen, deciduous shade, shrubs and fruit trees for sale.

Orders must be turned in by February 20, 2015. The trees should be delivered around the first or second week in March.

For more information, contact the Donley County SWCD at 806-874-3561, ext. 3. The office is located at 321 S Sully St. in Clarendon.

Application help to be available Feb. 25

The High Plains Food Bank will be offering application assistance in Clarendon on Wednesday, February 25, and Thursday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Clarendon Housing Authority office.

Application assistance will be given to those interested in applying for Food Stamps, TANF, CHIP/Children's Medicaid, Adult Medicaid & Women's Health Care, and Long Term Care.

Those interested in applying need to bring the following information: Social security cards, ID and or birth certificates for everyone in household; Proof of all income: Social Security, Last (4) Stubs, etc.; Receipt for rent or lease agreement or mortgage payment; Most recent telephone, electricity, gas, water, insurance premium, medical bills, and prescriptions; Proof of resources, such as checking or savings account statement or passbook, life insurance policies, tax statements for real estate; and Immunization Records.

Local history to be discussed Friday

Local history buffs are again invited to a discussion at the Burton Memorial Library, this time on Friday, Feb. 13, at 5:30 p.m..

The first meeting on Monday went very well, and those interested in the topic are encouraged to turn out Friday afternoon.



Longtime Clarendon businessman Bill Stavenhagen stands at the counter of his local RadioShack franchise Monday after announcing his plans to close his store after 27 years in business.

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Stavenhagen Video shutting down

Clarendon's main street will have one fewer businesses in a short time after Stavenhagen Video owner Bill Stavenhagen announced this week that he will soon be closing his doors.

The local RadioShack franchise was not among the 1,700 company-owned stores being shuttered by the electronics giant this year, but Stavenhagen said franchises like his may soon feel the impact of the national chain's financial struggle.

"If they cut us [franchises] loose, we'll have two problems," Stavenhagen said. "We'll lose name

recognition, and we would have to find a new supplier or multiple suppliers."

After 27 years, Stavenhagen says he has no complaints about his relationship with RadioShack. Instead, he says the Internet was ultimately the demise of his store with Netflix cutting into the video rental business and shoppers saving money online.

"The Internet killed us," he said. "I never thought it would happen. At Christmas everyone goes online to beat the crowds. That hurts Amarillo stores, but it really

hurts local businesses."

Stavenhagen said some people may not realize how lucky they have been to have had a RadioShack in Clarendon for so long, but he also said he can't blame people for wanting to save money.

Stavenhagen returned to Clarendon 34 years ago to lay carpet and to partner with his brother, Mac, in Stavenhagen Furniture before opening a RadioShack franchise on Kearney Street in 1988. He later merged his stored with the Clarendon Outpost for 9½ years before returning downtown.

He said he truly appreciates the customers he has through the years.

"It's been a good run. I haven't gotten rich, but I made a living for 34 years," he said. "Clarendon is a nice place to raise a family, to live, and to retire. I want to thank my customers for their support over the years."

Stavenhagen Video will hold a going out of business sale in the near future. After that, Stavenhagen says he plans to retire.

"It's a new chapter in my life, and I'm kind of excited about it," he said.

District court hears two pleas in local cases

The District Court heard two pleas when it met in Clarendon on Monday, January 26.

District Attorney Luke Inman, assisted by Greg Buckley, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Joseph Marvin Shadle was placed on probation for a period of two years for the Class A Misdemeanor offense of assault. Shadle pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the

offense.

Shadle, 34-year-old resident of Clarendon, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place January 8, 2014 by Donley County Deputy Sonny Marasco. Shadle was indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on June 25, 2014.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Shadle was required to pay a fine of \$2,000 fine to Donley County, \$398 in court costs, and successfully complete 100 hours of community

service. If Shadle violates probation, he could face up to one year in the Donley County Jail.

Justin Lane Rose was placed on probation for a period of three years for the third degree felony offense of possession of marihuana. Rose pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Rose, 26-year-old resident of Dallas, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place December 30, 2013 by DPS

Trooper Max Honesto. Rose was indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on November 13, 2014.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Rose was required to pay a fine of \$3,000 fine to Donley County, \$458 in court costs, \$180 restitution, and successfully complete 200 hours of community service.

If Rose violates the term of his probation, he could face up to 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

County okays new security

Security will soon be upgraded and modernized at the Donley County Courthouse following Monday's meeting of the Commissioners' Court.

County Judge John Howard said the court discussed the 12-year-old security system, which the judge said "is beyond its service life."

Commissioners approved Panhandle CyberMedics' proposal for installing a new system at a cost of \$21,390. Funds for this project will come from the Courthouse Security fund, and Howard said the new system should be in place soon.

In other county business, the court approved resolutions in support of positions held by the County Judges & Commissioners Association. One resolution opposes unfunded mandates from the state to the counties, and another opposes efforts to place appraisal and revenue caps on local governments.



It's official

Clarendon ISD Board President Wayne Hardin (right) shakes the hand of incoming Superintendent Mike Norrell last Thursday, February 5, after school trustees formally voted to hire the Adrian man to lead CISD.

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CC spring enrollment down 4.4%

Clarendon College reports spring enrollment is down slightly following the 12th day of class last Wednesday, February 4, but contact hours, which determine CC's state funding, were up slightly.

CC President Robert Riza said the strong economy in Gray County impacts the college's Pampa Center with more students going into the workforce than pursuing education.

Contact hours for this semester were reported at 260,808, up two percent from spring 2014. Riza said Clarendon is one of seven community colleges across the state to experience growth in contact hours.

"The downturn in oil and gas didn't happen strong enough or soon enough to impact our enrollment," Riza said and noted that the college is also living with a declining population in its rural service area.

Total enrollment this spring is 1,070, which is down 4.4 percent compared to 1,119 at this point last year. The home campus reports the biggest enrollment with 321 students, up 9.9 percent from last spring. The Pampa Center has a headcount of 210, down from 317 last year.

The Childress Center reports 50 students, which is up from 44 last year; and the Amarillo Cosmetology Center has 55 students this spring compared to 33 last year.

"We have 75 commuters in Clarendon and the second highest dorm count in recent times," Riza said.

The president said the increase in contact hours is the result of increased attention to career and technical training programs.

Riza said the college will launch its Industrial Technology Program in the second eight weeks of this semester, but those numbers won't impact spring reporting to the state.

Chamber banquet sells out

Clarendon Chamber of Commerce officials reported Tuesday that tickets for this week's Awards Banquet have sold out, and a full house is expected in the Bairfield Activity Center Thursday evening.

No tickets will be sold at the door for the event, which features a reception and silent auction at 6 p.m. followed by the banquet, entertainment, and awards at 7 p.m.

Several table sponsors will be competing to see who has the best decorations reflecting their business and featuring the Valentine's banquet theme of "Clarendon: Sweetheart of the Panhandle."

Dr. Don Newbury will be the headline entertainment, and the Chamber will honor three of Donley County's top citizens with the Saints' Roost Award and Man and Woman of the Year and also recognize outstanding youth from Clarendon and Hedley high schools.

Newbury, the former president of Western Texas College in Snyder and Howard Payne University in Brownwood, is an acclaimed speaker and noted writer with his column, The Idle American, appearing in about 150 Texas newspapers, including the Enterprise. He has addressed more than 250 annual Chamber of Commerce banquets across the United States and conducts seminars to stimulate community pride, and speaks for chamber boards at planning retreats.

Two hundred people are expected to attend Thursday's banquet.