

Members decide Indian pow-wow is too much work

By Margaret Bucholtz

The Cheyenne County Historical Society met Sept. 10, at the museum in St. Francis.

Member Tobe Zwegardt reported that he had visited the Chamber office about John Sipes, the head of the Cheyenne Indians, who had said he would like to have an Indian Pow-Wow at the Cherry Creek Encampment north of St. Francis. Paige Gardner, Chamber secretary, said she had done some checking but that this would be a very big undertaking. Members felt that maybe the pow-wow would not be possible with so few people to organize it. When Mrs. Gardner had visited with Mr. Sipes, he told her that at other pow-wows in the smaller communities they had run out of grocery supplies in a day. Most pow-wows cost several thousand dollars just to put on.

Historical signs

Mrs. Gardner had checked on a historical sign from the Kansas Historical office and the sign would run around \$3,000. Earlier, Mr. Zwegardt had brought to Mrs. Gardner's attention that Cheyenne County was not listed in the Kansas Historical Magazine. She had written to them and sent them many items and they acknowledged that Cheyenne County did indeed have history.

The members put aside \$1,500 dollars to show good faith of wanting to place the sign. There will be other money-raising events to add to this amount and of course any donations would also be used. The Kansas Historical Society owns the sign and Kansas Department of Transportation would put it up. The sign will be erected at the Cherry Creek Encampment site. Fred Magley, member, asked for help in making and erecting more of the landmark signs. He is interested in someone that can help him weld and restore the old disk wheels that are used for the markers.

Fund raiser planned

Dorothy Mast has been working with the Chamber secretary in organizing a money-raising auction to be held during OctoberFest. Mr. Zwegardt said that he would donate some bricks that were made in St. Francis when the first brick factory was here. Others talked of other interesting things they could donate to help raise money. There will also be pies and other baked goods to

be auctioned. Committees will work on the auction on these for the next month. The auction will be Oct. 26 at the museum.

Speaker talks about The Breaks

The group had a very interesting guest. Karen Willey from Lawrence, was the guest speaker. She told of her geologist search in The Breaks. Ms. Willey has been living in St. Francis since mid June and will be leaving the end of September to go back to college in Lawrence.

She talked of her search for how the landscape is changing since the last 10,000 to 12,000 years. Her study includes how fast the formation forms and also how it has shifted over the period of years. She is studying this landscape on the north and south forks of the river. She said that the canyons in the south fork and the canyons in The Breaks have more natural springs. She felt that this is why there is a difference in the formation between the north fork and the south fork.

The members found it interesting to hear her tell about the different kinds of soil, stones and rocks formations that she had found.

Ms. Willey said that she would be back next year and when she finished her study, she wanted to donate a copy of her thesis to the museum.

Mr. Zwegardt left those attending with a story that had been told to him by an Indian. "When the Indians were camping around the Cherry Creek, which runs about 15 miles, they came upon a white man. The white man was carrying a good amount of gold, in his saddle bags. The Indians decided that they would kill the white man and take the gold. Their chief told them that this would not be a wise thing to do, because the people would know that they had robbed this man when they went to spend the gold. The young Indians went ahead and killed the white man and hid the gold somewhere on the banks of the Cherry Creek. Of course they were not able to spend the money so it is still hidden somewhere out in those banks under the rocks."

In other business

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- Marilyn Holzwarth is working on the new burial book which should be ready to print soon. She asked for volunteer help. This book has always sold

well for Cheyenne County. Mrs. Holzwarth also told of a couple of people who have been in the county to do genealogy research. One of the men was a great grandson of Annette Russell. The other one was a great grandson of Dennis Cave. Mr. Cave was one of the first settlers in the county.

- Karen Uplinger, daughter of Robert Uplinger, donated two plaques to the museum.

- President Milton Lampe received permission to check into converting the Ole Country Church from propane to natural gas. The propane tank has a leak and the members thought it would be less expensive to run natural gas than invest in another tank.

- Mrs. Mast, member, told of the work that she and Rosemary Powell are doing on the grants for a new computer, and two books. One book is on the military men in Cheyenne County and the other is featuring Janetta Evins and her art work.

Next meeting

The next Historical Society meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Cheyenne County Museum.



ERIC CHURCHWELL'S FOOTBALL team listens closely as he explains the plays.

Times staff photo by Peggy Horinek

Publishers buy Norton Daily Telegram

After 32 years as publishers, Dick and Mary Beth Boyd today announced the sale of the *Norton Daily Telegram* to Steve and Cynthia Haynes of Oberlin, co-owners of Nor' West Newspapers and Haynes Publishing Co.

The firm operates five northwest Kansas newspapers, *The Oberlin Herald*, *The Saint Francis Herald* and the *Bird City Times*, all weekly publications, and the daily *Colby Free Press* and *The Goodland Daily News*.

The sale was effective Sunday.

"Mary Beth and I sincerely thank our employees, our advertisers, our subscribers, our many news sources and everyone else in Norton and surrounding communities for assisting us in publishing the *Norton Daily Telegram* for the past 32 years," said Dick Boyd. "The support of all you fine people has made it almost like one big family for us."

"We will cherish forever the many memories from our mutual experiences in recording the history of this outstanding community."

"We know that you will continue to support the *Telegram* and the new owners, Steve and Cynthia Haynes, who have a long, successful history of owning and operating newspapers in Kansas and Colorado."

The Hayneses, both native Kansans and University of Kansas graduates, moved to Oberlin in 1993 to take over the Oberlin, St. Francis and Bird City papers. They had been co-owners of a group of eight newspapers in Colorado, starting out as publishers in 1980. Before that, Mr. Haynes worked for *The Kansas City Times*, and Mrs. Haynes was a drug store manager in Kansas City.

The couple bought the Goodland and Colby papers in 1997, and Mr. Haynes has been acting publisher of *The Goodland Daily* the last three years. Mrs. Haynes is chief financial officer for the group, publisher of the Oberlin paper and also a relief pharmacist for area stores. She filled in at the former Stapleton Drug store in Norton before it closed.

Mr. Haynes currently is a regional director for the National Newspaper

Association, representing Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska on the board. He is a former president of the Kansas and Colorado press associations, and a licensed lay reader and chalice bearer in the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Haynes has been a member of the contest committee for the state and national press associations and is a former director of the Colorado Pharmacists Society.

"We are proud to have the *Norton Telegram* as a member of the Nor' West Newspapers family," said Mr. Haynes. "It has a long and illustrious history of service to Norton and Norton County, and we plan to continue that."

"There will be changes in the paper's operation, but they will be made with an unswerving dedication to giving Norton the best possible newspaper. I will be here personally to oversee the transition, though we expect to name a publisher when the time is right."

The Boyds were represented in the sale by Ed Anderson of National Media Associates, a newspaper and magazine brokerage firm in Branson, Mo.

They purchased the *Telegram* on July 1, 1970, from Howard and Iona Wilson and have operated the paper for one-third of its 96-year history.

In February, the paper celebrated 95 years of continuous publication as the oldest daily newspaper in western Kansas. The first issue as a daily was published Feb. 11, 1907, by Will Garland, who had founded what was then one of four weekly newspapers in Norton the year before.

At the time, the *Telegram* was the only daily in Kansas west of Beloit. Publishers who followed Mr. Garland were Nick Garland, D.G. Hamilton, Ed Summers and Thomas N. and Everett Moore.

In 1927, J.C. Denious and C.L. "Chet" Jacoby purchased the *Telegram*. Mr. Denious was publisher of the *Dodge City Globe*, which became a daily in 1911.

Longtime subscribers will remember Mr. Jacoby and his wife Annabelle, who owned the newspaper for 21 years before selling to Elton and Mae Carter in 1948. The Carters purchased the

Telegram and also bought the *Norton County Champion*, a weekly paper, from Mr. and Mrs. Marion R. Krehbiel.

The Wilsons bought the *Telegram* from the Carters in 1961 and had it for nine years.

"I think it's fitting that we're back at Marion Krehbiel's paper," said Mr. Haynes. "Near the end of his long and successful career as a newspaper owner and broker, he was instrumental in getting us started as publishers. We also owe a debt to Dick's uncle, the late McDill 'Huck' Boyd, and the late Oscar Stauffer, who advised us in those days."

Mr. Haynes said he began his newspaper career in 1968 as a circulation operator for *The Kansas City Star*, and served a reporting internship there the

next year. He became a reporter for *The Kansas City Times* in 1970, and served as a copy editor, makeup editor and systems editor in his 11 years at the paper.

Cynthia managed drug stores for the Revco chain in Kansas City and later was a pharmacy manager for City Market, owned by Dillons, in Colorado.

"My grandfather was Kansas editor of *The Kansas City Star* for many years, and my great-uncle, William Allen White, was editor of *The Emporia Gazette*," Mr. Haynes said. "I guess newspapering runs in our family as it has in the Boyd family."

"Our only goal here will be to give Norton the best paper we can. We have always had a commitment to quality and community."

Book Review

The Cat Who Tailed A Thief

By Lilian Jackson Braun

When small items disappear throughout the town, the residents are up in arms! Pickax has seldom fallen victim to "big city" crimes, particularly during the holiday season. But after the bridge club's money is stolen, the townspeople decide that there is more to this mystery. The rash of petty thievery started when banker Willard Carmichael and his much younger (and flashier) wife, Danielle, moved to Pickax from Down Below. Along with their big-city lifestyle, Willard brought plans to restore the Victorian houses on Gingerbread Alley

(fondly known as Pleasant Street.) Unfortunately, Willard is murdered in an apparent mugging Down Below.

When a local man is accused of the thievery, newspaper columnist Jim Quillan has serious questions about the recent crimes plaguing Pickax. For one thing, Danielle's cousin Carter Lee seems too eager to pick up where Willard left off in the restoration project. When he begins to romance wealthy widow Lynette Duncan, things really go awry. The whirlwind courtship ends as a new marriage.

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