Steve Haynes of Oberlin, president of Nor'West Newspapers, which owns The Saint Francis Herald and the Bird City Times, was elected Friday as treasurer of the National Newspaper Association. Officers and directors for the com-

ing year were elected at the group's annual convention in Milwaukee. The 120-year-old association represents more than 2,500 daily and weekly community newspapers across the country, making it the nation's largest group of publishers.

As treasurer, Mr. Haynes will supervise the association's finances for a one-year term. He is one of three elected officers who lead the association, and one of six members of it's executive committee.

"It's a tremendous honor to represent other publishers on the national scene," said Mr. Haynes, "one few newspaper people get to experience."

Mr. Haynes has served on the association's board as a district director representing Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas for five years. He was an appointed member of the executive committee this year.

Nor'West also owns the *Colby* Free Press, The Goodland Star- who works in Lawrence.



Haynes

News, the *Country Advocate*, *The* Norton Telegram and Telegram Extra and The Oberlin Herald in northwest Kansas. Mr. Haynes and his wife Cynthia moved to Oberlin in 1993 after purchasing the Oberlin, Bird City and St. Francis papers.

Press Association in 1998 and of the producers should realize the Colorado Press Association in 1988. The Hayneses operated a group of papers in Colorado before moving here, and before that Mr. Haynes was a reporter and editor for *The Kansas*

Mr. Haynes is a graduate of Emporia High School and the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas. The couple has three children, Felicia, 31, who works for Morris Communications in Augusta, Ga.; Lindsay, 28, a graduate student at the University of South Carolina in Columbia; and Lacy, 25,

Two musicals set to be performed

The Three Little Kittens

The Wichita Children's Theatre will perform a musical version of "The Three Little Kittens" at five locations next Thursday and Friday.

Four school presentations are scheduled as follows: Thursday. Oct. 13 at 9:30 at Winona School, and 1:30 at Brewster School; Friday Oct. 14 at 9:30 at Atwood Elementary, and 1:30 MT at Goodland El-

In addition, an evening production for the public will be held on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Quinter High School Auditorium at 7:30. Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket, or at the door. There will be no charge for children through sixth grade who attend with a paying

Hot Jazz Caravan

Whit Smith's Hot Jazz Caravan

will bring their performance to the Hoxie High School Auditorium on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 3 p.m., sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association. Ticket holders should note that the time as been changed from earlier announcements. Admission will be by Western Plains Arts Association season pass or at the door.

The sextet will perform a blend of western swing, jazz, and ballads, featuring two guitars, two fiddles, a string bass, clarinet, and vocals. Most of the music is improvised on stage and includes both original compositions and new arrangements of familiar melodies.



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Planting Wheat in dry top soil

By Jeanne Falk Multi-County Agronomist K-State Research and Extension

In areas of northwest Kansas, the topsoil is very dry. What if I have not planted my wheat yet, what should I do? Producers can (and will) dust

wheat in. However, according to Jim Shroyer, wheat agronomist He was president of the Kansas from Kansas State University, wheat may not get enough moisture to germinate for quite a while, possibly mid- to late-October. Wheat that is planted late or emerges late usually does not tiller as much as wheat that is planted and emerges during the optimum planting time, and this can adversely affect final yield. Increased seeding rates are rec-

ommended to help compensate for this delayed planting or germination. If the normal seeding rate is 60 pounds per acre, producers should increase the seeing rate to 75-80 pounds per acre. Increased seeding rate will also help if there is a hard rain even that causes crusting on the soil surface.

What if I plan to wait for rain to plant my wheat?

After a rain, the soil will need to dry out again, and the wheat will still likely be on the late side. Again, increased seeding rates are the answer.

Wheat can emerge from various depths, but a planting depth of 1-2 inches is optimal. Many producers use hoe drills to get the seed into moisture. However, producers should be aware of the coleoptile length and should plant varieties with a longer coleoptile. The problem is newer varieties do not have long coleoptiles. In addition, the later in the planting season we get, the shallower the seed should be planted. If planting deeper, the short coleoptile and the late planting date are working against the wheat getting up and established before winter. If the wheat is planted shallower, it will be able to emerge quickly and establish a secondary root system before



Thursday, October 6, 2005

Implement business has new owner from Goodland

By Karen Krien

The former Van Allen Implement, the John Deere implement business in Wheeler, has a new name and new owner.

The business deal was closed on Sept. 19 and the new owner, Ron Lucas took over on Sept. 20. The new name of the business is Goodland Greenline Inc. as Mr. Deere for many years buying his Lucas also owns the John Deere business in Goodland.

Mr. Lucas said he and Mr. Van Allen had been working on the sale for several months and he is glad to be in Wheeler.

He said the same faces will be and I think the change will be good seen as all the employees have been offered jobs. Darren Van Allen will be the manager.

changes in vendors but the same

good service which has been of-

fered for years will continue. Mr. Lucas has work with John own business in Goodland in June 1983. He will be at the Wheeler

business two to three days a week. "This is a new exciting challenge for Cheyenne County," Mr. Lucas Mr. Lucas and his wife, Debbie

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The business will have some have two daughters, Kari and Marti, both of whom live in Overland An open house is planned in

about a month but, in the meantime,

Mr. Lucas welcomes customers and other residents to stop by and visit. We are looking forward to meet-

ing the people and being a part of Cheyenne County," Mr. Lucas said.

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