

Papers to merge, ending struggle

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The Daily's advertising staff. Perhaps *The Star's* strongest suit was sports, he added, and *The Daily* needs to take on some of that coverage.

"Right now, we will be busy integrating the two publications," Haynes said. "We will be working out the details with Eric and Roxie over the next couple of weeks."

The Daily News will assume *The Star's* role as the official newspaper for Sherman County, Kanorado and Brewster, Haynes said. The county and the City of Goodland had been alternating between the two newspapers.

Rates for legal and other advertising for *The Daily News* will not change, he said, except in the normal process of annual rate reviews.

The Daily News, founded in 1932, also incorporates the old *Sherman County Herald*, a weekly which pre-dates the daily and was published jointly with it for some years.

The News was owned by the McCants family for many years, then was published by the Kansas-based Seaton chain before being sold to what became USMedia.

Haynes Publishing bought the paper and *The Colby Free Press* from USMedia three and a half years ago.

The company also publishes *The Saint Francis Herald*, the *Bird City Times* and *The Oberlin Herald*, all weekly newspapers, and *The Country Advocate*, an advertising section which covers all of northwest Kansas in conjunction with the papers.

The owners, Haynes and his wife Cynthia, have been independent newspaper publishers for 20 years.

Before that, Steve Haynes was a reporter and editor for *The Kansas City Times* and Cynthia Haynes was a pharmacist and store manager for Revco. As a registered pharmacist, she fills in at drug stores around the area.

"Our goal will be to put out the very best paper we can for Goodland, using the combined resources of *The Star* and *The Daily*," Haynes said. "We think people will appreciate that."

Crash test girl



Andrea Grieve, a seventh grader at Grant Junior High, had a neck collar put on by Jeff Krall, an emergency medical technician, during a crash demonstration this morning as part of Farm Bureau Safety Day at the school. Volunteer fireman Troy Mannis watched. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

State sues to keep Kansas lakes filled

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TOPEKA — The state has gone to federal court in hopes of preventing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from lowering the levels of three Kansas lakes to respond to an ongoing drought.

Attorney General Carla Stovall filed a lawsuit late Monday, and U.S. District Judge Dale Saffels had an hourlong hearing Tuesday.

The corps plans to lower Milford Lake near Junction City, Tuttle Creek Lake near Manhattan, and Perry Lake between Topeka and Lawrence by 6 feet. It already has lowered Tuttle Creek Lake by almost 3 feet.

The corps' plans are designed to help lessen the effects of drought on barge traffic on the Missouri River. Each lake is on a tributary to the Kansas River, which flows into the Missouri.

The state objects to the corps' plans, arguing they could hurt recreation, marinas and wildlife habitats on the

Kansas. Gov. Bill Graves and U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts have asked the corps to drop its plans, noting that the three lakes are a big part of the water supply for northeast Kansas communities.

Stovall's office asked Saffels to order the corps to stop releasing water from Tuttle Creek Lake and to prevent it from releasing water from Milford and Perry lakes to aid navigation. The state wants a temporary restraining order in place while its lawsuit is heard. Saffels did not rule Tuesday but promised from the bench to issue a ruling on the restraining order soon. He ordered the attorneys to file legal briefs by 5 p.m. Thursday.

Assistant Attorney General John Cassidy described the corps' actions as arbitrary and capricious. He said the corps hasn't studied the possible negative effects of its plans.

"Once this water is gone from these reservoirs, only God can put it back," he said. "Only rainfall can replenish

these reservoirs."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Brad Bailey, representing the corps, said the state cannot show the reservoirs will be affected permanently by the corps' plans. He said rainfall should refill the lakes by next summer.

Bailey also said the corps has to balance the interests of all parties, including the businesses that use the Missouri for navigation.

Janie C. Cavitt, deputy district counsel for the corps, said, "In a drought, everyone suffers, and we all have to share the pain."

The corps plans to lower each of the three lakes by 3 feet, starting with Tuttle Creek, by Sunday. After Sunday, the corps would lower each lake by another 3 feet.

The state says the extra water will raise the Missouri River at Kansas City, Mo., by only about 1 inch. The corps disputed that figure in court but said even a small increase would help barge traffic.

Coach gets strict about having good grades

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Liess said it's unlikely a coach would lose his job because the team has a losing year.

"More than likely it would take additional circumstances to warrant that," said the athletic director.

But it still takes courage for a coach to bench players when the team is facing a big game and some starting players' weekly grade sheets have "Fs" written on them.

"It's happened in the past," said Walters, who taught and coached at high schools in Meade and Dighton before coming to Goodland. "If they have an 'F,' they won't play that Friday or until they get their grades up."

But, he added, the team just has to suck it up and move on.

"You've got to be willing to win in the big picture," he said.

Most students bring their grades up quickly, he said, and are able to play in the next game.

"It's usually just one time is all," said the coach, "and then we don't have a

problem again."

The Cowboys lost 48-0 to the Atwood Buffaloes on Friday, with five of the team's starting players unable to play. Two were injured, but Walters wouldn't say why the other three were not in the game.

Coach Walters' grade policy is designed to stop students from getting failing grades, and help them in the subjects where they are failing.

If a student's weekly grade sheet has a "D" on it, the coach said, the player must attend study hall, which starts a half an hour before school begins, to work on whatever subject they are having trouble with.

If a student is failing a subject, Coach Walters said, he helps him get tutoring. "We help them out as much as we can," he said.

Right now, the Cowboys' season record is 1-3, after losing to Atwood, Hays High and St. Francis and defeating Holcomb.

This week, the team will face the Class 3A Phillipsburg Plainsmen, who Coach Walters said will be tough.

Newspapers' history long and intricate

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ing Editors' Day at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

"We were all very proud," said Mrs. McCants, "and the whole family went to watch the ceremony."

After Robert McCants' death his son, Randy McCants, who worked in the newspaper business since he was 12, continued the family tradition.

In 1986, he started the *Country Advocate*, as a shopper serving the area, and then became publisher of *The*

Goodland Daily News when USMedia ran the paper.

The Advocate was the first publication in Sherman County to use computers, he said.

"*The News* had been family owned for two generations," said Randy McCants, "and the McCants name was tied to the paper for many years."

On Jan. 25, 1997, Randy McCants resigned to move to California after Steve and Cynthia Haynes of Nor'West Newspapers purchased the paper and took over management.

Bikes to be displayed at Flatlanders

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for bike show participants. Dean Topliff of Goodland will be honored as the grand marshal of this year's show.

On Sunday, a service with a sermon and songs will take place at 8 a.m. Chaplain Dave Haggard of Topeka will give the sermon. Breakfast will be served.

Then at 9 a.m., the cyclists can participate in an eight- to 10-mile Poker Run around Goodland.

The bikers will draw a playing card out of a sack at five stops during the run to see who comes up with the best and the worst poker hand.

At the end, prize money will be given for the top three best hands and the worst.



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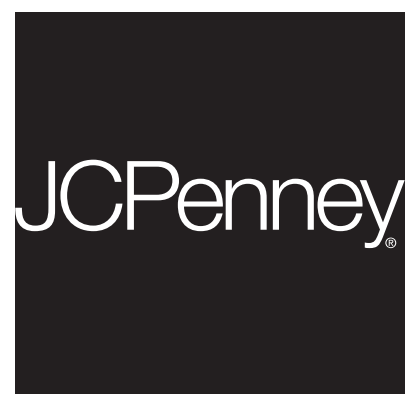
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