

Publisher elected to national seat

Steve Haynes of Oberlin was elected vice president of the National Newspaper Association at the group's annual meeting in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Haynes, who has served as treasurer for the past year and as a district director for five, will be president of the group in 2007-'08. Jerry Tidwell of Granbury, Texas, is president this year.

The association, with nearly 3,000 member papers, is the largest newspaper group in the nation. It serves community newspapers, mostly weeklies and smaller dailies in rural America, but members range in size from the *Bird City Times* in Kansas to *The Washington Post*.

"NNA represents community newspapers on the national stage," Mr. Haynes said. "We focus on federal legislation affecting newspaper, on postal issues and on First Amendment and open government freedoms, which are important to all Americans."

The group has offices in Columbia, at the University of Missouri, and in suburban Washington.

"It's a great honor to be chosen to represent fellow publishers across the country," said Mr. Haynes. "It's already been a great opportunity for Cynthia and I to meet people and see places we'd otherwise not have seen."

The job involves travel to Washington and other cities, including some foreign travel, he said. The association is involved in a battle over postal rates now, trying to limit increases sought for next year.

"Because so many papers are

mailed, postal rates and service are important to publishers," Mr. Haynes said. "This summer, the association held a 'postal summit' in Washington, meeting with the postmaster general and his top aides to try and head off some problems."

Mr. Haynes is publisher of *The Oberlin Herald* with his wife Cynthia. They own Nor'West Newspapers, which operates *The Herald* and newspapers in Goodland, Colby, St. Francis, Bird City and Norton, plus *The Country Advocate* and *The Telegram Extra*, free regional publications.

In 37 years in the newspaper business, he has been an editor, reporter and owner of newspapers in three states. He graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in journalism, then worked for *The Kansas City Times* for 11 years.

The Hayneses bought *The Mineral County Miner* in Creede, Colo., in 1980 and expanded their operation there to include seven newspapers. After selling, they bought Oberlin, St. Francis and Bird City papers in 1993. Since then, the company has acquired *The Norton Telegram*, the *Colby Free Press* and *The Goodland Star-News*.

Mr. Haynes served as president of the Colorado Press Association in 1988 and of the Kansas Press Association in 1998. The couple has three children, Felicia, 32, a manager with Morris Digital Works, and Lindsay, 29, a librarian at the Medical College of Georgia, both in Augusta, Ga., and Lacy, 26, who works in Lawrence.



S. Haynes



AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, Heather Williams looked for a book in the library. The stacks will be replaced with the help of a family's gift.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

School library to be remodeled

The Decatur Community High School library will get a remodel job thanks to a gift from alumni of the school.

The Love family has given the Decatur Community Education Foundation \$47,000 to use for changes to the library. Dr. Mark Olson, president of the foundation, said \$15,000 of that will be spent to remodel the library. The other \$32,000 will be invested and the interest will then be spent on the library.

At an Oberlin School Board meeting on Monday, Oct. 9, foundation members asked the board if it would consider naming the facility the Love Memorial Library. The board made no decision.

Dr. Olson asked the board to set a policy for future reference on how much money needs to be donated for a room in either of the schools to put a family name on it.

He said the grant will come in three phases, with \$13,000 in cash to be spent on the No. 1 priorities at

the library, then \$2,000 for lighting. The final stage is the \$32,000 endowment.

He said the Love family included two graduates from the high school — Lorraine Love in 1935 and Ranie Love in 1930. Mr. Love is deceased and his sister lives in California. Dr. Olson said this is the same family that gives the Love Scholarship for graduates to attend the University of Kansas.

He said a committee was set up to decide what to do with the money, including librarian Linda Glaze, teachers Terry Woolsey and Leigh Davis, students Alyssa Rippe and Heather Ploussard, Colleen Rittmann from the foundation board and himself. The committee also includes Principal Charlie Haag as a non-voting member.

Once the plan — which will include new stacks, furniture and lighting — is set, he said, the committee will talk with the family.

Dr. Olson said the committee plans to spend the \$15,000 this year.

Editor takes first in writing contest

Steve Haynes, editor and publisher of *The Oberlin Herald*, won the first-place award for editorial writing in the Better Newspapers Contest sponsored by the National Newspaper Association for the second straight year.

The award was announced Oct. 13 at the group's annual convention in Oklahoma City. *The Herald* competes in the class for weekly newspapers under 3,000 circulation.

The winning editorial decried a bill in the Kansas Legislature which would have levied a tax on pornography.

Mr. Haynes questioned why people who supposedly oppose pornography would want Kansas schools to depend on it for money.

In effect, he said, schools would depend on the success of pornographers.

"Should the state have a vested interest in the porn business?" the editorial asked.

"No."

"It's not exactly clean money, is it?"

Cynthia Haynes of Oberlin won an honorable mention award for *The Norton Telegram* for a photo feature on the Fourth of July celebration last year. She was publisher of the paper at the time.

The Hayneses own Nor'West Newspapers, which operates *The Herald*, *Telegram* and newspapers in St. Francis, Colby, Goodland, St. Francis and Bird City.

Contest harder this week

With 11 college games, the weekly Pigskin Pickem contest got harder, with no one guessing all or even 10 out of 11 right.

Amanda Grafel, Oberlin, and Jeanne Tuma, Colby, both got nine right. Amanda was closer on the tie breaker, guessing 13 points off, while Jeanne was 18 points off. Kansas State downed Big 12 rival Iowa State 31-10. Both women said K-State would win but neither believed the score to be so lopsided.

Amanda wins \$15 in scrip and Jeanne \$10.

Five people got eight right and a coin toss was used to pick third place. Both Jessica Vaughn, Colby, and Colleen Gee, Oberlin, were 14 off on the tie breaker. Jessica won the toss and will get the \$5 in scrip for third prize.

Others who guessed eight right were Owen Wilson and Jim Hollowell, Oberlin, and Brock Baxter, Smith Center.

Guessing seven of 11 right were Ivis Hanson, Kenny Gee, Dan Grafel, Mabel Zimmerman, Connie Grafel, Todd Ketterl and Zach May, Oberlin, and Randy Wilson, Colby.

Getting more than half, six out of 11, right were Kade Brown, Gary Anderson and Ron Solko, Oberlin, and Rodney Solko, McCook.

First-place winners each week get \$15; second place, \$10; and third \$5 in scrip spendable only at contest sponsors — Fidele Electric and Woodcrafting, Goltl Home Planning, Ward Drug Store, Raye's Grocery, Fredrickson Insurance

Agency, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, the LandMark Inn, R&M Service Center, Prairie Petals, Wagner Chevrolet and *The Oberlin Herald*.

Winners must pick up their prizes at the newspaper office during the contest period and spend the money before Dec. 31.

This week's contest is on Page 5B.

Winners of last week's games:

- Florida over Georgia, 21-14.
- Georgia Tech over Miami, 30-23.
- Oklahoma State over Nebraska, 41-29.
- Oklahoma over Missouri, 26-10.
- Indiana over Michigan State, 46-21.
- KU over Colorado, 20-15.
- Arizona State over Washington, 44-36.
- BYU over Air Force, 33-14.
- Hawaii over Idaho, 68-10.
- Kentucky over Mississippi State, 34-31.
- Penn State over Purdue, 12-0.

Annual business tour planned

Make reservations now with the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce office for the annual Business to Business tour, featuring Oberlin merchants and shops.

The tour will start at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Chamber office, in the Business Enhancement Center, Penn and Commercial. Anyone can go on the tour and any business can be open for the tour.

The idea is for business people to see what each business in Oberlin has to offer for the holidays. That way, when customers have a question, they'll be able to direct them to the right store.

A letter from the Chamber suggests that employees be a part of the tour because the manager or owner of a business isn't always around to answer questions.

The tour will end at the Teller Room at the LandMark Inn with a soup, sandwich and dessert supper. Make reservations by Thursday, Nov. 9, at the chamber office. The cost is \$6.50 per person for the meal.

The Chamber also needs to know if your business wants to be on the tour.

Call manager Glenva Nichols at 475-3441.

VOTERS GUIDE

The following are recommendations for voting conservative, pro-life, pro-family, pro-2nd Amendment and for strong moral standards:
(? = No recommendation)

- U.S. Rep., Dist. 1 - JERRY MORAN
- Kans. Gov./Lt. Gov. - JIM BARNETT/SUSAN WAGLE
- Secy. of State - ?
- Attorney General - PHILL KLINE
- Treasurer - LYNN JENKINS
- Insurance Comm. - ?
- Kans. State Bd of Educ. - SALLY CAUBLE
- Kans. Rep., Dist. 120 - JOHN FABER

JUDICIAL, vote to retain in office Yes or No
NO - Robert Davis, Ks. Supreme Ct.

COURT OF APPEALS

- ? - Stephen Hill
- ? - Lee Johnson
- NO - Patrick McAnany
- NO - Nancy Coplinger
- YES - Henry Green
- NO - Jerry Elliott
- YES - Gary Rulon
- YES - Tom Malone
- NO - Michael Buser

See further: www.vote4life.net www.kansasjudicialreview.org
Almost all recommendations are from KFL/pac and GOA. Please PRAY for our votes, and for the ones voted for. Ask God's guidance for the BETTER good for our county and state and city. Paid for by Bill and Carol Duncan. Not authorized by any candidate.

County starts program

The Decatur County ambulance and sheriff's departments have teamed up to help start a "Yellow Dot" program through the Area Agency on Aging.

Ambulance Director Linda Manning said the program is targeted at seniors, but is good for anyone with health problems.

She and Deputy Jay Tate with the sheriff's office are handing out yellow envelopes with forms inside that need to be filled out.

The idea is that people will fill out the forms, listing their medications, medical history, emergency contacts and problems, said Ms. Manning. Then that form is put in the envelope, which goes in the glove box of their vehicle.

A sticker with a yellow dot and sunflowers goes on the lower corner of the driver's side in the back window. That way, said Ms. Manning, if the person has an accident, all of the health information is right there. If that person is married or there are other people in the family who have health conditions, they can get extra forms.

She said it's a good idea that the person attach a picture of themselves on the form in the glove box, but they don't have to.

Ms. Manning said she and Deputy Tate will start to hand out the envelopes this week. There will be some with the emergency medical technicians in Jennings and at the city office in Norcatur. If someone wants to fill out a form and can't pick one up, they can call Ms. Manning at 475-8126 or Deputy Tate at 475-8100.

Group requests money

A member of the Sappa Park Restoration Committee asked the City Council to put \$5,000 to \$6,000 for the park in next year's budget during a meeting last month.

Gary Sanden said Oct. 19 that a lot of volunteers have worked at the park. They have bought fertilizer and spray and provided other things, but it would be nice if the city set aside some money to help out. Council members said they would look at the budget.

Mr. Sanden asked why there are two committees for the park, the restoration committee and a committee formed through the Decatur Tomorrow planning group.

Pastor Heidi Weibe, co-chair of the committee formed through Decatur Tomorrow, said the two groups work together. She said they are working on getting a sign at the park.

Councilman Joe Stanley said he thought the city's park maintenance crew could spray the walking paths and possibly that would cut down on some of the mowing. Pastor Weibe said the city crew does come out and mow at the park.

Jan Bainter, who was at the meeting with her husband, said they walk on the trails at the park every day. She said she encourages people to get out and use the trails.

"They are beautiful," she said. "The more the city can do for Sappa Park, the better."

ELECT

Bob Strevey

Candidate for State Representative

OPPOSES

- Privatization of prisons which was supported by my opponent
- TABOR which would restrict funding of public schools

SUPPORTS

- Governor Sebelius's economic development to bring jobs and businesses to Northwest Kansas
- Funding for wind energy development
- Funding for parks and lakes

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BRIAN KEAHEY

County Commissioner
Democrat - District 1

Background -

- Born in Southwest Wyoming
- Parents in grandfather's highway construction business
- Custom farming and hay cutting business through school
- Lineman - rural electric 14 years
- Owned recreational equipment company 7 years
- Manager - fuel and ground equipment for airline in Colorado
- Sales work until retiring and moving to Kansas
- Farm Service Agency Field Representative