

Glenwood City Tribune owner buys Boyceville newspaper

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Boyceville soon will become another small town without its own weekly newspaper.

Publisher Lyle Christianson of Colfax has sold the 73-year-old

Boyceville Press-Reporter to Carlton DeWitt, editor and publisher of the Glenwood City Tribune. DeWitt and his wife, Paula, are the sole owners of the Glenwood paper.

"The change is that we'll merge the two papers to one and call it the Tribune Press Reporter," DeWitt said today.

The first edition of the combined paper will be published July 11.

The paper will continue to rent an office in Boyceville. A full-time reporter will be hired to cover Boyceville news, DeWitt said.

Currently, Boyceville is covered by a part-time reporter.

Christianson also owns the Colfax Messenger and a commercial printing business.

Both the Colfax and Boyceville weeklies have similar tabloid formats and typography. They carry different local news but share stories about Dunn County.

Christianson said he hates to see a small town lose its own paper, but it was a business decision.

"I'll tell you, as far as the ad and commercial printing coming out of Boyceville, it's just been go-

ing down," he said. "I think the economy has a lot to do with it."

DeWitt said the combined paper will have a circulation of 3,000. The Tribune's current circulation is 2,400, while the Press-Reporter's is 600, he said.

"The Tribune . . . will be starting its 96th year on the 18th of July," he said.

According to Christianson, the Press-Reporter was founded in 1910 by a woman, E. E. Conry. She sold it in 1912 to H.K. Halvorson, who ran it until 1956.

Halvorson's son, Don, and daughter-in-law took over then. In 1975, Chuck and Lorraine Hagen bought both the Colfax and Boyceville papers and combined them, Christianson said.

"It just didn't go over too good," he said. Readers complained about too much news from the other town.

Christianson, 48, bought the papers in 1976.

"This (sale) will give me a little more time to work on the Colfax circulation and expand the printing," he said.

Terms of the sale were not disclosed.

The price of \$3.79 per case for Old Milwaukee Beer should have been omitted from yesterday's newspaper ad. Cases are not available.

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