

# EXTRA

# STOP THE PRESS! LITERALLY

► To see the press run, see video at [wctrib.com](http://wctrib.com)

Manager Chris Peterson checks how the newspaper is printing as the presses begin to run Tuesday evening at the West Central Tribune building in Willmar. Starting next week, the paper will be printed in Sioux Falls, S.D., and trucked back to Willmar to be delivered to subscribers by mail.  
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After 125 years, the West Central Tribune will no longer be printed in Willmar

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**Willmar**

For most of the day, the behemoth known as the Goss Community offset press sits like a sleeping dragon in the pressroom at the West Central Tribune.

During the daylight hours, caretakers pump grease into more than 260 zerks, keep the 65 gallons of oil that feeds the 58-foot-long by 14-foot-high machine flowing and maintain the two 75-horse-power motors that power it.

Three men with 55 years of experience between them fill ink wells with globs of shiny, gooey cyan, magenta and yellow ink that comes in small buckets. The black ink is delivered by a semi and is stored in a big tank.

The crew maneuvers rolls of paper that weigh 750- to 1,050-pounds into the belly of the beast and then gently weave it through a maze of rollers and belts to create a delicate, yet amazingly sturdy paper web.

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**ABOVE RIGHT:** Press operator Klayton Haugen, left, and manager Chris Peterson take a look at a plate used to print the contents of Wednesday's newspaper Tuesday evening at the West Central Tribune building in Willmar.

**RIGHT:** Press operator John Johannsen waits for the press run to begin.

## PRINTING PRESS FACTS AND FIGURES

**News 7days a week**

► The Tribune has printed a newspaper in Willmar since 1895.

► The paper moved from downtown Willmar to the Industrial Park in 1980, switching from hot lead operations to a Goss Community offset press.

► Starting Sept. 22 the West Central Tribune will be printed in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and delivered to customers via the U.S. Postal Service on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

► The Tribune's e-paper and website, [wctrib.com](http://wctrib.com), will continue to be published seven days a week.

**Big machine**

► The Goss Community printing press is 58-feet-long by 14-feet-high

► More than 260 zerks are greased weekly

► 65 gallons of oil are used for the press and folder

► It is powered by two 75-horse-power motors

► The 32-inch wide rolls of paper weigh 1,050 pounds each

► The 23-inch wide rolls of paper weigh 750 pounds each

► At peak speeds, the press can print 21,000 papers in an hour

► Typically the press runs at 17,500 papers in an hour

► The press can produce 24 full pages with eight pages of full color

► The press can produce 48 tab-sized pages with 16 pages of full color



Tools used to stir and refill ink rest on the press.



**LEFT:** Press operator John Johannsen moves rolls of paper used to print newspapers. Rolls are stored in a warehouse adjoining the Tribune press room.

