Newspaper proud of times it's helped community

By Patricia Snyder

The Courier — 1981 to 2010

When the Daily Courier celebrated its 100th anniversary, forward-thinking journalism and growing modern streets were celebrated in the newspaper. Editor Dan Guthrie said, “We’ve moved forward, and we’ve moved outside the confines of a single newspaper...”

After 1980, the Daily Courier helped to lead the region through its growth and development. The newspaper has evolved as technology and the community have changed.

Recent decades have witnessed a revolution in news production technology. The process of delivering newspapers has changed.

Not long ago, each day the newspaper was produced, it had to be printed and delivered to homes, on newsstands and to businesses. Every single photo, every story, every layout had to be designed and created by hand, using presses and other equipment.

By the early 1980s, however, the Daily Courier was beginning to use technology to speed up production. The newspaper started using computer systems to create pages, which could then be printed on large presses.

Color photography had to be processed and printed on a press, which meant using a color separations process using cyan, magenta, yellow and black. The Daily Courier used this process until about the late 1990s, when it switched to a color separations process.

Today, the newspaper uses a system that allows for faster production and more flexibility. This system allows the newspaper to create images digitally, which can then be printed on a press.

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Delivering the Daily Courier was a lot easier for Nila Martin when she started, she said. “When I started, it was a lot easier because it was a smaller newspaper, and we didn’t have to go to all the different streets.”

“Now when you’ve got a route of 2,000, you know what, it’s a lot harder,” she said. “I didn’t expect it to be like this.”

Martin has been delivering the newspaper for 37 years, and says that the job has changed a lot over the years. “When I started, we didn’t have to deliver to every house,” she said. “Now we have to deliver to every house.”

Martin says that the job has changed a lot over the years, but she enjoys it. “It’s a great job,” she said. “I love it.”

With the advent of technology, the job of delivering newspapers has changed significantly. Martin says that she enjoys the challenges of the job, and the satisfaction of knowing that she’s helping to bring the news to people every day.

Nila Martin’s been delivering the Daily Courier for 37 years. She enjoys the challenges of the job, and the satisfaction of knowing that she’s helping to bring the news to people every day. She’s looking forward to many more years of delivering the newspaper.