

Bulletin

Calendar of Events

Events:

February 1, 2019
NPA/NPAS Winter Board Meeting
By Conference Call
10:00am CST

Webinars:

December 6, 2018
Mobile Photojournalism 201
1:00pm CST
www.onlinemediacampus.com

December 13, 2018
Gaining Digital Readers Without
Sacrificing Print
1:00pm CST
www.onlinemediacampus.com

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OnePress certification meeting held in Broken Bow

The fourth and final OnePress certification meeting was held in Broken Bow on Thursday, November 29.

After attending the training session, which covered topics from revenue-sharing networks to strategy for implementing targeted digital advertising, four newspapers became OnePress certified.

In addition to receiving sales training in the 2x2, classified, online and digital networks, OnePress certified newspapers received specially branded sales materials to display in their offices and for use by their advertising staff.



Four newspapers completed their OnePress certification on November 29 in Broken Bow. Pictured are, (left to right): Randy Sadd, Jodi Sadd, Violet Spader Kirk, Donnis Hueftle-Bullock and Zach Brown.

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Postal rates increase in January

The USPS filed their mailing and shipping rate changes in October 2018 to the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC). These changes - affecting everything from First-Class Mail to Priority Mail - will be reviewed for approval by the PRC before they are scheduled to take effect on January 27, 2019.

For complete USPS proposed rates, go to:
<https://pe.usps.com/pricechange/index>.

Former Wausa Gazette Publisher, Hamm, dies

Former Wausa Gazette Publisher, Duane Hamm, of South Sioux City, NE, died November 20, 2018, at 78.

Born in Wayne, NE, he graduated from Osmond Public School and began his long career in the newspaper business in seventh grade at the Osmond Republican. He worked at the Wakefield Republican and the Wayne Herald before purchasing the Wausa Gazette in 1971 from Richard Schultz.

Hamm and his wife, Sharon, owned and operated The Gazette for 11 years. In 1983 when they sold the operation to Josiane and Robert Reinhardt. After a brief

waterbed business, Hamm returned to a job featuring his love of printing. He managed the Yankton Printing Co., part of the Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan. He also wrote a weekly column for the Norfolk Daily News and delivered regional Shoppers for many years after retiring.

Funeral services for Hamm were held November 23 at Mohr Funeral Home, South Sioux City, NE. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon. He is survived by four daughters. Memorials can be made in Duane's name to St. Jude's Hospital.

Hamm is the second former Gazette publisher to die this year. Josiane Reinhardt died on July 18. She and her husband Bob ran the Gazette from 1982-2000. Bob Reinhardt died in 2012.

This is Bill.

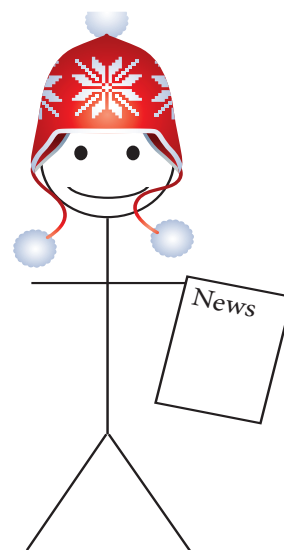
Bill wants to stay up to date with the latest local and community news.

Bill knows the best place to find it is in the local newspaper, in print and online.

Bill is smart.

Be like Bill.

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Applications now being accepted for 2019 Andy Awards for international journalism

The University of Nebraska at Omaha is now accepting applications for the 2019 Andy Awards for International Journalism.

The award is named in honor of former Omaha World-Herald Publisher Harold W. Andersen, and recognizes the best international reporting by Nebraska-based news organizations.

Winner receives up to \$5000 to fund travel and other expenses. **Application deadline is December 21, 2018.**

Journalists interested in funding for stories with an international scope can get more information about the award at <http://world.unomaha.edu/andy.php>.

See the application form attached to the Bulletin. Completed applications should be emailed to Katie Kresha at kbreen@unomaha.edu.

Amended rule on electronic devices in courthouses now in effect

Last week, NPA received this email from the U.S. District Court Clerk's office and forwarded it to our daily and weekly newspaper publishers:

Effective December 1, 2018, an amended rule on electronic devices for the United States District Court and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nebraska will go into effect. See NEGenR 1.6(e) at <https://www.ned.uscourts.gov/internetDocs/localrules/NEGenR.2018.pdf>.

Please carefully review this rule. The new language expands the devices covered by the rule that cannot be brought into the courthouse.

Only federal employees with agency identification, attorneys with bar cards, and jurors with summonses may bring an electronic device into the courthouse. Other visitors must leave their electronic devices outside the courthouse or with the court security officers at the security screening station, unless allowed by a judge assigned to the case.

If you are not a federal employee with agency identification, an attorney with a bar card, or a juror

with summons, e.g., member of the media, paralegal, etc., you must complete the attached form and send it to the courtroom deputy assigned to the presiding judge. **If you are a visitor and no presiding judge is assigned to the event, e.g., moot court participant or visitor, you must send your request to gerrard@ned.uscourts.gov for Lincoln and North Platte District Court events, NEBml_ElectronicDevices@neb.uscourts.gov for Omaha, Lincoln, and North Platte Bankruptcy Court events, or bazis@ned.uscourts.gov for Omaha District Court events. You may download the form on our website at <https://www.ned.uscourts.gov/forms>.**

After a judge has signed the form, the assigned courtroom deputy or clerk's office staff member will send it back to you. You must bring the signed form to the courthouse and present it to the Court Security Officer at the screening station. If you have questions or need additional information, contact bazis@ned.uscourts.gov or the clerk's office at (866) 220-4381.

Thank you. Susie Cordero, Administrative Specialist, U.S. District Court for District of Nebraska, 111 So. 18th Plz., Ste. 1152, Omaha, NE 68102, Ph: (402) 661-7376, Cell: (402) 212-8561, www.ned.uscourts.gov, susie.cordero@ned.uscourts.gov.

Members asked to help promote Pulse Research shopping survey

OnePress is supporting the new survey from Pulse Research. Once the research project is complete, Pulse will provide us with results for our members at no additional cost.

By getting completed surveys from your audience, the final results will better reflect your market areas and our state. The purpose is to provide audience data that can be used in local sales presentations. To help reach the sample goal by the end of December, please consider promoting the survey in your markets. **Here are six ways you can start promoting now:**



1. Run a web Intercept

This has proven to be the fastest and most successful way to reach readers. Some clients are able to get needed sample in just a day or two. So you can save this idea for when it is needed. Contact support@paper.net to get your own custom web intercept.

2. Schedule and run the ROP ad

Consistent print promotion works. Also try frequent smaller ads in more sections. Visit this link to download ads: <https://www.pulseresearch.com/poa.html>.

3. Promote on your Facebook page.

A posting on your Facebook page or other social media can get quick results. See message ideas here: <https://www.pulseresearch.com/poa.html>.

4. Send an Email Blast

Contacting your readers directly with a message about helping local businesses. See the example text on this page: <https://www.pulseresearch.com/poa.html>.

5. Run Banner Ads

This is one of the easiest ways to consistently promote and get sample. Use the creative or the ad script here: <https://www.pulseresearch.com/poa.html>; let us know if you need custom ad sizes.

6. Run classified Ad

Just set the ad to run in every issue and in a variety of sections. See the example text at the bottom of this page: <https://www.pulseresearch.com/poa.html>.

Call for Entries: NPA 2019 Better Newspaper Contest

New for 2019: one contest for print, one contest for digital
Entry deadline for both contests is January 10, 2019

Guidelines & instructions attached to Bulletin.



Story ideas for December: Holiday ideas from reader involvement to hard news stories

Local Media Association, 11/30/18

Tis' the season for giving. And for reader engagement. The holidays are officially here and the opportunities to get readers to share their content with your news organization is at an all-time high because of all of the holiday activities around us. We've rounded up a bunch of good ideas any size media company could pull off:

- 1. Create a map of all of those holiday lights readers will submit.** Contests are obviously golden this time of the year. <https://lab.secondstreet.com/articles/holiday-photo-contests/>
- 2. Elf on the Shelf can take over parents' lives for the next few weeks.** So ask parents in a quiz what their Elf on the Shelf style is. <https://www.parents.com/holiday/christmas/traditions/quiz-whats-your-elf-on-the-shelf-style/>
- 3. Christmas ornaments can have deep meaning for people.** So ask readers to share info about their favorite ornaments. It could turn into a nice lifestyle piece. https://www.pennlive.com/life/2011/12/readers_share_stories_of_their.html
- 4. Somewhat but not totally similar, is this idea by The Washington Post where they rounded up fun Christmas traditions from readers.** This could also turn into a list of the ways you can create new traditions with your family.
- 5. While much of the holiday is fun, Santa photos for small children are anything but.** This is a pretty funny gallery of readers sharing their children horrified by Santa.
- 6. Pets always make for a good gallery.** Always. Ask readers to submit their efforts of dressing up their cute pets for the holiday. https://www.wvgazettemail.com/life/on-the-prowl-readers-share-their-christmas-pet-photos-with/article_13b87d9b-c46d-5889-89fe-e32c6bcacfee.html
- 7. Christmas trees, stockings and the list could go on and on of things readers are proud of putting up or together during the holiday.** So ask them to share those things. This is a nice gallery of reader-submitted Christmas trees. <https://www.northernstar.com.au/news/readers-share-pics-their-christmas-trees/2860223/#/0>
- 8. Ugly sweaters are all the rage:** Holiday parties, specialty days and more. Ask readers to share their favorites. <https://www.ohio.com/akron/lifestyle/these-ugly-sweaters-are-hard-to-ignore-beacon-journal-ohio-com-readers-share-their-worst>

Other December-related story ideas:

- 9. Plumbers report the holidays are busy times, usually because of turkey getting stuck in the drain.** Find out how busy it is and offer readers tips on how to avoid having to make the call to have a plumber come out. <https://valleycentral.com/news/local/kitchen-sinks-keeping-plumbers-busy-through-holiday-season>
- 10. Bad checks are on the rise during the holidays.** Find out what kind of problem it is in your community, how local businesses manage it and how many they get, as well as things consumers can do to avoid writing them.
- 11. How much does it cost to get a Christmas tree in your area?** Look at the price points at different lots and experiences (like cutting down your own). Last year, some reported a lack of trees. Is that going to be an issue in your town this year?
- 12. Lists are helpful during the holiday, especially when they can help readers navigate their busy lives.** Consider a list of lists: Top events and festivals, best small towns to visit, Santa visits and more. Look at your calendar and consider how you could break apart your calendar into different lists per some of the topics noted above.

Classified Advertising Exchange

December 3, 2018

DIRECTOR OF SALES - Community newspaper group seeks experienced sales and marketing professional to lead our sales team for eight newspapers, multiple TMC products, on-line sales, and other special projects and products. Enterprise Media Group is a family owned business which is continuing to grow and diversify and needs an excellent team builder to help us continue that growth. Find out more about our products and services at enterprisepub.biz. Our Director of Sales will be responsible for team sales, planning, budgeting, community relations and be an integral part of our management team. Compensation includes base salary, bonus opportunities, health insurance, 401K retirement, vacation, personal days and more. This is a great opportunity to come and be part of our fun, adaptable, dedicated and positive team. Apply to Chris Rhoades, crhoades@enterprisepub.com, Enterprise Media Group, Blair, NE.

NEWSPAPER FOR SALE - Don't miss the opportunity to own this well-established, turn-key weekly newspaper. The Sheridan County Journal Star in Gordon, Nebraska, is the county seat newspaper and sole publication in the county. It comes with distribution and printing in place, and is well-supported by local readers and advertising, with room for exponential growth in both areas. A great following is also set up for our sports video broadcasting. Building and equipment included in sale. Call Rachael at 308-282-0118, or email scjslegals@gmail.com.

MANAGING EDITOR - \$500 Sign-On Bonus: The Lexington Clipper-Herald is seeking a full-time managing editor to join our team. Candidate will be responsible for supervising and directing the gathering of news and editorial content; production of the newspaper; responsible for all of the news department and its employees; long-range planning of future coverage and responsible for setting and communicating coverage imperatives to the news staff. Ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree in a related area and a minimum five years of supervisory experience, or an equivalent combination of education and experience, and a high level of attention to detail. Apply online at <https://usr54.dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/bhmedia>, or send letter and resume to Attn: Heather, PO Box 599, Lexington, NE.

NEWSPAPER FOR SALE - Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to own a well-established, historic, county seat weekly newspaper. This 139-year-old, turn-key operation comes with all distribution and printing in place and is the sole publication in the county it serves. The paper has an excellent following of local readers and is well-supported by local advertisers, with room for exponential growth in advertising, subscriptions and commercial printing. Living quarters are located on site with building and equipment included with sale. Stanton, a town rich in history, is only ten minutes away from the city of Norfolk - a community fast-growing in industry - drawing many families to build new homes and live in the smaller town of Stanton. Excellent opportunity! Call Brian Hadcock at 402-640-7723, or email registersports@stanton.net.

ATTACHED TO THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN:

Classified Advertising Exchange; NPAS Christmas/New Year Early Advertising Deadlines flyer; 2019 Andy Awards application form; NPA Better Newspaper Contest (Print & Digital) Call for Entries.

ORDER SAFETY VESTS THROUGH NNA

U.S. Dept. of Transportation regulation requires media representatives who work within the rights-of-way of federal-aid highways to wear a specific type of high-visibility safety vest. This applies to all newspaper employees - not just reporters & photographers. **NNA offers ANSI Class II-2004-107 safety vests with reflective markings and Velcro closure. In large letters on the back is the word PRESS. Sizes S-XL, \$19.50 ea.; sizes 2XL-4XL, \$21.50 ea. (plus S/H). To order, call NNA at 217-241-1400.**

Advertising in the Classified Advertising Exchange is no charge for NPA members and \$10 per week for non-members (approximately 25 words). It's a great way to sell or find equipment, hire a new employee, advertise a service which you provide, sell or buy a newspaper. Only Nebraska member newspapers may advertise for help wanted for Nebraska newspapers. No out-of-state help wanted advertisements accepted. Just mail, email or fax us your ad copy by noon Friday for the following weeks' Bulletin. For questions or additional information, contact the NPA office: (402)476-2851, NE: 800-369-2850, FAX: (402)476-2942 or email: nebpress@nebpress.com.

EARLY DEADLINES!

NCAN(classified) Ads:

Ads running wk of 12/31/18

- DL Fri., 12/21/18 at 4 p.m.

Ads running wk of 01/07/19

- DL Wed., 1/2/19 at 10:00 a.m.

2x2/2x4 Display Ads:

Ads running wk of 12/31/18

- DL Fri., 12/21/18 at 4 p.m.

Ads running wk of 01/07/19

- DL Fri., 12/28/18 at 4 p.m.

Please pass this information along to all employees.

There will be NO exceptions to these deadlines.

Our Office Will Be CLOSED Dec. 24, 25 & 26, 2018,
& CLOSED Dec. 31, 2018 & Jan 1, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding the above deadlines,
please contact Carolyn Bowman.



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www.nebpress.com, cb@nebpress.com

THE ANDY AWARD 2019

FOR INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM

*In honor of Harold W. Andersen,
Nebraska newspaperman & civic leader.*

FORMAT

Pitch your international story ideas. The annual Andy Award has become a grant program to encourage and fund international reporting projects. A total of \$5,000 will be awarded to one or more news organizations or individual reporters who propose the best plans to cover a global story of importance to Nebraskans.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Global awareness: How does the story raise global awareness and understanding among Nebraskans?

Journalistic experience: Is the reporter or reporting team experienced enough to capture the complexities of an international story and elegantly explain its relevance to Nebraskans? Prior international reporting experience is not required, but solid journalism credentials are preferred.

Audience reach: Is there evidence that the story will be published or broadcast? Will the story reach a large number of Nebraskans or a particular community that could truly benefit from the story's perspective?

GUIDELINES

- Open to Nebraska-based print, broadcast, and electronic news outlets.
- A news outlet may submit multiple applications.
- Freelance reporters may apply. Their application must include a letter of intent to publish or broadcast from a news outlet in Nebraska.
- Funds may be used to cover the costs of international travel, accommodations, and related expenses. Applicants may request \$5,000 or a lesser amount, depending on their proposed budget.

APPLY

Complete and submit the attached application.
Deadline: 21 December 2018



Kabul, Afghanistan. Courtesy of Diane Newcomer.

RECENT ANDY AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Andy Awards have recognized outstanding international journalism in Nebraska since 1987. Recent winners include:

- 2018 Alisha Davis and JoAnna LeFlore, The Reader
- 2016 Anthony Flott, UNO Alumni Magazine, and Doug Meigs, Omaha Magazine
- 2015 Leo Adam Biga, Freelance, and Matthew Hansen, Omaha World-Herald
- 2014 Julie Cornell and Andrew Ozaki, KETV Newswatch 7
- 2011 Joseph Morton, Alyssa Schukar, Matthew Hansen, & Cate Folsom, Omaha World-Herald
- 2009 Carol Katzman, The Jewish Press
- 2008 KIOS-FM Radio
- 2005 Ted Kirk & Gordon Winters, Lincoln Journal Star
- 2004 Jared Hart & Gary Sadlemyer, KEAB Radio
- 2003 Joe Duggan, Catherine Huddle, & Ken Blackbird, Lincoln Journal Star

THE ANDY AWARDS 2019 APPLICATION

Instructions: Please complete and return to kbreen@unomaha.edu.
For questions, e-mail or call (402) 554-2293. E-mail submissions
are preferred, but you can also send hard-copy applications to:

International Programs
University of Nebraska at Omaha
Omaha, Neb. 68182-0227

Journalist(s):

News organization:

Employee Freelancer (must submit letter of intent to publish from news organization)

Web address:

Street address:

City, state, zip code:

Phone:

E-mail address:

Proposal: Describe the story idea and plans for both reporting and publication or broadcast. Also describe the intended audience. List the qualifications of the journalists. Most importantly, describe how this story would raise global awareness and understanding among Nebraskans, and why this story is important to Nebraska communities. One additional page of description may be attached.

Budget category	Projected expense	Description
Travel:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Accommodations:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Related expenses:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Total:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Deadline: 21 December 2018
Winner(s) announced by: 1 February 2019

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Class Divisions

Division E

Dailies

Division A

Weeklies Up to 859 Circ.

Division B

Weeklies 860-1,499 Circ.

Division C

Weeklies 1,500-2,499 Circ.

Division D

Weeklies 2,500 & Up Circ.

(according to 2018

Statement of Ownership)

Deadlines

Entries must be entered online no later than Midnight on **January 10, 2019**.

Contest Period

Calendar Year 2018. All entries must have been originally published between January 1 and December 31, 2018.

Awards

Awards will be announced during the Nebraska Press Association Annual Convention, April 5-6, 2019 at the Kearney Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Kearney, NE

NOTICE

**Entry Fee is \$4.00 per entry.
Entry fees must be paid by check.**

**Mail check to
Nebraska Press Association
845 "S" Street
Lincoln, NE 68508**



General Rules:

1. Entries accepted only from dues-paying members.
2. Entries must be submitted to www.newspapercontest.com/nebraska or postmarked by Midnight, Central time on Thursday, January 10. Follow the onscreen instructions and register using your information. You will be asked for an "Association Code", please enter **NE2019**. Please be sure to read all online rules for each category. If you need clarification of the rules, contact Carolyn Bowman at 800-369-2850 or by email at cb@nebpress.com. Entries must be submitted online, as specified.
3. Semi-weeklies are considered weeklies. **Small dailies may be entered as weeklies in Division D.**
4. Any class in a category that has less than 4 entries will be moved up to the next circulation class. First, second, and third place winners will be awarded in all categories having qualified entries.
5. **All entries may be entered only once, regardless of publication or circulation category.**
6. **Individual staffers may win multiple awards in the same contest category, provided each entry is clearly marked with the staffer's name. Entry must have been created by a regular member of the newspaper staff, though not necessarily a full-time member.**
7. **Cover letters are not to be included with entries unless called for by the contest category or with prior approval from NPA staff. For online categories calling for cover letters, they should be saved as a pdf & entered with the entry.**



Digital

46. Web Sites

To enter include the address of Web Site and name(s) of staff responsible for site. Criteria includes usefulness to readers, effectiveness of advertising, quality and quantity of community content, ease of navigation, inclusion of special features such as links, interaction, etc., and cross-promotion of newspaper and Web Site. Maximum one entry per newspaper.

47. Online Video

Breaking news, sports, features, special interest, advertising and other styles of video are eligible. Judges shall consider quality of visual storytelling, graphics, sound, special effects and quality of script, camerawork, and editing. Premium for uniqueness and viewer impact. Newspaper must keep link active to entry on their respective website until judging is complete. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

48. Online Coverage of Breaking News

Entry consists of permanent link to digital content of the breaking news coverage along with cover letter explaining the depth and breadth of the coverage and containing statistical data on traffic growth, social media/video views, etc. during the event. Judges will consider the newspaper's use of multi-media to break a spot news story and develop the coverage as the news event unfolds. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

49. Best Use of Social Media

This category recognizes newspapers that have utilized social media in an innovative way to expand coverage beyond traditional print. Entry shall consist of a cover letter of 300 words or less describing a single news event in which your newspaper creatively used social media to inform and interact with readers. Entry should include up to three examples (screen shots of Facebook posts, tweets, etc.). Judges will consider the entry's impact on the audience, clarity of the message and creativity. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

50. Best Digital Ad Idea

Any ad – animated or static – appearing on website or mobile site. Ad must have been created locally by newspaper entering it in the contest. Entry consists of permanent link to digital content. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

Digital Sweepstakes Awards

Weekly Sweepstakes Award

All **weekly** newspapers entered are automatically eligible. The award will be presented to the newspaper that accumulates the most points based on the formula given below.

Daily Sweepstakes Award

All **daily** newspapers entered are automatically eligible. The award will be presented to the newspaper that accumulates the most points based on the following formula:

Each first place award...10 points*
Each second place award...8 points*
Each third place award...6 points*



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3. Entries should be **PDF files** showing the **full page tearsheet** (publication name and date must be showing). **DO NOT SUBMIT ONLY THE PHOTO OR AD, IT MUST BE A FULL PAGE TEARSHEET.** Online entries should be clearly identified by headline, topic, etc.
4. Semi-weeklies are considered weeklies. **Small dailies may be entered as weeklies in Division D.**
5. Deadline for postmark of print entries: **January 10, 2019. Mail marked contest material to: Nebraska Press Association, 845 "S" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508-1226. Entries must first be entered online & a label printed to affix to print entry.**
6. Any class in a category that has less than 4 entries will be moved up to the next circulation class. First, second, and third place winners will be awarded in all categories having qualified entries.
7. **All entries may be entered only once, regardless of publication or circulation category. (i.e., a feature story, advertisement, news photo or section may have been published in multiple newspapers, but that story, ad, photo or section cannot be entered in multiple contest categories or circulation divisions.) A COMMON SECTION WHICH APPEARS IN MORE THAN ONE NEWSPAPER SHOULD ONLY BE ENTERED IN THE LARGEST CLASS. NO TMC/SHOPPERS ALLOWED.**
8. Individual staffers may win multiple awards in the same contest category, provided each entry is clearly marked with the staffer's name. Entry must have been created by a regular member of the newspaper staff, though not necessarily a full-time member.
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SPECIAL ALL-CLASS AWARDS: (Winners receive a bonus 20 Sweepstakes points)

PHOTOS OF THE YEAR: NEWS, SPORTS AND FEATURE — SEE CATEGORIES 51, 52 & 53. Only one winner statewide per category: News Photo, Sports Photo & Feature Photo. Enter your best photos and compete against the best photographs entered by weeklies & dailies in all circulation classes. Entries in the Photo of the Year categories may have also been entered in other photo categories for circulation class competition.

EDITORIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD — SEE CATEGORY 54. Only one winner statewide. Enter your best editorial and compete against the best entries from weeklies & dailies in all circulation classes. Entries in the Editorial of the Year category may have also been entered in Category 33 for circulation class competition.

ADVERTISEMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD — SEE CATEGORY 55. Only one winner statewide. Enter your best ad and compete against the best entries from weeklies and dailies in all circulation classes. Entries in the Advertisement of the Year category may have also been entered in another Ad category for circulation class competition.



Daily & Weekly Contest Categories

1. Use of Computer Graphics - Produced In House

Original news graphics, created in house. Judges consider design, impact, clarity, relevance and quality of artwork. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

2. Building Circulation

Must be original promotional material, from your newspaper, focused on retaining readers and building circulation for either your print or digital product, or both. Cover letter can be included. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

3. Reader Interaction/Contest

Entry can consist of up to four print examples exhibiting opportunities for reader interaction or promoting a contest designed specifically to engage readers. Initiated by news, marketing, advertising, circulation or cooperative efforts. Judges shall consider potential for reader participation, originality of theme, copywriting, attractiveness and creativity. Maximum one entry per newspaper.

Advertising

(The following applies to all Advertising Categories: **NO NPAS HOUSE, AGENCY OR CLIENT PRODUCED ADS ALLOWED — ALL ADS MUST BE CREATED BY SUBMITTING NEWSPAPER**)

4. Community Promotion Advertisement

A single ad or series of ads created by the newspaper promoting its community, a project in its community or a community event. List name responsible for content. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

5. Agricultural Advertisement

Best advertisement featuring an agricultural theme. Advertisement must be created by newspaper entered. Judges will consider cleverness of headlines and text and the ability to captivate, entertain and attract readers and motivate them to respond. Judges shall also consider basic idea, layout, copy, typography and originality. Must be produced in-house. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

6. Small Ad (Under 1/4 page or less than 3 x 10 1/2")

May submit up to three entries per newspaper. Judges will consider cleverness of headlines and text and the ability to captivate, entertain and attract readers and motivate them to respond. Judges shall also consider basic idea, layout, copy, typography and originality. Ad must be for a single advertiser. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

7. Signature Page

Best ad featuring any theme and containing multiple advertisers. Judges will consider originality of theme, design and layout, makeup, visual appeal and overall continuity. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

8. Classified Section

The purpose of this category is to recognize quality classified advertising pages. Judges will consider overall attractiveness, ease in reading, clarity of classified headlines, organization, promotion of classified advertising use, ease for readers to place and use classifieds. Maximum one entry per newspaper. **A COMMON SECTION WHICH APPEARS IN MORE THAN ONE NEWSPAPER SHOULD ONLY BE ENTERED IN THE LARGEST CLASS. NO TMC/SHOPPERS ALLOWED.**

9. Advertising Campaign

Two or more ads constitute "campaign." Campaign ads must be created by newspaper entered. List name of person responsible for content. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

10. Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color

No house ads. Ad must be created by newspaper entered. Judges will consider cleverness of headlines and text and the ability to captivate, entertain and attract readers and motivate them to respond. Judges shall also consider basic idea, layout, copy, typography and originality. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

11. Single Retail Advertising Idea - Black and White

No house ads. Ad must be created by newspaper entered. Judges will consider cleverness of headlines and text and the ability to captivate, entertain and attract readers and motivate them to respond. Judges shall also consider basic idea, layout, copy, typography and originality. Maximum three entries per newspaper.



12. Single Classified Advertising Idea - Color (DAILIES ONLY)

No house ads. Ad must be created by newspaper entered. Judges will consider cleverness of headlines and text and the ability to captivate, entertain and attract readers and motivate them to respond. Judges shall also consider basic idea, layout, copy, typography and originality. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

13. Single Classified Advertising Idea - Black and White

No house ads. Ad must be created by newspaper entered. Judges will consider cleverness of headlines and text and the ability to captivate, entertain and attract readers and motivate them to respond. Judges shall also consider basic idea, layout, copy, typography and originality. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

14. Creative Ad Writing

Each entry shall consist of three examples of creative ad writing in separate and unique advertisements. Judges will consider how the headlines and text complement artwork and other elements in the advertisements, and how the writing captures readers' attention, entertains, inspires, and prompts reader action. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

15. Best New Idea – Ads/Marketing

Submit up to four examples – permanent links and/or pdf – along with a letter explaining why your idea was a winner, how you implemented it, and why it could be successfully adapted for advertising and/or marketing campaigns by other newspapers. Judges shall consider creativity, originality, use of multiple platforms, reader engagement and applicability of idea. Maximum one entry per newspaper.

Sports

16. Sports Action Photo

Pictures must have been taken by a regular member of the newspaper staff, though not necessarily a full-time member. List name of photographer. Maximum seven entries per newspaper. **Entry must be full page pdf or jpg tearsheet.**

17. Sports Feature Photo

Picture must have been taken by a regular member of the newspaper staff, though not necessarily a full-time member. List name of photographer. Maximum seven entries per newspaper. **Entry must be full page pdf or jpg tearsheet.**

18. Sports Page

Select page or pages from one issue each of Fall, Winter, Spring and one of newspaper's choice. This is one entry. Judges consider content, writing, headline suitability, layout, design and appeal. Maximum one entry per newspaper.

19. Sports Column

Submit any two columns per columnist. Columns must be regular features, original, written by a regular member of the staff. Judges consider the purpose of the column, local interest, selection of material, literary merit. List name of columnist. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

20. Sports Writing

Submit entries with stories highlighted. Judges consider interest, impact, clarity of writing, local relevance. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

Photography

21. Photo Page

Pictures must have been taken by a regular member of the newspaper staff, though not necessarily a full-time member. Judges consider the theme, composition of individual photos, local interest, layout, reproduction, captions. A premium for originality. Maximum seven entries per newspaper. **Entry must be full page pdf or jpg tearsheet.**

22. Feature Photography

Pictures must have been taken by a regular member of the newspaper staff, though not necessarily a full-time member. List name of photographer. Maximum seven entries per newspaper. **Entry must be full page pdf or jpg tearsheet.**



23. News Photography

Pictures must have been taken by a regular member of the newspaper staff, though not necessarily a full-time member. List name of photographer. Maximum seven entries per newspaper. **Entry must be full page pdf or jpg tearsheet.**

24. Breaking News Photography

Pictures must have been taken by a regular member of the newspaper staff, though not necessarily a full-time member. Breaking News is defined as a photo in which no advance planning is possible...tornadoes...accidents...fires...quick action items. Maximum seven entries per newspaper. **Entry must be full page pdf or jpg tearsheet.**

News/Editorial

25W. Use of Color — News (WEEKLIES ONLY)

Judges consider originality, mechanical reproduction, compatibility with written matter, makeup. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

26. Personal Column

Submit any two columns per columnist. Each columnist limited to one entry. Columns must be regular features, original, written by a regular member of the staff. Judges consider the purpose of the column, local interest, selection of material, literary merit. List name of columnist. Entry shall consist of any two columns per columnist. Maximum seven entries per newspaper.

27. Breaking News

Breaking News is defined as an event or development in which no advance planning is possible...tornadoes...accidents...fires...quick-action items. Judges consider interest, thoroughness, clarity of writing and impact of visual elements and presentation. Maximum three entries per newspaper.

28. Feature Series

The Feature Series must have appeared in two or more issues. Judges consider subject, interest and impact, layout and design, writing. **(Don't confuse with contest No. 29).** Maximum three entries.

29. Single Feature Story

Judges consider subject, interest and impact, writing. **(Don't confuse with contest No. 28).** List name of writer. Maximum of four feature entries per newspaper.

30. In-depth Writing

An in-depth report on a serious subject, single or multiple elements or a series. Judges consider news peg, local relevance, use of research, computer-aided research, multiple sources, enterprise on the part of the newspaper in pulling resources together to get the story, impact on community, opportunity for the community to take action. Maximum two entries per newspaper.

31. Public Notice and Its Promotion

Submit any two examples of articles, editorials or ads which promote the concept of newspaper public notice as the best way to guarantee the public's right to know. This is one entry. Maximum of one entry. **THIS CATEGORY COUNTS DOUBLE POINTS FOR SWEEPSTAKES AWARD.**

32. Editorial Page

Limited to one entry per newspaper to be composed of one page each from the months of April, July & October. Judges consider power of original editorial matter, layout, design, information, reader participation and local relevance. Maximum one entry per newspaper.

33. Editorial

Entry shall consist of three staff-originated editorials. This is one entry. Judges consider local interest in issues raised, suggested solutions and call to action. Judges also consider clearness of style, sound reasoning, power to influence public opinion and literary merit. Maximum one entry per newspaper.

34. News Writing

Judges consider the quality of writing.... its impact, clarity of sourcing, thoroughness and relevance. Entry consists of story dealing with general news coverage. One entry per topic, any number of staff members may contribute to the story. Maximum of three entries per newspaper.



35. Best New Idea – News

Submit up to four examples – permanent links to digital content and/or pdf – along with a letter explaining why your idea was a hit, how you implemented it, and why it could be successfully adapted by editors and reporters at other newspapers. Judges shall consider creativity, originality, use of multiple platforms, reader engagement and applicability of idea. Maximum one entry per newspaper.

36. Headline Writing

Submit one front page from date of your choice. Enter entire front page as entry. Judges consider the effectiveness of front page headlines in capturing reader interest and in accurately reflecting the nature of stories. Maximum one entry per newspaper.

37. Front Page

Submit one front page from date of your choice. Enter entire front page as entry. Judges consider layout and design, writing, use of artwork, headlines, relevance, balance of local and non-local coverage. Maximum one entry per newspaper.

The following categories must be mailed to NPA.

38. General Excellence

This is one of the top awards in the NPA Better Newspaper Contest, an overall evaluation of the newspaper. Mail three issues. One issue each from the months of January, August & December. Judges consider news, content, quality of writing, headlines, page design, photos and captions, graphics and art elements, editorial page, front page, lifestyle pages, sports pages, reproduction, advertising design and content, treatment of public notices. Maximum one entry per newspaper. THIS IS A MAIL IN ENTRY.

39. Lifestyles (Dailies Only)

Mail actual complete print section. Select page or pages from any three issues. This is one entry. Judges consider layout, design, content, writing and local impact. Maximum one entry per newspaper. THIS IS A MAIL IN ENTRY.

40. Special Single Section

Mail actual complete print section. Each entry consists of one section on a single date of publication per newspaper, each must be accompanied by cover letter explaining the special nature of the section or edition. Judges consider best idea, editorial content, photo and art content, layout, impact on community. No NPAS sponsored sections, i.e. Beef Tab. Maximum three entries per newspaper. “By Staff” byline acceptable on this category. **A COMMON SECTION WHICH APPEARS IN MORE THAN ONE NEWSPAPER SHOULD ONLY BE ENTERED IN THE LARGEST CLASS. NO TMC/SHOPPERS ALLOWED. THIS IS A MAIL IN ENTRY.**

41. Special Section (Multiple Publication Days)

Mail actual complete print sections. Each entry consists of section on multiple dates of publication per newspaper, each must be accompanied by cover letter explaining the special nature of the section or edition. Judges consider best idea, editorial content, photo and art content, layout, impact on community. No NPAS sponsored sections, i.e. Beef Tab. Maximum three entries per newspaper. “By Staff” byline acceptable on this category. **A COMMON SECTION WHICH APPEARS IN MORE THAN ONE NEWSPAPER SHOULD ONLY BE ENTERED IN THE LARGEST CLASS. NO TMC/SHOPPERS ALLOWED. THIS IS A MAIL IN ENTRY.**

42. Youth Coverage

This is a mail in entry. Submit three examples of coverage of young people (full-page tearsheets of youth pages, opinions, in-depth series about issues facing young people, advertisements, special sections, etc.) with subject matter clearly outlined. Must include cover letter. This will be one entry. Judges will consider local interest, relevance, impact and ingenuity. Maximum one entry per newspaper. THIS IS A MAIL IN ENTRY.

43. Specialty/Lifestyles Sections

This is a mail in entry. Submit tearsheets from regular editions of up to three examples of specialty/lifestyle sections geared to a specific audience, or three examples geared to a variety of audiences: youth, business, agriculture, seniors, etc. Judges consider page design, impact, relevance of content. Maximum one entry per newspaper. THIS IS A MAIL IN ENTRY.



Leadership Awards

(Winners receive a bonus 20 Sweepstakes points)

44. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AWARD (All Classes Together)

Only one winner. Submit news articles, editorials, house ads and other materials demonstrating your newspaper's commitment to combating government secrecy and ensuring the public's right to know. Entry can include cover letter from entrant and supporting letters from the community. THIS IS A MAIL IN ENTRY.

45. BEST NIE PROGRAM

One entry per newspaper accompanied by cover letter explaining how your publication promotes Newspapers in Education. Samples can include full-page tearsheets of promotional advertisements, specialty pages or sections aimed at student readers, copies of fliers or letters sent to teachers, etc. Subject matter should be clearly outlined. Judges will consider ingenuity and impact of promotional materials and ads, and results of efforts. Maximum one entry per newspaper. THIS IS A MAIL IN ENTRY.

(See Categories 46 thru 50 in the Digital Contest Rules)

Special All-Class Awards

(Winners receive a bonus 20 Sweepstakes points)

51. News Photo of the Year

Newspapers may enter one photo in this category, which will compete against all weeklies and dailies in all circulation classes. Submit entry online as per other photo category instructions. Entry must be a full-page PDF or JPG tearsheet. Entries for this category may have also been entered in Photo Categories 23 or 24, although an entry in this Category (51) will be considered a separate entry. **Maximum one entry per newspaper.**

52. Sports Photo of the Year

Newspapers may enter one photo in this category, which will compete against all weeklies and dailies in all circulation classes. Submit entry online as per other photo category instructions. Entry must be a full-page PDF or JPG tearsheet. Entries for this category may have also been entered in Photo Categories 16 or 17, although an entry in this Category (52) will be considered a separate entry. **Maximum one entry per newspaper.**

53. Feature Photo of the Year

Newspapers may enter one photo in this category, which will compete against all weeklies and dailies in all circulation classes. Submit entry online as per other photo category instructions. Entry must be a full-page PDF or JPG tearsheet. Entries for this category may have also been entered in Photo Category 22, although an entry in this Category (53) will be considered a separate entry. **Maximum one entry per newspaper.**

54. Editorial of the Year

Newspapers may submit one entry in this category consisting of a single editorial, which will compete against all weeklies and dailies in all circulation classes. Submit entry online. Entries for this category may have also been entered in Editorial Category 33, although an entry in this Category (54) will be considered a separate entry. **Maximum one entry per newspaper.**

55. Advertisement of the Year

Newspapers may submit one entry in this category consisting of a single ad, which will compete against all weeklies and dailies in all circulation classes. Submit entry online. Entries for this category may have also been entered in Advertising Categories 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15, although an entry in this Category (55) will be considered a separate entry. **Maximum one entry per newspaper.**



Sweepstakes Awards

Weekly Class Award

All **weekly** newspapers entered are automatically eligible. The award will be presented to the newspaper in each class of A, B, C and D that accumulates the most points in its class based on the formula given below.

Weekly Sweepstakes Award

All **weekly** newspapers entered are automatically eligible. This is the most prestigious award in the weekly competition. The award will be presented to the newspaper that accumulates the most points based on the formula given below.

Daily Sweepstakes Award

All **daily** newspapers entered are automatically eligible. This is the most prestigious award in the daily competition. The award will be presented to the newspaper that accumulates the most points based on the following formula:

Each first place award...10 points*

Each second place award...8 points*

Each third place award...6 points*

*Double points for General Excellence & Public Notice categories

Twenty Sweepstakes points will also be awarded for Freedom of Information, Best NIE Program & Special All-Class Awards: News Photo of the Year; Sports Photo of the Year; Feature Photo of the Year; Editorial of the Year; and, Advertisement of the Year.