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**Outstanding Young Nebraska Journalist Awards Announced at  
145<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska Press Association Convention  
Awards Luncheon in Kearney, NE**

KEARNEY – The Outstanding Young Nebraska Journalist Award was created and funded by Zean & Marilyn Carney, former publishers of the Wahoo Newspaper, Waverly News, Ashland Gazette, and David City Banner-Press and Past President of the Nebraska Press Association.

This award is awarded to two nominees from all weekly and daily categories. The nominees must be reporters, editors, photographers, graphic designers, production or advertising professionals who have worked for at least one year with a legal Nebraska newspaper.

A select panel of judges appointed by the Executive Director of NPA/OnePress considered among other items, the nominee’s professionalism, creativity, comments or statements on goals, impact of their work on print journalism, the community of journalistic excellence.

The first-place winner for the Outstanding Young Nebraska Journalist Award is Grant Egger, Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune/Enterprise Media Group in Blair. An excerpt from his nomination reads: “My goal is to not only be reliable in what I put forth for print, but I also want to be a reliable sight on the sidelines. I want readers, fans and athletes to expect me at their games, so they can expect content from me in their newspaper. When they know I care to be there, they can care about what they may find in the Washington County news source they subscribe to.”

The second-place winner of the Outstanding Young Nebraska Journalist Award is Nick Gebhart, Norfolk Daily News. An excerpt from his nomination reads: “My experience as the Norfolk Daily News city government reporter has taught me the importance of strong community journalism. In Norfolk, there is a great need for honest and thorough reporting that reaches this community and many northeast Nebraskans. My goal as a journalist is to report and tell the stories that matter to people through telling the stories of a changing city government and the personal experiences of everyday people.”

The Outstanding Young Nebraska Journalist Awards were presented Saturday, April 6, 2019, at the Nebraska Press Association’s 145th Annual Convention Awards Luncheon at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, Kearney, NE.