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**Nebraska Press Association's 145th Annual Convention
Convenes April 5-6, 2019, in Kearney, NE**

LINCOLN — The Nebraska Press Association (NPA) with sponsorship from OnePress expects more than 200 persons to attend its 145th Annual Convention in Kearney, April 5-6, 2019. Nebraska daily and weekly newspaper publishers, editors, managers and staff will meet at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center for two days of workshop sessions, awards presentations and election of officers.

The NPA represents 15 daily, 149 weekly and 10 collegiate newspapers and is the state's oldest trade association - founded in 1873.

Workshop sessions will cover topics including: news writing and reporting; advertising sales communications; tips on using Adobe products (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop); using video for newspapers; and legal issues affecting the newspaper industry and.

The Friday luncheon will begin with a welcome from Kearney Mayor, Stanley Clouse.

Special guest at the convention will be Andrew Johnson, newspaper publisher of the Dodge County Pionier, Mayville, Wisconsin, and president of the National Newspaper Association (NNA). The NNA is the trade association representing more than 2,100 community daily and weekly newspapers across the country.

Renee Fry and Chuck Brown with The OpenSky Policy Institute will lead a discussion on the current state of Nebraska's tax, budget and school finance issues. Michelle Hassler, associate professor at the UNL College of Journalism & Mass Communications will explore the concept of Solutions Journalism, an emerging model being adopted by a variety of news outlets. V.J. Smith, professional speaker and author from Brookings, SD, will lead Saturday's general session, "The Richest Man in Town."

The Master Editor-Publisher Award, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon an NPA member will be revealed at the Friday night banquet, along with presentation of Community Service and Service to Agriculture Awards, sponsored by the Omaha World-Herald. Nebraska Lt. Governor, Mike Foley, will give the welcome, and keynote banquet speaker will be Nebraska Senator Julie Slama, District 1, Peru, NE.

At the Saturday Awards Luncheon, awards will be presented for the Outstanding Young Nebraska Journalist (first place and runner up) - given to a reporter, editor, photographer, graphic designer, production or advertising professional who has worked for at least one year with a legal Nebraska newspaper and is thirty years of age or younger. Former Nebraska newspaper publishers, Zean and Marilyn Carney, of Casa Grande, AZ, sponsor this award. Awards will also be given for the Don Harpst Sr., Leadership Nebraska Award, which honors a newspaper publisher or executive that promotes, recognizes or fosters leadership in the community, region or state. Golden Pica Pole Awards will be presented to those who have worked 50 years or more in service to Nebraska newspapers.

Also, at the Saturday luncheon, the NPA Foundation will recognize six Nebraska collegiate and high school students who are recipients of the Foundation's 2019 scholarships. A \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to each of the six recipients planning to attend a Nebraska college or university leading to a career in community journalism.

The Saturday night banquet will honor winners of the NPA Better Newspaper Contest with a video show presentation. New officers and board members for the Nebraska Press Association and OnePress will be presented.

For more information, contact the Nebraska Press Association office at 402-476-281, 800-369-2850, or www.nebpress.com.