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## Free ads highlight celebrity support for free speech

**K**en Paulson, the former editor of USA Today and current director of the Free Speech Center, is launching a national campaign featuring ads with celebrities explaining what these freedoms mean to them. For example, one ad shows Brad Paisley explaining the importance of a free press. Think “Got Milk?” for the Constitution.

The campaign is totally non-partisan and directs the public and particularly students to [1forall.today](https://1forall.today), where they can learn more about the First Amendment. The campaign officially launched on July 4 and the organizers are hoping to capture support in all 50 states. We’re asking you to support the campaign by sharing the public service ads with your readers.

The ads can be found by visiting <https://mtsu.edu/first-amendment/page/1forall-gallery>. News publishers may add their logo and/or contact information to the ads provided.

## Tell Facebook Advertisers: News Publishers Provide Quality Environment for Their Ads

**A**s advertisers boycott Facebook due to concerns about their ads appearing next to questionable content, let them know that your news publication provides quality content that is reviewed by professionals, offering them an option for their ads where they can feel confident about the content alongside which they appear.

Members can download and run this ad from the News Media Alliance, available now.

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Let’s talk.

#SupportRealNews

### Get the Ad:

The ad is available in full- and quarter-page sizes, as well as digital at <https://www.newsmediaalliance.org/dear-fb-advertisers/>.

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## Attention: Newsroom Managers and Digital Journalists.

I am a graduate student conducting research examining digital journalism in Midwest newsrooms. Please complete this 10-15-minute survey. The results of this study will increase our understanding of the resources and education available to digital editors and the newsroom climate as it pertains to digital journalists. All information is confidential, and none will be provided to your employer. Since this is not part of your work, I suggest completing the survey on personal time and personal devices. At the end of the survey, you will have the option to sign up to receive a summary of the survey results once it has been analyzed. The survey URL is: [https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ah0ZHAKt75Z45Lv](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ah0ZHAKt75Z45Lv). Survey results are due July 22. Please contact me, Sarah Muller, at [smuller@iastate.edu](mailto:smuller@iastate.edu) with any questions.

## New public notice rates take effect July 1

Effective July 1, the public notice advertising rate will increase from 50.1 cents for a 12- pica wide line of eight-point type (or its equivalent) to 50.3 cents per line (33.9 cents per line for subsequent insertions). These rates should be charged for all public notices published on or after July 1, 2020.

2020 marks the eighteenth year in which public notice rates have increased (they decreased in 2009 and 2015). Public notice rates are tied to the consumer price index as a result of a bill backed by the INA and passed by the Legislature in 2000. New rate charts and law change updates will be mailed to all newspapers and rates are available at [www.INAnews.com](http://www.INAnews.com).

**Reminder to all newspapers:** If you change the number of days per week that you print please let the INA know by notifying [media@cnaads.com](mailto:media@cnaads.com).

Please keep in mind that the Iowa Code section 618.3 provides for very specific guidelines for the definition of a newspaper for the purpose of public notifications. The first of which is that a newspaper of general circulation must have published at least once a week for at least 50 weeks per year within the area. The code does not address how many pages the newspaper must be. It does provide that at least 25% of the newspaper's total column space in more than one half of its issues during any 12-month period should be news versus advertising.

*Reports the monthly sales activity of Customized Newspaper Advertising. Figures compare each month to the year before and 2020 sales with budgeted projections.*



2020	2019	JUNE SALES	Difference	% Increase
\$345,523	\$669,129		-\$323,606	-48%

2020	2019	Year-to-Date Sales	Difference	% Increase
\$2,930,346	\$3,441,276		-\$510,930	-15%

Actual	Budget	Actual-vs.-Budget	Difference	% of Budget
\$2,930,346	\$3,626,400		-\$696,054	-19%

**Sales Summary:** In June, CNA sold **\$329,775** in display advertising into Iowa Newspapers.

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# Q&A from the Iowa Public Information Board

Did you know that the Iowa Public Information Board staff is available to assist you with questions or problems involving open meetings and public records in Iowa? During the month of June 2020, 73 contacts were made with the Iowa Public Information Board office.

**QUESTION:** How do we hold open meetings if there is a concern about COVID-19 exposure?

**ANSWER:** A Checklist for Conducting Electronic Meetings  
Iowa Code section 21.8 outlines the guidelines to hold an electronic meeting when there are valid concerns that an in-person meeting is “impossible or impractical”. With the restrictions governmental bodies are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, electronic meetings have become more common. However, it is important that governmental bodies conduct these meetings in a transparent manner to avoid violating open meetings laws.

To hold an electronic meeting all of the following must occur:

1. Public access to the conversation of the meeting must be available.
2. The provisions of section 21.4 (notice) must be followed. (The place of the meeting is the place from which the communication originates or where public access is provided to the conversation.)
3. Minutes must be kept and must include a statement explaining why an in-person meeting was impossible or impractical.

Here is a checklist to follow when planning your electronic meeting:

1. Research options that will work best for your community. Do you have the equipment and infrastructure to hold a meeting with video access? Do you have a speakerphone, recording device, camera and microphone, or the other devices needed to conduct the meeting?
2. Remember your community/audience needs. Your citizens may not have sophisticated electronic devices or the internet access you have at your

disposal. Even though you are capable of doing a video chat, they may not be able to access your meeting.

3. How can you notify your community on how to access the meeting? Posting a notice with access instructions on the bulletin board at the main office does not work if the building is locked. Perhaps having a ‘test run’ of the system will allow the public (and your officials) to practice how to do an electronic meeting.
4. Even if your council or board plans to meet in person, having remote access available for those members of the public who are at high risk for infection is a way to promote government transparency.
5. If you need to conduct a closed session during your meeting, arrange ahead on how to properly conduct that meeting. You may need to have an alternate connection (such as a conference call number) for use during the closed session only. Remember to follow the requirements for detailed minutes and an audio recording of your closed session.

The IPIB recommends that you discuss how and when to hold an electronic meeting with your legal counsel. You may also contact the IPIB to discuss ways to be safe and transparent through the IPIB website ([www.ipib.iowa.gov](http://www.ipib.iowa.gov)) or by telephone (515-725-1781).

## WHO CAN CONTACT THE IPIB AND HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

Any person can contact the IPIB for assistance by telephone (515-725-1781), by email, or on the IPIB website. In 2020, 431 identifiable people contacted the IPIB. Of these, 182 were private citizens, 200 were government officials or employees, and 49 were members of the media. In 2020, 72% of the incoming contacts were resolved the first day, 12% were resolved in one to five days, and 16% were resolved in six or more days. Opinions, rulings, FAQs, reports, and training documents are available on the IPIB website – [www.ipib.iowa.gov](http://www.ipib.iowa.gov).

FORMAL COMPLAINTS	ADVISORY OPINIONS	DECLARATORY ORDERS	INFORMAL COMPLAINTS	INFORMAL REQUESTS	MISCELLANEOUS	JUNE TOTALS
9	2	0	14	33	15	<b>73</b>

**As a reminder,** if you have agreed to upload your print editions to the NewzGroup site, you should be doing so regularly upon publication of each edition you print. Uploading your newspaper allows CNA to secure tearsheets more quickly and, in turn, pay you faster for advertising that runs in your newspaper. In addition, if you are uploading to NewzGroup, you only need to mail CNA two copies of each newspaper you publish, allowing you to save on postage.

If you're interested in getting more information on uploading your paper to NewzGroup, please contact Susan James at [sjames@inanews.com](mailto:sjames@inanews.com).

*\*In the Bulletin sent earlier today, we incorrectly linked a Maquoketa Sentinel story from 2019. The correct story from June 23, 2020 is now provide.*

# Judge orders city to release video

## *Sentinel-Press wins lawsuit to gain access to footage from Lassance call*

STAFF REPORTER

MAQUOKETA SENTINEL-PRESS

Judge John Telleen of the Seventh Judicial District on Monday ruled in favor of Sycamore Media, owner of the Maquoketa Sentinel-Press, in its quest to obtain Maquoketa Police Department video footage taken at a 911 call involving Amanda Lassance, Jackson County's assistant attorney.

"This information will give the public a fuller understanding of the incident in question," Telleen wrote in his ruling, which outlined several reasons he decided releasing the footage serves the public's interest. Under Iowa Code Chapter 22, the state's open records law, the police department had the burden of proving why the video should not be released. Public records are generally available to the public, subject to specified exceptions.

Telleen noted "the central incident of this case raises an allegation that a prosecutor received lenient treatment when she herself was discovered committing a criminal offense." In addition, the investigation is officially closed, no further charges are being considered, and the case does not involve a confidential informant.

"Although Maquoketa police officers had only limited involvement in the incident and no control over the ultimate charging decision, the records they generated are significant because Maquoketa police officers were the first to arrive on the scene and interact with Lassance. Their squad car and body camera footage will show a portion of the incident not found in the public records already provided by the Clinton and Jackson County sheriff's departments. This information will give the public a fuller understanding of the incident in question," Telleen wrote.

Telleen heard arguments June 9 for the lawsuit that was filed in November in the Iowa District Court for Jackson County after Maquoketa Police Chief Brad Koranda last summer refused to release the footage the Sentinel-Press requested. The newspaper appealed to the Maquoketa City Council to intervene before filing suit, but the request went unanswered.

Molly Parker and Sam Jones of Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.C. in Cedar Rapids, represented the newspaper. Matthew Novak, of Pickens, Barns & Abernathy in Cedar Rapids, represented the city.

Among Novak's arguments against the newspaper's request at the initial hearing was that Maquoketa Police Department officers were not in charge of the investigation and responded first to the emergency call only because they were closer to the scene than any other officers.

Telleen noted the case involves officers of the law and possible favoritism and questioned Novak as to why the public should not be able to see for itself what happened rather than just taking the city's word for it.

"The prosecutor primarily in charge of prosecuting the

misdeemeanor OWIs and felony OWIs in Jackson County is seated in the driver's seat of the vehicle, empty beer cans everywhere, apparently smells like beer, not given a field sobriety test, not given a pbt (preliminary breath test), and is driven to, of all places, the Jackson County courthouse.... unfortunately, it seems to cry out that there was favorable treatment by one law enforcement officer to another," he said.

Novak also pointed out there are no allegations that any Maquoketa police officer did anything inappropriate, and that the newspaper's coverage has focused on the conduct of Clinton and Jackson county sheriff's departments.

"I get the idea that what they're saying is 'Yeah, you tell us there's no allegation that anything that was done was improper. You tell us that, but why can't we see that for ourselves and not have to take it on face value from what you tell us?'" Telleen said of the newspaper's position at the hearing.

Maquoketa Mayor Don Schwenker and City Manager Gerald Smith said Monday night that they had not seen the ruling and wanted to review it before commenting.

Koranda did not respond to a request for comment Monday evening.

Travis Mayfield, publisher of the Sentinel-Press, said the ruling shows respect for the public's need for access to information that shows how law enforcement officials do their jobs.

"If it were easier for people to see how police operate and how public officials conduct themselves, a lot of problems our society has today would go away," Mayfield said. "Transparency is a perfect medicine in all kinds of ways."

The Sentinel-Press first reported on the 911 call involving Lassance in April 2019 when Clinton County Sheriff's Deputy Andy Petersen cited Lassance and her companion, Nick Shannon, for having open containers of alcohol in Lassance's car after responding to Shannon's call to Jackson County Dispatch. Deputies from both Jackson and Clinton counties and officers from Maquoketa and Bellevue responded to the complaint that took place on U.S. Highway 61, just south of the Clinton/Jackson county line. At least six police units from four jurisdictions responded to the call just after midnight the morning of April 6.

According to dispatch records, Shannon told police Lassance's car was stopped along the road and that Lassance had attacked him. Lassance, according to police reports, was sitting in the driver's seat of the parked car when police arrived and found beer cans strewn about.

Because Lassance was slurring her speech and her eyes were bloodshot and watery, Petersen wrote in his report that he was prepared to administer a sobriety test, but after Lassance told him she had been drinking after she had stopped the car, he changed his mind. Petersen wrote in his report he believed Lassance telling him she had been drinking after the car stopped would make the case difficult to prosecute.

Lassance and Shannon both pleaded guilty to Clinton County citations of having open containers of alcohol in a vehicle and faced

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# FREE MEMBER EXCHANGE

## ▼ HELP WANTED

**PART-TIME ADVERTISING SALES REPRESENTATIVE.** The Northwood Anchor and Manly Junction Signal, newspapers in Worth County, are seeking a part time advertising sales representative, with potential for other opportunities. We offer a job with a flexible schedule, working with a small team to support several local communities, their businesses and their newspapers. Questions or resumes may be emailed to kris@nwdanchor.com.

**SPORTS EDITOR/REPORTER.** Sports editor/reporter needed for weekly newspaper covering 4 school districts. Near Iowa City. Call Ron Slechta, Publisher, The News. 319-656-2273. Or send resumes to Ron Slechta at publisher@thenews-ia.com or PO Box 430, Kalona, IA 52247

## ▼ FOR SALE

**NEW LISTING! For sale:** Northwest Iowa weekly newspaper with supplement and printing shop. County legal plus legal for four towns. Newly remodeled brick/block building, equipment, large inventory included. Selling because of age/health. Phone 712/230/1405 or e-mail rouse@nethtc.net

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*There is no charge for most of these ads. They are a free service to INA active (newspaper) members only. The name of the newspaper in the ad must be the same as published in the current INA Directory.*

*If you are trying to help an employee relocate, please send us the ad information on your letterhead, rather than having the employee write us. We will not run ads for persons living in a member's town without first clearing the ad with the publisher.*

*Please have copy to the INA office no later than noon on Monday. The INA will make the determination of whether an ad qualifies for free or paid publication. If payment for an ad is not enclosed with the ad, the INA will require payment in advance before the ad will be published.*

*Ads for products or services which could be marketed for a profit may be published for a fee of \$10 per insertion, paid in advance, with a 40-word maximum.*

*Recruitment (help wanted) ads for positions in states other than Iowa may be published for a fee of \$25 per insertion, with a 100-word maximum.*

*For more information, contact Cicely Gordon at [cgordon@inaews.com](mailto:cgordon@inaews.com).*



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## IN THIS ISSUE...

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The Iowa Freedom of Information Council sent an email Tuesday to Polk County Attorney John Sarcone asking him to dismiss two misdemeanor charges against Des Moines Register journalist Andrea Sahouri. About 150 names — ranging from NAACP branches and lawyers to television and print news outlets — signed the letter in support.

**Thank you to everyone who offered support.**

Visit <https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/crime-and-courts/2020/07/14/150-organizations-call-polk-county-prosecutors-drop-register-reporters-charges-george-floyd-protest/5434058002/> to read the full article.

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no other charges.

The Sentinel-Press received footage taken by Petersen's dashcam from Clinton County after an open records request was initially denied, but later granted. That footage showed Petersen dropping Lassance off at the Jackson County Courthouse, where she spent the night in her office. Petersen can be heard in the video telling Lassance to make sure she does not go into the sheriff's office because "they don't want you to get in more trouble than you already are."

The newspaper also received about five minutes of footage recorded by Jackson County Deputy Chad Roeder, who was on the scene for 37 minutes. The footage from the Maquoketa Police Department is the only known video that has not been released publicly. Bellevue police officers do not wear body cameras.

The Sentinel-Press is waiting to hear details on when the video footage will be provided.

The newspaper plans to seek recovery of all fees in the case.

## The following newspapers have recently announced frequency changes:

PUBLICATION NAME	FORMERLY		CURRENTLY
Albia Union Republican	1 day	Thursday	Twin paper to Albia Monroe County News (publishes Tuesday)
Atlantic News-Telegraph	6 days	Mon-Sat	4 days Tues-Sat
Centerville Daily Iowegian	2 days	Tues-Fri	Merged with Ottumwa Courier.
Chariton Herald Patriot	1 day	Thursday	Twin paper to Chariton Leader (publishes Tuesday)
Charles City Press	5 days	Mon-Fri	2 days Tues, Fri
Clinton Herald	5 days	Tues-Sat	3 days Tues, Thurs, Sat
DeWitt Observer	2 days	Wed, Sat	1 day Wed
Dysart Reporter	1 day	Friday	Merged with Traer Star-Clipper to become Traer North Tama Telegraph
Fort Dodge Messenger	7 days	Sun-Sat	6 days Mon-Sat
Gladbrook Northern Sun Print	1 day	Friday	Merged with Reinbeck Courier to become Reinbeck Sun Courier
Keota Eagle	1 day		Merged with Sigourney News Review
Knoxville Journal Express	1 day	Thursday	Merged with Oskaloosa Herald
Le Mars Daily Sentinel	4 days	Mon-Wed, Fri	3 days Mon, Wed, Fri
Maquoketa Sentinel-Press	2 days	Wed, Sat	1 day Wednesday
Marsalltown Times-Republican	7 days	Sun-Sat	6 days Mon-Sat
McGregor North Iowa Times	1 day	Wednesday	Merged with Elkader Clayton Co. Register to become Elkader Times-Register
Missouri Valley Times-News	2 days	Wed, Fri	1 day Wednesday
New Sharon Sun	1 day		2 days Merged with Sigourney News Review
Newton Daily News	5 days	Mon-Fri	2 days Tues, Fri
Nora Springs Rockford Register	1 day	Thursday	1 day Wednesday
Oelwein Daily Register	6 days	Mon-Sat	5 days Tues-Sat
Oskaloosa Herald	3 days	Tues, Thurs, Fri	2 days Tues, Fri
Ottumwa Courier	5 days	Tues-Sat	3 days Tues, Thurs, Sat
Pella Chronicle	1 day	Thursday	Merged with Oskaloosa Herald
Sioux City Journal	7 days	Sun-Sat	5 days Wed-Sat
Spencer Daily Reporter	4 days	Mon-Tues, Th-Fri	2 days Tues, Fri
Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune	3 days	Mon, Wed, Fri	2 days Tues, Fri
Toledo Chronicle	1 day	Wednesday	Merged with Tama News Herald to become Tama-Toledo News Chronicle



An Iowa Newspaper Foundation webinar...

# KEEPING UP WITH DIGITAL TRENDS IN

# 2020

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Thursday, July 23 · 1-2 p.m.

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## IN THIS WEBINAR...

At the start of this year, Tyson Bird identified 16 digital trends to watch for in 2020. Now that we're halfway through a year of dramatic and unexpected events, let's check in to see how these 16 trends impact the work journalists are doing. We'll also explore trends that have emerged as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and seek to understand how they will affect our newsrooms and audiences in the months ahead.

## THE PRESENTER...

### Tyson Bird



Tyson Bird is from Sandpoint, Idaho, and studied journalism graphics and entrepreneurial management at Ball State University. Bird currently works for Texas Highway Magazine in Austin, Texas, as a digital strategy manager. He creates digital experience that get audiences excited about travel and tourism in the greatstate of Texas. Bird loves talking about the many intersections of design, product and our world.

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## BEST PRACTICES FOR Public Notice

**Friday, August 14 · 1-2 p.m.**

**Registration fee: FREE · Deadline: August 11**

### IN THIS WEBINAR...

Public notices have an historically important role of informing the public. They've also become the most important single source of classified revenue for many newspapers. But there's no category of revenue that faces greater threats as newspapers fight literally dozens of legislative measures across the country every year to take notices out of print. There are specific, helpful things you can do to protect and even grow this revenue. It starts with treating your notice advertisers like the important customers they are. You can arm yourself with the "talking points" you need to have at your disposal when the topic comes up with advertisers, legislators and the general public.

Our presenters will show you specifically how to do that and more. They're two leading experts who have successfully fought for years to help newspapers keep notices in print where they belong: Richard Karpel of the Public Notice Resource Center and Dennis Hetzel, a former editor, publisher and executive director of the Ohio News Media Association.

### THE PRESENTERS...

#### **Dennis Hetzel & Richard Karpel**

Dennis Hetzel has been an award-winning reporter, editor and publisher at newspapers in multiple states for Lee Enterprises, Gannett and other media companies. He also taught journalism at Penn State and Temple University and retired in 2019 as executive director of the Ohio News Media Association where he gained a national reputation for his work on open government issues.

Richard Karpel is the owner of Karpel Public Affairs, an association management company based in Carson City, Nevada, that represents nonprofit organizations in the newspaper industry. He is also executive director of the Public Notice Resource Center and the Nevada Press Association, and was formerly executive director of the American Society of News Editors and the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies.

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# 2020 APPLICATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The application must be completed in full with signatures of applicant and nominator.
2. Please type or print application.
3. Answers must be limited to space allowed.
4. Application must be received by August 3, 2020

## ADMISSION CRITERIA:

Applicants may submit themselves or be submitted by another newspaper professional. Applicants should have a minimum of three years of experience, or equivalent experience in the newspaper industry or in management.

## PARTICIPATION:

Participation is required each of the three days. The participant will get the maximum benefit out of this program by attending each day.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Job Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Job History: (List most recent jobs first)

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

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### EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduated/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Awards/Honors: \_\_\_\_\_

### HISTORY OF LEADERSHIP ROLES:

List leadership roles that you have held including education, employment and community work.

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

What kinds of leadership activities would you like to become active with in the future? Why?

What particular strengths do you feel you have and what weaknesses do you need to improve?

### COMMITMENT:

Attendance is expected at each session. The participant will get the maximum benefit out of this program by attending all five sessions. In the event of emergencies, or unavoidable absences, students will be provided with any handout materials and session notes.

I understand the goals of the Leo Mores Newspaper Leadership Institute and will devote the required time.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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NEWSPAPER  
FOUNDATION

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 3, 2020**

#### **MAIL APPLICATION TO:**

Jana Shepherd, Iowa Newspaper Foundation, 319 E. 5th St., Des Moines, IA 50309

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Contact Jana Shepherd, Iowa Newspaper Foundation Program Director  
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# MASTER EDITOR-PUBLISHER AWARD

2021 NOMINATION FORM

The Master Editor-Publisher award is one of the most prestigious awards given to Iowa newspaper professionals.

## THE FIVE SELECTION CRITERIA ARE:

- The nominee has worked hard;
- The nominee has thought soundly;
- The nominee has influenced unselfishly;
- The nominee has lived honorably;
- The nominee has contributed greatly to the industry and his or her community.

**Eligibility:** This award may be given to any person who at the time of the selection is actively engaged in editing and/or publishing or managing a newspaper which is a member in good standing of the Iowa Newspaper Association.

I nominate the following individual for consideration by the selection committee to receive the INA Master Editor-Publisher Award:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please supply the selection committee with a complete nomination (as outlined at right) as well as any information you think will be helpful in deciding on the award winners for this year. The committee has requested that this information be as complete and thorough as possible. Nominations without such information will not be considered. The selection committee of past recipients is instructed to be very demanding. The award(s) will be presented at the Awards Banquet during the INA Convention on February 5, 2021. (Nominations not selected will also be considered in 2022 and 2023.)

### A complete nomination will include the following:

- A letter of support from the nominator
- Basic resume of the nominee's newspaper career
- Additional letters of support from co-workers or others
- Letter(s) or support from a member of the community



## DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS AUGUST 7, 2020.

Please return this form and other related material to: Iowa Newspaper Association,  
Attn: Jana Shepherd, 319 E. 5th St., Des Moines, IA 50309.

IOWA NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION



# MASTER EDITOR-PUBLISHER AWARD WINNERS

## 1932

Joseph F. Grawe, Waverly  
Harvey Ingham, Des Moines  
Elmer E. Taylor, Traer

## 1933

Ed M. Smith, Winterset  
E.P. Adler, Davenport  
W.G. Ray, Grinnell

## 1934

W. C. Jarnagin, Storm Lake  
Wm. P. Moscrip, Marshalltown  
Grant Caswell, Des Moines  
Wm. P. Wortman, Malvern

## 1935

John c. Hartman, Waterloo  
M.A. Aasgaard, Lake Mills

## 1936

James R. Rhodes, Newton  
K.F. Baldrige, Bloomfield

## 1937

Thomas W. Purcell, Hampton  
E.P. Chase, Atlantic  
Victor Lovejoy, Jefferson

## 1938

Ward Barnes, Eagle Grove  
Orville Elder, Washington  
J.G. Lucas, Madrid

## 1939

Jesse M. Beck, Centerville  
John M. Grimes, Osceola  
Scott Snyder, Adel

## 1940

W.C. Dewel, Algona  
Chas. Rogers, Mt. Pleasant  
Paul C. Woods, Sheldon

## 1941

Chas. N. Marvin, Shenandoah  
Frank Jaqua, Humboldt  
E.P. Harrison, Oakland

## 1942

J.L. Papes, Marion  
Leon S. Barnes, Northwood

## 1943

Don L. Berry, Indianola  
Sherman W. Needham, Ames  
Geo. C. Tucker, Webster City

## 1944

F.W. Beckman, Knoxville  
Stephen Goldthwaite, Boone  
Ralph Overholser, Red Oak

## 1945

Fred W. Hill, Hamburg  
Jas. McCutcheon, Mt. Vernon  
Wm. S. Rupe, Ames

## 1946

Paul A. Olson, Story City  
John W. Haggard, Algona  
W. Earl Hall, Mason City

## 1947

Chas. A. Doxsee, Monticello  
Hoge Howard Sadler, Pella  
Justin Barry, Cherokee

## 1948

James C. Gillespie, LeMars  
Phil Hoffman, Oskaloosa  
C.S. Walling, Oskaloosa

## 1949

Claude Campbell, Jewell  
Ralph Shannon, Washington  
Paul C. Smith, Rock Rapids

## 1950

John Huston, Ottumwa  
Willis Overholser, Sibley  
S.E. Tennant, Colfax

## 1951

James Wilson, Carroll  
Duane E. Dewel, Algona  
David Sutherland, Sr., Montezuma

## 1952

G.E. Whitehead, Perry  
Will F. Lindsey, Leon  
B.H. Shearer, Columbus Junction

## 1953

Lee P. Loomis, Mason City  
A. L. Frisbie, Grinnell  
John Vanderwicken, Grundy Center  
Don Reid, West Des Moines

## 1954

W. D. Archie, Shenandoah  
Carl Caswell, Clarinda  
Wm. Allender, Chariton

## 1955

L. B. Watt, Grinnell  
Lloyd O. Brewer, Newton  
K. H. Sidey, Greenfield

## 1956

Harold V. Ellis, Marengo  
Paul Norris, Marshalltown  
Harry E. Taylor, Traer

## 1957

C.W. Moody, Burlington  
A.W. Hamblin, Bedford  
Carl E. Sexauer, Ogden

## 1958

Walter Williams, Fairfield  
Charles Hacke, Sac City  
George Carman, Buffalo Center

## 1959

Walter Merryman, Fort Dodge  
John Burrows, Belle Plaine  
J.C. Moore, Winterset

## 1960

F.D. Simpson, Atlantic  
Robert Burrows, Sr.,  
Belle Plaine  
Lloyd McCutcheon, Sibley

## 1961

A.K. Walling, Oskaloosa  
Carl Hamilton, Iowa Falls  
Gordon Aasgaard, Lake Mills

## 1962

Lew Warren, Oelwein  
Karl Le Compte, Corydon  
Carl Hogendorn, North English

## 1963

M. B. Crabbe, Eagle Grove  
Robert K. Beck, Centerville  
Elmer E. Taylor, Traer

## 1964

Phil Adler, Davenport  
Fred Morain, Jefferson  
Leo Mores, Harlan

## 1965

Ken MacDonald, Des Moines  
Phil Jarnagin, Storm Lake  
Tom B. Powell, Jr., Anamosa

## 1966

Mrs. Harold Garvey, Boone  
Dale Merrill, Ida Grove  
Dick Westerfield, West Union

## 1967

Hollis Nordyke, Ames  
Neil Maurer, Laurens  
Lew Kimer, Indianola

## 1968

Reeves Hall, Independence  
Deemer Lee, Estherville  
John Feuling, New Hampton

## 1969

Dwight Purcell, Hampton  
F. A. Wortman, Malvern  
A. M. Patterson, Mount Pleasant

## 1970

Joe f. Hladky, Jr., Cedar Rapids  
Keith Hawk, Knoxville  
Robert Melvold, Maquoketa

## 1971

W. J. Carmichael, Webster City  
John Baldrige, Chariton  
Wayne & Jeanne Davis, Seymour

## 1972

Fred Grawe, Waverly  
Robert Larson, Albia  
E. J. Van Nostrand, Creston

## 1973

Benjamin F. Carter, Jr., Forest City  
G. Wiley Beveridge, Williamsburg  
Charles Davis, Iowa Falls

## 1974

Robert J. McCoy, Waterloo  
William L. Lindsey, Leon  
Prof. James Schwartz, I.S.U.  
H. M. "Johnny" Jones, Monticello

## 1975

Albert Pinder, Grinnell  
John van der Linden, Sibley  
Carter Pitts, LeMars

## 1976

Everett A. Streit, Clinton  
Kenneth A. Robinson, Bayard  
William Ferguson, Glidden

## 1977

Robert & Evelyn Reiste, Ocheyedan  
John Anderson, Storm Lake  
Frank Nye, Cedar Rapids

## 1978

Thomas H. Miller, Cherokee  
Robert L. Caswell, Red Oak  
John L. Morrissey, Montezuma

## 1979

Dave Elder, Washington  
Dick Knowles, Denison  
Russ Waller, Algona

## 1980

Hugh Doty, Corydon  
Gerald G. Moriarity, Mason City  
Robert Parrott, DeWitt  
Bruce A. Turvold, Cresco

## 1981

Ed Sidey, Greenfield  
Robert Lyon, Schleswig  
Frank Morlan, Sheldon

## 1982

C. W. Wilcox, Madrid  
W. E. Beck, Spirit Lake  
Walter Stevens, Fort Dodge

## 1983

Charles Gonzales, Guthrie Center  
Stuart Awbrey, Burlington  
W. R. Vezina, Hartley  
M. E. Messersmith, Riceville

## 1984

Verle Burgason, Ames  
John Field, Hamburg  
Maury Noonan, Dyersville  
John Sullivan, Cascade

## 1985

Al Schafer, Eldora  
Richard Gross, Council Bluffs  
Carl Cassidy, Lime Springs

## 1986

John (Andy) Anderson, Spencer  
Shirley Omer, Primghar  
Forrest Kilmer, Davenport  
Herbert Clark, Tipton

## 1987

Rick Morain, Jefferson  
Jerry Bloom, Logan  
Len Strasburg, Manchester

## 1988

Joe Hladky III, Cedar Rapids  
Dave Norris, Marshalltown  
Gary & Sharon Alban, Ogden  
Ben & Lucy Colby, Rock Rapids

## 1989

Gary Spurgeon, Bloomfield  
Steve Mores, Harlan  
Harris Honsey, Lake Mills

## 1990

Burl Tiedemann, Adel  
Mary Louise Robinson, Bayard  
James Patton, Gowrie  
Paul Bunge, Osage

## 1991

John Robertson, Cedar Rapids  
Lloyd & Alice Madson, Northwood  
Ed & Billie Robinson, Hartley  
Jim Hodges, Wapello

## 1992

Drake Mabry, Ames  
Jim Lindvall, Griswold  
Jerry Blue, West Union

## 1993

Virgil Oakman, Lake View  
Don Magdefrau, Benton Co.  
Carolyn Cole Gage, Villisca

## 1994

Jim Wilson, Carroll  
Ann Wilson, Carroll  
Mark Hamilton, Iowa Falls  
Dean Krenz, Sioux City

## 1995

Ed Littler, Adair  
Gary Gerlach, Ames  
Bill Tubbs, Eldridge  
Ed Rood, Slater

## 1996

Donna Haight, Afton  
Dan Field, Corning  
Joe Roth, Hampton

## 1997

Arvid Huisman, Creston  
Dan Feuling, New Hampton  
Darwin Sherman, Washington

## 1998

Michael Gartner, Ames  
Jo Martin, Iowa Falls  
Edward "Mike" Lyon, Mapleton

## 1999

Dorothy Pinder, Grinnell  
H. Alan Smith, Mt. Ayr  
Joe McDermott, Newton  
Merle Kent Shawd, Woodward

## 2000

Alan Mores, Harlan  
Doris Vezina, Hartley  
Bob Goodyear, Monticello

## 2001

Bill Mertens, Burlington  
Scott Gonzales, Guthrie Center  
Roger Rector, Ida Grove

## 2002

Dirk and Lee van der Linden, Belmond  
Mary Rueter, DeWitt  
Tom Yunt, Dubuque

## 2003

David Paxton, Albia  
Mike Simmons, Marengo  
Dana Larsen, Storm Lake

## 2004

Larry Woellert, Anamosa/Manchester  
Mark Bowden, Cedar Rapids  
Gary Lindsey, Leon

## 2005

Brad Hicks, Hampton  
Bill Casey, Iowa City  
David Allen, Lamoni

## 2006

Art & John Cullen, Storm Lake  
Connie Wimer, Des Moines  
Dan DeBettignies, Montezuma

## 2007

Rick Fromm, Decorah  
Larry Bushman, Fort Dodge

## 2008

Martin Bunge, Marengo  
Gary Milks, Fort Madison  
Howard Query, Mason City

## 2009

Lowell Carlson, Bellevue  
Ken Chaney, Sigourney  
Brian Cooper, Dubuque  
Dennis Wilcox, Madrid

## 2010

Amy Duncan, Indianola  
Ron Peterson, Sioux City  
Peter Wagner, Sheldon

## 2011

Mike Finnegan, Clear Lake  
Jane Podgorniak, Northwood  
Mike Schlesinger, Marshalltown

## 2012

John Goossen, Iowa Falls  
Gene Hall, Charles City  
Doug Lindner, Solon  
Mary Ungs-Sogaard, Dyersville

## 2013

Dave Stanley, New Hampton  
Luann Waldo, Bayard  
Jerry Wiseman, Sac City

## 2014

Bill Haglund, Adel  
Mark Rhoades, Missouri Valley

## 2015

Charles Nixon, Coon Rapids  
James Gargano, Humboldt

## 2016

Scott Campbell, Eldridge  
Steve Delaney, Burlington

## 2017

LeAnn Larson, Fayette  
Ron Slechta, Kalona  
Stuart Clark, Tipton

## 2018

Dodie Hook, Akron  
Doug Burns, Carroll  
Paula Buenger, Spencer

## 2019

Marlys Barker, Nevada  
Mark Spensley, Monticello  
Mike Hodges, Wapello



# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

## 2021 NOMINATION FORM

The INA Distinguished Service Award is presented each year at the association's annual convention to the individual(s) in the state who, in the opinion of the selection committee, best meet(s) the following criteria:

1. The nominee must be an employee or former employee of or contributor to an Iowa newspaper or associated with a university, college or newspaper association having close ties with Iowa newspapers;
2. The nominee shall have contributed greatly to his or her newspaper, and/or to his or her community and or the newspaper industry in general;
3. Longevity should have little effect on the nominee's qualifications;
4. Individuals who have received the INA's Master Editor-Publisher award are not eligible to win the Distinguished Service Award.

I nominate the following individual for consideration by the selection committee to receive the INA Distinguished Service Award:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include all relevant support materials.

This award is open to all members of the newspaper staff! Potential candidates might be advertising directors, circulation managers, back shop superintendents and press operators, as well as news and sports editors, publishers and business managers.

The award is one of the most prestigious awards given to newspaper professionals in Iowa. The selection committee of past recipients is instructed to be very demanding. The award(s) will be presented at the Past Presidents' Luncheon during the INA Convention on February 5, 2021.

Nominations not selected will also be considered in 2022 and 2023. Some people may have been nominated for this award in the past but did not receive it due to a lack of information about the nominee. Nominators should feel free to re-nominate such individuals and include more details about their qualifications.

Contributions should be over a period of time and all three areas (newspaper, community and industry) are considered.

### **A complete nomination will include the following:**

- A letter of support from the nominator
- Basic resume of the nominee's service to the newspaper and the community
- Additional letters of support from community members, co-workers or others
- Other materials that support the nominee's application

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION: August 7, 2020**

**Mail to:** Iowa Newspaper Association, Attn: Jana Shepherd, 319 East 5th Street, Des Moines, IA 50309 | **Email to:** jshepherd@inanews.com

# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

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## 1982

Frank Nye, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
Matt Lawrence, Ottumwa Courier  
Paul Norris, Marshalltown Times-Republican

## 1984

Donald Lundgren, Clinton Herald  
Les Moeller, Iowa City Daily Iowan  
Al Efner, Ottumwa Courier

## 1985

J. Burl Tiedemann, Adel Dallas County News  
Harry Mauck Jr., Council Bluffs Nonpareil  
Esther Williams, Vinton Cedar Valley Daily Times

## 1986

John McCormally, Burlington Hawk Eye  
Harold Roberts, Creston News Advertiser  
Max Maxon, Webster City Freeman Journal

## 1987

Frederick Simpson, Atlantic News-Telegraph  
Bill Kunerth, Iowa State University  
Harold Bailey, Perry Chief

## 1988

Hollis Nordyke, Ames Tribune  
L. Jay Smith, Fort Dodge Messenger  
Jackson Baty, University of Northern Iowa

## 1989

David Kruidenier, Des Moines Register  
Herb Strentz, Drake University  
Lois Jacobs, Marshalltown Times-Republican  
Cal Olson, Sioux City Journal

## 1990

Genevieve Mauck Stoufer, Council Bluffs  
Rick Morain, Jefferson Herald  
Rosalie Johnson, Eldridge North Scott Press  
Helen Zogg, Eldridge North Scott Press

## 1991

Dale Kueter, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
Oline Stigers, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
Harrison "Skip" Weber, INA  
Ron Slechta, Tama News-Herald

## 1992

Robert Woodward, Drake University  
Phyllis Fleming, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
William Zima, University of Iowa

## 1993

Larry Johnson, Fort Dodge Messenger  
Al Pinder, Grinnell Herald-Register  
Carolyn Cole Gage, Villisca Review

## 1994

Beth Dalbey, Adel Dallas County News  
Ken Robinson, Bayard News-Gazette  
Brian Cooper, Dubuque Telegraph Herald  
Jerry Moriarity, Mason City Globe-Gazette

## 1995

Bill Mertens, Burlington Hawk Eye  
Richard Goughnour, Mediapolis News  
Joe Roth, Hampton Newspapers  
David Johnson, West Branch Times

## 1996

Dave Paxton, Albia Newspapers  
Mary Lou Hinrichsen, DeWitt Observer  
Shirley Omer, Primghar O'Brien Co. Bell

## 1997

Mark Bowden, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
Harold Aardema, Doon Press  
Margaret VanderWeerd, Sully Diamond Trail News  
Gene Bloom, Woodbine Twiner (posthumous)

## 1998

Marni Mellen, Fairfield Daily Ledger  
Jay Mohr, Sibley Osceola Co. Gazette Tribune (posthumous)  
Tom Johnson, Waukon Standard  
Merle Kent Shawd, Woodward NE Dallas Co. Record

## 1999

Gary Spurgeon, Bloomfield Democrat  
James Flansburg, Des Moines Register  
Tom Emmerson, Iowa State University  
Jack Marlowe, Maquoketa Sentinel Press

## 2000

Dave Storey, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
LeAnn Pisarik, Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun  
Dr. Kenneth Starck, University of Iowa

## 2001

Jack Crook, Knoxville Journal-Express  
Barb Lyon, Mapleton Press  
Jim Magdefrau, Newspapers of Benton Co.

## 2002

Paul Gauthier, Corning-Adams Co. Free Press  
Jay P. Wagner, Des Moines Business Record  
Gil Cranberg, Des Moines Register  
George Mills, Des Moines Register

## 2003

Michael Gartner, Des Moines  
Walt Stevens, Fort Dodge Messenger  
Bill Casey, Iowa City Daily Iowan  
Edward "Mike" Lyon, Mapleton Press

## 2004

Don Magdefrau, Belle Plaine Union  
Tom Yunt, Dubuque Telegraph Herald  
Amy Duncan, Indianola Record-Herald & Tribune  
Karen Young, Seymour Herald

## 2005

Mark Wicks, Charles City Press  
Connie White, Creston News Advertiser  
Drake Mabry, Des Moines Register / Ames Tribune  
Gary Alban, Ogden Reporter

## 2006

Ron Schuety, Altoona Herald-Mitchellville Index  
Randy Evans, Des Moines Register  
LeAnn Larson, West Union Fayette County Union

## 2007

Bob Andersen, Elkader Clayton County Register  
Wayne Davis, Seymour Herald

## 2008

Terry Wilson, Davenport Quad-City Times  
Bill Wundram, Davenport Quad-City Times  
Bill Tubbs, Eldridge North Scott Press  
Sharon Alban, Ogden Reporter

## 2009

Mary Rueter, DeWitt Observer  
Jo Martin, Iowa Falls Times-Citizen  
Jay Luther, Iowa Falls Times-Citizen

## 2010

Jim Normandin, Dubuque Telegraph Herald  
Alan Mores, Harlan Newspapers  
Jeff Grant, Sheldon N'West Iowa Review

## 2011

Bill Monroe, Iowa Newspaper Association

## 2012

Chuck Offenburger, Des Moines Register  
Kathleen Richardson, Drake University  
Norma Thurman, Stuart Herald

## 2013

Barbara Mack, Iowa State University (posthumous)  
Max Heath, National Newspaper Association  
Keith Luchtel, Nyemaster Goode  
Stuart Clark, Tipton Conservative

## 2014

Bill Rediger, Dyersville Commercial  
Irene Wilcox, Madrid Register-News  
Connie Wagner, Sheldon N'West Iowa Review

## 2015

Rox Laird, Des Moines Register  
Larry Peterson, Creston News Advertiser  
Michael Giudicessi, Faegre Baker Daniels

## 2016

Bruce Binning, Denison Bulletin & Review  
Chris Mudge, Iowa Newspaper Association  
Vicky Decker, Seymour Herald

## 2017

Michael Bugeja, Iowa State University  
Deb Geisler, Jefferson Herald  
Doug Melvold, Maquoketa Sentinel-Press  
Scott Sundstrom, (former) INA lobbyist

## 2018

Scott Spurgeon, Bloomfield Democrat  
Don Dauterive, Iowa Falls Times Citizen

## 2019

Dorine Peterson, Creston News  
Perry Bell, Knoxville Journal Express  
Nick Workman, Ottumwa Courier

## 2020

Nancy Steburg, Kossuth County Advance  
Mark Witherspoon, Iowa State Daily