



# MASTER EDITOR-PUBLISHER AWARD

2027 NOMINATION FORM

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

### THE FOUR SELECTION CRITERIA ARE:

- The nominee has worked hard;
- The nominee has influenced unselfishly;
- The nominee has thought soundly;
- The nominee has lived honorably.

**Eligibility:** This award may be given to any person who at the time of the selection is actively engaged in editing and/or publishing 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by:

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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 4, 2027. (Nominations not selected will also be considered in 2027 and 2028.)

### 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



### DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JULY 31, 2026.

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# 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

**2022**

Brad Swenson, Missouri Valley  
Kristin Grabinoski, Armstrong  
Zack Kucharski, Cedar Rapids  
William E. Littler III & Connie Littler, Adair

**2023**

Terry Christensen, Fort Dodge  
Bruce Miller, Sioux City  
Karen Spurgeon, Bloomfield  
Jeff Wagner, Sheldon

**2024**

Randy Cauthron, Spencer  
Kent Thonpson, Humboldt  
Carol Hunter, Des Moines

**2025**

Anelia Dimitrova, Waverly

**2026**

Amy Gilligan, Dubuque  
Janine Kock, Westside  
Jeff Grant, Sheldon