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EDUCATION REPORTER

The *Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* seeks an education reporter to join our team.

Northwest Arkansas is a great place to live and build a career. The region combines a growing economy with a friendly, small-town feel and the amenities of a much larger metro area. We've got three Fortune 500 companies, a world-class art museum, hiking and biking trails galore, a minor league baseball team and a thriving culinary scene.

There's never a dull moment on our education beat. The reporter covers a two-county area that's home to more than 90,000 K-12 public school students, Arkansas' largest community college and a career-technical school. We want a reporter who's not only capable of writing a story on deadline from a school board meeting, but also driven to produce interesting enterprise pieces on newsmakers and trends relevant to their beat. We want someone who's eager for the watchdog role and who will keep an eye on how public institutions are spending taxpayer dollars.

The successful candidate should have a degree in journalism or a related field and knowledge of AP style. The best candidate will demonstrate enthusiasm for the topic of education; a clear, inviting writing style; and a desire to write enterprise stories. Experience at a daily newspaper is preferred; however, entry-level applicants with strong clips will be considered.

Position works from our Fayetteville and Bentonville offices. Work schedule includes nights and occasional weekend duty. Applicants must have a good driving record, a valid driver's license and their own means of transportation.

The benefits package includes paid vacation, holidays, sick leave, personal days, and parental leave to support a healthy work-life balance. Health, dental, vision, and additional insurance coverage are provided, along with long-term disability insurance and retirement plans. Employees have access to an Employee Assistance Program and behavioral health support, offering confidential resources for personal and professional challenges.

To apply: Please submit your resume, cover letter and at least three writing samples to Managing Editor Dave Perozek at dperozek@nwaonline.com.

REPORTERS, EDITORS, PAGE DESIGNERS

Ozarks Community Media, publishers of four weekly newspapers in north Arkansas, is looking to add to its editorial team. Reporters, editors and page designers, contact Publisher Scott Loftis at SLoftis@CarrollCoNews.com.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Jonesboro Media Group is looking for an experienced, driven, digital-savvy journalism leader for the local news site JonesboroRightNow.com. The editor-in-chief is responsible for the publication of all site content; supervises the content team; and collaborates with advertising and broadcast teams to ensure a robust news site that meets the community's needs.

Typical duties will include:

- Using sound news judgment to make editorial decisions on site content.
- Representing the site to the community in public and on social media.
- Holding weekly staff meetings to review metrics and discuss content plans.
- Using digital tools to analyze site metrics to inform decision-making.

The ideal candidate will have:

- A bachelor's degree in journalism, communications, or a related field.
- Five or more years of journalism experience.
- Top-notch writing and editing ability.
- Leadership skills for effective work in a collaborative, supportive environment.
- Experience with digital content management systems.
- Active engagement in social media platforms.
- The ability to learn and adapt quickly to emerging technologies.

This position includes fantastic benefits and the opportunity to enjoy a career in digital journalism. This is an in-person position, and reliable transportation is required. Jonesboro Media Group is an equal-opportunity employer. Join us and make a difference at JonesboroRightNow!

Apply: Email success@jmediagrp.com.

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE TWO SUITES AVAILABLE

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316 sq. ft.

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Arkansas
State Capitol

Use of conference
room and kitchen

Contact: ashley@arkansaspress.org

Ads run free for members and students for six weeks.

Deadline is Tuesday 10 a.m.

Email to lance@arkansaspress.org.

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EDITOR/PUBLISHER; INDIANOLA, MS

Emmerich Newspapers is looking for a dynamic editor and publisher for its weekly newspaper in Indianola, Mississippi. We have invested heavily in our proprietary state-of-the-art, 24/7, local news and social media platform. We need a strong manager to lead and guide our talented staff.

Ideal candidate knows the business from both sides of the fence, able to drive revenue and profit, along with producing quality products – this is not a “desk job.” Solid editorial skillset, layout abilities are required. Advertising knowledge and experience a plus. If you have the drive, but may be lacking a tool or two in your skill set? We do train. Publisher is also expected to be an active and integral member of the community.

Medical, 401(k), & other benefits. Compensation range \$60K - \$75K. We are aggressive in compensation for the right person. Our bonus model allows high achievers additional compensation atop their substantial base salary. This is a great opportunity for a high-energy individual willing to work hard and earn good money. Send letter of interest, resume, and professional references to Dan Strack at strack@emmerichnewspapers.com.

HIGHER EDUCATION REPORTER

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, the state's newspaper, and the *Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* are seeking a smart, skilled journalist to cover higher education, focusing on the University of Arkansas, the public flagship. This position will be based in Fayetteville but will work with editors there and in Little Rock.

Our roots in this state run deep, and so does our commitment to ensuring our reporting thoroughly informs readers about their state and the issues that matter most. We expect our journalism to lead Arkansas and America for its comprehensiveness, relevance to our readers, impact on their lives and painstaking objectivity in pursuit of truth.

We are looking for a relentless digger with an eye for the stories that matter, someone who knows how to develop sources and find and pore through records. This reporter will be a creative problem-solver able to find his or her way to the story despite the obstacles that inevitably arise. We expect this reporter to own University of Arkansas coverage. The ability to deliver sharp, clean, accurate copy that compels readers to read on is also critical.

If all this sounds like you, we want to hear from you. Email a resume with three samples of your best work (with both story links and pdfs that display the full text of the stories) to Dave Perozek, managing editor of the *Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, dperozek@nwaonline.com. Please ensure the subject line reads: Higher education reporter. Hint: Following these instructions is an essential first step to being considered for the job.

The benefits package includes paid vacation, holidays, sick leave, personal days, and parental leave to support a healthy work-life balance. Health, dental, vision, and additional insurance coverage are provided, along with long-term disability insurance and retirement plans. Employees have access to an Employee Assistance Program and behavioral health support, offering confidential resources for personal and professional challenges.

This is a safety-sensitive position. Candidate must pass drug screening and background checks.

We are an equal opportunity organization and do not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, disability, age, or any other legally protected status.

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