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DIRECTOR OF LOCAL NEWS AND SPORTS

Camden News is seeking a Director of Local News and Sports to lead and manage the newsroom's local news and high school sports coverage. The Director will oversee news and sports assignments, supervise staff, maintain high editorial standards, and foster strong community relationships. This role provides strategic direction to ensure content is accurate, relevant, and engaging. Responsibilities include setting editorial priorities, upholding journalistic standards, assigning, editing, and approving news and sports stories, as well as supervising, mentoring, and evaluating reporters and editors. The Director will oversee content accuracy, fairness, and completeness; direct the layout and production of sports and news sections; build relationships with local coaches, school officials, and community leaders; integrate multimedia elements into coverage; and represent the organization at events.

Requirements include a bachelor's degree in journalism, communications, or a related field—or equivalent experience—along with five or more years in news and/or sports journalism, including leadership roles. The ideal candidate will demonstrate strong leadership, communication and editorial skills; possess knowledge of media law and ethical journalism; have experience with digital publishing and multimedia and be flexible enough to work evenings and weekends and to travel locally.

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.

Camden News is an equal opportunity organization and does 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.

Contact Robin Yarbrow at ryarbro@camdenarknews.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.

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH REPORTER

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* is seeking a reporter to join a three-person health team (Health Beat Lab Editor and Rural Health Reporter) to cover issues affecting women, children and families through a public health, accountability and community-impact lens.

Responsibilities

- Produce breaking news, enterprise and investigative stories focused on maternal and child health, with particular attention to issues affecting children 3 and younger.
- Cover healthcare systems, policy decisions and public health trends affecting women, children and families
- Pursue and analyze public records, health data and research to identify trends, disparities and accountability stories
- Build trusted relationships with healthcare professionals, researchers, advocates and affected families
- Report on issues impacting rural communities and underserved populations
- Consistently deliver human-centered stories powered by storytelling and supported by data and details from public records
- Translate complex health and scientific information into accessible, audience-friendly journalism
- Center equity and community voices in coverage
- Collaborate with visuals, audience and engagement teams on storytelling and distribution strategies
- Ensure stories are accompanied by powerful images and video and graphics that illustrate the data
- Participate in community listening sessions and engagement efforts
- Contribute to newsletters, social media, video or other multimedia storytelling as needed

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in journalism, communications, or related field required
- Experience covering health, public policy, education or social issues
- Strong reporting, interviewing and storytelling skills
- Ability to analyze and contextualize data and research
- Understanding of healthcare systems and public health issues
- Experience with trauma-informed interviewing and sensitive topics
- Knowledge of disparities affecting rural, low-income and historically underserved communities
- Ability to produce quick-turn, enterprise and investigative stories
- Collaborative mindset and strong audience awareness
- Skill in use of data tools

Contact: Executive Editor Lee Wolverson lwolverson@adgnewsroom.com.

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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HEALTH BEAT LAB EDITOR

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* is seeking an editor to lead a three-person health team to deliver data-driven journalism and people-centered storytelling through a public health, accountability and community-impact lens.

Responsibilities

- Set the agenda for breaking news, enterprise and investigative stories
- Become expert in the issues affecting health in Arkansas and across the country
- Meet regularly with your team to determine reporting objectives
- Drive reporting on healthcare systems, policy decisions and public health trends affecting Arkansans
- Direct pursuit and analysis of public records, health data and research to identify trends, disparities and accountability stories
- Engage as a player-coach, developing connections with people across the spectrum of coverage
- Ensure your staff builds relationships and trust among healthcare professionals, researchers, advocates and affected families
- Deliver coverage on issues impacting rural communities and underserved populations
- Assign human-centered stories powered by storytelling and supported by data and details from public records
- Work with your staff to produce compelling prose that unfolds the issues in clear, precise language while keeping readers interested and engaged
- Guide your staff in translating complex health and scientific information into accessible, audience-friendly journalism
- Collaborate with our visuals, audience and engagement teams on storytelling and distribution strategies
- Coordinate coverage so that stories are consistently accompanied by powerful images, video and graphics that illustrate the data
- Join community listening sessions and engagement efforts
- Contribute to newsletters, social media, video or other multimedia storytelling as needed
- Set the highest possible standards for journalism, accountability reporting, writing, storytelling and multimedia presentations.

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in journalism, communications, or related field required
- Experience leading reporting on health, public policy, education or social issues
- Demonstrated ability to analyze and contextualize data and research
- Understanding of healthcare systems and public health issues
- Expertise in trauma-informed interviewing and how to approach sensitive topics
- Knowledge of disparities affecting rural, low-income and historically underserved communities
- Record of leading reporters in the production of quick-turn, enterprise and investigative stories

If interested in this position, please contact: Executive Editor Lee Wolverton lwolverton@adgnewsroom.com.

MULTIMEDIA REPORTER

The *Saline Courier*, formerly the *Benton Courier*, is an award-winning news organization serving Benton, Arkansas, since 1876. It publishes news online daily and in print from Tuesday through Saturday, maintaining a strong focus on community journalism.

Position Description:

The reporter will cover general news, enterprise, and investigative stories for *The Saline Courier*. Stories should be primarily self-generated and reflect a deep understanding of the community. The reporter should actively engage in local events and be a recognizable presence in Saline County, both in person and on social media.

This role requires producing hard news and feature stories for both digital and print platforms. The ideal candidate should have photography and videography skills, be able to pivot quickly between topics, and deliver accurate, in-depth reporting on tight deadlines.

Candidates should have experience as a reporter or a background in humanities-related education. Proficiency in digital and social media for tracking news is essential. Strong news judgment, an understanding of digital and print news cycles, and a passion for local journalism are required. The ability to meet deadlines and a degree in journalism or an equivalent combination of education and experience are necessary.

Overview:

Multimedia reporters at *The Saline Courier* cover both hard news and feature stories. They must be inquisitive, determined, creative, and able to adapt quickly between topics while producing high-quality work under tight deadlines.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Receive assignments from editors.
- Evaluate leads and pitch compelling story ideas.
- Report for digital and print platforms.
- Meet deadlines.
- Conduct interviews, investigations, and research.
- Capture photos, videos, and audio to support stories.
- Cover breaking news on location.
- Communicate effectively with newsroom staff.
- Collaborate with colleagues to enhance coverage.

Requirements and Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in journalism or a related field, or equivalent experience.
- Commitment to ethical, honest, and objective reporting.
- Ability to build relationships with diverse sources.
- Strong time management skills and ability to work under deadlines.
- Creative approach to storytelling.
- Quick and accurate research skills.
- Strong news judgment.
- Physical Requirements
- Close eye work, continuous sitting, frequent walking and standing.
- Light to moderate lifting (15-30 pounds) per safety policy.

To apply, please email a resume, writing samples, and cover letter to editor@bentoncourier.com.

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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.

RURAL HEALTH REPORTER

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* is seeking a rural health reporter to join a three-person health team (Health Beat Lab Editor and Maternal & Child Health Reporter) to deliver data-driven journalism and people-centered storytelling through a public health, accountability and community-impact lens.

Responsibilities

- Become an expert in rural health across both the United States and Arkansas
 - Develop a wide range of sources both inside and outside the system across rural Arkansas
 - Find stories that capture the essence of the issues in Arkansas' rural health system
 - Scour relevant data and public records to deliver critical context and substance
 - Meet regularly with key sources on your beat so that you always know the direction of rural health in Arkansas
 - Generate a high volume of deliverable ideas
 - Produce a regular cycle of hard-news, enterprise and investigative reporting that brings insight to our readers
 - Excel at human-centered storytelling that puts faces to the numbers you find
 - Write tight prose that enhances understanding
 - Show us the big picture of health in rural Arkansas
 - Contribute to newsletters, social media, video or other multimedia storytelling as needed
 - Meet the highest possible standards for journalism, accountability reporting, writing, storytelling and multimedia presentations.
- If interested in this position, please contact: Executive Editor Lee Wolverton lwolverton@adgnewsroom.com.

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