

Arkansas Newspaper Connection

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PRESS FOR SALE

The *Times-Herald* in Forrest City recently ceased operation of its Goss Community Press and has numerous items for sale due to this move. The press is for sale as a whole or for parts for those also using a Goss Community Press. Other items available include, but are not limited to, thermal graphic plates, a plate punch, a plate bender, 25-inch, 32 pound Resolute newsprint in full rolls (21) and dinkys (25), office furniture, a Kansa inserting machine with original user's manual and other materials and equipment that coincide with operating a press room. For more information or to see the items, call Tamara Johnson at 870-633-3130 or email publisher@thnews.com.

GROWTH LAB REPORTER

The *Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* is seeking a reporter for its Growth Lab, producing rigorous, data-driven reporting and human-centered storytelling that examines how economic development, migration, housing, transportation and workforce trends intersect to reshape our region.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in journalism, communications or a related field, or equivalent professional experience.
- Demonstrated reporting experience, preferably covering local government, business, development or growth-related issues.
- Strong writing, interviewing and storytelling skills.
- Ability to analyze public records, budgets, planning documents and data.
- Strong news judgment and the ability to manage multiple deadlines.
- Commitment to fairness, accuracy and ethical journalism.
- Experience with digital storytelling, social media and audience engagement is a plus.

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

We want to know about your new hires, retirements and promotions! Send your staffing changes to info@arkansaspress.org to be updated online and included in the *Arkansas Publisher Weekly*.

REPORTER (SOUTHEAST MISSOURI)

Reporter needed to cover government and business in Southeast Missouri. This full-time Monday-Friday position, based in Cape Girardeau, focuses on municipal government and a bustling business community. To apply, send a cover letter, résumé and writing samples to editor Rick Fahr at rfahr@semissourian.com or call (573) 388-3656.

EDITOR

The *Marshall Mountain Wave*, a weekly newspaper in beautiful Searcy County, is seeking an editor.

The ideal candidate will be comfortable writing everything from hard news to feature stories. Photography and page layout skills are a plus, and an interest in covering local sports would be an added bonus.

We offer a competitive salary, a supportive team environment and opportunities for advancement within a growing regional newspaper group. Experience is preferred, but we're also happy to consider an outstanding recent graduate. To apply or learn more, contact Publisher Scott Loftis at SLoftis@CarrollCoNews.com or call 870-654-5321.

SPORTS ENTERPRISE REPORTER

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* is seeking a reporter whose stories hit harder than an All-American linebacker. We want a reporter to deliver powerful enterprise and investigative journalism on the Southeastern Conference and the University of Arkansas. We want stories that grab attention and rattle institutions across the most powerful collegiate sports conference in the country.

This is a job for someone who craves challenges because there are plenty of them. We want to dig into the impact of NIL and the House settlement, explain how big money is transforming collegiate athletics and show who's cashing in and how. We want the stories behind the games that show us what it all really means. We want to be the leader in serious reporting on Arkansas athletics and the SEC, and this position is key to the effort.

If you are smart, driven, have clips to show you can do the kind of work we're seeking and you have the curiosity and fighting spirit that are at the heart of great reporting, we want to hear from you.

Send a cover letter with three samples of your best enterprise work to *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* Executive Editor Lee Wolverton at lwolverton@adgnewsroom.com. The subject line should read: Sports Enterprise Reporter. Work samples should include links and pdfs or Word files showing full text.

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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PUBLISHER/ADVERTISING MANAGER

Publisher/Advertising Manager sought as the leader and public face of the *Advance-Monticellonian* and *The Eagle Democrat*, overseeing all aspects of the newspapers' business operations, advertising sales, community engagement, and print operations.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide leadership and oversight for the daily operations of the *Advance-Monticellonian*, *The Eagle Democrat*, and the commercial printing operation.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with elected officials, business leaders, nonprofit organizations, schools, civic groups, and community stakeholders.
- Represent the newspapers at community events, public meetings, chamber functions, and civic gatherings.
- Serve as the first point of contact for community members, advertisers, business owners, and civic leaders with questions, concerns, or ideas regarding the newspapers.
- Maintain a working understanding of the newspapers' financial performance, including revenue, expenses, budgets, and progress toward organizational goals.
- Identify opportunities for new community partnerships, initiatives, and coverage that strengthen both the newspapers and the communities they serve.
- Maintain and grow an active book of advertising clients while leading the advertising team to meet and exceed monthly sales goals.
- Develop innovative advertising solutions that help local businesses achieve their marketing objectives.
- Create new revenue opportunities across print, digital, special sections, events, sponsorships, and other products.
- Work closely with the editor to identify important stories and community issues.
- Oversee the commercial printing operation and build relationships with print customers to ensure efficient production schedules, quality service, and customer satisfaction.

Qualifications

- Strong belief in the importance and value of local community journalism.
- Demonstrated success in advertising sales, business development, and revenue growth.
- Proven leadership and management experience preferred.
- Newspaper or media industry experience preferred.
- Understanding of digital media platforms, digital advertising, and emerging media trends.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and relationship-building skills.
- Ability to lead diverse teams while working effectively with community members, public officials, business leaders, and nonprofit organizations.
- Strong organizational, financial, and strategic planning skills.
- Customer-focused approach with strong problem-solving abilities.

To discuss this opportunity, salary, and benefits, contact: Shawn Storie, President of Publishing, Smith Newspapers, at shawn.storie@jrpress.com.

WALMART AND RETAIL REPORTER

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, the state's leading news organization, is seeking a reporter who will aggressively cover Walmart, the second largest company in the world, as well as the larger retail industry. We aren't looking for someone to regurgitate press releases or take spoon-feeding from flacks. We are looking for a dogged journalist who will relentlessly pursue big stories with real impact.

No one will make it easy to get the kind of stories we seek. Delivering journalism that matters will require source-building, savvy and tenacity. It will require a reporter who lives out our newsroom credo: They Answer to Us.

If you are a true believer in the work we do; if you are smart, write with skill and precision and have the clips to show a record of delivering the kind of reporting we seek, we want to hear from you.

Send a cover letter with three samples of your best enterprise work to Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Executive Editor Lee Wolverton at lwolverton@adgnewsroom.com. The subject line should read: Walmart Reporter. Work samples should be pdfs or Word files showing full text. Hint: Following these directions is the first step toward getting hired.

NEWS CLERK

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* is seeking a news clerk to serve as the newspaper's first contact with people wanting to get their story in print. They're looking for candidates who are dependable, motivated and have excellent communication skills.

News clerks are given a wide array of responsibilities, including answering the phone, gathering important documents, routing callers and visitors to the right editor or reporter, preparing news releases and compiling obituaries for publication.

Candidates must be good typists with a minimum speed of 30 words per minute and familiar with work-processing programs. Experience with Apple computers and multiline phone systems is a plus. This is a part-time position (about 20 hours per week). The schedule will include at least one weekend day and occasional evening shifts.

Employees working at least 20 hours per week are eligible for voluntary benefits. Those who are age 21 or older and meet the 20-hour threshold are also eligible to participate in the 401K plan.

Candidate must pass drug screening. 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.

Send resumes to Andy Davis, assistant city editor, at adavis@arkansasonline.com.

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