

Arkansas Newspaper Connection

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CITY HALL REPORTER

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* seeks a smart, serious journalist to cover Arkansas' capital city.

We are seeking a reporter whose commitment to the craft is evidenced either by having been trained for the work at a strong journalism school and worked for the school's news organization or one who's developed a resume and a portfolio of clips that shows the kind of work he or she can do.

If this sounds like you, email a cover letter, resume and three of your best clips to Executive Editor Lee Wolverton at lwolverton@adgnewsroom.com. The subject line should read: City Hall Reporter. Your clips should be in a ready-to-read format, either in pdf's or Word files or a linked portfolio where your copy can readily be accessed. Those who email links to websites requiring a subscription or links or pdf's that otherwise are unusable won't be considered.

SPORTS COPY EDITOR/DESIGNER

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* seeks a versatile wire editor and page designer to join our sports desk in Little Rock.

We are looking for a meticulous professional who is capable of working at a fast pace and wearing many hats, some nights editing national sports stories to fill out the print section and others building pages within it.

The ideal candidate is an experienced copy editor who has also used the Adobe Creative Suite, most importantly InDesign, under strict deadlines. Knowledge of the professional athletes who played their high school and college ball in the state of Arkansas is a plus.

Send a resume, cover letter and samples of your design work (as PDFs) to *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* Managing Editor Stacy Hawkins at shawkins@adgnewsroom.com. The subject line should read: Sports Copy Editor/Designer.

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.

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*.

ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* seeks an organized, ambitious newsroom leader and skilled journalist to help shape the daily journalism that informs Arkansas. This is a rare opportunity for an experienced editor to join our senior leadership team and help shape the future of a statewide newsroom committed to making a difference.

Based in Little Rock, the assistant managing editor will play a central role in setting newsroom priorities, driving our biggest stories and ensuring our journalism is urgent and essential to readers. This leader should be equally comfortable sharpening an accountability story, planning coverage around a major news event and using audience data to understand how our journalism is performing.

Our assistant managing editor will emphasize high-impact journalism, comprehensive coverage planning, strong front-end editing and a sense of urgency. Working across all our desks, this editor will ensure the *Democrat-Gazette* delivers the state's most complete news report each day. We are looking for an editor with a record of outstanding news judgment, deep knowledge of the rudiments of reporting and proficiency in the use and application of metrics. Above all, we want an editor committed to excellence.

Responsibilities

- Ensure effective planning of daily news coverage
- Apply strong news judgment in story selection and use of resources
- Closely monitor analytics and routinely assess performance
- Instill a sense of urgency
- Drive front-end editing to help us get the best stories
- Enforce sound journalistic standards in reporting and final editing
- Lead a digital-first mind set

Qualifications

- Ten years of newsroom management experience
- Experienced in use of analytics
- Record of delivering high-quality journalism
- Organizational skill
- Effective communicator
- Fluent in AP style
- Knowledgeable about open government and media law

We are looking exclusively for serious applicants with a record in our field. If the job description sounds like you, and you are eager to take on the challenge, send a cover letter and resume to Executive Editor Lee Wolverton at lwolverton@adgnewsroom.com. The subject line should read: Assistant Managing Editor.

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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REPORTER

The *El Dorado News-Times* is seeking a full-time reporter to develop story ideas from assignments or leads, gather and verify information, and write clear, accurate news and feature stories using a computer. Responsibilities may include monitoring communications systems for leads, taking photographs or videos, rewriting or editing stories, and performing other assigned duties. Consistent attendance is essential.

Must possess knowledge of journalistic techniques and procedures, computer operations, college-level grammar, spelling, and math, as well as freedom of information and libel laws. Essential skills include interviewing, observing, organizing work elements, and effective written and oral communication. The role requires the ability to perform essential tasks under deadline-driven, stressful situations; identify and develop story ideas independently; interact well with news sources, the public, co-workers, and supervisors; and work outdoors in all types of terrain and weather, including driving at night to attend meetings and events.

A degree in journalism from an accredited college, or active pursuit of such a degree, is preferred; alternatively, five years of experience, preferably at a daily newspaper, may substitute for a college degree.

Our benefits package features paid vacation, holidays, sick leave, personal days, and parental leave to support a healthy work-life balance. We offer health, dental, vision, and additional insurance coverage, as well as long-term disability insurance and retirement plans. Employees also have access to our Employee Assistance Program and behavioral health support, which offer confidential resources for personal and professional challenges.

Email resume to bwilliams@eldoradonews.com.

FEDERAL COURTS REPORTER

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* seeks an organized, meticulous reporter to cover federal courts in Arkansas' capital city. We are looking for a journalist who knows the court system, who is skilled in tracking the big cases and who is relentlessly accurate. We want a reporter who will work the courthouse and develop sources that will help carry him or her past the routine coverage to the accountability journalism that is our calling card.

We are looking for a professional, someone who either has received journalism training and worked for a school news organization or who's already working in the field and has experience covering the courts, preferably the latter.

If that sounds like you, send a cover letter, resume and three of your best clips to Executive Editor Lee Wolverton at lwolverton@adgnewsroom.com. The subject line should read: Federal Courts Reporter. Clips should be readily accessible in a pdf format, Word file or through a linked portfolio. Applicants whose clips cannot be accessed, either because they are behind a paywall or for some other reason, will not be considered.

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