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CITY HALL REPORTER

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

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 having 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.

Seeking 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.

MULTIMEDIA PRODUCER

The *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*'s online team is seeking a Multimedia Producer for arkansasonline.com. This role is responsible for shooting, editing, and producing video and photo assignments for the *Democrat-Gazette*'s website and social media channels.

Responsibilities

- Shoot, edit, and produce video and photo content for digital platforms
- Assist with digital publishing workflows
- Collaborate with reporters, editors and photographers
- Work under tight deadlines in a fast-paced newsroom environment
- Be available for regular night and weekend work as needed

To Apply, send their resume and cover letter to: Nick Popowitch, Senior Online Editor at npopowitch@adgnewsroom.com.

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 the 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 the biggest stories and ensuring 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.

The assistant managing editor will emphasize high-impact journalism, comprehensive coverage planning, strong front-end editing and a sense of urgency. Working across all desks, this editor will ensure the *Democrat-Gazette* delivers the state's most complete news report each day. Must have a record of outstanding news judgment, deep knowledge of the rudiments of reporting and proficiency in the use and application of metrics.

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

Serious applicants only. 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.

Benefits package features paid vacation, holidays, sick leave, personal days, and parental leave to support a healthy work-life balance. Health, dental, vision, and additional insurance coverage, as well as long-term disability insurance and retirement plans are offered. Employees also have access to the 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 who knows the court system, is skilled in tracking the big cases and is relentlessly accurate. This is 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 the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*'s calling card.

Looking for a professional, someone who either has received journalism training and worked for a school news organization or who is 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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