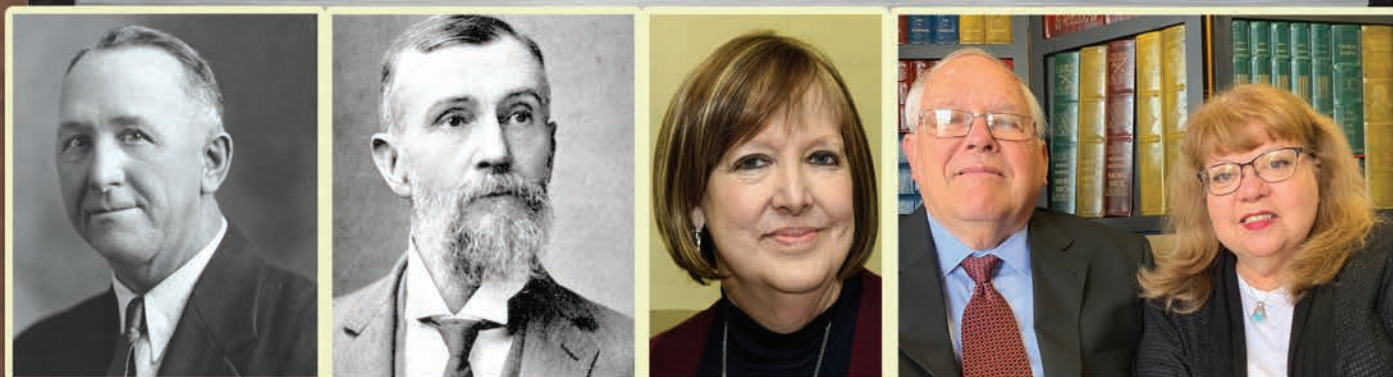


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Convention is a time to remember friends

Make plans to attend this year's Hall of Fame banquet

Joplin *Globe* editor and past Missouri Press Association president Carol Stark died Aug. 14. Condolences go out to the *Globe* staff and Carol's family.

Losing friends and family is never easy. Remember the many good times over the years, though, seems to help a bit. At least I've found that so.

Carol was highly intelligent and courteous. Her word was her bond. She loved newspapers, was a consummate wordsmith and always saw the "good" in people, even when others did not. And she knew how to take things with a sense of humor and a sense of levity.

A trip to Washington D.C. with her

on behalf of the Association comes to mind. The details of which I won't get into here, but I will forever be endeared to Carol. I'm privileged to have known this remarkable person as a colleague and friend. God speed Carol.

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Speaking of Carol, she will be inducted into the Missouri Newspaper Hall of Fame at the convention in Kansas City on Sept. 27. Please make plans to attend.

The event will be held at Harrah's in North Kansas City and will kick off with a Gangsters and Flappers' Night on Sept. 26. The event will benefit the Missouri Press Foundation.

Our annual convention is a great

time to see old friends, make new ones and learn about innovative ideas in our industry.

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The year is speeding along and before we know it the State Legislature will be back in session. Take time to meet with your State Representatives and State Senators now. We will need their help as the ongoing fight to keep legal notices where they belong, in newspapers, comes up in 2020.

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It's time to wrap this up. Take care of yourselves and I'll see you in September.

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'Til Next Time:

J.M.W.



Continuing a time-honored tradition for members of the Missouri Press Association Board of Directors, Carol Stark presents James White with a new briefcase during the Association's Jan. 30 meeting in Jefferson City. The presentation of the briefcase by Stark, 2018 MPA president, to 2019 MPA President White is symbolic of the passing of leadership between presidents of the board. Stark died Aug. 14 after a long battle with cancer. (Staff photo)



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153rd Convention has five inductees joining Newspaper Hall of Fame

New members include Phil and Kathy Conger, Thomas Benton White, Francis Stufflebam and Carol Stark

By Missouri Press Staff
Missouri Press News

A group of five newspaper people, which includes one couple and two former Missouri Press Association presidents, will be inducted in September into the Association's Newspaper Hall of Fame.

The induction reception and banquet are scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, during MPA's 153rd Annual Convention and Trade Show at Harrah's North Kansas City Hotel. This will be the 29th group to be inducted into the Newspaper Hall of Fame, which was established by MPA in 1991.

This year's inductees are the late Thomas Benton White, founder and publisher of the *Benton County Enterprise*; the late Francis Stufflebam, editor and publisher of the *Bolivar Herald*; former MPA President Phil and Kathy Conger, owners and publishers of the *Bethany Republican-Clipper*; and the recently deceased Carol Stark, long-time editor of the *Joplin Globe* and former MPA president.

Hall of Fame inductees or their families receive Pinnacle Awards in honor of the inductees' service to the Missouri newspaper industry and their communities. Inductees' plaques will join the permanent display of inductees in the MPA office in Columbia and in the student lounge in Lee Hills Hall at the Missouri School of Journalism.

— **Phil and Kathy Conger** —

The quintessential small newspaper team, Phil and Kathy Conger represent the third generation of family ownership for the *Bethany Republican-Clipper*. Phil succeeded his father, Vincent, as publisher in 1978. His grandfather, Erwin, purchased the paper in 1927. He started working



at the newspaper in high school and would go on to receive a journalism degree from the University of Missouri, where he met his future wife, Kathy Stroup.

Phil and Kathy married in July 1969 and she joined the newspaper family afterward, doing tasks as needed and eventually selling advertising. Today, she is the newspaper's advertising manager.

Through the years, Phil and Kathy have worked as a team to keep their communities informed and help advertisers reach an audience that can be spread wide across northern Missouri. With four Iowa newspapers, they jointly operated a commercial printing plant for 40 years. While they have always recognized the challenges that come with publishing a small-town newspaper, the Congers have also embraced ideas that represent the future of digital publishing.

Phil was Missouri Press Association president in 2012 and remains a director on the Missouri Press Service Board. He also was president of Northwest Missouri Press Association in 1974. Kathy, a director for the Missouri Press Foundation, is also the de facto secretary for Northwest Press Association. She also served as president of Northwest Press in 1992. They continue to be very active in various Missouri Press functions and

have earned numerous awards for the newspaper.

— **Carol Stark** —

A groundbreaker and trendsetter, Carol Stark was known by many throughout the newspaper industry for her leadership, judgment, passion and compassion. Since her first journalism job in 1977 at *The Carthage Press*, and continuing on to her work at the *Globe* beginning in 1983, Stark remained a

champion of local news, believing that even though the work is not easy, the effect local news has on the community can never be replaced.



From her beginnings at the *Globe*, Stark worked her way up the newsroom, becoming metro editor in 2003 and then executive editor in 2007. She was the first woman in the newspaper's 110-plus year history to hold that position. In 2018, the same year she served as president of Missouri Press Association, her role was expanded further as she was named regional editor for the *Globe's* parent company, CNHI.

Following the May 2011 Joplin tornado, Stark and her newsroom were thrust into the national spotlight as the newspaper led editorial coverage of the aftermath of one of Missouri's worst natural disasters. Through their hard work and dedication, the *Globe's* staff earned the respect of the community for its coverage of the events, despite suffering its own losses.

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In leading her staff, Stark encouraged them to utilize the newest tools to tell stories and inform the community, but she also stressed that the tenants of proper journalism have not changed.

Stark was a longtime advocate of helping young journalists break into the profession, including being an adviser to Missouri Southern State University's *The Chart*; working with Joplin High School students on their newspaper, *The Spyglass*; running an annual journalism workshop for high school students for more than 30 years; and supporting legislation that would protect the journalism produced by high school students.

Following a lengthy battle with cancer, Stark died in August 2019, three months after learning she would join the Missouri Newspaper Hall of Fame.

— Thomas Benton White —

The story of Thomas Benton White's journey to establish the *Benton County Enterprise* in Warsaw is the epitome of early Missouri newspaper pioneering, establishing a dedication to journalism that has continued through five generations. White came to Warsaw in 1879 from Denver, Colo., where he had been a reporter for the *Rocky Mountain News*.

With \$500 to his name and five children, he purchased the Osage Queen, a riverboat that had once traveled the waters between St. Louis and Warsaw before partially sinking when it was caught in an ice jam. Using \$300 of the family's money, White hired a mule team and with the help of many of the town's men dragged the boat ashore to a site on the town's main thoroughfare. He spent the remainder of the family's money on a used Washington Hand Press, type and paper.

"My three sons, and daughters two,

will set the type, each week for you," was the opening statement White used to let Warsaw's early residents know his family would work hard for the community.

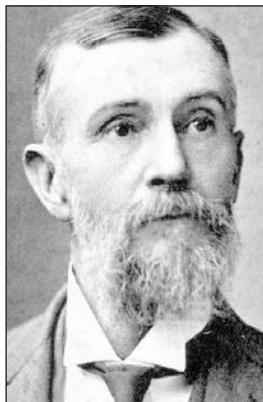
And work they did in all endeavors, from raising crops as an agricultural experiment for the area to following up on myths that Spanish explorers had found gold on the Osage River. Their newspaper office was also the first location in the town to install a tele-type machine.

During the 38 years he edited the *Enterprise*, White changed the culture of Benton County and set a precedent for his family to be involved in the community that has continued to this day. He believed in delivering local news that would bring, and keep, the community together. After falling ill in early 1922, White appointed his son, Edwin Mahlon White, as his successor and retired two months before his death in May of that year.

— Francis Stuffebam —

For 47 years Francis Stuffebam used his editorial page in the *Bolivar Herald* to advocate for the betterment of Bolivar and Polk County. His ownership and management of the newspaper began in June 1904 with a self-penned introduction that promised to "advocate Jeffersonian democracy pure and simple, high standards for the county's schools and teachers, and anything contributing to the upbuilding of town, state, or nation."

Formerly the Polk County commissioner of schools, Stuffebam backed



up his promise in the very first edition of his ownership of the newspaper with an offer to provide a scholarship to Southwest Baptist College for the child who sold the most paid yearly subscriptions. It would not be the first time he would work with the college, and the relationship between publisher and school would culminate with the naming of the college's original campus after him to commemorate his efforts to revitalize and sustain SBC.

Stuffebam's crowning achievement in the community came when he sought national recognition for the city of Bolivar and worked to get the nation of Venezuela to present a statue of Simon Bolivar, "the Liberator," to the city. Even though World War II delayed his efforts, on July 5, 1948, Venezuelan President Romulo Gallegos met U.S. President Harry S. Truman in the city for the dedication of the statue in front of an estimated 80,000 spectators.

Perhaps most impressive about Stuffebam's achievements is that his efforts came from the minority political position in the community. While Polk County was and remains staunchly Republican, the *Bolivar Herald* flew its Democrat banner proudly under Stuffebam's ownership. Competition between the *Herald* and the rival *Bolivar Free Press* was fierce but fair, a departure from pervasive attitudes between the two publications prior to 1904. He would remain involved with the *Herald* until his death in 1951.



To register for this year's Convention, including the Hall of Fame banquet, fill out the back cover of this edition of Missouri Press News.

Officers, directors proposed for 2020

Voting will take place Sept. 27 at 153rd Annual Convention in Kansas City

By Missouri Press Staff

Missouri Press News

The Missouri Press Association Nominating Committee met recently, finalizing a slate of MPA officers and directors for 2020, effective Jan. 1.

The election of MPA officers and directors is scheduled during the annual MPA business meeting Friday, Sept. 27, at the 153rd annual MPA Convention at the Harrah's Hotel in North Kansas City.

Proposed candidates include:

- 2020 President, Trevor Vernon, *Eldon Advertiser*; First Vice President, Liz Irwin, Missouri Lawyers Media, St. Louis; Second Vice President, Roger Dillon, *Shannon County Current Wave*, Eminence; Secretary, Ruby Bailey, *Columbia Missourian*;

Treasurer, Peggy Scott, *Jefferson County Leader*, Festus.

- Director for two-year terms: Julie Moreno, *Independence Examiner*, (Roger Dillon open position.)
- Directors for three-year terms: Hannah Spaar, *The Odessan*, Odessa; Amos Bridges, *Springfield News-Leader*, and Beth Durreman, *Perry County Republic-Monitor*, Perryville.

Sandy Nelson, *Courier Tribune*, Liberty, is being nominated as the National Newspaper Association state chair.

Continuing on the MPA Board



Trevor Vernon is the proposed Missouri Press Association President for 2020. Voting will take place during MPA's 153rd Annual Convention and Trade Show.

in 2020 will be directors: Donna Bischoff, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*; Mary Wilson, *Jackson County Advocate*, Grandview; Bryan Jones, *Versailles Leader-Statesman*; and Kevin Jones, *St. Louis American*.

James White, *Benton County Enterprise*, Warsaw will serve as immediate past president in 2020.

Stepping down from the MPA Board in December 2019 is Tianna Brooks, *Mountain View Standard News*. The nominating committee, was chaired this year by Carol Stark, *Joplin Globe*.

The committee members thank everyone who submitted nominations.



Missouri Press members will vote on proposed magazine membership category

By Missouri Press Staff
Missouri Press News

The Missouri Press Association Board of Directors recently approved a proposal to allow Magazines active membership in Missouri Press Association. This proposal would be presented as an amendment to the Missouri Press Association Constitution and By-Laws.

According to Article VII Section 1. These Articles of Agreement may be amended at any annual official meeting of the Association by an affirmative two-thirds vote of all active members present, provided that twenty-one days' notice in writing of any proposed amendment is given to all active members of the association.

The amendment will be voted on during the MPA business meeting scheduled for September 27

during the MPA's Annual Convention at Harrah's Hotel in North Kansas City. The following amendment would add another "Class of Membership" under Article V Section 1. Classes of Membership and Designations.

Section 1. (f). Magazine Membership. Requirements for Active Membership shall be as follows:

Each request for Magazine Membership shall be submitted to and must be approved by the Board of Directors of the Association. The publication shall contain an average of at least 25 percent news content in its issues during any 12-month period; the publication must be published and printed in



an acceptable magazine format; the publication must be distributed in Missouri with a Missouri office; the publication shall be published for at least three years, regularly and consecutively, prior to application for membership; the publication must be printed a minimum of 4 times annually. Applicant must submit 3 consecutive issues with the application.

An information sheet outlining the requirements and benefits of adding magazines as members of Missouri Press is available by contacting the Association's staff.

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Photojournalism Hall of Fame will have four new members in October

By Missouri Press Staff
Missouri Press News

The Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame in Columbia will induct four award-winning photojournalists and teachers of photography and journalism on Oct. 17.

This will be the 15th group of inductees since the founding of the Hall of Fame in 2005. Inductees are the late William Fambrough; Bill Battle of Washington; Jim Curley of Columbia; and Dan White of Kansas City.

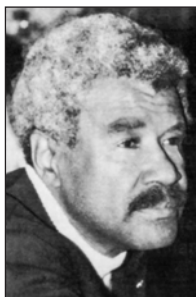
Photographs made by the inductees will be on display during the 4 p.m. ceremony and reception in the Sam B. Cook Hall at the new Center for Missouri Studies, located at 605 Elm St., Columbia. Those photographs will join the Hall of Fame's collection of work by inductees.

The Photojournalism Hall of Fame was founded at the urging of Bill Miller Sr., publisher of the *Washington Missourian* twice-weekly newspaper, to recognize outstanding contributors to visual communication with ties to Missouri.

Information about the Photojournalism Hall of Fame and previous inductees can be seen at photojournalismhall-offame.org. RSVP for the induction ceremony online at bit.ly/mophotoj or by email at mharper@mopress.com

— William L. Fambrough —

William L. Fambrough Sr. spent three decades documenting African American life in Kansas City as a photojournalist. Born in Little Rock, Ark., as a boy he convinced his parents to buy him a Kodak Brownie camera to support his budding interest in photography. He studied graphic arts while attending Lincoln University, however his studies were put



W.L. Fambrough

on hold for a three-year stint in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II.

Following his military service, he completed his degree and returned to his passion for photography. He worked for *The Kansas City Call* during the 1950s and 1960s, as well as a freelance photographer throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area into the 1970s. Many of Fambrough's photos appeared in *The Kansas City Star*; although he went uncredited.

While the subjects of his photography varied greatly and included five U.S. Presidents, his work is also known for providing a historical record of key moments during the Civil Rights era in Kansas City. Additionally, his freelance work documented many aspects of everyday African American culture, bridging the realms of entertainment, politics, health and civil service.

Fambrough's work has been displayed at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City and many pieces are preserved in the collections of the Black Archives of Mid-America and the State Historical Society of Missouri. He was renowned for capturing his subject matter with a single shot, earning the nickname, "One Shot Fambrough." He died in 1983.

— Bill Battle —

Bill Battle had his first journalistic experience as a staff and sports writer for his junior high school newspaper, the Rockwood South Junior High School Ram Page, in the early 1980s. He continued to develop his skills in high school as a staff member of the Missouri Military Academy Eagle, including as editor, which earned him a spot as a finalist for Missouri Interscholastic Press Association's high school journalist of the year. Into college, he continued to be involved in his schools' newspapers and in 1990 he was a finalist for the Missouri College Newspaper Association's college journalist of the year.

After graduating from Southeast Missouri State University in 1990, he joined the staff of the *Washington Missourian* as a sports writer, photographer and darkroom tech. He became sports editor

in 1996. At the *Missourian*, he made a name for himself earning numerous awards from the Missouri Press Association, as well as other state, regional and national accolades for his sports photography and writing. He has been named the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association's Missouri sportswriter of the year five times.

His work in sports journalism has also earned him recognition outside the industry, including being presented with the Missouri State High School Activities Association's Distinguished Service Award and the Missouri Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Service Award.

Battle's career has seen a number of transitions, not the least of which was the transition from film cameras with manual focus lenses to the current generation of digital bodies with low light sensors and autofocus lenses. He covered every season of the St. Louis Rams (1995-2015), with the last 10 years as a photographer on the sidelines.

— Jim Curley —

Jim Curley has spent his career wearing many hats, from photographer and editor to educator and archivist, but he has always been a champion for the values of photojournalism. As a photographer, he worked at the *St. Joseph News-Press* and the *Columbia Daily Tribune* before joining the Agricultural Editors office at the University of Missouri.



Bill Battle

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Curley also had an active freelance photography career, covering state and national politics and sports for Agence France Press and others. At MU, he taught in the Agricultural Journalism program for 15 years and mentored numerous students while working in the Ag. office. For 10 years, he has volunteered with the Angus and Betty McDougall Center for Photojournalism Studies to edit, advise and display numerous exhibits.



Jim Curley

Always generous with his talents, for 18 years he has also been the co-director of the Missouri Photo Workshop, providing leadership in refining the educational approach of the workshop. He has become a stalwart historian of MPW, utilizing physical and digital records to enhance the workshop experience and promote it to the photojournalism community and beyond. His dedication to photojournalism has also

extended to the Photojournalism Hall of Fame itself, for which he has been a staunch supporter and volunteer since its inception in 2005, including doing much of the printing for the yearly exhibit.

— Dan White —

Dan White is an internationally published photographer having spent more than 45 years as a newspaper photojournalist and freelancer covering myriad facets of life in Missouri, the United States and dozens of countries. He got his start in his chosen profession at his hometown paper, the Flint (MI) *Journal*, and went on to attend the University of Missouri School of Journalism where he was photo editor of the *Savitar* yearbook, which won several national awards.

While attending MU, White studied under some of the school's most storied names and after graduation began working as a staff photographer for the Yakima (WA) *Herald-Republic* and the Columbia (MO) *Daily*

Tribune. Soon thereafter he joined *The Kansas City Star*, where he was part of the Pulitzer Prize-winning staff recognized for its coverage of the collapse of the Hyatt Hotel skywalks. His iconic photo showing the scene of destruction ran across the entire top of the Sunday *Star's* front page, as well as in newspapers around the world.



Dan White

After a couple years at *The Star*, he created White & Associates, specializing in editorial and commercial assignments, becoming an acclaimed photographer in the Midwest while securing numerous clients throughout the country.

Always one to pay it forward, White has taught at the University of Kansas and has shared his knowledge as a mentor to many up-and-coming photographers who have gone on to become successful in their own right.



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Joplin

Carol Stark

Carol Stark, 61, died Aug. 14, 2019, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis after a long battle with cancer. She was executive editor of the *Joplin Globe*, the first woman to hold that position in the newspaper's 110-plus year history. She was also regional editor for CNHI and served as president of Missouri Press Association in 2018. Stark will be inducted into the Newspaper Hall of Fame in September.



Stark's career in journalism began at the age of 19 at *The Carthage Press*, and she joined the *Globe* in 1983. In addition to executive editor, her roles at the *Globe* included assistant city editor and metro editor, as well as a variety of other reporting and editing positions.

Following the 2011 Joplin tornado, she led her newsroom in the coverage of that event, for which the *Globe*

received numerous honors, including the Distinguished Writing Award for Deadline News Reporting from the American Society of Newspaper Editors in 2012. She was especially proud of serving multiple times as a juror for the Pulitzer Prizes.

She served as an adviser to Missouri Southern State University's *The Chart*, worked with Joplin High School's student-led newspaper, *The Spyglass*, and led an annual journalism workshop for high-school students for more than 30 years. In addition, Carol supported legislation that would protect the journalism produced by high-school students.

She is survived by two sons, Craig and wife Christen, and Joe and wife Katy; six grandchildren; two sisters; and many more family and friends.

Jefferson City

Bob Watson

Robert W. "Bob" Watson, 68, of Jefferson City, died Aug. 4, 2019, at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City. Since 1989, he was a reporter for the *Jefferson City News Tribune*, covering the Missouri Legislature, state government, Lincoln University and various other issues. He prided himself in accuracy, objectivity and fairness. He never shied from asking tough questions of his sources, and always explained their answers to make sure both sides of a story were told.



His career in journalism began with a job in radio in 1972. He went to work as a reporter and assignment editor with KRCG-TV 13 from 1982-1989.

In 2014, the Missouri Senate passed a resolution for Watson, honoring

him for his 40th year of covering state government and 25th year with the *News Tribune*. In part, the resolution said: "He has worked consistently and tirelessly to keep our readers, informed about the viewpoints, debate and outcome of issues that affect their lives and livelihoods."

Watson was a senior member of the Capitol Press Corps, having interviewed Missouri governors and other elected officials over his 45-year career.

He is survived by two children, Drew Watson and wife Susan, and Beth Patton and husband Chris; three grandchildren; his mother and stepfather, Sue and Bob McCormick; two sisters; and many more family and friends.

Kansas City

Larry Bernhardt

Larry Bernhardt died July 16, 2019, peacefully and surrounded by loved ones at Olathe, Kan. Medical Center. He worked for The Kansas City Star for 29 years and retired in 2015.



In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife, Tammy; two children, Chris and wife Jennifer, and Katie and husband Dave; seven grandchildren; and many more family and friends.

Scholarship started to honor Stark's legacy

For Missouri Press News

In recognition of Carol Stark's decades of service to Southwest Missouri, advancement of the Joplin community and support of Missouri Southern State University, a scholarship fund is being established. The fund will support the Carol Stark Excellence in Journalism Scholarship Fund and will benefit MSSU juniors and seniors who are committed to working in media-related fields of study.

Stark was editor of the *Joplin Globe* and a former Missouri Press Association president (2018). She died Aug. 14 after a long battle with cancer and will join the Newspaper Hall of Fame in September.

MPA is passing along information about this scholarship fund in case any Association members wish to help support its foundation. Of particular note, an anonymous donor has agreed to match any donations to the scholarship fund up to the first \$10,000.

Information about how to donate can be found online at www.mssu.edu/giving, then selecting "Other" and denoting the gift is for the Carol Stark Excellence in Journalism Scholarship Fund.

Colorful changes come to Missouri Press News

By Missouri Press Staff
Missouri Press News

Readers of Missouri Press News probably (hopefully?) noticed something new about the July-August issue, as well as this issue — all 20 pages were presented to you in rich, full color.

Vernon Publishing in Eldon is the magazine's new printer, with the MPA Board of Directors choosing their proposal from the eight that were submitted from all across the state. Trevor Vernon, Eldon Advertiser publisher and 2020 MPA president, recused himself during the Board of Directors' June 14 meeting when the printing proposals were discussed.

Witt Print Shop in Columbia, which had previously been a tenant in the Missouri Press building, performed the work for many years prior to the board's decision and the July-August changeover.

Transitioning to a new printer after so many years with a tried and true team is never easy, and there are likely to be a few hiccups to iron out along the way. Still, the move to the new all-color format has MPA staff excited about the possibilities for the magazine.

"We always like people to think of

the magazine as a memento for them to keep around their office, as well as being full of information they can use in their business," Mark Maassen, MPA executive director, said. "Having 20 pages of full color will allow us to make the moments we capture in photographs from our events even more special to our members."

Maassen said he is anticipating the November-December issue, which contains Better Newspaper Contest results and reproductions of first-place award winning photos throughout, because of the changes.

"Our members make some amazing photos throughout the year, so to be able to celebrate them and share their work with our greater MPA membership and the non-industry individuals who receive the magazine is very exciting," he said.

Moving forward, Missouri Press staff will be doing more to make sure photos that appear in the "Obituaries" and "On the Move" sections are in color. More graphics and other color elements will also be appearing throughout the magazine.

"This is our member magazine, it is meant to celebrate each one of the 229



The July-August issue of *Missouri Press News* marked a change to full color for the magazine moving forward.

newspapers that make up Missouri Press Association," Maassen said. "Please feel free to give us feedback, offer ideas and, most importantly, submit news about your newspaper. Let us toot the horn for you."

Information for Missouri Press News magazine can be submitted to Editor Matthew Barba at mbarba@mopress.com

SCRAPBOOK



Chillicothe — The late Chuck Haney, former publisher of the *Constitution-Tribune* and 1995 Missouri Press Association president, was memorialized in Chillicothe earlier this year with the dedication of a statue at a local hospital. The statue depicts a man sitting on a bench reading a newspaper and is located in The Gardens at Hedrick Medical Center.

Present for the statue's dedication were Haney's children, Kathy Haney Carlton and Kevin Haney.

The statue has even been responsible for calls to local authorities about a suspicious person in The Gardens late at night, reports that would have no doubt made the veteran journalist smile.

Willow Springs — Following a late June announcement by former owner Kim Rich that the *Howell County News* would be closing after 18 years, it was purchased in July by Amanda and Ron Mendez. Amanda Mendez said she plans to work to keep the newspaper's core facets intact but improve its digital presence, including having a paid e-edition.

Mendez was previously a freelance journalist for the newspaper since the beginning of 2018.

Hannibal — In July, Quincy Media Inc. took ownership of the *Hannibal Courier-Post*, returning it to local ownership for the first time in more than 100 years. Quincy Media, which publishes the nearby *Herald-*

Whig in Quincy, Ill., and operates area television and radio stations, purchased the *Courier-Post* from GateHouse Media, owner since 2007.

The deal was first announced in May and represents the fifth change in owners since 1907, although the *Courier-Post* has been published since 1853.

Rolla — Beginning in September, the *Rolla Daily News* will transition from printing six days a week to three days. Subscribers will receive their papers on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. They will also have unlimited access to the newspaper's website, which will continue to be updated daily and with breaking news.

Northwest Press heads up to Maryville



Northwest Missouri Press Association held its 129th Annual Meeting July 26, at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville. The meeting included naming Amy Neal as the 2020 president. Neal is editor of *The Courier-Tribune* in Clay County. Pictured above, *Maryville Forum* publisher Phil Cobb turns over leadership of NWMPA to Neal during the business meeting. At top right, Steve Tinnen, Kathy Conger and Kay Wilson help conclude the meeting with the traditional toast to past NWMPA secretary Lucy Jones. At right, W.C. Farmer of the *Atchison County Mail* is presented with the Merrill Chilcote Award, which is presented to an industry professional for their service to journalism. (Staff photos)

Southeast Press meets in Cape Girardeau



Southeast Missouri Press Association met July 11, at the Rust Center for Media in Cape Girardeau. Above, the group honored Scott Seal of the *Portageville Missourian-News* for his past service to the group. Above right, Glenda Potts, left, and Pam LaPlant, who with Patrick Martin, started the *Jefferson County Leader* in 1994, were recognized with SEMO's Mildred Wallhausen Award. At right, Jed Williams of the Local Media Association helped SEMO members better understand potential strategies for Facebook and other social media. (Staff photos)



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(Download code: **tipsforparents**)

Read All About It – This series of activities is designed to engage students and readers of all ages with their local newspaper. Now in its second year, each feature covers two weeks and offers activities for a variety of disciplines and grade levels for every day of the school year. Check back often, as fresh ads will become available regularly.

(Download code: **readallaboutit**)

Book Buzz & Novel Ideas – These book columns have been running for years and are as timely now as they were in the beginning. Since books are for everyone, we offer one col-

umn for children and one for adults, each available monthly.

(Download code changes monthly: **buzzaug19**, **novelaug19**)

September brings Constitution Day, celebrated on the 17th. The Magna Carta feature explains why the Magna Carta, signed in 1215 by King John of England, is so important to Americans and our Constitution. (Download code: **magna**). There are Constitution Quizzes, a feature about the Fair Housing Act and more.

October brings Media Literacy, so help your readers develop skills to recognize real versus fake news with this five-week media literacy series donated by the St. Louis Post Dispatch. (Download code: **newslit**).

November has several themes, Veterans Day being one of them. We're offering a new feature this year about Stars and Stripes Newspaper. Did you know that this military newspaper had its beginnings during the Civil War, right here in Missouri? Bloom-



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field MO to be specific. Watch for this feature to be posted.

December continues our Civics Education with features about the Bill of Rights. There are features about the Miranda Warnings, which derive from the Fifth Amendment and the right to an attorney which is ground-

ed in the Sixth Amendment. (Download code: **miranda16** and **Right2**).

This is just a brief summary of what NIE has to offer. Visit the NIE Calendar to see all the offerings, <https://mopress.com/nie-calendar/>.

January will bring our newest serial story. This 8-chapter series explores the history of Silver Dollar City and how the development of that park is similar to the growth and development of towns and cities. Our bicentennial will be here in 2021 and we're starting early in celebrating how Missouri became a state! More information will be coming soon, so keep up with us on social media.

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ON THE MOVE



Kahoka — Kevin Fox, longtime reporter for the *Media*, celebrated his retirement at the end of July. Fox had been with the newspaper since the beginning of 2005. His weekly outdoors column is expected to continue to appear in *The Media* and other NEMOnews Media Group publications.

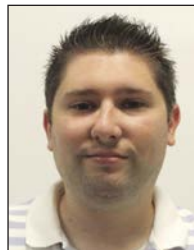
Liberty — Adam Burns is the *Courier-Tribune's* new sports editor. Previously, he was a part-time sports writer for the *St. Joseph News-Press*, covering training camp for the Kansas City Chiefs. He also has been a sports writer for the



Platte County Citizen, *Joplin Globe* and *Jefferson City News Tribune*. In addition to Liberty, the *Courier-Tribune* sports coverage also includes Smithville and Kearney.

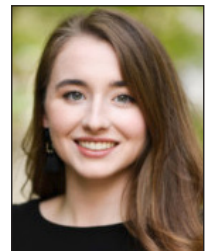
Marshfield — Bryan Everson has joined the *Marshfield Mail* as its newest sports reporter, replacing Dane Lale on the newspaper's three-person news team. He previously was a sports reporter at the *Sedalia Democrat*.

He also helped launch the *Rochester & Rochester Hills Gazette* in Michigan, where he attended college. Everson also started a blog-



turned-website, Press Row Sports and Entertainment, where he covered various events and concerts.

Springfield — Kathryn Hardison has joined the *Springfield Business Journal* as a reporter. A recent graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, Hardison has experience covering state government and served as an editor of the *Columbia Missourian*. She also completed several internships with media organizations before joining the *Springfield Business Journal* full time.



Active Membership applications for consideration

The Missouri Press Association has received Active Membership applications for four publications.

The following publications are all published by Pam Wingo:

St. Louis City Monitor, 200 N. 13th St., St. Louis, MO 63103, pam@pulselegal.com, 816-221-2552. It is published daily with circulation of 241.

St. Louis County Legal Ledger, 7730 Carondelet, Suite 101, Clayton, MO 63105, pam@pulselegal.com, 816-221-2552. It is published daily with circulation of 342.

St. Charles County Journal, 330 N. Main St., St. Charles, MO 63301, pam@pulselegal.com, 816-221-2552. It is published daily with circulation of 156.

Jefferson County Reporter, 284 Main St., PO Box 564, Hillsboro, MO 63050, pam@pulselegal.com, 816-221-2552. It is published weekly (Friday) with circulation of 133.

Membership applications are considered by the MPA Board of Directors at its first meeting after this notice has been published in at least three issues of the MPA Bulletin, eBulletin or magazine. The next meeting of the MPA Board is scheduled for Sept. 27, 2019, during MPA's 153rd Annual Convention and Trade Show in Kansas City.

Comments about applications can be sent to MPA Executive Director Mark Maassen at mmaassen@mopress.com

Statements of ownership due Oct. 1

The deadline is Oct. 1 for giving your postmaster your Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation (PS Form 3526). The filing and publication of the information on this form are required if you have a Periodicals mailing permit. You can download the form from the Postal Service website.

PS Form 3526 allows you to include electronic subscribers. Electronic subscriber figures are not to be entered directly onto the PS Form 3526, as the figures on this form only include printed copies. Line 16 of the form has a box you will check if your total circulation includes electronic subscribers.

The actual figures for electronic subscribers are to be entered on a worksheet, PS Form 3526-X, an attachment to Form 3526. Complete PS Form 3526-X only if you want to show electronic subscribers, which is optional. If you do not include electronic subscribers, submit only Form 3526.

Weekly papers need to publish the information in Form 3526 in any issue in October. Publications issued more frequently than weekly should publish the information by Oct. 10.

A copy of your filled-out Form 3526 can be published, or the information contained on the form can be published.

CALENDAR

September

26-28 — MPA 153rd Annual Convention and Trade Show, Harrah's North Kansas City

October

3-5 — National Newspaper Association Annual Convention, Milwaukee

5 — MPA Mizzou Football Ticket Tradeout Game, Columbia

6-12 — National Newspaper Week

17 — Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Columbia

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Sunshine needs changed for digital shade

This has been a tough summer for the Sunshine Law in Missouri, as well as for other open records laws in other states.

In this state, a circuit court judge considering whether the Sunshine Law was violated determined that disappearing text messages sent and received in the cell phone app “Confide” were not “records retained by a public body” even though the phone was undisputably provided to the employee by its governmental body employer. The determination wasn’t based upon who paid for the phone or the subject of the message – but based upon the fact that it’s hard to “retain” something that disappears within seconds.

There has been much discussion since that ruling about the need for Missouri law to amend the definitions of “retained” and “record.” But little can happen when the legislature isn’t even in session. And nobody is counting how many more government phones in the interim have downloaded apps like “Confide” or its siblings.

In Pennsylvania, a law took effect at the end of June that seals records of persons who committed nonviolent crimes more than 10 years ago. The Governor, in signing the law, said, “I am proud to sign this legislation which will make it easier for those whom have interacted with the justice system to reduce the stigma they face when looking for employment and housing.”

A report from The Center for American Progress noted that between 70 million and 100 million Americans have some kind of criminal record. Federal legislation has been introduced which would similarly seal such records. And similar efforts are underway in a number of states, according to a CNN report on the Pennsylvania law.

While arguments continue in Mis-

souri over whether the Clean Missouri amendment opens up legislators’ records to state Sunshine Law requests, the Washington State Supreme Court heard an argument this summer over an identical issue. A lower court decision said that each legislator’s office under that state’s public records law is a “state agency,” and therefore those records are open records. While the litigation was pending, the state legislature rushed through a bill, suspending all normal procedures, to exempt them from the law. The subsequent outpouring of objections from the public and the media led to the ironical result that some of those same legislators asked the Gov-

ernor to veto the bill, which he did.

Meanwhile, the Washington Supreme Court still ponders this issue.

Also this summer, *USA Today* announced a network of its reporters across the country had gathered discipline and accountability records on more than 85,000 law enforcement officers. The first group of records released included more than 30,000

officers from 44 states who have been decertified.

But obtaining such records continues to be nearly impossible. Internal affairs reports are not readily available to the public and body camera video is often not available except in cases where used to show attacks on law enforcement officers. While there is no doubt that “good” cops far out number “bad” cops, that doesn’t mean the public’s right to monitor law enforcement activities is diminished.

What can we conclude from all this? It is our job to continue to remind the public that transparency in government is mandatory to ensure good government. And that access to various opinions from across the community results in a stronger community for all of us.

My reading for the summer has been “Truth in Our Times,” a book by David E. McCraw. David is the top newsroom lawyer for the *New York Times*. He has my job on steroids. In a year they file thousands of public records lawsuits and receive hundreds of letters making libel demands. (Many from Trump’s organization, it appears.)

But I loved this quote from him, and I leave it for you to ponder.

“The First Amendment is not really dead but it will live long only if the American people fall in love with it again. It is no effortless romance. It requires hard work: to not just embrace the right of everyone to speak, but to care about the truth, to listen and hear, to discern as best we can, and to believe that, for all of its gob smacking craziness in our digital present and future, the marketplace of ideas is still a better idea than anything else anyone else has dreamed up.”

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Tentative Schedule

Thursday, September 26

11AM Registration Open
Noon MPF Board Meeting
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2PM-6PM Trade Show Exhibitors Setup Time
7:30-9:30PM Missouri Press Foundation's Gangsters' and Flappers' Night at the Speakeasy!

Friday, September 27

7:30AM-6:30PM | Registration and Better Newspaper Contest Displays Open
8AM-3:45PM | **Trade Show Open**
8:15AM | Breakfast Program and Welcome from Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas
8:45AM | Special Address from Governor Mike Parson
9:15AM | General Session - Amalie Nash, Vice President/local news and audience development, USA Today Network
10:00AM | Business Meeting
10:15AM Trade Show Break
10:30AM | General Session - Jeff Butler, "Authentic Marketing and How to Attract Millennials and Younger Generations to Newspapers"
11:30AM | General Session - "Think Green! The Future of Medical Marijuana in Missouri" with Lyndall Fraker, Missouri's Medical Marijuana Director and Jean Maneke, MPA Attorney
12:15PM | Lunch Program - Bob Kendrick, President of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum
1:15PM | **Trade Show Break**
1:30PM | Question and Answer Session with Senator Roy Blunt
2:00PM | General Session - Jeff Butler "Be a Millennial Talent Magnet"
3:00PM | General Session - Updated Reporters Handbook, Courtroom Protocol, Cameras, and case.net Accessibility
3:45-4:15PM **Get social in the hospitality room – enjoy a beverage and snacks with our trade show vendors!**
6:00PM | Hall of Fame Reception
6:20PM | Silent Auction Ends, Last Call for Bids!
6:30 PM | Hall of Fame Dinner | Hospitality Room Open Following Dinner

Saturday, September 28

8:00AM-11:30AM | Registration Open
8:30AM | Breakfast Program on National WWI Museum and Memorial Presentation with Dr. Matthew Naylor
9:15AM | General Session - Subscription Management Solutions with Andrew Morris of Pelcro, Inc.
10AM **Break**
10:15AM | "News in a Box", Digital Solutions Simplified with Bob Moulton-Ely of Lewis County Press
11AM "What's Your KC Q?", Reader Engagement and Transparency Project with Kansas City Star Editor Mike Fannin
11:30AM Better Newspaper Contest Awards Luncheon

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