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Weekend Wrap-Up of News

Editorial: 'I'm proud of the work newspapers do'

Editorial and cartoon available for reprint

Grateful for newspapers

Thanksgiving is a great time for counting our blessings and expressing gratitude. In challenging times, an attitude of gratitude is all the more important, and this year has been one of the most difficult for so many!

Nevertheless, we've seen many people in communities across our country who have risen to the occasion and gone above and beyond to serve their fellow citizens in the face of all of the difficulties and heartbreak that COVID-19 has wrought.

In this column, CEO Dean Ridings says: "I'm proud of the work newspapers do."



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Protecting First Amendment rights

N.C. newspaper receives support from America's Newspapers in lawsuit filed against local sheriff

America's Newspapers has awarded a \$5,000



grant to The News Reporter in Whiteville, North Carolina, from its [Open Government Litigation Fund](#) to assist the newspaper in a lawsuit filed against the sheriff of Columbus County for withholding incident reports.

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"Public officials can't decide on their own which records are public. We respect that some portions of police investigations need to be conducted in confidence, but the General Assembly has made it abundantly clear that some information is routinely public, even from ongoing investigations."

Les High, publisher. The News Reporter



Industry appointments

Farley stepping down as Citizens' Voice president, publisher

Don Farley, president and publisher of Times-Shamrock Communications, has announced plans to leave at the end of December after a career with stops in every division of the Scranton, Pennsylvania-based company that publishes The Citizens' Voice, The Times-Tribune in Scranton, The Standard-Speaker in Hazleton and the Republican Herald in Pottsville.

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Sacramento Bee executive Lauren Gustus to become Salt Lake Tribune editor

Lauren Gustus becomes the third woman to oversee news gathering at The Salt Lake Tribune in the newspaper's 150-year history. She will hold the title of executive editor and report directly to the board.

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Free webinar: Wednesday, December 2 Boosting Employee Morale and Productivity

It's been a rough year for everyone across the country; this webinar can help address employee morale

The COVID-19 pandemic and the increase in remote working has dramatically changed the daily lives of those in the workforce. It's a change that

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will continue long into 2021. During this webinar, learn how employers can better understand and address loneliness at work.

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Industry news

Del Rio News-Herald publishes final edition

"Retiring the Del Rio News-Herald this week is an incredibly difficult decision, one made only after long and deep consideration," said Leonard Woolsey, president of Southern Newspapers Inc., which owns the News-Herald. "Del Rio is an essential and vibrant community in both Texas' past and future."



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Boone Newspapers' affiliate to acquire Lake Charles American Press and Southwest Daily News

Shearman Company, LLC has entered into a preliminary agreement to sell the assets of two Louisiana newspapers — the American Press in Lake Charles and Southwest Daily News in Sulphur — to Carpenter Newsmedia, an affiliate of Boone Newspapers.

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AAM study looks at the value top marketers and media buyers place on audited media

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5 Reasons Why Buyers Choose and Use Audited Media

Gannett announces refinancing of approximately \$500 million of debt

Gannett Co., Inc. has refinanced approximately \$500 million of its 11.5% term loan, maturing in 2024, with 6.0% convertible notes due in 2027. The refinancing reduces the outstanding term loan to \$1.118 billion.

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