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The next issue of the America's Newspapers newsletter will be published Tuesday, Jan. 4. Season's Greetings from the staff of America's Newspapers! We wish you happy holidays and a prosperous New Year!

To submit an item for the next newsletter, email cdurham@newspapers.org



Update on the LJSA



On Sunday, Senator Joe Manchin told Fox News that he “just can’t” support President Biden’s Build Back Better bill. The Build Back Better (BBB) bill included tax credits for local journalists that was part of the Local Journalism Sustainability Act. Now that passage of the BBB bill is in question, the future of the tax credits for journalists are also up in the air.

America’s Newspapers has strongly supported the Local Journalism Sustainability Act. “I am very grateful for our members’ extraordinary efforts in getting the tax credits for journalists included in the BBB bill, and we’re all disappointed to see the bill scuttled at this time,” said Dean Ridings, America’s Newspapers CEO, who has worked on the bill since mid-2020. Ridings went on to say that “Senator Manchin’s staff told me that the Senator was committed to supporting local journalism, but they also said he wanted to get the entire BBB bill done right, and that was his priority.”

America’s Newspapers will continue to monitor developments related to the tax credits for local journalists and will keep its members apprised of new developments and next steps as they arise.

Attendee registration and sponsor/exhibitor reservations begin for 2022 Mega-Conference

Join us April 10-12 for the premier event in the news media industry

Conference attendees should register at one of the following links. Sponsorship information is being sent to all Solutions Partners today and can be reserved through Patty Slusher: pslusher@newspapers.org.

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#2022MegaConf: Innovation, new solutions and practical applications

The News Industry Mega-Conference is the premier event in the news media industry.

Join us April 10-12 in Orlando, Florida, at the JW Marriott Bonnet Creek Resort and Spa.

As you plan your travel: Please plan to arrive on Sunday, April 10, in time for an opening reception that evening, and to stay through the closing MEGA-Party on Tuesday evening, April 12.

The conference is presented by America's Newspapers, the industry's leading association focused on protecting local newspapers, and supported by the News Media Alliance. Additionally, Editor & Publisher will be the official media partner of this year's event.

"It's great to have the Mega-Conference return, and in such an amazing location," said Dean Ridings, CEO of America's Newspapers. "As the news industry continues to evolve, this meeting is more important than ever. The Mega-Conference is all about innovation, new solutions and practical applications that will help any news organization today. America's Newspapers is proud to bring the Mega-Conference back in 2022."

News Media Alliance President & CEO David Chavern said: "The News Media Alliance is delighted to once again support Mega-Conference, an event where news publishers can come together to hear and share new trends and ideas, strategies and tactics for sustaining our industry and local journalism."

Safety protocols: Safety is our priority! The Mega-Conference will follow CDC recommendations at the time of the conference, including requiring proof of full COVID vaccination or a negative PCR COVID test professionally taken no more than 72 hours prior to attending the conference. Masks are not required, unless CDC guidelines change.

Stay connected with www.mega-conference.com for the latest information about the conference program, attendee registration and sponsorship/exhibit opportunities. **We're looking forward to seeing you at the Mega-Conference!**

Call for entries: Mega-Innovation Award to be presented in Orlando

Tell us about your best innovation from 2021!

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**All entries must be submitted by 11 p.m. (CST)
on Friday, Feb. 25.**

**Entry period for this year's contest:
Calendar year 2021**

With the return of the Mega-Conference, America's Newspapers will be presenting the Mega-Innovation Award again in 2022! This honor will be awarded at the Mega-Conference to a media company, newspaper or corporate office that best represents innovation in the industry. We encourage you to submit a nomination and share your best innovations!

Three finalists will present their innovations at the Mega-Conference. The conference registration fee will be waived for one representative from each finalist company who makes the presentation.

In addition, the GRAND PRIZE winner will receive \$500, a beautiful plaque and recognition by industry peers!



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Anna Johnson named Washington bureau chief for The Associated Press

Executive Editor Julie Pace and Head of Global News Gathering Paul Haven have announced that Anna Johnson, AP news director for Europe and Africa, has been named Washington bureau chief.

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Karl Ritter named Northern Europe news director

Karl Ritter is the AP's new Northern Europe news director. For the past five years, he has been the AP's news director for Southern Europe and will be heading up north in early 2022 to start his new role.

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Longtime Winchester Star circulation manager retires

Winchester (Virginia) Star Circulation Manager Bill Green has retired after nearly 20 years with the newspaper.

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Dec. 31 - New Year's holiday. Offices are closed.

April 10-12 - [News Industry Mega-Conference](#), Orlando, Florida

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