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LINCOLN — The highest honor that can be bestowed upon members by the Nebraska Press Association (NPA) has been awarded to Elna Johnson, former co-publisher of the Imperial Republican, Grant Tribune-Sentinel, Wauneta Breeze and Holyoke (CO) Enterprise and winner of the National Newspaper Association's McKinney Award in 1990.

At an April 17 awards banquet, attended by more than 100 journalists, Johnson was awarded the Master Editor-Publisher Award. She is the 44th person so cited by the NPA, the state's oldest trade association, which is comprised of all 171 daily and weekly newspapers in Nebraska.

Previous winners of the Master Editor-Publisher Award are:

The late Joe W. Seacrest of Lincoln
The late Fred Seaton of Hastings
The late Jack Lough of Albion
The late Ronald R. Furse of Aurora
The late James W. Kirkman of North Platte
The late Jack Lowe of Sidney
The late Lyman P. Cass of Ravenna
Harold W. Andersen of Omaha
J. Alan Cramer of Wayne
The late Robert Bogue of Oakland
The late H. Dwight King of Holdrege
The late George Miller of Plattsmouth
The late Joe R. Seacrest of Lincoln
The late Everette Waters of Bertrand
The late Henry Mead of Seward
The late Henry Trysla of South Sioux City
The late Ray Dover of Valentine
The late Norris Alfred of Polk
The late Fred Rose of Ainsworth
The late Jack Tarr of David City
David Beliles of Grand Island

The late Jack Pollock of Ogallala
The late Doug Duncan of Papillion
Bob Pinkerton of Kimball
Lee Warneke of Plainview
Jerry Huse of Norfolk
The late Lloyd Reeves of Crete
The late Arnie Kuhn of Hemingford
Ken Rhoades of Blair
The late Loral Johnson of Imperial
Alton "Mook" Wilhelms of Stromsburg
Clancy Hebda of Fullerton
Richard Lindberg of West Point
R.L. "Butch" Furse of Aurora
William C. Nuckolls of Fairbury
The late Theodore "Ted" Huettmann of Wisner
John Gottschalk of Omaha
Dean Dorsey of Cozad
Gilbert M. Savery of Lincoln
Zean Carney of Wahoo
Donald L. Russell of Sutton
Ted Gill of Arapahoe
Gene Morris of Norfolk

The Nebraska Press Association is proud to call Elna Johnson the 44th Master Editor-Publisher.