

## Calendar of Events

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## **Longtime World-Herald regional editor, Eugene “Gene” Beran, dies at 88**

*Kevin Cole, Omaha World-Herald, Apr. 5, 2019*

Eugene “Gene” Beran, who served as regional editor at the Omaha World-Herald for 27 years, died March 31, 2019, at Brighton Gardens assisted living facility in Omaha at the age of 88.

Beran, who began working at The World-Herald in 1966 until he retired in 1993, was the regional editor overseeing coverage of the Nebraska Legislature and state government.

David Hendee, a longtime World-Herald reporter who retired last year, said Beran was a great mentor for the copy editors and reporters who had the privilege to work with him. “He worked what seemed to be nearly two full shifts daily - and not only when the Legislature was in session,” Hendee said. “Under intense pressure from the front office and unforgiving deadlines for the afternoon and morning editions, he handled it all with grace.”

Beran attended Fairbury (NE) Junior College before serving in the U.S. Navy. He then returned to finish his degree at UNL. After a short stint at the Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief, he joined The World-Herald.

Funeral services were held April 5 at St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church in Omaha, with interment at Prairie Home Cemetery in Beran’s hometown of Diller. Memorials are suggested to St. Augustine Episcopal Church or the American Cancer Society.

Beran was preceded in death by Carole, his wife of 61 years. He is survived by sons Jim and Michael Beran of Omaha, and their families.

## **Joint board minutes available for February 1, 2019, NPA/OnePress meeting**

Minutes from the February 1 joint winter board meeting (conference call) are available to NPA members. Contact Susan Watson at [nebpress@nebpress.com](mailto:nebpress@nebpress.com) if you’d like a copy of the minutes.

## **UNL journalism students available to help newspapers cover effects of flooding, winter weather across the state**

The UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communications is looking at ways to deploy the talent, skills and energy of its students and faculty to help Nebraska media outlets cover the devastating effect of flooding and winter weather across the state.

The college is looking for short-term and long-term opportunities for students to get involved in the coverage.

**If your publication is interesting in working with the CoJMC as part of this project, or if you have story/photo suggestions, please contact Jennifer Sheppard at [jsheppard4@unl.edu](mailto:jsheppard4@unl.edu).**

## **May is Beef Month**

The Nebraska Beef Council has Beef Month information out on their website right now for media partners:

<https://www.nebeef.org/about-us/beef-month/>.

If you have specific requests or would like additional content, please contact: Adam Wegner, Director of Marketing, Nebraska Beef Council, 1319 Central Ave, Kearney, NE 68847; Phone: 308-236-7551; [adam@nebeef.org](mailto:adam@nebeef.org).



## Mobile microlearning works! Sample the first course in digital journalism delivered to your phone

By Linda Austin, project director, Associated Press Media Editors' NewsTrain, March, 2019

Almost two years ago, I asked for help in identifying your training needs in digital journalism. More than 700 of you responded to a survey, with three-quarters supporting the idea of bite-size lessons delivered via your smartphone.



The idea was to overcome the biggest obstacle to training for journalists — lack of time — by providing learning in five-minute chunks that could be consumed while on public transit or waiting in line. In the past decade, mobile microlearning has taken off in other industries but not yet in journalism.

Now, the results are back from that first course in digital journalism delivered via mobile microlearning, using the EdApp. And you responded enthusiastically.

All of the 35 journalists who took that first course — The 5 C's of Writing News for Mobile Audiences — would recommend it to other journalists interested in the subject.

Read the full post:

<https://www.rjionline.org/stories/mobile-microlearning-works-sample-the-first-course-in-digital-journalism-de>

## Georgia Republicans propose “Journalism Ethics Board” and fines for news outlets

By State News, Apr. 9, 2019

A bill filed by Republicans in the Georgia House this week proposes a “Journalism Ethics Board” to oversee coverage in the state. It also suggests fines and sanctions to punish outlets that don't comply with parts of the proposed law.

The bill, sponsored by state Republican Andy Welch, calls for the creation of an “independent” board to make “canons and ethics” and “rules and regulations” for journalism in Georgia.

The board would be housed at the University of Georgia's journalism and communications school and comprise three editors, three news producers, two digital journalists and one retired journalism professor.

The legislation says the board could investigate complaints about ethics violations, and develop a “voluntary accreditation process in journalism ethics,” which would only be awarded to news organizations where every employee has accreditation. Accredited journalists and outlets could be “sanctioned” for violations, which could include “probation” and “public reprimand.”

Click here to read the full story:

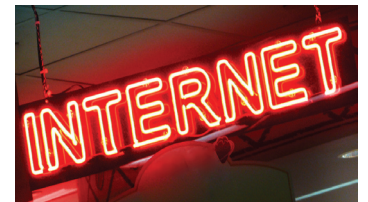
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## Beware of internet art...it ain't free

By Bill Rogers, Executive Director, South Carolina Press Association, Mar. 27, 2019

I talked to a weekly publisher last week about a bug.

A mosquito to be exact. His newspaper ran a picture of one that was likely picked up from the internet four years ago and ran with a story about mosquitoes.



Out of the blue this month, a lawyer contacted him demanding \$1,000 for the use of a copyrighted photo they found on his website and contended it is a copyrighted image by one of his clients.

What do you do?

First, negotiate. The law firm was willing to cut the fee by more than half.

Second, stop using internet art if you don't have permission to do so.

These lawyers have set up a cottage industry shaking down newspapers and other media outlets for copyright violations.

They demand a small enough amount that it is not worth the paper fighting them in court. You would spend many times over the \$1,000 demanded if you had to hire a lawyer. And you would likely lose.

So talk to your staff. Tell them not to Google a topic and then pick up a photo to use.

Some years ago, a publisher was threatened suit over using a Mark Twain quote in an ad.

Another publisher got a photo of a band from the local chamber and ran it. The chamber didn't own the copyright to the photo and they also were shaken down for several hundred dollars by the band.

It is very easy these days to spot violations using Google Images. Make sure you use copyright-free images.

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