

Summer intern takes her shot

Lily Huff, an intern at The Lincoln County News, uses a pickup as a photo platform while shooting a B1 bomber coming down Manvel Avenue in Chandler. The photo on the bottom shows the picture Huff took of the B1 bomber. Huff, a student at Oklahoma Baptist University, was one of the recipients of an Oklahoma Newspaper Foundation internship.



The Oklahoman expands Sunday edition

The Oklahoman recently announced that its Sunday edition is growing.

In a letter to readers in the July 18 edition, Oklahoman executive editor Ray Rivera announced the addition of eight pages to the Sunday Oklahoman.

Some of the new features include:

- More local news, and more room for exclusive watchdog reporting, features and photography.
- New weekly features called "Oklahoma Stories," which will explore the history, people and places that define Oklahoma City and the region.
- A weekly full-page graphic called "Grading Oklahoma" that shows how Oklahoma is doing compared with the rest of the nation or region on metrics such as child well-being, education, air quality, health and other areas.
- A weekly feature called "The Landmarks Around Us," exploring the history and background of special places that are often taken for granted, like murals, historical markers or places that have become a neighborhood institution.
- An expanded Sunday Life section with more coverage on health, books, family life and the arts and entertainment.
- A page devoted to historical photos that chart how the region has changed over time.
- An expanded editorial section with more space for letters, guest columns and community conversations on key issues impacting the city and region.

"We hope these enhancements make for a more enriching Sunday reading experience as you thumb through our pages every week," said Rivera.

The stories are also available in the e-Edition, which has extra features such as access to archives, share and save articles, and audio storytelling.



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From the President

By John Denny Montgomery

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My first deadline as a journalist?

I remember it like it was yesterday. It was 1988 or 89 in Tishomingo, Okla. I was in kindergarten and it was bring-your-pet-to-school day. Seeing as we didn't have a dog, cat or proper pet, I promptly went out and caught a horny toad the night before — my favorite reptile or lizard of all time. I still get a thrill when I (rarely) see them.

My good buddy Mark provided me with a heavy-duty stainless steel cat cage from his dad, Rod Hall, (who's now the State Veterinarian for Oklahoma) to display my "pet" and latest catch that morning and I was in full display mode.

The pet show was to be held in the last hour or so of school as to give us kiddos ample time to boast of our pets and admire our fellow classmates' little buddies.

I was none-too-happy when my mom, Gracie, arrived off cue and prematurely to pick me up for the day.

As we drove back to the Johnston County Capital-Democrat she explained to me how the press run had returned to the newspaper late and they needed all hands on deck.

I helped collate papers and take the mail to the post office for the rest of the afternoon and I've been held to a deadline ever since!

I have no clue what happened to the horny toad but I know print journalism was stuck in my veins. I've gotten a thrill and a thousand gray hairs on Wednesdays ever since then.

‘We're all in this profession for the right reasons. ... It's satisfying to know that we are a part of history. And, our success is imperative for the continued success of our communities.’

Starting when I was in junior high school and continuing through college, I caught the run off the press at The Purcell Register. I literally caught every paper that came off the press and stacked them into piles on a nearby table. People that have done this in their life get it, and those who haven't will never have a clue what this entails.

It was an honor when I was invited to the local watering hole for an after-work beer when I earned the respect and trust of The Purcell Register press crew. It wasn't easy being the boss' son in the back shop, but they knew I was in it for the right reasons.

We're all in this profession for the right reasons. We do it for reasons like government accountability, to highlight the best of humanity and to shed light of the world's shortfalls. We're in this profession to document and remember the tragedy and the triumph and everything in between. It's satisfying to know that we are a part of history. And, our success is imperative for the continued success of our communities.

We'd be hard-pressed to find anyone in this who does it for the money. As the old joke goes, if you want to end up with a small fortune in the newspaper business you need to start with a large fortune!

We're in one of the noblest professions in the world and we should all take pride in that. Journalism is in all of our blood or else we'd probably find an easier job.

Journalism and how it's consumed is ever evolving — just like everything else in the world. We're all doing our best to navigate these new and uncharted waters and OPA will be here for all of us to help and support our missions of delivering news and advertising to readers.

Because it's in our blood.

Lawsuit alleges open meeting violations

A lawsuit filed in Oklahoma District Court July 30 alleges the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority violated the state's Open Meeting Act when it adopted emergency rules in June.

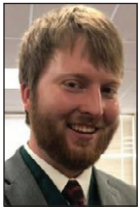
The lawsuit (CJ-2021-3193) says the Food Safety Standards Board published an incomplete and "intentionally misleading" agenda and failed to give timely public notice of its June 16 meeting.

Filed on behalf of two Oklahoma residents by Tulsa-based attorney Ron Durbin and co-counsel Rachel Bussett, the lawsuit says an agenda for June 16 was not publicly available 24 hours before the meeting and that the agenda that materialized later was incomplete and did not include details of amendments to the emergency rules that were up for consideration.

The Medical Marijuana Authority, Commissioner Kelly Williams and top officials at the Oklahoma State Department of Health are named in the lawsuit.

The lawsuit asks a judge to find that the Food Safety Standards Board violated the Open Meeting Act and to prohibit the enforcement of the emergency rules as a result.

New sports editor at The Norman Transcript



Jesse Crittenden has been named sports editor for The Norman Transcript.

Crittenden was previously a news writer for The Transcript for almost two years. He left the newspaper

to pursue other opportunities outside of journalism.

Crittenden grew up in Stilwell, Oklahoma, and later received two bachelor's degrees from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

While in college, he covered high school sports for the Tahlequah Daily Press and was sports editor for

The Northeastern student newspaper for two semesters.

"My goal is to make connections with the sports community here in Norman," said Crittenden. "I want The Transcript to reflect its community's sports teams and the people that are part of them."

Traci Chapman receives American Legion award



Traci Chapman, a staff writer at the Mustang Times, has been named American

Legion Department of Oklahoma 2021 Media Support Journalist of the Year.

This is the third time

she has been awarded the Legion state honor and the fourth time she received the Mustang Post 353 media support award, which was officially awarded to her during the organization's July meeting.

In a letter recommending Chapman for the state award, Post 353 Command-

er John Sears said Chapman takes pride in taking care of "her" veterans.

"She does that often without recognition," Sears said in his letter.

Chapman has worked for the Mustang Times since July 2014.

FOI Oklahoma call for annual award nominations

FOI Oklahoma is now accepting nominations for its annual awards.

Nominations for the Marian Opala First Amendment Award, Ben Blackstock Award, Bickham-Hale Service Award, Sunshine Award and Black Hole

Award will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. September 15.

The awards celebrate the people and organizations who exemplify the values of and fight tirelessly for transparency, freedom of information, and the First

Amendment, and identify those who go out of their way to keep things in the dark.

For more information about the awards and to make a nomination, visit <https://www.foioklahoma.org/awards>

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Henryetta Free-Lance staff member Rebekah Bailey announces the start of the BINGO game.

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The Henryetta Free-Lance is kicking off BINGO with a chance to win a share of \$500 in cash prizes.

An official BINGO game card was inserted in the July 23 edition of the Free-Lance. Winning numbers could be found starting in the July 28 edition in participating advertisers' ads.

Each of the sponsors' ads will contain one BINGO call number in every issue until all prizes have been awarded.

"We're always looking for ways to involve our readers," said Tracy Goza, Free-Lance editor and office manager. "We wanted to give not only our subscribers but our single copy purchaser's additional enjoyment over the next couple of months through the paper. We chose Bingo for this readership game because we know it's popular and an easy game to play."

The first person to present a winning BINGO card at the Henryetta Free-Lance office will be a prize winner. The game concludes once all cash prizes are awarded.

OKMULGEE TIMES KICKS OFF TREASURE HUNT

The Okmulgee Times kicked off its Treasure Hunt in July offering readers the opportunity to win a trove of prizes from local merchants and \$500 in cash provided by First Family Credit Union.

Participating businesses offer customers who visit and shop an opportunity to collect a key, which can be used to try to unlock the treasure chest located at the Okmulgee Times' office.

The first person to open the chest will win the cash and prizes donated by local retailers.

Participants may also stop by the Times office and receive one key per day.



PURCELL REGISTER LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

The Purcell Register recently launched a new website at purcellregister.com.

The new, more interactive site will provide a better user experience with expanded features, said Purcell Register co-publisher John Denny Montgomery.

"We're really excited to be able to offer our readers a better experience when visiting purcellregister.com," said Montgomery. "Overall, the site will be an important place for our visitors to find information quickly and efficiently."



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News Media Alliance, NNA ask court to stop postal rate increase

Organizations including the National Newspaper Association and the News Media Alliance petitioned the US Court of Appeals for the District Court of Columbia Circuit to issue a stay preventing the US Postal Service from increasing postal rates on August 29.

The motion for a stay is the second attempt to halt the rates, brought in a lawsuit challenging the Postal Regulatory Commission's authority to allow rate increases beyond the inflation-based cap in the

Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act.

Before USPS announced the August increase, the mailers' groups had asked for a judicial stay, but were turned down because the size of the rate increase was not yet known. Increases of nearly 9% are ahead for Periodicals newspapers.

Now that the impending rates are known, mailers say the damage from them will be irreparable unless the court holds off the increase until the end of the lawsuit.

Oral argument in the

appeal is set for September 13. Unless the Court grants the stay the postage rates will go into effect before the Court makes its decision about the PRC authority to allow increases.

NNA Chair Brett Wesner, president of Wesner Publications, Cordell, Oklahoma, said: "We were shocked that the Postal Service decided to implement such dramatic postage increases just as the economy is struggling to re-emerge from the COVID shutdowns. The increases

for newspaper mailers will be more than four times what they would have been under the inflation cap, but the ability of our readers and customers to pay for these increases certainly is still being held down by the very real cap on economic activity from COVID. NNA thanks News Media Alliance for forming our team to oppose the increases and get some clarity in what we can expect from the Postal Service in the future."

Burglars hit Healdton Herald office

The Healdton Herald newspaper office was broken into on July 26. Christi Blakemore, publisher of The Herald, reported in the July 29 issue that two Mac minis, a router, network

switch, scanner and the petty cash box were taken. "The most frustrating part is the loss of hours and hours and hours worth of work files on those computers," Blakemore said.

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Clu Harkins leads a horse ridden by his son, Peanut Harkins, during the Chandler Roundup Club Play Day.

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El Reno High School freshman second baseman Davin Shamblin takes a shoulder to the chin from a Putnam City West base runner while covering first base during the Indians game with the Patriots in Red Dirt League action. Shamblin was unable to hold onto the ball for the out but got back up after a few minutes to finish the game and play the remainder of the doubleheader. He had a cut on the face from his sunglasses.

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Meet the 2021 ONF Summer Interns

Thanks to a grant from the Inasmuch Foundation, 19 journalism students received paid internships at various newspapers across the state. The internship program, now in its 13th year, is facilitated by the Oklahoma Newspaper Foundation. This month, six interns share their experiences. More will be featured in the September and October issues of The Oklahoma Publisher.



**Jessie Smith, *The Oklahoman*
The University of Oklahoma**

I didn't know what to expect coming into The Oklahoman newsroom. I had graduated from The University of Oklahoma only two weeks beforehand, and most of my fall semester had been spent doing journalism out of a hotel room in Washington, D.C. As it turns out, the staff was also just returning to the offices, after the pandemic had forced them to work from home for a year. It was nice to know everyone — not just me — had some adjusting to do.

When I started here, I was under the impression I would be a general assignment reporter, writing daily articles about whatever the editors decided to give me. That still happened, but I quickly found myself diving into lengthier enterprise reporting on topics of business and health. I was happy to do it, as I feel it put the skills I'd acquired from my past experience in longform writing to best use.

There's always a story to be found if you dig deep enough, and I wrote some of my best stories during the past two months at The Oklahoman. Managing editor Don Mecoy entrusted me with a challenging story on the

impact of COVID-19 on families and the funeral service industry. The reporting I undertook for that article was a good example of what happens when the facts of a situation lead you down a different path than your initial assumption.

Staff reporter Nolan Clay let me accompany him while reporting on a high-profile murder trial, an emotional first-time experience for me, and fellow veteran reporter Steve Lackmeyer offered insightful advice on how to ensure a month-long report on neglected Classen Circle businesses made it to the finish line. News director Ryan Sharp was incredibly patient as I conducted the reporting for my contributions to our "Landmarks Around Us" series, and business editor David Dishman was immensely helpful every step of the way as I penned an ambitious article on food deserts in Oklahoma City.

I owe everyone at The Oklahoman a sincere debt of gratitude for making me feel welcome at the newsroom during an unforgettable summer. I face the future with a renewed sense of hope for my budding professional career, and a new level of confidence that, no matter what obstacle might stand in my way of getting to the truth, I can make any mountain move.

**Ben Hutchens, *Guthrie News Leader*
Oklahoma State University**



I've lived in Guthrie for the last eight years but hadn't experienced Guthrie until this summer.

Four days a week I drove 12 minutes to Oklahoma Avenue, the heart of town, to the Guthrie News Leader. While working at the News Leader, I got to experience my hometown differently than I ever had before. I was part of the community.

Attending Guthrie city council meetings, chamber luncheons and high school baseball games got me involved in ways I had never previously been involved. I interviewed owners of local restaurants and businesses. These personal interactions allowed me to feel the fabric of the small-town community firsthand. Even some out-of-towners helped me fully experience Guthrie. Josh Brandon, a movie director and native of Sydney, Australia, explained to me why

Guthrie is a hotbed for movie crews. It has to do with the friendly people who accommodate movie crews blocking streets and sidewalks and city officials willing to be on call 24/7 in case a door needs unlocked, or a streetlight turned off.

My most unique story of the summer — ranking each of Guthrie's 26 defined historical locations — educated me on the rich history of the town I grew up in. After two long days of hiking from signpost to signpost in 100-degree heat, I felt more connected with the place I worked in than ever before.

Because of my time spent at the Guthrie News Leader, it isn't sufficient to say I live in Guthrie. I am a part of Guthrie.



**Madolyn Mayo, *Sequoyah County Times*
Duke University**

Unlike most people in this internship program, instead of leaving home to travel to a new city and a new newspaper, I returned home to work. Coming back after so long away was strange, especially because I became more involved in the community than I ever was before.

Becoming more engaged in local events and government was not only useful for my job but opened up a side of Sequoyah County that I wasn't previously aware of.

While growing up, I was too focused on school to learn more than a vague overview of the events of our area. It was almost surprising to see all the concerts, fundraisers and other events happening. Even if I didn't plan on participating, it was nice to hear and write about everything our county had.

The community was helpful when welcoming me back, providing me with information and entertaining my questions about what had been happening the last two years. I faced the normal struggle of ignored calls and emails, but overall, my interactions were positive and left me feeling more confident in my role.

My colleagues at the paper were amazing to work with. They were very supportive of my work, and answered all my questions, even when they weren't the smartest.

Editor Roy Faulkenberry provided critique and advice on my writing that I know I will use for the rest of my life. Reporter Lynn McCulley gave me great ideas on stories and advice on how to make interviews successful. It was a great environment to work in.

My favorite project was one of my earliest ones, a feature article about the first responders in the fire department. It was my first interview, and I hadn't yet found my confidence despite the prewritten list of questions. However, Fire Chief Armstrong was kind, and answered all my questions thoroughly while giving me a tour. I was proud of the quality of my work when the column was published, especially when it landed on the top of the front page.

Seeing how the community reacted and recovered to the pandemic was interesting and heartening. I covered more charity events and fundraisers than I thought possible for how small our county is. Seeing everyone come together to support each other made me so proud.

This internship has been such an amazing experience. I'm so thankful for my coworkers, the Oklahoma Newspaper Foundation, and everyone who has helped make my internship as great as it was. No matter where my career takes me, I know that the skills and experiences I had throughout this summer will be invaluable in my future work.

**Elyssa Gerstel, *OKC Friday*
University of Missouri-Columbia**



The power of community connections should never be overlooked in the storytelling business.

Most everyone can follow a formula to write or even use some creativity to make a news story interesting and understandable. However, the formidable truth is that connections within a community are a skill you cannot learn in a classroom setting or by reading a textbook. You must immerse yourself in the field, earn respect with professionalism and kindness and believe in your abilities as a reporter.

Before my internship at OKC Friday newspaper, I was confident in my ability to write news stories and editorials as I had written dozens in college. However, I struggled with projecting myself as the professional journalist I know I am. Moreover, I was concerned my age would get in the way of being taken seriously.

Throughout this summer, I realized that leading with conviction and honesty when asking for or giving interviews was the most vital thing I could have learned. Believing in my abilities as a journalist would speak for itself and making connections with sources goes a long way in community reporting.

Making connections with people regardless of their perceived social status goes a long way as a journalist.

Be polite and professional. Apologize when you are late or wrong and call people by their proper titles. Research before your interview and remember little details. All these actions make a lasting impact on the credibility you have as a journalist.

I would like to thank the OKC Friday newspaper for giving me hands-on journalistic experience and for treating me like a vital part of the team. In particular, I would like to thank Rose Lane, the managing editor of OKC Friday, for believing in me and pushing me to create the best stories possible. I am humbled and honored to have worked with such a knowledgeable and friendly team.

I am grateful to the Oklahoma Newspaper Foundation for giving me such a wonderful and educational opportunity this summer. I will apply the lessons I have learned this summer going forward. I hope to give back to the community with my writing and will always remember this internship experience. Thank you!



Charles Ajjarapu, *The Lawton Constitution* Cameron University

A blessing is something valuable to one's happiness or welfare. They come in different sizes, different in impact and in time. For me, interning at The

Lawton Constitution was valuable to my happiness and welfare.

On the first day of being an intern, I had no idea what to expect. Without the barrier of morning classes and late-night study sessions, this was the first time I was able to devote all my time to creating, developing and writing stories. I have done some freelancing jobs in Comanche and Stephens counties for high school sports, but this was the real deal. I was beyond nervous that I would, quite simply, fail.

Upon arriving at The Constitution, I quickly became acquainted with editor DeeAnn Patterson and assisting editing manager Gary Reddin. From the get-go, I found out that I would spend a lot of time with Patterson. Every day I was in her office laying out my plans, getting story ideas and photo opportunities. What I got out of it was the best way to organize all my stuff.

I spent a lot of the first two weeks with Reddin, discovering how to become a professional reporter for the publication. Being able to see how he covered a story was one of the best parts of my experience. He understood the art

of making questions for the story sound like conversation pieces. It's an aspect I have taken into my own account and try to use.

Thanks to both of you for being one of the aspects in my growth as a writer. I appreciate the guidance more than you will ever know.

It would be an injustice to leave out the rest of the crew at The Constitution. Thank you to crime reporter Scott Rains for taking me under your wing. From giving me little journalism tips to reading over my stories, I could not appreciate you enough for what you did for me.

Chris Wilson and Glenn Brockenbush were big assets in my experience. With all the questions I had, Wilson made me feel sane that I did not have all the answers. I've worked with Brockenbush in the past, covering high school sports as a correspondent. With that already established, I found someone I can nerd over sports with.

To the rest of the newsroom, thank you all so much for your kindness, willingness to help me and showing me what true professionals look like. This experience exceeded all my expectations, and for once in my young life, I was excited to get to work. Thank you for being the best.

Lily Huff, *The Lincoln County News* Oklahoma Baptist University



Print news is dying. If you work in the news world, you have probably been told this by an estranged uncle who hates the media or, worse, by a random stranger you just met. As a student, I am not any less a casualty of this prophecy.

I firmly believe in the philosophy that the pen is stronger than the sword and believe journalism is the best way to use words as an avenue for change. Before this internship, I would give more weight to the idea that print news is dying. After experiencing a newsroom, I believe that there is more weight in the idea that the pen is stronger than the sword.

During my internship, I wrote a weekly column and various pieces focusing on town events, and I learned how to take photos and develop film. I went to events ranging from Fire Truck Showdowns to a Noodling Festival. Out of all the events I attended, the one that made the greatest impact on me was going to the first-ever Chandler Sweeps.

Going to this event was one of my earlier assignments, and I didn't think much of it. The tenet of the event was as follows: two Chandler locals decided to do a service event for the community where they swept and cleaned up

Manvel Avenue. Leading up to the event, participants called the paper with updates, giving a heads-up on how many people were coming and confirming that I knew where everything was going to occur.

After two weeks of calls, interviews and confirmations, the event was upon us. I watched as a wide array of people cleaned the popular street. The week following the event, I was finding names and quotes to use in my story. Thankfully, the community was more than excited to be able to talk about the service event that seemed to go off without a hitch.

I was honored to be able to write about a simple event that highlighted the pride this community had in their town. Looking back, I am spurred on to continue writing, to fight against the so-called fate of print news and to shine a light on people. Print news may die and the world may go completely digital, but for now, long live print news and the good it can show in the lives of people.

Windows 11 October release date, specs and features



Computer Notes

from the road
by Wilma Newby
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Windows 11 is expected to be released in October 2021. This is a major update of the Windows operating system.

If your newspaper plans to update to Windows 11, read this column before starting.

First and foremost is to backup your system. Search for and open **Control panels**. Now look for the **Backup and Restore** button and follow the steps in the Wizard. Back up to an external hard drive or to another drive on the network, not your own computer. This gives you a clear path to restore your programs and files if things go bad.

Next, create a system image that is a backup of Windows 10 as it is now. In the same **Backup and Restore** program look at the left pane. Choose **Create a system image** and follow the steps in the Wizard. Administrator permission will be required. You can use a flash drive to create the system image, but it must be formatted as a NTFS file system.

Microsoft says there is a feature for reinstalling Windows 10 if a problem occurs, but if things go

wrong it could require a clean install.

Check to make sure all your software will run on Windows 11. There is a Microsoft tool to see if the computer meets these specs but so far it's been unreliable.

Many older computers will not be able to update to Windows 11 so get a good copy of the latest Windows 10. You can download it at <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/software-download/windows10ISO>. If you have older Windows computers they can be upgraded using this tool. Microsoft will support Windows 10 until 2025.

To run Windows 11, computers must meet these specs:

- One gigahertz with two or more cores with compatible **64-bit processor**. That means 32-bit computers would first need to be updated to 64-bit, then go to Windows 11.
 - At least 4-gigabyte of RAM; I personally recommend even more.
 - Older computers would need a 64-gigabyte hard drive as a minimum for newspaper work, and a 500-gigabyte hard drive would be even better.
- Additional specs include:
- DirectX 12 or later graphics card with WDDM 2.0 driver.
 - A high definition (720p)

display that is greater than 9" diagonally, 8-bits per color channel.

- Trusted Platform Module (TPM) chip version 2.0. The system firmware must be UEFI, Secure Boot capable.
- The computer must be able to connect to the internet.
- A Microsoft account to install Windows 11.

Windows 11 is going to be much more Apple like. The task bar looks like the dock on a Macintosh computer, and there's a very Apple-like Mission Control windows switching capability. The Start menu will look more like an app in the task bar. The only location for the task bar icon is at the bottom of the screen, and apps are restricted from customized areas of the task bar.

Internet Explorer will be removed from the system and replaced with Microsoft Edge. Microsoft Edge includes an IE mode, which may be useful in certain scenarios but has limited capability.

Live tiles are going away from the start menu in Windows 11 and the Microsoft News program has expanded to a bigger program in a new location.

Wallet and Timeline are gone in Windows 11. Other things that will be missing

from a clean install are 3D Viewer, OneNote for Windows 10, Paint 3D and Skype. These last apps can be downloaded from the App Store.

Windows 11 will be more secure and less open. The 32-bit programs will be able to work on Windows even though 32-bit hardware (CPUs) are not supported.

According to reports, Windows 11 will have one major update a year, like Apple. That update will not be forced on users of Windows 10, as are other updates. For now it will be delivered as an optional update.

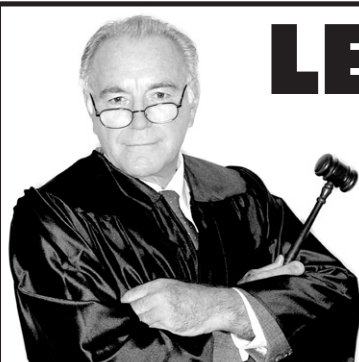
The great news is that it's a free update for users back to Windows 7.

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MAX HEATH, the National Newspaper Association's postal chair emeritus, died July 28, 2021. He was 75.

Heath went into semi-retirement as NNA's Postal Committee chair in phases during the past several years but remained as a consultant until his death.

He was executive editor of Landmark Community Newspapers Inc. for 21 years before retiring into a consultancy that continued until the newspaper's sale to Paxton Media in 2021.

Heath served 35 years as chair of the Postal Committee of the National Newspaper Association and wrote a monthly Postal Tips column for Publisher's Auxiliary. He was named to the Postal Service Mailer's Technical Advisory Com-

mittee representing NNA from 1989 to 2017.

He served on numerous task forces and special committees to oversee the many changes in USPS and to guide its technical and logistical initiatives to preserve the affordable national mail delivery options of the community newspapers he so cherished.

As NNA's top guru, he conducted dozens of training seminars for NNA and other newspaper associations through the early 2000s, retiring only from the travel and never from the advisory function.

He received the NNA President's Award in 1989 and 1997, Ambassador Award in 1992, and coveted Amos Award for service to community newspapers in

1994. He conducted seminars on "Maximizing Postal Savings and Delivery" for newspaper associations and groups for 25 years.

Heath is a past president of both the Kentucky Press Association and the Hoosier State Press Association. He was named to the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame in 1996 and was honored with a Distinguished Service Award by the HSPA in 2006.

After graduating from Campbellsville University in Kentucky, Heath served in the U.S. Army from 1969-71.

He is survived by his wife, the former Ruth Ann Sullivan; son Jason of Louisville; and two nephews.

ROBERT L. SHAW, who worked for The Associated Press for more than 40 years, died July 15, 2021, in the Dallas suburb of Lewisville. He was 79.

Shaw was the AP bureau chief in Little Rock, Arkansas, when he retired in 2007. He also led bureaus in Oklahoma and Indiana.

A native of Conway, Arkansas, Shaw began his

journalism career at the Arkansas Gazette in Little Rock. He joined the AP in St. Louis in 1965 and transferred to the Little Rock bureau the following year.

He was promoted to bureau chief in Oklahoma City in 1984, named bureau chief in Indianapolis in 1989, and became bureau chief in Indianapolis in 1996.

Shaw was a graduate of what is now the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

He is survived by his sister, Betty Dent of Mammelle, Arkansas; son Robbie Shaw of North Little Rock, Arkansas; daughter Erin Moore of Flower Mound, Texas, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Letter from the Editor

We witnessed a convergence of special days this past weekend: The summer solstice, Father's Day and Juneteenth. At long last the latter was named a federal holiday marking the end of slavery in America in 1865.

In 2022, Juneteenth (June 19) will fall on a Sunday. By federal law, some offices and services in Mangum and Hollis will be closed. It is unknown what the Postal Service will do.

This is the 11th federal holiday on the American calendar: New Year's Day, MLK's birthday, President's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day (see below), Thanksgiving and Christmas.

But something's missing. We thank the military, we honor workers, we honor a man who sacrificed his life for equality and justice. We mark the two summer days in which most of our ancestors earned their freedoms. We even honor the 46 men who have occupied the highest office in the land.

So it's long past time to honor the millions of people who sacrificed their lives in giving this land over to America – and it's also high time we stop honoring Columbus for anything. I'm sorry Italian Americans, but you will have to find another hero.

Columbus should remain in the history books where he belongs. Teach that he was the first to successfully sail the Atlantic in a thousand years. Also teach that he immediately enslaved native populations anywhere he "discovered" them. But a national holiday to honor him? No more.

Instead of creating another day off for our federal work force, our government should simply switch the October day to "Indigenous Peoples' Day" to recognize those who survived the American holocaust as well as those who did not. After all, most of this land we call America was not so much "given" as it was taken at gunpoint.

The "taming" of America was a long and bloody business on both sides. But remember this: From the native perspective, they were defending the homeland. You'd probably have done the same.

We call on our federal delegation from Oklahoma, the land of the Red People, to consider introduction of legislation at the US Capitol for the creation of a national holiday for Indigenous People.



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