

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Co-publisher/co-owner, The Ouray County Plaindealer – Ridgway, CO

April 2019-current

- Purchased 142-year-old weekly newspaper serving rural western Colorado with 1,500 print circulation, estimated 10,000 readership online + print reach.
- Continued in-depth reporting on local issues, in addition to managing payroll, bookkeeping, circulation, some advertising and contributors. Redesigned newspaper, transitioned publication to production with Adobe InDesign, transitioned paper to new website and social media.
- Won nine Colorado Press Association awards for reporting over the course of six months.

Reporter/columnist, The Daily Sentinel – Grand Junction, CO

2015 – 2019 as reporter, 2012 – 2019 as columnist

- Specialized in investigative articles, human-interest stories and social issues.
- Won several Colorado Press Association awards (humor column, breaking news, best series, public service) multiple years in a row, Society of Professional Journalists Top of the Rockies Awards for news writing, series, public service and environmental reporting.
- Produced video, shot photos and promoted stories on social media platforms.
- Stories regularly disseminated regionally, nationally by Associated Press, featured in The Denver Post, U.S. News & World Report, other major metro publications.

Independent journalist

June 2012 – July 2015

- Write articles for various publications on a freelance basis, covering everything from water law to agricultural issues, stories on school lunch and feature profiles. Met deadlines and wrote to specific word counts and style guidelines.

Copy editor/reporter, The Daily Sentinel

November 2001 – October 2004

- Covered education, police, natural resources/environment beats.
- Won several awards for articles covering variety of topics (environment, agriculture, news reporting).
- Designed daily newspaper using Adobe Creative Suite programs, wrote headlines, edited for AP style, grammar, spelling and understandability.

Reporter, Maranatha Broadcasting (KNZZ Newsradio 1100) Grand Junction, CO (1999-2001)

- Produced enterprising daily and hourly reports, live and recorded newscasts and audio packages.
- Won several awards for broadcast writing and reporting from the Colorado Associated Press Broadcasters Association and Society of Professional Journalists.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Elementary school teacher, Mesa County Valley School District 51, December 2007 – June 2012

- Taught fourth, fifth grades at Mesa View and Rocky Mountain elementary schools.

Public information officer, Ute Water Conservancy District, October 2004 – November 2005

- Handled media requests, conducted public relations and campaigns.
- Edited, produced content for customer magazine distributed to 70,000 customers.
- Organized Children's Water Festival for 2,000 fifth-graders and managed 150 volunteers.

EDUCATION – Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

- B.A., Mass Communications, 2001, emphasis in news/editorial writing, political science minor.
- Elementary teaching licensure, 2006.