

POSITION: Dining, Food, and Drink Reporter

DEPARTMENT: News

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled

STATUS: Full-time

SALARY: \$18.25 per hour

The Register Guard, a Gatehouse newspaper in Eugene, Oregon, is seeking an experienced reporter to cover Lane County's burgeoning food, drink and restaurant scene. Eugene-Springfield is home not only to some of Oregon's best culinary traditions but also vibrant, growing craft breweries and boutique wineries.

This person should have a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of food and cooking techniques and should be able to explain the difference between braising, blanching and boiling, what spatchcocking is and the flavor yuzu will impart to a dish. As well, they are equally comfortable explaining how to make a dry martini that would make Hemmingway proud or tell readers why an IPA made from fresh hops is a can't miss experience.

This reporter would be able to develop local sources throughout the industry from chefs to bartenders, servers, restaurant owners, brewers, vintners, manufacturers and others. The ideal candidate will not only be able to tell our readers where the best burger, sushi or vegan chicken and waffles is – and why they should eat it – but also be able to inform our readers about the latest trends and developments in the local food and drink industry. This reporter also has a big-picture understanding of the business of food and drink and can explain its impact on the local community.

Excellent reporting and writing skills, attention to detail and demonstrated knowledge of how to use social media to engage with audiences and extend the reach of reporting is necessary.

Schedule will vary according to workload; night and weekend work may be required. Applicants should have a degree in journalism or related field of study or equivalent work experience.

Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, application and work samples to rgjob.applications@registerguard.com. Complete job description, instructions and applications can be found online at <http://projects.registerguard.com/pages/rg-jobs/>

All employment offers are contingent on the results of a pre-employment drug screening.

REPORTER – DINING, FOOD, AND DRINK

Primary responsibility:

Creating content that produces audience engagement. Focus on high-interest, high-engagement topics. Take readers where they have not been before through exclusive reporting and imaginative writing. Find and unravel stories and tell stories in compelling ways.

Responsibilities include but not limited to:

- Obtain relevant information through interviews, observations, attending events, researching documents and data reporting.
- Select stories that reflect reader interest, both geographically and demographically, and reflect the diversity of the community
- Use multimedia to tell stories.
- Develop community contacts, sources and other knowledge of the community and its interests.
- Demonstrate an ability to handle a wide-range of topics, writing and reporting for digital and print platforms
- Use social media effectively to grow sources and attract readers.
- Collaborate with reporters and editors in the newsrooms to set priorities based on news and opportunities to grow audience.
- Suggest photographs, graphics and digital extras to accompany stories.
- Work closely with the photo and design staff to ensure stories are complemented by visual elements when needed.
- Post daily (either social media or website) with the expectation to meet minimum goals set

Required knowledge, skills and abilities:

- Must have good communications skills
- Excellent knowledge of grammar, spelling and AP style
- Ability to react quickly to new developments and exercise news judgement
- Ability to juggle multiple stories and deadlines
- Source-building
- Data analysis

Required education and experience:

Degree in journalism or related field of study or equivalent combination of experience and training required. Minimum of three years' experience as a reporter or editor.

Special Requirements:

Possession of a reliable, fully-insured automobile (car or truck) available at work during working hours; a valid Oregon driver's license and a good driving record.