

DEPARTMENT: Editorial
POSITION: Opinion Editor
STATUS: Full-time
CLOSING DATE: Open until filled
BEGINNING SALARY: Commensurate with experience

The Register-Guard, a GateHouse Media newspaper in Eugene, Oregon is seeking an Opinion Editor.

We are looking for an experienced opinion writer to lead our opinion department as we seek to expand our audience and add new voices.

This person would be expected to refine and expand content found on our print opinion pages – but also would lead the way as we revolutionize our opinion department by developing and experimenting with new ways of encouraging information gathering and community discussion.

This editor should abhor stagnation and thrive on innovation, and have a demonstrated skill set in using podcasts, social media and other techniques designed to speak to new audiences. This person also should be a leader who knows how to foster discourse with an emphasis on offering balance through the many voices in our community.

Located in the Willamette Valley, Eugene is home to an informed, vocal citizenry and a diverse, independent, free-thinking population. Residents enjoy several local universities and colleges – including University of Oregon- and a vibrant arts, culture and entertainment scene along with an outdoor setting that allows for plenty of hiking, running, biking and other recreational pursuits. You can easily enjoy an early morning hike along Oregon’s spectacular coast, mountain biking in the Cascades in the afternoon and be back for an IPA and food truck eats at one of our many local breweries – all in the same day.

Interested? Send resume and clips along with a cover letter to rgjob.applications@registerguard.com - Applications and complete job descriptions are available at: <http://projects.registerguard.com/pages/rg-jobs/>

Salary commensurate with experience and includes a comprehensive benefits package.

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EDITORIAL OPINION EDITOR

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:

The Opinion Editor is responsible for managing the daily Editorial department functions, including generating story ideas, editing and producing editorials, managing staff and understanding the department's digital needs.

The Opinion editor will handle operational aspects of the department, be intricately involved in developing and implementing digital strategy for the department and represent The Register-Guard at various public functions.

RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

Researches, reports and writes – collaboratively and at the direction of the editorial board – timely editorials of local and state interest.

Ensures quality of thought, storytelling, and adherence to editorial position of the paper in editorials.

Supervises department staff to ensure timely production of daily editorial page content.

Appears at and addresses meetings of various civic, professional, educational and special interest organizations to represent The Register-Guard.

Ensures editorial department participation in Register-Guard community engagement initiatives including regular attendance at events.

Participates in and presides over meetings with politicians, officers of corporations, government officials and other people who come to The Register-Guard to discuss issues.

Maintains a thorough knowledge of events and issues ranging from local to international to ensure online and digital opinion content covers issues of local, regional and national interest that are important and relevant to readers.

Develops deep understanding of The Register-Guard's digital strategy, goals, and approach.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES:

- Solicit guest columns through community engagement
- Oversee letters to the editor
- Engage with our audience through regular podcasts, Facebook Live discussions, social media, email and more
- Interview public officials, candidates for public office, policy advocates and community members
- Coordinate election coverage including scheduling of editorial board interviews with candidates and scheduling and planning of community forums
- Regularly attend newsroom meetings and engage with reporters and editors to ensure high interest topics/projects are addressed on the opinion page when appropriate
- Work collaboratively with the digital director to assist in managing all online content related to the opinion section
- Develop new and innovative ways of delivering digital content, including opinion videos and podcasts.
- Build and maintain relationships with local, state and federal elected and appointed officials

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

Minimum of five years community news experience; graduation from a college or university with appropriate course work; any satisfactory equivalent combination of experience and training.