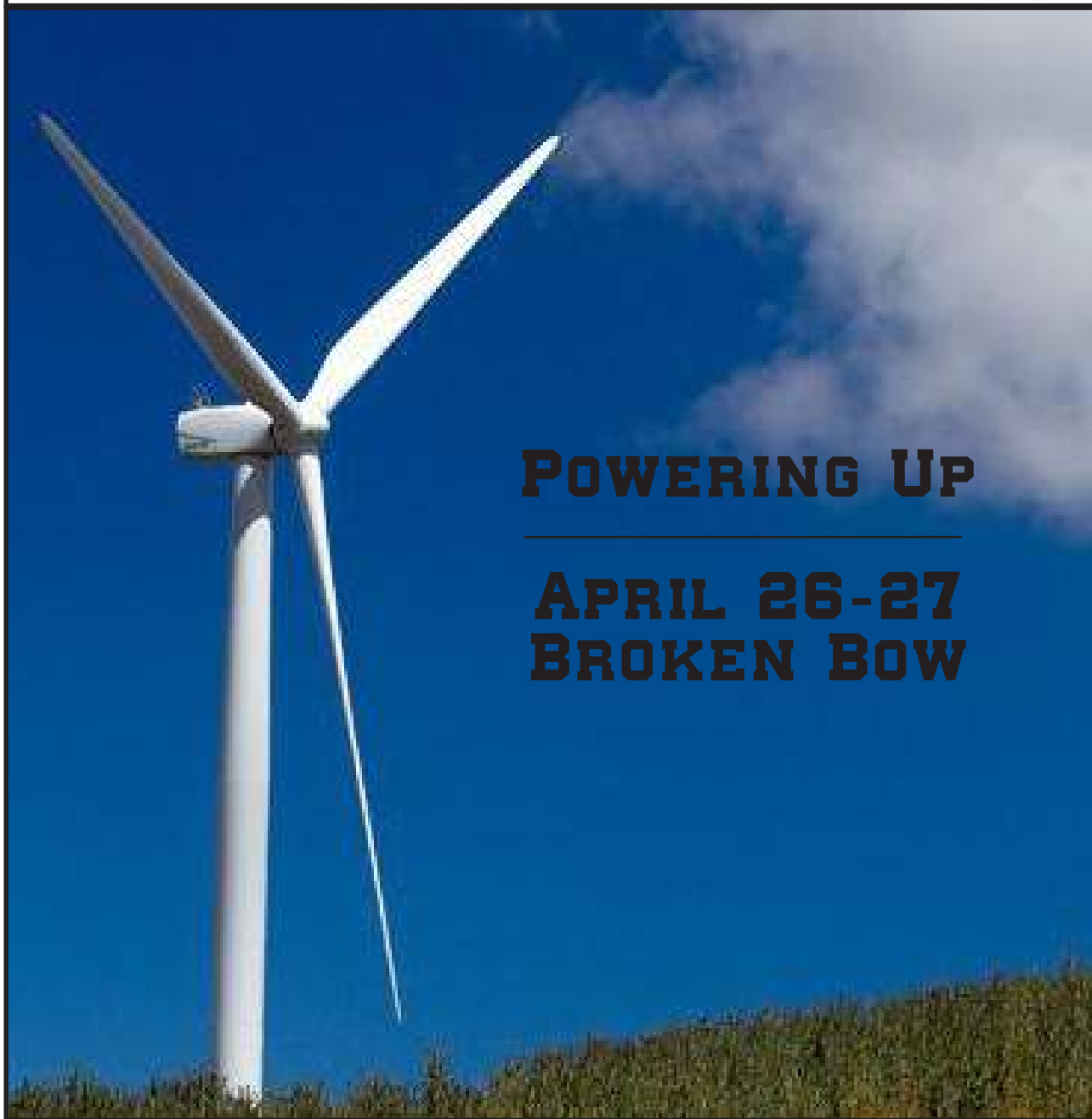


Spring 2019



# NEBRASKA PRESS WOMEN



**POWERING UP**

**APRIL 26-27  
BROKEN BOW**

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## 'Power up' at spring conference



**LORI POTTER**  
NPW President

The many Nebraska Press Women activities and events in progress and coming up reflect the important work to serve the needs and interests of our members, and also reach out to other professional communicators of all ages.

First, I hope to see all of you at the Nebraska Press Women spring conference April 26-27 in Broken Bow.

The conference committee members – Jill Clafin, Barb Batie, Mary Jane Skala, Glennis Nagel and I – have a program plan that mixes professional development, interesting topics in the news, awards, networking and fun.

Our theme, "Powering Up," comes partly from the planned Saturday afternoon field trip to a ranch with some of the Broken Bow area's wind turbines.

It also reflects our expectation that the spring conference, like all NPW conferences, will help recharge your batteries.

Circle April 27 on your calendar and then read the conference story for the

details.

Board members are reminded to also circle April 26. The spring board meeting will be that evening at the Bonfire Grill restaurant in the old part of downtown Broken Bow's Arrow Hotel.

Rooms have been reserved there and at the new, more modern Arrow East across the street at \$80 per night, including breakfast at the restaurant.

There are 10 reserved rooms at each location, but only 10 double rooms total (one in the old section, nine in the new). The rest are singles with a queen or king bed.

That block of rooms will be held for NPW members until March 26.

If you cannot make your room reservations by then or if you want a double room and they all are booked in the Arrow Hotel, there are other lodging options in Broken Bow.

They are listed in a section of the newsletter that also includes the full schedule, registration costs and a form, and details about speakers.

### **NFPW Conference**

While you have a pen or highlighter in your hand, please circle June 27-29, the dates of the 2019 National Federation of Press Women Conference in Baton Rouge, La.

National conferences

have been the weekend after Labor Day from 2000-2018, but are returning to the pre-2000 time in June.

If you haven't been to an NFPW conference, you can apply for a first-timer grant that will cover all or part of the registration fee. The grants are offered by the NFPW Education Fund and this year's application deadline is May 6.

That may be of particular interest to first-place winners in the Nebraska Press Women Contest who will have their entries advance to the NFPW Contest. NPW awards will be announced April 27 at the Broken Bow conference banquet.

NFPW awards will be announced this spring, so national award winners will know in advance if they will be honored at the June 29 awards banquet in Baton Rouge.

Learn more about the conference, grants and other NFPW activities at [www.nfpw.org](http://www.nfpw.org).

### **Membership renewals**

To qualify for the member registration rate at the NPW spring conference and for other NPW benefits, you must be a 2019 member.

You must be a dual member – Nebraska and NFPW – to qualify for the national conference's member registration rate and to apply for a first-timer grant.

Dual membership also was required for NPW contest entrants to have their entries that placed first advance to the national contest.

State-only membership payments can be sent to Treasurer Barb Batie at 43590 Road 461, Lexington, NE 68850-3729, or made

online at [nebraskapresswomen.org](http://nebraskapresswomen.org).

Dual memberships are made through NFPW at [nfpw.org](mailto:nfpw.org).

Any questions about your membership status should be relayed to me or Barb at the following email address: [potterspix@gmail.com](mailto:potterspix@gmail.com) or at [barb.batie@gmail.com](mailto:barb.batie@gmail.com).

### **You're invited**

I have made reservations for a supper-crane watching event March 30 at Burchell's White Hill Farmhouse Inn northwest of Minden, the site of our fall 2016 NPW conference.

South-central Nebraska Press Women have gathered there the past few springs for a crane migration season outing. We have an early supper at 5 p.m. to allow some visiting time before going to Fort Kearny State Recreation Area to watch from the old railroad bridge spanning the Platte River on the hike-bike trail as sandhill cranes fly over.

This year, NFPW friends Katherine Ward and Jim Smigie from Wilmington, Del., will be with us. They are spending a week in the Kearney area for crane watching and other adventures, and would love to see longtime NPW friends as well as meet some new ones.

If you can join us for the evening, please do. I need to give Chef Bob a meal count by March 20.

The dress code is casual, plus whatever clothes are needed based on the March 30 evening weather forecast.

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## Brown, Mobley to be inducted into hall of fame

### **BETTE PORE**

Longtime Nebraska Press Women member Ruth Brown of Lincoln and Maggie Mobley, who was publisher of the Platte Valley Independent, Grand Island's first newspaper, beginning in 1870, will be inducted into the Marian Andersen Nebraska Women Journalists Hall of Fame April 27.



Brown  
Courtesy photo

Mobley is believed to be the first woman newspaper publisher in Nebraska. The newspaper she and her husband, Seth Mobley, started in Grand Island continues to operate, now known as The Grand Island Independent.



Mobley  
GI Independent photo

Brown taught advertising at the University of Nebraska from 1993 through 2016, first at the Kearney campus and then in Lincoln. She has served in several NPW board and officer positions, including as president from 2008 through 2012. One of her most significant contributions to NPW was initiating and securing funding for the Marian Andersen Nebraska Women Journalists Hall of Fame.

The hall of fame induction will be part of the program at the NPW Spring Convention luncheon.

This ceremony will increase the number of women in the hall of fame to 24. The purpose of the hall of fame is to recognize working women journalists who, through talent, initiative, intelligence and stamina, have made a difference for their profession, for their communities and for those following in their footsteps.

This annual honor was begun in 2011, sponsored by and named for Marian Andersen of Omaha. She is a graduate of what is now the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where portraits of the honorees are located.

### **NEBRASKA PRESS WOMEN**

#### *Winter 2018*

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Nebraska Press Women, Inc., is an affiliate of the National Federation of Press Women, a nationwide organization of professional women and men pursuing careers across the communications spectrum.



*Arrow Hotel reservation deadline March 26 - see page 5*

## Strengthen skills and recharge energy at spring conference

**LORI POTTER**

**BROKEN BOW** - After a long, cold, busy winter, it's time to "Think Spring" and focus on recharging our batteries.

Nebraska Press Women can help you with that.

NPW members from Buffalo and Dawson counties invite you to the 2019 NPW Spring Conference April 26-27 in Broken Bow for some "Powering Up" time.

The energy resources will include conducting NPW business at a Friday night board meeting and Saturday morning membership meeting, professional development workshops, awards, networking time and even an opportunity to get a close-up look at a wind turbine.

Most of Saturday's program will be in the recently renovated and expanded Broken Bow Public Library.

Digital filing system options for photographers, self-employed freelancers and other uses will be the keynote workshop topic presented by Laurinda Weisse, an assistant professor in Calvin T. Ryan Library at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, who is the UNK archivist, institutional repository manager and librarian for social sciences.

Weisse received a Master of Science in Information degree in Archives and Records Management and Preservation of Information from the University of Michigan in 2013.

"In a world where a lot of information is creat-



ed solely in digital form, preserving digital files is important for everyone," she said. "This is doubly so when digital files are critical for work, as they are for many media industry professionals."

When asked in surveys to list topics of need and interest, learning more about digital filing systems is a topic listed by several NPWs as something to help them professionally.

Weisse will describe best practices for preserving and making accessible digital files in multiple file formats - audio, video, and text.

Topics will include:

- Where to store files.
- How to craft descriptive information for files.
- How to share files with others.
- Other concerns such as creating consistent file naming practices and choosing the most appropriate file formats based on specific needs.

She also will answer specific questions from workshop participants.

Conference committee members hope you will be inspired during lunch by the accomplishments of the newest inductees into the Marian Andersen Nebraska Women Journalists Hall of Fame, as described by Vice President Bette Pore of Grand Island,

and also of NPW High School Journalism Contest winners to be introduced by contest director Sherry Thompson of Omaha.

We hope you will be empowered to think creatively when lunch speaker Erin Lenz, a public information officer for the Nebraska Tourism Commission, tells us the story of the commission's unique "Nebraska. Honestly It's Not for Everyone" campaign.

The late winter-early spring ad in the travel promotion series features a sunset photo of flying sandhill cranes in the Central Platte Valley and the headline: Nothing But Fly-Over Country.

Lenz is the commission's social media and web specialist, and also assists with writing, design, editing, research and layout for informational and administrative publications, audio-visual materials, media releases, displays, and newsletters.

The power of a strong community will be reflected in pre-lunch remarks by Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debra Kennedy, who was born and raised in Broken Bow - and proud of it.

She will tell us what's special about her hometown and describe Broken

Bow's successes as a regional leader in business, education, agriculture, community development and alternative energy.

Longtime NPW members will remember that two earlier conferences in Broken Bow featured afternoon field trips.

That tradition will continue on Saturday afternoon, April 27, when we carpool to a ranch north of town to learn from Matthew Haumont and his family about what it's like to have giant wind turbines in their pastures.

The Haumonts were among the first ranchers to approve land leases for turbine construction. They earlier had organized public information meetings to help area landowners decide if they wanted to participate in what then was a proposed wind farm project.

After a day of "Powering Up," you can wind down a bit during some free time in the late afternoon, before attending the professional contest awards banquet Saturday night banquet at the Tumbleweed Café in Broken Bow.

Following the meal, we will be recharged by the accomplishments of many NPW members when contest directors Terri Hahn of Osceola and Mary Jane Skala of Kearney announce the winners in the 2019 NPW Communications Contest.



The Original Arrow Hotel



Arrow Hotel East (New)

**HOTEL OPTIONS**

**Arrow Hotel**  
10 rooms in old hotel;  
10 rooms in new part

Rooms available:  
New Arrow:  
(9 double, 1 single)

Old Arrow:  
(1 double, 9 single, king or queen)

Rate: \$80 per night,  
April 26 and 27 – includes breakfast

**Reservation deadline:**

March 26  
308-872-6662

*Note: There still may be rooms after  
March 26, but the NPW rate  
may not apply.*

**OTHER OPTIONS:**

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites  
308-767-2060 or  
[www.staycobblestone.com/ne/broken-bow/](http://www.staycobblestone.com/ne/broken-bow/)

Borders Inn & Suites  
308-872-6428 or [www.staycobblestone.com/ne/broken-bow-borders/](http://www.staycobblestone.com/ne/broken-bow-borders/)

Brickstone Bed & Breakfast  
308-870-3180  
[www.brickstonebnb.com/](http://www.brickstonebnb.com/)

Round Valley Farmhouse  
308-870-3053  
[www.facebook.com/roundvalleyfarmhouse/](http://www.facebook.com/roundvalleyfarmhouse/)

**MORE INFO:**

Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce -  
308-872-5691

**REGISTRATION:**

Members – \$60 by April 10;  
\$70 April 11 to April 20 final deadline

Non-members: \$70; \$80  
Banquet only: \$25; \$35

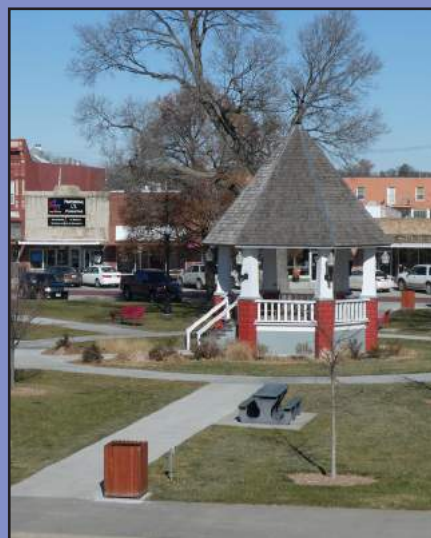
Lunch only: \$15; \$25

Day (workshops and lunch,  
non-students): \$40

Students: \$40, full conference;  
\$20 day only



Broken Bow Library



Gazebo in Village Square  
Broken Bow



Tumbleweed Café

# HELLO My name is ...

## Laurinda Weisse

Laurinda Weisse is an assistant professor in Calvin T. Ryan Library at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She currently serves as UNK archivist, institutional repository manager and librarian for the social sciences.

Weisse received a Master of Science in Information degree in Archives and Records Management and Preservation of Information from the University of Michigan in 2013.

Her most recent publication is "Coming to the Plains: Latino/a Stories in Nebraska," which was published in the 2018 Brick and Click Proceedings. She has presented on her Latino/a oral history work at the Rare Book and Manuscript Section national conference and at numerous regional conferences.

She also has made presentations about building a digitization lab and using agricultural and environmental resources to create a digital repository.



Weisse

## Erin Lenz

Erin Lenz is a public information officer for the Nebraska Tourism Commission.

In collaboration with the agency's marketing manager, Lenz keeps the Nebraska Tourism Commission staff and tourism industry members informed, and ensures that the agency's public information priorities and goals are achieved.

She is the commission's social media and web specialist, and also assists with writing, design, editing, research and layout for informational and administrative publications, audio-visual materials, media releases, displays, and newsletters.

The Lincoln native received a bachelor's degree in advertising and public relations, with minors in business and communications from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. For two years while in college, Lenz was a public relations intern for the Nebraska Tourism Commission.

Prior to returning to the commission, she was development coordinator for Friendship Home, a Lincoln non-profit that helps families escaping domestic violence.



Lenz

## Debra Kennedy

Debra Kennedy, executive director of the Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, was born and raised in Broken Bow.

After a brief stint in the Kearney area, Deb came back "home" to deepen her own roots built on faith, family and friends. She loves the area where she grew up and has a passion for welcoming guests and sharing all the fantastic things about her community.

In her free time, she runs a successful baking business, Blessings & Grace Bakery, and loves all things creative and her dog, Gracie Mae.



Kennedy

# Glad to meet you in Broken Bow



## Harnessing the wind in Custer County



Haumonts

Name:  
Matthew Haumont

Home:  
Ranch 11 miles north-  
east of Broken Bow

Education:  
1994 graduate of  
Broken Bow High School,  
animal science degree  
from the University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln in 1998  
and Nebraska LEAD 20  
class, 2000-2002

Businesses:  
Haumont Ranch Inc.,  
a land management  
enterprise, and my father's  
business, 10X Livestock  
Producers, a crop and cat-  
tle enterprise, primarily a  
cow-calf ranch.

Our family settled  
here in 1883. My great-  
great grandfather built  
a two-story sod house  
photographed by Solomon  
Butcher.

Family:  
Wife Lynn (married  
last August); parents,  
David and Debra; uncle,  
Joseph; sister and brother-

in-law, Wendi and Adam,  
and their four children.

### Q. Give us a wind energy overview.

A. The project started with NPPD and then moved to Midwest Energy, the plan developer for both wind farms near Broken Bow.

Studies by environmental specialists, survey crews, soil specialists and others took at least two years.

The first phase, Broken Bow LLC, has 50 1.6-mega-watt turbines. That project was sold to Edison Mission Energy.

Broken Bow Wind II was started by BP, but quickly was sold to Sempra Renewables of California.

Dirt was moved in November 2011 on the first project, which was operational in 2012.

Construction began on Broken Bow Wind II in spring 2014 and its 43 turbines were operational that fall.

They have combined production of 155 megawatts.

They still are separate companies operated individually. Broken Bow Wind LLC now is owned by NRG and Broken Bow Wind II recently was sold

to ConEdison Development.

Each owner has four or more on-site employees.

We are one of the few landowners with wind turbines in both. About half of our ranch is within the wind farms.

Wind energy is a good tool in the tool box. The real game changer will be if and when a battery or other storage system is developed so that wind energy can be stored and used when needed.

### Q. How tall is a turbine?

A. Each tower is 262 feet tall - three tower sections topped by a nacelle that houses the turbine mechanics and is the rotor hub.

The first turbines have 80-meter diameter rotors and Broken Bow Wind II turbines have 105-meter diameter rotors.

### Q. Where does the electricity generated go?

A. Power from all the turbines is transmitted through underground cable to transformers at the Broken Bow Wind LLC headquarters approximately three miles north-east of Broken Bow. It then is carried via overhead lines owned by NPPD to a substation south of town.

### Q. Why did your family decide to allow turbines on your ranch? How many are there?

A. There are 15 turbines and two METs (meteorology measuring towers) on our property.

All decisions involve pros and cons. This was an economic decision, made after considering such issues as having a project stretching over multiple generations, working with multi-national companies, effects on privacy, having heavy equipment traffic in our pastures and other inconveniences.

For us, this was an enterprise we could add to help offset other expenses, including high property taxes. It was an opportunity that fit in with our goals as a business and family.

Another advantage has been nice rocked roads in the pastures that have been very helpful in transporting livestock and feed, and checking wells.

Some issues to deal with include the flicker (blades passing in front of the sun) and noise that vary by season and environmental conditions, the need to watch for ice falling from blades in the right conditions, and knowing that some aerial sprayers won't fly near turbines.

## Welcome to our newest members

Name:

**Carrie Colburn**

Home: Rural York

County  
near  
Brad-  
shaw

Edu-  
cation:  
Grad-  
uate



of Lincoln Pius X, 2002, and bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communication from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2006

Current work: York News-Times publisher since March 2016

Past work: I have worked for our company since 2006, starting at the Omaha World-Herald as an assistant on the Majors/National advertising team.

I got my first sales territory for the Suburban Weeklies (SNI) while still in Omaha (Papillion Times-La Vista Sun, Ralston Recorder primarily) working under Shon Barenklau, who I am pleased to be working for again. Funny how things work out!

In 2009, I came to York, a place my now husband and I knew we could both live and work. I worked in sales for the YNT for less than a year and then was asked to take on a new role at the corporate level working in digital and assisting all Midwest papers in the Omaha World-Herald "family" to launch new digital programs for sales and news.

After several years in that role, I was digital director at the Grand Island Independent for just under three years and then joined the BH Media corporate team again for

about a year.

Family: Husband, Jesse, and children, June, 5; Gage, 2; and twins Blaine and Nash, born Feb. 20.

Organizations: York Chamber of Commerce vice president, CASA, York County Development Board member, TeamMates mentor, York Rotary Club member and president of the Nebraska Daily Publishers group

Hobbies-interests: Some of my favorite things are spending time outside with the kids, reading, cooking and trying new restaurants.

Name: **Jessica Votipka**

Home: Rural Fillmore

County near Burress

Education: Graduated from Exeter High School (now Ex-



eter-Milligan) in 1999, attended Oberlin College in Ohio and graduated from Doane College in 2007

Current work): York News-Times features editor. I have the honor of sharing folks' "warm fuzzy" stories, and whatever Carrie (Colburn) and Melanie (Wilkinson) throw at me.

Past work: I started writing professionally shortly before I graduated from college, and then took a hiatus from journalism to be Exeter Public Library director for about 10 years.

I stumbled across the York News-Times posting on LinkedIn and applied in the summer of 2018. It has proven to be the best career decision I've ever

made. I absolutely love it here.

Family: Boyfriend Mark, a land surveyor and "fur babies," Catbert, Shadow, Tippy and But-terball.

Organizations: Member of Nebraska Czechs of York and the Nebraska Press Association, and huge believer in 4-H

Hobbies-interests: Knitting, with mittens as my specialty. I'm pretty sure I have a yarn hoarding problem.

In warm weather, knitting takes a back seat to gardening. My mom, aunt, brother and I all get involved in one another's gardens, and we love to can, dry and freeze our harvest.

Name:

**Melanie Wilkinson**

Home: York

Education: Graduated

from Elgin High School and attended Kearney State College



Current work: Managing editor, York News-Times

Past work: Reporter for Neligh News and Leader many years ago

Family: Husband, Jerry Wilkinson. We raised my siblings who are now all grown with children of their own.

Hobbies-interests: My husband and I own a catering company, so my life outside the newspaper is pretty much consumed.

We also welcome the following new members:

• **Roxanne Converse-Whiting** of Gothenburg is a freelancer who has been a contributing writer for the Gothenburg Times since December 2016. She previously was a Gothenburg High School teacher for nine years and a stay-at-home mom for 10 years.

• **Angie Putnam** is our first South Dakota member since NPW members agreed to allow our neighbors to the north to join us since South Dakota no longer has an affiliate of the National Federation of Press Women. Angie is a page designer at the Forum Communications Company Design Hub in Mitchell, S.D.

• **Spike Jordan**, the age editor at the Star-Herald, is the latest in our growing membership from Scottsbluff.





## High School contest recognizes young journalists

### SHERRY THOMPSON High School Contest Director

Nebraska Press Women is reaching out to the next generation of journalists through our communications contest and by building relationships with advisers and the Nebraska High School Press Association (NHSPA).

Kerry Hoffschneider of Waco presented a session on how to avoid being deceived by fake news and promoted NPW's high school communications contest at NHSPA's fall conference in Lincoln.

On Feb. 1, Ruth Brown of Lincoln attended NHSPA's board meeting in Lincoln, where she had an opportunity to talk about NPW and the contest.

NPW member and Mar-ian High School adviser Marsha Kalkowski actively promoted benefits of the

2019 contest to other advisers. She even created a video that walks advisers through the entry process. It was shared with some 250 advisers on our email list.

Entry deadline for this year's contest was Feb. 19. Winners will be recognized at NPW's spring conference luncheon April 27 in Broken Bow.

Students placing first, second, third and honorable mention in each category will receive certificates. The school that wins the sweepstakes award receives a trophy and \$100.

NPW's high school contest provides opportunities for young journalists to compete in 23 categories in the areas of news, electronic media and year-book. Entries winning first place in the state contest advance to the National

Federation of Press Women Contest.

"We need young people who are willing to voice their thoughts, ideas and what they are learning in a multitude of ways," Hoffschneider says. "The Nebraska Press Women High School Communications Contest is a great way to give up-and-coming communicators the chance to get feedback on their work and be rewarded for their success thus far."

All NPW members are encouraged to promote the contest and benefits of NPW membership to high school journalism advisers in their communities.

This summer, we plan to take a look at Nebraska's contest and use feedback from advisers and NHSPA to look for ways we can make improvements.

## 2019 Communications Contest

### TERRI HAHN MARY JANE SKALA contest directors

The 2019 Nebraska Press Women Contest had 212 entries.

First-place entries from our dual member (NPW-NFPW) entrants have been forwarded to the national contest. Winners in that competition will be notified by NFPW.

NPW awards will be presented at the spring conference banquet April 27 in Broken Bow. Entrants with at least one award were notified in mid-February.

That's all we're going to say about contest so we can keep the specific awards secret until the big announcements in Broken Bow. We hope to celebrate with you there.

## NPW will host NPA convention booth

### LORI POTTER

Nebraska Press Women will have an information booth at the 2019 Nebraska Press Association Convention April 4 and 5 at the Kearney Holiday Inn.

The trade show will be open Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. We will need one or two or more members at the table at those times.

The booth will have NPW membership brochures and fliers promoting our spring conference in Broken Bow. There also may be a drawing of some kind.

Let me know at potter-spix@gmail.com if you can help staff the booth, especially NPW members who plan to attend all or part of the NPA Convention.

## NPW Fall Conference is Oct. 11-22

### SHERRY THOMPSON conference chair

Mark your calendars for Nebraska Press Women's fall conference Oct. 12 in Fremont.

An optional outing to the downtown area will be offered for the afternoon of Oct. 11, with the board meeting to follow at 6 p.m. The hospitality room will

be open later that evening at the conference hotel, Baymont Inn and Suites.

The Oct. 12 membership meeting and workshops will be at the Christensen Field meeting room. Stay tuned for details.

## COA application submitted

### RUTH BROWN COA director

"Eileen Wirth has an excellent chance to become the NFPW Communicator of Achievement," according to Ruth Brown, NPW COA director. Brown said that Wirth has the credentials and an interesting life story plus outstanding endorsements.

Wirth is professor emerita of journalism at Creighton University, a former reporter for the Omaha World-Herald, and author of "From Society Page to Front Page: Nebraska Women Journalists." Her nomination packet was emailed on Feb. 23 (five days before the deadline), Brown said.

Eileen is planning to attend the NFPW conference June 27-29 in Baton Rouge, La.



*Pieces of history*

# Memories worth saving

**MARY PAT HOAG**  
**Historian**

Maybe you've spent part of the winter – like me -- sorting, downsizing, reorganizing. That includes not only my house but the contents from two houses owned by an elderly friend.

I haven't gotten as far as asking each item "Do you bring me joy?" (think Marie Kondo) but am enjoying simplifying my life (and closets and cabinets) and benefitting charities.

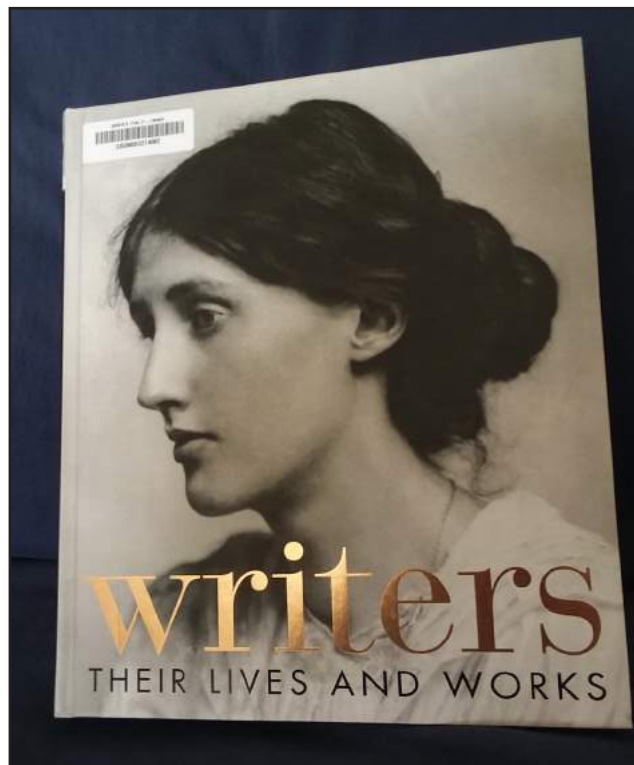
In the process, I've come across a variety of NPW- and NFPW-related items (photos, clippings, etc.) that I have personally saved over the past 40-plus years. Some will find a new home in the yearly NPW archival binders the historian maintains.

Don't forget to save NPW items of general interest for the archives that are/will be stored by History Nebraska (former Nebraska State Historical Society) in Lincoln. You may bring items to the Broken Bow conference or mail them to me (401 E Maple AV, Norfolk NE 68701-4392).

On another note, NPW's 2019 Communicator of Achievement will close the 2019 Cabin Fever Speaker Series, hosted by the Elkhorn Valley Museum in Norfolk.

Eileen Wirth of Omaha will speak at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the

museum. During her career, she was an Omaha World-Herald reporter followed by 25 years as a professor at Creighton University. She retired as chairwoman of the university's De-



partment of Journalism, Media and Computing that she created.

Eileen's presentation will focus on one of the books she's written: "From Society Page to Front Page: Unsung Women of the Nebraska Press." The book showcases women journalists who challenged traditional female roles.

The Elkhorn Valley Museum is located at 515 Queen City Blvd., several blocks northwest of downtown Norfolk (from the intersection of Norfolk Avenue and Seventh Street, go five blocks north on Seventh Street).

If anyone is interested in meeting up before or after Eileen's presentation to eat out/get together, contact me (402-371-8807 or [mphoag@cableone.net](mailto:mphoag@cableone.net)). Museum website: [elkhorn-valleymuseum.org](http://elkhorn-valleymuseum.org)

Final note: It's been said to not judge a book by its cover, but the cover photo and the word "Writers" of a recent discovery were intriguing. Long story short, I checked out "Writers: Their Lives and Works" from my public library twice. It's now on my gift list, as in "to me, from me, with love."

The lavishly illustrated hardcover book features more than 100 biographies of the world's greatest novelists, poets and playwrights. Included are Jane Austen, Toni Morrison, Shakespeare and Gabriel Garcia Marquez. To me, the well-researched biographies are fascinating and inspirational.

I highly recommend the "Writers" book. It's a great "to-me" gift, as well as a perfect present for fellow writers/communicators and book lovers.

*Have news to share with NPW members?*

Send news items and photos to  
LuAnn Schindler, editor, at  
[luannschindler@gmail.com](mailto:luannschindler@gmail.com).

# ***POWER UP WITH NPW***

**Friday, April 26**

*Board of Directors Mtg.*

**Saturday, April 27**

**Broken Bow Public Library**

Digital Filing Systems:  
Laurinda Weisse, UNK

Marian Anderson Nebraska Women  
Journalists Hall of Fame inductees

Nebraska Tourism,  
Erin Lenz, Public Information Officer

Debra Kennedy  
Broken Bow Chamber Exec. Director

Wind Farm tour - Haumont Farms

Awards dinner  
Tumbleweed Café



## **REGISTRATION:**

Members – \$60 by April 10;  
\$70 April 11 to April 20 final deadline

Non-members: \$70; \$80

Banquet only: \$25; \$35

Lunch only: \$15; \$25

Day (workshops and lunch,  
non-students): \$40

Students: \$40, full conference; \$20 day  
only

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