

2022

Wisconsin Newspaper
Hall of Fame

Banquet & Fundraiser



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Program

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Presentation of Honorees

Emma Brown (posthumous)

The Wisconsin Chief, Fort Atkinson

Dickey Chapelle (posthumous)

Shorewood native, photographer and the first American woman war correspondent to die in action

Peter Fox

Wisconsin Newspaper Association

- Introduction by Tom Schultz, retired managing editor of the *Watertown Daily Times*

Oneida County Sheriff Grady Hartman

Sunshine in Government Award recipient

- Introduction by Gregg Walker, WNA past president and publisher of *The (Minocqua) Lakeland Times*

Charles “Chuck” Gauger

Trempealeau County Times, Whitehall

- Introduction by Andrew Dannehy, managing editor of the *Trempealeau County Times*

Phil Muench (posthumous)

Grant County Herald Independent, Lancaster

- Remarks by David Timmerman, editor of the *Grant County Herald Independent*, and Holly Muench, widow of Phil Muench
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About the

Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame

Each year, the WNA Foundation recognizes visionaries and innovators in the industry through inductions to the Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame.

Nominations are open to anyone, living or deceased, who has contributed above and beyond the call of duty to newspapers and newspapering in Wisconsin. This includes publishers, editors, reporters, photographers or any other newspaper personnel who've made significant contributions in the field. It is expected that nominees should have at least 15 years of service. With the approval of the nomination committee, Hall of Fame induction may be extended to someone outside the working industry, such as an educator, jurist, attorney or legislator.

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Emma Brown

Emma Brown, co-founder of *The (Fort Atkinson) Wisconsin Chief*, was the first successful female editor and publisher in Wisconsin. Born on Nov. 6, 1827, in Auburn, N.Y., she and her brother, Thurlow W. Brown, first published their newspaper in Auburn under the name *The Cayuga Chief*, serving as co-editors. In 1856, they moved to Fort Atkinson, changing its name to *The Wisconsin Chief*.



From the collection of the Hoard Historical Museum and Fort Atkinson Historical Society.

After Thurlow died in 1866, Emma continued to publish Fort Atkinson's first newspaper on her own. She also is credited with helping another publisher get his paper off the ground. When W.D. Hoard first came to the area in 1873, he turned to Emma to print his *Jefferson County Union* until he was able to raise the funds needed to buy his own printing plant in 1883.

Originally devoted to upholding the ideal of temperance, under Emma's leadership the *Chief* began to include more reform pieces, such as articles on prison conditions, factory conditions and women's rights. At a time when most states gave men total control of women's property, Emma's desire for women to escape such dependency was reflected in her articles and editorials.

Emma continued to print the newspaper until just before her death in 1889.



The Wisconsin Chief office on West Milwaukee Avenue, where both Emma Brown's paper and the Jefferson County Union were published. (From the collection of the Hoard Historical Museum and the Fort Atkinson Historical Society)

Dickey Chapelle



Wisconsin Historical Society

Shorewood native Dickey Chapelle was a pioneering journalist and photographer known for her work as a war correspondent from World War II through the Vietnam War.

Born Georgette Meyer in 1919, she nicknamed herself "Dickey" after her favorite explorer, Admiral Richard Byrd. Dickey attended Shorewood High School, where she was involved in both the student newspaper, *Ripples*, and radio club.

At age 16, she graduated first in her class and earned a full scholarship to study aeronautical design at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dickey spent much of her time at the local airfield, writing aviation articles and taking aerial photographs – the start of her journalism career, which marked the end of her academic career. Having missed too many classes and earned low grades, she was asked to leave MIT after her second year.

Working for TWA, Dickey made her way to New York, where she studied photography and married her instructor Tony Chapelle in 1940. She went on to work for *National Geographic* and was posted at both Iwo Jima and Okinawa. She became one of the first female foreign correspondents to cover WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, and her work appeared in *The New York Times*, *Reader's Digest*, *Life* and *Look* magazines and the *Saturday Evening Post*, among other publications. While on assignment for *Life*, she was arrested by Russian soldiers as she helped deliver penicillin to Hungarian refugees fleeing into Austria. Accused of being a spy, she was held in Budapest's notorious Main Street Prison for seven weeks.

On Nov. 4, 1965, Dickey was killed by a land mine while on patrol with a platoon in Vietnam. She was the first American woman reporter to be killed in action.



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The WNA Foundation promotes newspaper readership in the state, develops the industry's future workforce, and advances awareness and exercise of the public's First Amendment rights.



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The Milwaukee Press Club congratulates all of the honorees and continues to celebrate **DICKEY CHAPELLE**, a Hall of Famer we share with WNA.

Peter Fox

Peter Fox has served Wisconsin newspapers as both a dedicated journalist and an industry advocate.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Peter moved to his grandparent's home in Lake Delton, Wisconsin, as a child. It was there that his grandmother, Charlotte, instilled in him a love of reading and writing, as well as an appreciation for newspapers.



Photo provided

In 1966, after dropping out of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Peter was selected for an intensive Russian language training program and service with the U.S. Army Security Agency. While serving in Chitose, Japan, he determined to return to UW-Madison, which he did in 1971. During his first semester back, he worked part time for his hometown paper, the *Wisconsin Dells Events*, and later landed a part-time copy editing job at the *Wisconsin State Journal*, where he was eventually hired full time.

In 1981, after earning his bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from UW-Madison, he was named city editor of the *Billings (Montana) Gazette*. He became regional editor in 1983 and, in 1985, he returned to Wisconsin to serve as editor of *The (Racine) Journal Times*, a position he held for nearly nine years.

After leaving the newspaper industry in 1994, Peter served as director of public information for the University of Wisconsin and Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Employment. He was named executive director of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association in 2004. During his six-year tenure, Peter led the association's significant strides in membership participation and services. He acted as a leading advocate for open records and meetings and helped pass the state's Whistleblower Protection Act. He also launched Wisconsin's free public notice website and digital newspaper archive, securing a more solid foundation and future for the industry.

CONGRATULATIONS

Peter

The Wisconsin Newspaper Association Board of Directors & WNA staff thanks you for your contributions to the state's newspaper industry!



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Congratulations

to the Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame Inductees!

Thank you for your many contributions!



Emma Brown



Dickey
Chapelle



Peter Fox



Chuck Gauger



Phil Muench



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Congratulations!

Congratulations Peter!

Your passion for our industry is an inspiration for all of us. Welcome to the Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame.



Peter D. Fox

The Everson family and The Edgerton Reporter

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*Daily Jefferson
County Union*



Scott Angus
*The (Janesville)
Gazette*



Vern Arendt
Ozaukee Press



William R. Barth
Beloit Daily News



Al Bauer, Jr.
Bloomer Advance



William D. Behling
Beloit Daily News



Robert Berglund
*Tribune-Record-
Gleaner*



**Marie Flynn
Berner**
Antigo Daily Journal



Sidney H. Bliss
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Gazette*



William E. Branen
*Burlington Standard
Press*



C.W. Brown
*Oconomowoc
Enterprise*



Howard J. Brown
Kenosha News



Emma Brown
*The Wisconsin
Chief*



Jim Burgess
La Crosse Tribune



Virginia Burtness
*Ashland Daily
Press*



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"Dickey" Chapelle**



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Press*



James Clifford
*Watertown Daily
Times*



John D. Clifford
*Watertown Daily
Times*



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*University of
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Diane Everson
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Reporter*



Harland Everson
*The Edgerton
Reporter*



Helen Everson
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William T. Evjue
The Capital Times



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Beloit Daily News



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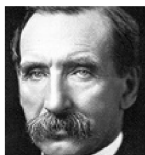
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*Jefferson County
Union*



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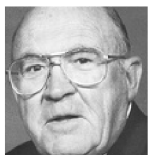
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The Capital Times



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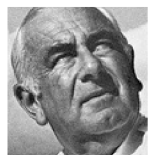
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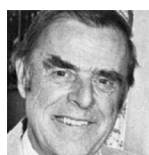
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Grady Hartman

Sunshine in Government Award recipient

Law enforcement officers have the authority to enforce public records laws, but it's a rare occurrence.

Oneida County Sheriff Grady Hartman, who was appointed sheriff of Oneida County in 2013 and is an outspoken advocate for open government, serves as an exception.



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In 2019, he launched an investigation into allegations that the Rhinelander city administrator had tampered with public records. It culminated in the execution of search warrants at Rhinelander City Hall, carried out in an effort to protect the people's right to access public information.

Grady also has spoken out against violations of Wisconsin's public records law and called for adding requirements that records custodians attend open records training within their orientation period and stay up-to-date with new open records case law.

About the Sunshine in Government Award

The Sunshine in Government Award was launched this year by the WNA Board of Directors. It recognizes efforts by Wisconsin citizens and public officials to protect and strengthen open government. Nominations are open to any Wisconsin individual, including citizens, public officials, educators and others who have made extraordinary efforts on behalf of government transparency. Those efforts may include but are not limited to, facilitating access to information, advocating on behalf of public records or open meetings, exemplifying extraordinary leadership on behalf of the freedom of information and challenging efforts to impede the public's right to know.

Trempealeau
County
Times



NEWSPAPER

**Congratulations
Chuck Gauger...**

**...From
Chuck and Friends
at Supreme Graphics
and formerly the
Arcadia Newsleader.**



Charles Gauger

Charles “Chuck” Gauger has worked throughout his career to help weekly newspapers in western Wisconsin join forces to stay profitable, and he has reshaped the way news in Trempealeau County is consumed.

Chuck started delivering the *Whitehall Times* for his father, who owned the newspaper, when he was a young boy.



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Upon graduating from the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point in 1975, he was officially hired by the *Times* as an advertising salesman, and just two years later, he oversaw the creation and became the manager of *The Tabvertiser*, a shopper that included ads from five area newspapers.

In 1984, he became general manager of the *Times* and in 1989, Chuck was named publisher of the newspaper he had worked at since childhood. In one of several efforts to grow the newspaper and serve readers, Chuck purchased the *Independence News-Wave* in 2002 and merged it with the *Times*.

In 2010, he sold the *Times* to the Black Earth, Wis.-based News Publishing Company. Chuck continued to serve as general manager and oversaw the newspaper's merger with the *Arcadia News-Leader* and the *Galesville Republican* into the *Trempealeau County Times*.

Chuck — like his father, Robert, and his grandfather, Albert, before him — was born to be a newspaperman, a career he held for more than 40 years. He retired in 2019 from the *Trempealeau County Times*, marking the end of 80 years of Gauger family newspaper ownership in Wisconsin.

Congratulations

Chuck,
Dad &
Boppa!

We are so proud
of you all of your
accomplishments.
We love you!

- Kathy, The Augers
& The Weekes



Congratulations

to our fearless leader

Chuck Gauger

on your induction to the
WNA Hall of Fame!

Trempealeau
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Andrew Dannehy
Karla Demaske
Tracy Marsolek



Phil Muench

Phillip J. "Phil" Muench, who grew up on the family farm in Boice Creek and graduated from Lancaster High School in 1986, worked more than three decades printing newspapers in southwestern Wisconsin.

In 1988, two years after graduating from Lancaster High School, he joined the staff of his hometown newspaper, the *Grant County Herald Independent*.



Photo provided

Phil quickly took over as head pressman for Lancaster Newspapers, and he continued in the role for Morris Newspapers of Wisconsin, overseeing the printing of all of the company's southwestern Wisconsin publications.

During a time when many newspapers were shrinking and consolidating, Phil managed the expansion of the original 1972 press — a project that moved the newspaper company into the 21st century. He worked tirelessly to put out quality products and always made his co-workers feel like family.

On Dec. 10, 2020, Phil died after an extended battle with COVID-19. He was 52.



Morris Newspapers of Wisconsin Head Pressman Phil Muench reviews the color quality of the Fennimore Times during the start of printing that week's edition in this file photo. (Photo provided)

Thanks Phil for all you did for us

For the entire 13 years that I have served as the editor of Crawford County Independent & Kickapoo Scout, the newspaper has been printed in Lancaster under the direction of Phil Muench. The 52-year-old printer put out his last edition of the Independent-Scout on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2020.

I saw him sitting at his desk talking on the phone, as I walked by to get the newspapers. He smiled and we exchanged a little wave. I never saw him again.

On Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31, he went to the hospital in Lancaster and subsequently tested positive for COVID-19.

A week later on Saturday, Nov. 7, he was feeling lightheaded and returned to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with low oxygen levels. He was admitted and given oxygen.

Then, on Wednesday, Nov. 11, when I went to retrieve the newspapers, I was informed

Phil had been Med Flighted to a hospital in Madison on Monday. He spent the next month in the ICU—much of it on a ventilator in an induced coma.

Phil Muench died on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at Meriter Hospital in Madison.

Every year, I would purchase apples from the Gays Mills orchards for Phil and we would discuss the varieties available.

The last variety I'd buy for him would be Empire—the best keeper. He would refrigerate those apples and keep eating them with his family through spring.

I never delivered the Empires this year, but I plan on getting them to his family soon.

Thanks for the effort Phil. We will miss you and your can-do attitude. Goodbye.

- Charley Preusser, editor
Crawford County Independent &
The Kickapoo Scout

Congratulations Peter Fox!

Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame Inductee 2022



The UW–Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the Center for Journalism Ethics are proud to congratulate alum, Distinguished Service Award winner and former CJE Advisory Board member Peter Fox (BA'73, MA'82) on his induction into the Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame.

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