

Tom Knapp

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EXPERIENCE

various — *freelance writer & editor*

ONGOING

I have written news and features for publications including Emmys.com (Academy of Television Arts & Sciences), Franklin & Marshall College alumni magazine, PennLive, Central PA Magazine and History in Motion.

I also provide copy-editing and proofreading services, from revising academic papers to weekly editing duties on The Jail Report.

Lebtown, Lebanon, PA — *freelance writer, editor/producer*

JULY 2019 - PRESENT

I started in 2019 as an independent news and features writer. In May 2021, I joined the staff as a remote editor, copy editor and producer.

LNP Media Group, Lancaster, PA — *staff writer*

OCTOBER 1983 - MAY 1988 / DECEMBER 1988 - NOVEMBER 2018

I was a reporter for LNP (Lancaster Newspapers/Intelligencer Journal) for 35 years, specializing in areas including breaking news, cultural arts & entertainment, education, special projects, government, crime and court.

Duties also included photographer, copy editor, proofreader, page designer, paginator, graphic artist and video host.

Lebanon Daily News, Lebanon, PA — *staff writer*

MAY 1988 - DECEMBER 1988

I was a news reporter focusing on breaking news, court, business and community news.

EDUCATION

Millersville University, Millersville, PA

AUGUST 1984 - MAY 1988

Bachelor of arts degree in English, concentration in journalism and a minor in sociology.

Hempfield High School, Landisville, PA

SEPTEMBER 1980 - JUNE 1984

SKILLS

Fast and thorough writer.

Motivated self-starter, adept at generating story ideas.

Experienced investigator and researcher.

Good people skills, able to interview people in person or by phone to elicit stories.

Works well on deadline to produce clean, readable copy.

Well versed in producing online content that people want to read, with headlines that attract attention.

Familiar with Scoop, Blox, FotoStation and PhotoShop, and a quick study when it comes to new software.

Adept at mentoring new staff members.

Keen eye for catching typos, correcting grammar and spelling, and honing other writers' prose.

AWARDS

Reporter of the Year for outstanding education reporting from the PA School Public Relations Association, **Hero of the Year** for excellence in reporting from the Humane Society of the United States (Pennsylvania chapter), numerous statewide journalism awards.