Hannah Whitaker

Staff Writer

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SUMMARY

Staff writer with 6 years of magazine and digital writing, covering food, culture and local business for a regional audience of 300,000 readers. Strong at feature writing, interviewing and fact-checking, edits clean copy to AP style, and files on deadline for both print and the web.

EXPERIENCE

Staff Writer

09/2022 - Present

North Star Monthly

Minneapolis, MN

Regional lifestyle magazine with a print run of 85,000 and a daily website.

- Report and write **6** web stories a week and 2 print features an issue on food, culture and local business.
- Interview 30+ sources a month, from chefs to city officials, and keep a source list of 400 contacts.
- Wrote a 5-part series on Twin Cities restaurant closures that drew 210,000 page views in 2 weeks.
- Edit and fact-check 8 to 10 freelance pieces a month against AP style before they reach the copy desk.
- Produce the weekly food newsletter for 42,000 subscribers, writing the lead item and choosing 6 reader picks.

Editorial Assistant

06/2020 - 08/2022

Mill City Media Group

St. Paul, MN

Publisher of 3 local business and community titles.

- Wrote 12 short news items and event listings a week for the website and print calendar.
- Uploaded and formatted stories in WordPress, adding SEO headlines and photos for 3 publications.
- Checked facts, names and figures in 20+ articles an issue, catching errors before press.
- Transcribed and organized interview audio for 4 senior writers, turning notes around within 24 hours.

SKILLS

- Writing
- Editing
- Feature Writing
- Interviewing
- Fact-Checking
- AP Style
- WordPress
- SEO
- Research
- Attention to Detail

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts

05/2020

University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, MN

Journalism