

WILL DENNER

Multimedia Journalist

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EXPERIENCE

Mail Tribune – Medford, Oregon

Sports Reporter

Aug. 2021 – Present

- As part of a three-person sports desk, I cover a wide range of southern Oregon including high school, college and community sports.
- Publish stories online, arrange photos and post to Mail Tribune social media channels to increase readership and subscriptions.
- Budget stories, edit copy, and take on other desk duties as needed.

Chico Enterprise-Record – Chico, California

Sports/Breaking News Reporter

Sept. 2018 – Aug. 2021

- Planned, developed and executed sports coverage of 12 high schools, one junior college and one NCAA Division II university for a seven-day daily newspaper. Collaborated with sports staff, consisting of three reporters.
- Covered daily crime, courts, fires and other stories concerning public safety. Monitored social media channels, wrote engaging headlines, posted stories online as they broke and updated them throughout the day.
- Part of newsroom staff named a 2019 Pulitzer Prize finalist in breaking news reporting for coverage of the 2018 Camp Fire – the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California state history.
- Earned four awards by the California Newspaper Publishers Association between 2018 and 2020, including a pair of first place awards for “Sports Feature Story” and “Sports Game Story.”

Madras Pioneer - Madras, Oregon

Sports Editor

Nov. 2016 – April 2018

- Covered Jefferson County preps, outdoors and recreation for a weekly newspaper.
- Responsible for all facets of the sports department, which includes writing a majority of stories, shooting photos, and designing pages for print.
- Established new avenues for engagement with the creation of company Twitter and Facebook accounts.
- Received two awards at the 2018 Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association’s Better Newspaper Contest in the categories of “Best Sports Story” and “Best Sports Photo.”

East Oregonian - Pendleton, Oregon

News Reporting Intern

June 2016 – Sept. 2016

- Covered business, community events and sports for 5-day per week, ONPA award-winning newspaper. Work included feature stories, event coverage, breaking news, briefs and photography.
- Wrote feature stories and coordinated photo assignments for annual Round-Up Magazine and Umatilla County Fair tab.
- Selected for an internship through the University of Oregon's Snowden Internship Program.

Daily Emerald - Eugene, Oregon

Sports Reporter

March 2015 – June 2016

- Covered University of Oregon football, men's basketball, tennis and golf for the UO campus newspaper. Wrote features, game stories and breaking news.
- Pitched stories to sports and managing editors weekly.
- Engaged with readers through Twitter and Facebook with live updates, content sharing and hashtags.

Rivals.com - Eugene, Oregon

Sports Reporter

Aug. 2014 – May 2015

- Covered University of Oregon football and basketball for Duck Sports Authority, the UO affiliate of Rivals.com. Wrote breaking news, recruiting and game stories.
- Managed game threads on the Ducks Sports Authority website.

EDUCATION

University of Oregon – Eugene, Oregon

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, June 2016

SKILLS

- Familiarity with content managements systems (WordPress), and metrics tools (Parse.ly, Google Analytics)
- Digital photography, video and editing programs (Adobe Photoshop and Final Cut Pro).
- Social media engagement (Twitter and Facebook).
- Newspaper pagination (Adobe InDesign).

REFERENCES

Mike Wolcott

Editor, Chico Enterprise-Record

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Sharon Martin

Night Sports Editor, Bay Area News Group

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Daniel Wattenburger

Managing Editor (former), East Oregonian

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Lori Shontz

Instructor, UO School of Journalism and Communication

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