

REGINALD (R.J.) BEATTY

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EDITOR & WRITER

Award-winning, hard-hitting, intuitive Journalist with more than 15 years of experience creating and enhancing publications, identifying errors, and collaborating with writers and teams to produce eye-catching content. Detail-oriented leader who possesses valuable combination of editing skills and the ability to transform a complex idea into simplified script for the common reader. Thrives in fast-paced environments and consistently meets deadlines. Has exhibited leadership capabilities by serving as a Copy Desk Chief and a Sports Editor. Seeks to benefit a leading organization by providing high quality editing and writing services. Expertly operates Nikon and Canon cameras and demonstrates technical proficiencies in Microsoft (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, FrontPage, and Works), News Edit Pro, Quark Xpress, InDesign, WordPerfect, Adobe PageMaker, Photoshop, and Movie Maker. Maintains an active presence on social media platforms including Facebook and Twitter.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Graphics
- Photography
- Page Design
- Newswriting
- Page Layout
- Fact Checking
- Proofreading
- Formatting
- Editing
- Newsroom Supervision
- Interviewing/Reporting
- Publishing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Multimedia Editor/Copy Desk Chief – Burlington Times-News – Burlington, NC (2016-Current)

A mid-sized North Carolina daily newspaper.

- Collaborates with senior staff to design daily editions; additionally, acts as the Night Editor responsible for joining efforts with designers in Texas branch to ensure all copy, photos, and related graphics are prepared.
- Monitors pagination status and performs a quality check while handling supervisory and scheduling duties on-site; grants final stamp of approval and manages breaking news content.

News Editor/Copy Desk Chief – Burlington Times-News – Burlington, NC (2012-2016)

- Supervised a team of Copy Desk Editors; organized work schedules and had final say on all decisions on a nightly basis.
- Completed standard editing and design functions as done; published photos to the company's website.

Copy Editor/Page Designer – Burlington Times-News – Burlington, NC (2008-2012)

- Worked on a team of four Copy Desk Editors; executed all brainstorming, designing, and layout for each edition proficiently utilizing the program InDesign.
- Analyzed the wire and made crucial decisions on newsworthy AP content and photos would make it into each edition based on timing, significance, proximity, prominence, and human interest; published finished content.
- Proofread all copy and editing when necessary; created headlines, bylines, and cutlines.

Copy Editor/Page Designer – Danville Register & Bee – Danville, VA (2007-2008)

A mid-sized Virginia daily newspaper.

- Collaborated with three other copy desk team members on planning, arranging, and formatting front pages, region fronts, and inside pages utilizing Quark Xpress; created A1 centerpiece packages.
- Assisted Staff Reporters to polish and consolidate their writing skills; edited and primed digital video for the Register & Bee website and updated website on an as-needed basis.

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Sports Editor – Thomasville Times – Thomasville, NC (2005-2006)

- Provided game coverage, produced preview stories, and created athlete profiles; wrote for sports columns and related publications for local sports such as high schools and other local summer-league baseball teams.
- Delegated sports coverage assignments and other similar stories to other writers; drafted and proofread copy making changes when necessary.
- Captured photos and prepared them for publication; formatted pages utilizing Quark Xpress.
- Drafted and published community sports announcements and other stories as needed; designed an editorial-page column discussing topics that interest the general public for every Thursday edition.

Educational Reporter – Thomasville Times – Thomasville, NC (2003-2005)

- Led all reporting of Thomasville City School and Davidson County Schools; reported on sporting events of the local high school teams.

News Reporter – Portales News-Tribune – Portales, NM (2001-2002)

- Responsible for general assignment reporting including stories about city and county government, law enforcement, the court system, Portales Municipal School Board of Education, and Eastern New Mexico University.
- Covered human-interest stories, enterprise pieces, and engaged in investigative work; was on-call to report on breaking news and perform ongoing updates for developing news stories.
- Collaborated with reporting staff at the News Journal in Clovis, NM.

News Reporter – The News of Orange County – Hillsborough, NC (1998-2001)

- Responsible for general assignment reporting on stories involving Orange County Government, the court system, the Sheriff's Department, articles about art and human-interest pieces.
- Executed formatting, layout, and page design functions; completed editorials and perspective pieces.
- Served as a photographer with responsibilities including shooting, downloading, scanning images, creating headlines, and making editing judgement calls.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, American Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Delta Psi member), 1998

Diploma, General Education, North Davidson High School, Welcome, NC (with honors), 1993