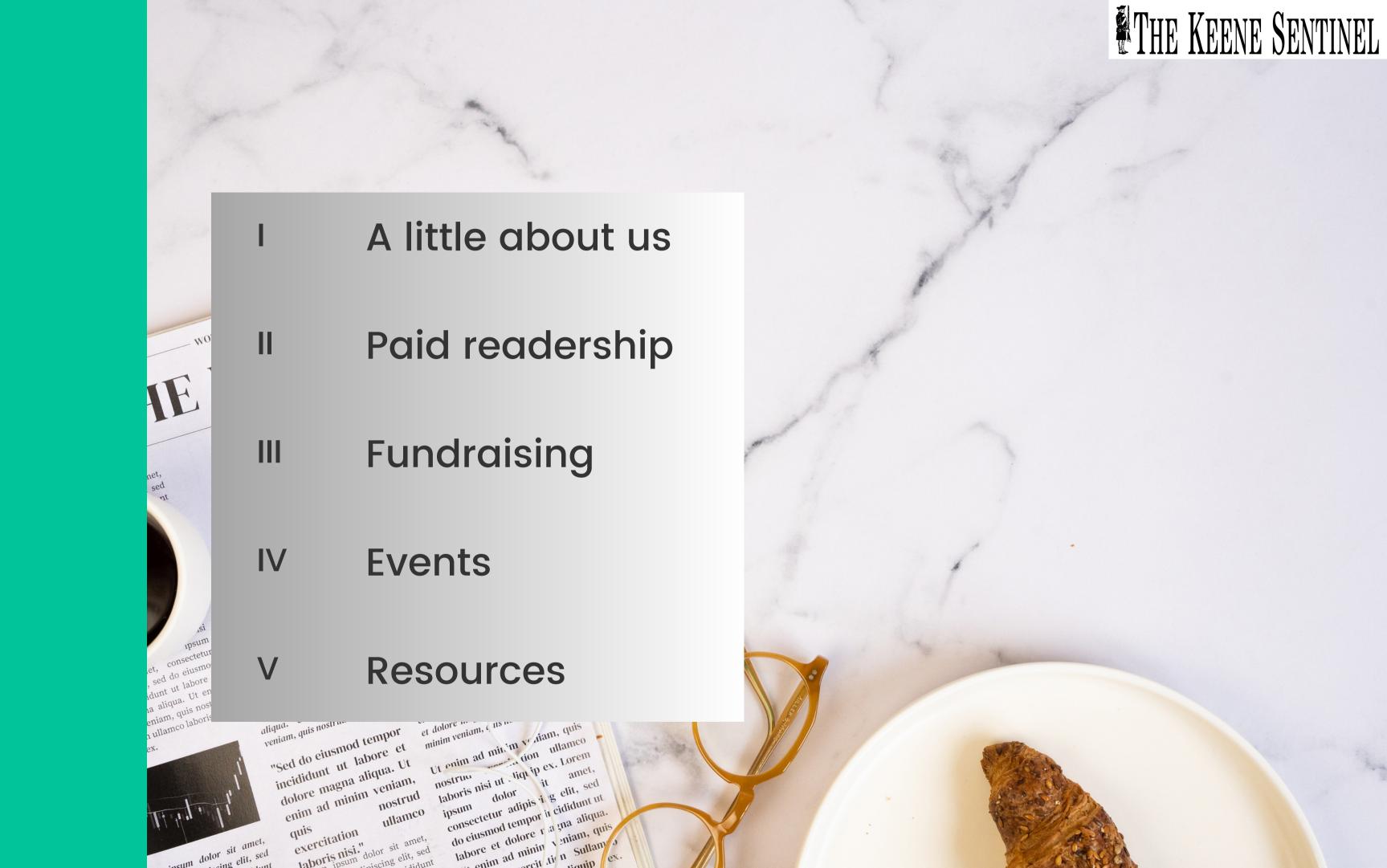
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Revenue and Audience Ideas





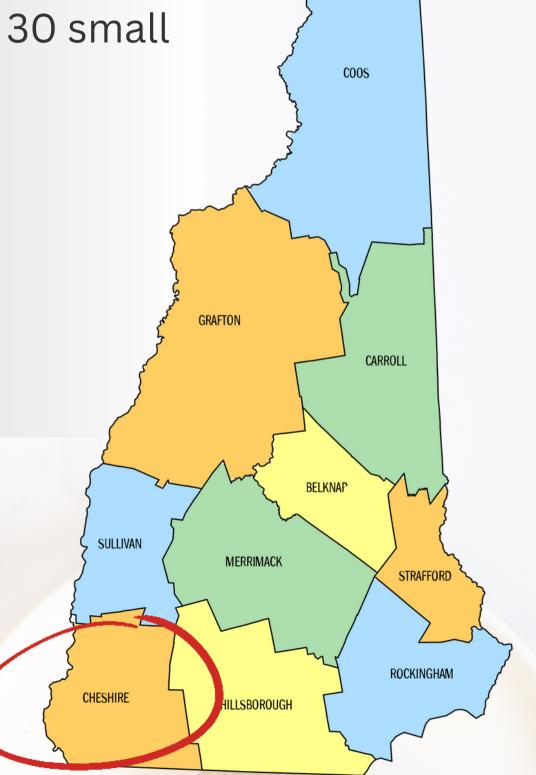
A little about us



Goss Community Press 1972

- The Sentinel was founded March 23, 1799
- Located in the southwest corner of N.H.
- Coverage area of one small city and 30 small towns
- Six days print: afternoons M-F;
 Sat. morning
- 19-member newsroom/60 FTEs
- Total circulation 5,494
- Digital circulation 1,547





NEW HAMPSHIRE



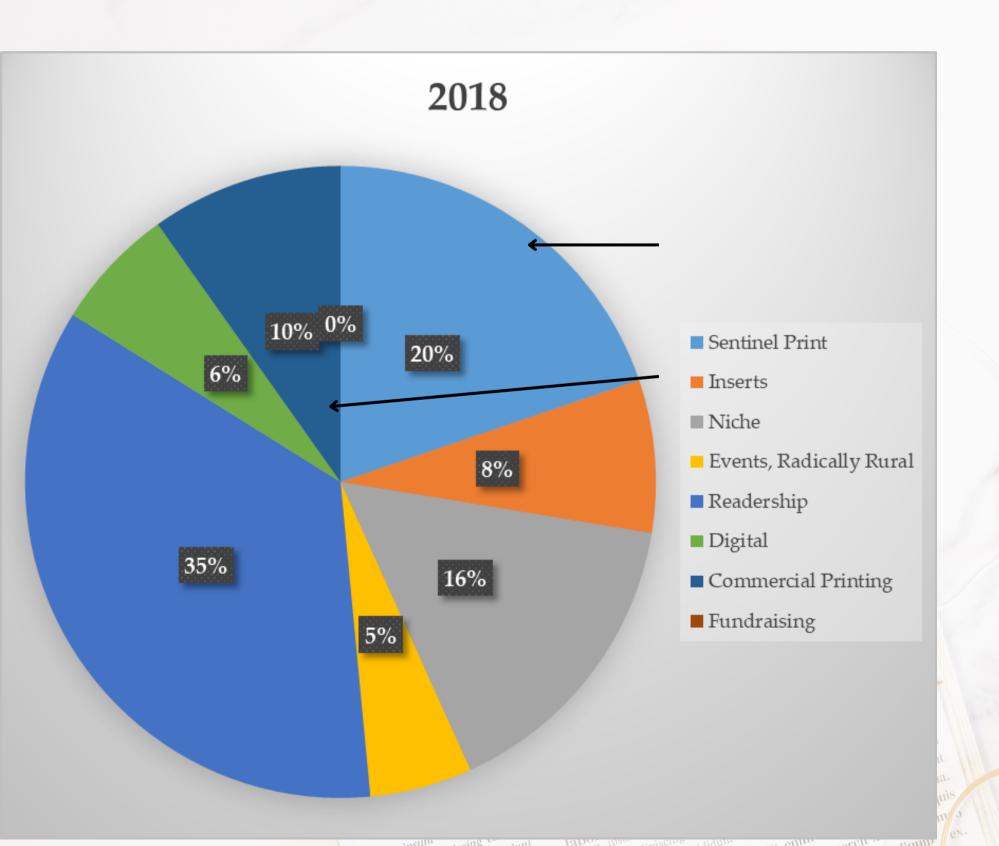
Table Stakes Principles

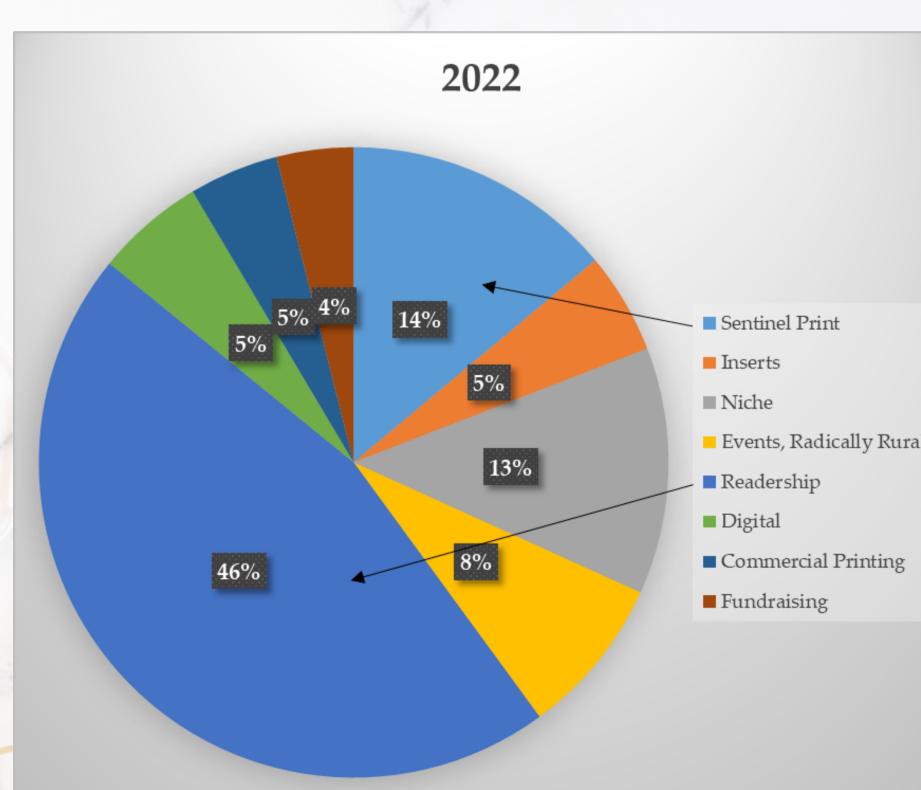
- 1. Serve targeted audiences with targeted content: Be audience-driven across the enterprise.
- 2. Publish on the platforms used by targeted audiences: Go to audiences rather than expecting them to come to us.
- 3. Produce and publish continuously to meet audience needs always on, always present.
- 4. Funnel occasional users to frequent readers to paying/valuable loyalists.
- 5. Diversify and grow the ways we earn revenue from the audiences we build.
- 6. Partner to expand capacity and capabilities at lower cost.
- 7. Seek audience growth and profitability using a "mini-publisher" perspective.

We added an 8th Table Stake:

8. Provide exemplary customer service and user experiences.









Key Measures

- Simplify the subscription page to basic info: name, email, credit card
- Tighten paywall
- Personalize price increases letters and emails, not just invoices, and tell your story
- Email a survey to those who don't renew - include a renewal offer
- Automate notices to subscribers whose credit cards will expire - or call them

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Key Measures

- Newsletter strategy to drive new subscribers - 70 so far this year
 - Segregate your email database between paid subscribers and nonsubscribers
 - A/B test different offers with the nonsubscribers
 - Onboarding letters

Weekday Newsletter

THE KEENE SENTINEL SentinelSource.com



Ask a local.



MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

LOCAL NEWS



A Keene State College freshman involved in a crash with a logging truck in Stoddard early Thursday morning has died of her injuries while another has been released from the hospital, school officials said.

Both Mayer and her passenger, Allison M. Yanski, 19, graduated from Concord High School and played together on the Keene State women's soccer team. Read more



Onboarding - Newsletters

#1: Welcome and what you can expect in your inbox

#2: Welcome and introduction from the co-

executive editors, with information about the

newsroom's work

#3: Other ways to connect with The Sentinel (i.e. the app, social media)

#4: Links to recent work we're proud of

#5: Hard sell #1 -- special subscription offer (only sent to non-Sentinel subscribers)

#6: Survey asking feedback about the newsletter experience so far

#7: Hard sell #2 -- special subscription offer (only sent to non-Sentinel subscribers)

The Keene Sentinel

Enjoy 24/7 digital access to The Keene Sentinel with a <u>special</u> offer for you. This offer expires Friday!

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The Keene Sentinel's stories online
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This limited-time offer is available only
to our newsletter readers!

Subscribe Today!



Key Measures



THE KEENE SENTINEL

What Local Means

Dear Reader,

The foundation of local journalism is firmly set in the ideals of truth, accountability And at The Sentinel, we are no different. From the darkest of nights to the brighte commitment to producing news that is both important and relevant for you, our

So, too, does our desire to give every subscriber a voice. Whether it be in the f editor, news tips submitted to the news@keenesentinel.com inbox or a quick Street office, we hear and see a lot about our community directly from our happy to listen — for good reason. By listening to readers, we can gain a b is we could be doing more of and recognize the distinct aspects of The SF each morning along with your neighbors.

In the early days of June, The Sentinel began to brainstorm ways to e' readers' valuable input. As a team, a range of departments at The S' Customer Service Team, of which I'm a member — came together would help us gauge your satisfaction with our current news cov

If you're a print subscriber, you may remember receiving this of copy of The Sentinel. It seems so long ago, there's a good charfilling it out and returning it to your delivery driver. But we note that worked together to gather, index, read through and note to the five questions from nearly 600 returned surveys. (I and additional notes written on the back and within the digital-only subscribers, but if you have suggestions in news@keenesentinel.com)

Your responses informed our newsroom staff about (including more "feel good" stories, reporting on accomplishments of local educators and student our news coverage and worth sharing with oth our journalism policies and guidelines are de Monadnock Region news, you believe that of the communities we cover.

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Thust me, I'm a journalist, these days.) There's a saying you could find on T-shirts and mugs years ago: "Trust me, I'm a journalist," these days.) Even back then, there was an irony to it. But we at The Sentinel, and many of our colleagues in local news, believe that trust can be For the past three years, we've been learning from Trusting News, an organization that aims to about their For the past three years, we've been learning from Trusting News outlets rebuild and earn their readers' trust. You can find more information about their Opinion content has been the first area we've Opinion
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Print and digital circulation revenue

	Print HD Pricing Weekly	Digital Pricing Weekly	SC Pricing Daily	Weekend Pricing	Print Revenue	Digital Revenue
2018	\$5.11	\$2.24	\$1.00	\$1.75	\$1,476,768	\$55,246
2023 Budget	\$10.99	\$5.05	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$1,663,080	\$385,445
Overall change in circulation	Q4 2018 6,483 Q4 2022 5,494	Ave3.8% annually Print down -7.7% annually	Digital change in circulation	Q4 2018 766 Q4 2022 1,547	Ave. +25.5% per year	
EZ Pay Percentage	HD 2020 33.74% 2023 55.02%	Digital 2020 15.92% 2023 85.42%				



Business Boost Program

- Bundle a locally produced product with a subscription offer
- Local coffee company blended a special pound of coffee for us
- Purchased wholesale
- Sold as part of a recurring offer, modest discount price for digital or digital + weekend print paper
- 45 orders





A PERFECT BLEND — LOCAL COFFEE AND LOCAL COPY

Sign up to receive The Keene Sentinel online for only \$8 every 4 weeks and get a free, one-pound bag of Prime Roast Coffee roasted especially for you.

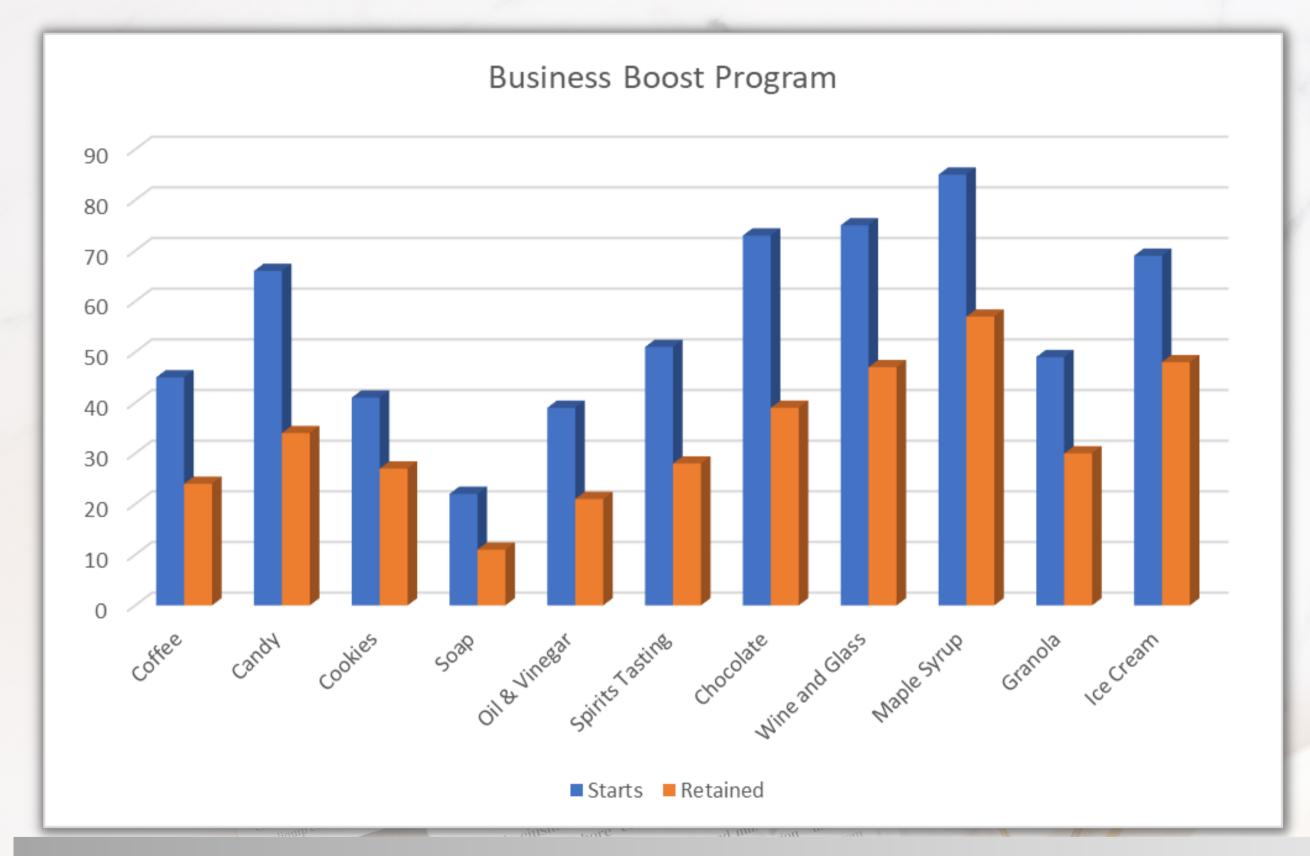






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Business Boost Program



- Total Starts = 615
- Total Retained = 366
- Average Starts per Product = 56

Best offer - Maple Syrup = 85 orders/57 retained





Local Business Boost Program					
Digital	383				
Digital Plus Weekend	232				
Total Orders	615				
Retained Orders	366				
Retention Rate	60%				
Total Revenue to Date	\$100,264				
Cost of Program	\$9,693				
Profit	\$90,571				
Cost per Order (Start)	\$15.76				
Cost per Order (Retained)	\$26.48				



Pivoting our readership workforce

		2018	2023
No. 2	Editorial Staff Focused on Readership		
	Circulation Staff Focused on Sales and Retention		
	Circulation Staff Focused on Delivery		



Nagging issues left to solve

- Poor distribution
 - Finding reliable drivers is a problem
 - May consider mailing the most difficult routes
- Expiring credit cards; we call now but connecting is a challenge
- Conversions at the paywall must do better
- More use of data; what content drives subscriptions?
- Subscriber benefits what else can we do?
- New strategy for our business boost program
- Automated marketing ActiveCampaign, for instance

Fundraising



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Fundraising at The Sentinel

- Crowdfunding and targeted appeals
- Grants
- Foundations and philanthropy





Issue No. 25	2020	2021	2022	2023
sit amet, sed	\$78,000	\$23,000	\$126,000	Budget \$125,000
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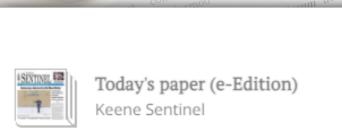
Fundraising at The Sentinel

Special appeals



IT'S OUR 224TH BIRTHDAY! N'T YOU CELEBRATE WITH US?

We've only got one thing on our wish list this year: your support.





Tuesday, March 14, 2023 Weather sponsored by







Health Reporting Lab Local sports







Suggestions

- Personalize the newsroom
- Personal letters
- Thank you notes handwritten
- Maintain an updated email database
- Find a fiscal sponsor LMA, RFA or local community fund
- Write an impact report
- Do a video
- Annual appeal and year-end appeal

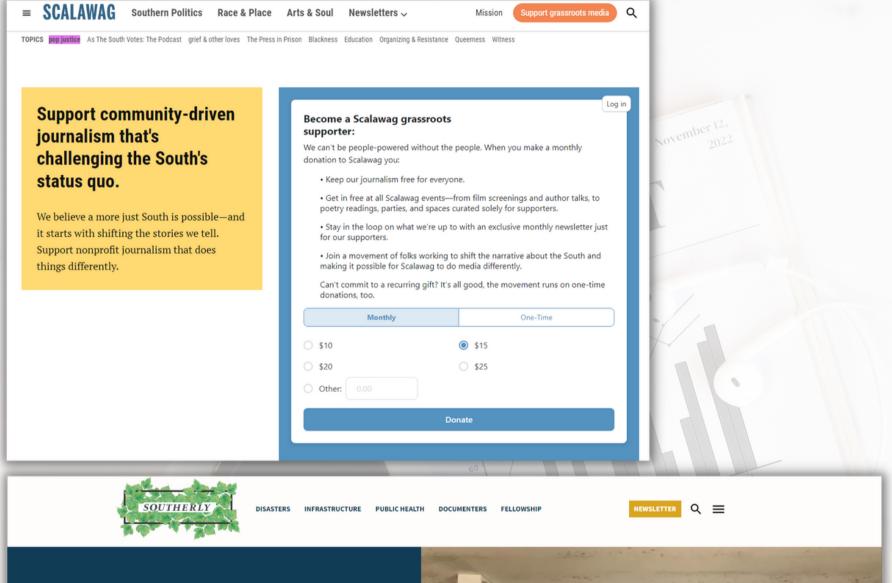


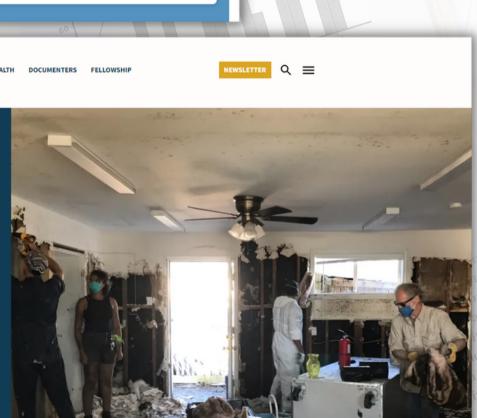
The "Super" subscriber					
	2021	2022			
Subscribers	5,368	5,046			
Number who gave	251	176			
Percent of "Super" subscribers	4.7%	3.5%			
Average gift	\$91.63	\$119.93			

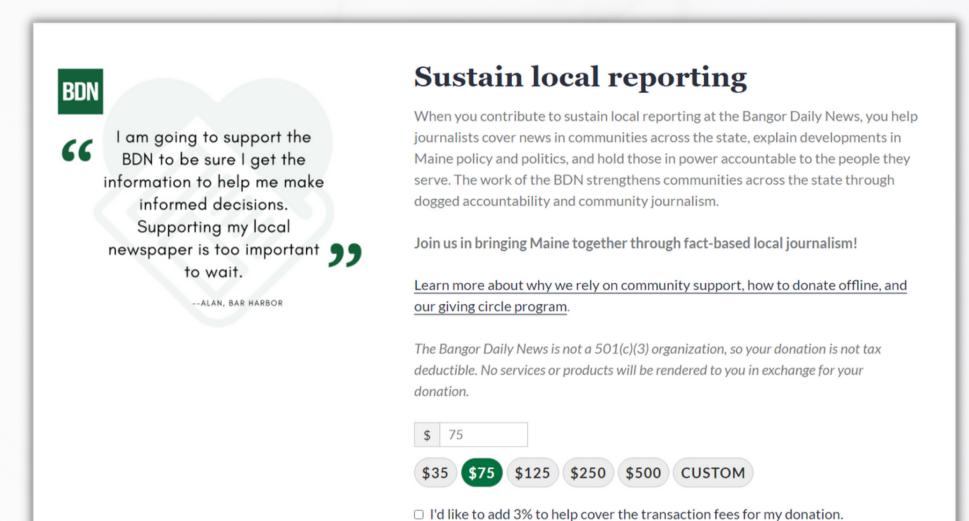


Fundraising Approaches

Memberships/Monthly Donations/Campaigns







Scalawag: https://scalawagmagazine.org/

Bangor Daily News: https://www.bangordailynews.com/

Southerly: https://southerlymag.org/



Fundraising at The Sentinel

- Took part in LMA Philanthropy Lab
- Conducted 30 listening sessions
- Found fiscal sponsor
- Developed a pitch deck
- Reached out to local and community foundations
- Reached out to inviduals
- Reached out to local businesses
- Goal was \$86,000 raised \$70,000



MONADNOCK REGION HEALTH REPORTING LAB



vector, from medical professionals and business

leaders to patients. Through those conversations

With the idea of a "lab" in mind, we set off to

elanger, to fully focus on the health be at

rovide in-depth health coverage in different ways

than we had in the past The donor-funded model

llowed us to dedicate our health reporter, Olivia

Having the Health Lab as a resource has allowed

long-form, solutions-based stories that our reader

need. In addition, the Lab has created a weekly online health newsletter, hosted Facebook Live

The Sentinel's reporting to expand beyond the



the Monadnock Region Health Reporting Lab. solutions reporter to better explore the problem of health care access in Cheshire County. This was unlike anything we had done before, with the project fully covered by donors and grants.

WHAT IT IS

The Sentinel's Monadnock Region Health Reporting Lab informs its readers about health issues within the area through in-depth stories

and multimedia projects. The beat focuses on

solutions journalism, which not only outlines

them through real-world examples. In pursuit

of this mission, the Health Lab offers a more

and physical health, where the root causes

of health issues lie and how to better our community. We hope, in turn, health officials

work to implement change

This letter is part of our first impact report tha

2022 and hope to produce in 2023. Through this endeavor, we've learned that the community will and that we can reach new audiences, particularly those that are underserved. Our goals remain to provide a deeper level of health care coverage for this region and to save lives.

We are deeply grateful to those who donated to our initial campaign and hope, during the next few months, to raise what we need for 2023 and make progress for 2024. If you'd like to contribute, please

(Yanenco L. Williams

MEET OUR FREELANCERS

journalist with more than

enjoys making complex health

topics accessible to readers.

ith a particular interest in

working with the Monadnock

on health policies, COVID-19 and

tackled stories for the Health Lab



ABOUT THE HEALTH LAB ABOUT OLIVIA

HEALTH SOLUTIONS REPORTER

keeping readers informed on issues like mental health, the opioid crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. Before joining The Sentinel's staff the Watertown Daily Times in Watertown, NY.

A 2018 graduate of Keene State College, Olivia decided to move back to the area in 2019 to tell the unique stories of the Monadnock Regio The Bartlett native new lives in Keene with her fiancé. Rvan, and their

When off duty, Oliviacan be found drinking an iced coffee, teaching





sent to your inbox every Monday b signing up at sentinelsource.com/

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Olivia Belanger can be reached at

ONE YEAR OF IMPACT

NUMBER OF STORIES **PUBLISHED TO DATE:**

75

NUMBER OF SOLUTIONS STORIES PUBLISHED TO DATE:

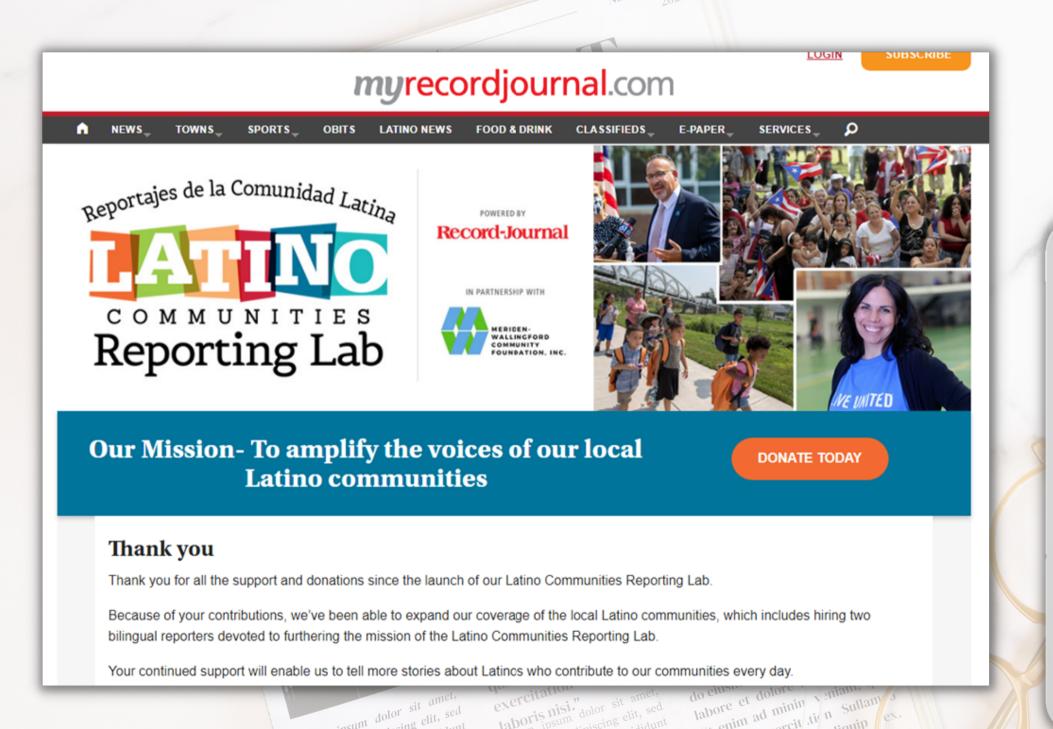
NEWSLETTERS TO DATE:

TO DATE:

931



- A helpful means to support local journalism
- Can range from small projects, or labs, to overall support for the enterprise
- Define a job to be done
- Conduct community listening













Find your match

NewsFuel, from Local Media Association, helps match local journalism projects to funding opportunities. Try it! Enter keywords or phrases to search for funders and opportunities, as well as news updates about journalism funded by philanthropy.

Enter keywords or phrases

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Search

ex.: "investigative journalism" "new york" "fellowship" "newspaper"

Ways to browse the listings

- At a glance: Current opportunities, with applications open now!
- View all: Funders | Opportunities | NewsFuel Updates

The Local Crowd: https://thelocalcrowd.com/

Inside Philanthropy

LMA's News Fund: https://localmedia.org/2022-local-news-fund-overview/

GrantFinder

Find grants

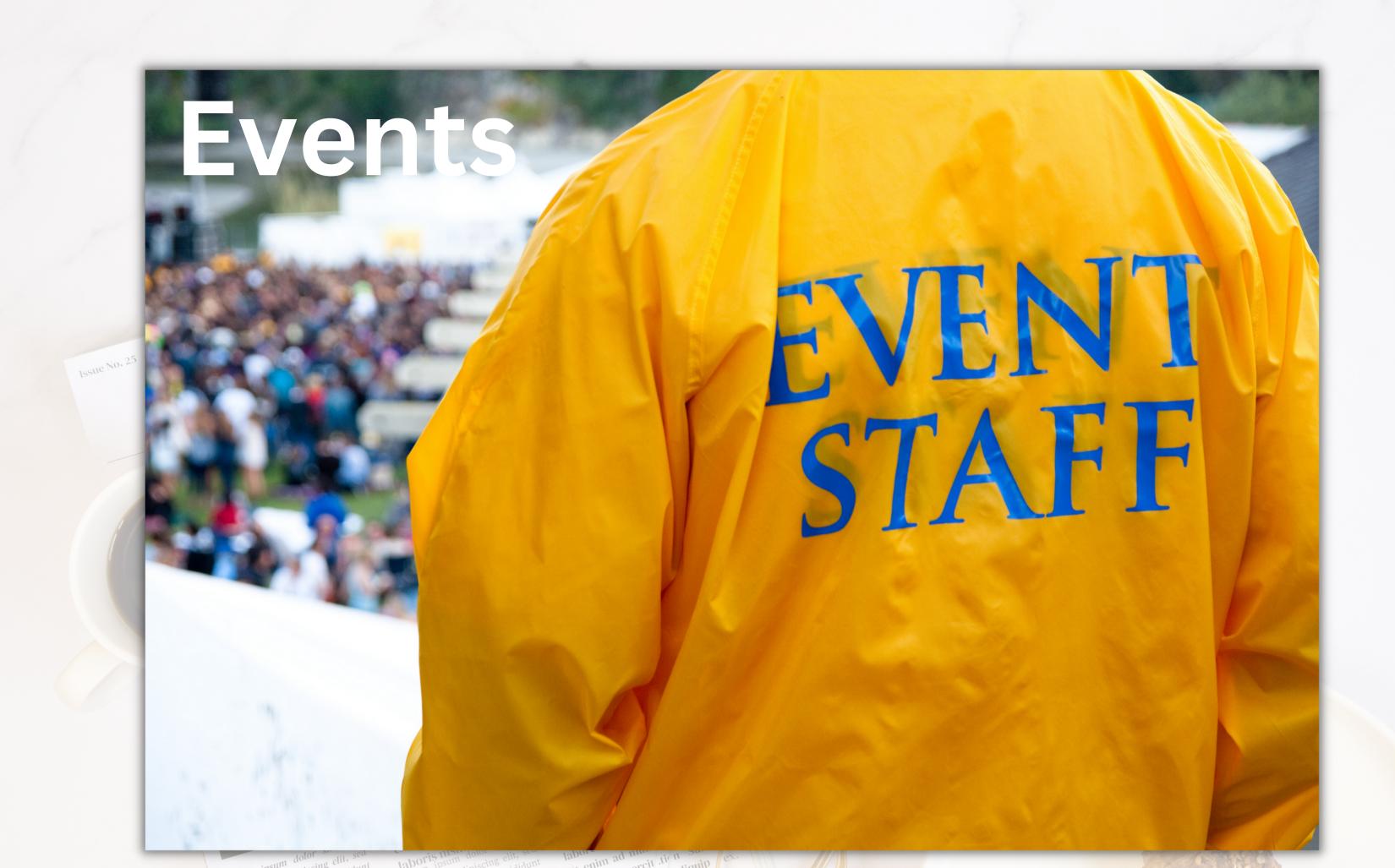
for nonprofits

Givebutter: https://givebutter.com/

NewsFuel: https://newsfuel.org/

Lenfest: https://www.lenfestinstitute.org/national-solutions-for-local-news/

LocalMedia LocalMedia





Events at The Sentinel

- Since 2014
- 10 events this year
- Three revenue streams:
 - Advertising in specialty publications
 - Ticket Sales
 - Sponsorships many of these are recurring
- Benefits
 - Can be quite profitable
 - Community-building, inspirational
 - Special benefits for subscribers
 - Burnish the company brand
 - Reach new audiences; grow email database





Events at The Sentinel

- Key components
 - Contest engine Second Street (Upland Software)
 - Email database
 - Social media promotion
 - Full range of publication's marketing channels
 - Events manager
 - Nonprofit beneficiary







For the Health of It!

The Monadnock
Region Community
Health Fair













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Annual Summit September 27-28, 2023 In Keene NH



Registration

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Radically Rural

 Partnership with Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship

- Seven tracks
 - Community Journalism
 - Downtowns
 - Arts and Culture
 - Land Use
 - Clean Energy
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Health care







Radically Rural

- Three revenue streams:
 - Advertising in specialty publications
 - Ticket Sales
 - Sponsorships
- All revenue and expenses are split 50/50
- Profit has been variable and impacted by the pandemic







Promotions Revenue and Expenses

	General Events	Business Events	Harvest Fest	Total	Expenses	Profit	Margin
2018	\$192,115	\$56,493	\$0	\$248,608	\$203,326	\$45,282	18%
2019	\$147,493	\$167,149	\$0	\$314,642	\$256,481	\$58,161	18%
2020	\$85,003	\$74,332	\$0	\$159,335	\$164,053	-\$4,718	-3%
2021	\$97,153	\$87,356	\$7,250	\$191,759	\$144,613	\$47,147	25%
2022	\$97,559	\$112,934	\$3,149	\$213,642	\$171,890	\$41,752	20%
Total	\$619,323	\$498,264	\$10,399	\$1,127,986	\$940,363	\$187,623	17%



Resources

https://uplandsoftware.com/secondstreet/

Table Stakes - Poynter Institute https://www.poynter.org/shop/business-work/table-stakes-poynters-local-news-innovation-program-2023/ Table Stakes - American Press Institute https://www.americanpressinstitute.org/publications/api-updates/api-continues-support-table-stakes-alumni-new-sprintprogram/ The Local Crowd: https://thelocalcrowd.com/ LMA's News Fund: https://localmedia.org/2022-local-news-fund-overview/ Givebutter: https://givebutter.com/ NewsFuel: https://newsfuel.org/ Lenfest: https://www.lenfestinstitute.org/national-solutions-for-local-news/ **Blue Engine Collaborative** https://inn.org/news/shaking-the-trees-how-15-newsrooms-grew-sponsorship-revenue-by-250/ **Upland Software**

Thank you for listening!

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