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Biesiada, Stone promoted to top newsroom seats at Star News Group

Will serve as managing editor, assistant managing editor, respectively

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MANASQUAN – Star News Group, publisher of The Coast Star, Manasquan, and The Ocean Star, Point Pleasant Beach, has announced the promotion of two of its newsroom employees.

Jamie E. Biesiada has been promoted to the top editorial position at Star News Group as managing editor.

Ms. Biesiada, who joined the company in 2009, previously served as managing editor of The Coast Star and The Ocean Star. She also previously served as a reporter and newsroom supervisor for Star News Group.

She will be responsible for overseeing all content of The Coast Star, The Ocean Star and starnewsgroup.com.

A summa cum laude graduate of Monmouth University, West Long Branch, Ms. Biesiada, a Manasquan resident, holds a bachelor's degree in communication with an emphasis in journalism.



Ms. Biesiada has received several awards from the New Jersey Press Association [NJPA] for her reporting, as well as for her webmaster duties.

Last year, Ms. Biesiada was named to Editor & Publisher's "Top 25 Under 35," an annual feature that highlights young leaders in the field of newspaper publishing.

"As the managing editor and an active member of the community, I have come to know what our readers expect and deserve – the local news that is pertinent to their lives," Ms Biesiada said. "I will continue to strive to provide the best content possible for our readers."

Amanda M. Stone has been promoted to the position of assistant managing editor.

Ms. Stone previously served as a reporter, covering Manasquan and Avon-by-the-Sea for Star News Group.

Ms. Stone, a Point Pleasant resident, joined the company in 2011. A cum laude graduate of the University of South Florida, Ms. Stone holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication.

"I have learned a great deal about community journalism in the past three years and the importance of delivering the news to the public each week," Ms. Stone said. "I look forward to serving in my new role with the company and providing our readers with the quality content they have come to expect."

Publisher James Manser said he is pleased to promote both Ms. Biesiada and Ms. Stone.

"I am pleased to promote both Jamie and Amanda to these key roles in the management of our newspaper. Both have shown great commitment to the content we provide to our readers each and every week," he said. "I am confident they will strive to continually improve the quality and breadth of local news we deliver, week in and week out."

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