

Who we are



Abilene Reporter-News

The debut edition of Abilene's first newspaper, *The Abilene Reporter* was published on June 17, 1881, three months and two days after the village was established at a town lot auction.

The newspaper, known now as *Abilene Reporter-News*, has been in operation ever since, making it the oldest business concern in Abilene.

The newspaper shared the town's earliest development. Early editors coaxed Abilenians to install board sidewalks to keep townsmen out of the mud. An early editor waged a holy war against prairie dogs, declaring, "The press is going to tackle this evil."

Through its editorial leadership, the newspaper has had much to do with the development of West Central Texas. Later editors have crusaded for public parks, for industrial development, more adequate water supplies and downtown renovation.

Today, the *Abilene Reporter-News* is part of the The E.W. Scripps Company. Scripps is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol SSP and is the 8th largest newspaper publisher in the U.S. Besides newspapers Scripps owns network television stations, Home and Garden TV, the Food Network, Fine Living and the Do It Yourself cable networks plus Scripps productions. Scripps also operates United Media a worldwide syndicator and licensor of news features and comics like Peanuts and Dilbert.

The *Abilene Reporter-News* employs approximately 240 people and is in operation 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

It is the areas leading source for news and information. Beside the daily newspaper, the *Abilene Reporter-News* publishes a weekly TMC product, *The Peacemaker*, a weekly military publication for Dyess Air Force Base, *The Money Clip*, a monthly direct mail coupon magazine as well as several monthly targeted publications plus commercial printing. They also provide on-line news and information at www.reporternews.com

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