

LAKE COUNTRY Journal

Contributor Publishing Agreement

This agreement made on _____ between *Lake Country Journal*, under ownership of Range Printing, a Minnesota Inc. company located at 1022 Madison Street, Brainerd, MN 56401 (hereinafter “Publisher”), and _____ (hereinafter “Contributor”). This signed document will serve as a one year, automatically renewing agreement for freelance materials provided for Publisher unless terminated in writing by either party.

Our agreement is as follows:

1. Contributor agrees to write and/or photograph **original** articles—**created without the use of AI**—to be published in *Lake Country Journal* with **exclusive first-publication rights for 60 days from the on-sale date** of the issue. After that point, Contributor owns the article/photo and can post it online or sell it elsewhere. While the issue is current, Contributor is encouraged to post links to lakecountryjournal.com.
2. Contributor will not infringe upon or violate any property rights of any third party or violate any other **copyright** of any other person or entity.
3. Contributor agrees to write, proofread, and deliver articles and images to the Editor-in-Chief by the **deadline** date. If the deadline is missed, the Editor-in-Chief reserves the right to terminate the assignment and reduce the agreed upon fee by 5% for each day late.
4. Article will be submitted with the headings and sources information. Upon submission, Contributor will have **verified all facts** and have the ability to furnish fact checking material to the Editor-in-Chief, who shall have the right to ask for sources and also check the article for accuracy.
5. The Publisher and the Editor-in-Chief have the right to request revisions of the article or request a different angle on the same story. If this occurs, the Contributor will not be penalized for revisions past the due date.
6. The Publisher has the right to publish the article in **all media forms**, including online platforms.
7. If, for some reason, your article and/or images are rejected by *Lake Country Journal*, you will be paid a “kill” fee of 25% and you will retain the rights to the article and/or images. If your written article is accepted for publication, *Lake Country Journal* reserves the right to retain and publish the article and images for two years from the date of its receipt. Reasons for rejection may include but are not limited to: incompleteness, substantial grammatical errors, low quality images, and/or a lack of effort in article development.
8. The Editor-in-Chief reserves the right to edit, abridge, condense, and add copy to articles.
9. The Contributor agrees to take all reasonable care to ensure that the article, including images, is **not libelous** and does not violate the right of privacy or publicity of any person; and that that article will **not infringe any copyright**, trademark, service mark or trade secret rights.

- 10. The Contributor is responsible to **obtain photo releases** of individuals photographed in non-public settings for photographs taken by Contributor.
- 11. The Contributor agrees to cooperate fully in the defense of any legal action that might arise from the creation or publication of the article.

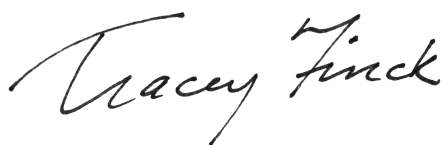
This agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties and shall be construed under the laws of Minnesota.

Writer/Photographer/Contributor

Signature _____ Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____



Tracey Finck,
Editor-in-Chief

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