

# BDN EDITOR BARTH TO JOIN INDUCTEES IN HALL OF FAME

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BELOIT - The Beloit Historical Society will induct five people into its Hall of Fame during a ceremony set for 1 p.m., Oct. 13 at the Historical Society, 845 Hackett St.

This year's inductees are Bill Barth, Tom Finley, Diane Hendricks, Curt Lansbery and Ron Whitley. The Beloit Daily News will run a story on each of the inductees noting their accomplishments and contributions to the Stateline Area:

## Bill Barth

Bill Barth has worked for the Beloit Daily News for 43 years and has overseen the newspaper as it has gained numerous awards and honors for its news, sports and feature stories and photos. He also has been deeply involved in the Stateline Area, volunteering to serve on several community boards and committees.

He began his career in journalism at the Times-Courier in Charleston, Illinois, shortly after graduating from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale with a journalism degree. In 1976, he accepted a position at the Beloit Daily News, being named managing editor in 1979 and being appointed editor in 1994. Over the years, Barth has been recognized many times by the Wisconsin Newspaper Association for writing the best editorials and columns in the state, as well as for investigative reporting. In the spring of 2019, the Daily News was named "Best of Division" among newspapers of its size by the Wisconsin Newspaper Association.

In 2016, Barth was inducted into the Wisconsin Newspaper Hall of Fame during ceremonies held in Madison.

In 1999-2000, Barth served as president of the Wisconsin Associated Press Editors. He also is a member of the national AP Editors Association.

He has been a longtime member of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association's Legislative Affairs Committee, and worked directly on legislative initiatives to preserve and improve government transparency.

Barth also has served on many boards and committees for community organizations and nonprofit groups, including the Stateline Boys and Girls Club, the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Beloit Association, the United Way, the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross and the Peter A. Larsen Foundation.