

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☒
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan SANDUSKY NEWSPAPERS GROUP 401K RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 05/01/1995
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) SANDUSKY NEWSPAPERS INC 10 CENTER STREET CHAGRIN FALLS, OH 44022
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-4346500
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 440-247-9411
2d	Business code (see instructions) 511110

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	09/20/2024	MAUREEN FLESHER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 172
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 112 6a(2) 89 6b 4 6c 67 6d 160 6e 4 6f 164 6g(1) 171 6g(2) 154 6h 4
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☐ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan SANDUSKY NEWSPAPERS GROUP 401K RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SANDUSKY NEWSPAPERS INC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-4346500	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
TRANSAMERICA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
39-0989781	86231	YK51240	154	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end **4** 1275454**5** Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end **5****6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier **6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
Specify nature of costs ▶**e** Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☒ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 1289621**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year **7c(1)** 26450(2) Dividends and credits **7c(2)**(3) Interest credited during the year **7c(3)** 23819(4) Transferred from separate account **7c(4)**(5) Other (specify below) **7c(5)** 326263

▶ TRANSFER IN, LOAN PRINCIPAL, INTEREST PAID & FORFEITURES

(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 376532**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 1666153**e** Deductions:(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year **7e(1)** 386319(2) Administration charge made by carrier **7e(2)** 509(3) Transferred to separate account **7e(3)**(4) Other (specify below) **7e(4)** 3871

▶ TRANSFERS OUT & LOANS ISSUED

(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 390699**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 1275454

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SANDUSKY NEWSPAPERS INC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-4346500	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS
13-3689044

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS

13-3689044

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	RECORD KEEPER	14072	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES

04-3523567

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
33 71	SECURITIES BROKER	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

USI ADVISORS, INC.

95 GLASTONBURY BLVD
SUITE 102
GLASTONBURY, CT 06033

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
16 50	CONSULTANT	22466	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
ALLSPRING P.O. BOX 219967 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	0
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AMERICAN FUNDS 5300 ROBIN HOOD ROAD NORFOLK, VA 23513	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
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TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	0
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FIDELITY 100 CROSBY PARKWAY COVINGTON, KY 41015	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JANUS 53 STATE STREET-21ST FLOOR SUITE 2104 BOSTON, MA 02109	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	12 15 28 37 38 50 54 59 61 62 63 64 65	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JP MORGAN P.O. BOX 219143 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
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NUVEEN 333 W. WACKER DR. CHICAGO, IL 60606	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

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TRANSAMERICA PO BOX 9012 CLEARWATER, FL 33758	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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VIRTUS 101 MUNSON STREET GREENFIELD, MA 01301	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
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WESTERN ASSET MGMT 385 EAST COLORADO BOULEVARD PASADENA, CA 91101	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
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NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
FIDELITY 100 CROSBY PARKWAY COVINGTON, KY 41015	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JANUS 53 STATE STREET-21ST FLOOR SUITE 2104 BOSTON, MA 02109	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
JP MORGAN P.O. BOX 219143 KANSAS CITY, MO 64121	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
NUVEEN 333 W. WACKER DR. CHICAGO, IL 60606	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
TRANSAMERICA PO BOX 9012 CLEARWATER, FL 33758	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
VIRTUS 101 MUNSON STREET GREENFIELD, MA 01301	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	33 71	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
WESTERN ASSET MGMT 385 EAST COLORADO BOULEVARD PASADENA, CA 91101	REVENUE SHARING SEE ATTACHMENT TO LINE 2(H)	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan SANDUSKY NEWSPAPERS GROUP 401K RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SANDUSKY NEWSPAPERS INC	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-4346500	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	17373	18335
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	74040	51666
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	989
(3) Other	1b(3)	327	315
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	414	426
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	263777	177178
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	8913043	9086792
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	1289622	1275454
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	10558596	10611155
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k		
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	10558596	10611155

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	51762	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	203167	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		254929
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	57	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	10859	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	23819	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		34735
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	141783	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		141783
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		1667307
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		2098754

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	2009657	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		2009657
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	14072	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	22466	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		36538
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2046195

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		52559
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **MEADEN & MOORE, LTD.**

(2) EIN: **34-1818258**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		☒	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		☒	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan SANDUSKY NEWSPAPERS GROUP 401K RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 SANDUSKY NEWSPAPERS INC		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 34-4346500
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 13-3689044		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____		
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):	
a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%	
b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.	
a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:	
☐ Yes.	
☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.	
☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).	
☐ Design-based safe harbor method	
☒ "Prior year" ADP test	
☐ "Current year" ADP test	
☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702459A</u> .	

SANDUSKY NEWSPAPERS GROUP 401(k) RETIREMENT PLAN AND TRUST

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Participants and Board of Trustees of the
Sandusky Newspapers Group 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust
Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of the Sandusky Newspapers Group 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust (the “Plan”), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan’s financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions, State Street Bank and Trust Company (“Trustee”) and Transamerica Life Insurance Company (“Custodian”), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical

requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment

information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes at End of Year as of December 31, 2023 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Meaden & Moore, Ltd.

Meaden & Moore, Ltd.
Dublin, Ohio

September 20, 2024

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Sandusky Newspapers Group 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust

	December 31	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 18,761	\$ 17,787
Receivable - Employer contributions	51,666	74,040
Receivable - Employee contributions	989	-
Receivable - Interest	315	327
Notes receivable from participants	177,178	263,777
Total Receivables	230,148	338,144
Investments at Fair Value:		
Allspring Government Securities A	314,918	360,229
American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	437,169	462,914
Fidelity Advisor Stock Selector Mid Cap A	1,074,151	1,249,494
Janus Henderson Balanced A	276,746	404,042
Janus Henderson Forty S	1,197,578	1,057,678
JPMorgan Equity Income A	331,677	414,028
Nuveen Real Estate Securities A	249,995	235,234
Transamerica Capital Growth I	821,382	570,832
Transamerica Multi Managed Balanced I	193,154	197,424
Transamerica Stable Value Fund	1,275,454	1,289,622
Transamerica Stock Index R	469,800	418,056
Value Equity A Western Asset Core Bond A	442,624	525,778
Vanguard Growth Index Adm	837,745	649,821
Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm	219,832	202,577
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020	28,375	69,421
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025	454,274	460,206
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030	777,394	738,329
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035	383,784	341,388
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040	44,712	34,468
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045	153,585	154,325
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050	139,842	105,604
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055	42,807	46,296
Vanguard Target Retirement 2060	35,139	28,992
Vanguard Target Retirement 2065	3,167	741
Vanguard Target Retirement Income	46,250	71,128
Virtus Ceredex Large-Cap Value Equity A	110,692	114,038
Investments at Fair Value	10,362,246	10,202,665
Total Assets	10,611,155	10,558,596
LIABILITIES	-	-
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 10,611,155	\$ 10,558,596

See accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Sandusky Newspapers Group 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust

	Year Ended December 31	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:		
Contributions:		
Employer	\$ 51,762	\$ 73,197
Employee	<u>203,167</u>	<u>255,518</u>
Total Contributions	254,929	328,715
Interest and dividend income	141,795	122,065
Interest on notes receivable from participants	10,859	14,429
Gain on sale of investments	130,997	192,025
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1,536,746	(3,333,946)
Variable asset charge	<u>23,428</u>	<u>25,244</u>
Total Investment Income (Loss)	1,843,825	(2,980,183)
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	2,009,657	600,522
Investment advisory fees	22,466	26,872
Loan initiation and maintenance fees	1,850	2,400
Vanguard fees	<u>12,222</u>	<u>12,377</u>
Total Deductions	<u>2,046,195</u>	<u>642,171</u>
Net Increase (Decrease)	52,559	(3,293,639)
Net Assets Available for Benefits:		
Beginning of Year	<u>10,558,596</u>	<u>13,852,235</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 10,611,155</u>	<u>\$ 10,558,596</u>

See accompanying notes.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Sandusky Newspapers Group 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust

1 Participant Employers of the Plan

The Sandusky Newspapers Group 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust (the "Plan") includes the following related group members collectively known as the "Employer": Sandusky Newspapers, Inc.; Kingsport Publishing Corporation; Ogden Publishing Corporation; Reflector-Herald, Inc.; Grand Haven Publishing Corporation; Johnson City Publishing Corporation; Erwin Publishing Company, Inc.; Jonesborough Publishing Company, Inc.; Tomahawk, Inc.; Lebanon Publishing Company, Inc.; Sandusky Digital Sales Development, Inc; and Six Rivers Media, LLC. The Plan operates under agreements between the related group members and the Trustee and Custodian. Ogden Publishing Corporation was sold on May 14, 2018, which resulted in a partial plan termination. As a result of the partial plan termination, all of the Plan participants at Ogden became 100% vested.

Grand Haven Publishing Corporation and Lebanon Publishing Company, Inc. were sold on May 31, 2019. In addition, Sandusky Newspapers, Inc. and Reflector-Herald, Inc. were sold on July 31, 2019. These transactions resulted in a partial plan termination and as a result, all of the Plan participants at these Companies became 100% vested.

Six Rivers Media, LLC became a participating member of the Plan effective December 31, 2019. Kingsport Publishing Corporation, Johnson City Publishing Corporation, Erwin Publishing Company, Inc., Jonesborough Publishing Company, Inc. and Tomahawk, Inc. were merged into Six Rivers Media, LLC and ceased to be participating members of the Plan effective December 31, 2019.

2 Description of Plan

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a complete description of the Plan's provisions.

The Plan was restated and amended effective May 1, 2022, to comply with recent tax laws and regulations.

General:

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all common law employees of the Employer who have completed one "Year of Service" (as defined by the Plan) and are age twenty-one or older, except those persons who are members of a unit of employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement where retirement benefits were a subject of good faith negotiations, unless a labor agreement has been adopted causing the Plan to be applicable to such persons. It is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions:

Participant Elected Contributions – Participants may elect salary reduction contributions up to the maximum amount allowed by law. Eligible participants may also make catch-up contributions. ROTH deferral option is available under the Plan. Participants may increase or decrease the amount of contributions made to the Plan on any business day effective with the next pay. The Plan includes an automatic contribution arrangement for newly eligible participants. The Employer will withhold 4% of compensation each pay period unless the Participant affirmatively elects not to withhold.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Sandusky Newspapers Group 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust

2 Description of Plan, Continued

Contributions, Continued:

Rollover and Transfer Contributions - Rollover contributions from other plans are also accepted, provided certain specified conditions are met.

Employer Discretionary Matching Contributions - The Employer, at its sole discretion, may contribute matching funds to the Plan, determined on an annual basis. The contribution amount, if any, will be determined as a percentage of each participant's elected contribution. Participants that have completed at least 1,000 hours of service and are employed on the last day of the Plan year are eligible if the Employer elects to make matching contributions.

The Employer matching contribution for 2023 and 2022 was fifty percent (50%) of the first four percent (4%) of the participants' compensation deferred pursuant to a Salary Reduction Agreement.

Employer Discretionary Profit Sharing Contributions - On an annual basis, the Employer, at its sole discretion, may make a profit sharing contribution to the Plan. These funds are allocated to all eligible Plan participants who, during the Plan year, completed a year of service and are employed by the Employer at the end of the Plan year regardless of whether they make participant elected contributions to the Plan.

Contributions are subject to limitations on annual additions and other limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in the Plan agreement.

Participants' Accounts:

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of the Employer matching and profit sharing contribution, if made, and earnings and losses thereon. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. Forfeited balances of terminated participants' non-vested accounts are used to reduce future employer contributions and Plan expenses.

The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting:

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the employer's matching and profit sharing contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of credited service. A participant is 100% vested after six years of credited service.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Sandusky Newspapers Group 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust

2 Description of Plan, Continued

Forfeited Accounts:

The Plan received \$2,435 and \$1,961 of forfeitures for 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Plan used forfeitures of \$2,000 (2023) and \$0 (2022) to reduce the Employer's matching contribution.

Forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$3,031 and \$552 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Employer contributions and Plan expenses were or will be reduced by these amounts.

Notes Receivable from Participants:

In accordance with Plan provisions, participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 and up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loans are repaid over a period not to exceed 5 years with exceptions for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the balance in the participants' accounts and bear interest at rates equivalent to those charged by local lending institutions. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions. The note becomes due and payable upon termination of employment with the Company. The notes are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus accrued but unpaid interest. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. Delinquent participant loans are recorded as distributions on the basis of the terms of the Plan agreement.

Payment of Benefits:

Upon termination of employment, retirement, death or disability, a participant may choose to receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as either a lump sum distribution or rollover his or her account balance to a new qualified Plan. Participants with account balances of \$5,000 or more, may choose to leave his or her account balance with the Plan.

The Plan also provides for mandatory distributions of certain small account balances upon severance of employment. A mandatory distribution is an eligible rollover distribution that is made without the participant's consent and that is made to the participant before he or she attains normal retirement age.

Investment Options:

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct contributions in 1% increments to any of the investment options offered by the Plan. Once enrolled, participants may change their investment options daily.

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Sandusky Newspapers Group 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust

3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting:

The Plan's financial statements are prepared on an accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties:

The Plan's investments include investments in mutual funds and a stable value fund with varying degrees of risk, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Plan Benefits.

Valuation of Investments:

Investments are stated at fair value. Marketable securities are reported at fair market value as of the balance sheet date. Fair values represent quoted market prices or, if quoted market prices are not available, estimated fair values as determined by the Plan's investment broker. The fair value of the stable value fund is calculated by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation/(depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments purchased and sold as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid. There were no benefits due and payable to terminated participants at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Contributions:

Contributions from Plan participants are recorded in the year in which the employee contributions are withheld from compensation. Matching contributions from the Employer are recorded in the year in which the employer contribution is paid.

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Sandusky Newspapers Group 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust

3 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Fees:

Fees are paid by the Plan, Employer, and Participants.

The Plan paid \$22,466 and \$26,872 in investment advisory fees during 2023 and 2022, which were offset by \$23,428 and \$25,244 in variable asset charges received by the Plan during 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Employer paid \$14,275 for professional fees at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

During 2023, participants paid fees of \$14,072 consisting of \$1,850 in loan fees, labeled "Loan initiation and maintenance fees" and wrap fees of \$12,222 associated with Vanguard targeted funds, labeled "Vanguard fees".

During 2022, participants paid fees of \$14,777 consisting of \$2,400 in loan fees, labeled "Loan initiation and maintenance fees" and wrap fees of \$12,377 associated with Vanguard targeted funds, labeled "Vanguard fees".

Plan Termination:

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

Subsequent Events:

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements.

Subsequent events have been evaluated through September 20, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Sandusky Newspapers Group 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust

4 Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Topic 820 are described as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- * Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.
- * Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets.
- * Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability.
- * Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Mutual Funds:

The fair value of the mutual funds are based on quoted market prices and classified as a Level 1.

Stable Value Fund:

The fair value of the stable value fund is an investment in the general account of the Custodian and the value is guaranteed by the Custodian. Transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily and the investment advisor may impose up to a 12-month delay period on all withdrawal requests. The stable value fund is a depository liability with no formal underlying maturities and is classified in Level 2 category of the valuation hierarchy.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4 Fair Value Measurements, Continued

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. Classification within the fair value hierarchy table is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 9,086,792	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,086,792
Stable Value Fund	-	1,275,454	-	1,275,454
Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 9,086,792</u>	<u>\$ 1,275,454</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,362,246</u>

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 8,913,043	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,913,043
Stable Value Fund	-	1,289,622	-	1,289,622
Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 8,913,043</u>	<u>\$ 1,289,622</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,202,665</u>

5 Information Prepared and Certified by Trustee/Custodian

The following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule was obtained from data that has been prepared and certified as complete and accurate by the Trustee/Custodian:

	2023	2022
Notes receivable from participants	\$ 177,178	\$ 263,777
Investments, at fair value	\$ 10,362,246	\$ 10,202,665
Interest and dividend income	\$ 141,795	\$ 122,065
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	\$ 10,859	\$ 14,429
Gain on sale of investments	\$ 130,997	\$ 192,025
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments	\$ 1,536,746	\$ (3,333,946)

6 Party-in-Interest Transactions

One of the Plan's investments (Transamerica Stable Value Option) is made available through Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Company (TFLIC), an affiliate of Transamerica Retirement Solutions, LLC which functions as the third-party administrator and record-keeper for the Plan. As such, the investment management functions performed by TFLIC qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

Usual and customary fees were paid by various investments of the Plan for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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Sandusky Newspapers Group 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust

7 Tax Status

The Plan adopted a pre-approved plan document from Transamerica Retirement Solutions LLC. On June 30, 2020, the Internal Revenue Service stated that the pre-approved Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has been amended; however, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, the Plan Administrator believes the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of the financial statement date.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken uncertain tax positions that more-likely-than-not would not be sustained upon examination by applicable taxing authorities. The Plan Administrator has analyzed tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2023, there are no uncertain tax positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions. However, currently no audits for any tax periods are in progress.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES AT END OF YEAR
Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i

Sandusky Newspapers Group 401(k) Retirement Plan and Trust

EIN 34-4346500
Plan Number 002

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Allspring Government Securities A	Mutual fund	N/A	\$ 314,918
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	Mutual fund	N/A	437,169
	Fidelity Advisor Stock Selector Mid Cap A	Mutual fund	N/A	1,074,151
	Janus Henderson Balanced A	Mutual fund	N/A	276,746
	Janus Henderson Forty S	Mutual fund	N/A	1,197,578
	JPMorgan Equity Income A	Mutual fund	N/A	331,677
	Nuveen Real Estate Securities A	Mutual fund	N/A	249,995
	Transamerica Capital Growth I	Mutual fund	N/A	821,382
	Transamerica Multi Managed Balanced I	Mutual fund	N/A	193,154
*	Transamerica Stable Value Fund	Insurance company general account	N/A	1,275,454
	Transamerica Stock Index R	Mutual fund	N/A	469,800
	Value Equity A Western Asset Core Bond A	Mutual fund	N/A	442,624
	Vanguard Growth Index Adm	Mutual fund	N/A	837,745
	Vanguard Small Cap Index Adm	Mutual fund	N/A	219,832
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020	Mutual fund	N/A	28,375
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025	Mutual fund	N/A	454,274
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030	Mutual fund	N/A	777,394
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035	Mutual fund	N/A	383,784
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040	Mutual fund	N/A	44,712
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045	Mutual fund	N/A	153,585
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050	Mutual fund	N/A	139,842
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055	Mutual fund	N/A	42,807
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060	Mutual fund	N/A	35,139
	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065	Mutual fund	N/A	3,167
	Vanguard Target Retirement Income	Mutual fund	N/A	46,250
	Virtus Ceredex Large-Cap Value Equity A	Mutual fund	N/A	110,692
		Subtotal		10,362,246
*	Loans to participants	Notes Receivable (interest at 4.25% to 9.50%)	N/A	177,178
				<u>\$ 10,539,424</u>
*	Party-in-interest to the Plan.			

Schedule C, Line 2(h) Formula Descriptions

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Indirect Compensation in the form of revenue sharing was paid to the following Service Providers:

TRANSAMERICA RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	13-3689044
NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	04-3523567

Revenue amounts are shown in annualized basis points of plan assets invested in applicable fund

Fund Family	Fund Name	Start Date	End Date	Revenue to Transamerica Retirement Solutions	Revenue to National Financial Services
ALLSPRING	ALLSPRING GOVERNMENT SECURITIES A	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	53.350	1.650
AMERICAN FUNDS	AMERICAN EUROPACIFIC, R4 CLASS	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	33.950	1.050
FIDELITY	FIDLITY ADV STCK SLCTR MIDCAP	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	48.500	1.500
JANUS	JANUS HENDERSON BALANCED A	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	33.950	1.050
JANUS	JANUS HENDERSON FORTY S	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	48.500	1.500
JP MORGAN	JPMORGAN EQUITY INCOME A	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	48.500	1.500
NUVEEN	NUVEEN REAL ESTATE SECURITIES A	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	48.500	1.500
TRANSAMERICA	TRANSAMERICA CP GR I	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	38.800	1.200
TRANSAMERICA	TRANSAMERICA MULT MNGED BAL I	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	38.800	1.200
VIRTUS	VIRTUS CEREDEX LARGE CAP VALUE EQUITY A	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	72.750	2.250
WESTERN ASSET MGMT	WESTERN ASSET CORE BOND A	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	48.500	1.500

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par or Maturity Value	(d) CURRENT VALUE
*	State Street Bank & Trust Co.	Cash Reserve Account	\$ 18,761
*	Transamerica Life Ins Co	TA Stable Val Option	\$ 1,275,454
		General Account Total	\$ 1,275,454
	Allspring	Allspring Govt Securities A	\$ 314,918
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	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2050	\$ 139,842
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2055	\$ 42,807
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2060	\$ 35,139
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retrmnt 2065 Inv	\$ 3,167
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retrmnt Inc	\$ 46,250
	Virtus	Virtus Ceredex Lg-Cap Val Eq A	\$ 110,692
		Mutual Funds Total	\$ 9,086,792
*	Participants	Notes Receivable with interest rates of 4.25% to 9.50%	\$ 177,178
		TOTAL PLAN ASSETS	\$ 10,558,185

* Indicates Party-In-Interest to the Plan