



# 2017 Missouri Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest

## Results and Judges Comments

### 1.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 1

**First Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**  
Excellent mix of hard news, features, and interesting visual elements.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

**General Excellence**

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**Second Place**      **Kirkville Daily Express & News**  
Eye-catching front page layouts.

**General Excellence**

**Third Place**      **Monett Times**  
Good use of photos to accentuate stories.

**General Excellence**

**Honorable Mention**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**  
Concise use of available space with good photos.

**General Excellence**

### 1.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 2

**First Place**      **Southeast Missourian**  
I would feel as if I got my money's, brain's worth each day with this daily. It is diverse, well written and reported. Some clean, organized layout which really helps break up the gray inside. Nice,engaging photos. Go bolder with design, and local coverage. You shine in local coverage and photos. Keep that up.  
Like the Sunday flag look. It would get my attention. "Good Times" local coverage is great- again, can you incorporate that a bit more throughout the week? Nice work.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

**April 28; Oct. 30; Dec. 14**

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**Staff**

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian**  
I love VOX- well written, local, well designed. I would love to see all of that more incorporated into the daily. Bigger, bolder design elements, color. Get people's faces in those photos. Get rid of some of those gray inside pages with an eye toward graphic, illustrative elements as well.  
Front - watch the fold in relation to design. Featured front stories are relevant, extensive, well sourced and written. Overall, I'd like to see more of your good work each day.

**General Excellence - Columbia Missourian**

**Missourian Staff**

**Third Place**      **The Examiner**  
A lot of good local information, from the religion page to opinion. Front story features are engaging, well done, as well as local sports. Try to be bolder with layout and design- watch those gray pages - you can use lines, graphics, bars graphs, etc., to assist.

**General Excellence**

**Staff**

**Honorable Mention**      **News Tribune**  
Loved the NextNews idea. Features such as that help push the paper and make it relevant in readers' daily lives. Be a bit bolder in layout/design. Watch the gray- which can be broken up with graphics as well as photos. And make those photos bigger for more impact. Good local coverage.

**Jefferson City News Tribune**

**Staff**

### 1.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 3

**First Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**  
The St. Louis Post Dispatch weighed in with robust local coverage throughout its voluminous editions. The paper clearly values local content, packing each edition with stories from all corners of its coverage area. In particular, the Feb. 21 edition featuring the special report "The Crisis Within" took that local journalism to the next level with an in-depth examination of the adverse impacts of toxic stress and trauma on children. The Post-Dispatch clearly has a strong commitment to its role not only as a watchdog, but a guide dog, presenting both the problems and potential solutions in front of its community.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

**General Excellence**

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**Staff**

**Second Place**      **Kansas City Star**  
The Kansas City Star packed its pages with interesting, relevant local content, including "Fatal echoes", an in-depth investigation of preventable firefighter deaths. The entries featured a mix of strong writing, design and photography across sections that elevates its product and serves its readers an outstanding newspaper.

**The Kansas City Star**

**Mike Fannin**

**Third Place**      **Joplin Globe**  
The Joplin Globe complements its strong local writing and storytelling with outstanding design and use of photos. The Globe's entries exemplify community journalism at its best with stories like "Six miles of recovery: Journey back" a special project that told the story of the community's five-year recovery after a tornado cut a miles-long path through the city, killing 161 people and decimating homes and businesses. The paper's commitment to covering issues impacting its community is clear across nearly every page of strong content, advertising and design.

**General Excellence**

**Staff**

**1.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Clinton County Leader****General Excellence**

Great local content on every front page and throughout the newspaper. Lots of faces in each issue, and the opinion pages had a nice variety of content. I like the variety of sports coverage and didn't feel like anything was being ignored.

**Second Place**      **Cassville Democrat****General Excellence**

Great sports coverage, particularly with the pictures. There was a good use of graphics when available, and I especially like the sports calendar with sig page advertising. I also like the variety of editorial content.

**Third Place**      **Macon County Home Press****General Excellence**

So many photos with local faces; this is what I think of when someone tells me they clip the newspaper for scrapbooking. The front page teasers are not overbearing and seem a natural extension of the flag. You might consider putting recap stories that are basically minutes on the inside and bring stronger content with art to the front.

**1.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Richmond News****General Excellence****Staff**

Great coverage would like to see a bit more from the schools that isn't sports related. From local angles on the presidential election, 50 + section, religion, this paper has a huge variety. This is a paper I would be proud to have in my community. Clear concise writing, although leads could be a bit stronger. Active vs. passive voice.

**Second Place**      **Gasconade County Republican****General Excellence****Staff****Third Place**      **Ozark County Times****General excellence****Staff****Honorable Mention**      **Christian County Headliner News****General Excellence****Staff****1.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **St. Louis American****General Excellence****Staff**

This publication has depth and breadth and passion. It shows throughout the whole product. Weekly newspaper are renowned for serving their communities, and this newspaper does so with conviction. There is great variety in story topics, wonderful, appropriate use and quality of photos, consistency and purpose in design, sections that matter, such as health and business, extensive sports coverage, especially local, appropriate ad placement and design, good headline style- with major hedes and decks and subhedes.

**Second Place**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday****Missourian General Excellence Entry****Staff**

I was blown away by the amount of news- especially original vs. canned copy. Some engaging photos, consistent design elements, you used all of the space well. Color is used well throughout. So - some ideas: can there ever be too many photos? Yes, on one page - except when it is a photo story like the New Washington Bridge. And while there are a lot of photos, there are still some gray pages that can be brightened up, perhaps with info boxes, etc. As a new reader, I would like to see some more "section" headers, grouping the news into communities or subjects. And, while you feature some diversity in your editorial pages, I'd like to see some more in the new content. What a great weekly!

**Third Place**      **Jefferson County Leader****Jefferson County Leader****Staff**

You truly live up to your motto, "Once a week but never weakly". A great variety of engaging stories. Some ways to improve - print quality, especially of photos, is a bit muddy. Some of the photos cut the tops of people's heads off - no need. Vary ad sizes a bit more on some pages. Do more of the great layouts, like "Spring is popping up" - vary the elements of stories to include those photos, info boxes, recipes, etc.

**Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis Business Journal****St. Louis Business Journal general excellence****Staff**

An attractive, easy to read publication. While it is a speciality audience, I found a lot to relate to as a general reader, and some good reporting and writing as well. Loved some of the layout - Cards in 2016, and Game on.

**2.) Best Overall Design | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Monett Times****Monett Times Best Overall Design****Staff**

Both the "Presidential Races Offer Prediction Trends" and the "Champs" layouts are superb and really pop off the page. These layouts entice me to want to know more.

These papers have very good unity and negative space throughout that allows for an easy reading experience. I especially like how the photos in the center of the front pages help to frame the surrounding stories. Also good use of typography throughout the papers, but not a fan of the drop shadow behind the masthead/The Monett Times.

**Second Place Hannibal Courier-Post Best Overall Design Staff**  
 The masthead on the Aug. 16 newspaper is very nice. The green bar that frames in the date is very unique. The large block fonts used on the page headers are also very slick and stand out. A good use of unity is displayed throughout the papers with the theme of using brackets around page headers and other elements.

**Third Place Daily Star-Journal Best Overall Design The Daily Star-Journal**  
 The large condensed sans serif page headers are my favorite part of this newspaper. Several of the front page stories also have very nice layouts. However these papers lack unity and the mastheads are very cluttered. Photo cutouts can really enhance a paper's masthead, but these are just too busy.

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**2.) Best Overall Design | Dailies - Class 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place Columbia Missourian Best Overall Design - Columbia Missourian Staff**  
 The Columbia Missourian was the clear winner with their bold use of beautiful photography and color ó even turning full-page photos horizontal when it is called for! Both versions (I noticed some design changes) have brilliant use of white space, clean lines and is not only easy to read, but is a pleasure to look at. Gorgeous publication.

**Second Place Southeast Missourian Aug. 10; Sept. 11; Nov. 24 Southeast Missourian**

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**2.) Best Overall Design | Dailies - Class 3** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place Joplin Globe Best Overall Design Staff**  
 I absolutely love this paper. The graphics are amazing. Smart use of pictures. Good font choices. The reader knows exactly where to look. All around great design.

**Second Place Kansas City Star The Kansas City Star Greg Branson**  
 Compelling designs showed the impact of important events. Supplemental graphics, pullouts, etc., were great additions.

**Third Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch Overall Design Staff**  
 Great graphics, but some of them are almost overwhelming on the front page. Nonetheless, the information is very valuable and engaging.

**Honorable Mention Quincy Herald - Whig The Herald-Whig Staff**  
 Awesome, big photos. Some of the banner teasers were distracting for me, and it was a little odd how the flag moves up and down depending on whether there is a teaser or not (I assume this is why, anyway)

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**2.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 1** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place Cassville Democrat Cassville Democrat Best Overall Design Staff**  
 Good use of fact boxes and varying photo sizes throughout. Well proportioned packages.

**Second Place Clinton County Leader Best Overall Design Staff**

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**2.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place Springfield Business Journal Overall Design Wes Hamilton and Eric Olson**  
 Simply amazing! Once I started flipping through this journal it felt like the winner. Everything from the graphics, typography choices and use of negative space is perfect. Features like the "12 People You Need to Know" and "The Science of Fundraising" feel very fresh and modern. The square design and bright white paper also helps to convey this feeling.

**Second Place Ozark County Times Best Overall Design, mailed hard copies Staff**  
 "The Summer Kick Off Fun" cover story was the most captivating front page I judged in this contest. The colors just pop off the page and draw you in. This paper also executes typography very well and is not afraid to make bold choices. Such as bright colored headline fonts.

**Third Place**      **Platte County Citizen**      **Platte County Citizen**      **Platte County Citizen Staff**  
 Incorporating a different large photo with the masthead on each paper is a very unique idea. My favorite thing about this paper is the typography. The combination of both serif and sans serif headlines make this paper look very sharp.

**Honorable Mention**      **Christian County Headliner News**      **Overall Design**      **Staff**  
 This paper has a lot of interesting layouts. However it lacks unity and at times it feels like you're looking at different papers. The cutout photos are crisp and clean and the lowercase with horizontal lines page headers are quite nice. I especially think the solid white rectangles overlaying the "daytrippin'" photos are a great example of cutting edge newspaper design. This paper would be ranked higher if it was more consistent.

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**2.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 3**      *Title of Entry, If Applicable*      *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal**      **St. Louis Business Journal best overall design**      **Michael Behrens and Jaime Garner**  
 I love how even though each front page is creative and different, the template is consistent and clearly resembles the brand. Great art, color choices, headlines. The infographics are very informative and easy to read. Your bright white paper also sets you apart.

**Second Place**      **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**      **Best Overall Design**      **Staff**  
 I love the special section promos, infographics and color scheme. Good photography and graphics are used intelligently to make a compelling design and entice the readers to find out more within the story. Well done.

**Third Place**      **Washington Missourian, Weekend**      **Weekend Missourian Best Overall Design**      **Staff**  
 You fit a ton of content into these papers without overwhelming the reader. Sometimes large secondary art on the front deters from your lead art, but I like the standalones on the front page. Great cohesive design.

**Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis American**      **Best Overall Design**      **Staff**  
 The big, colorful pictures on each of these front pages are awesome! There is a lot of content, but the reader is not overwhelmed by all of it. My one complaint would be the use of white space. Designers and paginators often don't see eye to eye on white space; I am less a designer and more a newspaper editor ó the more content the better. Nonetheless, your readers are served well by all this great content and the way it is presented.

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**3.) Best Front Page | Dailies - Class 1**      *Title of Entry, If Applicable*      *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Monett Times**      **Monett Times Front Pages**      **Staff**  
 The photography is stellar. It steals the show.

**Second Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**      **June 4, 11, 16**      **Staff**

**Third Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**      **Best Front Page**      **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

**Honorable Mention**      **Lake Sun Leader**      **Lake Sun Best Front**      **Amy Wilson**

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**3.) Best Front Page | Dailies - Class 2**      *Title of Entry, If Applicable*      *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Healthcare, Classics, Loftin**      **Staff**  
 Great use of white space and compelling design that brought me into the publication.

**Second Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **June 2, 22, 26**      **Staff**

**Third Place**      **News Tribune**      **Front Pages**      **Doug Waggoner and Molly Skyles**

**3.) Best Front Page | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Joplin Globe**  
 The Globe's clean, attractive designs feature strong use of photography and eye-pleasing white space.      **Joplin Globe Best Front Page**

**Brent Fisher**

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**  
 This entry features strong designs backed by creative use of interesting breakout elements.

**Post-Dispatch front pages****Staff**

**Third Place**      **Quincy Herald - Whig**  
 This entry is a clean, solid design that leans on solid local photography.

**Herald-Whig front pages****Staff****3.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Cassville Democrat**  
 Bold look, nice use of white space and I like the information boxes, as I suspect do the readers. Some nice photos are well. I am not a fan of centered headlines...I would pick this up; nice variety of stories.

**Cassville Democrat Front Pages****Staff**

**Second Place**      **Clinton County Leader**  
 Clean look, a lot of news, easy to see and follow. I am not a fan of centered headlines. Make pictures big and bold!

**Leader Front Pages****Becky Black and Brett Adkison****3.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Ozark County Times**  
**Ozark County Times, best front page**      **Jessi Dreckman and Sue Ann Jones**

**Second Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**  
**Best front page**      **Staff**

**Third Place**      **Platte County Citizen**  
**Platte County Citizen**      **Ross Martin**

**Honorable Mention**      **Richmond News**  
**Best front page**      **Richmond News Staff**

**3.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**  
 Nice use of graphics. Just enough.      **Missouri Lawyers Weekly - Front Pages**      **Staff**

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal**  
**Best Front Page**      **Michael Behrens**

**Third Place**      **St. Louis American**  
**Best Front Page**      **Mike Terhaar**

Honorable Mention Jefferson County Leader

Jefferson County Leader

Staff

**4.) Best Breaking News Story | Dailies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place Daily Star-Journal**

**Domestic Violence**

**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

The details about conversations during the stand off help set this story apart. Given how close the reporter was to the action, it may have been more interesting to pull it out in the lede a little more. Overall, fantastic job!

**Second Place Daily Star-Journal**

**Fire**

**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

This story's lede pulled me in immediately. The story is reader friendly and didn't seem uptight. It had a nice tone while being informative.

**Third Place Lebanon Daily Record**

**Police standoff**

**Fines Massey**

The lede sets the tone for the long standoff between the suspect and police. Providing information about the suspect's past also helps the reader paint a picture about the suspect.

**Honorable Mention Fulton Sun**

**Mysterious radio calls plague Fulton Police**

**Helen Wilbers**

The lede intrigued me as to what happened on the police scanner that day. Nice job on providing an informative account of what police experienced.

**4.) Best Breaking News Story | Dailies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place Sedalia Democrat**

**Historic church destroyed by fire**

**Nicole Cooke, Faith Bemiss and Hope Lecchi**

Wow. Well done. Appears to have been a staff effort to tell this story from many angles and in both written form and photographs. It includes many voices of the community and provides the typical beat sources for well rounded coverage. My only criticism is to use more active, e.g., not Historic FUMC destroyed by flames, but Flames destroy Historic FUMC

**Second Place News Tribune**

**Gunshots hit JC School Bus**

**Jeff Haldiman**

Well done. The story includes many voices and is an easy read. My only criticism is that I would put a student or parents' voice in the lede or closer than the 5th graph. That's a personal preference, though, and in no means takes away from the work in this piece.

**Third Place News Tribune**

**Riverside rescue**

**Jeff Haldiman**

A standard spot news story that is well written. What helps to elevate it, however, is the photos as well as the quick conversation between the male victim and emergency responder. It sets the mood and is well done.

**Honorable Mention Sedalia Democrat**

**Murder charges filed in arson**

**Nicole Cooke**

A standard crime-beat story typical in breaking news, but the follow ups helped flush out more details as it should. Well done.

**4.) Best Breaking News Story | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

**St. Louis County police officer killed**

**Staff**

This is how breaking news should be covered and presented to readers -- timely, compelling, comprehensive coverage. Nothing was left undone. Excellent job.

**Second Place Kansas City Star**

**KCK mourns loss of another officer**

**Matt Campbell, Tony Rizzo, Laura Bauer, Hunter Woodall, Steve Vockrodt and Katherine Knott**

Excellent use of digital components paired with print to produce a compelling package.

**Third Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

**Monsanto sale**

**Jacob Barker, Lisa Brown, Bryce Gray, Jim Gallagher and Samantha Liss**

Coverage of the largest-ever all cash merger included impact from various perspectives, wrapped in package that is informative and visually compelling. The presentation of information is comprehensive and detailed.

**Honorable Mention St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

**Meramec flooding**

**Staff**

Comprehensive look at the impact of a rare winter flooding on the area. The coverage was compelling -- from photos to stories that captured the news as it unfolded. The coverage also provided readers with road closures online.

**4.) Best Breaking News Story | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Cassville Democrat</b>	<b>Seligman Walmart</b>	<b>Julia Kilmer and Kyle Troutman</b>
Good reaction and show of impact/survival. Would like to have seen a digital component such as video or social media interaction with readers.			

<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Cassville Democrat</b>	<b>Alleged Arson</b>	<b>Kyle Troutman</b>
Interesting coverage of fire. Could be improved through additional digital layers.			

<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Cassville Democrat</b>	<b>Dog Attack</b>	<b>Julia Kilmer</b>
Interesting look at impact of dog attack. Would like to have seen more reaction or digital component such as video from officials or residents.			

<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Cassville Democrat</b>	<b>Davis Elected</b>	<b>Kyle Troutman</b>
Nice election coverage. Would like to have seen digital components as well.			

**4.) Best Breaking News Story | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Houston Herald</b>	<b>Jail escape</b>	<b>Jeff McNiell and Brad Gentry</b>
Comprehensive coverage with good use of online components. You skillfully take readers through his escape while providing necessary details.			

<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Salem News</b>	<b>Impressive Roots</b>	<b>Andrew Sheeley</b>
Good job connecting the dots both informative and compelling. The presentation of information is comprehensive and detailed.			

<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Bowling Green Times</b>	<b>Jane Doe Identified 26 Years Later</b>	<b>Ethan Colbert</b>
Both timely and compelling look at decades-old case and how it was solved.			

<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Springfield Business Journal</b>	<b>Henley heads to rival</b>	<b>Geoff Pickle</b>
Good job breaking the news before your competitor.			

**4.) Best Breaking News Story | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b>	<b>South County Times</b>	<b>Remains Of Linda McLaughlin Found</b>	<b>Jaime Mowers</b>
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<b>Second Place</b>	<b>St. Louis Business Journal</b>	<b>SLU crisis</b>	<b>Greg Edwards</b>
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<b>Third Place</b>	<b>St. Louis Business Journal</b>	<b>Health fraud</b>	<b>Jacob Kirn</b>
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<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Jefferson County Leader</b>	<b>Sammons Out</b>	<b>Kim Robertson</b>
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**5.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Monett Times****42-Hour Manhunt****Kyle Troutman**

The writer does a very good job of painting the picture. Often in breaking news stories we tell the story quickly and succinctly, but print products often have the benefit of later deadlines and good print reporters are better storytellers. This is certainly the case here. Great storytelling and reporting.

**Second Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post****Officials squabble over Facebook use****Eric Dundon**

This issue is one that, at face value, may seem trivial, but considering how tuned in to social media people are, I imagine many readers were aware of the issue. The Courier-Post team did a wonderful job of digging in to the dilemma and reporting it accurately and fairly. Kudos.

**Third Place**      **Lake Sun Leader****Camden County computer chaos continues:**      **Cody Mroczka**

I enjoyed following this story through multiple pieces and appreciate Lake Sun's attention to this important topic. The finale piece does a great job of reiterating the information shared in other pieces. Lots of great information on an issue some may not have paid much attention to.

**5.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Columbia Missourian****Poison Predator: The synthetic drug K2 is****Brittany Crocker**

The winner artfully wove together a substantial newsworthy issue with real people to create an impactful story.

**Second Place**      **The Examiner****Apartment faces issues large, small****Mike Genet**

This reporter took on a serious public safety concern and shed light on officials' response. It is the epitome of what news reporting should be.

**Third Place**      **Southeast Missourian****Emergency C-section on dead mother saves****Ben Kleine**

This reporter pulled together an interesting follow to a breaking news event.

**5.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Kansas City Star****No Justice****Eric Adler**

Eric Adler painstakingly weaves together the massive amount of evidence that Lamonte McIntyre is innocent of the two murders for which he served 22 years in prison. He keeps the story readable - a classic page-turner - while piling on one piece after another of incriminating evidence. The result is a journalism masterpiece, a wealth of information wrapped in a compelling read.

**Second Place**      **Kansas City Star****Gavin Long's last 10 days****Laura Bauer, Mara Rose Williams and Ian Cummings**

This is a compelling read, using chronology to tie together an insightful look at a man who went from a writer and street preacher to a police killer. The writers trace his last days, weaving in background and details, leading up to the fateful day when he stalked police on the streets of Baton Rouge. The chronological story-telling device gave a solid backbone to the story, on which they added as much detail as they could find. They also created their own videos, tracing his route, and linked to the videos the killer created himself.

**Third Place**      **Joplin Globe****Breaking the cycle****Koby Levin**

This is a nice read, weaving in the stories of real people with lots of data and comments from service providers. It flows well, with solid transitions. Just when it starts to get bureaucratic, there's another infusion of real people.

**Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****When nonprofit outsources ER****Samantha Liss**

Interesting, readable story on what happens when a non-profit hospital outsources its emergency room to a for-profit, which outsources its debt collection to a slimy for-profit. There are enough personal stories to make an otherwise weighty topic readable.

**5.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **St. Clair Missourian****No Charges in Overdose Case****Sarah Hall**

Nice job putting a face on a tragic trend. Good use of police reports, survivor interviews and upcoming event. A bit more data - perhaps in a graphic - on the scope of the problem nationwide would be welcome. Also, layout matters - lack of modular design principles on front page story block and lack of space around subheads makes story look cramped and uninviting.

**Second Place**      **Cassville Democrat****Jade Murray****Kyle Troutman**

Includes only last name on first reference. Also, the lede is a bit wordy. Tighten: An Aurora woman has pleaded guilty to domestic assault in exchange for dismissal of a charge of murder in her son's death. I don't find out who died until the third paragraph, and don't find out that was her son til much later.



**Third Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Warren Casts Vote**      **Kyle Troutman**  
Nice job zooming in on one of the small cogs of the electoral college process.  
Fourth paragraph is your buried lede, followed by the great detailed quote that comes after the jump. "Contentious," not "contentions." Good job incorporating the results for county and nationwide.

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**5.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Gasconade County Republican**      **Shooting victim was Army veteran, mother**      **Dave Marner**  
These stories were written in the face of a court order banning police agents from talking with the reporter, making his job extremely difficult. Still, he covered all the bases while speaking with a family member to get the information needed to tell a clear, concise story.

**Second Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**      **Pensmore**      **Hanna Smith**  
No stone was left unturned in writing about this mansion that the owner said was built on the cheap. The writing was clear. The story interesting. Well done.

**Third Place**      **Richmond News**      **It's an eyesore**      **Jason Beets**  
Quality job of looking at this story from all angles, talking to everybody associated with this tornado-destroyed structure ... proves in short how dysfunctional government and dealing with government can be.

**Honorable Mention**      **Linn Unterrified Democrat**      **Robinson's quick thinking arrest of**      **Neal Johnson**  
Thoroughly enjoyed reading this story about a quick-thinking farm hand who helped authorities capture an escaped inmate. I'm sure this was the talk of the town.

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**5.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis American**      **Was it suicide by hanging - or not?**      **Rebecca Rivas**  
The reporter kept digging and digging into the alleged suicide of an inmate in custody. The police changed their story, but clearly their story still doesn't add up. Kudos for exposing holes and raising questions. Congratulations.

**Second Place**      **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**      **Champion of Justice**      **Catherine Martin and Scott Lauck**  
Exceptional job covering the death of a Supreme Court justice. True wall-to-wall coverage with sidebars and various interviews. The publication set the bar on complete coverage on the biggest event of the year for their readers.

**Third Place**      **Branson Tri-Lakes News**      **Alderman defends racially charged Facebook**      **Cliff Sain**  
This took some guts to write. Reprinting the racist comments of a local alderman and then getting the Mayor to urge him to step down. Holding people accountable for their actions is what good journalism is all about.

**Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis Business Journal**      **\$72 million for baby powder**      **Greg Edwards**  
Interesting subject presented in an interesting way. Like many of these SLBJ entries, the subject matter and the presentation are well done.

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**6.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**      **Transformation**      **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**  
This is a readable feature story about one person's transition from man to woman, in a small town in Missouri. The writer handles the sensitive subject in a straightforward manner, with enough detail to make it personal and enough information from a transgender expert to provide context and perspective.

**Second Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**      **The fight of his short life**      **Eric Dundon**  
This is a touching story of a baby's fight to survive despite a dangerous birth defect. Strong quotes are woven together with details of the medical issues. The result is a compelling read that leaves the reader wanting to keep going at the end.

**Third Place**      **Kirksville Daily Express & News**      **Bone marrow**      **Jason Hunsicker**  
The writer does a nice job weaving together the lives of two people - a cancer patient and a blood marrow donor - along with facts and information about saving lives by donating.

**Honorable Mention**      **Lake Sun Leader**      **Losing their marbles... Can you find them?**      **Colby Powell**  
This is a fun read, with some gentle playing with words - but not too much. The story, after all, is about losing your marbles.

**6.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Columbia Missourian****Pre-term babies have a far better chance at**      **Allen Fennewald**

Well written, researched story that immediately captures the heart by using the voice of now grown premature baby. Research information, including stats, supported the story.

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian****Poison Predator: The synthetic drug K2 is**      **Brittany Crocker**

Well written, researched story that uses the voices of the victims, families to tell an important story. This could easily have been 1st place by another judge.

**Third Place**      **News Tribune****A neighborhood steeped in history**      **Shelby Rowe**

Great job on weaving the history of the area with the present day and using the community's voice to tell the story.

**Honorable Mention**      **Columbia Missourian****Gardeners work to recover Ivan**      **Allen Fennewald**

Interesting. The headline made me curious. The lede made me wonder what it had to do with the headline and story about a tomato. It is all quickly tied together in a way that moves the story with ease. Criticism, however, is the JRN 101 mistakes. "According to" is for documents, not people; that cheapens the strength of the descriptive writing. This type of story also lends itself to a more narrative style. Instead of, "according to X ... the broad-shouldered field farmer ..." start with "The broad-shouldered field farmer methodically poured a thermos of coffee, put on his faded ..."

**6.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****You don't have to drink to be a cook**      **Ian Froeb****Second Place**      **Kansas City Star****A sub in Kansas?**      **Donald Bradley****Third Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Weaning babies off opioids**      **Michele Munz****Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****I wanted that yellow Jeep**      **Jeremy Kohler****6.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Cassville Democrat****Cassville Native**      **Kyle Troutman**

Good lede, well-written story. Would have liked for you to include additional voices. Best of the bunch though!

**Second Place**      **Greene County Commonwealth****The Terminal Transaction**      **Shawnya (Meyers) Wethington**

If you had included additional sources in this story you would have had a first-place award winner. Watch the wordiness.

**Third Place**      **St. Clair Missourian****One Man's Junk**      **Sarah Hall**

What a personality you captured! Would have liked for you to include additional voices to help provide other perspectives.

**6.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Christian County Headliner News****Macey's Determination**      **Amelia Wigton**

This feature of a young gymnast who survived cancer has all the ingredients - clean writing, powerful quotes woven through a well-organized story, a sharp lead and strong ending.

**Second Place**      **Houston Herald**      **Simmons Success**      **Doug Davison**  
What a fun read! This is an inside look at an interesting family that has merged its musical talent with social media and is creating videos that spoof pop culture. The writer succeeds in capturing the nuttiness of it all in a straightforward manner. The result is a compelling read.

**Third Place**      **Salem News**      **Forrest remorseless**      **Andrew Sheeley**  
This is a compelling interview with a local man on death row. It starts slow, but eventually becomes a fascinating read with unusual insight into the sick mind of a drug dealer and killer. It unfortunately ends with the writer's opinion.

**Honorable Mention**      **Platte County Citizen**      **Scimeca's Field of Dreams**      **Ross Martin**  
This feature story on a young man who turned a whiffle ball tournament into a major fund-raiser is remarkable - it takes a pretty mundane topic and makes it into a quality read.

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### **6.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Jefferson County Leader**      **End of An Era**      **Patrick Martin**  
Engaging, honest, humorous. The writer did an outstanding job of reflecting the subject and bringing him to life, even for those who will never meet him. Outstanding layout also put this story over the top. Great job to all.

**Second Place**      **Branson Tri-Lakes News**      **Tiger sanctuary reveals cubs**      **Sara Karnes**  
Great lead and early reader engagement in an interesting subject. The photos help tell the story as well. Great job.

**Third Place**      **Branson Tri-Lakes News**      **A day in the life of a police officer: Reporter**      **Elizabeth Barmeier**  
Honesty, humor, revelations make this story intriguing and engaging. First person narrative also makes for interesting reading. Great job.

**Honorable Mention**      **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**      **Last chance: Firefighters create new flotation**      **Jill Way**  
The writer's storytelling ability makes this article a standout. Stepping back from the situation and letting the story tell itself makes it engaging and very human. This was a tough category with many excellent entries.

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### **7.) Best News or Feature Series | Dailies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**      **Hannibal's Heroin Homefront**      **Trevor McDonald**  
Awesome presentation, writing and good use of graphics and photographs to enhance the storytelling, which is an easy, well informed read. It includes experts and personal voices which helps propel the storytelling. This story received the only 10 of 10 given in this category. Kudos!!

**Second Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**      **Housing's death row**      **Danny Henley**  
Well researched, written stories that paints a vivid picture of the situation. Criticisms include - watch typos (one in lede of 2nd story); one word ledes should be sparingly used. It works in part 1 because it is shocking, and the use of the photographs with descriptions brings home the point, but to continue to use it is a lazy trick. Too bad there wasn't photos for each piece (pt 4 lacked that oomp). Still, great job!

**Third Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**      **Capitol Coverage**      **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**  
Clearly, some time and effort went into this series, which appears to be thoroughly researched and offers a number of voices in the stories. However, the writing could be more concise and visually this is not the best. Love the huge graphic on page 1 but it's hard to tell at first blush if the teased stories to the right go with the series. Also, some stories cut off such as the one on p3 with Galloway. Where's the rest of the story? Why bold people's names? Why the dotted lines under headlines? Despite these issues, however, it is a good series in comparison to other submissions and that is why it's third.

**Honorable Mention**      **Lebanon Daily Record**      **Graffiti**      **Fines Massey and Aaron Jennings**  
I love this story because it is well written, easy read and includes wonderful photographs, including of the offensive words which drives home the problem. However, this category is "Best news or features SERIES" and 1 story is not a series. Whether it is better suited in feature only category is subjective and as such, won't penalize the good writing for a personal preference. Criticism is to tighten the writing. For example, in lede instead of "will be spending," simply say "will spend."

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### **7.) Best News or Feature Series | Dailies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **How safe is Columbia?**      **Staff**  
The best in a very competitive category. Good research and writing combined with solid art.

**Second Place**      **News Tribune**      **Kerr v. Kay**      **Jeff Haldiman and Shelby Rowe**  
These kinds of stories are always a challenge for local papers to cover. This was good, thorough work.

**Third Place**      **Columbia Missourian**  
Good, clean read. Very entertaining.

**Uncovering Interstate 70: Missouri's Main**      **Staff**

**Honorable Mention**      **Southeast Missourian**  
Tough topic, well done.

**Life Without**      **Ben Kleine**

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**7.) Best News or Feature Series | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**  
This is a remarkable deep dive into medical research that shows how poverty threatens children. Thorough, in-depth reporting, coupled with real people in the thick of this crisis, well-written prose and stunning photography all tied together with solid design make this an eye-opening delight to read. Kudos to all.

**The crisis within**      **Nancy Cambria and Laurie Skrivan**

**Second Place**      **Kansas City Star**  
Another heartfelt look into a troubling issue that uses the strength of numbers and details with people who the reader will care about. Solid.

**Our boys are dying: Overland Park mom on**      **Cindy Hoedel and Aaron Randle**

**Third Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**  
Great writing, photos, and design anchor this package that does a wonderful job telling both sides of a complicated issue.

**The gender divide**      **Doug Moore, Jesse Bogan and Blythe Bernhard**

**Honorable Mention**      **Kansas City Star**  
I'm always a sucker for these features, and this one is no exception. The writer tells a great story of people you quickly care about.

**A good death**      **Eric Adler**

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**7.) Best News or Feature Series | Weeklies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Cassville Democrat**  
This is a well written story about how people CAN work together to solve a problem. Easy to follow who was doing what whe,. Wish all problems could be handled this way.

**Sidewalk Removal**      **Julia Kilmer**

**Second Place**      **Kearney Courier**  
This story is just the opposite. Everybody's fighting for their own position and nothing gets done. Very well told by the reporter. Nice use of quotes and chronology.

**Ellington Street**      **Amanda Lubinski**

**Third Place**      **Cassville Democrat**  
A wonderful series about restoring the past to enhance the future. Well written and inspiring.

**CCC Lodge**      **Julia Kilmer**

**Honorable Mention**      **Windsor Review**  
Nicely researched and written series about members of the Armed Forces who gave their lives. This was a nice way to honor these veterans with out being maudlin.

**Series Of Four Stories Featuring Local**      **Penny Warner**

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**7.) Best News or Feature Series | Weeklies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**  
Well done, well researched, thorough look at addiction and its many components, including personal stories. The graphics lend an appropriate marker to ID the stories. Presentation is well done, too. Kudos on presenting stories on many types of addictions - not just drug, which is oftentimes the go-to for this type of story.

**Addicted**      **Amber Duran, Hanna Smith, Don Abernathy and Amelia Wigton**

**Second Place**      **Houston Herald**  
Well done from start to finish. The addition of other media sources (the recording of the sheriff explaining the escape) is a nice touch for a well-rounded presentation. Kudos to getting the story about the murderer approaching the teen for a ride. Be careful of wording, though. For example, it is noted that the maximum penalty is death OR life in prison. Death is the maximum penalty. Period.

**Murder and jail escape**      **Jeff McNiell**

**Third Place**      **Ste. Genevieve Herald**  
Well done. Lots of photos help tell the story along with well written stories which are told from a variety of angles. Presentation is also well done considering the number of photos and editorial space available.

**New Year's Flood Coverage**      **Alecia Lassing and Toby Carrig**

**Honorable Mention**    **Ozark County Times**    **Dawt Mill drowning prompts removal of**    **Sue Ann Jones**  
 Well done following the dam from drowning to dismantling. The writing could have been tighter, however; the ledes were too long. Summarize the point, don't drag on. I would have liked to see more public opinion voices in the stories - what did the girl's family think? The community?

**7.) Best News or Feature Series | Weeklies - Class 3**    *Title of Entry, If Applicable*    *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**    **St. Louis Business Journal**    **Stadium spending**    **Jacob Kirn**  
 Excellent work in using sources and public records to be at the forefront of a story with national interest. Competing against the big daily and, presumably, some national media, the author looks to have paved the way with his reporting.

**Second Place**    **South County Times**    **Aftermath Of The Meramec River Flood**    **Jaime Mowers**  
 Tremendous writing and coverage of an enormous weather event that ravaged this poor town. The story-telling is heart-felt and well done. You can't help but feel for these flood victims.

**Third Place**    **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**    **Suffering in silence: Child sexual abuse**    **Jessica Franklin Maull and Jill Way**  
 Dogged coverage on how information on a sexual predator was not taken seriously by a local school superintendent. Tell the story of a victim brought the seriousness of the situation close to home.

**Honorable Mention**    **St. Louis Business Journal**    **Monsanto-Bayer**    **Steph Kukuljan**  
 Enjoyed the story telling and respected the information-gathering needed to pull off this interesting read.

**08 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 1**    *Title of Entry, If Applicable*    *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**    **Hannibal Courier-Post**    **One-word legacy**    **Eric Dundon**  
 This entry was the best in a very strong field. Well-written and to the point. While most editorials call out politicians for what they did wrong, this one instead commended a public servant for what he did right.

**Second Place**    **Hannibal Courier-Post**    **Councilmen should re-examine commitment**    **Eric Dundon**  
 A very stern look at a troubling issue of public servants not living up to their end of the bargain by skipping meetings. Well done.

**Third Place**    **Lebanon Daily Record**    **Stop complaining**    **Fines Massey**  
 While not as polished as some of the others in the field, this editorial called out voters who love to complain, but when they had a chance to make their voices heard by casting their vote, they chose to remain silent.

**Honorable Mention**    **Daily Star-Journal**    **Guns on campus killer suggestion**    **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**  
 A well-written and persuasive take on guns on a college campus.

**08 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 2**    *Title of Entry, If Applicable*    *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**    **Southeast Missourian**    **Waller's ignorance may lead to more**    **Southeast Missourian**  
 This editorial firmly states that a man who admitted to killing his wife deserves more than the 20-year jail sentence he received. Very informative, well-written and persuasive.

**Second Place**    **Southeast Missourian**    **Cop shooting incidents should be viewed**    **Southeast Missourian**  
 Police killings and the controversy that surrounds them - have unfortunately become commonplace across the nation. This editorial aptly argues that these killings should be examined on a case-by-case basis.

**Third Place**    **Southeast Missourian**    **Jackson drug testing, a debate worth having**    **Southeast Missourian**  
 This editorial asks some very challenging questions about a school's proposed drug testing.

**Honorable Mention**    **Southeast Missourian**    **Plenty of mistakes in Renee Boyd case**    **Southeast Missourian**  
 A strong take challenging the police on their handling of a situation involving a woman struggling with mental illness.

**08 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****The Platform****Tod Robberson**

The winning entry was a much-needed explanation of values often lost on the reading public today. It is an outward statement newsrooms often overlook during the daily grind, a necessary dialogue speaking directly to readers, reinforcing trust in our industry's core values and purpose.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Punting justice****Kevin Horrigan**

The second place winner was a strong commentary that mixed education with accountability to create an effective statement to both readers and state judicial powers.

**Third Place**      **Kansas City Star****Turn KCI from a functional dump into a****Staff**

Third place was an artfully constructed commentary that addressed a substantial problem facing a community and took a public official to task.

**08 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Focus on Oak Grove****Enough is enough****Hannah Spaar****Second Place**      **Pleasant Hill Times****Roger Goodell****Scott Lavelock****08 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Gasconade County Republican****One step closer to reality****Dave Marner**

A succinct argument leans on the facts to address an important local issue in a timely manner, and includes a clear call to action.

**Second Place**      **Bowling Green Times****Advice To The Class of 2016: Remember The****Ethan Colbert and Linda Luebrecht**

A strong style helps to underline the advice given the class of 2016. Using the institution's voice to reach out to the youth of the community is an admirable mission.

**Third Place**      **Bowling Green Times****Why The Sunshine Law Exists And Why We****Ethan Colbert and Linda Luebrecht**

Addressing an important issue no matter what week it is, this editorial helps explain to the average reader exactly how these laws help the press hold public leaders accountable.

**Honorable Mention**      **Odessan****Conflict of interest disappointing****Hannah Spaar**

Kudos to this editorial writer for bringing to the surface a potential conflict that might otherwise pass below the average reader's radar.

**08 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **St. Louis American****Chancellor gets in way of gun violence****St. Louis American Editorial Board**

Comments that might have been overlooked by others were thoughtfully elevated to the level of public discourse in this well-written editorial. A great example of the duty of the press to help form, as well as dissect, issues of great import to the communities around us.

**Second Place**      **Jefferson County Leader****Put the hunt back in Easter egg hunts****Patrick Martin**

Sharp and pointed writing makes the mundane interesting and resonates to everyone familiar with this common shift in a popular holiday tradition. While the subject matter is light, the writer takes a strong position and defends it.

**Third Place**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday****A Matter of Fairness****Bill Miller, Sr.**

Boiling an argument down to a single word - in this case, fairness - is no easy task. This editorial makes a strong argument for an important local issue.

**Honorable Mention Bolivar Herald-Free Press**

The writer chose a timely issue important to all consumers of news and to the fabric of society in general.

**Beyond the comfort click****Jessica Franklin Maul****9.) Best Columnist - Humorous | Dailies***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Joseph News-Press****A sideshow as the circus grows larger****Ken Newton**

Great writing! Catchy intros. Funny, interesting topics that provide chuckles along with pertinent information. "unusual twist" "genueflected at the altar" and both Doritos references rocked. "gender-energy confusion" "boiling cauldron of ego" did, too. Solid, satisfying endings. This writer loves words, and this reader loved reading them :)

**Second Place The Examiner****"They say you need a Plan B"****Jeff Fox**

Relevant topics, funny examples and descriptions. Suddenly the world is spinning attention span of a goldfish" sticking a 450 degree slice ..." "advanced algorithm involving pepperoni Was I hungry? I must be... Overall flows fine, but get to the point of the story quicker. Some sentences/phrases catch in spots and confuse the reader; i.e. the Olympic vs.walking metaphor should read so basically this is LIKE strolling

**Third Place Hannibal Courier-Post****What a life****Meg Duncan**

Reflecting on the summer is always a comfortable topic. I did what I do best, planned stuff we never actually did is well-played self-deprecation. Good phrases: "Three different times my husband....and each time we believed him." "Just kidding it was pizza" Here I was, just a girl standing in front of a bird..." Smooth and effective use of dialog. Today Show article: The last sentence isn't necessary. Trust yourself and the reader; you've already spelled it out.

**Honorable Mention Hannibal Courier-Post****A Little Salt****Danny Henley**

I like his low-key, sardonic style. "Heading the list is because I've died" "...rather than confirmation I am indeed deceased" "Chances are I'll die here...if I haven't already" are funny. The opening things he looks forward to could have been sillier, to right away set the humorous tone. "Nascar pit crew member" and Billy Joel references were good. Suggestion: cut off your sentences and explanations...give the reader some credit. We will follow, but don't like being overly led.

**9.) Best Columnist - Humorous | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Clair Missourian****A Night at the Casino****Sarah Hall**

Great job seeing the humor in what appears to be quite a hectic evening. Very descriptive. Felt like I was there.

**Second Place St. Clair Missourian****Non-horse People Don't Get It****Sarah Hall**

The author's passion about horses comes through loud and clear in her writing.

**9.) Best Columnist - Humorous | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Christian County Headliner News****Amelia Humorous****Amelia Wigton**

Humorous, with an edge, but in a pleasant way. Wigton is a skilled writer and good, to-the-point storyteller.

**Second Place Ozark County Times****Sue Ann Jones****Sue Ann Jones**

Wonderful reminiscing in a neighborly way. Well-written. The best is the underwear column, reminding us that doing the right thing matters even if no one else will know. Quality stuff.

**Third Place Delta News-Citizen****Different Drummer Humorous 1****Scott Matthews**

Funny, clever and folksy in a country-guy sort of way. Tongue in cheek critiques that manage to be both homey and satirical.

**Honorable Mention Odessan****Hannah's Happenings****Hannah Spaar**

Quirky slice-of-life musings that give a personal view from the editor about the goings-on around town.

**9.) Best Columnist - Humorous | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Louis Community News****Moore on life****Cindy Moore**

Cindy takes situations that we all can relate to and consistently makes them LOL funny. Some writers have to strain to write humorously. Cindy does it naturally. I loved all of her columns.

**Second Place**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**      **Sights and Insights**      **Chris Stuckenschneider**  
The rules said no ties so this was really difficult. Chris is a naturally humorous writer, too. No stretching to find funny phrases, just a wonderful gift for humor.

**Third Place**      **Union Missourian**      **Keeping Up With Jones**      **Gregg Jones**  
Gregg is another natural at humor. I could just see his little tyke running around. Really great humorous word pictures.

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**10.) Best Columnist - Serious | Dailies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**      **Serious Column**      **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**  
A strong and compassionate voice who is willing to challenge both the power structure and his own readers where necessary.

**Second Place**      **Kirksville Daily Express & News**      **Jason Hunsicker**      **Jason Hunsicker**  
Topical and locally relevant, even on difficult topics.

**Third Place**      **Monett Times**      **Serious Columnist-Bishoff**      **Murray Bishoff**  
Local musings with some edge. Could use a bit more.

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**10.) Best Columnist - Serious | Dailies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **George Kennedy**      **George Kennedy**  
Good writing. An old-school guy for certain.

**Second Place**      **Sedalia Democrat**      **Satnan serious columnist**      **Bob Satnan**  
Solid commentary, well researched.

**Third Place**      **The Examiner**      **"Say it simply, let it be"**      **Jeff Fox**  
Lighter fare but well presented.

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**10.) Best Columnist - Serious | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **Mary Sanchez**      **Mary Sanchez**  
Very tough material to write about. Expertly handled, though.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**      **Tony Messenger columns**      **Tony Messenger**  
Writer dealt with the topic very well. Nicely handled.

**Third Place**      **St. Joseph News-Press**      **In the end, a lesson hard-won**      **Ken Newton**  
Good column writing. Comes to the point quickly.

**Honorable Mention**      **Kansas City Star**      **Dave Helling**      **Dave Helling**  
Like the writer's style. Well presented.



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**10.) Best Columnist - Serious | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Clair Missourian**  
Liked the use of art in an opinion piece. The relaxed writing style worked in this instance.

**Mountain Pilgrimage**

**Sarah Hall**

**Second Place**      **Jackson County Advocate**  
Good content, well handled.

**All That Fits**

**Mary Wilson**

**Third Place**      **King City Tri-County News**  
Solid community column writing.

**Pearls**

**Matt Pearl**

**Honorable Mention**      **Cole Camp Courier**

**Down On The Creek**

**Dianne Peck**

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**10.) Best Columnist - Serious | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Springfield Business Journal**  
Eric Olsen's "Eyes & Ears" column offers an interesting look inside complex municipal issues without being stuffy or too wonky. Eric's choice of topics was diverse and brave. Great stuff here!

**Columnist Eric Olson**

**Eric Olson**

**Second Place**      **Salem News**  
The publisher has quite a way with words! Loved Donald Dodd's explanation of the city councilman's dumb comments offered during a meeting. He also showed some skill exploring one of the community's sacred cows - July 4 fireworks!

**Donald Dodd - Columnist**

**Donald Dodd**

**Third Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**  
Kudos for taking on the property developers who are displacing local families. I also appreciated Amelia sharing an intimate story about her family and addiction.

**Amelia Serious**

**Amelia Wigton**

**Honorable Mention**      **Platte County Citizen**

**My Thoughts Exactly**

**Ross Martin**

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**10.) Best Columnist - Serious | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis American**  
Witty and personal, I guess you can now count me among the many people who surely are Mike Jones fans. Easily the best and most readable columnist in this category.

**As I See It - Mike Jones**

**Mike Jones**

**Second Place**      **St. Louis American**  
Readers are well-served by the work of Chris King and his wonderful, muck-raking (which I use as a term of endearment) column, "Political Eye. It's wordy, but worth it.

**Political EYE**

**Chris King**

**Third Place**      **Green Park Call**  
Some great opinion writing by Mike Anthony. There are so many communities that would love to have a brave, truth-teller at the local newspaper - yours is lucky to have you there. Keep causing a ruckus!

**Best Serious Columnist**

**Mike Anthony**

**Honorable Mention**      **Webster - Kirkwood Times**  
Some great opinion writing by the publisher! I appreciated your thoughts on Fathers Day.

**From The Publisher's Desk**

**Dwight Bitikofer**

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**11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Daily Star-Journal****Two die in T-bone wreck****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Excellent job of capturing the emotion of the moment without invading privacy. The stated reason for publicizing the crash, to shed light on a dangerous intersection, is a good one

**Second Place**      **Daily Star-Journal****Domestic Violence (pat down)****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

The photographer was in the right place to show the rage in the suspect and did a good job showing what led up to his surrender.

**Third Place**      **Daily Star-Journal****Youth calls 911****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Fires are always tragic, but when the photographer showed that animals were trapped in the fire, with the action of a fireman pulling the hose, the emotion of the moment struck home.

**Honorable Mention**      **Monett Times****Chickens Ponder****Murray Bishoff**

By far the lightest photo in this category, shows that listening to the police scanner always is a worthwhile task.

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**11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Southeast Missourian****A blast of winter****Laura Simon**

As a way to portray the weather, this is a terrific shot. It is so good, it should be sold as art.

**Second Place**      **Sedalia Democrat****Firefighters battle fire at auto sales yard 01****Hope Lecchi**

Fires always lend themselves to good photos for newspapers. The photographer waited for the exact right time to snap this image.

**Third Place**      **Sedalia Democrat****Katy Trail grass fire 2-08-16****Faith Bemiss**

Another photo that could be framed as a work of art. Showing the effects of the heat is a great technique

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**11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Police watch after fellow officer killed****Robert Cohen**

The image of the officer using his own head to hold the tape in place would be humorous if not for horrific context. The juxtaposition of having the moment and the blood makes for an image that I won't quickly forget. I appreciate that the photographer took the time to photograph this quiet moment from a tragic scene. Furthermore, the image is technically perfect. The photographer toned the image well and took care to make the image with a clean background. The care that the photographer took to make the image allows the viewer to soak in the content.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****K2 Overdose Rescue****David Carson**

The photographer of this image captured a look of terror in the man's eyes. That look stirred compassion in me as I thought about the affect of drugs on a community, but specifically the affect of drugs on this man. While the image would benefit from a cleaner background or sharper focus, the moment is powerful and the picture award worthy.

**Third Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Questioning the police chief****David Carson**

This assignment is a routine one, but the photographer elevated the it by looking for a storytelling moment. The boy's body language is interesting as he grips his cell phone. The quote in the caption also helped elevate this image to third place. The photograph is technically sound, and speaks to the racial tensions that our country faces.

**Honorable Mention**      **Columbia Daily Tribune****Vigil for Tyler Romaker - 9/12/16****Tim Tai**

This is a beautiful image from a tragedy. The light in the photo from the candles and the rim light allow the viewer to focus and empathize with the family's pain. The photograph is perfectly exposed and toned and the photographer had enough trust with the family to make an image standing a few feet away.

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**11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Cassville Democrat****Rotary Rodeo, 6-22-16****Kyle Troutman**

This photo stood out among the others for the peak action and clean background. This is a solid feature from a community event. The hat in the lower left corner is a nice detail.

**Second Place**      **St. Clair Missourian**      **Terrible Tragedy**      **Sarah Hall**  
This photo humanizes an all too common tragedy. The photo of the owner in the midst of the damage puts a face to the story, and allows the view to empathize with his loss. I appreciate the fact that the photographer took the time to talk to the homeowner rather than simply snap a picture of the building.

**Third Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Blaze Burns, 2-10-16**      **Kyle Troutman**  
The fact that the person in the main photo is not wearing any protective gear speaks to the urgency of the situation and adds to the drama of the image. A job well done to the photographer for quickly getting access.

**Honorable Mention**      **Cassville Democrat**      **City of Cassville Flooding, 3-9-16**      **Julia Kilmer**  
This quirky photo deserved an honorable mention. Capturing a unique event is a nice break from hard news images at any newspaper.

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**11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Lawrence County Record**      **Camper Fire, June 15, 2016**      **Ryan Squibb**  
The peak action and clean background in this photo made it stand out among the others. Highway fires can be difficult to get to quickly, so congrats to the photographer for making this image and getting closer enough to make it impactful.

**Second Place**      **Houston Herald**      **Big Blaze 7-7-16**      **Jeff McNiell**  
What immediately jumped out to me about this photo was that the chief wasn't wearing any protective gear. That added to the fact that he is alone added to the feeling of urgency. I like that the photographer chose to show the entire scene in this photo.

**Third Place**      **Platte County Citizen**      **On the bench**      **Ross Martin**  
This was an interesting image where the caption was doubly important. I appreciated that the photograph didn't settle for a portrait from this situation and instead took the time to wait for this natural moment to occur.

**Honorable Mention**      **Ozark County Times**      **House fire**      **Jessi Dreckman**  
The fact that the photographer talked to the home owner elevated this photo for me. Captions have the power to connect viewers to powerfully images of loss like this one.

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**11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis American**      **Mike in memorium**      **Lawrence Bryant**  
What brought this photo to first place for me was the moment and newsworthiness of this event. The photographer captured sober expressions and the release of the doves, both of which help tell the story.

**Second Place**      **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**      **Teitelman remembrance**      **Allyssa Dudley**  
This was a beautiful photo from a memorial service. The use of light and clean background are what elevated this photo to second place.

**Third Place**      **Washington Missourian, Weekend**      **Truck Stuck**      **Joe Barker**  
This photo captured all the critical elements from this car accident. The police officer on the car added to the interest and urgency of this photo.

**Honorable Mention**      **Washington Missourian, Weekend**      **Engulfed in Flames**      **Gregg Jones**  
I thought that the composition of this fire photo deserved an honorable mention. The dramatic smoke over the small firefighter created an interesting photo.

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**12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Marshall Democrat-News**      **MHS class, 5-15-16**      **Arron Hustead**  
Great reaction shot, hats being thrown into the air helps with the overall composition and draws the eye right to the graduate.

**Second Place**      **West Plains Daily Quill**      **Joyful New Day**      **Abby Hess**  
Nice moment caught, good emotion

**Third Place**      **Marshall Democrat-News**  
Girls face is priceless, would maybe like to see a little more of the image

**Girl at zoo**

**Sarah Reed**

**Honorable Mention**      **Daily Star-Journal**  
Perfect timing to get this image.

**Bottoms up**

**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

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**12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Southeast Missourian**  
The girls eyes and the angle of the image draw you right into the picture, nice photo tells the whole story.

**A chicken in a pot**

**Laura Simon**

**Second Place**      **Southeast Missourian**  
This image shows the connection between the subject and her feathered friend, great timing.

**Meet Miss Dortha (top photo)**

**Laura Simon**

**Third Place**      **Columbia Missourian**  
Great moment showing the ladies truly putting in the work.

**Sunshine Singers feel the heat, 6/6/2016**

**Youngrae Kim**

**Honorable Mention**      **Sedalia Democrat**  
The expression on the little girls face to the left is priceless, worked for this particular image.

**Treating Civil War's wounded 04-04-16**

**Faith Bemiss**

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**12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kansas City Star**  
Great emotion, capture this image at the exact right time. like the crop tight was right choice.

**daniell simpson**

**Allison Long**

**Second Place**      **Joplin Globe**  
Great emotion felt like photographer brought me into the scene, I truly felt for the mother, like that they changes the view point.

**Hit and run 011316**

**Roger Nomer**

**Third Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**  
What a great moment captured.

**Pianos for People**

**Robert Cohen**

**Honorable Mention**      **Kansas City Star**  
Liked the concept, execution was right on, loved the detail of the snow in the tops of the umbrellas.

**snow 1-22-16**

**Keith Myers**

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**12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Windsor Review**  
Very nice image, looking at things in a different way. nice job.

**Thousands saw and felt the names on the**

**Penny Warner**

**Second Place**      **Kearney Courier**  
I think maybe a tighter crop would have made the image a little stronger

**Brace for hit 8-4-16**

**Amanda Lubinski**

**Third Place**      **Clinton County Leader**  
Loved the images felt like I could tell what each student was thinking and feeling.

**Virtual Field Trip, 2-4-16**

**Brett Adkison**

**Honorable Mention**    **Cassville Democrat**  
Would have loved to see the photographer change the angle like get down to the girls level.

**Residents Escape, 6-29-16**

**Julia Kilmer**

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**12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**    **Christian County Headliner News**    **Grant's new normal, 11-23-16**    **Amelia Wigton**  
This glimpse into the new reality for the young man stood out as first place because of the access the photographer got to an intimate moment and storytelling nature of the photo.

**Second Place**    **Richmond News**    **Best feature photo**    **Liz Johnson and JoEllen Black**  
This surprising image stood out among the rest because of its uniqueness. Ashes in a truck? That's a new one for me. The photographer did a good job framing the subject, allowing the story to come through.

**Third Place**    **Gasconade County Republican**    **Shy Boy**    **Will Johnson**  
While the background could have been cleaner to make this photo stand out, the funny and all too familiar moment is what stood out from this image. Well done!

**Honorable Mention**    **Odessan**    **A princess and a frog**    **Hannah Spaar**  
This frame would have benefited from the photographer getting lower to the ground, but this is a fun photo and touching moment from a community event.

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**12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**    **Washington Missourian, Weekend**    **Picture-Perfect Pout**    **Jeanne Miller Wood**  
Nice job finding a good moment and something different from the event. Good composition and nice to see the photographer getting down to the student's level for the picture. The moment and composition quickly pushed this entry to the top.

**Second Place**    **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**    **Giggles for Graduation**    **Jeanne Miller Wood**  
Moments can make or break a photograph, this has a really nice moment that steps outside some of the obvious types of photos that are often seen from these events.

**Third Place**    **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**    **You Better Not Pout . . .**    **Jeanne Miller Wood**  
Sometimes you wait forever for a good expression from children's visits to Santa, sometimes they happen right away. Either way, this is a nice one.

**Honorable Mention**    **South County Times**    **A Very Special Turkey Day Visitor**    **Diana Linsley**  
Love the students' faces. Would like to have seen a slightly lower camera angle to really put the turkey in the forefront of the frame.

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**13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**    **Daily Star-Journal**    **Driving through the tackle**    **Derek Brizendine**  
Good job capturing the peak of the flying tackle.

**Second Place**    **Monett Times**    **Brotherhood**    **Jared Lankford**  
Really nice catch of a somewhat rare moment in a high school baseball game. Poor reproduction or image quality hurts.

**Third Place**    **Daily Star-Journal**    **Bang Bang Play**    **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**  
Good action and good, descriptive caption.

**Honorable Mention**    **Trenton Republican-Times**    **Lathan Croy**    **Seth Herrold**  
Really nice action, but a caption including the diving tackler would have placed this higher.

**13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **News Tribune**  
Good job getting a low angle on the play. Love the dirt flying up and the crooked helmet. Nice image (though I wish the horizon wasn't so tilted)

**Jays C5 State Semifinals****Jason Strickland**

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian**  
Good moment, especially the foot drag.

**Touchdown, 9/10/2016****Liv Paggiarino**

**Third Place**      **Southeast Missourian**  
Went back and forth a bit on this one, but ultimately liked that the photographer took a risk to try something new.

**Up in arms****Andrew Whitaker**

**Honorable Mention**      **Columbia Missourian**  
This made my hands sweat and heart beat faster. Way to get up there with the diver for a different perspective.

**Handstand dive, 10/24/2016****Carsen Sikyta****13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Joplin Globe**  
Great job by the photographer anticipating this moment. Great composition and a great storytelling image. Something different from a swim meet, which is also always nice.

**Paraolympic hopeful 070216****Roger Nomer**

**Second Place**      **Columbia Daily Tribune**  
There are a lot of headers in a soccer game, but this is one of the better ones. Great catch, and the lower player's jersey fits the moment.

**Southern Boone vs Battle soccer 8/27/16****Don Shrubshell**

**Third Place**      **Kansas City Star**  
Great catch, by both the player and the photographer. Clean backgrounds, peak action, not much more you can ask for.

**avant diving catch****Shane Keyser**

**Honorable Mention**      **Joplin Globe**  
Nice work following the play all the way into the outfield. Nice composition.

**Out of reach 041316****Laurie Sisk****13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Clinton County Leader**  
Great timing to show the runner is out. Good positioning, focus and use of depth of field make this a terrific action shot

**Thrown Out, 10-20-16****Brett Adkison**

**Second Place**      **Clinton County Leader**  
Timing the catch of the football is a difficult thing. You captured the moment perfectly

**Leaping Grab, 9-15-16****Brett Adkison**

**Third Place**      **Clinton County Leader**  
Only difference between first and second place was showing faces in the photo. Again, good timing makes for an excellent action shot.

**Jump Ball, 9-15-16****Clint Dye**

**Honorable Mention**      **Greene County Commonwealth**  
Following the action in soccer can be difficult. Your image is a great portrayal of the action of the game.

**Record holder****Tyler Thompson**

**13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Platte County Citizen**      **In the sand**      **Ross Martin**  
Nice job getting something different from a track meet. Would have cropped tighter, myself (lose that cluttered background!), but a nice image that stood out.

**Second Place**      **Neosho Newton County News**      **HardSlide 051816**      **Rob Wright**  
Nice play at home, in focus, faces, ball...everything you need for a nice action shot.

**Third Place**      **Gasconade County Republican**      **Irwin Int**      **Will Johnson**  
Great timing on the interception, photo is sharp, composed, and a key play.

**13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Jefferson County Leader**      **"Safe At Home"**      **Ted Howell**  
Nice action, smart crop to keep the teammates in the frame.

**Second Place**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**      **Punches Away 9-14-16**      **Bill Battle**  
Good peak action, and it appears like the photographer was shooting from a less common part of the field, which is always nice to see.

**Third Place**      **St. Louis American**      **Bulldogs bite**      **Wiley Price**  
The leap is great, but the defenders' faces make the photo. Wish we knew their names.

**Honorable Mention**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**      **Safe at First**      **Bill Battle**  
Something a little different from baseball, nice work.

**14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Lake Sun Leader**      **Big Hit 10-14-16**      **Michael Losch**  
Great juxtaposition between the winning and losing teams' players. Good emotion from both. I'd crop into a true horizontal (lose the yellow fence top and come up to just below her hands). Their knees aren't an important part of this image.

**Second Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**      **Mouth-off**      **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**  
Another good winning/losing juxtaposition. A few more faces on the winning team might have helped bump this up a spot, but that's often just due to luck.

**Third Place**      **Lake Sun Leader**      **Big Point 10-18-16**      **Michael Losch**  
Nice reaction, though celebrations happen on pretty much every play at a volleyball match, so this needed to be much more emotive to move up in the winner's circle.

**14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **Jackson wrestlers cheer**      **Fred Lynch**  
Great job keeping an eye on the crowd - often the source of great storytelling images at sporting events. Nice work putting the wrestlers in the foreground for context.

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **14-Semi-final loss, 11/19/2016**      **Allison Collins**  
Nice work by the photographer staying after the game and wading into the crowd to capture this solid storytelling image. One step to the photographer's left would have blocked the empty spot in the stands and framed the embracing players nicely. Would love to have a little more of the player in the left foreground, less of the players on the right.

**Third Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Frenchie's First Fight, 2/19/2016**      **Annie Rice**  
Beautiful light, nice behind-the-scenes-type storytelling image. A little more contrast in their expressions and maybe a good quote from the girlfriend about her nervousness would have moved this up.

**Honorable Mention**      **Southeast Missourian**      **Goal!**      **Laura Simon**  
Scoring player, check. Goalie, check. Ball, check. Clean background, check. Nice work getting it all in.

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**14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Columbia Daily Tribune**      **Rock Bridge vs Smith-Cotton Soccer -**      **Sarah Bell**  
Being smart enough to be at the right place at the right time always works for great results.

**Second Place**      **Columbia Daily Tribune**      **MU vs Tennessee Volleyball - 11/26/16**      **Tim Tai**  
You have the formula down for great emotional celebration images. Good job.

**Third Place**      **Columbia Daily Tribune**      **Hickman vs Jeff City Basketball - 12/13/16**      **Sarah Bell**  
Anticipating the reactions of players is the first step to getting great images. This is what newspapers do best.

**Honorable Mention**      **Columbia Daily Tribune**      **MU vs Florida Basketball - 3/5/16**      **Don Shrubshell**  
Sometimes the best action is on the bench. Great emotion shot.

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**14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Clinton County Leader**      **Celebration, 10-20-16**      **Brett Adkison**  
The layers of celebrating players makes the image. Nice work.

**Second Place**      **Clinton County Leader**      **Upset, 2-18-16**      **Brett Adkison**  
Didn't get too excited about this image's thumbnail, then I enlarged it. The bloody nose and his expression make for a really nice image. The referee's shoulder brings nothing to this party, just crop it vertical.

**Third Place**      **Pleasant Hill Times**      **Sunset at Football**      **Scott Lavelock**  
Sometimes the great images happen off the field during a game, nice work paying attention and working that sunset into the game. Getting lower, so the sunset makes up most of the background, and waiting for the play to unfold would have helped move this image up.

**Honorable Mention**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Eagles Epitomize, 3-2-16**      **Jared Lankford**  
Nice post-game celebration, but could be cropped tighter.

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**14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Houston Herald**      **Homer happy 9-1-16**      **Jeff McNiell**  
Tough call between first and second, but a tighter crop (could still go tighter, just let everyone assume they're wearing pants) pushed this to the top.

**Second Place**      **Lawrence County Record**      **Mt. Vernon Softball Win, May 11, 2016**      **Rodger Wheeler**  
Nice celebration shot. Straighten the horizon and crop tighter for more impact.

**Third Place**      **Platte County Citizen**      **Light in the Darkness**      **Ross Martin**  
Nice moment, good job explaining the back story for the photo (not sure I would have noticed the over-sized shoes otherwise). A little more of a clearer side view would have helped.



**Honorable Mention Houston Herald**

Good job sticking around during the delay and keeping your camera ready to capture something like this. I would straighten the horizon (goalposts should be vertical) and crop a little more off the bottom to tighten the frame up a bit.

**Lightning-strike-9-15-16****Jeff McNiell****14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Webster - Kirkwood Times**

Great juxtaposition between the winning and losing teams.

**Kirkwood Lady Pioneers Advance To State****Ursula Ruhl****Second Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday**

Solid victory shot, wish the defeated wrestler was a little more visible, but nice job getting him in at all.

**The Champion 2-24-16****Bill Battle****Third Place Jefferson County Leader**

Solid ponytail action, but this could have been cropped a lot tighter for more impact. Come up to about the feet of the leaping player, and in from the left to the girl with her hands in the air.

**State champs****Ted Howell****Honorable Mention Washington Missourian, Weekend**

Nice tight reaction shot.

**Emotional Win****Bill Battle****15.) Best Photo Illustration | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Monett Times**

This was a clear winner. The use of photography along with the map and subtle text created a great entry point to the story. This was a creative way to illustrate a historical feature.

**Letters From the Front****Staff****Second Place Monett Times**

This was a successful illustration putting the 2016 election into context. I liked the use of historical photos. I believe it would have been stronger if Trump and Clinton's heads had not been cropped short.

**100 Years****Jacob Brower****Third Place Lebanon Daily Record**

I'm sure this story caused a stir in the community. While the illustration itself was not technically perfect, I decided to award it based on the success of the illustration communicating the message of the story.

**Predators****Ken York****Honorable Mention Daily Star-Journal**

This humorous photo was a pleasant surprise. It doesn't look all that appetizing, but I'm sure it grabbed readers attention to the story.

**Please Help****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia****15.) Best Photo Illustration | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Columbia Missourian**

Well executed idea. Nicely lit.

**Crime Perception vs reality, 3/16/2016****Annie Rice****Second Place Southeast Missourian**

Needs more golf balls, but a fun idea.

**Ready to reign****Laura Simon****Third Place Columbia Missourian**

Nicely lit and composed, but don't be afraid to get crazy with the frosting.

**Frosting is to cake as paint is to canvas,****Zach Baker**

**15.) Best Photo Illustration | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **foodtruck 5-25-16**      **Rich Sugg**  
 Well lit, cheesy and fun. That's what comes to mind when I see this image. It's clean and to the point. I hope the photographer got to sample some of the food.

**Second Place**      **Quincy Herald - Whig**      **Player of the year**      **Phil Carlson**  
 The photographer used dramatic light with a simple pose to capture this player's character. The image is successful, but cropping out the distracting weight set in the background would have elevated this image.

**Third Place**      **Columbia Daily Tribune**      **Monster Mash - 10/29/16**      **Sarah Bell**  
 A simple strobe at sunset is all this photographer needed to make an interesting image. Well, that and some interesting subjects. The blank stare pose works well with the makeup.

**Honorable Mention**      **Columbia Daily Tribune**      **Walter Rolley, Jr. - 12/19/16**      **Tim Tai**  
 This simple portrait of an aging gives little hints about what his life might be like. I like the choice to shoot a portrait in his environment. However, his expression and pose do not advance the story or tell us much about his personality or character.

**15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **1972 Election, 7-27-16**      **Jacob Brower**  
 Nice work digging up the old campaign fliers.

**Second Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **House of Cards, 8-10-16**      **Staff**

**Third Place**      **Clinton County Leader**      **Breck, 4-7-16**      **Becky Black**

**15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**      **Data addicts**      **Amber Duran**  
 This is one of those illustrations that tell the entire story. You don't even need to read the story, the art tells it so well.

**Second Place**      **Ozark County Times**      **Some sacrificed all**      **Jessi Dreckman**  
 Excellent job of using sepia to honor the fallen.

**Third Place**      **Houston Herald**      **Unborn & Innocent 2-4-16**      **Jeff McNiell**  
 Very creative and time consuming I am sure, but great way to tell the story.

**Honorable Mention**      **Odessan**      **Downtown reflections 6-9-16**      **Dianne DeCamp**  
 Creative and effective

**15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal**      **Changing face 120916**      **Michael Behrens**  
 Nicely executed idea that catches the eye and does a good job illustrating the story's central idea.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal**      **MLS targets site 082616**      **Michael Behrens**  
An illustration that probably only works for St. Louis, which makes it hard to rip off but is easily recognizable to readers. Nice work.

**Third Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal**      **Breakfast wars**      **Michael Behrens**  
I sincerely hope they actually threw cups of coffee around for this illustration. Nice work, though a little more of a "war" theme would have pushed this higher.

**Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis Business Journal**      **Beyond the pump**      **Michael Behrens**  
Eye catching, easily readable, informative.

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**16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**      **Bear Creek Rendezvous**      **Kelly Goodhart**  
Good variety of images - wide, up close, etc - pushed this to the top.

**Second Place**      **Monett Times**      **Trinity Lutheran**      **Melonie Roberts**  
Some nice moments, especially the lead image, good color and nice variety of images. Would like to see a detail image.

**Third Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**      **A Civil Civil War**      **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**  
Would really like to see something closer in the action, and it definitely needs something of the crowd's reaction to this event.

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**16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **News Tribune**      **Lives**      **Kris Wilson**  
This photo package was wonderfully restrained. By only using three carefully selected photos the story comes through without clutter or distractions. The dominant photo is gorgeous and the supporting images are well placed. This is beautiful. This should be the standard for good daily journalism.

**Second Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **A bridge to greatness: Christian Boxing**      **Laura Simon**  
The photographer told this story well through images. There are some beautiful images in this feature, and they should be proud of what they accomplished during their time at the gym. What stood out to me was the photographer's use of light and color. Well done! What hurt this package was the page design. On 1A, the text hurt the main photo instead of helping to advance the story. And on page 6C and 7C too many photos were used which, rather than telling the story better, served as a distraction. The placement of the story in the trapped white space also hurt this package. Given the time spent on the story, I wish more time had been spent carefully selecting which photos to use and how to

**Third Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Frat house fire training**      **Staff**  
I really enjoyed this photo page. The dominant image was a good choice and the simple layout allowed the photos to work well with each other. What could have elevated this package was moments between the firefighters. I don't see images here that some access and intimacy.

**Honorable Mention**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Disappearing act**      **Staff**  
Great work with the dominant image on this photo package. The text worked well on this image, and it is a striking photo. The supporting images were too redundant to help advance the story.

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**16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**      **Crisis Within: The effect of Toxic Stress on**      **Laurie Skrivan, Nancy Cambria, Josh Renaud Matt Franck and Lynden Steele**  
The scope, depth, picture editing and page design were all excellent on this project. I applaud the Dispatch for going beyond the spot news murder scenes, and digging into the issues that lead to a culture of violence. Laurie Skrivan built relationships with multiple families during the course of this project which allowed her intimate access to get the photos that she needed to illustrate these issues. The page design and picture selection led the reader through the whole project, and kept the eye moving through the pages. This project demonstrates the power that photojournalism can have.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**      **Angel of Death, one woman's struggle to**      **Laurie Skrivan, Josh Renaud, Jean Buchanan and Lynden Steele**  
This story was a heartbreaking look at the devastation that bullets had on one woman's life. The photographer did an excellent job gaining access to the important moments that made this story was it was. The page layout did not elevate the story, and while I applaud the designers for taking a risk with the dominant image on A1, I ultimately found it a confusing image and I think it would have worked better as a supporting photo. What sticks out to me about the story is the trust that the photographer much have built with Charisse. That is admirable, and important work.

**Third Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**      **The funeral for Officer Snyder**      **Robert Cohen, JB Forbes, David Carson, Laurie Skrivan, Wade Wilson and Lynden Steele**  
This was strong coverage of a funeral stemming from a horrific act of violence. This team of photographers captured the day well with images from all angles. The photos that stays with me is the dominant photos on A10 and A11. The overhead shot on A10 is graphic and beautiful, while the photo on A11 is gut wrenching as the officers family can be seen in their grief. Each would have made a stronger A1. I enjoy seeing photo staffs work well together, and these photographers, editors and page designers clearly coordinated well to cover this event successfully.

**Honorable Mention Joplin Globe**

This was a great feature on a paraolympic hopeful. The photographer followed her over two days and captured moments of her swimming and interacting with friends and family. This package may have been elevated if the photographer stuck with the story longer, but that does not take away from these beautiful images. Well done!

**Haven Shepherd: Paraolympic hopeful****Roger Nomer**

This was a great feature on a paraolympic hopeful. The photographer followed her over two days and captured moments of her swimming and interacting with friends and family. This package may have been elevated if the photographer stuck with the story longer, but that does not take away from these beautiful images. Well done!

**16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Cassville Democrat****Trout Season, 3-2-16****Kyle Troutman**

This was solid coverage of a local tradition. I liked the lead image as a scene setter and the use of the documentary photos supported the main image well.

**Second Place Cassville Democrat****Shakin in the Shell, 9-21-16****Kyle Troutman**

The A1 photo was a fun break from regular news coverage and the photographer followed it up with supporting images that showed activities from the event.

**Third Place Pleasant Hill Times****State volleyball****Scott Lavelock**

I was impressed at the space given to this important local sports story. Props to the news team for following the story and for celebrating this accomplishment. My favorite image was the celebration photo on the top/right of the second page. Having that image larger would have elevated the photo package.

**Honorable Mention Cassville Democrat****127 Walk****Kyle Troutman**

This photo package had some nice moments from the graduation. By using less photos, and using the best photos bigger, this package may have cracked into the top three.

**16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Gasconade County Republican****Graduation****Staff**

Nice collection of moments, good photo variety. Don't be afraid to get in the middle of that silly string fight, that's where the magic happens. Also might have used a tight shot on that fish.

**Second Place Gasconade County Republican****Threshers****Staff**

Nice choice for the lead photo -- colorful and impactful. A photo of some other part of the event (maybe a nice detail), instead of the second photo with the horses would make this a stronger package.

**Third Place Gasconade County Republican****Rock Island Trail****Dave Marnier**

Nice variety of photos showing the river clean up project. Would have liked to see a nice detail shot and maybe something cropped tighter on the students carrying debris - really only need one of two shots of people carrying things.

**Honorable Mention Platte County Citizen****Platte County Fair****Ross Martin and Brent Rosenauer**

Nice job with a variety of photos from the event.

**16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Louis American****Salute to Fashion****Lawrence Bryant**

Size of photos, composition of photos and variety of sizes made for an interesting presentation

**Second Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday****Thinking Under Pressure****Jeanne Miller Wood**

The photos tell the story of a thinking man. Great job.

**Third Place Northeast News****Coro Clean Up****Paul Thompson and Kirstie Mulligan**

Interesting use of color and layout made for effective presentation

**Honorable Mention Washington Missourian, Wednesday****"She Said Yes" 1-6-16****Jeanne Miller Wood**

Great sequence of photos show the emotion of the moment.

**17.) Community Service | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b>	<b>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</b>	<b>The Crisis Within</b>	<b>The St. Louis Post-Dispatch Staff</b>
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<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Joplin Globe</b>	<b>Six miles of recovery: The journey back</b>	<b>Emily Younker, Jordan Larimore and Andy Ostmeier</b>
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<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Quincy Herald - Whig</b>	<b>Good News of Christmas</b>	<b>Staff</b>
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**17.) Community Service | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b>	<b>The Examiner</b>	<b>Women of Distinction</b>	<b>Julie Moreno, Tonya Maddox and Sheila Davis</b>
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<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Daily Star-Journal</b>	<b>Inclusive Playground</b>	<b>The Daily Star-Journal Staff</b>
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<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>2016 Voter's Guide</b>	<b>Staff</b>
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<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Southeast Missourian</b>	<b>Mental illness: Renee Boyd series</b>	<b>Tyler Graef</b>
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**17.) Community Service | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b>	<b>St. Louis American</b>	<b>Salute to Excellence in Education</b>	<b>Staff</b>
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Education is important to everyone, but especially our inter-cities. The American is making a difference.

<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian, Wednesday</b>	<b>The Missourian's Little Free Libraries</b>	<b>Dawn Kitchell</b>
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Always good to promote literacy.

<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Northeast News</b>	<b>KCFD Fallen Firefighters Memorial</b>	<b>Paul Thompson and Michael Bushnell</b>
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Bad typo across top of page.

**17.) Community Service | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Richmond News</b>	<b>North Pole News</b>	<b>Richmond High School Journalism Class, Serena Comegys and JoEllen Black</b>
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Great project that engaged many different readers.

<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Houston Herald</b>	<b>MELBA THEATRE project</b>	<b>Brad Gentry and Kathy Richardson</b>
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Excellent effort that will benefit the community for years to come.

**Third Place**      **Ozark County Times**  
A great community project that really can save lives.

**Free smoke alarms**

**Staff**

**Honorable Mention**      **Bowling Green Times**  
Our job is to get the info out to the people - well done.

**Bowling Green Times Entry**

**Ethan Colbert and Linda Luebrecht**

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**18.) Best Editorial Pages | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**  
First place. Strong design and use of color makes these pages inviting. The content is consistently strong; the editorial podium is put to good use here. Headlines could be more provocative. The pre-election editorial package would have been helped by a summary box of the recommendations. Saturday's editorial sampler package is a delightful mix, fodder for breakfast table conversation. Letters could be edited tighter but local voices are prominent. Stating "The Platform" every day gives reader a standard to which you must be accountable. The color cartoon presenting a Cards' fan's World Series dilemma hit a home run.

**Post-Dispatch editorial pages**

**Staff**

**Second Place**      **Joplin Globe**  
Eye-catching cartoons are well-used as a reader entry point. Straightforward design is reader-friendly. Caldwell columns are well done. Editorials are a good mix of national, state and local issues, but would be helped by more of those simple declarative sentences that leave readers with no doubt that a stand is being taken. The community is welcome and well represented on these pages. The daily quotable and verse are eye-catchers. Strong, people-focused column by the editor on the tornado anniversary.

**Joplin Globe**

**Carol Stark**

**Third Place**      **Kansas City Star**  
Clearly these pages are an important part of the community conversation that opinion journalism should foster. The contest is rich and varied. The writing is clean and the design straightforward. Non-traditional full-width editorials are made less intimidating by art and pull-outs. But the editorials are more of a recounting of or lament about events, rather than offering specific solutions or direction. Take a stand and make it plain.

**The Kansas City Star**

**Colleen Nelson**

**Honorable Mention**      **Quincy Herald - Whig**  
Honorable mention.

**Herald-Whig editorial pages**

**Don Crim and Kenneth Jones**

Editorials have strong local focus. Could make more specific proposals for action or make points more prominently. If spending \$155k for a strategic planning study is necessary, a bargain and long overdue, say so up high and then use the editorial to make that case rather than winding up to the pitch. Prominent column on these pages, while well written, did not have local focus. Letters could be more tightly edited. Staff writer did a good job on comparative taxes survey,

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**18.) Best Editorial Pages | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Monett Times**  
Really enjoyed the color layouts. Enough to command your attention, yet subtle and clean. Very reader friendly! Also, I like the style of the headshots. Creative!

**Monett Times Editorial Pages**

**Jacob Brower**

**Second Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**  
Cartoon graphics are very eye catching. Also, I like the way that the editorials and different column widths to separate them.

**Best Editorial Pages**

**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

**Third Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**  
A4 info boxes were very eye catching. As for staff photos, I would prefer to see them uniform, either all color or all grayscale.

**Courier-Post Editorial pages**

**Staff**

**Honorable Mention**      **Southeast Missourian**  
I would have liked to have seen all pie graphs in color, rather than greyscale since a color flat was already being used for that page.

**Editorial Pages**

**Southeast Missourian**

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**18.) Best Editorial Pages | Weeklies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Jefferson County Leader**  
Honest. Non-critical and not offensive. Well thought out argument with an injection of humor and humility works for me. Great job on a most interesting and convincing editorial.

**Opinions**

**Patrick Martin**

**Second Place**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**  
Short and to the point. Well thought out argument.

**April 27, December 14, September 21**

**Bill Miller, Sr.**

**Third Place**      **St. Louis American**  
Good writing skills demonstrated in this editorial. Strong argument, engaging subject.

**St. Louis American Editorial**

**St. Louis American Editorial Board**

**18.) Best Editorial Pages | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Christian County Headliner News****Editorial pages****Staff**

The Christian County Headliner News really has it all. Editorial, editorial cartoon, opinions from others in the area, and letters from readers is a great package. As a bonus, there's second page with additional quality columns. The Headliner News shows what a quality editorial page looks like.

**Second Place**      **Cassville Democrat****Cassville Democrat Editorial Pages****Staff**

The Cassville Democrat produces an attractive editorial page with local and regional columns, a cartoon, and space for readers' letters. What's lacking is a consistently produced staff editorial important for an editorial page.

**Third Place**      **Gasconade County Republican****Gasconade County Republican Best Editorial****Dave Marner**

The Gasconade Republican offers the most attractive layout among this year's entries, and it uses a good collection of local and regional opinion, along with letters and a cartoon. An additional staff-written opinion and staff-written columns would make it better.

**Honorable Mention**      **Richmond News****Best Editorial Pages****Richmond News Staff**

The Richmond News is clearly one of the better entries in the contest with good local content. An additional staff columnist would make it even better, maybe something not so serious like the Jason Offutt column.

**19.) Best Sports Pages | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****St. Louis Post-Dispatch sports pages****Staff**

Comprehensive, well-written sports section; impressive amount of locally written copy; clean design and solid photography make it an easy section to read.

**Second Place**      **Columbia Daily Tribune****Best Sports Pages Columbia Daily Tribune****Columbia Daily Tribune Staff**

Strong photography and good story choices for the cover centerpieces give the section a must-read feel.

**Third Place**      **Quincy Herald - Whig****Herald-Whig sports pages****Staff**

The amount of local high school sports content produced is incredible. The content would benefit from stronger design and better use of typography.

**19.) Best Sports Pages | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Southeast Missourian****Jan. 15; June 3; Nov. 6****Southeast Missourian**

Great photos, typography and clean, consistent pages. Very inviting to read. Easily the best in the category.

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian****Best Sports Pages Columbia Missourian****Missourian Staff****Third Place**      **Monett Times****Monett Times Sports Pages****Staff****19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Cassville Democrat****Cassville Democrat Sports****Staff**

Strong variety of content and overall packaging. Action photos used well to anchor pages. Interesting use of lists and graphics. Consistently very nice pages overall. Some photos could be cropped tighter and headline treatment stronger in places.

**Second Place**      **Pleasant Hill Times****Pleasant Hill Times Sports Pages****Kerry Warman and Scott Lavelock**

Needs action photos to be a stronger contender in this category. Pages need anchor photos to build around and headline treatment needs improvement.

**19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Platte County Citizen**      **Citizen sports**      **Ross Martin, Bryce Mereness and Nick Ingram**  
 Center packages help anchor strong designs. Excellent use of white space help headlines and photos really pop off the page. Labels above headlines are helpful to readers. Some photos could be cropped tighter, but action and quality of photographs are strengths. Overall, deep and dynamic pages.

**Second Place**      **Richmond News**      **Game On!**      **Russ Green, Shawn Roney and JoEllen Black**

**Third Place**      **Houston Herald**      **Best sports pages**      **Jeff McNiell**

**19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis American**      **St. Louis American Sports**      **Earl Austin Jr., Ishmael Sistrunk, Alvin Reid, Maurice Scott and Palmer Alexander III**  
 Sections show super awareness of the positives of the use of white space. Content is smart, varied, and presented in a clean design that is appealing. Hard to find faults. Use of information boxes, varied article formats, mug shots, dominant photos, and all packaged in a well thought out design.

**Second Place**      **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**      **BH-FP**      **Staff**

**Third Place**      **Jefferson County Leader**      **Sports**      **Gordon Bess and Russell Korando**

**20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**      **Time to evaluate**      **Kevin Graeler**

**Second Place**      **Lebanon Daily Record**      **Stoutland fires**      **Israel Potoczny**

**Third Place**      **Monett Times**      **State's Best**      **Jared Lankford**

**20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **Bolen's final home game**      **Josh Mlot**  
 A very good reporter's eye for the whole event. Wrote about the game through the lens of the coach's career and added emotional context to the story. Well done.

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Missouri volleyball advances to second**      **Nadine Laemmler**  
 Great coverage of the entire event, including observations of fans and the game. Interesting and to-the-point - just as a sports news piece should be.

**Third Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **MLB calls**      **Erin Unerstall**  
 Solid sports package and shows some flexibility in covering sports outside the standard game story. Cleanly written too.



**Honorable Mention**    **Columbia Missourian**  
An in-depth, well-written hard news/sports piece.

**Letters about Missouri softball investigation**    **Kevin Graeler**

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**20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**    **Kansas City Star**

**Former Mizzou tutor tells how, why she**

**Tod Palmer**

Powerful and enterprising interview on an important topic. The reporter not only landed this critical interview but wrote the story in a way that clearly conveyed why what the subject had to say mattered so much.

**Second Place**    **Kansas City Star**

**Football player accused of sexual assault at**

**Mara Williams, Jesse Newell and Ashley Scoby**

Tenacious reporting that brings to light a compelling story on a sensitive topic that clearly university officials wish would rather go away.

**Third Place**    **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

**The Rams**

**Staff**

Comprehensive, in-depth coverage of a major story with national implications.

**Honorable Mention**    **Columbia Daily Tribune**

Excellent, in-depth reporting of an issue of high local interest while on a tight deadline.

**CPS coach ousted after rant**

**Daniel Jones**

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**20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Weeklies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**    **Cassville Democrat**

**Wildcats with a Chance**

**Jared Lankford**

Football rivalry preview captured superbly with story, graphics, stats

**Second Place**    **Clinton County Leader**

**Lathrop State Softball**

**Brett Adkison**

Complete recap of softball season. Everything you need to know

**Third Place**    **Pleasant Hill Times**

**Pleasant Hill baseball**

**Scott Lavelock**

Remove the interim tag! Great game analysis with comments from coach, players

**Honorable Mention**    **Cassville Democrat**

Good angle.

**Depth in Backfield**

**Kyle Troutman**

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**20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Weeklies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**    **Platte County Citizen**

**State Wrestling**

**Ross Martin**

Death is a delicate subject. Well done!

**Second Place**    **Platte County Citizen**

**Record pole vaulter**

**Ross Martin**

Pole vaulter's quotes crafted superbly into story

**Third Place**    **Neosho Newton County News**

**Champs! Indians rally to take Class 1 state**

**Chad Hayworth**

'I know' this is a great story about a sport that rarely draws this kind of coverage

**Honorable Mention**    **Houston Herald**

Wouldn't change a word. Fine farewell story

**Crown 'Em**

**Jeff McNiell**

**20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**      **State Cross Country**  
 Excellent writing and even better photography. Some of the best high school cross country coverage I have ever seen.

**Michael Alvey and Bill Battle**

**Second Place**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**      **State Track**  
 More great writing and photography. To say they cover the state finals like a glove might be an understatement.

**Bill Battle and Michael Alvey**

**Third Place**      **St. Louis American**      **Muhammad Ali**      **Earl Austin Jr., Alvin Reid and Ishmael Sistrunk**  
 I found this page compelling having been to Ali's home in Berrien Springs and attended his 51st birthday party. Interesting to read what others thought about The Greatest.

**Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis Business Journal**      **Game on**      **Brian Feldt**  
 I was amazed at the scope of the project and the in-depth coverage. Gives their readers a good look at exactly what they are trying to accomplish.

**21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Monett Times**      **Graduation Ends**      **Jared Lankford**  
 I loved how the article started with the dad and the sacrifices he made to be able to watch his sons. The article showed both the athletic accolades, but also the family life the athletes had, showing what made them who they are. Well written, and well thought out.

**Second Place**      **Monett Times**      **Cubs' Villalta Surprised**      **Jared Lankford**  
 The article was easy to follow and was started in a good place. The reporter captured the essence of the gesture, and brought the feeling home. It was an extremely enjoyable read.

**Third Place**      **Lake Sun Leader**      **Dominating on the diamond**      **Michael Losch**  
 I liked the use of more than one source of quotes to bring the story home. Also, did a great job of adding stats to show dominance by the team. Good use of imagery and showed creativity in verbiage.

**Honorable Mention**      **Lake Sun Leader**      **These shoes were made for running**      **Michael Losch**  
 I really liked how the reporter delved into the obstacles the runner faces, and the insight into what makes the runner tick. The reporter also did well with answering the questions the reader would have and also did a good job of visuals.

**21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **Where there's a Wills...**      **Josh Mlot**  
 This is an excellent story that showcases the best of the human side of sports. This is a feel good story about a subject that always touches the heart-an athlete who doesn't take no for an answer and perseveres through any obstacles. The close attention to detail in the story combined with Ms. Willis' bubbly personality makes this story a great read.

**Second Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **A fall runner shines**      **Phillip Suitts**  
 This story is yet another fine example of a feature story that brings out the best in sports and gives readers insight into the hardships and human side of sports. Dealing with cerebral palsy in everyday life can be debilitating, but one can only imagine the hardships that come with having CP and trying to participate in sports. This story does a fantastic job of showing how to overcome those hardships and highlights a great athlete in the process.

**Third Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Once invisible, Charles Harris' star now**      **Colton Pouncy**  
 From start to finish this is an exciting read and gives readers a look into the mindset and talents of a star player. From the lede, which draws the reader in, to the next few paragraphs which further establish the talents of Charles Harris, this is a great story.

**21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **Wade Davis' great escape illustrated his**      **Rustin Dodd**  
 The non-linear storytelling keeps the reader's interest to the end, weaving in interesting details. Engaging prose.

**Second Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **A woman says she was raped. The injustice**      **Ashley Scoby**  
An important article on an important topic that transcends sports. The reader wants to know what lies in store for the subject of the feature, hoping she gets past the trauma.

**Third Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **They still have hope**      **Vahe Gregorian**  
Painstakingly researched with a lot of personal detail that makes the reader empathize with the subjects in the article.

**Honorable Mention**      **Joplin Globe**      **Head games**      **Jordan Larimore**  
The article includes a lot of medical information while keeping the reader interested in the subject's past and current life. It wasn't overly technical, but urges the reader to understand the subject matter.

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**21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Pleasant Hill Times**      **Mike Garrison Feature 8-17**      **Scott Lavelock**  
Good quotes and details on what could have been a depressing story. It was well developed with good background and a look toward the couple's future.

**Second Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Leaving Their Marks**      **Jared Lankford**  
A fun story on little-heralded people: the grounds crew. It was interesting to read about their work. It could have used more outside sources, however.

**Third Place**      **Jackson County Advocate**      **Mike Harper Feature**      **Brent Kalwei**  
The story had lots of good quotes and flowed well, but another source was needed, such as a relative or former teammate or coach.

**Honorable Mention**      **Clinton County Leader**      **Huitt Sisters**      **Brett Adkison**  
More personal details and anecdotes would have helped, but the subject matter was fleshed out well.

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**21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Platte County Citizen**      **Light in the Darkness**      **Ross Martin**  
A really compelling feature that makes even a non-wrestling fan want to read it. The writer added good details to sensitive subject matter.

**Second Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**      **Fire chief**      **Amber Duran**  
The subject was unique, and multiple sources gave the story a good dimension. The headline was clever as well.

**Third Place**      **Houston Herald**      **Always their coach**      **Jeff McNiell**  
The story was really funny on a typical subject that doesn't always come off as interesting. A nice touch was the "thank you" sidebar.

**Honorable Mention**      **Platte County Citizen**      **Rope and Ride**      **Ross Martin**  
A lot of detail and explanation went into the story about a subject unfamiliar to many people.

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**21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Washington Missourian, Weekend**      **Cuts Difficult for All**      **Bill Battle**  
A great story on a subject that hardly anyone wants to tackle.

**Second Place**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**      **Borgia Seniors Pulled Together to Seal Third**      **Bill Battle**  
This story pulled me in from the beginning. Well written.

**Third Place**      **Washington Missourian, Weekend**  
A nice way to localize the story through the eyes of people who know the sport.

**A Farewell to Rams**

**Bill Battle**

**Honorable Mention**      **Jefferson County Leader**  
An interesting story that probably every community has the ability to do, but never take the time.

**Festus senior turns injury into new**

**Gordon Bess**

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**22.) Best Sports Columnist | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Columbia Daily Tribune**  
This writing is pure entertainment. Several "laugh out loud" moments. Would be habit forming in any market.

**Sports Columnist - Walljasper**

**Joe Walljasper**

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**  
Brilliant writing. Hard to make this entry a second place.

**Ben Frederickson columns**

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**Third Place**      **Kansas City Star**  
A strong entry. Great pieces on a variety of great topics.

**Sam Mellinger**

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**Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**  
Another great writer. A strong piece on Dexter Fowler.

**Hochman columns**

**Benjamin Hochman**

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**22.) Best Sports Columnist | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Columbia Missourian**  
Aaron Reiss does a fantastic job of getting to the heart of stories and covering some weighty topics, whether it's the turmoil at MU or gaining a fresh perspective on one of Missouri's opponents.

**Aaron Reiss**

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**Second Place**      **Monett Times**

**Sports Columnist-Lankford**

**Jared Lankford**

**Third Place**      **The Examiner**

**"Mavericks got the right man for the job"**

**Bill Althaus**

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**22.) Best Sports Columnist | Weeklies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Cassville Democrat**  
The writer's emphasis on character set his entries apart.

**Sports Columnist-Lankford**

**Jared Lankford**

**Second Place**      **Greene County Commonwealth**  
Good column on Verne Lundquist "Bless his heart" recollection was a nice touch.

**Tyler Thompson**

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**Third Place**      **King City Tri-County News**  
I like that the writer takes care to praise defensive standouts, too.

**Bulldog Notes**

**Brent Johnson**

**Honorable Mention**      **Pleasant Hill Times**  
Colorful coverage mixed with stats.

**Pleasant Hill Times column Scott Lavelock**

**Scott Lavelock**

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**22.) Best Sports Columnist | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Delta News-Citizen**  
A good collection of human interest sports columns.

**Different Drummer Sports 1**

**Scott Matthews**

**Second Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**  
"Lessons from children" was the strongest entry.

**Bottom line**

**Jeff Kessinger**

**Third Place**      **Odessan**  
Quick-hitters with variety.

**Sports Time Out**

**Joe Spaar**

**Honorable Mention**      **Perry County Republic-Monitor**  
The "slam dunk" perspective was a nice finish.

**Best Sports Columnist**

**Justin Hotop**

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**22.) Best Sports Columnist | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis American**  
Ali's dates and the columnist's memories: Great connection.

**Sports Eye**

**Alvin Reid**

**Second Place**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**  
Third-place game with great significance. Wondered about the way "shrunk" was used.

**Battleline**

**Bill Battle**

**Third Place**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**  
Comment from one of the protestors/supporters would have helped

**Mike'd Up**

**Michael Alvey**

**Honorable Mention**      **Jefferson County Leader**  
Another fan jilted by the NFL. Welcome to the club

**The Inside Track**

**Gordon Bess**

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**23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**  
Nice combination of copy and design elements make this a compelling special section for the right reasons. Only real critique would be more compelling cover photos, but overall good job.

**Better Living Missouri**

**Staff**

**Second Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**  
I really liked the idea of this special section, honoring first-responders and letting them tell their own stories through the use of Q&As. The portraits and logos gave a nice design touch throughout.

**Finest in the Field**

**Staff**

**Third Place**      **Monett Times**  
It's clear this is one of those seasons that won't be soon forgotten, which makes a section like this essential. Nice use of photos. Copy, for the most part, was crisp. A nice keepsake for these young men.

**Champion Cubs**

**Staff**

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**23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Southeast Missourian**  
Who doesn't love a good bridal magazine? No assumptions here. I happen to be a 47 year old married man, but this section had me hooked. Well designed, beautiful photos, fun, engaging local copy. I particularly enjoyed the real deal stories, and the dog at your wedding piece. I feel we all know those people, right? Wonderful section.

**I Do, 2016**

**Southeast Missourian**

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Cultivating Connections: A closer look at**      **Staff**  
Diversity is a topic that can take you a lot of places ñ both good and bad. This was good. Dancing, a volleyball team, food, faith. Those are stories that are fun to read. The graphics were amazing in this section both visually and from an information standpoint. Kudos to all involved.

**Third Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **The Bridge**      **Southeast Missourian**  
Excellent cover. I liked the overall idea and content of this section. There were parts of the section that were content heavy and it showed in the design, and odd use of some photos.

**Honorable Mention**      **News Tribune**      **Business Journal**      **Rebecca Martin**  
Solid section. Cover art and some inside photos could be stronger. Overall copy was useful and interesting, which can be hard to do when talking business sometimes. Good job.

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**23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Joplin Globe**  
Impactful stories and photos. Great design. Excellent all-around publication.

**JMAG Joplin Strong**

**Carol Stark**

**Second Place**      **Joplin Globe**  
Great job of sharing the history of the Joplin Globe in a well designed piece.

**JMAG Making Headlines**

**Carol Stark**

**Third Place**      **Quincy Herald - Whig**  
Great cover. Lots of good content.

**Vision**

**Staff**

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**23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Weeklies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Cassville Democrat**  
Lots of useful, well-reported information here. It is clear by the ad support that agriculture is important in the Cassville area, and your organization is smart to create a special section for this. Great work!

**Farm and Ranch Summer**

**Staff**

**Second Place**      **Clinton County Leader**  
I love celebration pubs like these, and the reporting team did a wonderful job with this one. Great art, great reporting, great design.

**Lathrop State Softball**

**Brett Adkison, Becky Black and Autumn Barnett**

**Third Place**      **Cassville Democrat**  
You made me want to visit!

**Shell Knob Tab**

**Staff**

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**23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Weeklies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Odessa**  
Great job at showing what a little extra effort can make a traditional special section turn into a real "special" section. Well done and undoubtedly well read.

**Odessa Graduation section**

**Staff**

**Second Place**      **Bowling Green Times**  
Small communities love these kinds of publications. Great job featuring people of the community.

**Bowling Green Times Entry, People of Pike**

**Ethan Colbert and Linda Luebrecht**

**Third Place**      **Ozark County Times**  
Food is always of interest. Great idea to include a special story about the recipe.

**Ozark County Cookin'**

**Staff**

**23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis American**      **Diversity: A Business Imperative**      **Staff**  
 A thorough and exhaustive survey on diversity, the many ways it is defined and how it affects and is reflected in the community.

**Second Place**      **Jefferson County Leader**      **Voters Guide November 2016**      **Steve Taylor**  
 A wealth of information that voters would find very useful. Would have liked to see more visuals to break up all the text. Maybe a chart to define all the races/issues for better readability.

**Third Place**      **Webster - Kirkwood Times**      **What Do They Earn?**      **Brian Ruth and Kevin Murphy**  
 Great topic that readers no doubt found very interesting. Great presentation, but the data is presented with little to no narrative. Would have been much more powerful to have an in-depth story delving into the justifications for the different pay rates in the respective categories.

**Honorable Mention**      **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**      **Money 20**      **Staff**  
 Slick presentation and great graphics. Takes a wealth of data and makes it readable and digestible.

**24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kirksville Daily Express & News**      **Lobbyists**      **Jason Hunsicker**  
 Solid look at the data of giving and the legislature. Use of data painted a picture for readers that other entries didn't. Good job.

**Second Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**      **Chronic absenteeism**      **Eric Dundon and Danny Henley**  
 This was solid investigative journalism. You dug through records, gave the findings some context and painted a picture of the council that view would have seen otherwise.

**Third Place**      **Lebanon Daily Record**      **Predators**      **Fines Massey**  
 I think this is a solid start. Would like to have seen a bit more analysis put into the six highlighted offenders. Are they really a risk. What does history tell us. Nice history of the loop hole though.

**Honorable Mention**      **Monett Times**      **Children's Center**      **Murray Bishoff**  
 Good work on exploring an unanswered drop off in service utilization.

**24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **Life Without**      **Ben Kleine**  
 Compelling narratives and diligent reporting elevate this entry to a higher level. Good storytelling pulls you in and keeps you there through every twist and turn, all the while highlighting flaws in a system not accustomed to being wrong.

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Documents reveal repeated violations at MU**      **Ruth Serven**  
 Impressive results from this entry's digging help form the skeleton of a story highlighting a problem certainly not unique to the University of Missouri.

**Third Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **The lead standard in Columbia Public Schools**      **Emma Diltz**  
 Calling the status quo into question, this entry sheds light on an issue that directly impacts the health of the community's children.

**Honorable Mention**      **News Tribune**      **Uber Tricky**      **Rebecca Martin**  
 This entry deserves praise for its resolve to test out preconceptions. An interesting way to inform readers about a new technology and emerging industry, and how the local community is handling it's presence.

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**24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**      **Absentee ballot issues**      **Stephen Deere and Doug Moore**  
This series exposed a worst-case-scenario voter fraud case and affected change. It brought strong oversight to an election that clearly needed oversight.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**      **Ferguson prosecutions**      **Stephen Deere**  
This investigation dove to the root of a clear abuse of power and apparent fleecing of taxpayer coffers.

**Third Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **Tragedy on Verruckt**      **Staff**  
This series of stories turned what could have been a short lineup of breaking news stories into an accountability project that helped shed light on a substantial safety problem at a popular amusement park.

**Honorable Mention**      **Kansas City Star**      **Fatal Echoes**      **Mike Hendricks and Matt Campbell**

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**24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kearney Courier**      **Safe to Sip?**      **Amanda Lubinski**

**Second Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Leash Laws**      **Julia Kilmer and Kyle Troutman**

**Third Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **ODET**      **Kyle Troutman and Julia Kilmer**

**Honorable Mention**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Walmart-Harps**      **Julia Kilmer and Kyle Troutman**

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**24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Bowling Green Times**      **What Happened To Clinton Collins**      **Ethan Colbert**  
It took initiative and planning to hold this public institution responsible for its duty in this case. The writer turns what could be a simple anniversary story into a revealing look inside the operations of the Pike County Sheriff's office.

**Second Place**      **Odessan**      **Concerns with police department operations**      **Hannah Spaar**  
A tight writing style and tenacious reporting reveal an issue of great importance to the community.

**Third Place**      **Bowling Green Times**      **Military Record Questioned**      **Ethan Colbert**  
This entry sets the record straight with diligent investigation of the pertinent records and ample opportunity provided for sources on all sides of this issue to present their perspective.

**Honorable Mention**      **Bowling Green Times**      **Dog Breeder Cited By HSUS**      **Ethan Colbert**  
This entry goes the distance to tell all sides of the story, rather than taking one group's report at face value.



**24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal****Stadium site spending****Jacob Kirn**

This entry stands out from the rest because of its thorough coverage of a questionable use of taxpayer dollars and because of its tight, well-written stories detailing the issue for readers.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis American****Was it suicide by hanging - or not?****Rebecca Rivas**

This entry digs deep into the details from public sources and gives voice to the family of the dead prisoner as well as officials. Though it may not answer all questions in this case, the writer raises several very important ones that ought to be addressed.

**Third Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal****Behind the curtain****Angela Mueller**

This entry is effective in pulling back the curtain and giving readers a glimpse into the dollars that flow between physicians and major pharmaceutical companies.

**Honorable Mention**      **Arnold-Imperial Leader****Reprieve: Boundary dispute has four families****Kim Robertson**

This entry should be commended for exploring the "why" as well as the "what" of this strange and interesting bit of local schools news.

**25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Dailies***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Columbia Missourian****Drugs, Farmers and Minority Businesses****Jared Kaufman, Eleanor C. Hasenbeck and Daniel Christian**

The prescription piece was thorough and considered all angles. The farmers market piece could have been a simple press release-style piece but it had some substance and included multimedia. The three entries together showcase a diversity of coverage.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Post-Dispatch business coverage****Staff**

Very thorough, extensive coverage in a variety of reporting styles from big business pieces with clear writing (Harry's, the aluminum bottle piece) to more consumer-oriented writing.

**Third Place**      **Kansas City Star****The Kansas City Star****Keith Chrostowski**

The tax abatement story is a good example of an investigative watchdog story. The LGBT discrimination story did a nice job at looking at the soundness of a law. Plus it shows a little humor. Other stories did a quality job of feeding the daily business beast. Paper provides helpful extended summaries below the headline.

**Honorable Mention**      **News Tribune****JCMO Business Journal and local coverage****Rebecca Martin and News Tribune Staff**

Business stories for businesses and consumers.

**25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal****Local Business Coverage****Staff**

The clear winner. Entrant offers the deepest business coverage on a variety of topics. Writing is clear and concise.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis American****Local Business****Staff**

Solid local business coverage. Special sections include a mix of news, features, Q&amp;A and consumer tips. A mix for all readers.

**Third Place**      **Bolivar Herald-Free Press****BH-FP****Jessica Franklin Maull and Jill Way**

Good local business coverage. Stories could have benefited from more sourcing. CMH story was the standout.

**Honorable Mention**      **Jefferson County Leader****Jefferson County Leader business coverage****Staff**

It was not always easy to discern which stories were being presented for judging. Some stories read like news features; business coverage could benefit from more numbers and financial stats.

**25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Cassville Democrat****Cassville Democrat Business Coverage****Staff**

Very solid coverage, with a good mix of news and features. Stories are well-presented on the page and well-organized. Good judgment on when to give news full-story treatment and when to offer it as an extended photo cutline. Best writing of the entrants.

**Second Place**      **Houston Herald****Businesses in Texas County, Mo.****Doug Davison**

This entry scored highly for its writing, though it would have done better if stories contained more than one source. It would have been good to get perspective from other garlic farmers and the state agriculture department on total garlic production, for instance, and talk to truck drivers who are attending the training as opposed to just the owner.

**Third Place**      **Bowling Green Times****Bowling Green Times Entry****Ethan Colbert**

Entrant gave prominent placement to coverage. Would have been helped by getting more local sourcing and writing stories with the most important news at the top. The health care story, for instance, could have led with the local physician rather than a national study, and the fire story could have been organized to lead with the cause and not in chronological order of how it happened.

**Honorable Mention**      **Richmond News****Local Business Coverage****Sara Seidel and Jason Beets**

Entrant's headlines did not display for judge. Stories read like traditional news features, rather than business stories. Should incorporate more business-specific news elements, including square footage of buildings, purchase prices, the seller of the building and business' sales and profit figures.

**26.) Best Business Story | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Lebanon Daily Record****Hurts****Fines Massey**

This story highlights the local "controversy" of a seemingly benign event -- a doughnut truck coming to town -- in a creative way, with a fun lead. The piece itself is thoroughly reported, capturing multiple sides of the story, and it delves into the universal issue of whether to support local businesses or shiny, out-of-town endeavors.

**Second Place**      **Daily Star-Journal****TIF****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Second:

A multi-sourced, comprehensively reported story on the resolution of what appears to be a long-time issue for the town: whether or not to employ tax incentives for certain development projects.

**Third Place**      **Monett Times****Gay Parita****Melonie Roberts**

Even a reader who has never heard of Gay Parita can tell that the gas station was, and once again is, a rare gem along a historic route where similar businesses are long gone. The writer did a great job of capturing the excitement of the reopening as well as the daughter's sense of duty in continuing what her parent's started.

**Honorable Mention**      **Lebanon Daily Record****Boat Town****Fines Massey**

This story is a detailed profile of a new brewery that includes descriptions like that the bar is made from a canoe, background on the company's curious logo and engaging quotes from one of the owners.

**26.) Best Business Story | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Columbia Missourian****Columbia seeks to connect blacks with****William Schmitt**

Story examines one way Columbia is attempting to proactively avoid becoming another Ferguson -- through making a concerted effort to boost minority business opportunities. This important article is well written, thoroughly reported, even including a source who is critical of the city's efforts.

**Second Place**      **Southeast Missourian****Vape dealers: New rules will hurt small****Bridget Brown**

Good localization of a national story that impacts a growing industry and the health of its customers. Nice use of multiple sources. Strong ending quote.

**Third Place**      **News Tribune****New Truman Hotel Funding plan proposed****Rebecca Martin**

A well-reported story on a Tax Increment Proposal that could have implications for Jefferson City. Story is well written and includes critics of the proposal. It also includes information about meetings where the proposal will be discussed and voting on, giving the community an opportunity to be engaged.

**Honorable Mention**      **News Tribune****Working the clock****Rebecca Martin**

This story is written to inform business owners on a policy change that could have a big financial impact on their company in the coming months. The story is also relevant to employees who will be affected by the policy change. The piece even includes a helpful FAQ section.

**26.) Best Business Story | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Quincy Herald - Whig****Global Impact****Edward Husar and Doug Wilson**

A hyper-local topic explored from a variety of angles. Excellent writing that flows well and is simple and to the point. Use of multiple graphic types really grabs the eye and helps make the in-depth story easy to digest. A massive project chock full of information that helps make sense of a complex issue. The piece does a public service to the community by explaining this huge development and what it means to residents.

**Second Place****St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Debt, profit and pain****Samantha Liss**

Cohesive story that walks the reader through a complex tale in an engaging manner. Focus on an individual directly affected helps bring the issue home. A very local approach to a topic that affects a much wider population. Breakout overview on the cover really helps set the scene, and the graphic timeline is an engaging illustration that gets to the heart of the story. Subhead (Business is selling ...) is right on target.

**Third Place****St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Misplaced fear?****Jacob Barker**

Well-organized structure. Easy-to-read conversational style. There's lots of substance here, lots of information about a topic that obviously scares many local residents. But it is presented in a way that is easy to digest. The map adds visual interest and helps show residents exactly what the text talks about. The piece serves a public service by bringing science and reason face-to-face with fear.

**Honorable Mention****Quincy Herald - Whig****Slow to Grow****Don O'Brien**

A solid and dispassionate look at a controversial business. Good use of an individual (the young do doctor) to grab the readers' attention. Multiple sources. Lots of information. Graphics add visual interest.

**26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Cassville Democrat****Harps Coming****Julia Kilmer**

Multiple sources and details about when job interviews will be held helped this article rise above others in the competition.

**Second Place****Morgan County Press****SNAFU pours out booze, 8-31-16****Robin "R.D." Fish****Third Place****Cassville Democrat****Facility Builds Greenhouse****Julia Kilmer****26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Bowling Green Times****Health Care In The Heartland****Ethan Colbert**

Thorough localization of an impending national problem. I would have liked to have seen comments from retiring doctors and local health care consumers.

**Second Place****Richmond News****Best Biz Story****Sara Seidel**

Wonderfully written business profile with a lead that pulls you in. The story really should have included some facts and figures such as how much a tattoo costs, if this is going to be a business story and not merely a feature.

**Third Place****Marshfield Mail****Welcome to her 'house'****Mike Cullinan**

Wonderfully written profile a a new business. I felt I knew the owner and wanted to visit her shop.

**Honorable Mention****Springfield Business Journal****Digital Targets****Emily Letterman**

Good explanatory story about something we all wonder about. More localization and cost figures would have moved this up.

**26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****St. Louis Business Journal****SLU crisis****Greg Edwards**

From a headline that manages to be dramatic, informative and teasing, to the way the writer makes number-laden paragraphs feel light and pithy, this piece delivers accessible, engaging reporting on St. Louis University's financial crisis.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal**      **Drivers wanted**      **Steph Kukuljan**  
The three stories worked well together to frame the issues, how they affect real people and what companies are doing about it. Well told, organized and presented.

**Third Place**      **Washington Missourian, Weekend**      **A Missourian to Know, Right Here in New**      **Karen Cernich**  
This is a great example of people-focused business reporting. You can see the scenes and hear the voices as the story of this entrepreneur and his business is told.

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**27.) Best Coverage of Government | Dailies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kirksville Daily Express & News**  
Classic watchdog journalism. Be proud!

**Lobbyists**

**Jason Hunsicker**

**Second Place**      **Kirksville Daily Express & News**  
A topic of importance to this community. Well-researched and clearly presented.

**Conservation**

**Jason Hunsicker**

**Third Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**  
Proving the adage about following the money. Very readable and creatively presented.

**The Capitol Steps**

**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

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**27.) Best Coverage of Government | Dailies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Columbia Missourian**

**Presidential Primaries**

**Allison Graves, Kelsi Anderson and Missourian Staff**

A really well executed piece about one of the biggest election seasons in quite some time. I think this article hits all the marks in informing voters, breaking down the races and candidates, and getting people prepared to head to the polls. I really enjoy the use of visuals, from infographics to photos and mugshots, to help bring all of the information together. Well done!

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian**

**Minority Businesses**

**Taylor Ystebøe and Will Schmitt**

I love the use of a narrative to lead off the story instead of a basic lede. The personal narratives from Norris and Glasgow really act as hooks to draw me in and get me interested right away. I am also a big fan of the descriptive storytelling that makes me feel like I am there, and I also like the use of visuals.

**Third Place**      **Southeast Missourian**

**Special taxing district operates with virtually**      **Southeast Missourian**

This is what local government coverage is all about ó identifying and uncovering an issue that could be of concern to taxpayers, and exposing it. I think this article does a fine job in doing that, and it's helped by the use of subheds to break up the content.

One idea for the future would be to use a breakout box to outline some type of timeline, history or data that could make the story easier to understand at first glance.

**Honorable Mention**      **Southeast Missourian**

**Latest ruling is Cape's third strike against**      **Southeast Missourian**

A really interesting story about an important topic in our time: the First Amendment. I really like how the reporter details the history of the issue facing the city in order to present the scope of the issue, and after reading the article, if I were a resident, I feel like I would be well versed in the topic.

One thing that might be done in the future to improve this would be to add more "flavor" to the beginning of the story to pull me in a bit more. Perhaps add some narrative from a person impacted by these violations to spice things up

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**27.) Best Coverage of Government | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Columbia Daily Tribune**  
Great tracking of large donations in a local election.

**Financing elections**

**Columbia Daily Tribune**

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**  
Amazing work on shedding light on a candidate with unknown support.

**Greitens: ambition and money**

**Staff**

**Third Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**  
The need to understand the voting process is important.

**Absentee ballot issues**

**Staff**

**Honorable Mention**      **St. Joseph News-Press**  
It's good to hear the debate on a bigger issue. Well constructed and easy to understand.

**Detention basin faces close vote**

**Brendan Welch**

**27.) Best Coverage of Government | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Cassville Democrat</b>	<b>Transgender Policies</b>	<b>Kyle Troutman</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Windsor Review</b>	<b>City Collector's Position Is Hot Topic</b>	<b>Penny Warner</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Cassville Democrat</b>	<b>Southern Commissioner Race</b>	<b>Melonie Roberts</b>

**27.) Best Coverage of Government | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Christian County Headliner News</b> Great job highlighting the concern of late fees and trying to protect the taxpayer's dollar.	<b>Late fees</b>	<b>Amber Duran and Amelia Wigton</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Odessan</b> The issues on this second place entrance were great. Sometimes shining light on an issue helps reveal a deep seated problem.	<b>Odessa Police Department disbanded</b>	<b>Hannah Spaar</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Christian County Headliner News</b> Hard to believe a town goes without a police department. The subject grabbed me and didn't let go. Plus well written.	<b>Sparta Police</b>	<b>Amelia Wigton</b>
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Platte County Landmark</b> A great work, might have almost too much detail in the article. But still very well done.	<b>PUBLIC WORKS SCRUTINY</b>	<b>Ivan Foley</b>

**27.) Best Coverage of Government | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b>	<b>St. Louis American</b> Very engaging reporting on a large opportunity from the federal government. Also the entry includes a range of sections for the paper, including business and opinion. It shows that a paper can address a large issue throughout the newsroom.	<b>NGA in STL</b>	<b>Staff</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>St. Louis Business Journal</b> Great work on digging into the costs of the stadium, especially after the deal fell through. It shows the importance to keep digging, even if the largest part of the story is over.	<b>Stadium site spending</b>	<b>Jacob Kirn</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Webster - Kirkwood Times</b> Really enjoy reading subjects that bring in a lot of thoughts for people to consider. Great article.	<b>Resisting City Consolidation</b>	<b>Don Corrigan</b>
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Missouri Lawyers Weekly</b> The visuals and data supporting this work is impressive.	<b>Supreme Court sees spike in splits</b>	<b>Scott Lauck</b>

**28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b>	<b>Southeast Missourian</b> Excellent photos highlighting everyday moments of rural life - presented in an appealing manner. Great variety of topics presented. Quality writing. Excellent product overall.	<b>June 5: August 24: September 18</b>	<b>Southeast Missourian</b>
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**Second Place**      **Monett Times**      **Monett Times Rural-Ag Coverage**      **Murray Bishoff and Kyle Troutman**  
Good balance of feature and hard news sides of agriculture. Liked seeing a story focused on ag science and lots of faces in photos.

**Third Place**      **Quincy Herald - Whig**      **Herald-Whig ag coverage**      **Staff**  
Nice, clean presentation of stories and photos, appealing variety of topics without forgetting the bread and butter.

**Honorable Mention**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Rural life in Missouri**      **Missourian Staff**  
Story topics show solid understanding of how definition of "rural" has expanded - good job thinking outside the box.

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**28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**      **Missourian Best Coverage of Rural Life or**      **Staff**

**Second Place**      **Houston Herald**      **Rural life and agriculture in Texas County,**      **Doug Davison**

**Third Place**      **Bowling Green Times**      **Bowling Green Times Entry**      **Ethan Colbert**

**Honorable Mention**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Cassville Democrat Rural-Ag Coverage**      **Staff**

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**29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Monett Times**      **Elderberries**      **Melonie Roberts**  
This was just a terrific article from start to finish. Excellent work.

**Second Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**      **Eat more chicken**      **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**  
Incredibly clever take on an otherwise foul situation. Nicely done!

**Third Place**      **Lebanon Daily Record**      **Goldfish**      **Kelly Morgan**  
Wonderfully informative and very well laid out. Great pictures too.

**Honorable Mention**      **Monett Times**      **Microbes Changing**      **Murray Bishoff**

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**29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **News Tribune**      **Mapping history**      **Michelle Brooks**  
This piece made me feel like a member of the community. Terrific detail and fantastic quotes did an excellent job bringing this story to life.

**Second Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **Jackson girl stays planted on the farm**      **Fred Lynch**  
The photos really bring this story to life.

**Third Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **A sweet hobby**      **Lindsay Brown**  
Terrific photos!

**Honorable Mention**      **Southeast Missourian**      **Fowl run afoul of law**      **Mark Bliss**  
Excellent choice for a headline!

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**29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **Rural Catholic school hangs on despite odds**      **Donald Bradley**

**Second Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **Bates County rallies to show love for lost**      **Laura Bauer**

**Third Place**      **St. Joseph News-Press**      **FARM-TO-TABLE GAINING ACCEPTANCE**      **Ray Scherer**

**Honorable Mention**      **Kansas City Star**      **'Chow bus' takes food to needy kids in**      **Donald Bradley**

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**29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Cole Camp Courier**      **Light On The Porch**      **Dianne Peck**  
This glimpse into the past was insightful and delightful to read. It includes those small, quiet moments that really stick with you after you've set it down and moved on. I found the editor's note didn't quite sum up what was going on or explain who wrote the piece or why. A fantastic read.

**Second Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Master Gardeners**      **Julia Kilmer**  
well organized and informative article. Lede could have used some punching up, but over all it delved into details, which is exactly the value in a story like this.

**Third Place**      **St. Clair Missourian**      **Woman Seeks Helps for Butterflies**      **Sarah Hall**  
Nice piece; definitely learned things I didn't already know. Strong lede, answers questions well.

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**29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Salem News**      **Timber Curtain**      **Andrew Sheeley**  
Touching story and it seems like a necessary one. Compassionate writing that was also honest. A bit too on the subject's side, but, I suppose, how could you not be? Strong writing, great lede, and engaging throughout.

**Second Place**      **Salem News**      **Roadside spring cleaning**      **Andrew Sheeley**  
This is a good, hard look at something that is more central to the community than it may at first seem. Good job directing a spotlight to it. Good writing; it reveals a lot of the character in those who were interviewed.

**Third Place**      **Marshfield Mail**      **Livestock shows: A long-term family affair**      **Scott Kerber**  
This is a backbone-of-the-community stories. Good explanations, extensive coverage. I'd have suggested starting with something a little more personal in the lede, but overall it was a great profile of the livestock events and the bonds people form entering them.

**29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** Washington Missourian, Wednesday  
Good introduction, well-told.**Woman Seeks Helps for Butterflies****Sarah Hall****Second Place** St. Louis American  
Nice job of bringing the event to life.**Fishing with cops****Chris King****Third Place** Washington Missourian, Weekend  
Interesting feature.**Promoting Health, Hope, Healing****Karen Cernich****Honorable Mention** St. Louis American  
Good quotes.**Growing gifts****Sandra Jordan****30.) Best Story About Religion | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** Daily Star-Journal  
Powerfully written story about a Holocaust survivor and her fierce commitment; the picture of forgiveness is a strong ending.**Holocaust****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia****Second Place** Daily Star-Journal  
Enlightening story on native culture; explaining the various herbs and what they're used for gives readers insight into religious beliefs.**Spiritual herbs****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia****Third Place** Daily Star-Journal  
This story just touches on the religious ramifications of gender reassignments. Wishing there was a bit more depth there.**Trans****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia****Honorable Mention** Daily Star-Journal  
Feel-good story about a young man living out his faith as it relates to helping other people.**Good Samaritan****30.) Best Story About Religion | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** Columbia Missourian  
Kudos for going beyond the traditional "pastor is leaving" story to tell the transformation of one church under new leadership.**Pastor leaves legacy of providing a place to****Brittany Crocker****Second Place** Columbia Missourian  
Great angle on a country commission story; one other papers should replicate in trying to understand today's politics.**The Gospel according to the Boone County****Blake Nelson****Third Place** Columbia Missourian  
Rich imagery and storytelling of a key church in Columbia's history. Well done.**Second Missionary Baptist Church reflects on****Lauren Rutherford****Honorable Mention** Columbia Missourian  
Inside glimpse of the life of one priest, told in an accessible and personable way.**Sacred Heart's Father Doyle****Brea Cubit**



**30.) Best Story About Religion | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kansas City Star**  
**Church's case goes to highest court**      **Rick Montgomery**  
 In-depth and fascinating throughout. Very cleanly written. Comprehensive coverage of an issue that impacts a great deal of people. The kind of religion writing every newspaper needs.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**  
**Brotherhood in practice**      **Kristen Taketa**  
 Excellent example of a story on a national issue, but written with a local focus.

**Third Place**      **Kansas City Star**  
**Out of the closet, in the pulpit**      **Donald Bradley**  
 A well-crafted story. Writer shows a skill for illustrating the emotions behind the story.

**Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**  
**Pastor fired by church he founded**      **Jesse Bogan**  
 Interesting story that sees the forest for the trees. Easy to see the writer did their homework.

**30.) Best Story About Religion | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Cassville Democrat**  
**First Camp Spark**      **Julia Kilmer**  
 The story had a nice flow and readability compared to others in this category. The use of multiple photos helped tell the story as well.

**Second Place**      **St. Clair Missourian**  
**Mercy House Offers "Hand Up" to Homeless**      **Sarah Hall**  
 The writer did a good job of using personal accounts from the Mercy House guests. I think we often wonder how people end up in these situations but don't want to appear intrusive. Well done.

**Third Place**      **Cassville Democrat**  
**Camp Barnabas**      **Julia Kilmer**  
 The writer did a great job of painting a picture of what Camp Barnabus is like. I'm sure the story elicited interest and support from the community.

**Honorable Mention**      **Cassville Democrat**  
**Patient Finds Beauty**      **Julia Kilmer**  
 This entry might be better suited in a category other than religion but overall it was a well written account of the physical and emotional struggles of a cancer patient.

**30.) Best Story About Religion | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Bowling Green Times**  
**A Special Kind Of Harvest**      **Ethan Colbert**  
 This entry stood out from the crowd for its subject matter, photos and wealth of background information about the rare visitors, their faith and customs.

**Second Place**      **Ozark County Times**  
**Gale Wooten retires from Mammoth**      **Sue Ann Jones**  
 Most retirement stories are pretty dry but the writer did a good job of letting the pastor's character and charisma shine through.

**Third Place**      **Salem News**  
**1,200 Brides**      **Andrew Sheeley**  
 This is obviously not your typical religion story but the writer executed it in a professional, fair manner.

**Honorable Mention**      **Christian County Headliner News**  
**Fearless Freedom**      **Amber Duran**  
 This was a good in-depth dive into the complexities of religion and schools. Using lots of direct quotes from the students was great but more explanation was needed...I got confused.

**30.) Best Story About Religion | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **South County Times**      **Imam Promotes Affton's New Mosque**      **Don Corrigan**  
 This entry does a good job of covering a faith topic with local and national implications. Communities benefit from this kind of reporting.

**Second Place**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**      **It's About Ministry, About Souls**      **Karen Cernich**  
 Good lede, coupled with an in-depth look at this unique program made this entry stand out from the crowd.

**Third Place**      **St. Louis American**      **Pastor Scott**      **Chris King**  
 I like the positive tone although it's a farewell story and good flow of this entry.

**Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis Community News**      **Moving Ferguson forward**      **Sara Hardin**  
 This story paints a good picture of what community advocates are trying to achieve. Specific details about speakers and topics would have been beneficial.

**31.) Best Story About Education | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kirksville Daily Express & News**      **Truman energy**      **Jason Hunsicker**  
 This story could easily have been a run of the mill story about energy savings, but this reporter helped tell it in a reader-friendly way. I like the explanation of what the water savings would be in terms of Olympic pools. The bullet points with project statistics at the end of the story also help make the information easy to understand.

**Second Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**      **Language by laptop**      **Eric Dundon**  
 Great details throughout the story!

**Third Place**      **Monett Times**      **Misplaced Child**      **Murray Bishoff**  
 This reporter did a great job describing what led up to the district vowing to take steps to improve its response. Although the father presented information about what steps could be taken in the future, it might have been interesting to provide information about what students should do if they find themselves in a similar situation. Overall, great job!

**Honorable Mention**      **Lebanon Daily Record**      **Morris**      **Kelly Morgan**  
 This story has a fun lede to kick off an interesting story.

**31.) Best Story About Education | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Mentorship, promotion among challenges of**      **Emma Vandelinder**  
 It's clear how much time and energy went into researching and reporting this issue. Breaking the article up with subheadings helps the clear and detailed reporting flow.

**Second Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **Cape mom says her autistic son was left on**      **Lindsay Jones**  
 This detailed account is well balanced with the mother's side and the school's response. Excellent job!

**Third Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **Looking learn more and more**      **Jeff Breer**  
 This story has a nice conversational tone. It's a nice informative feature story on an extraordinary student. Great job!

**31.) Best Story About Education | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **Schools compete to keep parents in KC**      **Joe Robertson**  
 Reporter does a thorough and compassionate job on what should be a sensitive topic -- how gentrification causes a new kind of school segregation that again harms minority and at-risk students. Education reporters everywhere need to be looking into this issue.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**      **Black students are in AP classes**      **Elisa Crouch and Walker Moskop**  
Interesting and thorough examination of another way schools let down minority students. Outstanding data-driven reporting that goes beyond the numbers to ask and answer why and look for solutions.

**Third Place**      **Joplin Globe**      **More districts experimenting with four-day**      **Koby Levin**  
This is what an excellent reporter does -- ask if what the bureaucrats propose to do actually works. The best part is in the bottom: disruptive scheduling does not serve kids or the budget. Good job.

**Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**      **Hiring, safety issues mar tenure**      **Koran Addo and Jeremy Kohler**  
Wow. I suspect I know more about this school now than Dwaun Warmack does. I'm sure the reporter does. Very thorough look at a very troubling operation.

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**31.) Best Story About Education | Weeklies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Jackson County Advocate**      **Read to Achieve Contest**      **Mary Wilson**

**Second Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Program Implemented**      **Julia Kilmer**

**Third Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **High Cost of Food**      **Julia Kilmer**

**Honorable Mention**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Transgender Policies**      **Kyle Troutman**

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**31.) Best Story About Education | Weeklies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**      **Total transformation**      **Amber Duran**  
Great lead draws reader in and transitions nicely to a strong story on a helpful program. Nice overall package with pictures and layout as well. Another positive is that this story can help others in the same boat.

**Second Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**      **K is for Kindergarten**      **Amber Duran**  
Strong piece that takes a reader through a day of a kindergarten teacher. The writer did a good job of choosing what to highlight and what not to highlight.

**Third Place**      **Houston Herald**      **Whiz Kids**      **Jeff McNiell**  
Great layout adds a lot to the story. Could have been stronger with reaction from a student on the team.

**Honorable Mention**      **Christian County Headliner News**      **Theater traffic**      **Hanna Smith**  
Writer did a good job of summing up the retiring teacher's work with reaction from many. Nice lead photo.

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**31.) Best Story About Education | Weeklies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Branson Tri-Lakes News**      **Hollister: Schools implement technology**      **Elizabeth Barmeier**  
From a reporting standpoint, this entry took the top prize. The reporter did a nice job of taking the reader through the program and getting information from several different sources to form a more succinct STEM story than others submitted.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis American**      **From Teen Mom to Valedictorian**      **Pat Patreci**  
Great story that the reporter was able to convey through a nice mix of quotes. I would have liked to have seen a quote from a peer or one of her children.

**Third Place**      **Washington Missourian, Weekend**      **Relieving Test Anxiety, More With a Wet**      **Karen Cernich**  
The reporter answered my questions throughout the piece. When I wondered something, the answer came in the next section. A thorough job on the subject.

**Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis American**      **CoderGirl**      **Rebecca Rivas**  
This piece was a great example of a newspaper sharing knowledge with its readers that could potentially help them.

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**32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Dailies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**  
Felt like I was there with the descriptive narrative

**Into the Blue**

**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

**Second Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**  
Original story. Well told.

**Skulls**

**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

**Third Place**      **Fulton Sun**  
Scratching as I'm reading, but learned a lot. Snappy writing!

**What's haunting your house?**

**Helen Wilbers**

**Honorable Mention**      **Monett Times**  
Felt like I was reading an oral history from the women. Nice touch to the story.

**CCC Lodge**

**Julia Kilmer**

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**32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Dailies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Southeast Missourian**

**Pavement Ends: Explore the canyons of the**

**James Baughn**

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian**

**Airplane Island seen as next best hope for**

**Erin McKinstry**

**Third Place**      **Columbia Missourian**

**Whooping crane sightings delight central**

**Ashley Skokan**

**Honorable Mention**      **Columbia Missourian**

**Turkey vultures**

**Jenna Allen**

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**32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kansas City Star**  
Well-written, well-researched. Told an interesting story and made it relevant to readers.

**Missouri River fish loses its reproductive**

**Scott Canon**

**Second Place**      **Quincy Herald - Whig**  
Touching moments and very well written.

**A Grandfather's Gift**

**Matt Schuckman**

**Third Place**      **Joplin Globe**

**Old cabins, homesteads along Buffalo River**

**Andy Ostmeyer**

Honorable Mention Kansas City Star A garden of fish Donald Bradley

**32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place Cassville Democrat Missouri Trout Season**  
Very good coverage of Governor Nixon attending opening day of Trout Season at Roaring River State Park. Nice photo layout as well!

**Kyle Troutman and Murray Bishoff**

**Second Place Cassville Democrat Fall Foliage**  
Very well written and researched article on why trees change color. I liked the depth of the information in the article and the change from just simply saying when the trees are at peak and where to go to view them!

**Julia Kilmer**

**Third Place Cassville Democrat Frogging Season**  
**Julia Kilmer**

**32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place Bowling Green Times**

**Eclipse**

**Ethan Colbert**

**Second Place Salem News Bigfoot in Bunker**  
**Andrew Sheeley**

**Third Place Houston Herald Maximum Endurance**  
**Doug Davison**

**Honorable Mention Christian County Headliner News No dumping**  
**Amelia Wigton**

**32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place Washington Missourian, Weekend**  
Engaging piece with lots of useful information. Very easy to understand.

**Call of the Wild**

**Karen Cernich**

**Second Place Jefferson County Leader**  
Great interview that is written well. I left this story wanting to know more about these people.

**Home away from home**

**Laura Marlow**

**Third Place Green Park Call**  
A very informative story. Talking about the trail's impact on the surrounding community is key to understanding the full impact of the project.

**Paved trail planned for Cliff Cave**

**Gloria Lloyd**

**Honorable Mention Webster - Kirkwood Times**  
Great story lead. A very interesting, informative look at how trees affect the local ecosystem.

**Climbing The Redwoods**

**Don Corrigan**

**33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Marshall Democrat-News****Malta Bend steamboat****Arron Husted**

The description of the area where people were searching as a Battleship board drew me in, and the rest of the story delivered. I loved that this entry was able to tie a fascinating piece of local history to the present day in a way that residents will be able to benefit from once the excavation process begins. As a non-Missouri resident, it was also fun to learn that the town was named after the sunken steamboat!

**Second Place**      **Monett Times****1972 Election****Murray Bishoff**

This was a well-done election history story - it took a unique blip in local history and brought it back for present-day readers to enjoy. The descriptions of the candidates, some of whom sound like interesting characters, were a joy to read, and the old election ads accompanying the story added a lot to the overall package. My one criticism would be the Election Day numbers for each candidate ran a bit too long at the end.

**Third Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post****Entire family perished in 1877 flood****Mary Lou Montgomery**

Despite being about an event in 1877, this article drew me in with the lede and continued the momentum. I'm impressed with the level of detail that the author was able to find out about this family and thought the maps and the old advertisement were a great addition to the package. I would have been interested to know more about the community's reaction to the tragedy.

**Honorable Mention**      **Daily Star-Journal****Kor****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

A compelling piece about a local woman with a meaningful story to tell. The descriptions of her experience were at times difficult to read, but were written well and did justice to her story. I would have liked to see more about her life after the Holocaust - what can people see at the museum she founded? What exactly does she hope people take away from her life story?

**33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Columbia Missourian****The steamboat Malta begins to reveal its****Cecilia Salomone****Second Place**      **News Tribune****Guardian of a treasured past****Michelle Brooks****Third Place**      **The Examiner****"A star was born: Ginger Rogers"****Jeff Fox****Honorable Mention**      **News Tribune****State Archive to digitize property records****Michelle Brooks****33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Kansas City Star****Forever a hero****Donald Bradley**

Awesome. A heartbreaking and inspiring story told with great skill. A fascinating read from beginning to end.

**Second Place**      **Kansas City Star****Fifty years later, Kansas City mobster's death****Donald Bradley**

First few paragraphs are a great hook into the story. A deep dive into history - writer shows top-notch research skills.

**Third Place**      **Quincy Herald - Whig****Band of brothers****Steve Eighinger**

Emotional story about a remarkable group and series of events.

**Honorable Mention**      **Kansas City Star****Buck O'Neil: Played key role in establishing****Rick Montgomery**

A well-done profile. Writer made me wish I had a chance to meet Buck O'Neill.

**33.) Best Story About History | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Cassville Democrat****Oklahoma Brothers****Julia Kilmer**

Julia Kilmer. Very interesting family story of discovery and family dedication. Many family cemeteries have been lost and this compelling story tells how this one was surprisingly discovered and restored to its proper dignity. I almost felt like I knew the Burnett family! Nice neighbor helping neighbor angle.

**Second Place Cassville Democrat****Epperly Reflects****Kyle Troutman**

Kyle Troutman. How can you not like a story of a sheriff in a cowboy hat who has evolved as a law enforcement officer from the "old" days to now being on Facebook and chasing cyber crime? A well-told story of a dedicated public servant like we wish all of our officials would be.

**Third Place Cole Camp Courier****Three Cousins, Three Caskets****Dianne Peck**

Dianne Peck. This story is in the "what are the odds?" vein. Very interesting discovery of one family's tragedies. Tragic but compelling read.

**Honorable Mention Kearney Courier****Fountain Springs Forth****Ama Lubinski**

What would this town be without the Cave family? It shows that one family can make a difference in history and this family did.

**33.) Best Story About History | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Salem News****Empire of Ash****Andrew Sheeley**

Starts out as a mystery, which is the best way to tell a story like this. The reporter then does a great job slowly filling in the details of the mystery. I just kept reading, which is precisely what you want to happen, if you're the reporter.

**Second Place Christian County Headliner News****Health department****Amelia Wigton**

This reporter had me hooked with her lead: she painted a picture in words ("...the breeze slowly blows the leaves...") and put me in the middle of that picture. She then made the perfect connection between history and a single person (the true history of the county is Mr. Prewitt's very existence), which is always the best way to make connections between today and yesterday.

**Third Place Houston Herald****A long time coming****Doug Davison**

The lead on this story made me smile: ("...you could say it's been in the making for a while"). Ya think? Although the second graph wasn't nearly as compelling, I did stick with the narrative to see where this story would lead me. (NOTE: I would have worked the 4th graph into a 2nd graph to emphasize the distance of time, such as: it's been 67 years since the Harmoniers first sang together...!) A great glimpse of an important part of this region's culture ñ and worth preserving.

**Honorable Mention Bethany Republican-Clipper****100th anniversary of the Jefferson Highway,****Phil Conger**

Although the lead was too busy, the subject matter saved the day ñ especially those last five words: "the nation's first international highway." I wanted to know more. So I read the rest ñ which is all a reporter can ask.

**33.) Best Story About History | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Louis American****Lewis & Ebo Share Battle Scars****Chris King**

Chris, you had me at the opening line: She asked to see his scars In one phrase, you humanized a historical moment ñ in a graphic yet poignant way ñ that many of us of a certain age may remember from newspaper accounts, and others from recurring history lessons. Your story-telling skills are apparent throughout, with phrases like They clasped one another like the survivors they are. And your intimate descriptions of their interaction made this a most personal account: They held hands. They touched one another's scars Outstanding storytelling.

**Second Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday****I'm Not Giving Up****Karen Cernich**

Karen: your story was certainly riveting and poignant, but I wanted to reach back in time and help you with your lede: a little simpler and you would have made an even greater impact. Such as: has a memory of her father but was it imagined, dreamed or real? Sixty-four years later, she's still not sure. The rest of your story was based on exceptional news-gathering and interviews and was just about perfectly assembled to take the reader through her tale. My only suggestion would have been to break out the news about the Memorial and that her father won't be on it. That, in itself, is a touching story that stands on its own merits. But these are all small things. Your overall piece did exactly what it

**Third Place St. Louis Community News****History looking for a home****Brett Auten**

Brett, I found myself smiling at your lede: it made me think of what to do about that elderly relative who's become a challenge to the family. And we've all experienced (or will experience) that moment in our lives. In that way, you made the Krekel House a person, not just a thing; a living history of the town that deserves, maybe demands, attention. The rest of your writing was OK, and could have benefitted from using your hook to explore more about what do you do now with the home? Not just its history. I would have handled the RFP angle as a short sidebar, and kept your focus on the home and its personality, extracted from the descriptions you gave of the architecture. I think if you had

**Honorable Mention Northeast News****Polished beauty rode the rails****Michael Bushnell**

Although this isn't the most riveting of historical narratives, it is interesting but more importantly, I think special mention needs to be made of Michael's overall extraordinary series on period postcards that have a link to his community and its people. This series is a great example of how historical artifacts can be brought to life and made relevant and interesting. How many other towns and regions in America have similar literal snapshots of history waiting to be unearthed? Great idea, well-researched and well-executed.

**34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Monett Times**      **Family of Wolfe**      **Melonie Roberts**  
 Great subject material - keeping POW in the news. The article artfully juggled the military bureaucracy issues with the family's hopes for resolution for their loved one. I enjoyed the article very much.

**Second Place**      **Monett Times**      **Letters From the Front**      **Melonie Roberts**  
 Well written, insightful. The story flowed nicely and contained just the right combination of narrative and fact.

**Third Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**      **Selfless sacrifice**      **Trevor McDonald**  
 Poignant photo and nicely presented article.

**Honorable Mention**      **Monett Times**      **Healing Vets**      **Melonie Roberts**  
 Great use of photos. The article was quite lengthy, but the combination of the soldier's letters and the impact they had on the soldier's son made the story worth taking the extra time. Very Nicely done.

**34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **News Tribune**      **Treasure trove of military history**      **Michelle Brooks**

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Friendship reveals the decorated past of a**      **Stephen Daw**

**Third Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **'We cherish every hello'**      **Logan Young**

**Honorable Mention**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Purple Heart on the battlefield**      **Mitchell Forde**

**34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **Court rescues veteran from jail and torment**      **Rick Montgomery**  
 Remarkable breadth and depth of reporting. Journalist spent a lot of time on this and it shows. And veterans need to be sharing this article with their law enforcement and judicial officials. What this court is doing is important.

**Second Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **Cuts put a squeeze on Army towns**      **Rick Montgomery**  
 Good job explaining what happens when politicians debate budget priorities -- they create real pain and real problems for people and the communities they live in.

**Third Place**      **Joplin Globe**      **Family goes public with fight to return**      **Debby Woodin**  
 You always have to appreciate when good reporting leads to good results.

**Honorable Mention**      **Kansas City Star**      **Alone in a burning tank in WWII, house**      **Donald Bradley**  
 I have to admit getting a little choked up by the closing graphs.



**34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Cassville Democrat****Marine Vets****Julia Kilmer****34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**  
Strong, vivid writing. The best in this category at any level.**Not forgotten****Amber Duran****Second Place**      **Bowling Green Times**  
Great story-telling.**Searching For Private Harper****Ethan Colbert****Third Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**  
Outstanding reporting on a topic nobody talks about.**Invisible no more****Hanna Smith****Honorable Mention**      **Salem News**

Exposes an important failing of the Veterans Administration and prompts a strong response. It's what journalists are here for.

**VA Clinic Expansion****Andrew Sheeley****34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Washington Missourian, Weekend**  
This story was the most compelling among a large group of worthy entries.**You Were Cold and Hungry and Just Kind of****Karen Cernich****Second Place**      **St. Louis Community News**  
I wanted to learn more, but the story was well done.**A trip of healing****Nicholas Elmes****Third Place**      **St. Louis American**  
Calls attention to a seldom-visited topic.**From St. Louis to West Point****Rebecca Rivas****Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis American**  
A well-written entry.**Protocols of a Survivor****Chris King****35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**  
The butterfly graphic captivates the page with it's size and color. I especially like the way the text works with the butterfly, not against.**Into the Blue****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia****Second Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**  
Great photos, and I LOVE the dinosaurs head within content, Very creative.**A Dinosaur in the Garden****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia****Third Place**      **Monett Times**  
Clean layout, easy to read. Great idea.**Monett Times Page Design 4****Staff**

**Honorable Mention**    **Monett Times**  
One of the best sports layouts I have seen. No clutter, and easy to read.

**Monett Times Page Design 3**

**Staff**

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**35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**            **Southeast Missourian**

**Living history**

**Nadir Hussein**

These black and white photos are stunning, and the way they are equally arranged on the page is flawless. Captivating. Feels like you are looking into their souls through print.

**Second Place**            **News Tribune**

**Bite into Autumn**

**Molly Skyles**

Love the Bite into autumn graphic, very appealing. Also, the infographic makes the reader want to learn. The red font in the story really POPS!

**Third Place**            **Columbia Missourian**

**The most valuable spice in the world**

**Missourian Staff**

Beautiful images, and content does not fight for space. Content and photo have equal value.

**Honorable Mention**    **Southeast Missourian**

**Tools for Success**

**Trent Singer**

This looks very collegiate. Very sharp!

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**35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**            **Joplin Globe**

**Secret revealed**

**Nathan Mills**

**Second Place**            **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

**The Crisis Within**

**Josh Renaud**

**Third Place**            **Joplin Globe**

**Role model**

**Nathan Mills**

**Honorable Mention**    **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

**1-2 punch**

**Santiago Carlos Ayulo**

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**35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**            **Cassville Democrat**

**Cassville Democrat Page Design**

**Staff**

I like that the multiple stories and/or briefs are easy to read within the page. Bright colorful photos and descriptive captions are great as well.

**Second Place**            **Cassville Democrat**

**Cassville Democrat Page Design 2**

**Staff**

The photos are great. I might suggest laying it out as a four column, just so it is easier to read and rearrange some photos to make that work. Great use of the page.

**Third Place**            **Cassville Democrat**

**Cassville Democrat Page Design 1**

**Staff**

Well laid out. A lot of information in there! Easy to read.

**Honorable Mention**    **Cassville Democrat**

**Cassville Democrat Page Design 4.pdf**

**Staff**

**35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Ozark County Times**      **Memorial Day**  
 Respectable graphics and layout. Focus is on the veterans. Layout is classy and easy to read. There are subtle callouts.

**Jessi Dreckman**

**Second Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**      **Day campin'**  
 There is not a bit of emotion that you can not read in this kids face! Really captured his essence. Also, the way the story flows with the graphics makes it stand out. Bottom rail is clean and concise without contrasting too much with the top fold story.

**Amber Duran**

**Third Place**      **Cedar County Republican**      **Sports pages, Nov. 2**  
 Headlines are bold and help set up the layout to make it easy on the reader. The offset columns compliment the photo layout.

**Jean Mayer**

**Honorable Mention**      **Richmond News**  
 Very colorful and great use of design for this feature. Very creative.

**Game On!****Russ Green and JoEllen Black****35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal**      **Jerry Kent reaches 071516**  
 I think the colors used are clean and captivating. It draws attention to the infographics, without overpowering the story content.

**Michael Behrens**

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal**      **Battleground for Clayton's future 090216**  
 Quality of photos here are impeccable. The double truck is stunning. I enjoy the 3 column layout.

**Michael Behrens**

**Third Place**      **St. Louis American**  
 Creative use of multiple photos without being too cluttered. Overall design was sharp.

**Glamour Noir****Melvin Moore**

**Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis Business Journal**

**Surge in home sales****Michael Behrens****36.) Best Information Graphic | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**      **30-year shift**  
 A clear winner for its innovative approach to a localized story while adhering to many principles of visualizations.

**Eric Dundon and Janet Blair**

**Second Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**  
 A unique map that added perspective and understanding.

**No charges in police shooting****Eric Dundon**

**Third Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**  
 Eye-catching and effective.

**Text Messaging****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

**Honorable Mention**      **Daily Star-Journal**

**Capitol Timeline****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

**36.) Best Information Graphic | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Columbia Missourian**  
Well done to include so much information in a compact, eye-pleasing graphic.

**Largest supporter of Amendment 3 is Big****Hailey Godburn**

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian**  
A close second! Very original and presents relevant information on a big news story.

**State of the Court****Staff**

**Third Place**      **Southeast Missourian**  
A graphic that moved the story along for the audience and provided insight.

**Crime scene: Two versions of murder****Nadir Hussein and Greg Dowdy**

**Honorable Mention**      **Columbia Missourian**  
An effective election-year graphic.

**High Stakes in State Primaries****Mary Ryan and Staff****36.) Best Information Graphic | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Joplin Globe**  
By far the best of the bunch. Nice idea on how to present.

**Six miles of recovery: An interactive map****Joe Hadsall**

**Second Place**      **Kansas City Star**  
Very informative article.

**Path to solar**

**Third Place**      **Kansas City Star**  
This is very useful for local.

**Streetcar primer****Neil Nakahodo**

**Honorable Mention**      **Joplin Globe**  
Nice article.

**Time of regulation****Joe Hadsall****36.) Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Cassville Democrat**  
Nice layout and design. It is out of the ordinary, but effective.

**Top 10****Kyle Troutman**

**Second Place**      **Cassville Democrat**  
Love the question mark for the undecided voters.

**Sheriff Poll****Jacob Brower****36.) Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Houston Herald**  
Very simple idea that is very well done.

**Police numbers****Jeff McNiell**

**Second Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**  
This was a nice layout.

**Wheels of Justice****Hanna Smith and Amelia Wigton**

**Third Place**      **Gasconade County Republican**  
Good use of a map.

**Solar eclipse expected**

**Dennis Warden**

**Honorable Mention**      **Houston Herald**  
Good idea, but the photos get lost in the layout.

**Kodak Moments**

**Jeff McNiell**

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**36.) Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal**  
Nice job of tying the sport into the graphic.

**SLBJ Power hitter chart 032516**

**Michael Behrens**

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal**  
Also used the sport to explain the percentages. Nice job.

**Hockey sales 081216**

**Michael Behrens**

**Third Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal**  
Nice job of using a graphic to explain a complicated issue.

**How the Cardinals stack up 040816**

**Michael Behrens**

**Honorable Mention**      **St. Louis Business Journal**  
Good job of describing something using a graphic.

**The cloud**

**Jaime Garner**

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**37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Dailies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**  
This cartoon is unique to Missouri politics and a humorous take on legislation that generated quite a bit of discussion.

**After lobbying**

**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

**Second Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**  
This cartoon is topical for the 2016 election and fits well with the accompanying editorial piece.

**It's your duty!**

**Jeff Niffen**

**Third Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**  
The cartoon is an interesting take on the presidential election, particularly in light of President Trump's comments regarding women that made the news near the end of the election.

**Give it up.**

**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

**Honorable Mention**      **Daily Star-Journal**  
Demonstrates campaign finance matters and the perceived influence of money in politics in a way the average reader can relate to.

**Reality Check**

**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

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**37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Dailies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **The Examiner**  
A biting take on the "fake news" commentary that's currently sweeping the nation. The "write your own" note is especially funny.

**"Fake news"**

**Joe Liccar**

**Second Place**      **News Tribune**  
Funny take on current marijuana legalization efforts going on throughout the country.

**Keep off grass**

**Jim Dyke**

**Third Place**      **The Examiner**  
I laughed aloud when I saw this - who doesn't get confused when the voiceover gets three times faster? Good commentary on something that's easy to relate to.

**"The coffee table"**

**Joe Liccar**

**Honorable Mention News Tribune**

This cartoon was a well done depiction of an iconic image wrapped into an important reminder to participate in the election.

**Too busy to vote****Jim Dyke****37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

This was a well-timed and relevant cartoon based on the news that was happening at the time. The two issues are not necessarily something one would naturally compare, but the way it was drawn put the "moral judgments" into stark perspective. Well done.

**Moral judgments****Dan Martin****Second Place Kansas City Star**

I really liked the breaking the fourth wall concept of this cartoon. For many members of the media, Trump has played a huge role in ongoing coverage, and this is a unique take on that theme.

**I'm a cartoonist ...****Lee Judge****Third Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

This cartoon does a great job of localizing a national issue that took place in Missouri. Wash U was right in the spotlight as the nation watched Clinton and Trump trade attacks.

**Wash U Debate****Dan Martin****Honorable Mention St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

This is a beautifully drawn tribute to Missouri's own president. It doesn't have quite the biting political commentary of the other entries in this list, but I had to give it a nod here because it was executed very well.

**Harry Truman****Dan Martin****37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Lee's Summit Tribune**

Great cartoon! The presentation is impressive. Great artwork with a level of detail not often seen in editorial cartoons. The message is extremely clear as well. Even as someone unfamiliar with the community, it paints a clear image of what it's like. An original idea that offers an amusing look at local politics. Great job!

**Biggest Clown****Mike Gempeler****Second Place Salem News**

Another great submission. An original idea that offers amusing commentary on national politics during one of the most "amusing" national elections in recent history. The message is extremely clear and offers an interesting take on a popular topic. The presentation was great, the only thing holding it back was the placement of the speech bubbles. It took a minute to realize who was saying what. Overall great job!

**Halloween Costumes****Athena Tivnan****Third Place Platte County Landmark**

This entry offers an amusing look at local politics and education. The message itself was very clear and the idea was an original take on a specific situation. The presentation itself was solid, but there could have been a little more detail outside of the two people. Also, seems like the ball and chain might be unnecessary. Overall though, amusing commentary on a situation that has a big impact on a community.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT'S DEBT****Matthew Silber****Honorable Mention Lee's Summit Tribune**

Another amusing look at local politics. While the idea of sweeping something under the rug is well-known, finding an amusing way to apply it to this situation worked well. The presentation was also impressive, with great artwork and decent detail. The message was also pretty clear, resulting in another solid cartoon.

**Happiest Mid-Sized City in America****Mike Gempeler****37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Northeast News**

Great work on this editorial cartoon! The idea isn't a new one but it's applied to this specific in an amusing way. The presentation itself is also exceptional, with strong artwork and details, especially when paired with the column next to it. The message itself is also extremely clear and overall it's a humorous, well-done editorial cartoon.

**InterContinental Hotel Blight****Bryan Stalder****Second Place Jefferson County Leader**

This cartoon, especially when paired with the opinion piece, is extremely poignant. The presentation itself is incredible. The detail and artwork is extremely impressive and the idea is original with a pretty clear message. As someone on the outside looking in, the cartoon itself might not be crystal clear, but when paired with the column the whole picture comes into focus. Impressive work.

**Pevely's fondness for lawsuits sends tax \$\$\$****Judy Dixon****Third Place St. Louis Business Journal**

Another impressive entry. I really admire the simplicity of this editorial cartoon. The presentation is perfect, with impressive, detailed artwork and the message is extremely clear and goes along with a clever play on the popular phrase of "getting the monkey off your back". An original idea with great art applied to a big sports story.

**Blues-Backes****Michael Behrens****Honorable Mention Northeast News**

This cartoon is a great play on the "Fake News" phenomenon. The presentation was great, with the old-timey radio and child with milk and cookies in hand. Great art and an original idea that ties something very easy to relate to with a current trendy topic. Great art, great idea and a clear message.

**Fake News****Bryan Stalder**

**38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Eldon Advertiser**

Having helped students create newspapers in elementary through high school and college myself, I know firsthand how difficult it is to lead such groups (herding cats?), so I'm particularly impressed with this collection. The writing, obviously, was all over the place, but there were some wonderful gems, such as Isabelle Snelling's piece on middle school: I am about to undergo one of the most horrifying (to me, at least) changes of growing up. Kinda captures the angst, doesn't it? Then there's Madeline Neth's lead to her Christmas traditions story: Puts you right in the holiday spirit. And I agree completely: getting students involved in the role of journalism will help tell our profession's story to

**Student newspapers****Tammy Witherspoon****Second Place Eldon Advertiser**

This is a great project, exposing students to how the world works by introducing them to the various parts of the social machine and then having them tell those stories to others. A real exercise in news gathering, analytical, problem-solving and writing skills. And a great community project that draws everyone together in one way or another. I've been involved with similar, but more focused, projects, such as law day, but haven't seen anything quite so ambitious as involving an entire community. A lot of hard work obviously went into this and it shows. A great project for others to adopt in their readership areas.

**Democracy Day****Tammy Witherspoon****38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday**

The saying goes that you can lead a horse to water Well, the same applies to young people: you can put things in front of them, but there's no guarantee they'll interact. The Missourian addressed this challenge by creating a quiz format that forces the student to participate in exchange for tangible reward ñ with, no doubt, the long-term goal being an adult who wants to be informed for its own rewards. And using the quiz to link the printed word with the electronic world is a great way to show that one can co-exist with the other. Grade: A+

**Missourian News Quiz****Dawn Kitchell****Second Place St. Louis American**

This could easily be No. 1 on its own merits by addressing one of the core goals of our society: increasing our commitment to and understanding of the sciences. The content and presentation is ideal for teachers to incorporate into their curricula, and is visually interesting enough to compete against today's electronic diversions and options. Kudos to Jennifer Wirthwein and Beth Sharpe for creating a package of materials that could be used in classrooms across America. Kudos to the St. Louis American for getting it out there. Grade: A

**STEM****Cathy Sewell****Third Place St. Louis American**

This Healthy Families addition to the St. Louis American's NIE content is certainly appropriate: ours is a sick society constantly threatened by bad decisions ñ with poor nutrition leading the way. By focusing attention on the positive choices young people can make, this series has a chance to change that dynamic. As was the case with the STEM series, Beth Sharpe again created an attractive presentation that no doubt resonates with young people, while the content drives the messages home. Grade: A-

**Healthy Families****Cathy Sewell****39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Daily Star-Journal**

Wonderful site! Great layout, colors, photos. Good use of banner advertising. Other sites in this competition used paywalls and I'm noticing more local ads on this site, showing that there is a professional approach and some success. The public record section is a great idea. And the event page is a critical component to a local news site. Lastly I applaud DSJ for keeping aggregated content to a minimum and really focusing on the community they serve.

**Best Website****The Daily Star-Journal****Second Place Monett Times**

Love the large, dynamic graphics and the simplicity of listing previous headlines below the main photos. I presume that readers value having the obits on the home page. I also like that state, national and "weird" news is set aside in their own area. Too many sites have their aggregated content mixed in with their local stories. The layout of the site is good, but does not have quite the same visual impact as the entry I selected to win 1st. But this is a very close second.

**Monett Times Website****Staff****Third Place Hannibal Courier-Post**

Liked the great story selection. Clearly some top notch local reporting on things like city budget, consulting, etc. The history section is neat and probably a good draw to the site. I like the way sports was very localized, however under Entertainment it was all stories snagged from national entertainment headlines. Undoubtedly there are artists, musicians, local events that could be featured, and probably drive more traffic and serve the community better.

**hannibal.net****Staff****Honorable Mention Kirksville Daily Express & News**

There are lots of aggregated stories on this site and the true local stuff seems mixed in and hard to find. Also the advertorials are not distinct. My eyes went to a photo story that is prominent on the home page only to realize it was basically a pitch for Disney. The best headlines on the page took me to AP stories from other cities. There are also black squares where ads should be. There are some good stories here and I do appreciate the site. But it just needs some refining to focus on the local audience.

**Kirksville Daily Express - www.****Jason Hunsicker and Danielle Brown****39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Columbia Missourian****Columbia Missourian****Staff****Second Place Southeast Missourian****semissourian.com****Southeast Missourian****39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Kansas City Star****The Kansas City Star****Eric Nelson**

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**      **stltoday.com**      **Staff**

**Third Place**      **Quincy Herald - Whig**      **Whig.com**      **Kelly Wilson**

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**39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis Business Journal**

**St. Louis Business Journal online**

**Jacob Kirn and Staff**

Everything about this site is first class, from the visual presentation to the writing, photography, videography and navigation. There are interactive maps and graphics, lists, business profiles - everything you would expect of a top-quality business website.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis American**

**Stlamerican.com**

**Ishmael Sistrunk and Kenya Vaughn**

This is an excellent community news website. Stories, photos and video are vividly displayed, the site is easily navigated and it's chock full of both local news and news of interest to the community. One of its strengths is that editors obviously work hard to curate the news for their readers, providing a mix of local, state and national news of interest to their African-American community.

**Third Place**      **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**

**Missourian Website & E-edition**

**Staff**

This is a first-rate community news website, with lots of local news, clear navigation, solid visual presentation, videos, photo galleries, advertising and opinion. You get a feel for the community, in a clean, visually compelling package.

**Honorable Mention**      **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**

**www.molawyersmedia.com**

**Allyssa Dudley**

It's a challenge to judge this special audience website along with more traditional news sites. But it's clearly an outstanding website for what it does - providing news and information to St. Louis area attorneys.

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**39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Warren County Record**

**Best Website Entry and E-edition**

**Staff**

Love this website! Great layout, colors, banner. Love the way the pictures are laid out on the homepage, and how it is organized in a simple, non-cluttered way. The weather feature and share buttons are in the perfect spot. Pictures are clear and there are an abundance of good local stories. The only suggestion I'd make is adding the ability for the print ads to link to the advertiser's websites.

**Second Place**      **Cassville Democrat**

**Cassville Democrat Best Website**

**Staff**

Love the motto "Serving Barry County like the morning dew." I also love the yellow site color. The homepage has a great layout with a large cheerful picture and the headlines listed simply below it. One criticism would be that photos from the stories are in a gallery that the reader needs to click away to. Embedding them in the story would make for a better user experience. Also, I could not easily find an "about" section. That would be a great chance to share your history and brag a bit.

**Third Place**      **Salem News**

**thesalemnewsonline.com**

**Staff**

Great selection of local stories. Some of the writing (like the church page) seems not as professional as it could be. The calendar feature is great and the ad sizes for local businesses look very nice. There are a lot of advertorials and more pop ups than I'd like.

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**40.) Best Video | Dailies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**

**Best Video**

**Derek Brizendine**

I really liked this series and the idea of highlighting different members of the community each week. I thought the videos were really well done and each captured a slice of that person who was being interviewed. Each segment was interesting and I really hope this is something that your paper keeps up!

**Second Place**      **Monett Times**

**State Championship Pride Drill**

**Jared Lankford**

I liked how this video made me feel like I was a part of the championship celebration and "inside the huddle." Perhaps in the future, I would see if I could add some variety to the clips and add shots from different angles to make the video a little bit more interesting. I think it would make a neat video showing a community rally that much stronger.

**Third Place**      **Monett Times**

**Augustin scores for the Cubs**

**Kyle Troutman**

Great concept to highlight a great moment for the school/community and showing what sportsmanship is all about. One thing that might make this a bit stronger is making sure all of your shots are steady and that pans are smooth, etc. There were a few moments where the footage felt a little jerky.

**Honorable Mention**      **Monett Times**

**Cubs Pride Drill**

**Jared Lankford**

Another great video highlighting a community event. I think this could have been helped with some added clips to increase variety, as well as some interviews with players/fans to make this more of a feature package.



**40.) Best Video | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **Columbia Missourian****Lost at Home 05/09/2016****Annie Rice**

A very powerful, emotional, effective video that tugs at the heartstrings. I was immediately moved by this video through the use of images and sounds. Told a tale that wouldn't be as impactful via print.

**Second Place**      **Southeast Missourian****Life Without****Glenn Landberg**

A powerful piece that was very well done. I loved the use of chapters to break up the video, given its length.

**Third Place**      **Columbia Missourian****Saving the heirloom 05/19/2016****Hannah Sturtecky**

Another powerful video that highlights a powerful story. Loved the use of creative shots to tell this story.

**Honorable Mention**      **Columbia Missourian****Final Edition****Derek Poore**

An interesting look at the life and work day of a retiree. A neat profile piece that included a nice mix of this person's daily life. Made me feel like I was experiencing this person's week along with him.

**40.) Best Video | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Fish fry****Junius Randolph**

What a great example for how valuable video content can be for a publication! This video excelled in all of the areas being judged, Quality, Impact and Value. The quality was top-notch, with solid interviews from a variety of people. The title card at the beginning for "New to the Lou" really gave the piece a polished and finished feel and the stand-up intro at the beginning from the reporter really helped. As for value, this video offered a lot that a simple written story can't. While you can talk to people at the fish fry and snap a few photos, seeing the diverse crowd lining up down the street and hearing what they all have to say and seeing it all in action really adds to this story. The impact was also felt

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Pianos for people****Robert Cohen**

Overall, this was a great entry into this competition. The quality was extremely high, with great audio elements throughout, including great natural sound and music. I also really liked the use of photos in the story. The value of this video was extremely high because you can't hear the music or see the people playing the pianos. Having that aspect really helps create a connection to the story and make it hit home. The impact of the piece would definitely be felt for members of the community or people involved in the project or interested in music. The only thing that kept this video out of first place is a few minor elements. The first being that the first interview with the piano recipient was a little

**Third Place**      **Kansas City Star****Nostalgia meets competition in the KC****David Eulitt and Terez Paylor**

This was another incredible entry into this competition. For quality, this was right at the top among the field. The music selected was perfect, the B-Roll was great and the interviews were thoughtful and well-done. The value was also extremely high because this story would be considerably less interesting as a written piece. Being able to hear the vibrations and see the little players rattling around the field and being right there in the room with the people playing really added a lot to this piece. Video was the best way to show this story, and the creators took full advantage of the medium. The only reason this fell to third place was the third judging element: impact. This story is extremely

**Honorable Mention**      **Kansas City Star****New KCI: four concepts, one billion dollar****David Eulitt and Eric Adler**

This piece really stood out among the field. I liked how involved the reporter was in the piece and it felt like a package for TV news. The value of this piece was one of the best, because what could be confusing and complex to understand in an article was much easier to comprehend through this "Explainer" piece. I really liked the use of graphics and renderings to explain how the proposed projects would all work. As for impact, this could be very interesting for people that will be effected by the renovations/construction but the main reason this fell to fourth place was because of the quality. I really liked the variety of shots and the graphics, but the audible "Ummmmms" and "Uhhhhhs" during the

**40.) Best Video | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place**      **St. Louis American****2016 Health Care Advocacy Org of the Year:**      **Rebecca Rivas**

Incredible video piece. The video was very high quality with amazing B-Roll and solid interviews. The value for this video is also high, because seeing the health care ideas in action in the classrooms and hearing from the students and teachers and seeing the faces and hearing the voices of those involved adds a TON to the story that simply reading it on the page wouldn't offer. A very well-done, valuable and impactful piece that shows the overall potential and value for creating video content. Great job.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis American****Riverview Gardens High School - 2016****Rebecca Rivas**

Like any good written story, the opening soundbite had me hooked. The quality was pretty solid, with solid music and interviews and incredible B-Roll. Another example of video adding value to a story by showing putting the readers/viewers in the shoes of the subject and seeing what life is like in a school with less than many others. The impact was major for members of that community and that institution. The only elements that dropped this video into second were the video effects and transitions that showed up part way through, but overall another impressive piece of video content.

**Third Place**      **St. Louis American****2016 Corporate Executive of the Year: Willie**      **Rebecca Rivas**

Another strong piece of video content by the St. Louis American. The music and graphics at the beginning fit the video well and the overall quality was pretty high. I appreciated the use of photos and other graphics as B-Roll, but there were times were it felt like the video was long. While the beginning portion about his family's background, it distracted a little from the video's purpose. That, along with a few rough transitions, dropped this video to 3rd Place, but it was a strong overall piece. Great B-Roll of him at work and great soundbites from him throughout. Well done.

**Honorable Mention**      **Salem News****Forrest - Last Interview****Andrew Sheeley**

This piece earns the honorable mention based on the impact alone. The quality itself left a little to be desired. While the shots were clear and decently composed, the frequent cuts between shaky camera angles became a little disorienting. Adding music and distilling the content down to a few minutes and even a little B-Roll of photos or news articles from the event itself could've added a lot to this video. The impact though was gigantic. Hearing a man just days before he would be put to death was extremely intense and interesting. 20 minutes is long for a video, and this would've been a no-doubt competitor for first place if it was shorter and had more than just shots of the subject

**41.) Best Headline Writing | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**      **Arf**      **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**  
 Wonderfully creative, to the point, appropriate, it makes the page a eye-popper. Whatever we can do in print to keep people on the page - yes- but, especially in your case, accurate, appropriate and beautiful.

**Second Place**      **Hannibal Courier-Post**      **Pooh-pooed, fill sails, sax, alight, Mizz-oops**      **Staff**  
 You keep it topical, conversational, in the now. That is what makes people stop and look and read. Nice design, content overall.

**Third Place**      **Monett Times**      **Monett Times Headline Writing**      **Staff**  
 LOVE the chickens....keep it up. It takes time, but when it is appropriate - go big and bring that smile to the reader's face.

**Honorable Mention**      **Lebanon Daily Record**      **Breaking the bank**      **Staff**  
 Wasn't sure what to judge after "Breaking the Bank". Overall, accurate. But, go bolder! I.E. - the # hede - great!

**41.) Best Headline Writing | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **News Tribune**      **Best Headline Writing**      **Doug Waggoner and Molly Skyles**

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Cyclists, knife, pickleball, punching, Wilburn**      **Missourian Staff**

**Third Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **Headlines**      **Southeast Missourian**

**41.) Best Headline Writing | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **The Kansas City Star**      **Don Munday and Hannah Stinger**  
 The headlines here are catchy, the plays on words clever, but they also capture the tone of the stories well.

**Second Place**      **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**      **Post-Dispatch headlines**      **Staff**  
 Smart wordplay, smart framing.

**Third Place**      **Quincy Herald - Whig**      **Herald-Whig headlines**      **Staff**  
 Playful phrasing that works.

**41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Cassville Democrat Headline Writing**      **Staff**  
 Some nice, memorable, headlines, and most appropriate to the story and its message. "Leaving Their Mark" is most fitting.

**Second Place**      **St. Clair Missourian**      **Airport Closure Makes a Final Approach, Disc**      **Sarah Hall**  
 Go bolder. Especially if you are double or triple decks throughout - you have the space - use it!

**41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Richmond News**      **Best Headlines**      **Richmond News Staff**  
 Headlines are accurate to the stories and engaging. They tell enough but not too much of the story so the reader WILL read on.

**Second Place**      **Houston Herald**      **Best headlines**      **Staff**  
 The bold one word should be used sparingly and appropriately. It seems just so on the front page here.

**Third Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**      **Headlines**      **Staff**  
 I like the design, and how the headlines are incorporated, especially the I-Pad one. Keep it up, and always try to engage as much as you can with decks/subhedes to make the main hede clear.

**Honorable Mention**      **Lawrence County Record**      **Headlines**      **Staff**  
 A nice job of design. I'd like to see a bit more creativity and word choices - hedes are hard. Keep it up.  
 PS- I am not sure about the "Unhappy Camper" hede - a situation that was serious and could have been moreso - i.e., you did not do the same with "Inferno engulfs Marionville apartments"

**41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis American**      **St. Louis American Headlines**      **Staff**  
 I like your choices, but I'd be a bit more bolder with your headlines, especially the feature stories. These will draw the reader in and the reader will see appropriate material.

**Second Place**      **Jefferson County Leader**      **Jefferson County Leader**      **Staff**  
 Like the hedes for the stories- "Cute" but not too cute. Not sure about hedes for letters to the editor...So hard to capture the writer's meaning.

**Third Place**      **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**      **Missouri Lawyers Weekly - Headlines**      **Staff**  
 Don't try to hard to be "cute" or attract. Being accurate, respectful and concise is not easy, that's why headline writing is an art. "Ed" is the best - accurate- interesting.

**42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Daily Star-Journal**      **Such a good kid**      **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**  
 Good job going the extra mile to present the positives in an otherwise tragic story.

**Second Place**      **Monett Times**      **Community Lost Leader**      **Murray Bishoff**  
 Good strong lede and anecdote at the end.

**Third Place**      **Lebanon Daily Record**      **Russell**      **Fines Massey**  
 Excellent job highlighting Russel's political service as well as his many accolades.

**Honorable Mention**      **Lebanon Daily Record**      **Lebanon's oldest resident**      **Kelly Morgan**  
 Good use of a past story and quotes.

**42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Liz Schmidt remembered as humanitarian**      **Alexander Ransom**  
 A piece that captures how small acts can make a person exceptional. Well sourced and well written.

**Second Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **Cape businessman 'Peewee' Erlbacher dies**      **Bridget Brown**  
A lively obituary that seems to capture the flavor of its subject's life and that doesn't run a word longer than it needs to.

**Third Place**      **Columbia Missourian**      **Many stories and one great nickname at**      **Grace Hase**  
Writing the obituary off the funeral worked well in this instance. The piece is energetic and touching.

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**42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **Miraculous life touched hearts**      **Donna McGuire**  
Although some of the details were harsh, the photos and words meshed together in such a way that I was touched to tears by this story.

**Second Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **Retired KC teacher leaves surprise final gift**      **Donald Bradley**  
Loved the summation of her life in the third paragraph and the rest of the details throughout the story.

**Third Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **A boy firm in faith, and wise beyond his**      **Laura Bauer**  
I liked how the story opened from the children's perspective and lead to how the community is taking this child's death.

**Honorable Mention**      **Kansas City Star**      **Saying goodbye to Gusewelle**      **Rick Montgomery and Scott Canon**  
Loved the phrase "He was our Hemingway." The writer uses the right words to make that statement truth.

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**42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Weeklies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kearney Courier**      **City Mourn Teen**      **Amanda Lubinski**  
Compassionate, thorough and well-written tribute to a local teen. The action step for the readers, i.e., the scholarship in his honor, is an excellent addition to the story and provides readers and opportunity to express their support. Difficult to write, but worthwhile.

**Second Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Ray Remembered**      **Julia Kilmer**  
This is a wonderful tribute to a man who took care of the details that make the school day run safely and smoothly. An everyday hero who will surely be missed.

**Third Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Dickson Boys**      **Julia Kilmer**  
This is a moving tribute, detailed and with quotes from many friends and teachers. The article itself is almost like a memorial service in itself, with extensive quotes from the service.

**Honorable Mention**      **Clinton County Leader**      **Bemo Hawkins**      **Steve Tinnen**  
Colorful tribute to a colorful local character, with plenty of anecdotes and great quotes. The sort of person you can't not write an obit for, and one that is humorous without being disrespectful.

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**42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Weeklies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Platte County Citizen**      **Together as One**      **Ross Martin**  
The writer expresses the unity of this community in such a moving way. The photos are an excellent compliment. It's as if the reader is experiencing this loss also.

**Second Place**      **Ozark County Times**      **Tyler Hickerson**      **Sue Ann Jones**  
This is such an upbeat obituary feature. Well done.

**Third Place**      **Ozark County Times**      **Clifton Luna**      **Sue Ann Jones**  
An enjoyable story of this man's simple life.

Honorable Mention Salem News

Baby Boomers

Donald Dodd

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**42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Weeklies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place Webster - Kirkwood Times**

Excellent story that shows the humanity of a murder-suicide and a call to help others.

**He Was Becoming A Different Person Daily ... Jaime Mowers**

**Second Place Northeast News**

The enjoyed the first person tone of this obit story.

**Jerry Knight**

**Michael Bushnell**

**Third Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly**

The pictures added tremendous value to this story.

**Champion of Justice**

**Catherine Martin and Scott Lauck**

**Honorable Mention Arnold-Imperial Leader**

Excellent lead.

**Charles Lewis DeBoor**

**Laura Marlow**

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**43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Dailies - Class 1**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place Monett Times**

**Monett Times Multi-Media Reporting**

**Jared Lankford, Kyle Troutman and Jacob Brower**

**Second Place Daily Star-Journal**

**FIRE CLAIMS GROCERY STORE**

**Derek Brizendine and Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

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**43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Dailies - Class 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place Columbia Missourian**

Wow, these folks are serious about their homecoming coverage. Lots of variety, photos filled with emotion, overall great coverage.

**Mizzou Homecoming**

**Staff**

**Second Place Southeast Missourian**

Great job covering something that all too often goes gone.

**Video, evidence largely confirm trooper's**

**Erin Unerstall**

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**43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Dailies - Class 3**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place Kansas City Star**

What set this entry apart was the sheer exhaustive efforts by the reporters to get nationwide comprehensive data. The variety of multimedia elements put a stark clarity on such a weighty topic. The staff also showed great transparency in the project's reporting and followed up after publication, which is a true testament to the staff's dedication to public service. The videos, graphics and pull quotes all help with a layering effect that underscores the narrative's reporting so succinctly.

**Fatal Echoes**

**Staff**

**Second Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

The stunning photos in this series perfectly capture the emotion of people stuck in such impossibly dire situations. This project took a complicated topic and put poignantly relatable faces to it.

**The Crisis Within**

**Nancy Cambria, Laurie Skrivan and Josh Renaud**

**Third Place Joplin Globe**

The narrative in this piece was superbly written and the use of Timeline and a Reporter's Notebook added great depth. One suggestion would be to expound a bit more on the science of TBIs and possibly illustrate that for readers (normal brain versus TBI brain) who might not necessarily be familiar with the topic.

**Head games**

**Joe Hadsall and Jordan Larimore**

**43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Salem News**      **Earl Forrest**      **Andrew Sheeley**  
 Powerful! This proves that there is nothing that makes more of an impact than a one-on-one interview. This interviewer hit the ball out of the park. Admire the guts it took to look a killer in the eye and ask the awkward, hard-hitting questions. Amazing job!

**Second Place**      **St. Louis American**      **Millennials prepare for Nov. 8 election**      **Rebecca Rivas**  
 Great coverage of young people using every ounce of creativity they have to convince their peers of the importance of voting.

**Third Place**      **Houston Herald**      **Best multi-media reporting**      **Jeff McNiell**  
 Good job covering an issue that is becoming all too commonplace in this country, the destruction of history by wrecking ball.

**44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Lake Sun Leader**      **Lake Lifestyles magazine**      **Charis Patires**

**Second Place**      **Monett Times**      **Monett Times magazine**      **Staff**

**44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Southeast Missourian**      **Flourish Magazine**      **Southeast Missourian**  
 Flourish gives you a great variety of content. The overall design and style of the magazine draws you in, but it's the writing that put it over the top. Well done!

**Second Place**      **News Tribune**      **HER Magazine**      **Shelley Gabert**  
 There is a lot to like here - particularly the cover photography and design. The overall style of the magazine, including the writing, was somewhat inconsistent from issue to issue. Still, I would look forward to picking this up if I lived in your town!

**44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Kansas City Star**      **Ink -- The Kansas City Star**      **Jennifer Hack**  
 Ink is a solid alt-weekly product featuring creative photos, design and graphics to compliment interesting centerpiece writing.

**Second Place**      **Quincy Herald - Whig**      **Hannibal Magazine**      **Ben Levin, Jason Lewton and Nancy Hadler**  
 Hannibal magazine clearly serves its community well with current events features writing.

**44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **St. Louis Community News**      **CrossRoads**      **Mathew DeKinder, Rebecca Brockmann, Brett Auten, Robert Huneke and Ray Rockwell**  
 Great use of photos, graphics and articles. This is the best of the bunch by far.

**Second Place**      **Washington Missourian, Weekend**      **Senior Life Times July 2016**      **Staff**  
 Nice photos in this issue.

**Third Place**      **St. Louis Community News**      **Our Town**      **Mathew DeKinder, Lisa Moran, Melissa Nordman, Sara Hardin, Nicholas Elmes and Robert Huneke**  
 Good theme throughout the magazine.

**44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**      **Cassville Democrat**      **Cassville Democrat Magazine**      **Staff**  
Great use of typography, imagery and white space for stunning presentation. Also a wealth of diverse topics makes the publication very appealing to a broad readership.

**Second Place**      **Christian County Headliner News**      **The Nest**      **Staff**  
Great photos and graphics that reflect the fun and joy of education. Would recommend not going too overboard on over-designing to give the solid content more breathing room.

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**Award**      **Organization**      **Entry Title**      **Credits**  
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