

# 2006 **Better** RESULTS **Newspaper** **Contest**



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## Gold Cup

**Weeklies:** The Liberty Tribune

**Dailies:** The Kansas City Star

## Weeklies

### 1. General Excellence

#### Class 1

1. Nixa News-Enterprise
  2. Cabool Enterprise
  3. Vandalia Leader
- HM. Webster County Citizen  
HM. Holden Index

#### Class 2

1. Raytown Tribune
2. Christian County Headliner News
3. Belton Star-Herald

#### Class 3

1. Kearney Courier
2. Lee's Summit Journal
3. Bolivar Herald-Free Press

#### Class 4

1. Liberty Tribune
  2. Citizen Journal
  3. Washington Wednesday Missourian
- HM. St. Louis American  
HM. St. Louis Southside Journal

### 2. Best Newspaper Design

#### Class 1

1. Cedar County Republican
  2. Gasconade County Republican
  3. Belton Star-Herald
- HM. Nixa News-Enterprise  
HM. Excelsior Springs Standard

#### Class 2

1. Lee's Summit Journal
  2. St. Louis American
  3. News-Democrat Journal
- HM. Liberty Tribune  
HM. St. Louis Business Journal

### 3. Best Front Page

#### Class 1

1. Nixa News-Enterprise
2. Belton Star-Herald
3. Lawrence County Record

#### Class 2

1. Liberty Tribune
  2. St. Louis American
  3. Kearney Courier
- HM. South County Times  
HM. Lee's Summit Journal

### 4. Best News Story

#### Class 1

1. Platte County Landmark, Ivan Foley
  2. Nixa News-Enterprise, Donna Osborn
  3. Marthasville Record, Charlie Derr
- HM. Webster County Citizen, Dan Wehmer  
HM. Canton Press-News Journal, Dan Steinbeck

#### Class 2

1. Christian County Headliner News, Donna Osborn
2. Kearney Courier, Emily Hoffman
3. Lee's Summit Journal, Ann Scheer

HM. Cassville Democrat, Lisa Schlichtman

#### Class 3

1. Washington Weekend Missourian, Ed Pruneau
  2. Liberty Tribune, Natalie Shelton
  3. Washington Weekend Missourian, Ed Pruneau
- HM. Washington Wednesday Missourian, Ed Pruneau  
HM: Liberty Tribune, Emily Hoffman

### 5. Best Feature Story

#### Class 1

1. Platte City Landmark, Bill Hankins
  2. Nevada Herald-Tribune, Lynn A. Wade
  3. Nevada Herald, Ralph Pokorny
- HM. Nixa News-Enterprise, Joe Hadsall  
HM. Marthasville Record, Cindy Gladden

#### Class 2

1. Cedar County Republican, Charlie Meeks
  2. Lee's Summit Journal, Ann Scheer
  3. Christian County Headliner News, Donna Osborn
- HM. Lee's Summit Journal, Ann Scheer  
HM. Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Justin Ballard

#### Class 3

1. St. Louis Business Journal, Lisa R. Brown and Christopher Tritto
  2. Mid County Journal, Ryan Heinz
  3. Washington Weekend Missourian, Joan Elliott
- HM. St. Louis Business Journal, Christopher Tritto  
HM. Washington Weekend Missourian, Karen Cernich

### 6. Best News or Feature Series

1. Liberty Tribune
  2. Lee's Summit Journal, Matt Bird-Meyer
  3. Ozark County Times, Regina Wynn
- HM. Lee's Summit Journal, Ann Scheer  
HM. Belton Star-Herald, Shandi Duggins

### 7. Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial

#### Class 1

1. Smithville Herald
  2. Lawrence County Record
  3. Nixa News Enterprise
- HM. Belton Star-Herald  
HM. Webster County Citizen

#### Class 2

1. St. Louis American
  2. Southwest City Journal
  3. O'Fallon Journal
- HM. Cass County Democrat-Missourian  
HM. Bolivar Herald-Free Press

### 8. Best Serious Columnist

1. O'Fallon Journal, Steve Pokin
  2. Jefferson County Leader, Patrick Martin
  3. Vandalia Leader, Gary Sosniecki
- HM. St. Louis American, Carol Daniel  
HM. Smithville Herald, Ashley Rader
- Best Humorous Columnist
1. Holden Image, Terri Vinck
  2. O'Fallon Journal, Steve Pokin
  3. Liberty Tribune, David Knopf
- HM. Canton Press-News Journal, Dan Steinbeck  
HM. North Stoddard Countian, Madeline DeJournett

### 9. Best Photograph News

#### Class 1

1. Platte County Landmark, Bill Hankins

2. Marthasville Record, Cindy Gladden
  3. Webster County Citizen, Dan Wehmer
- HM. Marthasville Record, Cindy Gladden  
HM. Belton Star-Herald, Shandi Duggins

Class 2

1. Kearney Courier, Brenda Ahearn
  2. Lee's Summit Journal, Jeff Kirchhoff
  3. Kearney Courier, Corey Perrine
- HM. Liberty Tribune, Corey Perrine  
HM. K.C. Dispatch Tribune, Corey Perrine

**9F. Best Feature Photo**

Class 1

1. Platte County Landmark, Bill Hankins
  2. Green Park Call, William Milligan
  3. Webster County Citizen, Dan Wehmer
- HM. Belton Star-Herald, Shandi Duggins  
HM. Sedalia News Journal, Randy Kirby

Class 2

1. Liberty Tribune, Corey Perrine
  2. K.C. Dispatch Tribune, Brenda Ahearn
  3. St. Louis Business Journal, Brian Cassidy
- HM. Buffalo Reflex, Jennifer Harris  
HM. Liberty Tribune, Brenda Ahearn  
HM. Webster-Kirkwood Times, Diana Linsley

**9S. Best Sports Photo**

Class 1

1. Gasconade County Republican, Dave Marner
  2. Republic Monitor, Jeff Kessinger
  3. Platte City Landmark, Bill Hankins
- HM. Webster County Citizen, Dan Wehmer  
HM. Sedalia News Journal, Randy Kirby

Class 2

1. Liberty Tribune, Corey Perrine
  2. K.C. Dispatch Tribune, Christina Daugherty
  3. Kearney Courier, Brenda Ahearn
- HM. Liberty Tribune, Corey Perrine  
HM. Lee's Summit Journal, Jeff Kirchhoff

**Photo Illustration**

Class 1

1. Webster County Citizen, Dan Wehmer
2. Webster County Citizen, Fred Spriggs
3. Green Park Call, William Milligan

Class 2

1. St. Louis Business Journal, Erin McGowan
  2. The Odessan, Clayton Crabtree
  3. Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Scott Loesch
- HM. Kearney Courier, Corey Perrine

**10. Best Photo Package**

Class 1

1. Cuba Free Press, Rob Viehman
  2. Cedar County Republican, Charlie Meeks
  3. Marthasville Record
- HM. Gasconade County Republican, Dave Marner  
HM. Cedar County Republican, Emily Griffith

Class 2

1. Lee's Summit Journal, Jeff Kirchhoff
  2. K.C. Dispatch Tribune, Brenda Ahearn
  3. Webster-Kirkwood Times, Diana Lindsey
- HM. Kearney Courier, Brenda Ahearn  
HM. Liberty Tribune

**11A. Best Ad Idea or Promotion of an Advertiser**

1. Vandalia Leader
  2. Washington Weekend Missourian
  3. St. Louis American
- HM. Sedalia News Journal

**11N. Best Ad Idea or Promotion of the Newspaper**

1. St. Louis Business Journal
  2. Green Park Call
  3. Bolivar Herald-Free Press
- HM. Sedalia News Journal

**12. Best News Content**

Class 1

1. Gasconade County Republican
  2. Nixa News-Enterprise
  3. Webster County Citizen
- HM. Lawrence County Record  
HM. Belton Star-Herald

Class 2

1. Liberty Tribune
  2. St. Louis Business Journal
  3. Washington Weekend Missourian
- HM. St. Louis American  
HM. Cass County Democrat-Missourian

**13. Community Service**

1. St. Louis Business Journal
  2. Houston Herald
  3. St. Louis American
- HM. Washington Missourian

**14. Best Editorial Page**

Class 1

1. Webster County Citizen
2. Lawrence County Record
3. Green Park Call

Class 2

1. Liberty Tribune
  2. Lee's Summit Journal
  3. Washington Wednesday Missourian
- HM. Cass County Democrat-Missourian

**15. Best Sports Page**

Class 1

1. Belton Star-Herald
  2. Marthasville Record
  3. Smithville Herald
- HM. Webster County Citizen  
HM. Gasconade County Republican

Class 2

1. K.C. Dispatch Tribune
  2. St. Louis American
  3. Lee's Summit Journal
- HM. Liberty Tribune  
HM. South County Journal

**16. Best Sports News Story or Package**

Class 1

1. Vandalia Leader
  2. Cedar County Republican
  3. Belton Star-Herald
- HM. Marthasville Record

Class 2

1. St. Louis Business Journal
  2. Lee's Summit Journal
  3. Cass County Democrat-Missourian
- HM. K.C. Dispatch Tribune

**17. Best Sports Feature Story**

Class 1

1. Nixa News-Enterprise, Joe Hadsall
  2. Smithville Herald, Marjie Knust
  3. Cedar County Republican, Emily Griffith
- HM. Nevada Herald, Joe Warren

Class 2

1. K.C. Dispatch Tribune, Ben McClanahan
  2. Liberty Tribune, Kevin Goodwin
  3. St. Louis American, Stephanie Covington
- HM. St. Louis American, Leon Devance  
HM. Kearney Courier, Chris Geinosky

**18. Best Sports Columnist**

1. Kearney Courier, Chris Geinosky
  2. Christian County Headliner News, Jason Michael
  3. Liberty Tribune, Kevin Goodwin
- HM. St. Louis American, Alvin A. Reid

**19. Best Family Living Coverage**

1. Liberty Tribune
2. Kearney Courier

3. Webster-Kirkwood Times  
HM. Shelby County Herald

### **20. Best Coverage of Young People**

1. Washington Weekend Missourian  
2. Kearney Courier  
3. Washington Wednesday Missourian  
HM. Lee's Summit Journal  
HM. Smithville Herald

### **21. Best Special Section**

#### Class 1

1. Salem News  
2. Excelsior Springs Standard  
3. Ozark County Times  
HM. Webster County Citizen  
HM. Excelsior Springs Standard

#### Class 2

1. Cassville Democrat  
2. Marshfield Mail  
3. Jefferson County Leader  
HM. Bolivar Herald-Free Press  
HM. Cass County Democrat-Missourian

### **22. Best Investigative Reporting**

1. Christian County Headliner News, Donna Osborn  
2. Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Amelia Wigton  
3. St. Louis American, Alvin A. Reid  
HM. Lawrence County Record, Kathy Fairchild  
HM. Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Linda Fuerst

### **23. Best Local Business Coverage**

1. Liberty Tribune  
2. St. Louis American  
3. Bolivar Herald-Free Press

### **24. Best Business Story**

#### Class 1

1. Vandalia Leader, Gary Sosniecki  
2. Smithville Herald, Marjie Knust  
3. Vandalia Leader, Gary Sosniecki  
HM. Green Park Call, William Milligan  
HM. Green Park Call, William Milligan

#### Class 2

1. Kearney Courier, Emily Hoffman  
2. Liberty Tribune, Sophia Maines  
3. Christian County Headliner News, Ryan Bowling  
HM. Lee's Summit Journal, Ann Scheer  
HM. Christian County Headliner News, Donna Osborn

### **25. Best Coverage of Government**

1. The Northeast News, Kansas City  
2. Christian County Headliner News  
3. Lee's Summit Journal  
HM: Kearney Courier  
HM: St. Louis Business Journal  
HM: Belton Star-Herald

### **26. Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture**

#### Class 1

1. Platte County Landmark, Bill Hankins  
2. Cedar County Republican, Liz Manring  
3. Vandalia Leader, Gary Sosniecki  
HM. Lawrence County Record, Steve Fairchild  
HM. Belton Star-Herald, Shandi Duggins

#### Class 2

1. Liberty Tribune, Angie Anaya Borgedalen  
2. Kearney Courier, Emily Hoffman  
3. Washington Wednesday Missourian, Karen Cernich  
HM. Liberty Tribune, Natalie Shelton  
HM. Liberty Tribune, Mark Johnson

### **27. Best Story About Religion**

1. Washington Weekend Missourian, Joan Elliot  
2. North County Journal, Scott Bandle  
3. Kirkwood Webster Journal, Robbi Courtaway

### **28. Best Story About Education**

1. North County Journal, Joe Scott and Scott Bandle  
2. Lee's Summit Journal, Ann Scheer  
3. Arnold-Imperial Leader, Kim Robertson  
HM. Smithville Herald, Marjie Knust  
HM. Kearney Courier, Emily Hoffman

### **29. Best Story About the Outdoors**

1. Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Amelia Wigton  
2. St. Louis American, Stephanie Covington  
3. Gasconade County Republican, Dave Marner  
HM. Kearney Courier, Hayley Howard  
HM. Jefferson County Leader, Steve Taylor

### **30. Best Story About History**

1. Washington Weekend Missourian, Karen Cernich  
2. Washington Wednesday Missourian, Karen Cernich  
3. Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Justin Ballard  
HM. Liberty Tribune, Marjie Knust

### **31. Best Page Design**

1. Liberty Tribune, Angie Anaya Borgedalen  
2. St. Louis Business Journal, James Macanufu  
3. St. Louis American, Melvin Moore  
HM. Bolivar Herald-Free Press

### **32. Best Information Graphics**

1. St. Louis Business Journal, James Macanufu  
2. St. Louis Business Journal, James Macanufu  
3. North County Journal, Anna Jo Bratten

### **33. Best Editorial Cartoon**

1. Houston Herald, Kathy Richardson  
2. Houston Herald, Kathy Richardson  
3. Jefferson County Leader, Judy Dixon

### **34. Best Newspaper In Education Program**

1. Washington Weekend Missourian  
2. Cuba Free Press  
3. Bolivar Herald-Free Press  
HM. The Odessan

### **35. Best Online Newspaper**

1. Salem News  
2. St. Louis American  
3. St. Louis Business Journal  
HM. Houston Herald

### **36. Best Headline Writing**

1. St. Louis American  
2. Southwest City Journal  
3. Cass County Democrat-Missourian  
HM. Webster County Citizen  
HM. Lawrence County Record

## Dailies

### **37. General Excellence**

#### Class 1

1. Neosho Daily News  
2. The Fulton Sun  
3. Dexter Daily Statesman  
HM. Marshall Democrat-News  
HM. Nevada Daily Mail

#### Class 2

1. Columbia Missourian  
2. Branson Daily News  
3. Carthage Press  
HM. Hannibal Courier-Post

#### Class 3

1. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian  
2. Columbia Daily Tribune  
3. The Joplin Globe

#### Class 4

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
2. The Kansas City Star  
3. Springfield News-Leader

### **38. Best Newspaper Design**

#### Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian
2. The Neosho Daily News
3. Branson Daily News

#### Class 2

1. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian
  2. St. Joseph News-Press
  3. Springfield News-Leader
- HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
HM. Kansas City Star

### **39. Best Front Page**

#### Class 1

1. Branson Daily News
2. Neosho Daily News
3. Columbia Missourian

#### Class 2

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
  2. Kansas City Star
  3. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian
- HM. Independence Examiner  
HM. St. Joseph News-Press

### **40. Best News Story**

#### Class 1

1. Fulton Sun, Katherine Cummins
  2. Neosho Daily News, Rick Rogers
  3. Columbia Missourian, Stephanie De Mello and Jennifer Price
- HM. Lebanon Daily Record, Julie Turner

#### Class 2

1. Independence Examiner, Stephanie Howard
  2. Joplin Globe, Wally Kennedy
  3. Hannibal Courier-Post, Margie Clark
- HM. Joplin Globe, Jeff Lehr

#### Class 3

1. Springfield News-Leader, Matt Wagner
  2. Kansas City Star
  3. Kansas City Pitch
- HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch

### **41. Best Feature Story**

#### Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian, Erin Richards
  2. Columbia Missourian, Shane Epping
  3. Columbia Missourian, Dugan Arnett
- HM. Marshall Democrat-News, Matt Heger  
HM. Fulton Sun, Jon Hetzel

#### Class 2

1. Joplin Globe, Derek Spellman
  2. Columbia Daily Tribune, Liz Heitzman
  3. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, Scott Moyers
- HM. Joplin Globe, Sadie Gurman

#### Class 3

1. Kansas City Star, Lee Hill Kavanaugh
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, David Hunn
  3. Kansas City Pitch, Bryan Noonan
- HM. Kansas City Star, Alan Bavley  
HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Michele Munz

### **42. Best News or Feature Series**

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Phillip O'Connor
  2. Kansas City Star
  3. Sedalia Democrat
- HM. St. Joseph News-Press, Kristen Hare  
HM. Nevada Daily Mail, Scott Moyers

### **43. Best Editorial**

#### Class 1

1. Neosho Daily News
  2. Neosho Daily News
  3. Neosho Daily News
- HM. Mexico Ledger

#### Class 2

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
  3. Springfield News-Leader
- HM. Sedalia Democrat

HM. Kansas City Star

### **44S. Best Columnist, Serious**

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Eric Mink
  2. Kansas City Star, Chris Lester
  3. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Sylvester Brown
- HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Bill McClellan:  
HM. St. Joseph News-Press, Alonzo Weston

### **44H. Best Columnist, Humorous**

1. Kansas City Star, Mike Hendricks
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Kevin Horrigan
  3. Joplin Globe, Mike Pound
- HM: Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, R. Joe Sullivan  
HM. St. Joseph News-Press, Ken Newton

### **45. Best News Photo**

#### Class 1

1. Carthage Press, Ron Graber
  2. Fulton Sun, Colin E. Suchland
  3. Hannibal Courier-Post, Dan Dalstra
- HM. Hannibal Courier-Post, Amanda Stratford

#### Class 2

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Andrew Cutraro
  2. St. Joseph News-Press, Ival Lawhon Jr.
  3. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Andrew Cutraro
- HM. Kansas City Star, Allison Long  
HM. Columbia Daily Tribune, Gerick Parmele

### **45. Best Feature Photo**

#### Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian, Aaron Eisenhauer
  2. Branson Daily News, Cliff Sain
  3. Neosho Daily News, Buzz Ball
- HM. Neosho Daily News, Buzz Ball  
HM. Sedalia Democrat, Sydney Brink

#### Class 2

1. Columbia Daily Tribune, G.J. McCarthy
  2. Independence Examiner, Julie Scheidegger
  3. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, Fred Lynch
- HM. Independence Examiner, Paul Beaver  
HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Huy Richard Mach

### **45. Best Sports Photo**

#### Class 1

1. Carthage Press, Ron Graber
  2. Mexico Ledger, Dean Patrick
  3. Boonville Daily News, Chris Bowie
- HM. Boonville Daily News, Chris Bowie  
HM. Fulton Sun, Colin E. Suchland

#### Class 2

1. Kansas City Star, David Eulitt
  2. St. Joseph News-Press, Ival Lawhon Jr.
  3. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, David Carson
- HM. Joplin Globe, T. Rob Brown  
HM. Sedalia Democrat, Sydney Brink

### **45. Best Photo Illustration**

#### Class 1

1. Hannibal Courier-Post, Amanda Stratford
2. Columbia Missourian, Aaron Eisenhauer
3. Fulton Sun, Colin E. Suchland

#### Class 2

1. Independence Examiner, Jeff Stead
  2. Kansas City Star, Mike Ransdell
  3. Springfield News-Leader, Dean Curtis
- HM. Springfield News-Leader, Dean Curtis  
HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Kevin Manning

### **46. Best Photo Package**

#### Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian
2. Neosho Daily News, Rick Rogers
3. Lebanon Daily Record, Eric Adams

#### Class 2

1. Kansas City Star, Jill Toyoshiba
2. Sedalia Democrat, Sydney Brink
3. Springfield News-Leader, Bob Linder

HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, J.B. Forbes and Robert Cohen  
HM. Joplin Globe, Roger Nomer

**47A. Best Ad Idea or Promotion of an Advertiser**

1. Kansas City Star
  2. Columbia Daily Tribune
  3. Kansas City Star
- HM. Columbia Daily Tribune  
HM. Waynesville Daily Guide

**47N. Best Ad Idea or Promotion of the Newspaper**

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
  2. Waynesville Daily Guide
  3. Columbia Daily Tribune
- HM. Kansas City Star  
HM. Columbia Missourian

**48. Best News Content**

Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian
2. Neosho Daily News
3. Fulton Sun

Class 2

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
  2. Kansas City Star
  3. Joplin Globe
- HM. Springfield News-Leader  
HM. St. Joseph News-Press

**49. Community Service**

1. Kansas City Star
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
  3. St. Joseph News-Press
- HM. Neosho Daily News

**50. Best Editorial Page**

Class 1

1. Neosho Daily News
2. Columbia Missourian

Class 2

1. Kansas City Star
  2. Springfield News-Leader
  3. Joplin Globe
- HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch

**51. Best Sports Page**

Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian
  2. Branson Daily News
  3. Neosho Daily News
- HM. Hannibal Courier-Post  
HM. Marshall Democrat-News

Class 2

1. Kansas City Star
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
  3. Springfield News-Leader
- HM. St. Joseph News-Press  
HM. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian

**52. Best Sports News Story or Package**

Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian
  2. Branson Daily News, Pat Daily
  3. Neosho Daily News, Cody Thorn
- HM. Marshall Democrat-News, Chris Allen  
HM. Hannibal Courier-Post, Shaun Parker

Class 2

1. Kansas City Star, Jason King, Jason Whitlock and Staff
  2. Springfield News-Leader, Kyle Neddenriep
  3. Kansas City Star, Jeff Passan
- HM. Columbia Daily Tribune, Russ Baer, Matthew LeBlanc and Joe Walljasper  
HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch

**53. Best Sports Feature Story**

Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian, Dugan Arnett
2. Columbia Missourian, Angela Busch

3. Columbia Missourian, Sam McDowell
- HM. Boonville Daily News, Chris Bowie  
HM. Hannibal Courier-Post, Shaun Parker

Class 2

1. Kansas City Star, Wright Thompson
  2. Kansas City Star, Joe Posnanski
  3. Columbia Daily Tribune, Angela Busch
- HM. Kansas City Pitch, Ben Paynter  
HM. Springfield News-Leader, Kary Booher

**54. Best Sports Column**

1. Kansas City Star, Joe Posnanski
  2. Kansas City Star, Jason Whitlock
  3. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Bryan Burwell
- HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Bernie Miklasz  
HM. Columbia Daily Tribune, Joe Walljasper

**55. Best Family Living Coverage**

1. St. Joseph News-Press
2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
3. Jefferson City News Tribune

**56. Best Coverage of Young People**

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
  2. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian
  3. Columbia Daily Tribune
- HM. Columbia Missourian

**57. Best Rural Life / Agriculture Story**

Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian, Stephen Nellis
  2. Fulton Sun, Mark Sommerhauser
  3. Columbia Missourian, Jonathan Rivoli
- HM. Lebanon Daily Record, Julie Turner  
HM. Columbia Missourian, Abraham Mahshie

Class 2

1. Springfield News-Leader, Didi Tang
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Matthew Franck
  3. St. Joseph News-Press, Susan Mires
- HM. Kansas City Star, Karen Dillon  
HM. Jefferson City News Tribune, Michelle Reagan

**58. Best Special Section**

Class 1

1. St. Charles Co. Business Record
  2. Columbia Missourian
  3. Neosho Daily News
- HM. Trenton Republican-Times  
HM. Columbia Missourian

Class 2

1. Sedalia Democrat
  2. Branson Daily News
  3. Hannibal Courier-Post
- HM. Sedalia Democrat

Class 3

1. Kansas City Star
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
  3. Springfield News-Leader
- HM. St. Joseph News-Press

**59. Best Investigative Reporting**

Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian, Jennifer Price and Dusty Lothy
2. Neosho Daily News

Class 2

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Jeremy Kohler
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Deborah L. Shelton
  3. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, Callie Clark Miller
- HM. Sedalia Democrat, Jack Tynan  
HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Jake Wagman

**60. Best Local Business Coverage**

1. Columbia Daily Tribune
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
  3. Springfield News-Leader
- HM. Sedalia Democrat

**61. Best Business Story — News or Feature**

### Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian, Jacob Luecke
  2. Columbia Missourian, Jack Beeson and Adam Wisneski
  3. Columbia Missourian, Abraham Mahshie
- HM. Fulton Sun, Katherine Cummins  
HM. Columbia Missourian, Emem Offong

### Class 2

1. Kansas City Star, Steve Everly
  2. Columbia Daily Tribune, Liz Heitzman
  3. Springfield News-Leader, Nina Rao
- HM. Columbia Daily Tribune, Kevin Coleman  
HM. Kansas City Pitch, Ben Paynter

### **62. Best Coverage of Government**

1. Kansas City Star
  2. Columbia Daily Tribune
  3. Kansas City Star
- HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
HM. Neosho Daily News

### **63. Best Story About Religion**

1. Columbia Missourian, Cristian Lupsa
  2. Springfield News-Leader, Linda Leicht
  3. Columbia Missourian, Leah Lohse
- HM. Kansas City Star, Bill Tammeus  
HM. Sedalia Democrat, Kaye Fair

### **64. Best Story About Education**

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, David Hunn
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, David Hunn
  3. Columbia Missourian, Amber Wilson
- HM. Sedalia Democrat, Beth O'Malley  
HM. Springfield News-Leader, Steve Koehler

### **65. Best Story About the Outdoors**

1. Sedalia Democrat, Jack Tynan
  2. Kansas City Star, Brent Frazee
  3. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Tom Uhlenbrock
- HM. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, Bob Miller  
HM. Columbia Missourian, Bente Birkeland and Catherine Rentz Perrot

### **66. Best Story About History**

1. Kansas City Star, Brian Burnes
  2. Joplin Globe, Wally Kennedy
  3. St. Joseph News-Press, Greg Kozol
- HM. Columbia Missourian, Brenden Clawson  
HM. Kansas City Star, Toni Lapp

### **67. Best Page Design**

1. St. Joseph News-Press
  2. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian
  3. Independence Examiner
- HM. Columbia Missourian  
HM. Sedalia Democrat

### **68. Best Information Graphic**

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Rich Rokicki and John Telford
  2. Kansas City Star, Dave Eames
  3. Kansas City Star, Noah Musser and Dave Eames
- HM. St. Joseph News-Press, George Stanton  
HM. Columbia Missourian, Darren Breen

### **69. Best Online Newspaper**

1. Kansas City Star
  2. Springfield News-Leader
  3. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian
- HM. Joplin Globe  
HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch

### **70. Best Editorial Cartoon**

1. Jefferson City News-Tribune, Jim Dyke
2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, R.J. Matson
3. Kansas City Star, Lee Judge

### **71. Best Newspaper In Education Program**

1. Kansas City Star, Jim Sajevic
2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Angie Clark

3. Hannibal Courier-Post, Debbie Quinlin
- HM. Joplin Globe, Katie Schrader

### **72. Best Headline Writing**

1. Kansas City Star
  2. Springfield News-Leader
  3. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
- HM. St. Joseph News-Press  
HM. Sedalia Democrat