

# 2007 *Better* RESULTS *Newspaper* *Contest*



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## Gold Cup

**Weeklies:** The Lee's Summit Journal

**Dailies:** The Kansas City Star

## Weeklies

### General Excellence

#### Class 1

1. Boone County Journal
2. Smithville Herald
3. Thayer South Missourian News
- HM. Noel McDonald County Press
- HM. Houston Herald

#### Class 2

1. Kearney Courier
2. Owensville Gasconade County Republican
3. Republic Monitor
- HM. Belton Star-Herald

#### Class 3

1. Raytown Tribune
2. Lee's Summit Journal
3. Harrisonville Cass County Democrat Missourian
- HM. Nevada Sunday Herald-Tribune

#### Class 4

1. Washington Wednesday Missourian
2. Sun-Tribune, Clay County
3. Chesterfield Journal

### 2. Best Newspaper Design

#### Class 1

1. Kearney Courier
2. Smithville Herald
3. Mt. Vernon Lawrence County Record

#### Class 2

1. Liberty Tribune
2. St. Louis Business Journal
3. Northwest County Journal

### 3. Best Front Page

#### Class 1

1. Green Park Call
2. Cuba Free Press
3. Republic Monitor
- HM. Eldon Advertiser
- HM. Belton Star-Herald

#### Class 2

1. The St. Louis American
2. St. Louis Mid-County Journal
3. Sun Tribune

### 4. Best News Story

#### Class 1

1. Smithfield Herald, Kelly Weiss, Reasons Hydrants Failed
2. Vandalia Leader, Gary Sosniecki, Snow Job
3. Boone County Journal, Ashland, Augie Kryger, \$564,000 in Fines
- HM. Smithfield Herald, Ashley Rader Vasquez, Clerk Nabbed
- HM. Smithfield Herald, Ashley Rader Vasquez, Board Approves TIF

#### Class 2

1. Kearney Courier, Emily Hoffman, Tree Clearing Crew
2. Platte County Landmark, Ivan Foley, Annexation Lawsuit
3. Warrenton Warren County Record, Charlie Denn, Slotting the Profits
- HM. Canton Press-News Journal, Dan Steinbeck, Sordid Path

HM. Republic Monitor, Amy Brant, Buried Alive

#### Class 3

1. Ozark Christian County Headliner News, Amelia Wigton, Jimson Weed
2. Ozark Christian County Headliner News, Donna Osborn, Ethanol
3. Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Linda Fuerst, Bridge Fire
- HM. Kansas City Northeast News, Michael Bushnell, Trick for Treats
- HM. Buffalo Reflex, Paul Campbell, Buffalo Women Help

#### Class 4

1. News Democrat Journal, Chris Campbell, Out of Order
2. St. Charles Journal, Steve Pokin, Where is Jeff Morrison?
3. Washington Weekend Missourian, Ed Pruneau, Deputies Find Festus
- HM. St. Charles Journal, Steve Pokin, Courting a Crisis
- HM. Wednesday Sun, Kellie Houx, Just Say "Nein"

### 5. Best Feature Story

#### Class 1

1. Smithville Herald, Ashley Rader Vasquez, Two Sides
2. Thayer South Missourian News, Terry Mullins, From Little Town to Big Time
3. Lincoln New Era, Dianne Peck, Savior of Dogs
- HM. Thayer South Missourian News, Chris Wulff, Alzheimer's Slow Good Bye

#### Class 2

1. Mt. Vernon Lawrence County Record, Charlie Meeks, Easy Riders
2. Platte County Landmark, Bill Hankins, A Painting Life
3. Mt. Vernon Lawrence County Record, Charlie Meeks, Ghost Hunters

#### Class 3

1. Eldon Advertiser, Amber Shackelford, Willis Sees Perfectly Clear
2. Lee's Summit Journal, Nicholas Dupont, Soul Survivor
3. Gladstone Sun Gazette, Jared Hoffmann, Domestic Dad
- HM. Fort Leonard Wood Guidon, Allison Choike, Soldier of the Day
- HM. Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville, Kate Martin, Together Again

#### Class 4

1. St. Charles Journal, Russell Koranda, One Good Marine
2. St. Louis Business Journal, Rick Desloge, Ray Fournie story
3. Festus Jefferson County Leader, Kim Robertson, Forgotten Village
- HM. St. Louis American, Bill Beene, Gene Lynn story
- HM. Washington Wednesday Missourian, Joan Elliott, Death of Dream

### 6. Best News or Feature Series

1. Washington Wednesday Missourian, Joan Elliott, Disasters: Are we prepared
2. Belton Star Herald, Shandi Duggins-Brinkman, Four Hearts for Africa
3. Kearney Courier, Emily Hoffman, Internet Bullying
- HM. Fredericktown Democrat News, Robert Vanderbrugen, Lifelong Civil Servant
- HM. Liberty Tribune, Natalie Shelton, Adoption

### 7. Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial

#### Class 1

1. Mt. Vernon Lawrence County Record, Economic Divorce
2. Smithville Herald, Changing Minds, Reputations
3. Vandalia Leader, Illegal Meeting
- HM. Kearney Courier, Legislative Meddling

HM. Smithville Herald, Ambulance District  
Class 2

1. Wednesday Sun, License Bureau Scandal
  2. St. Charles Journal, Compassion Isn't Something to Outlaw
  3. Ozark Christian County Headliner News, Moving Violation
- HM. St. Charles Journal, If Brown Can't Stand the Heat  
HM. North County Suburban Journals, Overland Mayor

#### **8-H Best Columnist-Humorous**

1. Perry County Republic-Monitor, Kate Martin
  2. Buffalo Reflex, Jim Hamilton
  3. Ozark Christian County Headliner News, Donna Osborn
- HM. Boone County Journal, Ashland, Bruce Wallace  
HM. Gainesville Ozark County Times, Regina Wynn

#### **8-S Best Columnist-Serious**

1. Vandalia Leader, Gary Sosniecki
2. Fort Leonard Wood Guidon, Robert Johnson
3. St. Louis Community News, Shelly Schneider

#### **9-N Best News Photograph**

##### Class 1

1. Platte County Citizen, Lee Stubbs, Too Much Smoke
  2. Lee's Summit Journal, Jeff Kirchhoff, Dr. King Celebration
  3. Belton Star Herald, Adam Droegemueller, Belton Mayor Reaction
- HM. Canton Press-News Journal, Dan Steinbeck, Crash Scene  
HM. Eldon Advertiser, Amber Shackelford

##### Class 2

1. St. Louis American, Wiley Price, Mother's Grief
  2. Gladstone Sun Tribune, Brenda Ahearn, Hot, dry weather
  3. Tri-County Journal, Rick Graefe, Hometown Boy
- HM. Ozark Christian County Headliner News, Donna Osborn, Tornado  
HM. Festus News Democrat Journal, Andrew Jansen, Welcome Home

#### **9-F Best Feature Photograph**

##### Class 1

1. Lee's Summit Journal, Jeff Kirchhoff, Loving Life
  2. Lee's Summit Journal, Jeff Kirchhoff, Stars in His Eyes
  3. Windsor Review, Terri Kline, Golden Knight
- HM. Canton Press-News Journal, Dan Steinbeck, Perfect Throw

##### Class 2

1. St. Louis Business Journal, Brian Cassidy, Scott and Skyler Suggs
  2. Platte County Sun-Gazette, Matt Frye, Serving up Tech
  3. Festus News Democrat Journal, Andrew Jansen, Traveling Wall
- HM. Raytown Tribune, Mark Johnson, Celebrating  
HM. Gladstone Sun-Tribune, Matt Frye, Eying an Owl

#### **9-S Best Sports Photograph**

##### Class 1

1. Lee's Summit Journal, Jeff Kirchhoff, Tongue Lashing
  2. Republic Monitor, Jeff Kessinger, Time to Regroup
  3. Platte County Landmark, Bill Hankins, Safe at Home
- HM. Lee's Summit Journal, Jeff Kirchhoff, Sky Serve

##### Class 2

1. Liberty Tribune, Matt Frye, Celebrating Safe
  2. Gladstone Sun Tribune, Brenda Ahearn, Conference Champs
  3. Nevada Sunday Herald Tribune, Ralph Pokorny, Touchdown
- HM. Arnold-Meramec Journal, Andrew Jansen, Play at the Plate  
HM. Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Bill Breshears, Good

#### **9-I Best Photo Illustration**

##### Class 1

1. Lee's Summit Journal, Jeff Kirchhoff, Cast in Bronze
  2. Republic Monitor, Amy Brant, Stamp Out Hunger
  3. Kahoka The Media, Mike Scott, Date Rape
- HM. Eldon Advertiser, Tim Flora, Back 2 School

##### Class 2

1. Ft. Leonard Wood Guidon, Christian DeLuca, Sexual Offenders
2. St. Louis Business Journal, Erin McGowan, Parking Collections
3. St. Louis Business Journal, Erin McGowan, Berkshire Hathaway

HM. Ozark Christian County Headliner News, Amelia Wigton, Ethanol

#### **10. Best Photo Package**

##### Class 1

1. Kearney Courier, Brenda Ahearn, Happy Food
  2. Platte County Landmark, Bill Hankins, Extreme Makeover
  3. Warrenton Warren County Record, Cindy Gladden, Deutsch Co. Days
- HM. Kearney Courier, Brenda Ahearn, Fostering Independence  
HM. Platte County Landmark, Bill Hankins, Like Mother/Like Daughter

##### Class 2

1. Liberty Tribune, Matt Frye, Mending Broken Hearts
  2. Lee's Summit Journal, Jeff Kirchhoff, Best of the Rest
  3. Harrisonville Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Andrew Mouzin, Sarah Greene, Cass County Fair
- HM. Perry County Republic-Monitor, Kate Martin, Tornado 06  
HM. Ozark Christian County Headliner-News, Donna Osborn, Chuck Branch, Duck Race

#### **11-A Best Ad Idea or Promotion of an Advertiser**

1. Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Billie Marsh, Wishes Come True
  2. Washington Weekend Missourian, Christine Feagan, Washington Smokehouse
  3. Washington Wednesday Missourian, Nancy Schaefer, First State Community Bank
- HM. Marshfield Mail, Halloween

#### **11-N Best Ad Idea or Promotion of the Newspaper**

1. Suburban Journals of Great St. Louis, Survivor
  2. Suburban Journals of Great St. Louis (Kirkwood-Webster Groves)
  3. Houston Herald, Kathy Richardson
- HM. St. Louis American, Kevin Jones  
HM. Lee's Summit Journal:

#### **12. Best News Content**

##### Class 1

1. Kearney Courier
  2. Smithville Herald
  3. Mt. Vernon Lawrence County Record
- HM. Lee's Summit Journal  
HM. Warren County Record

##### Class 2

1. Jefferson County Leader
2. St. Louis Business Journal
3. Sun Gazette (Gladstone), Sun Tribune (Gladstone), and Liberty Tribune

#### **13. Community Service**

1. Suburban Journals of Greater St. Louis, Old News Boys Day
  2. Washington Missourian, Dawn Kitchell and Chris Stuckenschneider, Run to Read
  3. Houston Herald, Kathy Richardson and Brad Gentry, Downtown Revitalization
- HM. St. Louis American, Salute

#### **14. Best Editorial Page**

##### Class 1

1. Green Park Call
  2. Lee's Summit Journal
  3. Kearney Courier
- HM. Belton Star Herald  
HM. Smithville Herald

##### Class 2

1. Harrisonville Cass County Democrat-Missourian
  2. Sunday Herald Tribune
  3. Perry County Republic Monitor
- HM. Bolivar Herald-Free Press  
HM. Marshfield Mail

#### **15. Best Sports Page**

##### Class 1

1. Lee's Summit Journal, Jake Singleton and Jeff Kirchhoff
  2. Kearney Courier, Chris Geinosky, Scott Ward
  3. Smithville Herald, Bill Knust and Scott Ward
- HM. Belton Star Herald, Scott Loesch

HM. Platte County Citizen, Lee Stubbs

Class 2

1. Sun Tribune, Ben McClanahan and Scott Ward
  2. Liberty Tribune, Kevin Goodwin and Scott Ward
  3. Sun Gazette, Ben McClanahan and Scott Ward
- HM Sun Tribune (Wednesday)

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

Class 1

1. Jackson County Advocate, Andrea Wood,
  2. Thayer South Missourian News, Terry Mullins
  3. Centralia Fireside Guard
- HM. Owensville Gasconade County Republican, Dave Marner  
HM. Carrollton Democrat, Colby Gordon

Class 2

1. Sun Tribune Newspapers, Ben McClanahan, Strong as Oaks
  2. Harrisonville Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Sarah Greene
  3. Liberty Tribune, Kevin Goodwin
- HM. Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Bill Breshears  
HM. St. Louis American, Earl Austin

**17. Best Sports Feature Story**

Class 1

1. Kearney Courier, Chris Geinosky, One for the Team
  2. Lee's Summit Journal, Jake Singleton, A Walk to Remember
  3. Warrenton Warren County Record, Tim Schmidt, Quest for Success
- HM. Eldon Advertiser, Tammy Witherspoon, Dichotomy of Katie  
HM. Warrenton Warren County Record, Tim Schmidt, Driven to Succeed

Class 2

1. Chesterfield Journal, David Kvidahl, You're Very Lucky
  2. Sun Gazette, Ben McClanahan, Headstrong
  3. Washington Missourian Wednesday, Bill Battle, Rhandi Belte
- HM. St. Louis West County Journal, David Kvidahl, Futbol Forever  
HM. Sun Gazette, Ben McClanahan, A Fantastic Four?

**18. Best Sports Column**

1. Ozark Christian County Headliner-News, Jason Michael
  2. Liberty Tribune, Kevin Goodwin
  3. Lee's Summit Journal, Jake Singleton
- HM. Sun Gazette, Ben McClanahan  
HM. Belton Star Herald, Scott Loesch

**19. Best Family Living Coverage**

1. St. Louis Suburban Journals, Savvy Family
2. Washington Weekend Missourian
3. Houston Herald, Kathy Richardson, On Target

**20. Best Coverage of Young People**

1. Nixa XPress, Ryan Bowling, Samantha Lile, Matt Roberts
  2. Smithville Herald
  3. Grandview Jackson County Advocate
- HM. Gladstone Sun Gazette, Stephanie Farebrother  
HM. Liberty Tribune, Angie Anaya Borgedalen

**21. Best Special Section**

Class 1

1. Thayer South Missourian News, We Honor Those Who Serve
  2. Mt. Vernon Lawrence County Record, Faces
  3. Belton Star Herald, Seniors and Healthcare
- HM. Smithville Herald, Bridal Guide  
HM. Boone County Journal, Ashland, Southern Boone County

Class 2

1. Washington Weekend Missourian, Missouri Wine
  2. St. Louis Suburban Journals, Best Bridal
  3. Sun Tribune, Mending Hearts
- HM. Festus Jefferson County Leader, Peggy Bess, Family Christmas Album  
HM. Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Living Guide

**22. Best Investigative Reporting**

1. Ozark Christian County Headliner, Donna Osborne, Ethanol
2. Kearney Courier, Emily Hoffman
3. Lee's Summit Journal, Nicholas Dupont

**23. Best Local Business Coverage**

1. Washington Wednesday Missourian
  2. St. Louis Business Journal, Patricia Miller
  3. Liberty Tribune, Gene Hanson
- HM. St. Charles Journal  
HM. Smithville Herald

**24. Best Business Story**

Class 1

1. Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Geri L. Dreiling, The Birth of a Lawsuit
  2. Kearney Courier, Emily Hoffman, Here Comes the Cake
  3. Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Geri L. Dreiling, The Rise and Felonies
- HM. Vandalia Leader, Gary Sosniecki, 50 Years of Strikes, Spares

Class 2

1. Gladstone Sun Tribune, Gene Hanson, Legal Action
  2. Arnold-Imperial Leader, Kim Robertson, Whiz in Biz
  3. St. Louis Mid-County Journal, Ryan Heinz and West County Newsroom; Convenience, A Health Care Trend
- HM. Washington Wednesday Missourian, Karen Cernich, Family "Outfitted"

**25. Best Coverage of Government**

1. Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Linda Fuerst, City-County Feud Over TIF!
  2. St. Louis American, McCaskill/Talent Senate
  3. Washington Wednesday Missourian, Joan Elliott, Are We Prepared?
- HM. Smithville Herald, Ashley Rader Vasquez, TIF Proposal  
HM. St. Louis Business Journal, Christopher Tritto, Blunt Force

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

Class 1

1. Platte County Landmark, Bill Hankins, Like Mother, like Daughter
2. Warrenton Warren County Record, Cindy Gladden, Farm-Grown Girl Reflects
3. Canton Press-News Journal, Dan Steinbeck, CAFO

Class 2

1. Liberty Tribune, Natalie Shelton, Tomato Bounty
  2. Liberty Tribune, Natalie Shelton, Prairie Celebration
  3. Liberty Tribune, Angie Borgedalen, Farmer Worried
- HM. Marshfield Mail, Mike Cullinan, Farmer Assistance  
HM. Harrisonville, Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Andrew Mouzin, What Makes a Perfect Pumpkin

**27. Best Story About Religion**

1. Washington Weekend Missourian, Karen Cernich, From Drugs and Alcohol to Christ
  2. Kearney Courier, Emily Hoffman, Training for Life
  3. St. Louis American, Mel Meadows, Midnight Church
- HM. Washington Weekend Missourian, Karen Cernich, African Adventure...God's Way

**28. Best Story About Education**

Class 1

1. Lee's Summit Journal, Pete Gutschenritter, Nursing 101
  2. Smithville Herald, Ashley Rader Vasquez, Too Close
  3. Lee's Summit Journal, Pete Gutschenritter, Baby Steps
- HM. Grandview Jackson County Advocate, Andrea Wood, Taking Notes  
HM. Smithville Herald, Ashley Rader Vasquez, Art on Display

Class 2

1. St. Louis American, Alvin Reid, A Damn Shame
  2. Washington Weekend Missourian, Karen Cernich, Serving Coffee
  3. Bolivar Herald-Free Press, Katie Duncan, Mastering the MAP!
- HM. Festus Jefferson County Leader, Patrick Martin, Disconnected

**29. Best Story About the Outdoors**

1. Smithville Herald, Ashley Rader Vasquez, Ticks and Mosquitoes
2. St. Louis Southwest County Journal, Jack Cowan, MODOT "Mussels" Up Wildlife Protection
3. Mt. Vernon Lawrence County Record, Charlie Meeks, Home

on the (Ozarks) Range  
HM. Harrisonville Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Andrew Mouzin, Unique Creature Found  
HM. Harrisonville Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Sarah Greene, Quail Unlimited

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

#### Class 1

1. Mt. Vernon Lawrence County Record, Kathy Fairchild, Good-bye, Mother
  2. Mt. Vernon Lawrence County Record, Charlie Meeks, In Pursuit of Old Shepherd
  3. Albany Ledger, Don Groves, Clock Keeps Courthouse Time
- HM. Kearney Courier, Jeff Salem, Worthlander Remembers

#### Class 2

1. Nevada Sunday Herald-Tribune, Colette LeFebvre, Children of the Depression
  2. Liberty Tribune, Natalie Shelton, Exploring the Past
  3. Washington Weekend Missourian, Joan Elliott, Slaves Escape to Freedom
- HM. Marshfield Mail, Chad Hunter, Pearl Harbor Survivor

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

#### Class 1

1. Kearney Courier, Scott Ward, The Double Standard
  2. Kearney Courier, Amy Neal, Home from Iraq
- HM. Smithville Herald, Scott Ward, Make Your Voice Heard

#### Class 2

1. Sun Gazette, Scott Ward, Summer for the Books
  2. Liberty Tribune, Scott Ward, Track Stars
  3. Sun Tribune, Scott Ward, Running Strong
- HM. Sun Tribune, Andrew Ward, Coin-Operated Memories  
HM. St. Louis American, Melvin Moore, Stylishly Hot

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

1. Lee's Summit Journal, City Walk Map
  2. Harrisonville Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Shandi Duggins-Brinkman and Andrew Mouzin, Price of Power
  3. Belton Star Herald, Shandi Duggins-Brinkman and Adam Droegemueller, Car Allowance
- HM. St. Louis Business Journal, Erin McGowan, Blunt Force  
HM. St. Charles Journal, Aaron Hoffmann, Don't Worry

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

1. Houston Herald, Kathy Richardson, Saved By The Vote
  2. Houston Herald, Kathy Richardson, Sunnyside Down/Eco. Forecast
  3. Festus Jefferson County Leader, Judy Dixon, I Don't Know
- HM. Festus Jefferson County Leader, Judy Dixon, Local 2665 Puppet Strings

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

1. Bolivar Herald-Free Press
  2. Washington Missourian, Dawn Kitchell and Chris Stuckenschneider
  3. Odessa Odessan, Renee Spaar
- HM. Pineville McDonald County News-Gazette, Joyce Haynes  
HM. Marshfield Mail, Kristin Dudley

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

1. HoustonHerald.com
2. Vandalileader.com
3. Stlamerican.com

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

1. Mt. Vernon Lawrence County Record, Charlie Meeks
  2. Kearney Courier, Scott Ward
  3. Liberty Tribune, Scott Ward
- HM. Sun Tribune, Scott Ward

### **37. Major Storm Coverage**

1. Republic Monitor, Kate Martin
  2. Mt. Vernon Lawrence County Record, March 2006 Tornado
  3. Republic Monitor, Amy Brant, Tornado Follows '03 Path
- HM. Tusculumbia Miller County Autogram-Sentinel: Storm Downs Many Rural Buildings

### **38. General Excellence**

#### Class 1

1. Camdenton Lake Sun
  2. Lebanon Daily Record
  3. Fulton Sun
- HM: Dexter Daily Statesman  
HM: Neosho Daily News

#### Class 2

1. Columbia Missourian
2. Sedalia Democrat
3. Hannibal Courier-Post

#### Class 3

1. Jefferson City News Tribune
2. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian
3. St. Joseph News-Press

#### Class 4

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

### **39. Best Newspaper Design**

#### Class 1

1. Sedalia Democrat
2. Columbia Missourian
3. Neosho Daily News

#### Class 2

1. St. Joseph News-Press
2. Kansas City Star
3. Springfield News-Leader

### **40. Best Front Page**

#### Class 1

1. Sedalia Democrat
2. Independence Examiner
3. Lebanon Daily Record

#### Class 2

1. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, Joe Sullivan, Jon Rust, Rex Rust, Gary Rust:
  2. St. Joseph News-Press
  3. Springfield News-Leader
- HM. Joplin Globe, Gary Castor  
HM. Columbia Tribune

### **41. Best News Story**

#### Class 1

1. Neosho Daily News, Todd G. Higdon and Wes Franklin, 10 Dead
  2. Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune, Catherine Stortz Ripley, War claim
  3. Neosho Daily News, John Ford, Camping Trip
- HM. West Plains Daily Quill, Betty Womack, Hot off presses

#### Class 2

1. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, Matt Sanders, One Town Divided
  2. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, Matt Sanders, Trains
  3. Columbia Daily Tribune, Jacob Luecke, Starling-struck
- HM. The Sedalia Democrat, Matt Bird-Meyer, Elks leader dead

#### Class 3

1. Kansas City Star, Joe Posnanski, Buck O'Neil
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Meramec drownings
  3. Kansas City Star, Don Bradley and Kevin Murphy, Elks Lodge collapse
- HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Jeremy Kohler, Catering company killings  
HM. Kansas City Star, Bob Cronkleton and Dawn Bormann, Pit bull kills woman

### **42. Best Feature Story**

#### Class 1

1. Camdenton Lake Sun, Joyce L. Miller, Alone praying
  2. Fulton Sun, Katherine Cummins, Just his type
  3. Lebanon Daily Record, Julie Turner, Mock crisis
- HM. Lebanon Daily Record, Julie Turner, Love  
HM. Fulton Sun, Mark Sommerhauser, Light in darkness

#### Class 2

1. Columbia Missourian, Nate Birt, Brave Nano World
  2. Columbia Missourian, Ben Fredman, Family's Ordeal
  3. Hannibal Courier-Post, Margie Clark, Stepping Back
- HM. Sedalia Democrat, Chuck Orman, ABCs

HM. Sedalia Democrat, Sarah (Daniel) Nail, Tiny Angel  
Class 3

1. Springfield News-Leader, Wes Johnson, Raging blackness
  2. The Pitch, Ben Paynter, Two Soldiers
  3. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Todd Frankel, Forgotten Prince
- HM. Joplin Globe, Scott Meeker, Work Speaks Volumes  
HM. Kansas City Star, Stacy Downs, Fate's message

**43. Best News or Feature Series**

1. Columbia Missourian, Shauna Bittle, Columbia Missourian, Hospice
  2. Fulton Sun, Mark Sommerhauser, Inside Biggs
  3. Kansas City Star, Eric Adler, Mending Marcus
- HM. St. Joseph News-Press, Kristen Hare, Aaron Bailey, Susan Mires, Alyson Raletz, Triumph, Year Later

**44. Best Editorial**

Class 1

1. Columbia Daily Tribune, Governance
  2. Neosho Daily News
  3. Sedalia Democrat, Court Sees Past Politics
- HM. Camdenton Lake Sun, Don't Tred on Me

Class 2

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Children
  2. Jefferson City News Tribune, Campaign ad
  3. Kansas City Star, Unseat Circuit Judge
- HM. Jefferson City News Tribune, Christianity

**45. Best Columnist – Serious**

1. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, R. Joe Sullivan
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Sylvester Brown
  3. Kirksville Daily Express, Gregory Orear
- HM. Camdenton Lake Sun, David Schiefelbein  
HM. Kansas City Star, Mary Sanchez

**45. Best Columnist — Humorous**

1. St. Joseph News-Press, Ken Newton
2. Jefferson City News Tribune, Nancy Vessell
3. St. Joseph News-Press, Alonzo Weston

**46. Best News Photo**

Class 1

1. Sedalia Democrat, Sydney Brink, Police Seek Witness
  2. Mexico Ledger, Dean Patrick, Sky's on Fire
  3. Lebanon Daily Record, Eric Adams, Soldier Laid to Rest
- HM. Hannibal Courier-Post, Amanda Stratford, Double Fatality  
HM. Fulton Sun, Justin Kelley, Hitting Snow

Class 2

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Gabriel B. Tait, Fire Survivor
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, J.B. Forbes, Tornado Survivor
  3. Kansas City Star, Keith Myers, Soldier Funeral
- HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Robert Cohen, Storm Damage  
HM. Joplin Globe, Roger Nomer, Remembering the Fallen

**46. Best Feature Photo**

Class 1

1. Sedalia Democrat, Hal Smith, This Won't Hurt
  2. Hannibal Courier-Post, Amanda Stratford, Fence Painting
  3. Columbia Missourian, Steve Bartel, Zebra
- HM. Sedalia Democrat, Sydney Brink, Dough Boy  
HM. Neosho Daily News, Senior Hill

Class 2

1. Springfield News-Leader, Dean Curtis, Tornado Survivors
  2. Joplin Globe, T. Rob Brown, Trial by Ice
  3. Jefferson City News Tribune, Kelley McCall, Scary Shot
- HM. Kansas City Star, Keith Myers, Little Cowboys  
HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Robert Cohen, Blue Highway

**46. Best Sports Photo**

Class 1

1. Eastern Jackson Co. Examiner, Julie Scheidegger, Foot Meet Face
  2. Boonville Daily News, Chris Bowie, Play at Plate
  3. Daily Dunklin Democrat, Kennett, Mike Buhler, Rivals Battle
- HM. Fulton Sun, Justin Kelley, Take it to Hoop

Class 2

1. Joplin Globe, T. Rob Brown, Heady Competition
2. St. Joseph News-Press, Jessica Stewart, Calloway Drops Deci-

sion

3. Kansas City Star, Chris Oberholtz, Pugilists
- HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Chris Lee, To the Hoop

**46. Best Photo Illustration**

Class 1

1. Kirksville Daily Express, Jason Hunsicker, Softball
2. Hannibal Courier-Post, Amanda Stratford, Mayor's Cup
3. Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune, Catherine Ripley

Class 2

1. Springfield News-Leader, Dean Curtis, Xanga.
  2. Kansas City Star, Rich Sugg, Gay Clergy
  3. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, Diane L. Wilson, Generation of 9-11
- HM. Springfield News-Leader, Amber Arnold, Flood Watch  
HM. Columbia Daily Tribune, Gerik Parmele, Super Foods

**47. Best Photo Package**

Class 1

1. Sedalia Democrat, Joseph Beaher: Tiny Angel
  2. Sedalia Democrat, Sydney Brink, ABCs
  3. Columbia Missourian, Adam Masloski, Sturgeon
- HM. Fulton Sun, Justin Kelley, Clydesdales

Class 2

1. Kansas City Star, David Eulitt, Motors For Miles
  2. Springfield News-Leader, March 14
  3. Columbia Daily Tribune, Ed Pfueller, Odyssey on the Katy
- HM. St. Joseph News-Press, Benjamin Reed, Turning Away  
HM. Jefferson City News Tribune, Stephen Brooks, Captive Artists

**48A. Best Ad Idea for an Advertiser**

1. Kansas City Star, Jan Dumay and Robin Langdon, Star Home
2. Columbia Daily Tribune, Linda Hays, Regional Airport
3. Kansas City Star, Jacquie Lahatto and Robin Langdon, Downtown Comes Alive

**48N. Best Ad Idea for the Newspaper**

1. Kansas City Star, Tom Lore, Cathy Gripka, Cindy Campbell, New Star
2. Columbia Daily Tribune, Linda Hays, Half Is Not Enough
3. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Angie Clark, Good News

**49. Best News Content**

Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian
  2. Sedalia Democrat
  3. Dexter Daily Statesman
- HM. Camdenton Lake Sun  
HM. Fulton Sun

Class 2

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

**50. Community Service**

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Charity Raffles
2. Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune, Stolen Valor
3. St. Joseph News-Press, 20 Who Count

**51. Best Editorial Page**

Class 1

1. Sedalia Democrat
  2. Independence Examiner
  3. Camdenton Lake Sun
- HM. Lebanon Daily Record  
HM. Columbia Missourian

Class 2

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

**52. Best Sports Page**

Class 1

1. Sedalia Democrat, Kyle Smith
2. Independence Examiner, Karl Zinke/Staff

3. Neosho Daily News, Cody Thorn  
HM. Columbia Missourian, Staff

Class 2

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

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

Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian, Staff  
2. Independence Examiner, Bill Althaus  
3. Neosho Daily News, Cody Thorn  
HM. Fulton Sun, Mark Sommerhauser

Class 2

1. Kansas City Star, Bill Reiter, Bob Huggins U  
2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Joe Strauss and Derrick Goold, Steroids  
3. Kansas City Star, Jason King, Stuff of Champions  
HM. Springfield News-Leader, Kary Booher, That's Amaury  
HM. Kansas City Star, Sam Mellinger, Jeff Passan, Pride of KC

**54. Best Sports Feature Story**

Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian, Andrew Astleford, Joining the Family  
2. Independence Examiner, Bill Althaus, Unparalleled Career  
3. Columbia Missourian, Jenna Stumpf, Rolling Revival  
HM. Columbia Missourian, Jenifer Langosch, Playing On

Class 2

1. Kansas City Star, Elizabeth Merrill:  
2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Derrick Goold:  
3. Springfield News-Leader, Kary Booher  
HM. Columbia Daily Tribune, David Robb  
HM. Kansas City/The Pitch

**55. Best Sports Column**

1. Kansas City Star, Joe Posnanski, Deaf Drivers/Dee Brown/Tamba  
2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Bryan Burwell  
3. Kansas City Star, Jason Whitlock, Buck/Duke/Chiefs  
HM: Jefferson City News Tribune, Tom Rackers, True Hue

**56. Best Family Living Coverage**

1. Springfield News-Leader  
2. St. Joseph News-Press  
3. Jefferson City News Tribune

**57. Best Coverage of Young People**

1. Springfield News-Leader  
2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
3. Columbia Daily Tribune, Janese Heavin and Marcia Vanderlip  
HM. Kansas City Star, Bill Norton

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

Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian, Gavin Off, The Last Crop  
2. Columbia Missourian, Leslie Parker, Biofuel Boom Town  
3. Columbia Missourian, Kevin Crowe, Waiting for Rain  
HM. Warrensburg Daily Star-Journal, Sue Sterling

Class 2

1. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Todd C. Frankel, Branding Revival  
2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Eric Hand, Crop Killer  
3. Columbia Daily Tribune, Matthew LeBlanc, Change in the Wind  
HM. Springfield News-Leader, Sarah Overstreet, Family Farming: A Fading Dream  
HM. Springfield News-Leader, Sarah Overstreet, A Fair Kind of Folk

**59. Best Special Section**

Class 1

1. Lebanon Daily Record, Hometown Memories  
2. Waynesville Daily Guide, Progress Edition  
3. Neosho Daily News, Our Town  
HM. Boonville Daily News, Progress 2006  
HM. Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune, Football Fix 2006

Class 2

1. Columbia Daily Tribune, Our Town  
2. Columbia Missourian, Travel Missouri  
3. Sedalia Democrat, Duty Calls  
HM. Hannibal Courier-Post, Celebrate Black History  
HM. Independence Examiner, Jag-Pot

Class 3

1. Springfield News-Leader, Special Section – How Far Can We Go?  
2. Kansas City Star, Redesign  
3. St. Joseph News-Press, Profiles of Progress  
HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, New Home Base

**60. Best Investigative Reporting**

Class 1

1. Fulton Sun, Inside Biggs  
2. Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune, Catherine Ripley, Stolen Valor  
3. Columbia Missourian, Jennifer Price, Broken Promises  
HM. Columbia Missourian, Megan Rolland, Matthew Haag, Use and Abuse  
HM. Columbia Missourian, Lynsy Smithson Stanley, Sara Stoltz, State, County Maintain

Class 2

1. Kansas City Star, Steve Everly, Hot Fuel  
2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Bill Lambrecht, Vast E-Wasteland  
3. Joplin Globe, Derek Spellman and Melissa Dunson, Anderson Guest Home Fire  
HM. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, Missouri's Campaign Shell Game  
HM. Springfield News-Leader, Amos Bridges, Chad Donson's Death

**61. Best Local Business Coverage**

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

**62. Best Business Story – News or Feature**

Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian, Layla Bellows, Carolyn Dohack, Rachel Higginbotham, A Fairer Wage or Fewer Jobs  
2. Columbia Missourian, Brett Wessler, Open for Business  
3. Columbia Missourian, Matt Jarzemsky, Swimming in Surplus  
HM. Columbia Missourian, Lynsy Smithson Stanley and Sara Stoltz, Boom Town  
HM. Sedalia Democrat, Matt Bird-Meyer, Workin' Like a Dog

Class 2

1. Kansas City, The Pitch, Nadia Pflaum and Carolyn Szczepanski  
2. Kansas City Star, Mike Casey, Mark Morris, David Klepper  
3. Columbia Daily Tribune, Kevin Coleman  
HM. St. Joseph News-Press, Greg Kozol  
HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Mary Jo Feldstein

**63. Best Coverage of Government**

1. Kansas City Star, Government Efficiency  
2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Amendment 2  
3. Kansas City Star, Defective Equipment  
HM. Springfield News-Leader, Should Busing Rules Change?  
HM. St. Joseph News-Press, A Tale of Two Cities:

**64. Best Story About Religion**

1. Kansas City Star, Malcolm Garcia, Pastor Nurtures Equality  
2. Columbia Missourian, Laura Johnston, LaRue Diehl, Serving God and Country  
3. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Tim Townsend, Controversy Follows  
HM. Kansas City Star, Kevin Murphy, On the Road to Salvation

**65. Best Story About Education**

1. Columbia Missourian, Sarah Reedy, Shining Star  
2. Kansas City Star, Melodee Hall Blobaum, Mike Sherry, Technology Changing Schools  
3. Kansas City, The Pitch, Carolyn Szczepanski, Jay's Anatomy  
HM. Fulton Sun, Jon Hetzel, A Textbook Case

**66. Best Story About the Outdoors**

1. Kansas City Star, Lee Hill Cavanaugh, Serpent Sage

2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Ken Leiser, Raunchy on the River
3. Kansas City Star, Mike Sherry, Perilous Place to Play, Navigate

### **67. Best Story About History**

#### Class 1

1. Columbia Missourian, Hugh Welsh, Undercurrents
  2. Mexico Ledger, Zach Mortice, Battlefield Detectives
  3. Fulton Sun, Jon Hetzel, Winston Churchill's Visit
- HM. Jefferson City News Tribune, Michelle Brooks, Home by Sears

#### Class 2

1. Kansas City, The Pitch, C.J. Janovy, Justice at Last
  2. St. Joseph News-Press, Alonzo Weston, Joe Blumberg, What Lies Beneath
  3. Springfield News-Leader, Wes Johnson, 100 Years Later
- HM. Kansas City Star, Brian Burnes, Secrets of Nelly Don

### **68. Best Page Design**

1. St. Joseph News-Press, Paul Branson, Eat, Drink and Be Scary
2. Kansas City Star, Charles Bloom, Ghost
3. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Reagan Branham, Go, Go Gadgets!

### **69. Best Information Graphics**

1. Kansas City Star, Noah Musser, Marianne Seregi, and Matt Campbell, WWI Museum
  2. Sedalia Democrat, Lucas Soltow and Beth O'Malley, Proposed High School
  3. Kansas City Star, Greg Branson, How Transplants Worked
- HM. Columbia Daily Tribune, Lora England, Dive Into Summer  
HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Elizabethe Holland and Tom Borgman, Busch or Bust

### **70. Best Online Newspaper**

1. ColumbiaMissourian.com
2. Hannibal.net
3. KansasCity.com

### **71. Best Editorial Cartoon**

1. Kansas City Star, Dick Cheney Went Fishing
2. Columbia Daily Tribune, John Darkow, Brokeback Capitol Hill
3. Columbia Missourian, David Friesen, College President

### **72. Best Newspaper in Education Program**

1. Kansas City Star, Jim Sajevic
  2. St. Joseph News-Press, Diane Goold
  3. Springfield News-Leader, Juliana Goodwin
- HM. Hannibal Courier-Post, Debbie Quinlan  
HM. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Kristi Hurst

### **73. Best Headline Writing**

1. Columbia Daily Tribune, Oct. 11 and 26, 2006
  2. Springfield News-Leader, Mar. 19, July 1, 2006
  3. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, May 9, July 21, 2006
- HM. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian, Mar. 9, Nov. 17, 2006  
HM. Jefferson City News Tribune, July 3, 2006

### **74. Major Storm Coverage**

1. Springfield News-Leader
  2. St. Louis Post-Dispatch
  3. Sedalia Democrat
- HM. Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian  
HM. Jefferson City News Tribune