



2013 Missouri Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest Results and Judges Comments

1 *General Excellence*

Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Smithville Herald**

The examples show a well-rounded newspaper with a balanced mix of news stories and human interest features. The “local newsmakers” box on the front is a unique and compelling way to draw readers into their community newspaper. High impact design and excellent use of color throughout. Print quality is amazing! Writing is solid. My only criticism—and this may seem overly picky—is the weaker nature of headline writing compared to other writing and design elements. With stronger headlines, this paper could go toe-to-toe with much bigger publications. Just a great overall newspaper.

2nd Place **Lee's Summit Tribune**

The photo teasers above the masthead are a great touch (can't wait to “steal” this idea). This is an impressive effort for a single-section, eight-page publication. Bylined copy runs deep into each issue. Good job of scouting out and reporting on local activities. Print quality of photos is inconsistent. For the most part, writing is quite strong. A few front page articles could have been improved with stronger leads, e.g., “The Wireless Zone Gives Back.” I noted contributions from interns. I'm always impressed by newspapers that give next generation writers/reporters an opportunity to refine their craft. Good job.

3rd Place **The Clinton County Leader**

I have first-hand experience in the challenges of producing a tabloid-size community paper. This publication does an outstanding job of filling pages with a broad mix of community news and feature articles. Dropping the masthead into a tight, 6-column vertical photo is not especially effective. Among other things, the name of the publication is lost. This criticism is offset, however, by good writing, nice photos and a variety of layout approaches, i.e., multi-column text and single-column text on the same page. Good example of what community newspapers should be.

Honorable Mention **Chariton Valley News Press**

Several examples of creative use of photos, e.g., photo montage for Memorial Day. Left-hand news brief column is an effective way to keep short items from getting lost on inside pages. Some of the less traditional elements like photo credits in lower-case letters are off-putting. Excellent job of translating council minutes, etc. into news articles. However, page one placement would not be my choice for non-bylined articles. All three issues demonstrate good writing and strong layout/design.

1 *General Excellence*

Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Christian County Headliner News**

Great use of pictures and artwork throughout. Designer isn't afraid to push the envelope. Limit headlines within photos, sometimes you can lose your reader. Very nice publication.

2nd Place **Lee's Summit Journal**

Nice clean layout. I like the fact that you aren't afraid to utilize white space. Watch your spacing, be consistent throughout your publication.

3rd Place **Warren County Record**

Great photos throughout. Like the use of sports photos within flag, draws reader to second section.

Honorable Mention **Marshfield Mail**

Great layout. Photos could be clearer, seem almost fuzzy. Good writing throughout all editions.

1 *General Excellence*

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **The St. Louis American**

Exceptionally balanced newspaper in a very deep category. Wins out with design principles, good photography use, and strong writing. Very well done.

2nd Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**

Very strong newspaper that serves its niche well.

3rd Place **Jefferson County Leader**

Grabs third with modern design, strong writing, and one of the best editorial pages.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Business Journal**
Great niche paper. Strong design, solid writing.

2 **Best Front-to-Back Newspaper Design** **Weeklies - Class 1** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Smithville Herald**
Nice, clean, consistent look throughout. Items are well packaged and photos nicely edited (nice tight cropping). Multiple entry points on front pages and good use of white space.

2nd Place **The Clinton County Leader**
Lots of good entry points on front pages and good packaging, but not always sure what the feature was. Good photo editing (nice tight cropping). Easy to read, could work on using a little more white space.

3rd Place **Nixa Xpress**
Good use of color, especially in cataloging items. LOVE the 15 questions bit, that's an idea worth stealing.

Honorable Mention **Lee's Summit Tribune**
Very tidy layout - good use of white space, clean packages. Nice simple design, easy to read. However, everything looks the same, it's just a tad boring - try mixing it up just a wee bit more, maybe a different font for the headlines?

Honorable Mention **North Stoddard Countian, Bloomfield**
Nice big photos, and well edited (tight cropping), but not crazy about the drop shadow. Items running across multiple pages should have clear jump notations or headlines on every page. A little too ornate, a good rule is 1 flashy design element per page (if that).

2 **Best Front-to-Back Newspaper Design** **Weeklies - Class 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Marshfield Mail**
Front pages and inside pages were among the best I saw. Pages were easy to read and the design breathed well. Graphics were the best in the class. I would recommend cropping photos tighter.

2nd Place **Gasconade County Republican**
A very close second place. Use of photos was best in class, and inside pages were strong as well. Best aspect was the openness and readability of the pages. Use of color was also strong.

3rd Place **Cass County Democrat Missourian**
Inside pages and use of photos were among the best in the category. The layout was extremely well balanced.

Honorable Mention **Christian County Headliner News**
The placement of stories was well done and a lot of elements attracted my eyes. I felt it was a bit over designed, however, and did not feel photos were used as well as the top three.

Honorable Mention **Springfield Business Journal**
Inside pages were particularly strong. Use of graphics was the strongest in the category.

2 **Best Front-to-Back Newspaper Design** **Weeklies - Class 3** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **The St. Louis American**
From beginning to end the layout was well-designed and appealing, including sharp, large photos, bold headlines with lead-ins and sub-headers. Nice separation between articles with lines and white space. Stories and sections were well-defined. Ad placement was well done with appropriate advertising in each section. Great use of color, headlines, photos and graphics. The news articles and features just jump out at the reader. An excellent publication.

2nd Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**
This publication for the law professionals is exceptional. Your layout people do a fine job of using headlines, kickers and colors to aid in an appealing layout. The graphics in the 'Verdicts and Settlements' section tell the story. The use of large, expressive photos to tell the story, as well as other graphics, are well done. Your publication is well-suited to the legal profession.

3rd Place St. Louis Business Journal

The charts and use of graphics throughout the publication give a great overview as to what is offered inside. Your table of contents “Inside” is easy to follow and well designed. Ad placement and use of white space helps the reader move from article to article and section to section. Ad placement draws the reader to the advertisement without detracting from the articles.

Honorable Mention South County Times

Your front page is well defined and leads the reader to the content inside. You use color well throughout the publication. Section heads are consistent. A bit more white space and division between articles would be helpful to the reader. Perhaps the use of lines between articles in some instances might be helpful.

Honorable Mention Jefferson County Leader

Your layout includes a nice division between hard news and features. The use of graphics and front-page photos leading into articles within the paper is done nicely. The type styles are concise and easy to read. The use of color in section headers makes for easy transition for the reader. I would have liked to have seen more spacing between articles along with a bit more white space between the photos and copy.

3 Best Front Page**Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***1st Place The Clinton County Leader**

Becky Black and Brett Adkison

Choosing first place very difficult; every entry in this category had excellent front pages. No. 1 has clean, modular design (modular is on way out with many papers, but still a good template.) Interesting use of full-width photos on top with flag overlaid. (That method went away in 3rd page of entry. The new style still attractive.) Good selection of content, photos, graphics. Clean and inviting.

2nd Place The Kearney Courier

Excellent front pages with attractive typefaces, graphics, photos, headlines and design. The upper-left teaser block created a bit of an issue. It's a good idea, but execution looks a bit ponderous and creates a heavy corner. Inviting pages, though.

3rd Place Cedar County Republican

Becky Groff

Another excellent entry. Very good use and treatment of brief items, graphic teasers. Pleasant, open, inviting design. Attractive typefaces. A bit more space here and there, perhaps?

Honorable Mention Republic Monitor

Ryan Squibb

As with the other winners, an excellent entry. Fine balance, design, use of graphics, photos and type.

3 Best Front Page**Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***1st Place Christian County Headliner News**

Best overall use of headlines, photos and story placements which on average were better than others. Really appreciated the work and thought that went into Veterans Day photo

2nd Place Cass County Democrat Missourian

Another fine bevy of stories, with excellent use of photos and story placement.

3rd Place Liberty Tribune

While I thought the Romney front page was excellent, the other two on average weren't quite as appealing and the difference between second and third was based on strength of all three front pages.

Honorable Mention Platte County Landmark

Ivan Foley and Valerie Verkamp

Good layouts and use of photos but with the others there seemed to be a more natural flow from one story and or photo to the next.

3 Best Front Page**Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***1st Place St. Louis Business Journal**

Michael Behrens

The selection of graphics and the innovative text wrapping makes these front pages both compelling and attractive. The teasers at the top are a nice touch. Excellent writing; headlines could be catchier.

2nd Place South County Times

Dwight Bitikofer

Lead article on all pages shows great creativity in layout, caption writing and headline writing. Solid writing throughout.

3rd Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly

Overall, just a good, well-balanced set of covers with creative use of photos and really great headline writing. Copy is well written.

Honorable Mention Webster - Kirkwood Times

Dwight Bitikofer

Space above the masthead tends to get cluttered. Otherwise, this stands as a great example of presenting a lot of news on the front page without creating an overwhelming ensemble.

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

1st Place The Clinton County Leader Fatal plane crash Brett Adkison
Excellent lead caught my attention immediately and I wanted to keep reading. Excellent writing is what brought this entry to the top.

2nd Place North Stoddard Countian, Bloomfield Puxico Tornado Corey Noles
Your writing gives a nice visual - it was easy to imagine the scene by what you said.

3rd Place North Stoddard Countian, Bloomfield Escapee Caught Corey Noles
Another nice article by Corey wasn't quite as visual as his second place but overall a nice job of getting the information to readers.

Honorable Mention North Stoddard Countian, Bloomfield Weekend Rape Corey Noles
Nice reporting on not such a nice situation.

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

1st Place Springfield Business Journal Restaurateur Swisshelm files for Ch. 7 Geoff Pickle
Pithy, immediate, all the bases covered. And online. Better yet, you broke the story. Congratulations!

2nd Place Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville Bomb warning clears Walmart Amanda Keefe
Good, straight to the point writing about an event one really doesn't want to know about (especially if you're getting the news standing in the store).

3rd Place Cass County Democrat Missourian Students mourn teens death Bethany Bashioum
Evocative story about a death. Well-written story, great visual. Good package.

Honorable Mention Gasconade County Republican Rylee Jo Lane fire Dave Marner
Again, another case of good reporting with good visual to draw the reader in.

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

1st Place Washington Missourian, Weekend "Initially Reported As Deceased" Ed Pruneau and Susan Miller
Would have liked to have had some sort of statement about whether someone took her or she ran away, which wasn't mentioned until the end. Good story, however. Easy to follow and kept the reader's interest.

2nd Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday Suspect Caught Following High-Speed Ed Pruneau
Well written and tells the story. Perhaps could have moved the cause for the initial stop earlier in the piece.

3rd Place The St. Louis American George Allen released by Judge Green Rebecca Rivas
Good lead Putting the mom's feelings in the beginning of the story captures the reader's interest and makes the reader sympathetic to Allen's situation.

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Weekend**
Easy to follow chain of events.

"Suspect Shot By Deputy in Arrest

Ed Pruneau

5 **Best News Story**

Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Weston Chronicle**

Excellent job of serving the public in a watchdog role, and dealing with changing information and story angles on a tight deadline. If I had students in this district, I'd be glad the Weston Chronicle is on the journalistic job.

Smart Board Bid Award Looking Dumb

Beth McPherson and Bev Knoll

2nd Place **Weston Chronicle**

Outstanding work in keeping watch over this board. There's something going on with this governmental body, and it's my guess the Weston Chronicle is uncovering even better stories.

School Irrigation Bids Disputed

Beth McPherson

3rd Place **The Kearney Courier**

Excellent lead and transitional writing. You are helping to provide answers about what happened to this woman.

Brother of slain woman remembers life

Kevin Smith

Honorable Mention **The Clinton County Leader**

Nice work with a statistical story that has the potential for a great deal of follow-up. This could be the initial story in an entire series. Story reads well and statistics are well-placed.

Juvenile cases rising

Brett Adkison

5 **Best News Story**

Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News**

Great coverage of a tragic news event. Photos draw readers into story.

EF2 Tornado hits

Tyler Francke

2nd Place **Christian County Headliner News**

Good use of graphics to draw reader into your story.

Meth in Missouri

Amelia Wigton

3rd Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville**

Good story to inform readers.

Bath sales creep into county

Amanda Keefe

Honorable Mention **Platte City Platte County Citizen**

Nice coverage of hard subject.

Prosecutor defends sentence in texting

Lee Stubbs

5 **Best News Story**

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **St. Clair Missourian**

Interesting angle on a very tough story to report about. Outstanding interview with the gentleman who provided assistance. Though this does not factor in judging, kudos also for the photo.

Man Stops to Help Fellow Rider

Keith Domke

2nd Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend**

Not as much a hard-news story as a news feature, nevertheless a compelling read. Well done!

"Animals' Best Friend"

Karen Cernich

3rd Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**

Comprehensive and readable - good breakout pieces on each of the accused individuals.

Dozens of newly opened attorney

Heather Cole, Scott Lauck, Donna Walter, Melissa Meinzer and Mike Trask

Honorable Mention **South County Times**

Many different elements in this story with several school districts as well as the courts. You made it easy to understand.

5 Turner Case

Kevin Murphy

Honorable Mention Webster - Kirkwood Times
Personal take on a very difficult story.

Rock Hill Shooting

Jaime Mowers

6 Best Feature Story

Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place The Clinton County Leader

Mackintyre's Church

Brett Adkison

Wow... fantastic article! Anyone that wants to read a great features article should read this one. This made the hairs on my skin stand on end. I could feel the story as it happened, the pain and determination of Mackintyre's parents, and see the countryside and church. And more than anything, I really felt the inspiration that so many others must have felt from this story. Great job!

2nd Place The Kearney Courier

Maple Woods honors Navy SEAL, retires

Kevin Smith

A very complete and full story that had both personality and detail. I really like the emphasis on Masons' heart and never-fail attitude.

3rd Place The Kearney Courier

Drought and discovery

Kevin Smith

Great article with fantastic storytelling! It's a fascinating topic with a lot of great details and interesting discoveries. The lead could've been a little stronger, but the entire article was very good.

Honorable Mention Lincoln New Era

Elvis calls Lincoln

Larry Fowler

Very interesting story! While the story could have been told more creatively, it's still memorable, detailed, and vivid. I would have liked to know more about Smith, space allowing.

Honorable Mention Vandalia Leader

Martinsburg Native is Bush Chief of Staff

Linda Geist

Great! I really enjoyed all the anecdotes and adventures. It was very well researched, and a lot of little things really brought out her character.

6 Best Feature Story

Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place Liberty Tribune

Best food forward

Amy Neal

Well-told story that not only tells this man's experience with a prosthetic leg but also chronicles the history and development of the bionic device.

2nd Place Houston Herald

Servant leader

Jeff McNiell

Good use of the shepherd's staff image in the lead of the story and tying it in at the conclusion. The writer highlights the new superintendent's philosophy with the staff as a symbol.

3rd Place Christian County Headliner News

Strange trip

Brady Brite

Good biography of a local resident's pursuit of fame in show business and his decision to settle down to a less hectic life. Good use of quotes throughout.

Honorable Mention Liberty Tribune

More than a cup of joe

Angie Borgedalen

Good lead and nice imagery through the story. A well-written line: "If laughter is good medicine, Cessna is a happy man."

6 Best Feature Story

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday

'Unexpected Family Reunion' Best

Karen Cernich

A very touching and well-written story. It held my interest until the very end. Great job!

2nd Place Webster - Kirkwood Times

Don Knotts

Kevin Murphy

Well-written story about a unique and interesting topic.

3rd Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly

Keefe: I'm not Biondi's 'butt boy'

Melissa Meinzer

The headline is a true attention-grabber. A well-done interview with an interesting person.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Business Journal** Architect of change Greg Edwards
Including personal information about Fr. Biondi definitely enhanced what could have been a mundane bio-business piece.

7 Best News or Feature Series Weeklies - Class 1 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **The Clinton County Leader** Historic Drought Brett Adkison
Comprehensive look at important local issue.

2nd Place **Weston Chronicle** Computer Tablets Beth McPherson
Good overview of two issues important to parents: quality of education and their pocketbooks.

7 Best News or Feature Series Weeklies - Class 2 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Platte County Landmark** 7 News Corruption-Rawlings Ivan Foley

2nd Place **Unterrified Democrat** Osage Ambulance District Neal Johnson and Jerry Voss

3rd Place **Platte City Platte County Citizen** O'Dell-Coworkers Series Lee Stubbs

Honorable Mention **Warren County Record** Neer Says Warren County Officers Not Bill Miller JR

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

1st Place **St. Clair Missourian** Air Mail Keith Domke
Wow. This 12 month series on the possible closure of the city airport is by far the deepest and most covered series submitted. Congratulations to the staff for such an ongoing effort to keep readers informed. This was covered so well it makes me want to keep following the issue from afar.

2nd Place **St. Clair Missourian** District Starts Healing Process Keith Domke
Great job on an emotional issue. After three teen suicides, the community and the paper took the problem on by having community meetings and a series of newspaper articles on suicide, signs and symptoms and bullying. This was reported in-depth and likely helped the community through a difficult time. Great work.

3rd Place **Kansas City Northeast News** Feature Series- How Grace United Leslie Collins
The news folks shared stories of several people helped off addiction. Its real-life stories of people at the bottom of their life help give readers a deeper appreciation the program they used to kick drugs is to the community.

Honorable Mention **Green Park Call** Crestwood Court redevelopment Mike Anthony and Kari Williams
Nice job on the series about a large \$120 million proposed development in the city. After reading all of the articles, I want to know even more, and the paper is continuing to cover it. Great job.

8 Best Editorial Weeklies - Class 1 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Vandalia Leader** Thankful for those who come to me with Ron Schott
Very well written as a journalist, protecting our journalistic freedom. Life is such that the negative comes with the positive. Using a personal account to make the story relatable was a smart idea, especially in this context.

2nd Place **Vandalia Leader** Taking a deeper look into Chick-fil-A Ron Schott
This was a hot topic across the nation, and Mr. Schott handles the controversy well. The issue was taken out of context and he explains why Mr. Cathy should not be ridiculed for his statements.

3rd Place **Lee's Summit Tribune**
The shooting in Newtown was a horrible tragedy, and Ms. Root does a fine job of conveying all of the emotions caused by this tragedy in words - confusion, sadness, anger, disbelief.

Honorable Mention **Vandalia Leader** It's important to disagree with someone Ron Schott

8 **Best Editorial** **Weeklies - Class 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Liberty Tribune** Behavior an embarrassment to Clay

2nd Place **Gasconade County Republican** Right to know Dave Marner

3rd Place **Christian County Headliner News** Hold our children

Honorable Mention **Christian County Headliner News** Swift messaging

8 **Best Editorial** **Weeklies - Class 3** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **The St. Louis American**
Nicely written editorial. Looked at an interesting topic. Minority inclusion: getting it done

2nd Place **The St. Louis American**
Very well done. City must clean up crisis in jails

3rd Place **Jefferson County Leader**
Great piece. Not afraid to tackle an issue which raises serious question marks. Fox's explanation on food service director Patrick Martin

9-H **Best Columnist- Humorous** **Weeklies - Class 1 and 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville**
Very funny, well-written, on a topic everyone (even those who don't have kids) can relate too. Good job! 'Theory of Clean,' a new proposal by a Amanda Layton

2nd Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**
Well-done pieces that evoked chuckles, as a humorous column should. Sarah Hilton Sarah Hilton

3rd Place **Lathrop Rural Reporter**
A well-written piece done on a unique topic. Refreshing! Faux Farms S. Daily Warren

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald**
Not laugh-out-loud, but enjoyable "slice-of-life" pieces on a variety of topics. Doug Davison's OFF THE CUFF Doug Davison

9-H	Best Columnist- Humorous	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Union Missourian		Keeping Up With Jones	Gregg Jones
Easy to read! Perfect length. "Relatable" topics in a fresh, funny way. Great job on the piece about your father. You were able to turn a difficult topic into feel-good humor. Not easy to do. Enjoyed reading your pieces.				
2nd Place	The St. Louis American		My friend and the seasoned gentleman	Kenya Vaughn
Love your writing style! Reading your columns feels like talking to a best girlfriend... warm, humorous, easy-going. Laughed out loud at some points.				
3rd Place	Jefferson County Leader		Patrick Martin	Patrick Martin
Well written. You make politics fun and "relatable" Loved the piece about the missing agenda items. Humor at its best. Great job finding funny in unlikely places.				
Honorable Mention	St. Clair Missourian		The Athlete I Am (Not)	Keith Domke
Funny stuff... Easy to read. Interesting topics.				

9-S	Best Columnist- Serious	Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	The Caldwell County News, Hamilton		Behind the Great Wall	Lisa Parris
Compelling story with great detail. The nice writing style drew me in and made me want to read more. You could almost feel what Lisa Parris was going through.				
2nd Place	Nixa Xpress		Ryan Bowling	Ryan Bowling
Good writing style. His leads give a hint of where he is heading and he adds a nice personal touch to his topics.				
3rd Place	Weston Chronicle		No Comment	Beth McPherson
Her columns have a nice local touch and are easily readable. She has a wonderful style.				
Honorable Mention	Lathrop Rural Reporter		PostScripts	Pauli Clariday
Nice and descriptive. I do not live in Lathrop, but I feel I know it.				
Honorable Mention	Cross Country Times		From the Desk	Stephen D. Shearer
From the desk of Willard Cross, An old school curmudgeon. I can imagine readers, opening the newspaper and turning to his column thinking, 'now what.'				

9-S	Best Columnist- Serious	Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Buffalo Reflex		Hamilton columnist	Jim Hamilton
Outstanding storytelling distinguishes this entry. The writing is descriptive and leaves the reader with a clear picture of the columnist's subject.				
2nd Place	Springfield Business Journal		Eric Olson	Eric Olson
Columnist proves there are memorable stories to be told in business writing. Good use of quotes moves these columns along.				
3rd Place	Liberty Tribune		March 1, April 12, Sept. 6, 2013	Angie Borgedalen
Columnist uses real-life experiences to good effect to tell her story or express her point of view. The writing is clear and particularly descriptive.				
Honorable Mention	Christian County Headliner News		Donna serious columns	Donna Osborn
Crisp, clear writing makes these columns stand out. The writer's voice is evident throughout and leaves little doubt about where she stands on an issue.				

9-S Best Columnist- Serious	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place Patrick Martin's writing is riveting and clean, and his commentary can be biting at one moment then turn on a dime to be pleasantly complimentary. His column cuts a knife through the fog of local politics, duly serving the readers.	Jefferson County Leader	Patrick Martin	Patrick Martin
2nd Place Jamala finds good subject material and applies rational thinking when authorities are acting irrational. Someone has to say it. She does. Readers benefit from her strong opinions and much-needed viewpoint.	The St. Louis American	Power, money and ballot initiatives	Jamala Rogers
3rd Place Dwight guides the readers through the beautiful geography of his region with ease. He has a nice tone. I found myself effortlessly absorbing his writing.	Webster - Kirkwood Times	Bitikofer	Dwight Bitikofer
Honorable Mention Many columns by the editor can be quite wishy-washy. Bill Miller does what an editor should and provides his readers with an opinion. The column describing life in a foxhole was moving.	Washington Missourian, Weekend	"Women in Combat"	Bill Miller SR

10-F Best Feature Photo	Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place Nice juxtaposition of a peaceful scene and the violence of severe weather.	North Stoddard Countian, Bloomfield	Tornado Cattle	Corey Noles
2nd Place Very cute faces on both subjects	The Kearney Courier	Pucker up for pets	Kevin Smith
3rd Place Would have placed higher if the horizon was straight and didn't lose the top of the closest sailboat.	Cedar County Republican	Governor's Cup	Becky Groff
Honorable Mention A rare shot	The Clinton County Leader	Baby Owl	Becky Black

10-F Best Feature Photo	Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place The boy's look is precious. Even though the environment is controlled, it still is a very special moment the photographer captured.	Platte City Platte County Citizen	Little Fire Chief	Sara Lovelace
2nd Place What I love about this photo is the chaotic environment of the trampoline, the energy that emanates from it. The background with the rusty building adds so much to the picture. If I had the same image against a Walt Disney backdrop, it wouldn't have been as compelling.	Gasconade County Republican	Trampoline water jumpers	Dave Marner
3rd Place It took a lot of patience and great positioning to take this picture.	Cass County Democrat Missourian	Students mourn teens death	Bethany Bashioum
Honorable Mention Great photo.	Gasconade County Republican	Rain skippers	Dave Marner

10-F Best Feature Photo	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Finding clarity with a handhold	Karen Elshout

2nd Place	Webster - Kirkwood Times	Webster Groves Fair	Diana Linsley
3rd Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Flying high	Karen Elshout
Honorable Mention	Washington Missourian, Weekend	"Three Times the Sadness"	Jeanne Miller Wood

10-N Best News Photo *Weeklies - Class 1* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Bethany Republican-Clipper**
 10N Best News Photo Philip Conger
 This image stands as a perfect balance of subject matter. Every aspect of the moment is captured from the ruined vehicle to the steam and even the images that lay beyond (or behind) the steam. In addition, the image is perfectly cropped, creating a balance between the smoldering bulldozer and the tireless firefighters. Just an overall great job.

2nd Place **The Caldwell County News, Hamilton**
 Braymer House Fire Deb Rankin
 There's not much I can say about this photo except "Wow!" The photographer's ability to capture the fire with some of the structure still intact made this one of the most dramatic photos I've seen in a very long time.

3rd Place **The Clinton County Leader**
 Westboro counter-protest Brett Adkison
 The hard focus on a single protester with a softer focus on the crowd was an extremely effective way to present this image. An exceptionally good job of cropping. Nice balance in subjects.

Honorable Mention **The Clinton County Leader**
 Class of 2012 Brett Adkison
 The complete joy captured on the faces of the graduates is undeniable. I know from experience that this moment can be lost in the click of a camera, even in this digital age. I might have cropped the photo to include just the three young women whose reactions are most expressive. However, that's a minor detail given the way this moment was captured.

10-N Best News Photo *Weeklies - Class 2* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville**
 Mississippi Lull Amanda Layton
 Everything we look for in a photo is here: scope, color, people, etc. This was the one photo that made me say "wow." What a great way to capture the drought. The picture really tells a story!

2nd Place **Buffalo Reflex**
 Baked chicken Mary Morris
 There's something about the fan that made me chuckle when seeing this picture! You never go wrong with great animal shots and I can't think of too many involving roosters before seeing this!

3rd Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**
 Martin Farm Jim Hamilton
 This photo also captured great elements, such as colors and scope. The reflections on the water and cracks in the earth were great to look at.

Honorable Mention **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**
 Mourning Sierra Dave Berry
 This photo certainly captured a very emotional moment in time and told a heartbreaking story. Capturing raw emotion in a very close-up way.

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald**
 Houston Boy with Cancer Jeff McNiell
 Great night time picture that captured a range of emotions from several family members. And nothing makes you feel stronger than seeing a little boy with cancer standing up so tall while in dad's arms....

10-N Best News Photo *Weeklies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **St. Clair Missourian**
 Keller Kneels Keith Domke
 Nicely composed elements at a crash scene.

2nd Place **South County Times**
Nice moment at a fire scene. They look strangely calm.

10N Watson Fire

Diana Linsley

3rd Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**
I like the way the main subjects pop out of the surroundings.

Candlelight vigil

Karen Elshout

Honorable Mention **Webster - Kirkwood Times**
Nice angle and composition under tricky lighting conditions.

Save Rock Hill Church

Diana Linsley

10-I Best Photo Illustration

Weeklies - Class 1, 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Houston Herald**
The illustration caught my attention. It's clever, complete, well done and reflects its subject in a novel way.

Chalkboard

Jeff McNiell

2nd Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
Simple, clever and elegant; very eye-catching.

Anheuser-Busch

Michael Behrens

3rd Place **Cedar County Republican**
The framing device of the computer screen is effective, and I love the touch of the apple - it's gives a little more interest to the overall presentation.

Back to school

Becky Groff

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald**
A simple way to present some great work. Nice job.

Christmas tree

Leesa Smith

Honorable Mention **Christian County Headliner News**

Happy New Year!

10-S Best Sports Photo

Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Lathrop Rural Reporter**
This image was the clear winner in a very deep group of sports photos. The photographer captured what could have been a generic, run-of-the-mill, everyday photo of the pitcher and turned it into a visually stunning work. By capturing both the follow-through and the ball on its trajectory and with a little luck in getting the pitcher eye contact it creates a unique image that certainly catches the reader's attention. Masterful job of turning a high school baseball photo into what felt like a high-pressure pitch in the World Series.

Comin Atcha

Norma Ward

2nd Place **The Kearney Courier**
The photographer managed to capture the emotion of a high-pressure situation and the celebration that ensued, and succeeded by letting the players, and the game, tell the story themselves. Great clarity and definition helped effectively show the emotion of each of the players in the shot and the description of the situation that accompanied the entry certainly helped give a little perspective. Great angle that draws the reader in.

Grand slam celebration

Bill Knust

3rd Place **The Clinton County Leader**
Not only was this a good shot that showed teammates competing against one another, but the use of the image was wonderful. Using this as a top bar feature really fit well with the style of photo and definitely attracts the reader's attention. I really enjoyed the use of the masthead that acted as an impending hurdle. Very creative and effective photo and layout.

Neck and Neck

Brett Adkison

Honorable Mention **Vandalia Leader**
This photo did a great job of capturing an ordinary game situation and making it both eye-catching and unique. The photo certainly deserves an honorable mention despite lacking in clarity and definition. It illustrates how a still image can capture something that probably wouldn't have even been noticeable in real time. Great job!

No hands needed

Ron Schott

10-S Best Sports Photo

Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Christian County Headliner News**
The forethought in capturing this image is evident. The photographer was positioned to capture the players and trophies with the fireworks exploding in the background. This image only lasted for a moment and the photographer captured it.

Booming

Brady Brite

2nd Place Warren County Record DIVING INTERCEPTION Bill Barrett
 The photographer captured the peak action of the interception, with the defender diving for the catch. We saw many diving catches in this competition. What set this apart was the sharpness of the image and the tight crop that did not have any extraneous areas.

3rd Place Cass County Democrat Missourian Game by game Stephanie Yeagle
 The photographer captured the joy and jubilation of a victory. The emotion on the players' faces tells the story.

Honorable Mention Warren County Record SPRINT TO THE FINISH Derrick Forsythe
 Good work capturing an incredible expression on the face of the runner as he is passed in the final sprint of a mile race.

10-S Best Sports Photo Weeklies - Class 3 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday Over the Top Bill Battle
 Great job capturing a precise moment in time.

2nd Place Washington Missourian, Weekend "Marquart Lands" Bill Battle
 I really like facial expressions in sports photography.

3rd Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly Tax attorney does heavy lifting Karen Elshout
 Facial expression here says it all.

Honorable Mention Washington Missourian, Wednesday Jones Turns Double Play
 I like how it shows the excitement of the game and the emotions of the players.

Honorable Mention Missouri Lawyers Weekly Finding Clarity with a Handhold Karen Elshout
 Its all about the angle of photo and what the photographer had to do to get it

11 Best Photo Package Weeklies - Class 1 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place The Kearney Courier Nothing but wine about Kevin Smith
 These photos lacked the action of some of the other entries, but an informative story and good headlines and cutlines created a good package. I had a good feel of the event from reading both parts of the entry.

2nd Place The Kearney Courier Special Olympics Kevin Smith
 This entry combined good quality photos with informative cut lines but left me wanting to know more. Add an emotional story to this page and it's No. 1.

3rd Place Lathrop Rural Reporter Rogers Comes Home Norma Ward
 This entry combines the emotion of the event with great photos. Even without color, it creates a striking package. (Some errors in the copy detract from the story.)

Honorable Mention The Kearney Courier Yuck Night Kevin Smith
 Great quality in the photos " those flying drops of water were stopped very nicely. The photos left me wanting more of the action. Cut-lines gave good detail, but no story to complete the package.

Honorable Mention Nixa Xpress Sucker Day
 Again, very good photos but an article was needed to complete the package.

11	Best Photo Package	Weeklies - Class 2	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	Lee's Summit Journal This photographer demonstrates an innovative and fresh eye.		Downtown Days...Streets Alive!	Julie Scheidegger
2nd Place	Houston Herald Outstanding work in very difficult story for any community. The photographer showed a clear eye and the layout was outstanding as well.		Accidents	Jeff McNiell and Doug Davison
3rd Place	Gasconade County Republican Great pictures.		Heat and Drought of 2012	Dave Marner
Honorable Mention	Christian County Headliner News The photographs do a good job of conveying the emotion of a battle that cost so many lives.		Represents	Brady Brite

11	Best Photo Package	Weeklies - Class 3	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly Photos help understand devastation and challenges in the aftermath of a tornado. Karen did a nice job of capturing the emotion.		Still recovering	Karen Elshout
2nd Place	Webster - Kirkwood Times Good action shot. Dripping water adds much to the photo.		Senior Soccer	Diana Linsley
3rd Place	Kansas City Northeast News Good use of color. Clearly captures the story.		Chalk-full of events	Leslie Collins and Erica VanDee
Honorable Mention	The St. Louis American Big dramatic photos brought story home.		Best Photo Package	Wiley Price

12-A	Best Ad Idea- Promotion of Advertiser	Weeklies - Class 1, 2 and 3	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	Washington Missourian, Weekend		Cafe Palermo Print Promo	
2nd Place	The St. Louis American		Ride to Success	
3rd Place	The St. Louis American		2013 Readers Calender	
Honorable Mention	Odessan		Memorial Day Tribute	Linda Gillis

12-N	Best Ad Idea- Promotion of Newspaper	Weeklies - Class 1, 2 and 3	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	The St. Louis American I really liked their press kit. Granted I am a newspaper guy, but I would hope if I was an advertiser, this would put over the top to have my product associated with serious news organization. People want reputable news organizations and from the press kit I definitely get the idea that they have integrity that I'd want to be a part of.		St. Louis American Media Kit	Kevin Jones

2nd Place **Lee's Summit Tribune** Santa Reads the Lee's Summit Tribune
 I am old school but I really like the community aspect of this campaign. Hopefully people still have brand loyalty. If say the paper published their kids' letter people will stick around and keep subscribing to their local paper.

3rd Place **St. Louis Business Journal** 12N Heroes of the Planet Dan Schriber
 I thought heroes of the planet worked. It was original and I think people who read papers will have a natural inclination to find out what they and their neighbors do to make the planet a better place to live. Nice graphics too.

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Weekend** Easter Services
 Tough choice on last two honorable mentions. I liked the Nix one as well but I really enjoyed graphic content of Washington Missourian. It is kind of ad I would stop and appreciate.

13 **Community Service** **Weeklies - Class 1 and 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **The Clinton County Leader** Memories of Litton
 Effective presentation on a moving program that drew broad support. Just very impressive all around.

2nd Place **The St. Louis American** Salute to Excellence
 Lots of faces presented and shown here, representing many segments of the community. Well done.

3rd Place **Kansas City Northeast News** NE publisher shaves head for wife Michael Bushnell
 One (now bald) man telling his story can make a difference! This one made me smile, and think.

14 **Best Editorial Pages** **Weeklies - Class 1, 2 and 3** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Jefferson County Leader** Jefferson County Leader Opinions Patrick Martin
 These are lively editorial pages, sparked in part by Patrick Martin's thoughtful columns. Those avoid the obvious - such as his criticism of the proposed Festus hotel tax hike - which helps make them interesting. The pull-no-punches editorial about the Fox school board's food service hire was especially well considered and, again, avoided focusing only on the obvious by also mentioning the nation's obesity epidemic. These probably help cultivate the crop of letters to the editor. Based on content alone, these make the Jefferson County Leader the clear winner here.

2nd Place **Green Park Call** Best Editorial Pages
 There may be no higher use of an editorial or op-ed than cutting through the obfuscation and double talk that are the hallmark of some public officials. That's just what Mike Anthony did with his column on the Mehlville teacher pay raises that, for whatever reason, the teacher's union negotiator tried to characterize as something other than an actual raise. Anthony's column is evenhanded, though, and doesn't go after the raises, but only the politics that surrounded them. Nice! Anthony's political endorsements seem thoughtful, and the paper's letters policy seems pretty liberal in a way that is appropriate for a local newspaper.

3rd Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press** BH-FP Editorial Pages
 The Herald's fresh, airy layout suits its mix of editorial columns, which share a lighthearted style even as they range from the mostly whimsical (Marsh's New Year's column) to the more serious (Berry's column on Bolivar's public relations problem).

Honorable Mention **Platte County Landmark** 14 Best Editorial Pages Ivan Foley, Chris Kamler, Brian Kubicki, James Thomas and Chris Stigall
 These editorials reflect a surprisingly wide range of viewpoints, plenty of local content and lots of personality.

15 **Best Sports Pages** **Weeklies - Class 1** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Smithville Herald** Smithville Herald Sports Pages
 The cream of this crop. Loved the "Heavy Hitters cover," as well as the features that dominated the front of the other two sections. Lots of good content from written/photo standpoints and well presented. Nice work!

2nd Place **The Kearney Courier** The Kearney Courier sports pages Bill Knust
 Solid work here, too. Love the color photography - makes things pop more than the remaining sections. I like the way this section is organized with stories, and then a separate area for "what's on tap" and "scoreboard."

3rd Place **Fayette Advertiser** 15 Fayette Advertiser
 Plenty to read here. The paper lets you know what teams it covers on the front page, and then gives you no shortage of sports copy. Wish there was color, but obviously that doesn't have anything to do with the efforts of Mr. Jackson.

Honorable Mention **The Clinton County Leader**
Good local content -- though there wasn't quite as much to go through as the third-place choice.

Leader Sports

Brett Adkison

15 **Best Sports Pages**

Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Liberty Tribune**
Good use of color, graphics and headlines to produce a compelling sports page. The page layout guides the eye, helping the reader navigate the page. Good use of graphic design in bringing together images and logos to create a preview

Best Sports Pages

Chris Geinosky

2nd Place **Christian County Headliner News**

Sports pages

Amelia Wigton, Brady Brite and Brett Christie

3rd Place **Houston Herald**

Best sports pages

Jeff McNiell

Honorable Mention **Lee's Summit Journal**

February 29, March 7, October 31

Stephanie Yeagle

15 **Best Sports Pages**

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **The St. Louis American**
Excellent photography and headlines that were engaging and clever made this the clear winner in this category. Very clean and inviting design.

Best Sports Pages

2nd Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**
Photography and a clean layout made this selection standout from the rest. Headline writing could use some sparkle.

Washington Missourian Best Sports

Sports Staff

3rd Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend**
Again photography and clean use of space made this submission standout. Better use of subheads and pullouts would add some needed punch.

Washington Weekend Missourian

Sports Staff

Honorable Mention **Jefferson County Leader**
Clean design, but could use some more humor and sparkle. The pages were a little flat and lifeless, but I appreciated the straightforwardness of the section.

Jefferson County Leader Sports

Gordon Bess

16 **Best Sports News Story or Package**

Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Smithville Herald**
Excellent package of results from school's state tournament competition. Good use of sidebars, stats, photos, comment.

State Wrestling Package

Andy Meyer

2nd Place **Smithville Herald**
Ditto No. 1 comments. Another fine effort covering school's participation in state competition. Package includes fine photos, stats, team and individual stories. Lots of effort and expertise demonstrated in top 2 entries.

State Track Package

Andy Meyer

3rd Place **Smithville Herald**
Great quotes and lead along with photos and presentation bring this into award. Fine writing.

Matt Mason Triathlon

Andy Meyer

Honorable Mention **The Kearney Courier**
A well-written little feature like those that make sports fun to write and read. Quick peak at what a coach can do to help his team, which isn't demonstrated -- or written about -- on most occasions.

Drawn-up play leads to winning

Bill Knust

16	Best Sports News Story or Package	Weeklies - Class 2	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	Jackson County Advocate Very thorough job of reaching out to former coaches and mother.		Tyra White	Paul Thompson
2nd Place	Liberty Tribune Great lead.		State Track Coverage	Chris Geinosky
3rd Place	Houston Herald Good lead and solid recap of the game and what it meant to this team to win.		History	Jeff McNiell
Honorable Mention	Houston Herald		Victory	Jeff McNiell
Honorable Mention	Cass County Democrat Missourian		Showing What They Can Do	Stephanie Yeagle

16	Best Sports News Story or Package	Weeklies - Class 3	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	Washington Missourian, Weekend The story made me feel like I was at the game! The extra info about the free throw shooter that hadn't made an attempt all year prior to being on the line with a few seconds left in a tie game was great!		"Gerling Lifts Lady Shamrocks"	Bill Battle
2nd Place	Washington Missourian, Wednesday Great mix of quotes with game action. Story was very thorough and I enjoyed the headers separating the contests. It helped me read along.		Legion Wins	Bill Battle
3rd Place	Washington Missourian, Weekend This was interesting due to it being UFC. While I have no interest in the sport, it is neat to see a story about something most sports writers probably haven't had much experience writing about. Makes a sports writer have to come out of the box a bit.		"Lawrence to Fight at UFC 150"	
Honorable Mention	Washington Missourian, Wednesday Again nice back and forth here about the game. And nice quotes to help move the story along		Sports Staff FroshWinState	Sports Staff

17	Best Sports Feature Story	Weeklies - Class 1	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	Smithville Herald This one stood out because the author got a young athlete - and his family - to talk about something so personal and obviously tragic ... and share the story in a compelling way. Great reading!		Tough Enough	Andy Meyer
2nd Place	Smithville Herald Another solid effort by Mr. Meyer, who clearly knows how to find stories off the playing fields. I like how this one, instead of merely being a story about a player and his mom, connected to an event that unites the entire school and community.		True Strength	Andy Meyer
3rd Place	The Clinton County Leader I don't know anything about this team, but the writer let me know where it has been and where it is now. Hard not to be a Mules fan after reading this.		Lathrop's reclamation project	Brett Adkison
Honorable Mention	Smithville Herald Yet another solid good piece of writing from Mr. Meyer. This one shines because he profiled an individual the usual prep ranks - yes, there is more to community sports than just the high schools!		Running With Heart	Andy Meyer

17	Best Sports Feature Story	Weeklies - Class 2	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	Liberty Tribune		Hometown Hero	Chris Geinosky
Fascinating story about a rags to riches kid. Well done using several sources in addition to the kids featured. Nice job.				
2nd Place	Liberty Tribune		Angel in the Outfield	Chris Geinosky
Well done story about what I'm sure was something difficult for Chelsea to talk about. I particularly enjoyed the comments from her coach.				
3rd Place	Christian County Headliner News		Punches	Brady Brite
A true sports feature, more than just a personality piece. Your lead brought me into the story and the story flowed very well.				
Honorable Mention	Platte City Platte County Citizen		HOME IS WHERE HER HEART IS	Joe Loudon
Homecoming stories are usually good reads. I liked the way you incorporated the old coach into the story.				
Honorable Mention	Marshfield Mail		The Journeyman	Clint Mitchell
Interesting lead and interesting angle.				

17	Best Sports Feature Story	Weeklies - Class 3	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	Jefferson County Leader		Students, coaches promote faith's role...	Gordon Bess
It was quite obvious that a lot of work and effort went into this story. There were many points of view and it was well written				
2nd Place	Washington Missourian, Weekend		"Lawrence Making Huge Impact"	Craig Vonder Haar
An interesting topic and nice story. Made the story interesting even without being able to let us know the final outcome.				
3rd Place	Jefferson County Leader		Throw of a lifetime: Brittany Borman	Steve Taylor
Well written. Would have been nice to have some comments from the girl herself but still quite good with the different perspectives.				
Honorable Mention	Jefferson County Leader		Bone has Legion of sports memories	Gordon Bess
Nicely done and well written				

18	Best Sports Columnist	Weeklies - Class 1 and 2	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	Marshfield Mail		Best Sports Columnist	Clint Mitchell
These artistically written columns represented the best of sports column writing, with emotional appeal and a fresh perspective on interesting topics. Great work!				
2nd Place	Liberty Tribune		Best Sports Columnist	Chris Geinosky
These columns gave readers a lot of perspective with well-researched facts as well as great storytelling. You really brought the reader into the games, the stadiums, and the controversy.				
3rd Place	The Kearney Courier		Sports column entry	Bill Knust
Good work! These stories were vivid and put the reader into the competition. Try to bring out the emotion more, rather than simply reporting.				
Honorable Mention	Christian County Headliner News		The Bottom Line	Brett Christie
My favorite was "Hey, batter, batter" it introduced an interesting perspective to the game that few would have otherwise known about. Try to tell stories with more emotion.				

18	Best Sports Columnist	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	The St. Louis American The columnist writes from a particular perspective, a passion for his subject and deep institutional knowledge.		Earl Austin Jr.	Earl Austin Jr.
2nd Place	Washington Missourian, Wednesday		Battleline "Tourney Was No Turkey"	Bill Battle
3rd Place	Jefferson County Leader		The Inside Track	Gordon Bess
Honorable Mention	The St. Louis American		In the Clutch	Ishmael Sistrunk

19	Best Special Section	Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Nixa Xpress Nice clean layout with good looking ads. Great use of color throughout the publication.		Fall N the Zone	Ryan Bowling, Adam Letterman, Cheryl Maddox and Carrie Luttrell
2nd Place	Chariton Valley News Press Clean layout and powerful ad support.		Veterans Day	Melanie Latamondeer and Karla Britt
3rd Place	Nixa Xpress Great flow of content and ads.		ABCs of Nixa	Ryan Bowling, Paul Johns, Adam Letterman, Cheryl Maddox and Carrie Luttrell
Honorable Mention	Cedar County Republican Original section with creative ads.		Our Kids	

19	Best Special Section	Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Buffalo Reflex		July Country Neighbor	Jim Hamilton, Missy Pickel, Becky Groff and Charlotte Marsch
2nd Place	Buffalo Reflex		April Country Neighbor	Jim Hamilton, Mike Cullinan, Sarah Hilton and Charlotte Marsch
3rd Place	Jackson County Advocate		100 Years	Andrea Wood and Seann McAnally
Honorable Mention	Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville		Perry County Magazine Spring 2012	

19	Best Special Section	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	St. Louis Business Journal The St. Louis Business Journal submitted several worthy candidates for the best special section of the year, but their 30 Under 30 issue stood head-and-shoulders above not only their other entries, but those of competing publications as well. The cover photo was fun, as one would expect from an issue that highlights the youngest of the workforce. The photos inside the issue were just as much fun, and went well with the overall look and feel of a young, hip publication. The advertising was well-done and complemented the stories and features well. The issue was easy-to-follow and the features on each of the 30 were short, punchy and very informative. The After hours' feature was perhaps my favorite		30 Under 30	Vince Brennan

Honorable Mention Houston Herald

Best Local Business Coverage

22 Best Business Story Weeklies - Class 1

1st Place Lee's Summit Tribune
Hands down the most newsy story in bunch. Not only is human interest but shows business leaders where the best area for growth is. If am reading the paper I want a business story like this one. Nice personal touches, but I would have like a few more sources, such as comments from school officials, PTA (PTO) or other parent groups about how valuable this service is.

2nd Place The Kearney Courier
Another stronger news value. Taken from readers perspective, I have to believe that the news I need is one like this one, more jobs are coming.

3rd Place Vandalia Leader
The contest was tighter for third and fourth place but again I chose the story had the best reader interest and I think broadband is something more people want to know about.

Honorable Mention Nixa Xpress
Again tiebreaker was the news value. Here we have a guy who took an idea and ran with it. I think people are looking for answers about ideas and how to develop them.

22 Best Business Story Weeklies - Class 2

1st Place Christian County Headliner News
Great business story that encapsulates all that is happening in a downtown business area. Story is full of voices and colorful quotes, and the writer does a great job of laying it all out in an interesting and cohesive manner. An easy read and very informative.

2nd Place Christian County Headliner News
A well-written story about a very unique business endeavor. The writer tells a succinct story and keeps the reader engaged.

3rd Place Springfield Business Journal
Lots of neat information in this one, all presented a cohesive package for the reader to dig into. Writer adds great perspective through sources. Great job of following the money and a nice behind-the-scenes look at a sport's business side.

Honorable Mention Houston Herald
Extraordinary story about an ordinary farm business. Writer makes the subjects come alive and gives us an enjoyable slice of life, with lots of neat little tidbits of information along the way.

22 Best Business Story Weeklies - Class 3

1st Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly
Sheds excellent light on counterfeiting. Facts are presented well. Very revealing. Graphics and facts presented in an easy to understand format.

2nd Place Kansas City Northeast News
Unique business well-presented. Love the background and history. Well-written and enjoyable. Should be an inspiration to others striking out on their own with nothing to begin with.

3rd Place Washington Missourian, Weekend
The pictures tell the story. What a wonderful family business endeavor. The goals and business plan are well done. Excellent business plan and great feature story.

Honorable Mention Missouri Lawyers Weekly
The history of the Budweiser name well presented. Loved the historical timeline. Information over the battle for the name and naming rights very interesting. Well written.

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** Here Comes the Brides
Fashion and Customer Service well-documented. Business success story well told. Enjoyed personal stories and documentation.

23 Best Coverage of Government Weeklies - Class 1

1st Place **Nixa Xpress** Nixa Parks in flux Ryan Bowling
This was the best example of coverage of government by far. Examples showed not only news coverage of meetings but opinion and analysis as the controversy progressed. Good explanations of the issues.

2nd Place **The Kearney Courier** Curbside Recycling Kevin Smith
Good news coverage but missing the editorialization and explanation that would have given it first place. The newspaper needs to take a stand and encourage residents to participate enthusiastically in recycling efforts. How about a good explanation of the recycling process? There is so much that can be done with this topic.

3rd Place **The Caldwell County News, Hamilton** Township Government Anne Tezon
Again, good examples of the straight news coverage of the township government but no analysis or editorialization.

Honorable Mention **Lathrop Rural Reporter** Drug Courts and the Judges Race S. Daily Warren and Pauli Clariday
Coverage could have been more complete. Good idea to give the two judges an opportunity to make comments.

23 Best Coverage of Government Weeklies - Class 2

1st Place **Cass County Democrat Missourian** Nepotism Bethany Bashioum

2nd Place **Springfield Business Journal** City officials wrestle with E-Verify law Brian Brown

3rd Place **Houston Herald** Two leave Piney Township board... Brad Gentry

Honorable Mention **Bolivar Herald-Free Press** City administrator Charlotte Marsch, Sarah Hilton, Dave Berry and Linda Fuerst

Honorable Mention **Marshfield Mail** Concerned City Emily Truscott

23 Best Coverage of Government Weeklies - Class 3

1st Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly** Lobbying blitz..., Court plan..., Foes give Scott Lauck
Very well-written, comprehensive coverage, including good background information that made the issue clear.

2nd Place **Webster - Kirkwood Times** Tale Of 2 Cities Don Corrigan
Good enterprise and breaking down of each issue involved.

3rd Place **Arnold-Imperial Leader** Much Ado: Coverage of Doris Borgelt Kim Robertson
Very interesting situation. Good continued coverage of the discord on the governing body.

Honorable Mention **The St. Louis American**
Comprehensive coverage of a compelling issue.

Dierker, McKee, Northside legal

24 **Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture** **Weeklies - Class 2 and 3**

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**
Nice variety of articles and many nice pictures make this entry stand out.

Washington Missourian Best Ag

2nd Place **Buffalo Reflex**
Liked Country Neighbor, good use of photos, nice page design, however, some articles were a bit long.

Rural life

Jim Hamilton, Becky Groff, Missy Pickel, Charlotte Marsch, Mike Cullinan and Sarah Hilton

3rd Place **Houston Herald**
Interesting stories with photos but had less variety than first and second place.

Coverage of Rural Life and Agriculture

Doug Davison

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Weekend**
Coverage of fair can be hard to do. You covered a lot and gave lots of fair results.

Missourian Best Rural Life Ag

25 **Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture** **Weeklies - Class 1**

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Vandalia Leader**
This takes standard drought statistics a step further with local interviews. Good way to show the human side of how the numbers effect each of the main crop as well as livestock.

Drought deals carnage to Missouri crop

John McLaughlin

2nd Place **Cedar County Republican**
This is a great little story about rural life. It's well told/written and brings a new look to "livestock." Fun!

Goose Roundup

Becky Groff

3rd Place **The Clinton County Leader**
Very good look into one farmers' effort to deal with the drought.

Histroic drought cuts deep

Brett Adkison

Honorable Mention **Vandalia Leader**

Recent rains rouse little relief for drought John McLaughlin

25 **Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture** **Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Christian County Headliner News**
Outstanding! Punchy, clear writing that goes beyond just the surface to explore the importance and context of the controversy over the sale of raw milk. The article is provocative, yet balanced and thorough without being wordy or dense. The instructions for this category define the criteria as quality of writing and reporting and I consider photography part of reporting, so Brite's good photos deserve a mention for helping to tell this story. Layout isn't part of the criteria so I didn't consider it but if I had, I'd mention that it, too, helped make this compelling. Overall, this is a very fine effort.

Raw anger

Brady Brite

2nd Place **Christian County Headliner News**
Based on the contest entries, you had quite a drought last year. There was much good reporting on the drought and its consequences, and this is one of the standout pieces. What this article reveals is the pain and agony for the farmer, and it's impossible to read it without having compassion for those whose livelihood are at risk from drought.

Parched

Amelia Wigton

3rd Place **Gasconade County Republican**
This is another fine report on your horrible drought and, as with Wigton's article, it gives the reader a feeling of what the area endured. This article makes excellent use of numbers without become weighty, and it's helped along by Marner's fine photos. This piece is about a rainfall that interrupted the drought and heat wave, and it conveys the collective sense of relief a community feels after a weather event of this magnitude.

Rain temporarily breaks drought

Dave Marner

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald**
This is a deceptively simple article. It's ostensibly about greenhouses, but it's really about Houston resident Steve Wilson. What makes the article notable is how well Davison portrays this farmer and it's rarely as easy to do as it might appear to a casual reader.

A growing machine

Doug Davison

25	<i>Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture</i>	<i>Weeklies - Class 3</i>	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	St. Louis Business Journal		Agritech	E.B. Solomont
Extremely comprehensive look at the St. Louis ag business scene. A good read on a topic of interest to anyone involved in agriculture.				
2nd Place	Jefferson County Leader		Thirsty: Lingering drought depresses	Steve Taylor
Great way to compare and contrast last year's drought to those of past years. Good lead-in with the story about the farmer talking about his pond drying up years ago.				
3rd Place	Jefferson County Leader		Chickens in the cities?	Kevin Carbery
Good series about a topic that seems to come up regularly in rural communities. The column added well to your coverage.				
Honorable Mention	Jefferson County Leader		All in the family	Clementine Carbery

26	<i>Best Story About Religion</i>	<i>Weeklies - Class 1, 2 and 3</i>	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Jefferson County Leader		End of an era: 140-year-old First	Steve Taylor
Great multimedia for an apt article on the closing of a local church. Great historical context and present day information to paint the picture of how a church comes to an end.				
2nd Place	The St. Louis American		Universal praise	Kenya Vaughn
An interesting topic, strong imagery and informative writing style. The piece outlined while also bridging content together with conciseness and imagery.				
3rd Place	Christian County Headliner News		God led	Brady Brite
A short, delightful, and well written piece on a coming home for a local gospel singer.				
Honorable Mention	Marshfield Mail		Sunday welcome	Emily Truscott
Sharp writing and engaging layout with a nice lead, strong language and good imagery.				

27	<i>Best Story About Education</i>	<i>Weeklies - Class 1</i>	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Lee's Summit Tribune		The Spirit of Life	Wendy Hayworth
I did not want to like this article from its very lede (I started writing after my first daughter died) We've called these type of articles the disease of the week in some places I've worked, and, as a rule, I don't like them. But, Hayworth tells a powerful, heart-wrenching story. The article succeeds because its author gets out of the way and lets the subject shine through. That's not easy to do, of course, especially for a newcomer. Hayworth pulls it off with exceptional grace and any human that isn't moved by this piece should have doubts about their very humanity.				
2nd Place	The Kearney Courier		No students suspended in lip dub	Ryne Dittmer
This article shines because it's a school story written as a news story. Given the common reluctance of school officials to speak about controversy within their schools, it's often difficult to report a story such as this. Ryne succeeded and, because of the article's balance, I'm sure this had interest even to readers who otherwise would not be interested in school events. It prompts questions about school policies, and what constitutes fair treatment of students, and leaves the reader to his own conclusions. This was the week's lede story and although obviously I can't see what might have also vied for the spot that looks like it was a very sound choice.				
3rd Place	Nixa Xpress		Youth sports	Ryan Bowling
The headline may be a snoozer, but this article rocks. This article sets the stage for a tug-of-war where it might be least expected, and tells the story with intrigue and suspense without being theatrical about it. Very nicely done.				
Honorable Mention	The Clinton County Leader		Essential Technology	Brett Adkison
An interesting article that would only have been improved by talking with a few students.				

27	<i>Best Story About Education</i>	<i>Weeklies - Class 2</i>	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville		New federal guidelines mean healthier	Amanda Layton

2nd Place	Houston Herald	Students of justice	Doug Davison
3rd Place	Christian County Headliner News	Bull's-eye	Amelia Wigton
Honorable Mention	Houston Herald	Home sweet home	Doug Davison

27 Best Story About Education Weeklies - Class 3 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly
Extremely well written and candid look at the new Dean's personality. Photos add to the article as do his candid quotes. Well done.
Keefe: 'I'm not Biondi's 'butt boy'
Melissa Meinzer

2nd Place Kansas City Northeast News
Wonderful teacher success story. Her dreams are bigger and better for the students. Her influence on the students and her strategies provide marvelous learning tools. Very well presented.
Whiting makes students dream bigger
Leslie Collins

3rd Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday
This prom safety check list is so relevant and something every parent should share with their teens. The facts are all there. Following these tips can and will save lives.
"Parents, Here's Your Prom Safety
Karen Cernich

Honorable Mention The St. Louis American
Well written as it shows how collective responsibility truly does make a difference in student achievement. The writer gives us a chance to 'feel' success.
'It takes a collective responsibility'
Rebecca Rivas

Honorable Mention Webster - Kirkwood Times
A wonderful tribute to a 58 year teacher who has dedicated her life to inspiring young people to learn. Wonderful story.
A Lifetime of Teaching

28 Best Story About the Outdoors Weeklies - Class 1, 2 and 3 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place Gasconade County Republican
Some very good entries in this category, which tends to be more feature-human interest oriented. But the "Buffalo escape" story was a hard or "spot news" situation, and it grabbed our attention not just because of the subject matter, but the writer did a good job chronicling the sequence of events. We're speculating here, but a story like this probably gained statewide coverage so we were impressed that the local newspaper appeared to go the extra mile to tell the story in a detailed and lively manner, and give local and area readers some additional information on an unusual occurrence that was quite likely heavily reported in other media.
Hunt for buffalo herd
Dave Marner

2nd Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday
Well-written piece with definite human interest, but also informative with its background on prairie habitat and the foundation. Well illustrated and presented which augmented the quality writing. Second place was difficult, with several entries in contention.
"Bringing the Prairie Home"
Karen Cernich

3rd Place Christian County Headliner News
The drought was widely covered nationally, but the news package assembled by the Christian County newspaper was good local journalism. Amelia Wigton's piece explored the issue close to home, and also brought in good facts and data.
Parched
Amelia Wigton

Honorable Mention Webster - Kirkwood Times
Good writing, good organization of the material, good interview subjects and good story construction. The story could have been a somewhat routine "travelogue," but the well-done package elevated it.
Appalachian
Don Corrigan

29 Best Story About History Weeklies - Class 1 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place The Clinton County Leader
The story is too lengthy, but the lead is engaging. The "****" separating the paragraphs is very distracting, but that's a design issue, not an editorial one. Great job!
Memories of Litton
Brett Adkison

Honorable Mention Lathrop Rural Reporter
A newspaper packed with local news. Work on improving layouts.

Lathrop Community and its People

Mika Hufford, Pauli Clariday and Norma Ward

31 Best Page Design

Weeklies - Class 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville

This is a great layout. I really like the "jar" and the arrangement of all the copy for that section. The Cindy Buchheit section is well designed. I like the open feel that the entire page has.

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Libby Roerig

2nd Place Jackson County Advocate

I liked the use of the photos and the reversed shadowed type. Also the layout made the story.

100 Years

Andrea Wood

3rd Place Springfield Business Journal

I liked the use of the photos and the overlay of the type in the tablet and the story. It gets your attention.

Buy the Book

Aaron Scott and Eric Olson

Honorable Mention Houston Herald

This is a great way to layout the athlete's stories and accomplishments.

All-SCA

Jeff McNiell

Honorable Mention Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville

Palette July 12, 2012

Libby Roerig

31 Best Page Design

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly

Nice, clean layout. Good use of color without overdoing it. The world graphic is fabulous. This entry was a standout winner.

Around the World

Ryan O'Shea

2nd Place The St. Louis American

Nice page, good use of photos. However, try to close up your spacing. The space between the headlines and text is too much. Also, don't overuse graphics (superman logo, etc.) as it will distract from the other elements.

Living It

Melvin Moore

3rd Place Jefferson County Leader

I immediately knew this page was about fish as the central graphic reminded me of a tuna fish commercial. Nice border, but the "Great Eats" logo competes with the multiple colors on the page. Try using less color so that page doesn't look over done. Remember, subtle is OK.

Fish fries

Steve Taylor

32 Best Information Graphic

Weeklies - Class 1, 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place St. Louis Business Journal

St. Louis Business Journal has great graphics. It was difficult to choose which I enjoyed best, but this entry was definitely the cream of the crop. Good use of color. The information is extremely easy to read. Bravo.

Cash crop

Michael Behrens

2nd Place Lee's Summit Journal

The information presented in this graphic was interesting and something that would not be included in an article. What a nice, simple way to present the information without being too distracting.

TEGENKAMP'S TOP TIMES

Ashlee Hendrix

3rd Place St. Louis Business Journal

This was another good graphic from the St. Louis Business Journal. I immediately understand that the University is spending a lot of cash and I want to understand why. Maybe use a bit less cash flying in the air but I like the money that flows into the headline.

Lindenwood spending spree

Michael Behrens

33 Best Editorial Cartoon

Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place Houston Herald

Idea clearly delivered with political icons.

Repairing fences

Kathy Richardson

2nd Place **Lee's Summit Journal**
What truth is spoken in such a succinct illustration.

Miked Up

Mike Gempeler

3rd Place **Houston Herald**
What we have all thought expressed in a novel way to drive home the point.

Hot Winds

Kathy Richardson

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald**
Simple, well executed illustration shows how best to effect change.

Defending America

Kathy Richardson

Honorable Mention **Platte County Landmark**
Almost an old-time illustration/ad that conveys a subtle message.

Matthew Silber

33 ***Best Editorial Cartoon***

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Arnold-Imperial Leader**
The cartoon can stand alone as well as being bolstered by the editorial to the left. Great work by Judy Martin.

Solution to 911 mandate

Judy Dixon

2nd Place **Kansas City Northeast News**
The national controversy came back to me in a flash in the cartoon. Well done.

Chick-Fil-A Anti-gay Controversy

Bryan Stalder

3rd Place **Jefferson County Leader**
Again, the cartoon stands alone as demonstrating a serious problem.

Road signs

Judy Dixon

Honorable Mention **The St. Louis American**
Very interesting work.

Local control amendment is unacceptable Angelita Jackson

34 ***Best Newspaper In Education Program***

Weeklies - Class 1, 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Eldon Advertiser**
This entry perfectly embodied what the Newspapers in Education Program is all about. The Advertiser put together a great combination of samples that illustrated how the newspaper connects with students, teachers and parents through coverage of school news spanning a wide array of topics. The newspaper had a great blend of student-written features to go along with its own staff's coverage of the local school district. The photos that accompanied the stories did a good job of illustrating the event they were covering, and there were items that read like news stories, feature pieces and student essays that were akin to editorials. Perhaps most importantly, the Advertiser's education coverage

2nd Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**
A great job with the "Into the Wild" and "Wonders of the Caves" features. The content was original, informative, entertaining and-perhaps most importantly-reader-friendly. I especially enjoyed the continuity of the series because it highlighted a different angle every week while keeping its ultimate goal in mind. Letters to Santa was a good feature and should be a staple of any small-town newspaper, as the positive feedback generated from features like this cannot be understated. The option for students to access the paper digitally was a smart move and will hopefully continue to keep local kids interested and engaged in the newspaper. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the Herald-Free Press, as I'm

35 ***Best Online Newspaper or Website***

Weeklies - Class 1, 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**
A clean, uncluttered website that is inviting and easy to navigate. Good quality video, easy to use drop down menus, nice interactive features and a good community calendar. I liked the digital paper feature too. Good work!

www.bolivarmonews.com

Sarah Hilton

2nd Place **Houston Herald**
Website allows readers to quickly access what they are looking for. Video has prominent space. Big banner ad is a plus for advertisers.

Houston Herald website

3rd Place **Springfield Business Journal**
A different look than typical newspaper websites. It is lively, well organized, easy to follow. The stock market scroll was a plus and very suited for this market.

SBJ.net

Geoff Pickle

Honorable Mention **The St. Louis American** stlamerican.com Ishmael Sistrunk and Kenya Vaughn
A lot of effort is put into this website! Plenty of content. Many ways for the reader to connect to the newspaper.

36 *Best Video* *Weeklies - Class 1 and 2* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **The Kearney Courier** Love is... Kevin Smith
This video offers a novel idea that makes one think and laugh at the same time. The variety of people surveyed was impressive.

2nd Place **The Clinton County Leader** Lathrop downs Plattsburg Brett Adkison
The video does a nice job of showing live action. The interview at the end gives context to the game that affords even the casual sports fan a sense of the importance of the game.

3rd Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press** Bolivar Woodcarvers Art Club Jessica Drews
This video has good action and information that allows readers to gain an appreciation for woodcarving in a way a photo or story would not otherwise.

36 *Best Video* *Weeklies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **The St. Louis American** Judge Jimmie Edwards Stellar Performer Rebecca Rivas
Truly well done story about a deserving subject! Great job on the balance between the interviews and the footage. Also your effort to gather video from different locations is appreciated by the viewer. Visual narrative context is excellent. What I love about this is that it is unpretentious, yet captures a compelling story. It did not require sophisticated equipment or exceptionally high technical skills to do it, but it did require journalistic drive to put it in action.

2nd Place **The St. Louis American** Gerald Early 2012 Lifetime Achiever in Rebecca Rivas
Really well done. Your video turned what could have been a really bland story into an enjoyable and visually rich piece.

3rd Place **The St. Louis American** George Allen released Rebecca Rivas
I struggled with this and the first-place piece in terms of news values as the release of a wrongly convicted man from prison is a rare occasion. Yes, the happening is rare, but the visual storytelling captured the scene of the release, which is great, but could have benefited from more context. Great job on capturing this special moment.

Honorable Mention **The St. Louis American** North City resident pushes back against Rebecca Rivas
I loved the topic and the execution of the piece at the scene, but felt that the storyteller could have provided some visually different situations other than just the interviews outside the house. It would have been great to walk inside the house with the journalist, it would have truly humanized the subject even more. Keep up the great work.

37 *Best Headline Writing* *Weeklies - Class 1, 2 and 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **The Kearney Courier**
Start to finish, the most consistent in creative headline writing.

2nd Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**
Very creative, nicely done.

3rd Place **The St. Louis American** Seniors get crafty with internet
Well thought out. Well done.

Honorable Mention **The Clinton County Leader**
Nicely done.

38 *General Excellence* *Dailies - Class 1 and 2* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Columbia Missourian**
Clean layouts, photography that tells stories, crisp writing and a good mix of news, features and government reporting. The only shortcoming is a lack of national and world news except in the sports section.

2nd Place Southeast Missourian

A good mix of local, state and national news with an emphasis on local. The paper makes good use of limited space. It is nicely organized, making stories easy to find.

3rd Place Sedalia Democrat

This newspaper makes good use of its news hole with a mix of local, state and national news. With the managing editor writing stories every day, it can be presumed that this excellent news product is produced with a small staff.

Honorable Mention Kirksville Daily Express

This newspaper does not use much color, but the staff shows you can produce a solid newspaper without a state-of-the-art printing press. The small newspapers are packed with a good news mix. The wires appear to be edited well to get the top stories in a small amount of space. The Progress Edition shows what the staff can do when it has the resources of color and space.

38 General Excellence Dailies - Class 3 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable**1st Place Springfield News-Leader**

These newspapers show what every publication in the industry should be doing – strong enterprise, strong visuals, strong storytelling. What pushed you over the edge: Your work to help readers navigate difficult situations, like child abuse, poverty and tornadoes. You’re on their side. You’re looking out for them. Bravo.

2nd Place The Kansas City Star.

All very solid editions, all beautifully designed. Good analysis on big national stories.

3rd Place Columbia Daily Tribune

Nice work making a navigable election follow. The big story on Obama is out there, but you’ve got all the important races as well. Good call on dropping the skybox down. Strong visual. Rudi Keller had a busy day ...

39 Best Front-to-Back Newspaper Design Dailies - Class 1, 2 and 3 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable**1st Place Joplin Globe**

Like the large print for obits. Like quote and verse of the day. Large, easy-to-read headlines. Great graduation spread. Great “Going Dutch” photo. Nice one-year anniversary spread.

2nd Place Springfield News-Leader

Great localized features. Nice, big colorful photos.

3rd Place The Kansas City Star.

Like the big, bold, crisp photos.

Honorable Mention Columbia Daily Tribune

Clean classifieds-great! Great "Back Against the Wall" article.

Honorable Mention Jefferson City News Tribune

Nice photos – “In Step” and “Believed to Repeat.”

40 Best Front Page Dailies - Class 1 and 2 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable**1st Place Southeast Missourian**

All A1 entries were extremely neat and clean. Each presented nice pops of color, i.e. the star graphic used for online information. Articles don’t look cluttered as the designer used a fair amount of white space between the articles, which made for attractive pages.

2nd Place Columbia Missourian

This entry also consisted of great-looking front pages. For the special sports A1, it was important to note where readers can find the news pages, which was done neatly on the front page. Great use of A1 art and graphics; good pops of color for each. The first and second-place winners were very close.

Southeast Missourian: Front page - Oct.

October 25, 28-29, 31

3rd Place **Daily Star-Journal** Best Front Page Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 The layout is somewhat clean, but more white space is needed between articles. There are some elements that stopped this paper from doing better. For example, "A community mourns" obviously grabs attention, however, the playful and cartoonish stock art on the left side of the pages takes away from that. I loved the insert of "legitimate" in one headline. The design of the blue pull quote box is distracting. I'm looking at the box more than the quote. (Sometimes there's too much happening and I'm not sure where to look.)

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

1st Place **The Kansas City Star.** Front Pages
 I especially like the clean design and use of graphics in the stories (A fiscal fight at cliff's edge and Getting the country 'going'). The ledes on the stories were excellent. I wouldn't change anything.

2nd Place **Jefferson City News Tribune** Best front page Anne Kettenbrink and Doug Waggoner
 I particularly liked the mix of national and local news on the cover. The use of the photos in "Millions without power" was good. I think the headlines could be bolder on the stories above the fold. Also liked the tease on the Oct. 21 issue.

3rd Place **St. Joseph News-Press** Best Front Page
 I liked the Oct. 31st issue. There is a good layout, balance of national and local news. I also like incorporating a photo into the mast in the other issues. The Oct. 23 issue simply has too much going on ... you don't know where to look first.

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader** Springfield News-Leader Front page
 The Oct. 1 and 28 issues were well designed. the use of graphics in the "Smurfers" was a bonus. There was too much going on in the Oct. 24 issue.

41 Best Breaking News Story Dailies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Daily Star-Journal** 2 hurt, 1 pinned Amanda Lubinski
 Very good reporting of a serious accident all in short order. Many people interviewed, almost surpassing what police must do at an accident scene. This was a very interesting story about a tragic incident that could have been far worse.

2nd Place **The Daily Statesman, Dexter** Fugitive Hunt Corey Noles
 Having been involved in a similar incident, these can turn tragic in an instant. The reporter did a fine job of relating the incident in a way that remained fresh over time.

3rd Place **The Marshall Democrat-News** Suspicious object prompts evacuation of Eric Crump
 Scary things like this happen in every community. This was especially well done. Basic reporting is evident here, well executed, nice presentation.

Honorable Mention **The Fulton Sun** Unannounced hazardous materials drill Don Norfleet
 Such drills are often cause for editors to say "Ho hum, not another one," but the scope of this drill was larger than similar incidents, and covered in a concise and understandable manner.

41 Best Breaking News Story Dailies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Lebanon Daily Record** Storms ravage south Lebanon Tammy Helm and Fines Massey
 Wonderful, complete coverage of an area reeling from a major storm. The stories give perspectives from all angles while telling the reader all the available facts. Insightful and high-impact.

2nd Place **Southeast Missourian** Murder charges filed Scott Moyers and Erin Ragan
 A fascinating story told perfectly. Writer gets right to the point and asks all the right questions, even if the answers were not available.

3rd Place **Hannibal Courier-Post** Chestnut fire Danny Henley
 Excellent job providing full coverage of the fire and how it developed, the battle facing firefighters and the emotions of the residents. Story is a great read and is exemplary of breaking-news reporting.

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian** Police: Striking of jobbers deliberate Scott Moyers
 Story goes behind the scenes to further develop an otherwise ordinary crime story. The writer keeps the reader engaged throughout.

41	Best Breaking News Story	Dailies - Class 3	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	The Kansas City Star.		Two Tragic Endings	Glenn E. Rice, Sam Mellinger, Randy Covitz, Adam Teicher and Sam McDowell
				Obviously this was a national story that happened in your community, but the team effort on this story provided a very comprehensive report, not just of the tragedy, but about what happened next.
2nd Place	Jefferson City News Tribune		Emotions erupt at hearing	Jeff Haldiman
3rd Place	Springfield News-Leader		Leap Day Tornado	
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Post-Dispatch		Glendale shootings	Christine Byers, Jesse Bogan and Elizabeth Holland

42	Best News Story	Dailies - Class 1	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	Daily Star-Journal		Anatomy of a legitimate thumping	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
				Smart reconstruction of the election and, really, a piece of quick-turnaround enterprise in the body of a news story. Good quotes and the story is nicely organized.
2nd Place	Daily Star-Journal		One headed to prison	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
				Nicely reported and constructed. The reporter also did a nice work adding the background, which is very important to this piece.
3rd Place	The Fulton Sun		Callaway sees pinch of medicine shortage	Katherine Cummins
				Good topic and smart to see this story. A few of the quotes read long.
Honorable Mention	The Daily Statesman, Dexter		Fugitive Hunt	Corey Noles
				Nice read. Some minor glitches hurt overall rating. Had it been clean, would have been in the top three.
Honorable Mention	The Daily Statesman, Dexter		Bath Salts	Corey Noles
				Dramatic and informative but it read a little long.

42	Best News Story	Dailies - Class 2	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	Columbia Missourian		Bill could increase penalty for causing	Erin Jones
				Deep look at the issue, the legislation, the impact on families and society. It is organized for clarity and easy reading. An excellent job of explaining cause and effect of the proposed law change.
2nd Place	Columbia Missourian		United Way mission change cuts funding	Ben Nadler
				Story shows impact with detailed reporting on each agency's situation in the wake of the priority change. Something worth reporting this thoroughly should be sourced only with interviews and not a news release. Overall, clarity, details and organization make this a winner.
3rd Place	Columbia Missourian		Obama addresses Joplin High's 2012	Katy Bergen
				Strong storytelling that uses multiple sources to take readers inside the Joplin graduation ceremony one year after a devastating tornado. Despite the headline, the story is about the community more than it is about Obama and that's good.
Honorable Mention	Lebanon Daily Record		Mortgage scam strikes local family	Ken York
				Insightful look at the anatomy of a mortgage scam, thanks to a very open victim. Narrative style is unusual in this type of reporting but it works. A cautionary tale.

42	Best News Story	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	The Kansas City Star.		Many Bullets, Little Blame	Christine Vendel
An amazing project that produced results. Christine Vendel should be applauded for her diligent reporting and clear, focused writing. The sourcing here are spectacular. This is watchdog at its best. Kudos also to the team that put together the visuals. The blurbs about the victims, the map and the display photos are all eye-catching.				
2nd Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch		Deadly force	Jennifer Mann
Beautiful job bringing a personal angle to senseless violence. The watchdog reporting here is first-rate.				
3rd Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch		Knockout Game	Todd C. Frankel
A careful, balanced look at a troubling issue. You really capture the challenge police and prosecutors face in dealing with this trend.				
Honorable Mention	Columbia Daily Tribune		Crime in Columbia	Brennan David
A really interesting analysis. Great job shining the light on yourself. This should be a lesson for any news organization.				

43	Best Feature Story	Dailies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	The Daily Statesman, Dexter		Harry Swinger	Noreen Hyslop
Wow! Moving story and yes it is great to get the stories of these veterans before they are gone. Although the story was quite long, I found myself immersed in it until the end. Excellent writing made that happen to bring this entry to the top.				
2nd Place	The Daily Statesman, Dexter		Barber Shop	Noreen Hyslop
Well written. Writer has a nice style which makes reading the story easy and enjoyable. A true feature story with good use of quotes. Noreen is an excellent writer. Wish I had someone like her on my staff!				
3rd Place	The Marshall Democrat-News		Seeking truth, finding peace: One man's	Sarah Reed
Very moving and inspirational story, well written narrative. You drew me in with the first paragraph and then the second paragraph brought a surprise which I wasn't expecting to read!				
Honorable Mention	The Daily Statesman, Dexter		Manlove Valentine	Noreen Hyslop
Loved this couple! I felt like I knew them when I got done reading. Excellent sentence structure made this story place in a very tough category with many good entries.				

43	Best Feature Story	Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Columbia Missourian		Douglass classmates' lives are	Anna Boiko-Weyrauch
Interesting topic about a unique perspective on desegregation. Great use of historical photos. Well written, researched.				
2nd Place	Columbia Missourian		Planned Parenthood escort protects the	Alison Matas
Very interesting topic. Highlights a volunteer group that most do not know about. Educational, insightful.				
3rd Place	Columbia Missourian		Second-generation immigrant struggles	Anthony Schick
Such an interesting, compelling topic. Thought-provoking. Well written. Effective use of photography.				
Honorable Mention	Camdenton Lake Sun		Legal plague	Amy Wilson
Fascinating theme. Educational. Well researched. Great use of personal input from those affected by the drug. Well done!				

43	Best Feature Story	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Columbia Daily Tribune		Sea Change	Caroline Dohack
Riveting. Compelling.				

2nd Place **The Kansas City Star.**
Touching and heartbreaking.

Gold Star Wife

Sarah Gish

3rd Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Wistful, sad but uplifting.

New journey

Todd C. Frankel

Honorable Mention **Jefferson City News Tribune**
A different view.

Puppies for Parole

Michelle Brooks

44 **Best News or Feature Series**

Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Kirkville Daily Express**

Excellent series of stories focused on the economy from local perspective. How are things on Main Street and in the local industries. Good photos, graphics, sidebars. Good overall look at how things stand in the local economy.

Local economy series

Jason Hunsicker and Taylor Muller

2nd Place **Daily Star-Journal**

Interesting package; well-written stories and good photos about the final hours of the legislative session. What passed, what didn't, comments from players.

State Coverage

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

3rd Place **Daily Star-Journal**

Compelling news/feature coverage of a crime that apparently had hard local impact. And the story's obviously not over. Good photos, good writing.

Whitworth

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Honorable Mention **The Daily Statesman, Dexter**

Well-done, emotional series accompanied by those involved in the tragedies.

Suicide Series

Noreen Hyslop and Corey Noles

44 **Best News or Feature Series**

Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Columbia Missourian**

Strong reporting with a big coloring of detail, well used multimedia and description. Each piece had its pull.

Against the Odds

2nd Place **Southeast Missourian**

An in-depth topic covered with context, intrigue and diverse sources. An intriguing read with strong factual basis.

NewsSeries-2011 Flood: A year later

Scott Moyers, Melissa Miller and Erin Ragan

3rd Place **Independence Examiner**

A compelling story that was well written and had great community context.

Big Switch

Adrienne DeWeese

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**

The level of in-depth reporting and anecdotal focus brought light to a difficult issue. Some pieces lacked consistency, but overall a strong series.

Project 573 - Mental illness

Katy Bergen, Ben Frederickson and Laura Kebede

44 **Best News or Feature Series**

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **The Kansas City Star.**

Far and away the best effort in a contest category of dizzying excellence. From hard-edged investigative reporting to photography, from wonderfully conceived and executed graphics to the goods on the beef industry's well-funded politics, the series shows how profits disingenuously trump consumer health and safety. Well paced and crisply told in every sense.

Beef's Raw Edges

Mike McGraw and Alan Bavley

2nd Place **The Kansas City Star.**

The Star's report on why urban shootings -- driven by drugs and gang grudges -- are so often ignored is excellent public service on two counts, taking on a problem affecting mostly minorities and exposing a flaw in law enforcement's commitment to prosecute difficult cases. And it paid dividends, with police and prosecutors planning a new push on shootings.

Many Bullets, Little Blame

Christine Vendel

3rd Place **The Kansas City Star.** Killer Love Mark Morris and Brian Burnes
 "Killer Love" raises storytelling to its zenith, bringing to life a love-sex-murder-police story with tractor-beam engagement and writing perfection. With words and images chosen with care, and brilliant illustrations that dripped with drama, emotion and intrigue, this was a series you just could not put down.

Honorable Mention **The Kansas City Star.** Union Perks and Pay Judy L. Thomas
 The reporting team left no stone unturned in documenting a union hierarchy that placed itself, and not its members, at the top of the enrichment scale.

45 **Best Editorial** **Dailies - Class 1** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Daily Star-Journal** Board awards job to one of their own Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Great editorial. Tells readers exactly how you feel.

2nd Place **Kirkville Daily Express** Nixon on tobacco Jason Hunsicker
 Strong editorial with great closing paragraph.

3rd Place **Daily Star-Journal** Text-driving charge targets 16-year-old Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Nice use of photo within editorial. Makes the editorial more personal.

Honorable Mention **Kirkville Daily Express** Rush and free speech Jason Hunsicker
 Strong editorial.

45 **Best Editorial** **Dailies - Class 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Sedalia Democrat** Inmate Labor Wrong Bob Satnan
 Editorials on very local issues help make community newspapers vital. These entries surely qualify. Getting to the primary point within the first two paragraphs, if not in the lead, would add power to the newspaper's editorial voice.

2nd Place **Independence Examiner** Political shenanigans divide Eastern Jeff Fox
 Outrage is evident in this editorial about gerrymandered congressional districts. Description of the new districts could have been easier to digest.

3rd Place **Hannibal Courier-Post** Tom Sawyer Days site Danny Henley
 Good summary of an ongoing local issue that raises a host of appropriate questions. A preferred alternative would have strengthened this editorial.

Honorable Mention **Hannibal Courier-Post** Another warning system Danny Henley
 Advice about who should use this early warning system makes this editorial stand out. Description of expenses could have been clearer.

45 **Best Editorial** **Dailies - Class 3** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **The Kansas City Star.** Radical Tactics
 Editorial sets the scene, identifies the issues and then takes a stand. It does all of this in clear, concise language.

2nd Place **The Kansas City Star.** Kansas Budget
 This editorial is well written and well reasoned. It suffers, however, without proposing a solution, instead outlining a list of dismal possibilities.

3rd Place **Springfield News-Leader** State neglecting children David Stoeffler
 An interesting angle -- comparing the state's decisions on children's services to a negligent parent. Lots of facts to back up the premise.

2nd Place **St. Joseph News-Press**
The columnist admitted he changed his mind on the recreation center and offered pros and cons.

New REC Center signals progress and Steve Booher

3rd Place **St. Joseph News-Press**
Mental health issues need to be in the forefront of media coverage, and this column accomplishes that.

A bitter pill to swallow Alonzo Weston

Honorable Mention **The Kansas City Star.**
Well done.

Mary Sanchez Columns Mary Sanchez

47-F Best Feature Photo

Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Daily Star-Journal**
This is a great photo. I love the calmness of the young child holding the reptile and the young boy looking up at her. What a nice moment to capture.

Cuddles Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

2nd Place **Daily Star-Journal**
The photo is a nice candid shot of a child hiding behind a post. The photo could have been first-place if it was taken closer. The child seems too far away.

Lampost Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

3rd Place **The Daily Statesman, Dexter**
The cropping of this image is great. It's very in your face and the people are crisp. I only wish we could see more of what the child was doing.

Banding Birds Noreen Hyslop

47-F Best Feature Photo

Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**
Two photos in one -- the demolition captured on the window and the man watching the work being done -- combine for a powerful result.

Demolition watcher Danny Henley

2nd Place **Columbia Missourian**
Anyone who can get 17 dogs to sit still while he is taking their photo deserves a prize. And the perfect, drill team formation is great.

Doggy Drill Team group portrait Kayla Kauffman

3rd Place **Lebanon Daily Record**
There's a certain, almost Norman Rockwell quality to this photo -- check the expressions on the face of the rider and the men in the ring, as well as the sort of snickering teen behind the fence.

Cowboy Up! Julie Turner-Crawford

Honorable Mention **Hannibal Courier-Post**
All skateboarders do their own thing, and this photo is a perfect representation of that.

Skateboarder Danny Henley

47-F Best Feature Photo

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**
What a wonderful photo! From the eagle taking flight, to the looks on the kids' faces, the expression on the keeper's face... the entire story is here in one shot.

A dream takes flight Matthew Cavanah

2nd Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Another great shot that, again, tells a story in one shot. Very touching.

Woman at grave Dean Curtis

3rd Place **Joplin Globe**
The emotion is palpable and the shot is obviously spontaneous. Good job!

Tearful Memories T. Rob Brown

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader**
The little girl's face is priceless. Again, a beautiful, emotional shot.

Girl hugs dog

Valerie Mosley

47-N Best News Photo

Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Daily Star-Journal**
A well-timed photo: The exact moment of a gun being drawn. Others are pointing rifles and on the alert. You could sense the drama and tenseness of the standoff.

Standoff

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

2nd Place **Daily Star-Journal**
Good emotions in this shot. You could feel the hug. Photographer also got close enough to capture what was happening.

A community mourns (sidebars)

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

3rd Place **Daily Star-Journal**
Good timing with the copter coming in for a landing. Well cropped so it's a strong horizontal.

Without seat belts, people go flying

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Honorable Mention **Daily Star-Journal**
A dramatic house fire with lots of flames. Interesting night lighting which still allows you to see the firefighters.

House fire

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

47-N Best News Photo

Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Columbia Missourian**
The grief conveyed by the body language of these women is palpable. The viewer truly can feel the emotions.

Friends react to friend's death

Grant Hindsley

2nd Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**
Nice composition, including the birds' shadows on the building.

Pigeon problem

Danny Henley

3rd Place **Columbia Missourian**
Grieving people, against a backdrop of what has caused them that grief, makes for a powerful photo.

Fire

Emma Kessinger

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**
Your heart breaks just looking at this photo and the emotion it captured.

Funeral

Alyssa Goodman

47-N Best News Photo

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Without a word, we know the story, one we've all tried to capture, but this one with success. Tight cropping, sharp focus and excellent lighting made the man's face reflect his feeling.

Child on bus

Dean Curtis

2nd Place **The Kansas City Star.**
This is the picture that tells the story of election night. Great available lighting, tight cropping and mix of subjects. Great camera angle.

Obama Wins

David Eulitt

3rd Place **Joplin Globe**
Use of telephoto lens, nice camera angle and cropping made this an image that portrays a people united against disaster. The image shows the theme in a terrific way.

Walk of Unity

Roger Nomer

Honorable Mention **Jefferson City News Tribune**
Nice use of color, low camera angle and sharp focus on the boy bring out the awe, honor and wonder he feels surrounded by uniforms of the armed forces.

Attention Kid

Kris Wilson

Honorable Mention Columbia Daily Tribune

Forever Missed

August Kryger

47-I Best Photo Illustration

Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place Daily Star-Journal
Creative and comedic illustration of a serious topic.

Cyberbully

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

2nd Place Kirksville Daily Express
Cool and fun cover idea.

Avengers

Jason Hunsicker

3rd Place Daily Star-Journal
Very interruptive.

Message in a Bottle

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

47-I Best Photo Illustration

Dailies - Class 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place Columbia Missourian
Simple, graphic, well-composed.

Where the good things grow

Leah Beane

2nd Place The Kansas City Star.
Good job matching shadows. The cow seems to think the chair is a relative.

Leather Chair

Keith Myers

3rd Place Columbia Daily Tribune
Ouch!

Passing the torch

August Kryger

Honorable Mention St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Nice job!

Our picks for the best books of 2012

Erik Lunsford

47-S Best Sports Photo

Dailies - Class 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place Columbia Missourian
Love the juxtaposition of the sky full of confetti against the sea of yellow shirts, and the focus on one player.

Confetti released at announcement of

Nick Agro

2nd Place Columbia Missourian
Not your usual sports photo, but so realistic you can hear the roar.

Brody the Kodiak bear

Andrew Mitchell

3rd Place Lebanon Daily Record
The photo lives up to the headline -- it looks wild.

LHS FALLS IN WILD GAME

Isreal Potoczny

Honorable Mention Columbia Missourian
Nice feature shot.

Kayak - Rob Walker practices eskimo rolls

Rachel English

47-S Best Sports Photo

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place The Kansas City Star.
Sometimes the action isn't always on the playing field, as Mr. Sleezer proves in this pretty much perfect shot. Framing's right, lighting's right, expressions classic. A priceless moment he had the presence of mind to seize.

Homerun Derby

John Sleezer

2nd Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
The classic win-frame, at just the right moment. You can feel the joy leaping right out at you.

The Cards win the NLDS

Chris Lee

3rd Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
The shot says it all!

Safe at Home!

Chris Lee

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Yet another Wow shot.

NCAA championship

Chris Lee

48 *Best Photo Package*

Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Daily Star-Journal**
Package is extremely evocative of the event, so much so the reader regrets not having gone, if they did miss it.

The Johnson County Fair

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

2nd Place **Daily Star-Journal**
Part scary, part funny, part delightful. Again, another evocative package out of Warrensburg.

Halloween Scenes

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

3rd Place **Daily Star-Journal**
And another Warrensburg! It'd say it was a good year for them.

UCM Homecoming 2012

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Honorable Mention **The Marshall Democrat-News**
Great photos. Just wish there were more of them.

Marshall pallet warehouse destroyed by

Sarah Reed

48 *Best Photo Package*

Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Columbia Missourian**
Great composition and very good layout made this submission a clear winner. The one thing missing? The bird in flight.

Flight School

Nick Agro

2nd Place **Columbia Missourian**
Captured the excitement among the young fans of a football game. Good composition.

Gameday!

Jaime Henry-White, Kile Brewer and Stuart Palley

3rd Place **Lebanon Daily Record**
Very nice work on a tough assignment. You could feel the excitement/terror of the kids as they came off the chute.

Cowboy Up!

Julie Turner-Crawford

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**
Innovative use of local photojournalism. More behind the scenes pictures could have captured the exhaustion in every campaign trail.

The Trail: 19th Senatorial District

Naveen Mahadevan

48 *Best Photo Package*

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **The Kansas City Star.**
Great in-depth coverage. The access granted really shed light on the industry.

Beef

Keith Myers

2nd Place **The Kansas City Star.**
Great photos and a heartwarming story. I especially like the one inside the plane from above while still on the ground.

Paw Pilot

Allison Long

3rd Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Nice photographs and full coverage of an important story. Maybe would have placed higher if more concise.

Poverty Series

Valerie Mosley

Honorable Mention **The Kansas City Star.**
Great use of a retro-look to the photographs.

Metcalf

David Eulitt

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune**
Nice photos and layout, both worked well together in this entry.

City Crops

Ryan Henriksen

49-A Best Ad Idea- Promotion of Advertiser

Dailies - Class 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Joplin Globe**
A great way to meld promotion of local businesses with community outreach. This section has the look and feel of an editorial piece, helping the advertiser reach an audience without appearing in a strictly advertising section. I liked the decision to allow advertisers to write about some of their own heroes.

2012 American Red Cross "Who is Your

Brian Huntley and Julie Damer

2nd Place **The Kansas City Star.**

Hendrick 8-page ad section

Robin Langdon, Jan Dumay and Mike Fitzgerald

3rd Place **Joplin Globe**

Boarding Pass to History - Titanic Game

Brian Huntley, Dave Woods and Jennifer Gregory

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune**

Bank of Missouri

Display Staff

49-N Best Ad Idea- Promotion of Newspaper

Dailies - Class 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **West Plains Daily Quill**
Ingenious concept. I found this compelling despite not even knowing the area. I can imagine that locals would find the photos and accompanying information very interesting. Way to engage readers and create a sense of community with them!

Times Past 2013

Carla Bean, Vicki Johnson, Vicky Rutter, Darla Evins and Sharon Essary

2nd Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**
Everybody loves a cute dog, especially one staring lovingly up at its owner. Seeing it with the iPad in its mouth just put the cute and clever quotient over the top. Also, good job of building the excitement with readers in the following pages.

Tribune web App promotional series

Marketing Staff

3rd Place **Columbia Missourian**
Great concept and design. Very inventive and clever. I love how it's carried through in the complete design of the page.

Now seen on every screen

Honorable Mention **Sedalia Democrat**
Seeing your editorial team and reading about their awards gives a sense of credibility while also giving readers a sense of knowing them, much like is done with broadcast news teams. Good concept.

Good journalists recognize great

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune**
Compelling design and nice job of engaging readers about the new delivery modes.

Subscriber Upgrade Promotion

Marketing Department

50 Community Service

Dailies - Class 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Sedalia Democrat**
Excellent twist on a common story around the country -- getting fit and the impacts of not being fit. Great to have first-person involvement. Great photos and display of the project. Impressive way to get citizens involved with the newspaper.

Healthy U

2nd Place **Columbia Missourian** Silence the Violence
 Interesting experiment in multimedia presentation of a current event. Involved people with the medium(s?); got faces and names out there.

3rd Place **Sedalia Democrat** Downtown in Focus
 A good series of stories about a common problem facing cities. Fine writing, interesting variety of stories, angles; well presented. Excellent photos.

Honorable Mention **Daily Star-Journal** Without seat belts, people go flying Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Well-done series focusing on tragedies that often could be avoided. Good use of headlines to stress the point and maintain the momentum of the theme.

50 Community Service Dailies - Class 3 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Springfield News-Leader** Making a difference in the life of Every
 Sometimes a community finds itself in a place where it knows it is falling apart and, yet, does not know what to do to begin recovery. It is in that absence of action that a newspaper can become a catalyst of change. That is what the Springfield News Leader has done - superbly - with its series. The writers are direct, the stories told powerful, the message clear - no one will be coming to the rescue - if the community wants to end the pattern of poverty, neglect and violence, it has to do it itself. And then the newspaper takes action - moving from telling stories to bringing about change. Small steps that can lead to great things. This was an outstanding example of community journalism that will

2nd Place **The Kansas City Star.** Many Bullets, Little Blame Christine Vendel

3rd Place **The Kansas City Star.** Childhood Hunger Laura Bauer and Mara' Rose Williams

Honorable Mention **Jefferson City News Tribune** Blair Oaks - Road to the Dome Tom Rackers, Tony Hawley, Krissy Tripp, Stephen Brooks, Kris Wilson and Julie Smith

51 Best Editorial Pages Dailies - Class 1 and 2 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Lebanon Daily Record** EDITORIAL PAGES

2nd Place **Sedalia Democrat** Sedalia Democrat Bob Satnan

3rd Place **Southeast Missourian** Editorial pages Lucas Presson

Honorable Mention **Daily Star-Journal** Editorial Pages Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

51 Best Editorial Pages Dailies - Class 3 Title of Entry, If Applicable Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Springfield News-Leader** Springfield News-Leader editorial pages
 Very reader inviting and friendly page. Love the agenda items. Really nice job.

2nd Place **The Kansas City Star.** Best Editorial Pages
 Nice looking pages and strong editorials.

3rd Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune**

Columbia Daily Tribune Editorial Pages

52 **Best Sports Pages**

Dailies - Class 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Independence Examiner**

March 10/September 1/October 20

Karl Zinke, Shawn Garrison and Bill Althaus

Great uses of color. I enjoyed the use of color logos and graphics when giving scores in game stories. Also enjoyed the quote of the day and star of the day additions to each issue. Nice layouts.

2nd Place **Southeast Missourian**

Southeast Missourian Sports: Jan. 27,

Liked the balance and pictures. The volleyball section especially stood out. Great pic of the player of the year and the inside pages with player pics and bios was fun to look at and read.

3rd Place **Columbia Missourian**

March 2-3, October 5-6, November 9-10

What grabbed me most about this entry was the photos. The wheelchair basketball pics and story was great. Also enjoyed the rodeo picture and the photo of the gymnast turned diver.

52 **Best Sports Pages**

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**

Columbia Daily Tribune Sports Pages

All of the entries were excellent. In this one the layout caught my eye as well as the diversity of the coverage.

2nd Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

Post-Dispatch pages

Great job on the no-hitter story. Excellent use of photos. Liked the layout and agate.

3rd Place **The Kansas City Star.**

Best Sports Pages

Excellent coverage of the all-star game. Plenty of high quality stories. Enjoyed the layout.

53 **Best Sports News Story or Package**

Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Daily Star-Journal**

Bull busts cap on cowboy

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Nice lead, writing bring event to the reader. Good photos contribute to interesting entry.

2nd Place **The Fulton Sun**

Ebersole breaks out, Lady Hornets blank Josh Mosley

Good story about how player's effort affected the outcome. Good game story.

3rd Place **The Fulton Sun**

Pae-off / Fulton junior rolls to Class 2 Ryan Boland

Good story about wrestler's trip to championship. Lead had good intentions but a bit of a stretch.

53 **Best Sports News Story or Package**

Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Columbia Missourian**

Road Trip - SEC

Excellent guide. Strong visuals and fantastic design. Stories are interesting and helpful to fans. Nice work.

2nd Place **Sedalia Democrat**

Muddied and bloodied

Seth Stringer

Great headline treatment for the centerpiece here. Seth Stringer's story offers analysis and reflection. Good job on cross-linking other elements in the section.

3rd Place **Camdenton Lake Sun**
Good job on your racing centerpiece. A safety story that got people talking. Nice watchdog angle.

Shootout safety

Ben Peters

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian**
Solid page design and eye-catching photos.

Senior setback

Marty Mishow and Scott Roscovius

53 **Best Sports News Story or Package**

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **The Kansas City Star.**

The coverage from all of the entries on the Big 12 tournament was outstanding. The job done by the crew at the Kansas City Star stood out. Missouri leaving the conference for the SEC was big news and winning the tournament deserved the coverage it received from everyone.

MU Wins Big 12

Kent Babb, Sam Mellinger and Terez A. Paylor

2nd Place **The Kansas City Star.**

The tragic events surrounding the Chiefs had to be tough to deal with. But the group that worked on these stories did a wonderful job with a very tough subject.

Two Tragic Endings

Glenn E. Rice, Sam Mellinger, Randy Covitz, Adam Teicher, Sam McDowell and Pete Grathoff

3rd Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**

More great coverage of Missouri in the Big 12 tournament. The crew involved did a great job.

The best for last/It was a sight for sore

Joe Walljasper, Steve Walentik and David Briggs

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune**

Interesting subject and a nice story on a sport off the beaten path. Well done.

Let's roll

Nic Halverson

54 **Best Sports Feature Story**

Dailies - Class 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Columbia Missourian**

This was such a wonderful story. When you think about feature writing for sports, this story is what you want. Insightful. Interesting. A pleasure to read.

Renowned Olympics historian

Sarah Bricker

2nd Place **Columbia Missourian**

Great story. Enjoyed so much of the background information. Made me feel like I really got to know the subject.

Earnest Ross

Brendan Meyer

3rd Place **Southeast Missourian**

Took a tough situation and dealt with it very well. Not easy for the team and program but great to get the word out.

Delta dilemma

Scott Roscovius

Honorable Mention **Sedalia Democrat**

Well done. Certainly not an easy subject to deal with but story captured the emotion.

Running on a full heart

Eric Ingles

54 **Best Sports Feature Story**

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

1. Enjoyable and informative piece made better by author's restraint and ability to allow the material, his observations and the voices to carry the story. There's no clutter and no feeling that Goid is "trying" to write. The storytelling connects on every level.

Matheny Manifesto

Derrick Goid

2nd Place **The Kansas City Star.**

2. A beautifully reported reconstruction and a fascinating story. There are moments of brilliance in the writing but the piece went into print desperately needing a trim. There's too just much material in the middle sections.

Grasping for Answers

Kent Babb

3rd Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

3. A carefully constructed piece of writing that allows the reporting and the voices to do the heavy lifting. This is good feature writing not made overly complicated.

Red-blooded

Dan O'Neill

Honorable Mention **The Kansas City Star.** Concussions: Alarming Trend Blair Kerkhoff
 4. Solid and well-constructed. The reporter did a good job getting close to the family. The only quibble was length. Could have made the top three with a trim.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** Curve Derrick Goold
 Goold does a really nice job recreating the intersection of these two lives from the single moment.

55 *Best Sports Columnist* *Dailies - Class 1 and 2* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **Independence Examiner** Despite kinks, MSHSAA has made Shawn Garrison
 Shawn Garrison provides insight on local sports not found in stories or anywhere else. He displays maturity in his writing and likes all sports, not just ball sports. Readers can tell he connects with the athletes he covers.

2nd Place **Independence Examiner** Experience in net brings new Bill Althaus
 Bill Althaus does a good job of bringing his readers with him on his adventures as a sports writer, whether it is the smell of a hockey bag or being a half-time goalie. He doesn't just cover sports. He experiences them too.

3rd Place **Hannibal Courier-Post** Hall of Fame series, Dec. 27 Jason Farmer
 Jason Farmer has a sound writing tone that keeps the interest of the readers. I like his insight on his Hall of Fame choices.

Honorable Mention **Trenton Republican-Times** The Way We Were/Walk To Seth Herrold
 Seth Herrold does a fine job of keeping his column local. He is an emerging talent.

55 *Best Sports Columnist* *Dailies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **The Kansas City Star.** Sam Mellinger Columns Sam Mellinger
 Writer did a nice job covering a variety of topics, from track stars to NFL coaching personalities to a rare story on a local MLB umpire.

2nd Place **Jefferson City News Tribune** Press Box Tony Hawley
 Good opinion. Covered a variety of topics.

3rd Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** Bernie Miklasz Bernie Miklasz
 Nice writing style. Good professional sports coverage.

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

56 *Best Special Section* *Dailies - Class 1* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1st Place **The Marshall Democrat-News** Agriculture: The Magazine 2012 Marcia Gorrell
 Great section covering Agriculture. Clean layout and great use of photos.

2nd Place **The Marshall Democrat-News** She Magazine Spring 2012 Women of Sarah Reed
 Very nice publication featuring women. Photos and layout pulled you in and had a good flow throughout.

3rd Place **Kirkville Daily Express** By the numbers Jason Hunsicker, Taylor Muller, Ashley Jost, Joshua Rizzo and Bud Schrader
 Great Progress section.

Honorable Mention	Daily Star-Journal	Wonder Burg	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia, Jack Matthew Ventimigia and Brandy Smith
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56	Best Special Section	Dailies - Class 2	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	Columbia Missourian		Columbia's Kids	
2nd Place	Camdenton Lake Sun		Veterans	Camdenton Lake Sun
3rd Place	Columbia Missourian		College Town	

56	Best Special Section	Dailies - Class 3	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	The Kansas City Star. In a competition dominated by solid sports special sections, this tasty and superbly organized food section stands out. The creative layout includes a consistent format, wonderful photographs and well-written, reader-friendly articles. Includes lots of variety, is very informative and just a lot of fun.		The Food Issue	Jill Wendholt Silva, Cindy Hoedel, Mary G. Pepitone, Tammy Ljungblad and Barbara Kramlinger
2nd Place	The Kansas City Star. A superb section as is, it is ever more impressive considering most of it was completed on deadline. Provides Jayhawks fans with everything they'd want to know about the championship game run. Lots of organized stats/graphics, great action photos and solid story telling.		Championship Game	
3rd Place	The Kansas City Star. The gambling theme is a creative approach and is consistently followed throughout the section without feeling forced. Lots of good statistics and background information. Interesting, well-written features - though some were a bit long. Nice photography.		Football 2012	
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Solid section offering Cardinals' fans a lot of information in an organized fashion. The Pro-Con series of stories is creative and thought-provoking. A very nice "September to Remember" feature. Not thrilled with the headlines in the photos.		Cards preview	

57	Best Investigative Reporting	Dailies - Class 1 and 2	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	Columbia Missourian Nice job examining the evidence in a court case that didn't take place. The reporters worked to get depositions, motions, exhibits and legal responses to questions to find out more about the fatal gas explosion that was settled out of court. Great work.		Home explosion/Ameren UE	Caroline Michler and Ben Nadler
2nd Place	Columbia Missourian This story of the tragic shooting of a black man required the reporter talk to many family members. It is well told and raises concerns about the distrust among families and the police. This is worthwhile storytelling. Good work.		A murder unanswered	Josh Barone
3rd Place	Columbia Missourian Reporting included multiple sources and review of some of the documents in the alleged sexual assault case of a university basketball player. The reader is given a good deal of information, but it is put in context and shows the reporters' work to investigate.		Title IX	Ben Nadler and Brendan Meyer
Honorable Mention	Columbia Missourian Very good investigative story that tells readers why police don't report non-injury accidents through the eyes of one man who had an accident and was left in the ditch without a ticket or report issued by the police. Nice to see the city reconsidering its decision.		Police Department's no-report policy	Bobby Watson

57	Best Investigative Reporting	Dailies - Class 3	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1st Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Really amazing story in a very tough category. Fine work		Environmental subsidies	Jeremy Kohler and Tim Logan

2nd Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
A universal topic that was so interesting .. and overlooked by many. Very nice work.

Death on the Rails

Todd C. Frankel

3rd Place **The Kansas City Star.**
Great job. Strong emotion

Many Bullets, Little Blame

Christine Vendel

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

Firefighter pensions

Jeremy Kohler and David Hunn

58 **Best Local Business Coverage**

Dailies - Class 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**
Beautiful presentation, innovative coverage ideas and page layouts. Loved the humor injected, as well as guessing the business.

Local Business coverage/Saturday

2nd Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Interesting mix of stories and eye-catching layouts. Well-written headlines

Post-Dispatch

3rd Place **The Kansas City Star.**
Compelling stories, nice layout with graphics and photos.

Local Business Coverage

Honorable Mention **West Plains Daily Quill**
Good articles; could be better visually.

Business page coverage, June 7, 14, 28

59 **Best Business Story**

Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **The Fulton Sun**
I'm ready to go there and enjoy a piece of pizza. Neat story. Often such stories are the bane of a reporter, although necessary to our well being. To top off this award, the owner should cut out the story and post it on his wall.

The Brooklyn way: Pizzeria brings taste of

Katherine Cummins

2nd Place **The Daily Statesman, Dexter**
Everybody loves a barber shop story. This is a saga of a local celeb, nicely done. In smaller towns, such a story ranks equally with change in government or passing of a town patriarch. Good job.

Charlie Parrish

Noreen Hyslop

3rd Place **The Fulton Sun**
Nice treatment of the selling of a local business. I was hooked from the first paragraph, and that's what it takes to make a reader into a believer.

22 Owner of Jinx Books looks to sell

Katherine Cummins

Honorable Mention **The Daily Statesman, Dexter**
Such accounts chronicle part of the coming and going of folks in middle America. This was such a story that was well done.

Webers Candy

Noreen Hyslop

59 **Best Business Story**

Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Columbia Missourian**
Excellent story on how complicated financial decisions can impact ordinary Americans. Clear and compelling writing with all the elements in the right place.

After foreclosures

Walker Moskop

2nd Place **Columbia Missourian**
Very fun read on how creating your own business can consume your life. Engaging writing.

Brothers began egg business

Stephen Johnson

3rd Place **Lebanon Daily Record**
Clever writing and subject matter. Good business feature.

'You can grow those things in Missouri?' Julie Turner-Crawford

Honorable Mention **Sedalia Democrat**
Good story that could have used a stronger nut graph to give the effort context.

Home-grown adventure Bob Satnan

59 **Best Business Story**

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **The Kansas City Star.**
Fantastic package on an overlooked industry never far from our plates. Great anecdotes of real people. Very strong graphics and other complimentary visual pieces. Thoroughly, concisely reported. A real eye-opener.

Beef's Raw Edges Mike McGraw and Alan Bavley

2nd Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Nice profile of two high-profile figures who have fallen. Good human elements mixed in with a thorough vetting of their financial position. A good read.

Roberts brothers Tim Logan

3rd Place **The Kansas City Star.**
One of those stories you just keep reading. The front-page graphic is outstanding - sure to draw in anyone who takes even a few seconds to look at the page. Once they move to the story, they are not disappointed.

Boilermaker Perks and Pay Judy L. Thomas

Honorable Mention **The Kansas City Star.**
Another strong profile. Sometimes, the very public figures can be the toughest to write profiles of, but strong narrative elements and good details carry this one.

Cerner CEO Scott Canon

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
It tackles burgeoning issue by tracking down three siblings who had to make tough, end-of-life decisions about their mom - a great way to get readers into what could otherwise be a dry topic.

Care Quandary Jim Doyle

60 **Best Coverage of Government**

Dailies - Class 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Columbia Missourian**
The Columbia Missourian's coverage of the debate over enhanced enterprise zones was by far the most in-depth and informative of the many strong entries in government coverage this year. The newspaper did a masterful job of taking both sides of the issue and presenting them in an easy-to-understand and balanced way, while managing to keep the reader interested and not bogged down with endless facts and figures.

Enhanced Enterprise Zone

2nd Place **Daily Star-Journal**
The Warrensburg Daily Star-Journal took a unique approach and did a great job of making an important day the focus of much coverage from a variety of angles. While it dealt with the final day of the legislative session, the reporting was clearly done over a period of time and the issues outlined were developed over the session, not just the final day.

Last day of the leg. session Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

3rd Place **Independence Examiner**
Ms. DeWeese did a great job of providing the reader with informative articles on a range of topics that were both timely and detail-driven. Her presentation of the issues was complemented by her ability to get solid quotes that added life to the stories.

Animal Shelter Adrienne DeWeese and Jeff Fox

Honorable Mention **West Plains Daily Quill**
The staff at the West Plains Daily Quill deserve an honorable mention for their coverage of the city's debate over a charter form of government. The approach of providing short, informative articles that addressed recent developments in the changes to the city government were easy and enjoyable to read. The reporting didn't have the depth of some of the other entries, but staff at the Quill have a lot to be proud of in their government coverage at a small newspaper.

Charter

60 **Best Coverage of Government**

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **The Kansas City Star.**
This was a very comprehensive overview of election choices from the national down to local races. Very balanced, presented in straightforward format that voters of all experience and knowledge levels would find helpful.

Election 2012 Dave Helling, Steve Kraske, Diane Stafford, Lynn Horsley and Jason Hancock

2nd Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**

mamtek Coverage Rudi Keller

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**
Well written and highly descriptive. Good selection of direct quotes. Nicely balanced overall.

Missouri's vineyard owners

Zachary Matson

62 **Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture**

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place

Joplin Globe

Libraries are often the unseen resource in small communities. When finances get tight, they are usually the first to see the budget-cutting ax. Good job showing not only why this is happening, but what it means to the communities that are losing " or are about to lose " these valuable resources.

The Last Chapter

Roger McKinney

2nd Place

The Kansas City Star.

Small-Town Collision

Donald Bradley

3rd Place

Joplin Globe

Weathering the drought

Andra Bryan Stefanoni

Honorable Mention

The Kansas City Star.

Child Labor on Farms

Rick Montgomery

63 **Best Story About Religion**

Dailies - Class 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place

The Daily Statesman, Dexter

Nice lead!

Mission Trip

Noreen Hyslop

2nd Place

Columbia Missourian

Great lead! A bit repetitive in the beginning (when his occupation was mentioned), but nice overall!

Chinese Christian pastor

Jennifer Liu

3rd Place

Columbia Missourian

A snippet about the church itself before making the transition to the paragraph about its owners would've tied the lead and body together. But good job overall!

Son Riders Motorcycle Church

Alli Inglebright and Jessica Salmond

Honorable Mention

The Marshall Democrat-News

Good job!

St. Peter Pieta statue finds new life, new

Maggie Menderski

63 **Best Story About Religion**

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place

Joplin Globe

Excellent creativity on behalf of the editorial staff to collaborate three works under a single headline! Each piece of the puzzle was well written with an emphasis on local importance, but added a connection to both regional and national coverage. The hard facts of the fire were balanced well with the human softer side of faith. Reached a very diverse audience.

Wave of hate

Roger McKinney and Jeff Lehr

2nd Place

St. Joseph News-Press

This is a strong story laced with facts, history, people and warmth. Well written; makes the reader want to be a part of such a celebration.

Rural church honors traditions

Ken Newton

3rd Place

The Kansas City Star.

Very strong and moving article on a sensitive subject. Authors provide a detailed review of the verdict and a wonderfully balanced human side in the collective coverage of this topic.

KC Bishop Guilty

Mark Morris, Judy L. Thomas and Lynn Horsley

Honorable Mention

Columbia Daily Tribune

Great local topic with national connections. Nice balanced reporting with interview comments from local pastors and action readers can take away.

Pastors shepherd flock through delicate

Aarik Danielsen

64	<i>Best Story About Education</i>	<i>Dailies - Class 1</i>	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Daily Star-Journal		Discipline raises issue of fairness	
Nice work on getting a national expert to comment on a complex subject. I'd like to have this reporter covering education in my community.				
2nd Place	Daily Star-Journal		Duct tape discipline	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Persistence in reporting highly evident with this story. Balanced account of difficult issue and an alleged, demeaning means of discipline. Reporter has good measure of educational beat in this community.				
3rd Place	Kirkville Daily Express		Social media	Taylor Muller
Good coverage of a critical and time sensitive issue.				
Honorable Mention	Daily Star-Journal		Cyberbully	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Nice tips and things parents need to think about.				

64	<i>Best Story About Education</i>	<i>Dailies - Class 2</i>	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Columbia Missourian		Core standards stress deeper learning	Shaina Cavazos
Good writing with strong opening paragraphs that pulled me into the article. Good presentation of information in an easily understood format. Good flow to writing style, which was especially important given the length of the article.				
2nd Place	Columbia Missourian		'Cradle to Career' Coalition	Elizabeth Scheltens
Nicely written; I had a clear sense of what the World Cafe is trying to accomplish. Good use of bullet points (wish more articles had them) to cull out points of emphasis.				
3rd Place	Columbia Missourian		A year later, Benton Elementary	Caitlyn Kolakowski and Elizabeth Scheltens
Just an overall well written article with good structure and continuity.				
Honorable Mention	Columbia Missourian		Core standards address lack of student charts and graphs. But writing was solid and presented the information in an engaging manner.	Shaina Cavazos
This was a surprise. When I opened the file, I thought this would be a dry article, an assumption I based on the charts and graphs. But writing was solid and presented the information in an engaging manner.				

64	<i>Best Story About Education</i>	<i>Dailies - Class 3</i>	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	St. Louis Beacon		Clayton High, Response to picketing by	Dale Singer
2nd Place	The Kansas City Star.		The Queen	Joe Robertson
3rd Place	Columbia Daily Tribune		Teacher tensions	Catherine Martin
Honorable Mention	Jefferson City News Tribune		JCPS continue work developing	Bob Watson

65	<i>Best Story About the Outdoors</i>	<i>Dailies - Class 1</i>	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	The Marshall Democrat-News		Mo. Conservation Department fosters	Maggie Menderski
Nice feature story about froggin' with good photos, good quotes and notes about the activity. Nice lead!				

Honorable Mention Daily Star-Journal History Unleashed Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Excellent job telling the story of the Rebel Legislature in Missouri and a central figure, George Vest. From the story to the timeline to the story of the nearly-lost history, the writer gives readers a great package of history that will itself stand the test of time.

66	Best Story About History	Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Columbia Missourian		Douglass classmates' lives	Anna Boiko-Weyrauch
2nd Place	Independence Examiner		The Buck Stops Here...	Adrienne DeWeese
3rd Place	Independence Examiner		Rocket Man	Jeff Martin
Honorable Mention	Sedalia Democrat		A different kind of broadcasting	Latisha Koetting

66	Best Story About History	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Joplin Globe		Fact finding	Wally Kennedy
Very interesting local story bringing the history of the Titanic disaster to life through descendants of the tragedy. Sidebars and links to website combine to make this a great historical piece.				
2nd Place	The Kansas City Star.		New Madrid Disaster	Donald Bradley
Timely piece on the earthquake anniversary. Good local feature and historical account combined, along with the question of can it happen again?				
3rd Place	Joplin Globe		Pittsburg man recalls lifetime at park	Andra Bryan Stefanoni
All of Stefanoni's work on the Roaring River should have been combined into one entry as a series and sidebars. Good job of attacking the history of the park and the work of the CCC from several different angles.				
Honorable Mention	Joplin Globe		It's personal	Wally Kennedy
Excellent local story which ties in the tornado disaster with the town's history. Not as far-reaching as the entries which placed higher but well written nonetheless.				
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Post-Dispatch		Civil Rights	Doug Moore
6th graders learning about the events surrounding the death of Martin Luther King Junior! What a field trip! Very good historical account.				

67	Best Coverage of Community/People/Lifestyles	Dailies - Class 1, 2 and 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	The Kansas City Star.		Community/People/Lifestyles	
The Star remains one of the finest newspapers in the nation and the sophisticated way it covers community news, even when the community is virtual, is one reason the paper is as good as it gets.				
2nd Place	Columbia Missourian		Election Nov. 1, Two Columbians Nov. 22,	
Insightful interviews and strong art gave me a vivid sense of how a community grapples with one of the toughest decisions -- who should lead the country for the next four years. Other stories also gave me a strong flavor for the community.				
3rd Place	Springfield News-Leader		Springfield News-Leader Community	
Very good wall-to-wall coverage of Springfield. A model for a community newspaper.				

Honorable Mention **Daily Star-Journal** Community Pages
Short on words but very long on fun, even joyful, pictures. A novel way to cover the community but I can see it being a winner.

68 Best Page Design

Dailies - Class 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **Columbia Missourian** Flight School
That bird's eye picture is absolute magnet; excellent decision to use it as the dominant photo among group of fine photos. Great use of white space, photo spacing and type block. Page is open, airy, perfect for the topic. Tough to beat this first-rate work.

2nd Place **Daily Star-Journal** God's Refugee Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Unlike No. 1, a feature page with a variety of content. Excellent use of photos, graphics, hammer headline. Creative headline type and good use of other type elements to provide balance and entry points.

3rd Place **Daily Star-Journal** Archery Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Like second place, an excellently designed features page. Use of archery photo across top with page label imposed an interesting, creative touch. Nice balance, use of graphics, type.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** Gameday
Just a nice, balanced, photo page with good use of white space and positioning of type elements. OK choice of dominant photo. Upper right photo of flags could have been cropped more creatively.

68 Best Page Design

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **The Kansas City Star.**
Every graphic element works on the page to convey information.

2nd Place **Joplin Globe** Best Page Design Brent Fisher
Really well done page.

3rd Place **The Kansas City Star.** Edge City Barbara Hill-Meyer and Tammy Ljungblad
32 incredible pages where every element works together.

Honorable Mention **Jefferson City News Tribune** Bountiful harvest Anne Kettenbrink
Really good use of the page and space with great graphics that still leave plenty of room for the story.

69 Best Information Graphic

Dailies - Class 1, 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1st Place **The Kansas City Star.** From Calf to Kitchen Dave Eames and Mike McGraw
A winning info graphic -- clear, concise, well-paced and informative. It delivers in one memorable gulp a sophisticated manufacturing system -- one that helps reader digest and place in context the articles in the series.

2nd Place **Columbia Missourian** Election bill Will Guldin
This excellent info graphic simplifies a complex election funding environment, breaking it down into easy-to-digest modules. Metrics prove news trends, and this package did it with style and substance.

3rd Place **The Kansas City Star.** Hunger Games Guide Eric Hibbeler, Neil Nakahodo and Sharon Hoffmann
Absorbing, informative, well imagined and executed, this info graphic could bring the Hunger Games to life for someone who's never seen the film - including this contest judge.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** Hot air ballooning Siwen Li
You think you know everything about hot-air ballooning, then an info graphic like this comes along, and teaches you a thing or two! Clean, elegant and informative.

70	Best Editorial Cartoon	Dailies - Class 1 and 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Daily Star-Journal Clear, concise message, and humorous. Appealing artwork and color.		DNC.Romney	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
2nd Place	Independence Examiner Clever use of an historical metaphor for hard times. Nice artwork. Humorous in a rye kind of way. (Sorry, couldn't stop that coming out.)		Bread Line	Joe Liccar
3rd Place	Daily Star-Journal Cute shot at Congress in gridlock. Every commentator taking same shot. This makes the point quickly and simply. Fun artwork.		What's the exact opposite of progress?	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Honorable Mention	Daily Star-Journal Common commentary from different point of view. Compelling, thought-provoking. Simple, concise message.		Seat Belt	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

70	Best Editorial Cartoon	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Jefferson City News Tribune A fine editorial cartoon because it can have a different meaning to different people. The end of money in Washington and the end of the Mayan calendar could be seen as parallels of impending crisis. It could also signal yet another series of dire predictions that don't really come true. The cartoon is funny, it's biting, gets to the point and is thought-provoking.		Apocalypse	Jim Dyke
2nd Place	Columbia Daily Tribune		Columbia Airport	John Darkow
3rd Place	Jefferson City News Tribune		Isolation	Jim Dyke
Honorable Mention	Jefferson City News Tribune		Rise Again	Jim Dyke

71	Best Newspaper In Education Program	Dailies - Class 1, 2 and 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Springfield News-Leader Wonderful print layout! Great use of large photos atop the pages. Also, the "Read All About It" reading lists were a great addition. It's refreshing to still see this in print and not just online.			
2nd Place	The Kansas City Star. The E-Star Education program provides several nice, interactive tools for children and teachers. There were plenty of nice pieces on a wide array of topics. Would have liked to see it in print, too.			

72	Best Video	Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Columbia Missourian Brilliant mini-documentary on grief and the loss of a child through violence. Whatever they are doing at Columbia Missouri, everyone should do.		Bryan's Lament	Christopher Parks
2nd Place	Columbia Missourian Another brilliant documentary, wisely done in black and white to capture the bipolar nature of someone suffering from this disease. Excellent.		My kids over my demons	Nick Schnelle
3rd Place	Columbia Missourian Fun, fun, fun. Captured the excitement of college football in a completely creative way.		MU vs Vanderbilt Time-Lapse	Stuart Palley

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** Falling off the cliff Katie Alaimo
 Great topic, very well done. Probably would have been more powerful as a traditional video or if the Ken Burns effect was used to bring greater focused to the photographs.

72	Best Video	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch		Joplin: then and now	Huy Mach and Josh Renaud
2nd Place	Springfield News-Leader		Every Child, Day 1	Valerie Mosley, Claudette Riley and Dean Curtis
3rd Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch		Joplin: one year later	Robert Cohen
Honorable Mention	The Kansas City Star.		Demolition Derby	Todd Feedback

73	Best Headline Writing	Dailies - Class 1 and 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	Columbia Missourian		April 5, Sept. 4, Oct. 16, July 24, March 8	
	Obvious that this paper focuses on creative headlines; understands the vital need to catch the eye and attention of the reader.			
2nd Place	Sedalia Democrat		Blue vs. blue? Mizzou fan to do?;	
	Clever headlines actually are relevant to the stories; let ready know what the story is about. Apparent that extra effort put into headlines that will attract readers.			
3rd Place	Camdenton Lake Sun		Lake Sun	Eric Dundon
	Good work using clever word play in headlines to attract readers to important local stories. Headlines are more than hammer labels, they tell what the stories are about.			

73	Best Headline Writing	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1st Place	The Kansas City Star.			Don Munday and Chick Howland
	Consistent across the board; fun, creative and attention grabbing - plus they follow these creative headlines with informative subheads and jump right into the story.			
2nd Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch		St. Louis Post-Dispatch	St. Louis Post-Dispatch
	The sports editor's were a bit more creative than the editorial side, but still draws the reader into the paper with well quipped subheads.			
3rd Place	St. Joseph News-Press		Flood Swallows..., Pickett Elem., Chick-fil-	Kelsey Saythany, Skye Cobb, Emily Morrison George Stanton and Dana Heldenbrand
	Creative on selective stories, but not the same across the board.			