



2016 Missouri Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest Results and Judges Comments

.) Photo of the Year |

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

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

Reaching for the Puck

Chris Lee

"This picture is the best of all things. The angles, the colors, the faces - all are sharp and distinct. When a reader looks at the picture, they see the determination of the sport. They feel the intensity of the moment. I almost wanted to look back away as I did not want to be hit by the puck."

1.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kirksville Daily Express**

Wow. Love the content - the Progress Edition?! Amazing. The design and special section put this one over the top. Great content.

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal**

This entry was a very close second. The design is one you would find in dailies twice its size. Very well done.

Third Place **Monett Times**

The design, and content, makes this newspaper great. Solid in all areas.

Honorable Mention **Hannibal Courier-Post**

Very solid newspaper. New design is great.

1.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**

This was the overall winner in every category. From ads to layout to stories - amazing newspaper. This newspaper and the second place newspaper had one of the best designed classified pages that I have ever seen. Clean lines, easy to read.

Second Place **Southeast Missourian**

This newspaper was a very close second. The design is reminiscent of a big city newspaper with a local focus. Again, amazing classified section. Very well designed.

Third Place **The Examiner**

This newspaper is very good and has a good combination of local vs. national news. Well done.

Honorable Mention **West Plains Daily Quill**

Good, solid newspaper. With a few design tweaks (a few updated fonts, design could be a little cleaner), this newspaper could easily win the category.

1.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

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

As we all know, Missouri had some very newsworthy events this past year. This newspaper did well covering those events with grace and information. The use of photos put this entry over the top. Great newspaper that could compete with any metro newspaper in the country.

Second Place **Kansas City Star**

Close second. The KCStar is a wonderful newspaper that is designed well. The investigative pieces in this newspaper are amazing and well done. Great ads and design.

Third Place **St. Joseph News-Press**
Close third. Great newspaper that is designed well and uses photos well.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune**
Great overall newspaper.

1.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Smithville Herald**
Great newspaper with good design elements of a newspaper twice its size. Good advertising and contest that would appeal to the locals and lake going folk alike.

Second Place **Kearney Courier**
Great design put this newspaper in a solid second place. Great design elements and content. Great local feature stories.

Third Place **Cassville Democrat**
Great newspaper in all categories. Solid newspaper in every way. Serves both the locals and traveler well.

Honorable Mention **Bowling Green Times**
Solid newspaper. Great amount of advertising.

1.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Houston Herald**

Second Place **Christian County Headliner-News**

Third Place **Warren County Record**

Honorable Mention **Platte County Landmark**

1.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**
This newspaper - local, local, local! Great stories and advertising, along with design, put it over the top. Great newspaper!

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader**
"Once a week but never weakly" is perfect for this newspaper. Great pieces on local issues. Great piece on local schools. Amazing newspaper. Good advertising and design.

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
Great local business coverage. Consistently the best at business news! Design is amazing with a focus on issues that even the average resident would be interested in.

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Weekend**

Great newspaper with good design and local issue coverage. Large font size for easy readability is a nice touch.

2.) Best Overall Design | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Daily Star-Journal**

Great paper - love the pictorials and photo collage sections. Definitely an overall favorite of entries. Nice large and interesting photos throughout. Flowing layout, good font choices. Loved your classified page layout - very easy to read and find sections. (Enjoyed the color added in one of the issues entered.)

Second Place **Monett Times**

Nice layout and on front page, nice use of both graphics and photos. Consistent fonts and white space makes for an easy read.

Third Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**

Clean and consistent. Tough choice between 2nd and 3rd place. The issues I looked through were easy to read with good looking photos and fonts.

2.) Best Overall Design | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Southeast Missourian**

Your paper was my top pick over all of the entries I viewed in several best overall design categories. Your front pages are wonderful with the huge photos in the masthead. Photos throughout are good, consistent fonts and white space. Pleasing to read.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**

Great overall design photos. I particularly like the headline fonts.

Third Place **Sikeston Standard-Democrat**

Your front page large photos are nice - definitely makes me want to pick up the paper. Appreciate the fonts and spacing, white space and consistent layout throughout.

Honorable Mention **West Plains Daily Quill**

Nice photos, would love to see them a little bigger to highlight a little more. Very full paper with every space utilized; even with that, still appreciate the use of whitespace between stories.

2.) Best Overall Design | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Joplin Globe**

Great Masthead! Very consistent which allows the reader to recognize your paper with on a news rack. Great photo design and layout throughout the paper! Very eye catching and easy read! Love it!

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

Nice large headlines with great photos to draw you in! Nice looking paper overall! Keep up the good work! really like the baseball preview! Great creativity and display of your talent!

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**

One of the best mastheads I have seen! Very creative incorporating the inside story graphics and teaser! Nice paper and enjoyed reading it!

Honorable Mention **Kansas City Star**

Nice Front page! all 3 submissions were very eye catching!

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

Organization of the paper is great - easy to read and follow all the way through, just right amount of white space. I appreciate the focal points in the sections - large photos & bold headlines. Like the top teasers on page 1.

Second Place **Platte County Citizen**

My favorite thing about your paper is the use of a photo on the masthead. Great photo choices, definitely draw in the eye. Like the large bold headlines throughout and nice big photos. Tough choice between 1st and 2nd place. I think you put out a well laid out paper.

Ross Martin, Jeanette Browning Faubion and Bryce Mereness**Third Place** **Smithville Herald**

One thing I really liked about your front page are the teasers along the left-hand side. Nice big pics draw my eye to the right places on the front page. It seems that the text font is a little stretched or wider than I'm used to, but overall great looking paper!

Honorable Mention **Cassville Democrat**

Nice big photos and a creative layout, especially how you use your graphics with the editorial.

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

Your layout is very clean - consistent headline fonts, large photos, good text fonts. Just classic good looking newspaper that appears to be consistent. Great photo choices in the 3 issues I viewed.

Second Place **Christian County Headliner-News**

I like your consistent and large headlines, fonts flow. Your front pages really caught my eye in each issue, with the creative layout and bold headlines. Nice paper!

Third Place **Springfield Business Journal**

Your choices of art and photos on each of the covers were excellent. Each issue presents a very clean and easy to follow layout - I especially like how you do the section headings, simple and not overwhelming.

Wes Hamilton**Honorable Mention** **Warren County Record**

Clean design, nice graphics. One of the best classified layout I have seen. Headings on classified pages can be hard to find and follow - yours is very well done. The front pages are easy to read - bold but not overbearing. Same goes with your section headings - they are large but flow well.

Tim Schmidt

2.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **St. Louis Business Journal**

Great design work! Nice layout with photos and headlines! Really stood out in this contest!

Second Place **St. Louis American**

Very nice layout! Clean eye catching design and easy read!

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**

Nice Masthead! Love the creativity of working in the story graphics with the design!

Honorable Mention **Webster-Kirkwood Times**

Great Community Newspaper! Love the Rent a Chicken story!

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

Clean design with good use of white space and artwork. I thought the headlines and writing were strong as well. Overall this was the best.

Second Place Daily Star-Journal

This came close to the first place entry. Overall very close race.

Staff**Third Place Monett Times**

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

This is professional design work with great use of art. The photos grab your attention and hold it. This is how print papers should be sold.

Second Place Southeast Missourian

Loved the "State baseball" promo.

Third Place Sikeston Standard-Democrat

Close between 2-3 for me. I thought both were very well done.

David Jenkins**Honorable Mention Independence Examiner**

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

Excellent use of staff artist for front page graphics. Good use of large feature images or graphics to focus on main front page story. Use of white space provides plenty of breathing room for stories and visual elements. Headline writing is interesting and should draw in reader interest. The main thing I would question is changing the flag from what appears to be the standard blue to a photo feature, especially in regard to the "Law of the Land" issue. Sticking with the branded look might be a stronger choice.

Second Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Kudos on the sleek and simple flag. Excellent use of photos and graphics to help tell front page stories. Good spacing and use of white space, especially top to bottom. With a higher number of front page stories than some others, it might be necessary to have a bit better separation left to right, though.

Third Place Springfield News-Leader

Good use of graphic and photo elements. Fantastic use of infographic to bring home investigative story on medical costs. Good content, with deeper focus into issues than you sometimes find on a front page. Not wild about the all caps sub-headlines, as they seem a bit loud.

3.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Cassville Democrat**

Great bold masthead, with interesting cutouts (although I would rather see a mix of features, instead of sports each week). Excellent layout design, and interesting action photography.

Second Place Kearney Courier

Excellent entry, consider removing the outline from the blue factoid boxes - the outline makes the design of those boxes outdated in a layout design that otherwise "pops".

Third Place **California Democrat**

Sam Dudenhoeffer

Main article font size is especially small, and gives the front page an overwhelming amount of gray space. I'd rather see less text and more jumps to inside pages.

Honorable Mention **Excelsior Springs Standard**

Eric Copeland, Jae Juarez and Skyla Sullivan

The only reasons this entry did not place higher was due to the outdated masthead, and no separation between stories. Good diversity of stories, and really nice design, with the pops of color and cutouts.

3.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Warren County Record**

Tim Schmidt

Flag is eye catching and modern. Stories are well separated, with plenty of whitespace and other attributes that set them apart. Love the distinction between main headlines and sub-headlines. Also love featured box design. Content is strong, and layout is done very well!

Second Place **Liberty Tribune**

Content is good, with visuals corresponding well with stories. Red tags are nice. Flag and left sidebar are a bit busy and overly vibrant, and unfortunately distract from other elements.

Third Place **Gasconade County Republican**

Impressive photo captures to go with front page stories, and good layout of those elements together. Headlines need a bit more distinction between bold and not bold, rather than just all the same. Also, stories are pretty well separated top to bottom using lines, but more breathing room would be helpful. Also, left to right distinction between elements is not as strong. Flag is very nice - simple and sleek.

3.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**

Mike Terhaar and Staff

Outstanding use of white space and visuals that enhance writing. Instead of overwhelming readers with too many different stories, this newspaper focuses on the most important of the week and crafts a layout around those stories and corresponding photographs.

Second Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**

Greg Wiegand and Ryan O'Shea

It is easy to see that this newspaper's staff puts thought into how its front page will look and how to craft a headline or photo to work with its feature story. Everything works with these fronts - good content, headlines, colors and visuals.

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend**

Flag has good leads to inside stories. All elements of your front page are good when considered separately, but do not necessarily work together quite right. Large photos seem to always be stand-alone, rather than accompanying a story. Also, story headlines are all too similar in size and weight. Finally, all elements on these front pages could use a little breathing space.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Monett Times**

Monett Battered by Floods

Murray Bishoff

The clear winner. Excellent and thorough reporting with great historical context.

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal**

Danger Signs

Staff

A very well-reported story. Reporter should be commended for gathering significant details from witnesses and neighbors and not just relying on police for details.

Third Place **Daily Star-Journal**

Murderer On Run

Staff

Very interesting story that was thoroughly reported.

Honorable Mention **Rolla Daily News**

3 killed in I-44 crash near Jerome

Paul Hackbarth

4.) Best Breaking News Story | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Sedalia Democrat**

The thorough coverage really puts this story above the rest. Solid work covering all the bases.

James Horn manhunt**Nicole Cooke****Second Place****Sedalia Democrat**

Does a great job of hitting both the professional and community response to the fire. A really good example of how such a story should be covered.

Thanksgiving fire destroys 3 homes**Nicole Cooke****Third Place****Southeast Missourian**

This story does a great job of touching on all the highlights of the trial without writing a novel about it.

Joseph guilty**Katherine Webster****Honorable Mention****Columbia Missourian**

Solid story highlighting what's happened before and what's going on now in relation to the Planned Parenthood case.

Federal judge's ruling - Planned Parenthood**Natalia Alamdari and Elise Schmelzer****4.) Best Breaking News Story | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Kansas City Star****Historic Parade****Second Place****Kansas City Star****Bishop Finn Resigns****Judy L. Thomas, Mark Morris and Dugan Arnett****Third Place****Joplin Globe****State auditor sought criminal investigation****Debby Woodin****Honorable Mention****Quincy Herald-Whig****Storm rakes Adams, Pike****Edward Husar, Matt Hopf, Alyse Thompson, Doug Wilson and Deborah Gertz Husar****4.) Best Breaking News Story | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Platte County Citizen**

Descriptive writing style boosts breaking news storytelling.

Fire destroys historic church**Ross Martin****Second Place****Cassville Democrat**

Solid presentation coupled with to-the-point coverage.

Flooding**Kyle Troutman****Third Place****Richmond News**

Excellent scene setting.

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

Great way to lead with the follow-up to what people likely already know.

Washburn Shooting**Kyle Troutman**

4.) Best Breaking News Story | Weeklies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Houston Herald	Tragedies in Tyrone	Jeff McNiell, Doug Davison and Brad Gentry
Second Place	Christian County Headliner-News	FBI investigates Sheriff	Amelia Wigton
Third Place	The Odessan	One dead, three jailed after Sunday shooting	Hannah Spaar
Honorable Mention	Branson Tri-Lakes News	Tri-Lakes Area Flooded	Cliff Sain, Mark Humphrey, Elizabeth Barmeier and Sara Karnes

4.) Best Breaking News Story | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly Well-written piece on the tragic suicide of the state auditor and gubernatorial candidate.	State auditor's apparent suicide shocks legal	Catherine Martin, Allyssa Dudley and Karen Elshout
Second Place	Jefferson County Leader Excellent, timely and thorough coverage of flooding.	Flash flood coverage	
Third Place	Washington Missourian, Weekend Good story. Unique and different. Well written on deadline.	Angry Target Worker Rams Car Into Store	Ed Pruneau

5.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Kirkville Daily Express	Shumaker linked to attack ad	Jason Hunsicker
Second Place	Kirkville Daily Express	Into the Abyss	Danielle Brown
Third Place	Hannibal Courier-Post	Funding on ice	Eric Dundon
Honorable Mention	Kirkville Daily Express	Children at risk	Danielle Brown

5.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Independence Examiner Good reporting on the effect of siting a trash transfer station near water wells. Well-done and well-researched. The reporter dug deeper even after being assured by the contractor that all would be well and he would listen to the concerns of all involved. Great job!	Proposed trash station	Jeff Fox

Second Place **Sedalia Democrat** **Former Sedalian on lockdown during** **Faith Bemiss**
Pretty good story about a former Sedalian psychiatry resident who was in San Bernadino during the shooting tragedy. The reporting was detailed enough to put the reader right there in the middle of the chaos as it unfolded.

Third Place **Southeast Missourian** **Prosecutor's paperwork error prompts honor** **Ben Kleine**
Mistaken identity story about honor student whose traffic ticket was messed up. Good writing. Probably helped clear up a lot of rumors in the school and community.

5.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Semester of strife** **Rudi Keller**

Second Place **News Tribune** **Citizens guide to lobbying** **Gerry Tritz**

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Abortion fight remains fierce** **Rudi Keller**

Honorable Mention **Quincy Herald-Whig** **Hannibal police use data to map target areas** **Alyse Thompson**

5.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Platte County Citizen** **Scrapped together** **Ross Martin**
How I believe a news story should be written. Catchy lede ties right into the meat and potatoes of the story. Not too long, not too short, but covers all the bases.

Second Place **Kearney Courier** **Process solidifies** **Amy Neal**
Sidebar on the jump page really strengthens this story.

Third Place **Excelsior Springs Standard** **Are we prepared? Alice training aims to arm** **Jae Juarez**
Very down-to-earth with the lede. Helps bring it up a few notches.

Honorable Mention **Lee's Summit Tribune** **Council Still Grappling With Economic** **Mallory Herrmann**

5.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News** **Must speak English** **Sara Karnes**

Second Place **The Odessan** **The flood of 2015** **Hannah Spaar**

Third Place **Marshfield Mail** **Bybee sentencing** **Mike Cullinan**

Honorable Mention Branson Tri-Lakes News

Fair family rape

Cliff Sain and Sara Karnes

5.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly

The guy got a raw deal

Alan Scher Zagier

An emotionally compelling piece. Well written with lots of great quotes from the parties involved. It is easy to get it invested in these players by the end of the story.

Second Place St. Louis Business Journal

Reinvesting in the river

Ben Unglesbee

Very interesting information. In addition to a well written story, information presented in sidebars and graphics does a good job lending weight to this story.

Third Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Police: Man Photographed Young Girls

Ed Pruneau

Interesting story, considering these usually end much more tragically. Information about the (admittedly weird) investigation is presented without bias and this story definitely leaves the reader wondering what will happen next.

Honorable Mention Green Park Call

Library spending includes consultants, car for

Gloria Lloyd

Straightforward and to the point. Length could warrant an additional subhead, but the important information doesn't get lost in the narrative.

6.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Hannibal Courier-Post

Battle for bats

Eric Dundon

Enlightening and intriguing, I found this compelling and easy to understand. Thanks for an overall great piece of writing.

Second Place Daily Star-Journal

Grazie

Staff

A meaningful, interesting story that kept me reading all the way through.

Third Place Hannibal Courier-Post

American journey

Eric Dundon

This is great writing and enjoyable coverage of a special adventure.

Honorable Mention Daily Star-Journal

Crippling disease on the run

Staff

The writer brings this woman's story to life and weaves the past and the future together well.

6.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Columbia Missourian

Michael Middleton

Alexa Ahern

Using that poem to help tell Mr. Middleton's story was an excellent move on your part. The pictures were great, too. This story stood out from all the others.

Second Place Sikeston Standard-Democrat

Can-do attitude: New Madrid Elementary

Jill Bock

An excellent human interest story. Getting different people to talk about Joe and what he means to them really enhanced the story.

Third Place Lake Sun Leader

Best Feature Story

Cody Mroczka

The reporter did a good job of both entertaining me, if that's the right word, and informing me. The sidebar was a plus!

Honorable Mention Independence Examiner

Never give up

Mike Genet

An inspiring story, all things considered. Commendable work on your end!

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

First Place	Kansas City Star	Love Conquers All	Laura Bauer
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The subject of this story on its own deserves a first place. However, the excellent writing and editing carry the reader past Page 1 to the end of the story. Well done.

Second Place	Kansas City Star	True Grace	Donald Bradley
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This was my favorite story in this category and not only because of the subject. The writing was beyond excellent, especially the way To Kill a Mockingbird was used to tie the story together. My only negative observation - and this is a stretch - was the use of character names. Does everyone know who Scout, etc. are?

Third Place	Kansas City Star	The Lie	Eric Adler
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Important story and well written.

Honorable Mention	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Search for teacher who changed her life	Elisa Crouch
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I liked this story because it was nicely written and it also recognized the important role many teachers play in the lives of their students.

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

First Place	Platte County Citizen	Still hanging around	Ross Martin
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Great introduction to anybody in the community who didn't know Bill Collins. The plays on words were subtle and effective.

Second Place	Bowling Green Times	Faces of Faith	Ethan Colbert
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Outstanding use of local names, places and historical events. Very personalized way of noting a church's special birthday. Only thing missing was another person's voice. One-source stories, even when that one person is the focus, should be a no-no.

Third Place	Richmond News	Trading transmissions for fishin'	Sara Seidel
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An enticing lead that is tied up in the ultimate graf. Too often, that connection is forgotten. In between is a delightful examination of one of those real people that comprise all communities.

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

First Place	Christian County Headliner-News	Bumpy road	Amber Duran
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Excellent feature story about the devastating flooding and recovery. Great job.

Second Place	Christian County Headliner-News	You get what you give	Don Abernathy
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Wonderful story that helps to combat the fear/anxiety some people feel when working with law enforcement.

Third Place	Eldon Advertiser	Community pulled us through	Tammy Witherspoon
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The community interest and story put this one over the top.

Honorable Mention	Eldon Advertiser	In the name of love	Tammy Witherspoon
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Great story about an amazing family.

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

First Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Just Shayne	Catherine Martin
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In a category with 55 entries (yes, you read that right!), this one stood out. The article was well written and informative about a problem that is all too uncommon.

Second Place **St. Louis American** **28 to Life** **Rebecca Rivas**
Amazing article that kicked off a great public education campaign about gun violence. Amazing work.

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader** **"A Christmas Memory..."** **Tracey Bruce**
Great article about a WWII refugee that is easily relatable given today's political climate. Well written with a focus on the local woman and her story. Great job.

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** **Given Us a Chance** **Karen Cernich**
What a great story! Well done. Many people can relate to the plight of this family and, also, to the community that pulled together to help. Great job.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Lebanon Daily Record** **'They can steal your kids...'** **Fines Massey**
This series kept questionable actions of the Department of Social Services/Children's Division in the public's eye. There was continued follow-up as the story had new developments or delays.

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal** **End of Session** **Staff**
This series of articles in one issue was an informative summary of multiple decisions by legislature this session. Layout was easy to read.

Third Place **Hannibal Courier-Post** **A riverfront revival** **Eric Dundon, Danny Henley and Trevor McDonald**
This series covered a broad range of interesting topics related to the riverfront giving readers the history of the area, as well as current uses and possible future uses.

Honorable Mention **Kirkville Daily Express** **Fighting drugs in Adair County** **Jason Hunsicker**
Good coverage of different drug abuse problems and ways to combat them. Acknowledgement that sometimes when one drug problem is solved, a different one arises.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **West Plains Daily Quill** **Thayer Fire** **Abby Hess and Ron Woolman**
Excellent work from beginning to end in covering this tragic event. Thorough reporting!

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **The killing state** **Vox Magazine Staff**
Serious stuff! I really liked the A to Z exploration of this important subject!

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **First in the family** **Vox Magazine Staff**
This "package" has one engaging human interest story after another - well done!

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian** **Freed Felons** **Katherine Webster**
These are the stories that don't get told as much as they should be told. Thanks.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kansas City Star** **Ignoring the Terror Within** **Judy L. Thomas**
This is journalism. Well researched, good supporting elements, well organized and the topic is so important. Is it a perfect story? No. I almost placed it second just because a reporter of this caliber should not have any typos in the story. On the same page where there is a photo of a Walmart store, Walmart is misspelled in the story. Ultimately, that's an editing mistake, but the reporter should also be responsible.

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **St. Louis' quest to keep the Rams** **David Hunn and Jim Thomas**
Very clean writing, good use of sources from officials to the individual in the convertible. (Loved that!) Also loved the personal touch of including Kroenke's reaction to the reporter, which spoke volumes. Tons of effort went into covering this issue. I only wish I could place two stories in first place.

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Living with climate change** **Jacob Barker**
A lot of good information. The final part could have used more graphics or photos. But good reporter on an important issue. Well written, good research!

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader** **Homeless and Pregnant** **Claudette Riley and Valerie Mosley**
I love the way the supporting features not only provided resources, but how Lyzz used those resources. Well written, well put together. Sadly, this is such a common issue in all communities and this story put a face on that issue.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Excelsior Springs Standard**
Good detailed coverage from both sides regarding plans and concerns.

Doug Perry & The Church of Liberty

Jae Juarez

Second Place **Lee's Summit Tribune**
Coverage shows the variety in the definition of success - from owning a business to creative ways of helping others.

Women in Business

Stephanie Edwards

Third Place **Concordia Concordian**
Interesting way to share history of the town by documenting memories of multiple people.

Remembering Concordia

Charles Dunlap

Honorable Mention **Douglas County Herald**
Detailed continuing coverage of an issue with high interest in the community.

Ava School Board Threatens Bus Route

Sue Curry Jones

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Christian County Headliner-News**
An excellent series on poverty that includes a thorough examination of poverty including features on those struggling with poverty, first-person perspectives on poverty and exhaustive information on community resources available to help with poverty and homelessness.wonderful

Faces of Poverty

Amber Duran, Hanna Smith and Amelia Wigton

Second Place **Springfield Business Journal**
Crisp writing and terrific and inviting layout make this feature series on community business leaders a winner. Smart and entertaining presentation.

Day In the Life

Third Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News**
Heartbreaking coverage of the death of a 9-year-old girl. An interesting look as well at the risks of extended stay hotels.

Jasmine Miller murder, impact

Sara Karnes

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
Good, clean writing, interesting interviews, strong narratives.

St. Louis Character

Angela Mueller

Second Place **St. Louis American**
This is advocacy journalism in powerful form. Well written and edited, the stories give the reader a real sense of the tension remaining in Ferguson and St. Louis.

Protests & Police Reform

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
Strong overview with detailed of the city's growing income disparity. Writing is clear and concise. Well done.

The income report

Angela Mueller and Staff

Honorable Mention **Green Park Call**
Well-rounded coverage of this case. The writer offered interesting quotes and details that made the story intriguing throughout.

Trial of Sunset Hills Mayor

Gloria Lloyd

8 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 1

First Place **Daily Star-Journal**
This received a first because of the local subject matter.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Water company shows lack of sensitivity

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Jack Miles Ventimiglia

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal**
One of the better written editorials in this category.

Sex-text scandal in Jeff could result in

Staff

Third Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**
Good points.

Local control

Eric Dundon

8 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 2

First Place **Lake Sun Leader**
This open meetings opinion is we written, specific in what the writers thinks could and should have happened and was direct and to the point. Nice article.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Best Editorial

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Joyce Miller

8 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 3

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
What a terrible tragedy but this editorial used this sad situation to educate those about what needs to be done to, hopefully, prevent any more tragedies like this.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

The martyrdom of Tom Schweich

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Second Place **Kansas City Star**
I hate that Kansas provided a lot of fodder for the KCStar this year (trust me, we get it AND agree with it!). Well written editorial that had so much foreshadowing of what was to come that it gave me goosebumps.

High price

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**
What a well written editorial telling your readers what Missouri will not accept and why. A great piece that could be said for any state that tries to pass LGBT discrimination laws.

We won't accept discrimination

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe**
Great piece! Great explanation on why it is needed and why it didn't go far enough. Well-done!

Ethics plan doesn't go far enough

Andy Ostmeyer

8 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 1

First Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor**
Beth and her newspaper impress me. She has a writing style which holds my attention easily and writes with emotion. Nice piece.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

I Pledge Allegiance

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Beth Chism

Second Place **The Reporter**
This writer's opinion is compelling. He made me want to continue reading and proved his points with facts. Nice job conveying your message.

The death of marriage

Dale Johnson

Third Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor**
It's cute, interesting, and hit the nail on the head in a small town newspaper. Making fun of yourself is good for community and moral. We make mistakes, best to own it.

Wedding Announcement Curse

Beth Chism

Honorable Mention **Bowling Green Times**
I am old fashioned. I believe that all opinion editorials need to have a by-line. This article is well written and grammatically correct. Good job! The piece makes me furious with the board or ed. Which is what I believe was the intent. It calls the board out, to make them answer publicly what is going on that they don't want to hear publicly.

R-I School District: Public Comment Not

Ethan Colbert, Linda Luebrecht, Taylor Lewis and Amanda Miller

8 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Liberty Tribune**
Important, well-written reminder/message for readers.**Commitment****Staff****Second Place** **Christian County Headliner-News**
Mission-oriented attempt to both ask tough, local questions and get answers.**We're asking questions****Third Place** **Liberty Tribune**
Critical topic that pulls at the heart strings.**Open communication****Staff****Honorable Mention** **Gasconade County Republican**
Solid attempt to take on a controversial topic. Some aspects over-explained and repetitive.**MU student group does itself no favors****Staff****8 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **St. Louis American**
Wonderful editorial about a tragic situation. Well written with good emotion and background without being over the top. Very logical arguments as to why this has to change.**Jamyla Bolden****St. Louis American Editorial Board****Second Place** **St. Clair Missourian**
I love the fact that both sides were examined here and neither one was vilified. Logical, reasonable arguments were made about what happens and what could happen in either situation. In today's day and age where schools are always branded the perpetrator, this provides a nice balance.**An Unfortunate Incident****St. Clair Missourian****Third Place** **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**
Transparency is key and a wonderful editorial as to why readers should care about the issues that affect "when they know."**Trust in Sunshine****Missourian Staff****9.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Kansas City Star**
"Snarky in the Suburbs?" - you had me at snarky. What a great job telling about things that we deal with on a daily (or weekly) basis. :)**Snarky in the Suburbs****Sherry Kuehl****Second Place** **St. Joseph News-Press****Fine point in the art of looting****Ken Newton****Third Place** **Springfield News-Leader****Steve Pokin - Pokin Around****Steve Pokin****Honorable Mention** **St. Joseph News-Press****Catching up to a personal brand****Alonzo Weston****9.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Second Place** **Independence Examiner**
I laughed out loud at several places throughout each submission. The columns are each written well enough my eye didn't "snag" on any of the jokes (crucial for successful humor). I came for the jokes - I stayed for the laughs!**Headed for Trouble****Jeff Fox**

Third Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**

This column was well-written - making me laugh out loud several times. The best part of it is the author's clear voice and his musings on nearly-universal experiences. Nearly everyone has had a mystifying encounter with a stranger, an altercation with an appliance, or a fleeting recollection of not-so-fleet glory days. Enjoyable - and marketable!

Humorous columns - Danny Henley

Danny Henley

Honorable Mention **Monett Times**

I enjoyed each column - especially the flood one, as I come from a southwest Kansas county continuously under drought conditions. Your perspective is unique, you notice the "funny" side of things, and the two are well-combined in your columns. Only suggestion: try one column? Difficult to draw eyes alllllll the way up to the beginning of the second column. I like the quote in the middle of the column - it made my eyes wander to your column and almost forced me to read it in its entirety.

Humorous Columnist

Murray Bishoff

9.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Dailies Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Daily Star-Journal**

Well-written - not "funny ha-ha" (though I did laugh out loud a few times) but "funny-because-it's-true". The difference between first and second place was the new angle presented by the author. I sincerely appreciated his point of view and this "humorous" column did what few others could - it made me think. The "Fable" is an excellent idea and extremely well-executed. I truly did "learn through stories". Great job.

Fables

Jack Miles Ventimiglia

9.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kearney Courier**

Name, Royals, Birthday

Ryne Dittmer

Second Place **Platte County Citizen**

My Thoughts Exactly

Ross Martin

Third Place **Cassville Democrat**

Humorous Columnist

Jared Lankford

Honorable Mention **Focus On Oak Grove**

Jack Remembers

Jack Hackley

9.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Houston Herald**

OFF THE CUFF

Doug Davison

Second Place **Eldon Advertiser**

Rueful Ruminations

Tammy Witherspoon

Third Place **Liberty Tribune**

A reporter's Christmas

Kellie Houx

Honorable Mention **Christian County Headliner-News**

Humorous columns

Amelia Wigton

9.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Community News**

Joe Morice Columns

Joe Morice

While I may not always agree with Joe's take on some issues, I laughed. I laughed hard. A good writer does that - while you may not always agree, you can respect the viewpoint. Great job.

Second Place **Webster-Kirkwood Times** **From The Editor's Desk** **Don Corrigan**
Funny AND informative - a combo that is not easily perfected. The Gateway Arch column and house cleaning? Hilarious.

Third Place **Union Missourian** **Keeping Up With Jones- Christmas Trees** **Gregg Jones**
Just a funny, heartfelt column that is easily relatable. The April 1 column got me.

Honorable Mention **The Community News** **Cindy Moore Columns** **Cindy Moore**
Great columns. The election/vegetable comparison was great!

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kirkville Daily Express** **My Take** **Jason Hunsicker**

Second Place **Hannibal Courier-Post** **Serious columnist - Danny Henley** **Danny Henley**

Third Place **Monett Times** **Serious Columnist** **Murray Bishoff**

Honorable Mention **Daily Star-Journal** **Serious column** **Staff**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Southeast Missourian** **Transparency in Missouri** **Bob Miller**
Bob Miller's column illuminates tough issues that would normally baffle laymen. Its easy-to-understand terms make the infuriating issue of the lack of communication from government officials a call to action for readers; inspiring or maybe even demanding a response from readers. That is the mark of good journalism in my eyes. Kudos. Well-researched and well-written.

Second Place **Sedalia Democrat** **Satnan serious column** **Bob Satnan**
Such power in so few words showcases Bob Satnan's true writing skills. The topics covered vary widely (at least in the contest submissions) but he covers all three with passion, knowledge and caring. The columns caused me to care about the subject and inspire me to do further research. Great job.

Third Place **Independence Examiner** **Headed for Trouble** **Jeff Fox**
Jeff Fox is as good at serious as he is humorous. His take on technology could be seen as just the opinion of another "old", but he frames all his - very valid - points in new and interesting ways, demanding thought and introspection on the part of his readers. At times, he seems a bit glib, but that very glibness kept me engaged. Keep writing!

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Challenge of caregiving** **Carl Kenney**
Carl Kenney's writing is so raw (especially the piece about caregiving) at times it distracted me, inciting a response like, "how dare you presume I don't feel the same pain you do?!" The topics of each of the submissions are so touching - occasionally piercing - that I can only commend Mr. Kenney for tackling the tough issues. I exhort him to keep exposing, keep feeling, and most of all, keep writing about it all. The world needs more writers like Mr. Kenney.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kansas City Star** **Columns by Dave Helling** **Dave Helling**

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Kevin Horrigan columns** **Kevin Horrigan**

Third Place	Kansas City Star	Columns by Steve Kraske	Steve Kraske
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Honorable Mention	Quincy Herald-Whig	Steve Eighinger columns	Steve Eighinger
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10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Jefferson County Leader	"Patrick Martin"	Patrick Martin
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Great, consistent columns in this category. The great writing and focus on local issues put this one over the top.

Second Place	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Sights and Insights- John Anglin	Chris Stuckenschneider
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Good sets of columns that allow the reader to think about issues in their town.

Third Place	St. Clair Missourian	Freedom of the Press, Without Biased	Keith Domke
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Great set of columns that inject family stories in a way that everyone can relate to.

Honorable Mention	St. Louis American	Jaco	Charles Jaco
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Good columns that get the public to think about serious issues.

10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Marshfield Mail	Scott Kerber - The Way I See It	Scott Kerber
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Excellent writing and excellent ideas. You really think outside the box, and encourage your readers to do the same. Your writing is to the point and doesn't wax poetic or go on and on about your own personal experience. I'm extremely impressed. I want to read more from Scott Kerber, and THAT'S what sells newspapers now. I'd look forward to seeing what he thinks about certain issues...that keeps readers coming back.

Second Place	King City Tri-County News	Pearls	Matt Pearl
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You write very well, especially concerning issues you're passionate about. I'm floored by the points you've made in such a small amount of space. The only thing I'd suggest is a stronger closer. My favorite columns are the ones who make you want to quote the final line. Your final line in your marriage submission is a great example. It made me think all day.

Third Place	Springfield Business Journal	Eyes & Ears	Eric Olson
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Your writing kept me engaged for the duration of each submission. I felt transported to your community, and concerned about the issues you discussed. You're clever. I'd just like to see a little more about what YOU think, YOUR ideas about each issue. You had solid facts...but anybody can get those. I want to hear your ideas about those facts, how they're connected. THAT will make me buy a paper.

Honorable Mention	Springfield Business Journal	Columnist Emily Letterman	Emily Letterman
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Design-wise, this paper might be my favorite. Topic-wise, you're unafraid to tackle some "taboos" (at least in my tiny corner of the world), and that's encouraging for the future of the newspaper business. You're in a strong field of serious columnists, and you definitely held your own. Your voice is the clearest among all of them.

11.) Best News Photo | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Rolla Daily News	Flooding RxR bridge	Paul Hackbarth
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Really like the perspective this gives of the flood waters. There's also enough space left to allow some creative use by the layout designers.

Second Place	Hannibal Courier-Post	Car hits house	Danny Henley
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Always good to have the humanity element seen in "news" photos to help relay the impact of what happened.

Third Place	Rolla Daily News	Rolla Fire Ice Training	Eddie O'Neill
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Solid photo with color that pops.

Honorable Mention **Monett Times**
Nice lead photo.

Flooding

Murray Bishoff

11.) Best News Photo | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Southeast Missourian**

Long way home

Laura Simon

I don't know if there is anything I don't like about this photo. The blue of his shirt contrasting with the green, the little bit of dry ground he's standing on, the reflection of the water, truly incredible picture.

Second Place **Southeast Missourian**

Santie fire

Glenn Landberg

I love the depth of this shot. Because the story of this picture is obviously the fire, but to see the faces of the men who fought it in the foreground and with the camera bringing the focus to them is awesome.

Third Place **Sedalia Democrat**

Firefighter fights Thanksgiving blaze

Hope Lecchi

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian**

Swept away

Laura Simon

Really good picture. It shows emotion and good contrast as well and the balance is really impressive. So much more is going on in this picture than just with the man which the depth really calls attention to.

11.) Best News Photo | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Joplin Globe**

Stand off in Galena

Laurie Sisk

What stood out to me in this photo is the contrast between the children's swings in the yard and the FBI in full tactical gear - which you hope the children were not around to see.

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

Protecting the firefighters

Christian Gooden

This is a powerful photo. I have no other words.

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

Mizzou Protest

Christian Gooden

Unity - whether you're black or white or brown or whatever - in whatever the cause may be. I love this photo.

Honorable Mention **Kansas City Star**

Carthage flood

Jill Toyoshiba

This picture shows the devastation in one person's face that you believe many others faced also.

11.) Best News Photo | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Vandalia Leader**

Girls enjoy Fair ride

Ben Marshall

The look on their faces is priceless. You can tell they are having a wonderful time - yet many are a wee bit scared.

Second Place **Platte County Citizen**

Worth the trip

Bryce Mereness

Great idea to shoot the crowd from the motorcycle mirror.

Third Place **Excelsior Springs Standard**

Flooding

Jae Juarez

Even though you can't see the woman's face, you get the idea from looking at her back she is dismayed by all the water.

Honorable Mention **The Reporter**

WBC Protest

Jeff Thompson

This photo says exactly what most people feel about the "church".

11.) Best News Photo | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Christian County Headliner-News****Bumpy Road****Amber Duran**

It's not often that a photo can be run atop a newspaper, but with a photo this good I wouldn't have put it anywhere else.

Second Place **Gasconade County Republican****Bale ablaze****Dave Marner**

Great photo. Love the balance and the color of the fire against the background. Can't ignore the firefighter's reaction either. In fact, you can't look away from it.

Third Place **Houston Herald****Flooding****Jeff McNiell**

Love the use of the rule of thirds here, and it tells a story itself. The flood waters in the background, the man in the front running point and the worker behind toeing the line between danger and complete safety.

Honorable Mention **Warren County Record****Heroin Walk****Tim Schmidt**

You can't help but feel this family's pain as you look at this photo. Very powerful picture.

11.) Best News Photo | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Washington Missourian, Weekend****Doorbuster****Jeanne Miller Wood**

I absolutely love the lines in this photograph and how they pull the eye through until you notice all of the details, including the letters above the door "IN". At least the driver was entering in the right direction. Great photo!!

Second Place **Union Missourian****Overturned Car Near Union****Gregg Jones**

What a phenomenal way to capture all of the color in this environment. The trees are red and blue from the police lights. The photo makes me feel like I'm standing right there. Good job!

Third Place **Northeast News****Fallen Firefighters Fighting Flames****Michael Bushnell**

What an intense number of feelings you get when you look at this photo. You sense danger and destruction as well sadness and devastation. The photo definitely captures the intensity of this fire. Good work!

Honorable Mention **St. Louis American****Breakdown at the Ferguson Commission****Wiley Price**

All the emotions you see in this photo pull at your heartstrings and definitely leads the reader to the story. Good work!

12.) Best Feature Photo | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Daily Star-Journal****Knight lands****Jack Miles Ventimiglia**

Great timing on this one, not to mention the balance of color. And the simple act of trying to save the flag from touching the ground really drives home the photo to me.

Second Place **Lebanon Daily Record****Love is not enough****Fines Massey**

Look at this photo and don't say Aw. I dare you.

Third Place **Hannibal Courier-Post****Feeling mighty****Joyce Pagett**

As much as these kids are showing off, it's still almost a candid shot. Kids being kids. Fun photo.

Honorable Mention **Monett Times****Plethora of Characters****Kyle Troutman**

I think the kid wants to take the mic. You should probably give it to him.

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

First Place **Sedalia Democrat** **Air show bombing run** **Faith Bemiss**
Is it wrong to put on here that my first reaction when I saw this picture was 'Holy Shit?' Because that's what I said and it kind of sums it up for me.

Second Place **Southeast Missourian** **Airbrush art** **Laura Simon**
People and perspective. Color and light. Depth and balance. Is there another phrase to describe photography? Because this photo has all of that and more.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **Early-onset Alzheimer's** **Kayla Wolf**
If it were ever possible for a cutline to win a photo contest, this would be that one. A picture tells a story, but a good cutline can certainly drive it home.

Honorable Mention **Sedalia Democrat** **Eye to eye** **Faith Bemiss**
She even caught the string of the hoodie in focus. There are photographers and people that take photographs. This person is a photographer.

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

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Learning not to be afraid** **Robert Cohen**
Excellent capture of the highlighted expressions and background is the perfect exclamation point to this photo.

Second Place **Kansas City Star** **Moving Wall visit** **Tammy Ljungblad**
This photo evokes emotion which is what we do as photographers. It tells a story without words. Good job on cropping out distractions and the lighting is very good although their heads are down.

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Memorial Day** **Nick Schnelle**
Great clarity, color and balance. Nice angle with that perfect sky over the couple.

Honorable Mention **Kansas City Star** **Fireworks display** **David Eulitt**
Very good technique. Great angle and distance with the silhouettes. It's difficult to capture clear fireworks and yet this photo not only captures the clarity but adds depth.

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

First Place **Excelsior Springs Standard** **Purple Heart** **Jae Juarez**
Powerful, expressive photo that needs no further amplification to describe the events of the day, or the emotions of the participants. Technically sound framing, focus and cropping. Good job, and the clear winner for this category.

Second Place **Kearney Courier** **Season of color** **Amanda Lubinski**
Nicely captured moment during this event, with the center of the photo played well.

Third Place **Lee's Summit Tribune** **Parachute Silhouette** **Richard Bengé**
Difficult photo to take in that lighting with only a short window of opportunity to make it work.

Honorable Mention **Focus On Oak Grove** **Snowman kisses** **Hannah Spaar**
An instant smile kind of photo, and a nice catch in the moment.

12.) Best Feature Photo | Weeklies - Class 2**First Place** **Gasconade County Republican**

Crisp shot. Good angle. Lighting was great! Expresses emotion which draws in the reader.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Big Dude airs***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Dave Marner****Second Place** **Platte County Landmark**

Excellent capture of Eagle eating. Clear shot with moving animal. Only cropping it tighter may have made it better.

Eagle Eye**Doug Baldwin****Third Place** **Houston Herald**

Aperture caught moving water. Good color and balance in this shot.

Big drink**Doug Davison****Honorable Mention** **Houston Herald**

Very good capturing crisp image with so much movement going on. Great color and nice distance that encompasses the moment.

Color run**Doug Davison****12.) Best Feature Photo | Weeklies - Class 3****First Place** **St. Louis Business Journal**

Love the composition of the picture. The subject is bright, clear and in focus. It does a great job drawing you into the story.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Character: Todd Geisert***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Dilip Vishwanat****Second Place** **St. Louis Business Journal**

The composition of the picture is awesome. Love the layout with the subject to one side, leaving an interesting placement for headline. Great lighting and focus.

Character: Teri Grieger**Dilip Vishwanat****Third Place** **Jefferson County Leader**

Love the colors and clarity! Very interesting picture. Draws you into the event. I can't quit looking at their makeup! Great layout.

"Halloween Fun"**Ted Howell****Honorable Mention** **Webster-Kirkwood Times**

Captures the excitement of the moment. Great colors and action. Competition was stiff in this category. Hard to choose. Great picture.

Kirkwood High School graduation**Diana Linsley****13.) Best Sports Photo | Dailies - Class 1****First Place** **Daily Star-Journal**

Amazing picture! Not only the composition but the clarity. Even the mud clots in the air are in focus. Very exciting picture!

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Bull Rider***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Jack Miles Ventimiglia****Second Place** **Chillicothe Constitution Tribune**

The lighting and clarity in the awesome action picture are amazing! Love the action.

All Angles Covered**Brett Shaffer****Third Place** **Daily Star-Journal**

Great capture of the moment with the player in the air. Good color and balance.

D'Marnier Cunningham**Staff****Honorable Mention** **Trenton Republican-Times**

Great clarity and capture of the athletic form. Good lighting and color.

Whitley Richman**Seth Herrold**

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

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **Mounted shooting competition** **Stephanie Sidoti**
 the timing to catch the shot of the gun as well as the movement and even the horses face is fantastic and tells the story with just the picture

Second Place **Sedalia Democrat** **Tanguay drop** **Jason Strickland**
 Capturing the movement and the emotion in one picture with crisp and clean definition and a clear picture with no blur. Wonderful

Third Place **Sikeston Standard-Democrat** **No Rust - Sikeston's Juwon Kimble throws** **David Jenkins**
 The position of the kid dunking against the faces of the other players is great you can feel the excitement of this picture

Honorable Mention **Sikeston Standard-Democrat** **Dominance - Sikeston's Fred Thatch goes up** **David Jenkins**
 The capture of the moment of this game is great along with the emotion on the kid shooting the ball as well as the other plays is great

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

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Reaching for the Puck** **Chris Lee**
 To capture the puck and the intensity on the players' faces going after the puck is impressive! I love how the curved line of the rink wall draws your eye through the photo. Great job!

Second Place **Joplin Globe** **Heavyweights battle** **Laurie Sisk**
 To capture the sweat flying off of the athletes shows the viewer the strength and intensity of the fight. The facial expression of the boxer on the left shows the effects of the powerful punch that just landed. He looks dazed. Great job!

Third Place **Kansas City Star** **Cain celebrates run** **Shane Keyser**
 Cain looks like he's on a hoverboard in the movie Back to the Future. Most of the time you see athletes jumping, their knees are bent and arms are in the air but not here and that's what makes this photo so unique. Good job capturing this unique photo!

Honorable Mention **Kansas City Star** **Jamaal Charles diving touchdown** **David Eulitt**
 The things that the human body can do. Jamaal looks as if he's floating in the air due to the rockets attached to the bottom of his shoes! Awesome job!

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

First Place **Republic Monitor** **Showtime** **Tyler Thompson**
 Best action photo in the field, which is what put this photo at the top. Technically it needs a tighter crop to isolate the action and it is a little dark. Great timing and great capture.

Second Place **Clinton County Leader** **Clearing the Bar** **Brett Adkison**
 Solid high jump capture. Technically sound, although some would take off for the cropped off hand/foot. That has never bothered me that much though. It would have been nice if the poll in the background wouldn't have been there, sometimes that's out of our control.

Third Place **Platte County Citizen** **mowing them down** **Bryce Mereness**
 Solid pitching photo that gives a different perspective of the action. Would have liked to see the ball a little lower so the photo could have been cropped tighter.

Honorable Mention **Cedar County Republican** **Alex Rhodes interception** **Robert Jackson**
 Solid football photo with great timing.

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

First Place **Houston Herald** **Youth basketball** **Jeff McNiell**
The perfect moment. The look in her eyes, focused on that ball, says it all. Extra points for a basketball photo that is not dominated by armpits.

Second Place **Platte County Landmark** **Keep Away** **Doug Baldwin**
Soccer is not easy to shoot because the moments that make a photo are so quick to happen. This shot defies that theory.

Third Place **Houston Herald** **Hit batter** **Jeff McNiell**
Ouch. The photographer was patient, and on point, to get this shot.

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald** **lost helmet** **Jeff McNiell**
Nice touch with the helmet floating in air during the play!

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

First Place **Jefferson County Leader** **"Tagged out"** **Ted Howell**
Perfect timing capturing the action of the game. Lighting is perfect. Crisp and clear!

Second Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** **Gurley Hurdles** **Bill Battle**
Crisp action shot. Great job capturing the unusual height of play. Great lighting.

Third Place **The Lake Today** **Britten McLaughlin Osage Football** **Tim Leible**
Excellent timing on this shot. Lighting is good and focus is great. Cropping some of the top out may have enhanced this shot.

Honorable Mention **Jefferson County Leader** **"Going Airborne"** **Ted Howell**
This photo couldn't be clearer. Lighting is perfect. Timing on the action is slightly fast.

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

First Place **Monett Times** **Offense rolls past Cassville** **Jacob Brower**
One photo that tells the whole story.

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal** **The sack** **Staff**
This one caught my attention because of the facial expressions.

Third Place **Daily Star-Journal** **Pushups and Touchdowns** **Staff**
Different in both perspective and content.

Honorable Mention **Kirkville Daily Express** **Truman baseball** **Paul Halfacre**
Tells the story, would have placed higher with more faces showing somehow.

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Southeast Missourian****State champions****Laura Simon**

Great shot. Photographer had to be paying close attention to see this one coming. Left me wondering what the next two or three frames looked like -- probably two bodies flattened on the ground!

Second Place **Columbia Missourian****Coach cheers wrestlers****Kayla Wolf**

Nice to see a sidelines shot come across with such raw emotion -- as opposed to the players on the field, or in celebration. Good job.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian****Football injury****John Happel**

Interesting take on a field injury, especially the tight cropping. Getting a clear photo through the maze of bodies surrounding the injured player likely was very difficult.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian****Hug after last match****Loren Elliott**

The juxtaposition of the smile vs. the tears earned this one an honorable mention.

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Sad farewell at Mizzou****Huy Mach**

Just a fantastic capture of the human emotion that can be displayed in the realm of sports. Powerful photo!

Second Place **Kansas City Star****Royals rally crowd****David Eulitt**

Not sure what more can be said other than a great perspective photo of an exciting moment for Royals fans and the Royals organization.

Third Place **Kansas City Star****Berry returns after cancer battle****David Eulitt**

Very moody photo that does a nice job of capturing a powerful moment.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Big league action****Cristina Fletes**

Solid feature photo in a very crowded field of quality photos.

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Kearney Courier****Top dogs****Corey Edwards**

When you look at a photo and you feel the emotion, you've succeeded and that, you have done! You have captured what it took for every single one of these athletes to get to where there were that night. Fantastic job!

Second Place **Fayette Advertiser****Kabyl For Three****Greg Jackson**

Good job capturing the facial expressions in the audience as they anticipate whether or not the shot will make it. I spent a lot of time going through each individual in the crowd and everyone's facial expression is just a little different. This must have been the do-or-die shot! Great job!

Third Place **Cedar County Republican****Running onto the field****Robert Jackson**

A nice blend of photos from the night showing all activities happening, not just the football game. It keeps the reader engaged. Well done!

Honorable Mention **Excelsior Springs Standard****Tiger Fans****Jae Juarez**

I love these kids' enthusiasm to show off the American flag. The photo has a good balance of color all throughout. Well done!

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

First Place **Platte County Landmark**
Strong photo for a feature story on rodeo clowns or a specific clowning technique.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

The Rescue

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Doug Baldwin

Second Place **Houston Herald**
Great color. Great capture.

Senior Night

Jeff McNiell

Third Place **The Odessan**
Solid photo, and I really like seeing the sea of hands.

Bulldog sendoff

Hannah Spaar

Honorable Mention **Gasconade County Republican**

Pray

Jacob Warden

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**
This might have been just another shot of a group team jump for joy. It catapulted beyond that with the expression and body language of No. 21. The agony of defeat, indeed.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

"Back to final four"

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Ron Rigdon

Second Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend**
The composition, aided by the players themselves, shows depth, height, expression...all the elements that go into a great photo.

Winning Moment

Bill Battle

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**
Sometimes it's all about the moment, and being in the right place at the right time. This is one of those moments.

Sullivan Celebration

Bill Battle

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Weekend**
Almost a great photo, but nevertheless, a solid, well balanced shot.

Colorful Night

Bill Battle

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Dailies

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**
From smoke to highlighted torn paper this is a clever layout. clear and easy to read. Perfect use of color.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Drugs in Schools

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Valerie Mosley

Second Place **Southeast Missourian**
It was difficult to choose from a couple other posters. But with the perfectly captured jumps and special effect on headline this layout jumps out from the others, literally. Great concept!

Tradition impossible

Laura Simon and Trent Singer

Third Place **Daily Star-Journal**
Knowing how difficult it is to clean up background issues in photos this cutout with perfect attention to detail around the fringe is very good.

Powwow

Staff

Honorable Mention **Lebanon Daily Record**
Clever approach to a message. That's thinking outside the box. Simple but expresses message clearly. Well done! Good lighting.

Porch pirates

Kelly Morgan

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies - Class 3

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
 Very striking illustration. Love the "Arch" tie in.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Talent shortage***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Michael Behrens**

Second Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
 This was actually very close, it could have won as well.

Bitter brew**Michael Behrens**

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader**
 I liked the way this was composed and how it fit the story.

"Three Tonys Talk Turkey"**Peggy Scott**

Honorable Mention **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**
 Very unique!

Eyewitness Deliberation**Ryan O'Shea****15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2**

First Place **Houston Herald**
 This is very eye catching and I think perfect illustrates the wildfire story. It is interesting use of the space and way to put it together. Love the creativity with this one

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Wildfire Warriors***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Jeff McNiell**

Second Place **Houston Herald**
 I really like the idea of taking the sports story and instead of using the usual picture to go with it they infused the science element with it.

Right ingredients**Jeff McNiell**

Third Place **Excelsior Springs Standard**
 This one served its purpose very well in provoking the right emotion to go with the story

School Shooter**Skyla Sullivan**

Honorable Mention **Springfield Business Journal**
 I really enjoyed the use of the Monopoly Cards for the corporations

Brand Games**Wes Hamilton****16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 1**

First Place **Daily Star-Journal**
 Beautiful colors and clarity on the pictures. The layout is great with the cutout. It draws you in. Great job!

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Nutcracker***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Jack Miles Ventimiglia**

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal**
 Love the pictures! It really tells the story. Great clarity. Maybe spread it to two pages? There's enough content to spread out a little. Great job!

Annie Jr.**Staff**

Third Place **Monett Times**
 Great action in the pictures. It really conveys the massive amount of water. Great perspective on the lens and good layout.

Flooding**Murray Bishoff**

Honorable Mention **Monett Times**
 Awesome pictures! You were able to get a variety of shots on an event that could be repetitive on content because everyone's doing the same thing. Good interest.

Opening Day**Murray Bishoff**

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Southeast Missourian****Bearded bliss****Laura Simon****Second Place** **Southeast Missourian****Prom queen****Glenn Landberg****Third Place** **Lake Sun Leader****Best Photo Package****Colby Powell, Mike Losch and Amy Wilson****Honorable Mention** **Sikeston Standard-Democrat****Fire erupts at Santie Oil****David Jenkins and Jill Bock****16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Daily Tribune**

All of the Top 4 placers had strong visuals, but what set this one apart for me was the uniqueness of this story. Great job of capturing the community and the hard work of what they were facing.

Twilight for Sunset**Daniel Brenner and Amy Wilder****Second Place** **Springfield News-Leader**

Great visuals to tell a human interest story that has been very popular recently.

Why People Get Married**Valerie Mosley****Third Place** **Springfield News-Leader**

Quality package on a very heartbreaking story.

Homeless and pregnant**Valerie Mosley****Honorable Mention** **Columbia Daily Tribune**

Great story. Well written. Solid photos to make it a very nice package.

Helen's Heroes**Daniel Brenner and Jodie Jackson, Jr.****16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Cassville Democrat**

This layout was perfect and you could really feel the emotion of this day. The pictures were wonderful and told the story perfectly

Veterans Day**Kyle Troutman****Second Place** **Platte County Citizen**

All around gorgeous pictures, all of them were interesting to look and a very fun page to see

Platte County Fair spread**Ross Martin and Bryce Mereness****Third Place** **Focus On Oak Grove**

You could really feel the spirit of these students and the fun of the day

Fear the Panthers**Hannah Spaar****Honorable Mention** **Cassville Democrat**

The illustration of the flood destruction was told perfectly with this pictures

Flood**Kyle Troutman**

16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Warren County Record****State Softball****Tim Schmidt and Derrick Forsythe**

Great pictures! You captured their emotions and got a fantastic variety of shots. Tells the story. Awesome job!

Second Place **The Odessan****Puddle Jumper Days 2015****Hannah Spaar**

Great pictures! Love the results mixed in with the pictures. Makes it easy to follow and not get lost in type. Awesome variety of subjects.

Third Place **Houston Herald****Tyrone Tragedies****Jeff McNiell and Doug Davison**

Great in close pictures. Had to have been hard to stay in the middle of the action, especially when all the rest of the media arrived. The police tape pic is a great opening.

Honorable Mention **Warren County Record****Warrenton Graduation****Derrick Forsythe**

Love the quality of the layout and the pics. Good, sharp subjects and interesting content. Great job!

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

Wow. Fantastic job capturing these intense photos. Each and every picture states a feeling, an opinion and more. Photos are clear, up close and expose the raw emotions of the subjects. Very well done!

Second Place **Northeast News****Royals World Series Parade****Joe Jarosz and Kirstie Mulligan**

Good blend of the World Series Champs during this historical event. There were a lot of people that wanted to be there and some couldn't. These photos help capture moments that some couldn't witness. Well done!

Third Place **St. Clair Missourian****Perilous Journey****Keith Domke**

This poor little creature survived the massive flooding. Often times we don't think of the wildlife during these times. This photo brings attention to that and you had to be in the right place at the right time on this one. Good job!

Honorable Mention **Northeast News****Fallen Firefighters****Kirstie Mulligan, Joe Jarosz, David Remley and Michael Bushnell**

This series captures an incredibly sad moment but also a sense of patriotism. You have done well featuring the men who lost their lives do their jobs. Well done!

17.) Community Service | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Springfield News-Leader****Too Tolerant**

Hands down first place. Excellent, excellent coverage and leadership of a serious community issue

Second Place **Kansas City Star****Suicide prevention****Joe Robertson****Third Place** **News Tribune****A Christmas Wish****Honorable Mention** **Quincy Herald-Whig****Adams County jail**

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

First Place **Daily Star-Journal** **Love What's Local**
Loved this campaign. It offers a service project for both the news and advertising sides and helps the newspaper and the wider community.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **First person stories**
This is a great idea to offer an outlet for thoughts and frustrations over a huge issue. We hope it helped start some healing.

Third Place **Monett Times** **Community Service**
Great comprehensive effort to aid a good cause and inform the public about cancer and prevention. Nice work.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Racial climate at MU** **Emma Vandelinder**

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

First Place **St. Louis American** **Salute to Excellence in Education**
Wow. How can anyone even compete against this. Congratulations on the good I'm sure your foundation has done over the years.

Second Place **The Lake Today** **Ghost Story Contest** **Samantha Edmondson**
This actually was my favorite project and something I may try to duplicate in my community. It encourages much-needed thinking and creativity in young minds.

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **Giving Guide 2015**
Excellent edition.

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** **Community Service Literacy for All Ages** **Dawn Kitchell, Chris Stuckenschneider and The Missourian Staff**
Any program that encourages students to read should be recognized.

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

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **Community Service - Breast Cancer**

Second Place **Christian County Headliner-News** **Adopt-A-Class**

Third Place **Houston Herald** **Lone Star Plaza Annex** **Brad Gentry and Kathy Richardson**

18.) Best Editorial Pages | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Kansas City Star** **Editorial Pages**
These pages are full of insightful local commentary. The editorials offer thoughtful, concise ideas and opinions. Well done.

Second Place **News Tribune** **News Tribune editorial pages** **Richard McGonegal**
The editorials seem a bit long, but offer helpful insight on local issues. The design and range of voices makes for interesting reading.

Third Place **St. Joseph News-Press** **Passport Guides Visit To Quilters' Paradise**
The writing quality is fine, but the more local voices in commentary would improve this section.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Post-Dispatch editorial pages**
Interesting approach to statehouse news.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Daily Star-Journal** **Editorial Pages** **Jack Miles Ventimiglia**
This paper illustrates a tremendous job of putting a high priority on producing local editorial page content, and it shows.

Second Place **Sikeston Standard-Democrat** **Best Editorial Page** **Jill Bock**
Overall, a really great mix, though sometimes difficult to understand what the view of some content is.

Third Place **Monett Times** **Editorial Page** **Murray Bishoff and Jacob Brower**
Good mix of content, but not as local as the top two winners.

Honorable Mention **Hannibal Courier-Post** **Hannibal Courier-Post editorial pages** **Eric Dundon**
Again, a nice mix; however, some reliance on outside content knocks them down when compared to others who have entered.

18.) Best Editorial Pages | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader** **"Opinions"**
Great content - your editorial page obviously offers a lot of fodder for the reader, judging from the amount of letters to the editor you publish. Even the letters from your readers are - mostly - well-written and thoughtful. Design-wise, the page leaves something to be desired. I understand there is a lot of copy, but a little color and/or infographics can go a long way toward grabbing readers' eyes.

Second Place **St. Louis American** **St. Louis American Editorials** **Editorial Board**
Your editorial page was compelling; every single column was thought-provoking and deserving of careful consideration. I'm impressed with the range of issues discussed and the fearlessness of your commentators.

Third Place **Green Park Call** **Best Editorial Pages** **Mike Anthony**
Your editorial page held my interest throughout, and seems to have engaged the public's interest as well (re: the editor's note about the lack of space for letters to editor in one issue), which is what sells papers and keeps your readers informed. Your design is lackluster and nothing "popped" off the page for me. Sitting and reading the entire page was almost an exercise in endurance. A quote in larger print or a graphic/infographic could really improve the layout in my opinion.

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** **Missourian Best Editorial Pages Entry** **Missourian Staff**
Your content was great, informative and diverse. However, the overall design of the page needs a major overhaul. Simply changing the fonts, a few rules here and there, and/or some boxed quotes could take this page a LONG way.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Christian County Headliner-News** **Editorial pages**
This entry does a great job of balancing local viewpoints with state viewpoints, without diminishing the amount of local content that's coming from the paper each edition.

Second Place **Gasconade County Republican** **Gasconade County Republican Best Editorial**
Another example of producing lots of great, original content.

Third Place **Cassville Democrat** **Editorial Pages**
There's a nice mix here between original and syndicated content, though sometimes the latter outweighs the former.

Honorable Mention **Platte County Landmark** **APRIL SEPT OCT** **Ivan Foley, Chris Kamler and Brian Kubicki**
What's difficult to judge about this entry is whether some of the submissions are local or syndicated.

19.) Best Sports Pages | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Quincy Herald-Whig** **Quincy Herald-Whig sports pages**

Second Place **Kansas City Star** **Best Sports Pages**

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **BEST SPORTS PAGES** **Columbia Daily Tribune**

Honorable Mention **St. Joseph News-Press** **Elite Eight**

19.) Best Sports Pages | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Independence Examiner** **Examiner Sports** **Karl Zinke, Bill Althaus and Michael Smith**
Bold, captivating design with fantastic eye appeal

Second Place **Southeast Missourian**
Professional presentation with compelling visuals.

Third Place **Monett Times** **Sports Page** **Chris Vore, Jared Lankford and Kyle Troutman**
Well-constructed pages with art balanced against relevance of the topics.

19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News** **Sports pages** **Russ Green, JoEllen Black and Shawn Roney**
Compelling layout. Crisp photos with plenty of action. Useful information in breakouts. Strong reporting.

Second Place **Platte County Citizen** **The Platte County Citizen** **Bryce Mereness and Ross Martin**
What appears to be a two-man wrecking crew of a sports staff produces solid results. Great leads in stories, photos cover a broad range, modular design holds it all together.

Third Place **Cassville Democrat** **Sports Pages** **Chris Vore**
Exciting design brought readers in for solid local coverage. Would have loved to see more. Seems you would have included the entire section, instead of just fronts. ??

Honorable Mention **Kearney Courier** **Jan. 22, Feb. 26, Oct. 1** **Corey Edwards**

19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Warren County Record****Best Sports Pages****Tim Schmidt and Derrick Forsythe**

Variety and tightness of photos impressive. State softball title had every angle covered. The breadth of local coverage was topped only by the captivating leads. Solid sports section!

Second Place **Houston Herald****Sports pages****Jeff McNiell**

Solid writing all the way through. Breakouts and points of entry on each page display a commitment to complete coverage. Decent number of more-than-decent photos ó plus an illustration.

Third Place **Liberty Tribune****Jan. 29, March 26, Oct. 15****Chris Geinosky**

Pages are well-designed, draw readers in, and they're not disappointed. Chris Geinosky writes volumes without overwriting a single story. Particularly poignant was the Liberty girls basketball team ó even when losing the state title game.

19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Washington Missourian, Weekend****Washington Weekend Missourian Sports****Bill Battle, Jeremy Housewright and Michael Alvey****Second Place** **Jefferson County Leader****"Jefferson County Leader Sports"****Third Place** **Washington Missourian, Wednesday****Washington Wednesday Missourian Sports****Bill Battle, Jeremy Housewright and Michael Alvey****Honorable Mention** **St. Louis American****St. Louis American Sports****20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Waynesville Daily Guide****Terminal Tigers: Waynesville wins first****Derek Dueker****Second Place** **Monett Times****Senior's Legacy****Jared Lankford****Third Place** **Monett Times****Monett Ready****Jared Lankford****Honorable Mention** **Chillicothe Constitution Tribune****Softball Jones****Paul Sturm****20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian****The black athlete****Aaron Reiss and Jacob Bogage**

Second Place	Southeast Missourian	Who's got next/SE men's basketball timeline	Erin Unerstall
Third Place	Southeast Missourian	No escaping Webb/Al Young sidebar	Trent Singer and Josh Mlot
Honorable Mention	Sedalia Democrat	Sacred Heart enters Final Four as veterans	Eric Ingles

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Kansas City Star	Royalty	
Second Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Blues season finished	Jeremy Rutherford, Jeff Gordon and Tom Timmermann
Third Place	Quincy Herald-Whig	Special delivery	Matt Schuckman and Andy Martinez
Honorable Mention	Kansas City Star	Shockers Stand Tall	Vahe Gregorian, Sam Mellinger, Rustin Dodd, Kellis Robinett, Blair Kerkhoff and Chris Fickett

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Cassville Democrat	Brawl Invasion	Jared Lankford
Compelling visuals draw the reader's eye and make indulging in this well-written and balanced package a must.			
Second Place	Kearney Courier	State football	Corey Edwards
Great to see a solidly-written sports story package with great design given prominence on the front page that matches its relevance to the community.			
Third Place	Clinton County Leader	Lathrop State Softball	Brett Adkison
A thoroughly organized and well-produced package and keepsake edition. Captures the spirit of the team and their achievements.			
Honorable Mention	Platte County Citizen	The best, bar none	Ross Martin
The headline, photos and lede immediately capture attention and keep readers intrigued long enough to get them engaged for the rest of the package.			

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Warren County Record	State Softball	Tim Schmidt and Derrick Forsythe
There were a lot of elements in this package, with stories covering all aspects of the championship, to the notes, sidebars and photos. Great job!			
Second Place	Liberty Tribune	Celebrating 20 years	Chris Geinosky
What a fun project this must have been. I love the writing style, good clean copy. The elements of the package are good. I loved the series and I'm sure the readers did, too.			

Third Place **Houston Herald** **WOW!** **Jeff McNiell**
I love the writing style. The reader experiences the emotions of the game. The sidebars are good with good information. Good job!

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald** **Double Up** **Jeff McNiell**
The graphics and side information are good on this. The writing style is clean.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **Rams package** **Brian Feldt and Joe Dwyer**
Does a great job of covering all bases of the story-at-hand, including using graphics, etc. to help the reader understand what's important with the story.

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader** **"State girls soccer championships"** **Gordon Bess**
Does not shy away from using a creative lead and opening to help tell the story.

Third Place **The Lake Today** **Best Sports Package** **Tim Leible**
Great series, does a tremendous job of starting with a personal connection and then expanding into the larger issue

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Weekend** **Post 218 Seniors Win State Opener** **Bill Battle**

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Monett Times** **Cody Returns Home** **Jared Lankford**
I'm sure everyone was talking about this freak football accident and this feature story gave a thorough account of the accident and the young man's recovery. I'm betting reader-interest was very high and the story was very well-written. Good job.

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal** **Mo. Hall of Famer** **Staff**
I liked this story about a woman's hall of fame-worthy sports and sports administration career. Extra interest was brought to the story with the included stories of her journey in the early days of women's sports.

Third Place **Rolla Daily News** **Ultimate thrill - Wands Brothers** **Dave Roberts**
Feel-good story about brothers who got to compete together on the same basketball team after one of them very nearly lost his life to a freak illness. Very engaging story and well-written.

Honorable Mention **Lebanon Daily Record** **Drivin' the dream** **Israel Potoczny**
Nice story about a young man who was always there for other sports competitors when he himself wasn't able to, but later was able to live out his dream by racing. Nicely done.

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Lake Sun Leader** **Best Sports Feature** **Mike Losch**
Excellent story on a great subject. You were able to get good comments from an outstanding 15-year-old athlete.

Second Place **Southeast Missourian** **A dream in motion/Rehka Patterson** **Erin Unerstall**
Insightful, moving interview, and very well-written story. You let your reader get to know the subject. Good work.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **Twenty-five years later** **Aaron Reiss**
Good sports story; you were able to relive a 25-year-old game story and tie it into a fun history piece. Enjoyed reading it.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**
Very good insight into how sports and local situations impact each other. Very relevant subject.

After "the week" - BYU game

Jacob Bogage

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Joplin Globe**

Hunter excelling in life

Levi Payton

Second Place **Joplin Globe**

The Road Back

Levi Payton

Third Place **Joplin Globe**

PSU's Robert McField battling for his life

Jim Henry

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune**

Porter family

Caitlin Swieca

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Platte County Citizen**
Well written profile of a coach who had an impact on many lives. Good use of multiple sources.

Lasting legacy

Ross Martin

Second Place **King City Tri-County News**
A really long story, but really fun to read! The tone was folksy, and not in traditional newspaper style, but well researched and fascinating from start to finish. Clearly a labor of love by the writer.

Empire Prairie's Own 'Field of Dreams'

Darlene Peterson

Third Place **Excelsior Springs Standard**
Heartwarming story of two football teams setting their rivalry aside to help a sick child's wish come true. It would have been nice to include comment from Taylor Swift's camp, if not the singer herself.

Social media & Tigers combine to bring

Jae Juarez

Honorable Mention **Kearney Courier**
Compelling account of a player dedicating a state championship run to his late father.

Harris playoff run

Corey Edwards

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Warren County Record**
Therapy takes all forms on the road to physical recovery, as this story points out. The feature also provided mental therapy for readers as it portrayed the power of hope. Very touching.

When Is Golfdy?

Kory Carpenter

Second Place **Warren County Record**
Nice job connecting the calendar (Mother's Day, graduation) with the award ceremony. You captured the essence of this hard-working young man who's making the most of tough circumstances.

Path to Perseverance

Derrick Forsythe

Third Place **Liberty Tribune**
Strong lead and setup led to the discovery of an extremely talented basketball family. With so many superstar siblings, readers are left to draw their own conclusion about who's best.

Fleming continues family tradition

Chris Geinosky

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

First Place	St. Louis Business Journal	Squeeze Play	Brian Feldt
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Second Place	St. Louis Business Journal	Lessons Learned	Brian Feldt
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Third Place	St. Louis American	St. Louis Attack	Ishmael Sistrunk
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Honorable Mention	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Kriete Thankful to Be Playing	Bill Battle
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22.) Best Sports Columnist | Dailies*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Kansas City Star Consistently great columns. A World Series win never hurts! Go Royals! :)	Sam Mellinger sports columns	Sam Mellinger
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Second Place	Joplin Globe	Jason Peake	Jason Peake
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Third Place	Kansas City Star	Vahe Gregorian sports columns	Vahe Gregorian
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Honorable Mention	Joplin Globe Great coverage. Consistent quality.	Jim Henry	Jim Henry
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22.) Best Sports Columnist | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Jefferson County Leader	"The Inside Track"	Gordon Bess
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Second Place	St. Louis American	Sports Eye	Alvin Reid
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Third Place	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Battleline	Bill Battle
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Honorable Mention	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Mike'd Up	Michael Alvey
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22.) Best Sports Columnist | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Cassville Democrat****Sports Columns****Jared Lankford**

This is a great set of columns that even a "non-sports" lover would enjoy. The solid writing put this entry over the top.

Second Place **Christian County Headliner-News****The Bottom Line****Jeff Kessinger**

I would look for these columns every week. The writer has a knack for weaving normal, every day life with sports in a way that everyone can enjoy.

Third Place **Republic Monitor****MLB, players union institute pace-of-play****Tyler Thompson**

Good, solid columns that cover sports interests well.

Honorable Mention **Gasconade County Republican****Will Johnson**

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Daily Star-Journal****Welcome to Warrensburg****Jack Miles Ventimiglia, Sue Sterling and Dustan Sedgwick**

Awesome is an apt description of this community staple. Colorful writing and dynamic photos capture a city that doesn't just wish for prosperity ó it's taking place.

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal****Veterans****Jack Miles Ventimiglia and Sue Sterling**

You've seen one of these sections, you've seen them all. Until I got past the individual veterans mug shots and discovered an array of fascinating local characters with military service. Covered all eras of vets still alive to boot.

Third Place **Monett Times****Fall Farm and Ranch**

The cover shot is a winner, and what follows doesn't disappoint. Bringing youth into the agriculture story makes it personal and exciting. This section is obviously a hit with advertisers.

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian****Homecoming 2015****Missourian Staff**

Despite the fact you have a financial advantage over others in this category in being a publicly funded, student-run paper, you've combined outstanding photos with great content, graphic features and advertising here to win the category. Homecoming happens every year with no doubt a certain amount of recycling, but you make it appear fresh here- and even find a way to include an adult toy store! I love it!

Second Place **West Plains Daily Quill****Valentine's Day**

I love the way you treat run-of-the mill cyclical holidays like Valentines and Mothers Day by forcing fresh content out of them- people love people features, and you work this angle extremely well. Great ad count with smaller, affordable ads and a great selection of businesses. You lost first place only on this: Your layout, even limited in a broadsheet with ads bottom of page, can be pepped up from standard 6-clm formats of copy and photos. Don't be so old and stodgy looking- InDesign gives you tools to do amazing multi-column formats, etc., Use them. If this layout looked like something that came out of the new millennium, you'd have won this!

Third Place **Columbia Missourian****First in the family****Vox Magazine**

Great idea for a special section - most of us struggle each year for a new way to approach cyclical events, and you find a great angle on this one. Production, graphics, photos and stories are first rate as I would expect from your school. You lost higher a higher finish because of the lack of advertising; a good ad base in a special section opens a whole new gamut of design and content aspects as well as community participation.

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian****Matheny/Cardinals nation**

This was a fine looking and reading section- nice use of photos and the content shows you put a lot of focus on sports- great general quality. I rated other papers higher more on initiative and concepts. Although your section is first rate, I'd think it would be hard for a sports section to win this category. You won hands down in one area though ñ the placement of the logo on the front cover of the company that buys the back page ad is an idea I plan to steal!!

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Kansas City Star****Year of the Royals**

Extremely well done. A great tribute to a spectacular baseball season. Go Royals!

Second Place **Quincy Herald-Whig**
Well done. I especially enjoyed the photo section of past mayors.

Quincy 175 tab

Third Place **Kansas City Star**
Informative and well done. Entry is a historical documentary of natural disasters in K.C.
This entry kept my interest and was surely a hit with Kansas City readers.

Doomsday Kansas City

Rick Montgomery

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
I enjoyed reading about the Arch.

Arch turns 50

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News**
Polished and very nearly perfect. Photography was on point, design was amazing and the writing was interesting and brief. Extremely enjoyable.

Show Me Ray County magazine

Second Place **Clinton County Leader**
I love the idea of this tab. It is fantastic you got so much community support behind the team. I am most impressed with the amount of GREAT photos contained.

State Championship

Brett Adkison, Becky Black and Autumn Barnett

Third Place **Cassville Democrat**
Great tab - design is phenomenal, and the photography matches. I'd just suggest offering free color to all advertisers; tabs that are colorful throughout (photos, infographics, ads) just look so much more polished.

Shell Knob Tab

Honorable Mention **Cassville Democrat**
Such a great profile of an expanding community. The articles were interesting and most of the photos definitely drew attention. The community will treasure this tab as a keepsake for years to come.

Cassville Progress

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Buffalo Reflex**
Well done with clean, clear writing and excellent design.

July 2015 Country Neighbor

Andrew Jenkins, Mike Cullinan, Jessica Drews Hanna Smith, Sarah Bicknell and Jim Hamilton

Second Place **Buffalo Reflex**
Nice mix of interesting stories. The writing is very well done and the design is very appealing.

October 2015 Country Neighbor

Andrew Jenkins, Amelia Wigton, Robert Jackson, Scott Kerber, Jessica Drews and Amber Duran

Third Place **Gasconade County Republican**
Nicely designed. Good lead story.

Spring on the Road

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald**
Well-rounded guide with a multitude of useful information both to new and long-time residents.

Houston Proud

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**
Outstanding section; excellent photos and stories; advertising contributed with the same theme as editorial content. Brilliant effort.

Diversity: A Business Imperative

Second Place **St. Louis American**
Outstand throughout. Good content. Advertising provided interesting content, too.

Salute to Excellence in Education

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
Well-written copy, attractive layout, good photos.

Innovation Awards 2015

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Business Journal**
Well-written copy, attractive layout, good photos.

Ferguson a year later

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

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

Municipal court abuses

Jennifer S. Mann, Jeremy Kohler and Stephen Deere

In a strong category filled with meaningful examples of investigative journalism, the work of the Post Dispatch and reporters Jennifer S. Mann, Jeremy Kohler and Stephen Deere to expose the blatant unfairness of the municipal court systems in and around St. Louis stood out. I was outraged as I read the series. But I also was thankful that the Post Dispatch expended significant resources and front-page real estate to exhaustively examine the system. Most importantly, the reporting appears to have prompted changes for the better. Great work, great journalism.

Second Place **Kansas City Star**

Ignoring the Terror Within

Judy L. Thomas

Judy S. Thomas' examination of the threat domestic terrorists pose while so much attention is being paid to international terrorism was a great read. That her pieces appeared two months before the tragic shootings in a Charleston, SC church is chilling. Commendable and important work.

Third Place **Kansas City Star**

House Speaker Resigns

Jason Hancock and Steve Kraske

More great journalism. The Star's reporting started with another text-message sex scandal involving a prominent politician, but as they peeled back layers, they found a state capital run amok with politicians behaving badly and interns ó mostly female ó placed in the worst kind of atmosphere. This series also prompted legislative change for the better, a hallmark of great investigative journalism.

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

Quick loans, big bucks

Walker Moskop

There are car title lenders and then there is TitleMax. Great story exposing how one company takes advantage of the poor and makes sure lobby legislators to see that the scheme can continue.

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**

More public universities recruit affluent out-

Liying Qian

Detailed reporting on a topic relevant to every Missouri family ó the cost of a college education. The disturbing trend of recruiting out of state students, at the expense of poorer in-state students, is alarming. Good work.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**

Ill-fated rescue

Karol Ilagan

A frightening tale that makes the reader wonder how often such cell-phone location mistakes happen with 911 calls when time is of the essence. I learned much from this story.

Third Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**

Cost of energy investments

Danny Henley

Thorough reporting on a subject matter that is difficult for the public to grasp but is important to taxpayers. Good work.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**

Family who pushed police

Elise Schmelzer

A story that has a happy ending, sort of. Kudos to the family for taking on the police version of what happened in the accident and winning.

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cedar County Republican**

Four decades later, no leads and little hope

Mary Morris

Second Place **Cassville Democrat**

Ambulance Tax

Kyle Troutman

Third Place **Cassville Democrat**

Flooding

Kyle Troutman, Julia Kilmer and Jared Lankford

Honorable Mention Bowling Green Times

Law Enforcement Budget Shortfall

Ethan Colbert

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Houston Herald

Shooting spree

Jeff McNiell, Doug Davison and Brad Gentry

Great piece on a terrible tragedy. Design and thoroughness of the entry put this one over the top.

Second Place Christian County Headliner-News

Sheriff Investigation

Amelia Wigton

Great piece on the local sheriff. Garnering an interview with him made the piece even better. After reading Kyle's comments on your other entry about the "loss of moral compass" - the word "irony" comes to mind.

Third Place Christian County Headliner-News

No love for Valentine

Jeff Kessinger

Good, ole' investigative skills show in this piece. The way your staff told a somewhat complicated story in a way that readers could understand made this piece outstanding.

Honorable Mention Salem News

Heroin in the Hollows

Andrew Sheeley

The interviews with current and former drug dealers made this piece provocative and "real." A great piece that deserves a wider audience.

25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Kansas City Star

Second Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Third Place News Tribune

Rebecca Martin

Honorable Mention Columbia Daily Tribune

25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Columbia Missourian

Jacob Steimer

Strong coverage taking powerful local interests to task for breaking their promises to the community. This is the kind of watchdog business journalism everybody needs.

Second Place Southeast Missourian

Close second. Good mix of "pure" business and consumer interest coverage. Lots of good information about the general health of the local economy, especially the story on the pull factor.

Third Place Sikeston Standard-Democrat

David Jenkins

I didn't see any real standout stories, but in the aggregate, it does a pretty decent job of rounding up the developments in the local business community.

25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Richmond News	Rebuilding Richmond and Beyond series	Sara Seidel and David Knopf
Second Place	Cassville Democrat		
Third Place	Excelsior Springs Standard		Brian Rice, Jae Juarez, Eric Copeland, Skyla Sullivan and Mikayla Gatlin
Honorable Mention	Lee's Summit Tribune		Linda Ahern, Wendy Hayworth and Stephanie Edwards

25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	St. Louis Business Journal		
	Tough to beat a business journal publication in a business coverage category. Nice publication chalk full of business news. Well done.		
Second Place	Webster-Kirkwood Times		Dwight Bitikofer
	Business features, stories, briefs and commentary. Succinct writing. Clean design. Nice job. I appreciated the variety of business news.		
Third Place	St. Louis American		
	Solid business coverage. Just not as much as the first two in this category.		

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

First Place	Hannibal Courier-Post	Prairie state investments	Danny Henley
	A very solid story about how a blunder by the local power company has cost community ratepayers millions of dollars. Masterful use of numbers deftly dismantles the local officials' justifications. The clear winner.		
Second Place	Rolla Daily News	Area business makes airplane propellers,	Eddie O'Neill
	An engaging feature about a unique family aviation business. Their genuine love of flying and their business shines through.		
Third Place	Daily Star-Journal	Asphalt	Staff
	A good job of telling the reader about an egregious situation, but could have pressed officials harder on what they plan to do about it.		
Honorable Mention	Monett Times	Supermercado	Melonie Roberts
	This story stood out from many similar entries, because the writer got out of the way and let an interesting man tell an interesting story about his interesting family business.		

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

First Place	Columbia Missourian	IBM job growth	Jacob Steimer
	Story holds a major local company and government accountable for broken promises to the community. Courageous.		

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Flight delays** **Austin Huguelet**
An excellent mix of human experience and statistics that highlight a significant problem. Strong effort.

Third Place **Southeast Missourian** **Reclaiming history** **Katherine Webster**
An engaging write about a woman restoring a building for her business. The part about the previous owner being murdered by a deputy was fascinating.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Family-run food truck** **Stephen Daw**
Loved the unexpected turn about how they bought the truck, the stove and refrigerator, then still had to learn to cook. Fun story.

26.) Best Business Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kansas City Star** **Ranking Lacked Credibility** **Mike Hendricks and Mará Rose Williams**
Investigative journalism comes to the business category, because on the university level, rankings can be big business. The Kansas City Star dove deep into questions about the top ranking of the business school at UMKC and how it achieved those rankings, and then didn't give up when they were challenged. Great job. This effort makes me proud to be part of this industry.

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Renewing Ferguson** **Jim Gallagher**
I applaud the effort to return to Ferguson after the fires have gone out and (most) of the rubble was removed. Too often we only cover the breaking news and forget places like Ferguson as they're trying to recover. Thorough job and nice info-graphic.

Third Place **Kansas City Star** **Marcelo's Moment** **Mark Davis**
Business leader profiles are kind of standard issue for business sections of newspaper. But when the person being profiled is the CEO of arguably the most important business in the city, the importance and reader interest steps to the next level. This profile is as thorough and interesting as any I've read. Great job.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Merger as makeover?** **Tim Barker**
Nice overview on the marketing challenges faced by an infamous business like Monsanto.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Platte County Citizen** **The fire inside** **Cory MacNeil**
A story that seemed to be as carefully hand-crafted as the wood-fired oven bread it talked about. Great from beginning to end. This was the second from last story I read... and it was the one I was waiting for. I caught myself wondering when I might be going through Weston so I could stop by this place. Easy 10. Easy first place. Fantastic writing.

Second Place **Lee's Summit Tribune** **Dairy Queen: A Worldwide Chain With A** **Wendy Hayworth**
This is how anniversary stories should be done. I appreciated the mini-stories within the main story. The writing had a familiar, comfortable feel to it, like the author was writing about an old friend. Nice job.

Third Place **Excelsior Springs Standard** **A love story one hundred years in the** **Jae Juarez**
I could feel the passion the owners had for their inn. Nice job incorporating some history into a modern love story.

Honorable Mention **Richmond News** **Richmond's own 'Rehab Addict'** **JoEllen Black**
It was tough to leave this article out of the rankings. It was a fun little story that would have caught the readers' attention for sure.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Gasconade County Republican** **Toolroom VP encourages students to know** **Dave Marner**
I love the fact that you have an example of a public/private partnership here- a local company with a future working with local officials to focus on young people joining the local workforce. I also like the way you treat this story with importance, because it is. Lots of stories in this category had great business profiles, but yours shows insight into what's important in maintaining businesses in your community and that you recognize local companies/officials who are working to make that happen. Nice story selection and well done.

Second Place **Springfield Business Journal** **How's your bank's health?** **Emily Letterman**
This is an important and very overlooked story- affected almost every community since the recession and new regulations started hammering local banks. This was a great and important idea to explore, and you are the ONLY paper I've seen that has recognized it. I can't help but wonder if you heard feedback on this story from the public or from local banks?? Nice job.

Third Place **Liberty Tribune** **Freshly squeezed farmer's market** **Amy Neal**
 Typically a kid with a lemonade stand story wouldn't rank really high in this category, but you make the stellar and insightful point: The kid's making a business decision that comes at the base of most enterprises: Location, location, location! I hope some of your local businesses that are struggling to grasp concepts of marketing and business management picked up on the concept this young man is exhibiting- and which you are passing along to them!

Honorable Mention **Marshfield Mail** **Uptown Cafe** **Mike Cullinan**
 Few businesses are as much a part of the social and commercial fabric of a town than the local cafe- and I'm glad you pointed out that these new owners are working on new marketing and management efforts- hopefully other businesses in your town that need help will see these folks as a good example. You are to be commended for pointing it out.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
 Excellent focus on a young businessperson.

Game on

Angela Mueller

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader**
 Good story; treated both sides of controversy fairly; good illustration.

"Real Ticked"

Kevin Carbery

Third Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**
 Well written, good enterprise feature.

Next best comes in last

Stephanie Maniscalco

Honorable Mention **Union Missourian**
 Good coverage with positive community involvement.

Businesses Begin Mopping Up

**Gregg Jones
and Karen Butterfield**

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
 What a great package beyond the news coverage. Loved the balanced editorials and balanced reporting. Good enterprise reporting tucked in along the way. Great use of photos, too.

The suicide of Tom Schweich

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader**
 Great information in a great format. Not bogged down with too many numbers. I appreciated the lists and I'm sure the readers did, too. I love that the various entities were broken down so the reader could get an understanding on each of those. The writing was clear and understandable.

Public Paycheck

News-Leader

Third Place **Kansas City Star**
 The breaking news is certainly the anchor to this entry. What gave it the "umph" was the inclusion of "The wolves of Jeff City." Powerful reporting.

House Speaker Resigns

Jason Hancock and Steve Kraske

Honorable Mention **News Tribune**
 At first I thought this was going to be an average pre-election series. But I like how the reporter broke things down, such as the role of the mayor, city administrator, and transparency in government. I would think the readers became more educated voters because of this series.

Elections

Madeleine Leroux

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Daily Star-Journal**

Without Medicaid, Missourians dying

Jack Miles Ventimiglia

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**

Columbia Terminal Railroad

Austin Huguelet

Third Place **Southeast Missourian**

Cape Girardeau's new sports complex

Erin Ragan, Samantha Rinehart and Katie Lamb

Honorable Mention Columbia Missourian City hopes to take CoMO Connect toward Carolyn Heger

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Cassville Democrat **Butler Hollow** **Kyle Troutman, Julia Kilmer and Jason Johnston**

Second Place Platte County Citizen **Platte City Board of Alderman: USS Platte** **Ross Martin**

Third Place Richmond News **Embattled county coroner** **JoEllen Black and Sara Seidel**

Honorable Mention Cassville Democrat **Ambulance Tax** **Kyle Troutman**

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Christian County Headliner-News **Sheriff election drama** **Amber Duran and Amelia Wigton**

Second Place Houston Herald **U.S. Forest Service** **Doug Davison**

Third Place Christian County Headliner-News **Sheriff investigation** **Amelia Wigton**

Honorable Mention Platte County Landmark **PRISON POPULATION** **Valerie Verkamp**

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Jefferson County Leader **"Different chair"** **Kevin Carbery**
Interesting story. Good use of multiple sources.

Second Place St. Louis American **Civilian Review**
One of those meetings that almost write themselves. Good job.

Third Place St. Louis Business Journal **Lone ranger** **Brian Feldt**
This was long, but the information was extremely important to your readers.

28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian**

Interesting array of stories and sources. The writing showed a passion for the subjects.

Congregation celebrates 100th anniversary**Janie Booth, Katie Kull and Kylee May****Second Place** **Kansas City Star**

Well-written stories. Description and detail keep the reader engaged.

Third Place **Monett Times**

Comprehensive agriculture coverage. Good writing and good grasp of subjects. You do a service to your readers.

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian**

Good overall coverage keeping readers up to date on agriculture.

28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Cassville Democrat**

First, the attractive layout of your publication pulls me in, and makes me want to read every last column inch. The beautiful flag, including the baseball player clipping path, the refer boxes, the mix of photos, and excellent use of white space, should have you on the short list in the design categories as well. Second, what a commitment to rural life and agriculture you have throughout your pages, from important issues like the signing of a key piece of ag legislation, to the success of the local FFA judging team. Ag and plenty of it. Finally, I love the refer boxes (if that's the appropriate term in this case) that summarize the key points of nearly any article you publish. What a great newspaper, and a

Second Place **Richmond News**

Excellent coverage of rural life and agriculture, including the story bout Vandiver and the excellent picture taken from inside the pick-up looking back on the cattle. I was also drawn in by the picture of the anxious young football players awaiting to hear the fate of the 11-man program, with a possible switch to 8-man in the future. The concern on the faces of the players is evident, and, declining enrollment is a constant theme in rural communities across the Midwest. Love the layout and mix of photos and the quality writing that tells such important stories about your community.

David Knopf**Third Place** **Houston Herald**

Excellent mix of rural and ag stories with quality pictures of horses and hunting lodges. I even enjoyed the article about the jail garden and the cook who makes meals for convicts, even though it may not specifically be rural, it's a unique piece.

Doug Davison**Honorable Mention** **Salem News**

The feature packages for Logger's Lake and Beef Day are very attractive and offer a great look at rural recreation activities and the importance of agriculture. I would like to know a bit more about Beef Day, perhaps in a longer article? But, I really enjoy the quality of photos and the excellent arrangement from top to bottom of both feature photo packages.

Andrew Sheeley and Tyler McConnell

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Monett Times**

Nice story about unique gardening practice. Great use of quotes. Excellent detail about the subject. Nice photo package as well.

Fall Gardening**Melonie Roberts****Second Place** **Monett Times**

Timely topic with excellent use of quotes, including the final quote which provides a quality suggestion from an expert to the targeted reader.

Record Cattle Prices**Murray Bishoff****Third Place** **Daily Star-Journal**

Interesting perspectives related to such a key political topic.

Promises vs. Payment**Staff****Honorable Mention** **Monett Times**

Informative story about one of the most important ag industries in the coverage area.

Rancher Finds Success**Murray Bishoff**

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **Scarce, expensive land makes it hard for** **Katie Kull**
 Excellent lede, pulls the reader in, the story compels you to read more and learn about the prospects of being a young farmer in the modern ag industry.

Second Place **Southeast Missourian** **Perry County residents hop river levee holds** **Mark Bliss**
 The writer makes you feel the anxiety, the concern over potential flooding, and every sentence begs you to read the next.

Third Place **Southeast Missourian** **Beyond show-off: A horse called Chico** **Nancy Hadler**
 Fun story, very well written.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Drowning on the vine** **Kayla Piedimonte**
 Excellent lede. Well written.

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **St. Joseph News-Press** **Stockyards still in progress** **Ray Scherer**
 This is a well written entry about preserving the St. Joseph Stockyards. I have a personal interest in historic preservation and very much enjoyed reading it.

Second Place **Kansas City Star** **Neo-Nazi Thwarted** **Judy L. Thomas**
 Wow! This entry really makes you think about the Neo-Nazi movement in rural America!

Third Place **News Tribune** **Unusual guardians** **Michelle Brooks**
 It was a fun read and very informative.

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe** **Family starts shrimp farm** **Allie Hinga**
 Growing shrimp in Stella Mo. What a way to diversify the family farm.

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Platte County Citizen** **Putting out fires** **Bryce Mereness**
 A fascinating story about Michelle Johnson, who is the local junior high and high school principal, is also a volunteer firefighter and serves on several boards in the town of Dearborn. A very good tribute to someone who obviously takes her role in her town very seriously and truly does everything she can to make a difference!

Second Place **Richmond News** **Ray County cattleman honored** **David Knopf**
 A very well-written article about local farmer, Bob Vandiver, who was honored by the Missouri Department of Agriculture at the Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture. He developed the first anaerobic digester that converts waste to fuel and then to electricity. Bob was certainly a character and instilled hard-work and love of farming into his children.

Third Place **Cassville Democrat** **Gov. Nixon Signs Bills** **Kyle Troutman**
 A really well-written article on a farm act that encompasses state agriculture, agriculture students and farmers.

Honorable Mention **Richmond News** **Pig-Pig's days inside city limits numbered** **David Knopf**

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Christian County Headliner-News** **Ozark guy** **Amber Duran**
Wonderfully written, pulls the reader in, excellent photo package as well, which adds to the experience of the story.

Second Place **Houston Herald** **It's all about the mustang** **Doug Davison**
Informative story about a unique rural topic.

Third Place **Houston Herald** **Convict Cuisine** **Doug Davison**
One-of-a-kind story idea, excellent personal profile piece.

Honorable Mention **Branson Tri-Lakes News** **Caterpillar influx likely due to heavy rains** **Sara Karnes**
Excellent lede. Details about the webs and whether they house spiders or caterpillars are both disgusting and intriguing all at the same time.

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **For Novus, the chicken comes first** **Vince Brennan**

Second Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend** **Chicken Farmers** **Karen Cernich**

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** **Labadie Couple's Hen Lays Rare Double Egg** **Karen Butterfield**

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Business Journal** **Todd Geisert: The man behind "the Happy** **Angela Mueller**

30.) Best Story About Religion | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Rolla Daily News** **30 Muslims have growing presence in Rolla** **R.D. Hohenfeldt**
Very relevant; well-written; informative and contemporary.

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal** **Christmas Lights** **Staff**
Good story, timely, excellent illustration.

Third Place **Monett Times** **Organ Restoration** **Murray Bishoff**
Good feature, focus on local people with good historical relevance.

Honorable Mention **Hannibal Courier-Post** **Historic church closes** **Danny Henley**
Good historical piece, but missed an opportunity to explore why churches are shrinking in size and some, like this one, are closing

30.) Best Story About Religion | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
A gay woman. Good for you and your paper. Well written. Holds reader's attention.

Rock Bridge pastor**Alex Jacobi**

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
The thing I liked best about the entries in this category was the human aspect of the stories. This one certainly fits into that mold. Enjoyed it a lot.

Imani Mission Center**Michaela Marshall Dungey**

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
I liked this guy. I'm sure that is mostly due to the story and how well it was written to reflect the pastor and his beliefs.

Pastor repairs one church**Cecilia Salomone**

30.) Best Story About Religion | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Kansas City Star**
Well written. Inspirational.

Journey to New Beginnings**Donald Bradley**

Second Place **Kansas City Star**
This is like a train wreck. You don't want to look but you can't help yourself. A sensitive subject very well handled.

Tumultuous Tenure**Judy L. Thomas, Mark Morris and Dugan Arnett**

Third Place **Kansas City Star**
Another good, well-written story, despite being a sad commentary on our times.

Who Owns House of God?**Eric Adler**

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader**
Interesting story.

Christian and homosexual**Steve Pokin**

30.) Best Story About Religion | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Bowling Green Times**

Bowling Green Times Entry**Ethan Colbert**

Second Place **California Democrat**

area residents sing with Sistine Chapel Choir**Michelle Brooks**

30.) Best Story About Religion | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Warren County Record**
A good variety of sources used for quotes and enough history and information about future events to make this well-rounded.

150 Years of Catholic Faith**Tim Schmidt**

Second Place **Liberty Tribune**
Good writing style. The reader has a good understanding of what the group's purpose.

Progress in Haiti**Kellie Houx**

Third Place **Liberty Tribune**
This is some well-rounded reporting.

Prayer vigil**Kellie Houx**

Honorable Mention Branson Tri-Lakes News

I love the inclusion of the kids in the stories. I found a few instances of what appears to be missing words. Overall a good job.

Reaching higher ground**Elizabeth Barmeier****30.) Best Story About Religion | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Louis American**

Good story telling. So many times reporters do a school or youth-related story and forget to talk to the kids. You got a really great quote from one of the students that gives this story a little more flavor. This is cleaning writing, too.

We are Hawthorn**Rebecca Rivas****Second Place St. Clair Missourian**

This was an enjoyable read. You had it nailed until the end when there were too many uses of the word "both."

Father Bob Is Still Going Strong**Keith Domke****Third Place Arnold-Imperial Leader**

This gave the reader all the information they needed for the event. It was well organized and I love that you included the float builders' stories.

"Mass on the Grass"**Kim Robertson****Honorable Mention St. Louis American**

This is some clean writing. It would have been nice to hear from Ray or his mother. As it is, it is pretty one-dimensional.

Pray for Ray**Chris King****31.) Best Story About Education | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Kirksville Daily Express**

A great story about triumph using education as a compass. Great job.

Congo to Kirksville**Danielle Brown****Second Place Kirksville Daily Express**

An amazing story about how the community can come together for the kids. A true school/community partnership.

To the stars and back**Jason Hunsicker****Third Place Hannibal Courier-Post**

Great education story that focused on the kids. Great job.

Pirate treasures**Trevor McDonald****Honorable Mention Kirksville Daily Express**

Great job looking at this through a the typical "ban cellphone" lens. Great job.

Cellphones**Danielle Brown****31.) Best Story About Education | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Columbia Missourian**

The events at the University of Missouri in 2015 dominated this category, and rightfully so. This was a watershed moment at UM and, the Missourian, did an amazing job at covering it - from all angles.

UM president out**Kasia Kovacs****Second Place Columbia Missourian**

A truly reflective look at the UM President's tenure.

The short, controversial life**Kasia Kovacs****Third Place Columbia Missourian**

A good piece about what the demands were and how the university responded. Easy to read and understand by even the most uneducated about the events before the story was written.

Quest for justice**Kasia Kovacs****Honorable Mention Columbia Missourian**

Amazing focus on a person who wants to set things the way the "ought to be." Great job.

Michael Middleton**Alexa Ahern**

31.) Best Story About Education | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	News Tribune	Lessons in Holocaust horrors	Shelby Rowe
Second Place	News Tribune	Educators: Response to potential active	Shelby Rowe
Third Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	School achievement gap	Roger McKinney
Honorable Mention	News Tribune	Kindergartner without sight, not ability	Shelby Rowe

31.) Best Story About Education | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Cassville Democrat	1940 Cassville Grad	Julia Kilmer
		I love stories of kids seeing an injustice and making it right. What this had to have meant for this man is, most likely, indescribable. But, you did an excellent job in trying!	
Second Place	Kearney Courier	Creekside lessons	Ryne Dittmer
		I loved this piece on applying classroom knowledge in the "real world" and making a difference. This kids will remember it for a lifetime and have a great piece for their scrapbooks.	
Third Place	California Democrat	mulholland brings encouragement to	Michelle Brooks
		Administrators get a "bad rap" sometimes. Great job on pointing out the good in a great administrator.	
Honorable Mention	California Democrat	is cursive writing a dead art or a relevant	Michelle Brooks
		Good piece about cursive writing using knowledgeable sources. Great job.	

31.) Best Story About Education | Weeklies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Christian County Headliner-News	Discrimination in education	Amelia Wigton
		This piece could be placed among the best investigative pieces I have seen in education writing. Amazing work and design. Well done.	
Second Place	Christian County Headliner-News	D word	Hanna Smith
		This takes an issue (sadly still very much alive in some districts) and calls it into the light. Well done piece that helps promote understanding and tolerance.	
Third Place	Houston Herald	Generations of Learners	Jeff McNiell
		What an amazing piece on how the community supported the schools to create a wonderful place to learn. A true, "pat on the back" to the community. Great job.	
Honorable Mention	Springfield Business Journal	New School of Thought	Emily Letterman
		No one really thinks about the thinking behind a school building design -well, maybe the designers and school officials. A great piece on what goes into the design the evolving thought around school design.	

31.) Best Story About Education | Weeklies - Class 3

First Place **The Community News**
 Excellent story, great interview, good turnaround story about saving a school in trouble.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Meeting the challenges in Jennings***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Sara Hardin**

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader**
 This story made the reader feel as though they knew the retiring teacher. It caught his soul.

"Mr. Science retires"**Kim Robertson**

Third Place **Union Missourian**
 Good uplifting story of how a community is pulling together to help return stolen cash to a school band.

Donations Pour In For Band Boosters**Karen Butterfield**

Honorable Mention **Webster-Kirkwood Times**
 Excellent story that demonstrates how visiting citizens from another country can share with students.

Two brothers from Rwanda**Jaime Mowers****32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Dailies - Class 1**

First Place **Daily Star-Journal**
 Fascinating and descriptive, the story captivates from the first sentence to the last. Good balance between scientific explanations and personal reactions.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Butterflies make light of technology***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Jack Miles Ventimiglia**

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal**
 The writer displays an easy knack for transporting the reader to the scene. Nothing brings a story to life better than that.

Earth Day**Staff**

Third Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**
 Scientific research can be a tad mundane until a journalist with a keen sense of detail starts to describe it. I felt like I was in the cave with them.

Battle for bats**Eric Dundon****32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Dailies - Class 2**

First Place **West Plains Daily Quill**
 Very well written. I especially enjoyed the subject matter.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Preservation Efforts Continue***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Chris Roll**

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
 Fun reading and very informative!

Nine things you didn't know**Sean McNealy**

Third Place **Independence Examiner**
 Great story. I enjoyed reading it.

Shooting from the hip**Karl Zinke**

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**
 Interesting.

Couple's coveted land**Jack Suntrup****32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Dailies - Class 3**

First Place **Joplin Globe**
 Andy Ostmeier is a heck of an outdoors writer. His writing is descriptive, informative and engaging. His three entries were all strong and I had trouble deciding on the winner, ultimately landing on his vividly descriptive narrative on camping in Yellowstone and the vital role that the introduction of the wolf has had on its ecosystem. I learned a lot reading Ostmeier's Outdoor writing and enjoyed every minute of it.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Falling prey to the wrong fear***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Andy Ostmeier**

Second Place **Kansas City Star** **Peril Still Lurks** **Donald Bradley**
A different take on an outdoors story ó the dangers of shoddy wiring near docks. Great job of exposing a problem that continues to linger and is difficult to correct despite repeated fatalities. Good reporting that gives me something to think about next time I visit the Ozarks or any lakeside dock for that matter.

Third Place **Joplin Globe** **Freshwater mussels eliminate e. coli** **Andy Ostmeyer**
I'll say it again: Andy Ostmeyer is a heck of an outdoors writer. His writing is descriptive, informative and engaging. Had no idea how vital mussels are to the ecosystem..

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Lake sturgeon rebounding** **Jacob Barker**

32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **Cicada Insects** **Julia Kilmer**
The writer somehow managed to keep me interested in the subject, which is all that really matters in the end.

Second Place **Cassville Democrat** **4 Alternatives Proposed** **Kyle Troutman**
Thorough reporting. The angled picture above the start of the story was definitely eye-catching.

Third Place **Cassville Democrat** **Homesley To Fire Gun** **Kyle Troutman**
A "feel good" story skillfully told by the writer.

Honorable Mention **Cedar County Republican** **Numbers look good for duck, deer hunting** **Robert Jackson**
I just love that image of the solitary hunter that accompanies the start of the story. Very fitting.

32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Christian County Headliner-News** **Christmas TREET** **Amber Duran**
That slideshow presentation in Part 2 of this entry was a real "TreeT". It was enough to push this piece to the top.

Second Place **Salem News** **Devil's Well** **Andrew Sheeley**
An engaging article with some neat history worked into it. Well laid out.

Third Place **Salem News** **Prescribed Burns** **Andrew Sheeley**
A very informative story that was certainly enhanced by pulling the historical piece (Schoolcraft) into it.

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald** **Wildfire Warriors** **Doug Davison**
Cool graphics on the front page that immediately caught my eye, and the information that followed was capably handled.

32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend** **Appalachian Trail** **Karen Cernich**

Second Place **Webster-Kirkwood Times** **Zombie Deer** **Don Corrigan**

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **Reinvesting in the River** **Ben Unglesbee**

Honorable Mention **Webster-Kirkwood Times** **Bringing Conservation Home** **Don Corrigan**

33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**
A well-told story by the writer and just about the perfect length at that.

Dueling editors

Mary Lou Montgomery

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal**
There is a time for "blowing your own horn," so to speak.
Well done.

Newspaper Leaders

Staff

Third Place **Rolla Daily News**
I like stories like this that cover events in history that would otherwise probably be ignored by most people.

Memorial held for Civil War-related killings

R.D. Hohenfeldt

Honorable Mention **Monett Times**
A great mix of pictures and text.

Museum's Collection

Murray Bishoff

33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Independence Examiner**
Like jumping in a time machine to an ordinary town in extraordinary times.

'Wings of Victory'

Jeff Fox

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
A haunting profile of an abandoned prison. Gives the reader a sense of place and creates a compelling juxtaposition between what the prison once was and the white elephant it is today.

Behind bars

Christine Jackson

Third Place **Independence Examiner**
A mundane letter from a doomed GI illustrates the tragedy of war in a very special way. This could have been maudlin, but isn't due to the writer's deft touch and respect for the material.

An unmailed letter

Jeff Fox

Honorable Mention **Independence Examiner**
Gives the reader a rare insight into a neglected area of history, the lives of Japanese women of WWII.

The Transplanted

Mike Genet

33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kansas City Star**
Now this is a history lesson! I can imagine the time it took to research for this project. Good job compiling everything and not getting bogged down. Clean writing!

Doomsday Kansas City

Rick Montgomery

Second Place **Kansas City Star**
Who says history is boring? Love the writing style. I will chuckle over this one for a long time. The reporter obviously has a good understanding of this time period. I love the quotes from key players and townspeople!

Festival's Memories Festering

Donald Bradley

Third Place **Kansas City Star**
The lead sets the tone for this story. I love the writing style. I like how the story is organized. The reporter does a good telling two stories at once -- the fallen soldier's and the student's.

D-Day Local Hero

Joe Robertson

Honorable Mention News Tribune

This story took some research. I love how the information has been compiled. The writing is clean and good.

High Street bridge**Madeleine Leroux and Michelle Brooks****33.) Best Story About History | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Richmond News**

So THAT'S where that river went. A well-researched look back to a long-ago catastrophe that forever changed a community.

An unforgettable roar**Liz Johnson****Second Place Kearney Courier**

An engaging oral herstory with a 102-year-old woman. I really liked how the source and reporter acknowledged that there were some big events she barely remembered and little things that are like yesterday. You come away feeling like you know Muriel.

102 years with Muriel**Amanda Lubinski****Third Place Cedar County Republican**

Adultery, jealousy, insanity, murder, blackberries. You have my attention, even if it was 90 years ago.

Rumors, jealousy led to double-homicide in**Mary Morris****Honorable Mention Richmond News**

An ordinary man who did one extraordinary thing that's still benefiting his community 100 years later. A good reminder that regular people shape our history too.

The man behind the vision**Liz Johnson****33.) Best Story About History | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Christian County Headliner-News**

This was a very unique story about efforts to preserve the memory of a Liberty Tree through the use of the tree's wood and by growing another generation of Liberty Trees from its seed.

Liberty tree**Hanna Smith****Second Place Branson Tri-Lakes News**

This story about a ghost town presents a history of the former town's buildings and gives a nice variety of pictures to help with explaining the situation.

Ghost town: Garber**Lauren Healey****Third Place Springfield Business Journal**

A story about a historic inn which is for sale. There were several stories of this nature in the category, but I thought the writing on this one flowed and kept the reader engaged rather than just becoming a timeline history story.

Ye Old English Inn awaits next chapter**Brian Brown****33.) Best Story About History | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Washington Missourian, Weekend**

This was kind of a history mystery story. The intro pulls the reader in and tells about local historians' efforts to learn more about very old wax cylinders. Great use of photographs to help tell the story. Wish I could read the follow up!

Sounds of Yesteryear**Karen Cernich****Second Place Webster-Kirkwood Times**

Nice intro and writing about a hall of fame political cartoonist. I enjoyed the little looks behind the curtains about this cartoonist's work.

Editorial Cartoonist Tom Engelhardt**Don Corrigan****Third Place Washington Missourian, Weekend**

The map really does pull the reader in and forces them to start reading. Then this story about a grandson aspiring to retrace the path of his WWII veteran grandfather is told. Great co-mingling of history and current events.

Path of Past**Karen Cernich****34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Daily Star-Journal**

Great, great lede, good style. Nice clean copy.

Tony Monetti**Jack Miles Ventimiglia**

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal**
Good lede. I love that the reporter took the time to get quotes from several people.

Mirror mirror

Staff

Third Place **Monett Times**
Well written and strong choice of quotes.

Final Days WWII

Murray Bishoff

Honorable Mention **Lebanon Daily Record**
This story has a good lead and is well written. Just too many typos to place it beyond honorable mention.

G.I. Joe therapy

Fines Massey

34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **West Plains Daily Quill**
Excellent piece about a distinguished 101st Airborne member! Well-written and an easy read.

WWII Vet Remembers

Ron Woolman

Second Place **Sedalia Democrat**
Great article to explore the needs of those with PTSD and a veterans struggles reintegrating and retiring.

A true brother in arms to all

Hope Lecchi

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
Great piece with an angle very few people know about. Great job!

Female veterans

Jill Deutsch

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**
Sobering piece that helps us to understand that, sometimes, married veterans need help to deal with their own, individual experiences and how the VA can help.

Veteran couple finds strength

Katie Kull

34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kansas City Star**
Interesting story about a veteran's dream to have a cemetery in Higginsville and how his daughter fought to keep the dream alive. Great writing!

Dad's Legacy

Donald Bradley

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Really good story about a program to help homeless veterans get reestablished in the Springfield community. Good focus on two homeless veteran families. Great in-depth look at how important it is to help veterans get their feet back on the ground once they return home. Excellent writing.

Home at Last

Jackie Rehwald

Third Place **Joplin Globe**
Two members of the WAVES meet up again 70 years after World War II brought them together to "do their part."

War bonds

Joe Hadsall

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cole Camp Courier**
Excellent feature on a veteran; the story left you feeling like you spent time with him. Good, conversational style.

The Unplanned Tribute

Dianne Peck

Second Place **Vandalia Leader**
Good story on MIA's remains returning home from Vietnam.

Hero is coming home after 45 years MIA

Ron Schott

Third Place **Platte County Citizen**
Good story on a very interesting character.

Flying Colors

Ross Martin

Honorable Mention Chariton Valley News Press
Good character sketch

Veteran Judy Agee

Karla Britt

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Salem News

Williams, victim of Camp Lejeune

Andrew Sheeley

Second Place Christian County Headliner-News

Flight of a Nixa soldier

Amber Duran

Third Place Gasconade County Republican

Hermann soldier recorded WWII history,

Dave Marner

Honorable Mention Christian County Headliner-News

Family tradition

Don Abernathy

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday
Riveting reading. A well done article.

Find Peace

Karen Cernich

Second Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday
A compelling story well told.

Something Higher

Karen Cernich

Third Place Jefferson County Leader
A "feel good" story capably handled.

"Hero's Home"

Kevin Carbery

Honorable Mention The Community News
Nice, straight-forward story that needed to be told.

A soldier's story

Sara Hardin

35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Daily Star-Journal
Large photos and nice use of graphic. Captions by all photos and story ties everything together.

Insects at a picnic? Well, that sounds...

Jack Miles Ventimiglia

Second Place Lebanon Daily Record
Dramatic photo nicely wrapped.
I don't care for the use of Dom Casual in the headline.

Drivin' the dream

Ken York

Third Place Daily Star-Journal
Nice use of photos and heavy headline in mid page. Screened world added graphic element but also white space.

Earth Day

Staff

Honorable Mention Lebanon Daily Record
Nice use of dramatic photo with text wrap. I like the use of 4 column format.

Wes Craven

Ken York

35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian**

There are some great photos on this page that are very eye-catching. I love the timeline on the side - probably my favorite thing about the whole layout.

Emma Vandelinder and Madalyne Bird**Second Place** **Southeast Missourian**

I love the feature photo of this page.

Animals next door**Third Place** **Southeast Missourian**

Great feature and love the photos layout.

Bearded bliss**Nadir Hussein****35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Kansas City Star**

Love this layout - the blue really catches the eye.

Under His Skin**Neil Nakahodo and Jeff Patterson****Second Place** **Kansas City Star**

Love the use of white space and the large photo.

Posh Places in the Sky**Barbara Hill-Meyer****Third Place** **Columbia Daily Tribune**

Love the simplicity of this layout. The white on black is very appealing.

Completing the Circle**Kelly Scanlon****Honorable Mention** **Kansas City Star**

I don't care much for the font of "Beyond the Rim" - but the large glass does draw the eye in.

Beyond the Rim**Kris Knowles****35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Richmond News**

This entry was similar to others from this paper, but I thought several little things made it stand out more. I like the clean lines created by the elements. All the photos work well, too, with nice lines in the photos. The balance is well-done - the page "feels" good. Very attention-getting.

Game On golf**JoEllen Black and Russ Green****Second Place** **Perry County Republic-Monitor**

A fun page that seems to convey the spirit of the event. There are a lot of things on the page so it feels a little busy, but not too much. The pin going through the page was a nice touch.

Please Pin-up**Stephanie Vandeven and Crystal Lyerla****Third Place** **Cassville Democrat**

Not a lot of "wow" but a clean, solid page. Feels balanced. At a glance you can take in every story on the page and pick what interests you the most. Easy to read.

Chris Vore**Honorable Mention** **Richmond News****Game On NHC****JoEllen Black****35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Christian County Headliner-News**

Very nice design, clean and easy-to-read. I think it does a great job of grabbing the readers attention. The strong photo at the top pulls the reader in. Well-balanced. I would have put a little more white space around the cutout image in the bottom right.

Mountain Man**Amber Duran**

Second Place **Christian County Headliner-News** **Discrimination in Education** **Amelia Wigton**
Another strong entry from the paper that produced the winner. Bold design. The top graphic is fantastic. There almost is too much white space around the text, but without other art, I think it works. A stark layout for an important subject.

Third Place **Houston Herald** **Baseball preview** **Jeff McNiell**
Great use of the hat and uniform. Clean design, visually pleasing. A fun way to present a sports preview story.

Honorable Mention **Gasconade County Republican** **Gasconade County Republican Page Design**
A lot of great elements in this layout. I really like the boxed elements at the top. If I have one critique for this page, it's that it's almost too much. The presentation is great, but all together it's a touch overwhelming.

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 3

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Jefferson County Leader Big, bold headline. Nice job combining 3 photos to appear as one photo element. Like screened box and easy to read 4 col. format.	"Three Tonys"	Peggy Scott

Second Place St. Louis Business Journal Fun layout about a fun subject. Like the balance of photos, text and white space.	30 Under 30 hangouts	Michael Behrens
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Third Place St. Louis Business Journal Interesting layout with nice use of graphic elements. Well balanced and easy to read.	Cuba	Michael Behrens
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Honorable Mention Missouri Lawyers Weekly Easy to follow comparisons with vertical and horizontal elements.		Ryan O'Shea
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36.) Best Information Graphic | Dailies - Class 3

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place St. Joseph News-Press Great job on a well designed, informational graphic. The clean lines put this one in first place.	Flat seam baseball comes to the MIAA	George Stanton

Second Place Kansas City Star Great job of explaining the "art of the catch" to even the most novice of baseball fans.	Gift of Grab	Neil Nakahodo and Sarah Morris
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Third Place Quincy Herald-Whig Great job of explaining the local impact and what the local facility is doing to help combat this deadly disease.	Legionella Q&A	Haley Stracher
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Honorable Mention Kansas City Star Great job explaining the "science" behind how we hear and the advancements that are being made.	Restoring hearing	Greg Branson
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36.) Best Information Graphic | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Columbia Missourian Originality was top on this one and excellent craftsmanship as well the information was easy to understand. The page looked great as a whole and really drew your eye in and was very visually pleasing	Royal subjects	Jason Bredehoeft

Second Place Columbia Missourian The information and message was clear and easy to understand and the use of several different types of graphs to explain the message kept it interesting as well as informative	Black student success at MU	Shivia Hardiman
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Third Place **Lebanon Daily Record** **How will the proposed rate increase affect** **Kelly Morgan**
Visual pleasant the color draws your eye in. The information was easy to understand and follow and the presentation was very nice

Honorable Mention **Daily Star-Journal** **Crime statistics** **Staff**
The red was a great choice to catch your attention and all the information was there and easy to understand

36.) Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **Meat consumption** **Michael Behrens**
It was very interesting to see how the consumption of meat ranked all over the world. I would have never guessed Brazil consumed more beef than the U.S.

Second Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **E cigarettes** **Michael Behrens**
This infographic is great to give readers an idea of exactly how E cigarettes work. It's a great breakdown and something I had never seen before.

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader** **"2015 MAP scores"** **Peggy Scott**
Every school needs to know exactly where their score fall. This is a great service to your readers, letting them know where their school falls. I think this is something all newspapers should do.

36.) Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Houston Herald** **The right ingredients** **Jeff McNiell**
This infographic is incredibly creative, yet so simple. I imagine your readers would look at this page and immediately be intrigued by the unlikely images they saw! Awesome.

Second Place **Christian County Headliner-News** **Chance of a Twister** **Amelia Wigton**
This graphic presents tornado myths in a visually appealing way, and in turn made those myths more likely to be read! I love how the tail of the tornado goes down into a text... this helps to draw the reader into your story!

Third Place **Chariton Valley News Press** **CVNP - Veteran's Day Infographic** **Alexandria Rash**
The information presented in this timeline is very interesting, but would have been difficult for readers to sift through in story form. The idea to put it into a timeline was a good one!

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kansas City Star** **Apologies** **Bob Unell**
Kansas has become national political cartoon fodder. In my opinion, the Syrian Refugee decision was made primarily to divert public attention from more pressing problems facing Kansas. However, this entry accurately details the true implications of Brownback's refugee order.

Second Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Amazon** **John Darkow**
Great job! The message is loud and clear. The cartoon speaks for itself and nothing more needs to be said!

Third Place **Kansas City Star** **Trump candidacy** **Lee Judge**
How true! A picture is worth a thousand words!

Honorable Mention **Kansas City Star** **We're nuts** **Lee Judge**
And we will get the Mexican government to pay for it!

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Daily Star-Journal** **OK, just what's going on in there?** **Jack Miles Ventimiglia**
 Simple and to-the-point cartoon and makes the reader want to know more about what really is going on in there. Very eye catching and good use of color. Very well done!

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal** **Nasty pile of Missouri politics** **Staff**
 This cartoon uses some humor to get it's point across. Everybody likes humor, even when it's about hard topics. Good job!

Third Place **Daily Star-Journal** **Freebie Train** **Staff**
 I just love how cartoons can capture the essence of such a powerful message with only a few words and a graphic. Good job!

Honorable Mention **Daily Star-Journal** **Schweich** **Staff**
 Nice cartoon that leads the eye through it with photos, color and strong headline. Good job!

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Platte County Landmark** **WAR ON JOBS** **Matthew Silber**
 Message delivered loud and clear. Well done.

Second Place **Salem News** **Athena Tivnan, cartoonist** **Athena Tivnan**
 Point well made.

Third Place **Platte County Landmark** **SKY IS FALLING** **Matthew Silber**
 Good job.

Honorable Mention **Northeast News** **EBT Restrictions** **Bryan Stalder**
 Good job.

38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project | Dailies and Weeklies*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **St. Louis American** **NIE** **Cathy Sewell**
 This Newspaper in Education outreach shows a superb, content-rich effort to reach young people every week with an eye-popping mix of news items and trivia supporting the St. Louis district's STEM program. The graphics are professionally done and in this day of smart phones and other pervasive electronic devices, this feature has to capture the attention of youngsters in St. Louis. Great work and congratulations!

Second Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** **Missourian News Quiz Entry** **Dawn Kitchell, Chris Stuckenschneider and Missourian Staff**
 The Missourian's annual Family Reading Night is an excellent example of using the newspaper to engage the community in an event. The theme "Community Blooming with Kindness," with the goal of helping create "wildflower gardens of kindness," involves 150 volunteers and more than 600 children, parents and grandparents in the activity. There's no superficiality to this project. Great work!

Third Place **Kearney Courier** **Stand up to bullying**
 The Kearney Courier came up with an interesting idea to promote Newspapers in Education. Why not take on the subject of bullying, look at it in an in-depth series of stories, and then present a copy of the newspaper to every sixth grade student in the district? Great idea and a great way to get newspapers into the hands of lots of young people on a subject they can relate to. Excellent work!

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

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

Second Place Springfield News-Leader

Third Place Quincy Herald-Whig

Honorable Mention Joplin Globe

Carol Stark

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Southeast Missourian

Second Place Columbia Missourian

Third Place Daily Star-Journal

Honorable Mention Monett Times

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Second Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly

Allyssa Dudley

Third Place Green Park Call

Mike Anthony, Gloria Lloyd and Mandi Gummels

Honorable Mention St. Louis American

Ishmael Sistrunk and Kenya Vaughn

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Cassville Democrat

Second Place Clinton County Leader

Third Place	Houston Herald	Brad Gentry, Jeff McNiell and Doug Davison
Honorable Mention	The Media	Mike Scott and Echo Menges

40.) Best Video | Dailies - Class 3

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place The story of Govi captivated the readers of the Kansas City Star and this video tells the story from beginning to end in such a touching way. Govi is a survivor because while so many things went wrong in his early years, so many things went right after he was discovered in the attic. If this doesn't bring a tear to your eye ...	Kansas City Star Saving Govi	Laura Bauer, Tammy Ljungblad and Monty Davis
Second Place Touching look at how the blind "view" art. The interviews with the children about what they "see" when they touch sculptures and their matter-of-fact description of what caused their blindness and how they deal with it was touching. The fade into darkness also lets the viewer understand what it is like to be without sight.	Kansas City Star Experiencing Art	David Eulitt
Third Place In what had to be a difficult decision for his family, and especially his mother, a rookie police officer follows in his father's footsteps in St. Louis. His father was killed while on duty in 2000.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Rookie follows father's footsteps	Dan Blommel
Honorable Mention As honor guard members at local American Legion and VFWs age, it's inevitable that they will have to bury one of their own. Here is one such tribute. Very touching.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Honor guard buries on of their own	David Carson

40.) Best Video | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place When Jonathan Butler, graduate student and a Concerned Student 1950 organizer, planned his hunger strike and led the protests at the University of Missouri, a good portion of the nation was watching. This video was professionally done and gave a good indication of what was going on in Columbia last November. Columbia Missourian photographer Katie Hogsett put together an amazing piece and brought more details and emotion to the story. The Missourian simply blew away the competition in this category. Great work!	Columbia Missourian More than this moment	Missourian Video Staff
Second Place The advent of the 2015 MU homecoming parade served as the backdrop as advocates for racial justice on the MU campus decided to block a street to bring their grievances what they perceived as a lack of progress on the issue. Again, great camera work and editing.	Columbia Missourian Protest stops parade	Katie Hogsett
Third Place The beginning phases of a protest on by Concerned Student 1950 in support of Jonathan Butler's hunger strike exhibit the anger, but also the passion, students brought to the events at MU last fall. Excellent work.	Columbia Missourian No comfort, no food	Hannah Sturtecky

40.) Best Video | Weeklies

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place The story of how Dr. Alice Roach took an inner city district and transformed it by simply caring about kids was well-done. We often don't celebrate how one person can make a huge difference. Dr. Roach certainly did, as evidenced by the long line of people heaping accolades on her as she received the 2015 Lifetime Achiever at Salute to Excellence in Education.	St. Louis American Lifetime Achiever	Rebecca Rivas
Second Place Following the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, a group of concerned citizens banded together to create a banner to protest and fly it near the St. Louis Arch. Great footage of the preparations for the acts of civil disobedience, or as they described it, democracy in action.	St. Louis American Racism Still Lives Here	Rebecca Rivas
Third Place The NIE program conceived by the St. Louis American went so far beyond what most newspapers attempt that it got the attention of everyone in the St. Louis school district. It even brought families together to discuss its contents. Great work!	St. Louis American Newspaper in Education	Rebecca Rivas

41.) Best Headline Writing | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Springfield News-Leader**

This was a complete entry that had humor AND thought provoking headlines. Great job!

Second Place **News Tribune**

Solid headlines and focus on local put this one firmly in second place.

Doug Waggoner**Third Place** **St. Joseph News-Press**

Great headlines that made me laugh at the humor and irony.

Dreadlocked and Loaded**George Stanton, Thom Hanrahan, Skye Pournazari and Cody Thorn****Honorable Mention** **Quincy Herald-Whig**

Great headlines!

41.) Best Headline Writing | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Daily Star-Journal****Best Headline****Jack Miles Ventimiglia****Second Place** **Columbia Missourian****Old man and the Seahawk; E-book readers;****Third Place** **Monett Times****Melonie Roberts, Jared Lankford and Kyle Troutman****Honorable Mention** **Hannibal Courier-Post****3-D; Steeple; Ax; Mean, green; Lake drain****41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Jefferson County Leader**

Yours was an easy winner in this category. You're not afraid to add some life, energy and humor into heads that are well defined and well presented. They have energy but don't lean so far as to lose focus and description on the story. Good heads bring the reader in. Keep up the good work.

Second Place **Fayette Advertiser**

I like that you're not afraid to use high-impact graphic heads with descriptive subs in stories that are main elements of the page. You're second in this category however because the high-impact heads look important graphically but don't really reward me with the wit and energy needed to justify the graphic representation and draw me into the story. Let your humor and wit loose and up the game in the composition of these heads so they deliver on their graphic promise.

Third Place **St. Clair Missourian**

Some of these heads on your focus stories are really good, and that's sort of a detriment here because they more or less point out the ones that are blah on the lesser stories. Use a little more imagination on the more incidental stories too, and you'll grab reader attention for them the same way you do these more focus-oriented stories.

Keith Domke**42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Monett Times**

This writing sings. Well done.

Jim Orr**Murray Bishoff**

Second Place **Daily Star-Journal**
Fine comprehensive tribute to a longtime public servant.

PT 109 crewman dies

Staff

Third Place **Monett Times**
This writer keeps me reading. Beautiful prose.

Glimpses of Light

Murray Bishoff

Honorable Mention **Rolla Daily News**
Good, comprehensive tribute, but could use a stronger lead.

Well-known bluegrass radio host Ray Hicks

R.D. Hohenfeldt

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
Compelling. It pulled me in right away.

Carl Kenney Sr.

Sophia Zheng

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
I loved the headline and immediately wanted to see where it led me.

Leroy Korschgen

Matt McCormack

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
Catchy lead. When I was done with the story, I almost felt like I had actually known the fellow.

Edward Metzen

Tim Tai

Honorable Mention **West Plains Daily Quill**
A skillfully handled in-depth look at an interesting woman's life.

Dunlap, 97, passes

Abby Hess

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Not your typical obituary. Extremely well done.

Irrational Way Out

Steve Pokin

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Wonderful tribute to a local boy that became a national baseball icon.

Yogi Berra

Rick Hummel

Third Place **Joplin Globe**
Great tribute to a dedicated public servant and state representative.

Retired Kansas legislator Bob Grant dies

Andra Stefanoni

Honorable Mention **Kansas City Star**
A very sad day for the Royals family.

Young Royals Fan

Joe Robertson

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat**
Well-written final tribute to fallen officer.

Castetter Honored

Kyle Troutman

Second Place **Cassville Democrat**
Poignant reflection on the subject who passed away.

Mother Thanks Community

Kyle Troutman

Third Place **Cassville Democrat**
Interesting chronicling of a former lawmaker's life and career.

Melton Stands Alone

Kyle Troutman

Honorable Mention **California Democrat**
Solid look at how the death impacted the community and those closest.

Russellville community comes together in

Paula Earls

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Salem News**

Yogi Berra legacy

Donald Dodd

Second Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**

'Keep smiling. I am.' Friends, family

Jessica Drews

Third Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**

'The luckiest man who ever walked'

Matthew Barba

Honorable Mention **Springfield Business Journal**

Death of a leader, birth of an industry

Brian Brown

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**
Wonderful tribute to a true master of jazz. The "visuals" enhanced a great entry.

Willie Akins

Kenya Vaughn

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader**
It is hard to believe U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War started 50 years ago. As time passes, memories fade. This entry reminds us of the horrors of war and in this case, brings attention to a Vietnam war orphan brought to the U.S. at an early age. The entry pays tribute to Lyly's life accomplishments, her fight with cancer, and finally her passing at 40 years of age. I can not help but wonder if as an infant, she was exposed to one of the defoliating agents used. If this is the case, she may be yet another casualty of the war.

"Life Story: Lyly Koenig Mendez"

Laura Marlow

Third Place **The Community News**
Well written and from the heart. You paid great tribute to an old friend.

Long-time Community News columnist Joe

Robert Huneke

Honorable Mention **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**
Great work on a very interesting subject.

Regarding R.M.J., June 22

Heather Cole

43.) Best Reporting Based on a Public Notice | Dailies and Weeklies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat**
Thorough and well done reporting put this entry over the top. All aspects of the ambulance district were covered and explained in a way that even a new reader could understand. Well done!

Best Reporting Based on a Public Notice

Kyle Troutman

Second Place **Monett Times**
Great, solid reporting on the new business district. Good background on the developer as well.

Best Reporting Based on a Public Notice

Murray Bishoff

Third Place **Green Park Call**
Good article on the new school with background and future projections.

Dressel Elementary School

Mike Anthony

Honorable Mention Richmond News

Good entry. Be sure to include the original public notice in the entry.

Public Notice Reporting**44.) Multi-Media Reporting | Dailies***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Springfield News-Leader****Behind Bars for Just Thinking****Jackie Rehwald**

The problem of mental illness, guns and society's preconceived notions about the threats associated with both all combined to put a troubled man behind bars who had never before threatened another individual before a police interview seemingly coerced him into making threats against others. Great video and stories about the case. Top notch work!

Second Place Kansas City Star**Text messages****Jason Hancock**

When Missouri's Speaker of the House got caught in a text messaging scandal involving interns, the Star was there to bring the story in print and digitally to its readers. This story got legs quickly and resulted within days with the resignation of the Speaker and a pledge to change the intern program and how it is administered. Excellent work on a story that could have stayed secret and that required reportorial expertise to uncover. Terrific work!

Third Place Columbia Missourian**Concerned Student 1950 protests at MU**

The activities that accompanied the Concerned Student 1950 demonstrations at the University of Missouri were illuminated in this series of articles, videos and text messages during a time of highly charged emotions last year. The Missourian staff did an outstanding job of covering the multiple elements that went into the controversy. Great work!

44.) MULTI-MEDIA REPORTING | Weeklies*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Kearney Courier****State football****Ryne Dittmer and Corey Edwards**

A lot of time and effort was given to capture every moment and expression of the journey to the state championship. Very detailed!

Second Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday**Missourian Breaking MULTI - MEDIA****Third Place The Media****Kahoka Hammered By Flash Flooding, Severe Mike Scott****45.) Best Magazine/Alternative Publication | Dailies***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Southeast Missourian****Flourish****Second Place Kansas City Star****Ink Magazine****Third Place News Tribune****HER Magazine****Shelley Gabert and Staff****Honorable Mention Joplin Globe****Joplin Metro Magazine****Kevin McClintock****45.) Best Magazine or Alternative Publication | Weeklies***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Cassville Democrat****Connection Magazine**

Great looking magazine with outstanding content and advertising. Good focus on kids and families. Design put it over the top.

Second Place The Community News

Good magazine with great content. A close second! A few font and design tweaks would put it over the top.

CrossRoads Magazine

Mathew DeKinder, Rebecca Brockmann, Robert Huneke, Laurie Simon, Brett Auten and Rav Rockwell

Third Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Good articles and content. Design can use a little work but overall a solid publication.

Senior LifeTimes

Karen Cernich, Karen Butterfield, Gregg Jones, Bill Battle, Jeanne Miller-Wood and Staff