



# 2012 Missouri Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest Results and Judges Comments

## **1 General Excellence**

### **Weeklies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

- 1st Place*                      *The Republic Monitor*  
Great layout, variety of topics that were well-covered; interesting paper
- 2nd Place*                      *Excelsior Springs Standard*  
Good features and layouts, fun headlines when necessary, good variety
- 3rd Place*                      *The North Stoddard Countian*  
Nice variety, interesting features
- Honorable Mention*              *Fayette Advertiser/The Democrat Leader*  
Good selection to read through and look at

## **1 General Excellence**

### **Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

- 1st Place*                      *The Smithville Herald*  
Fantastic paper!
- 2nd Place*                      *The Kearney Courier*
- 3rd Place*                      *Christian County Headliner News*
- Honorable Mention*              *Gasconade County Republican*

## **1 General Excellence**

### **Weeklies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

- 1st Place*                      *Lee's Summit Journal*  
Did the best job of putting the reader into the story, into the moment through writing and use of photos; a variety of coverage; sports was well-done for what it was, could use more coverage of it; John's editorials were a pleasure to read.
- 2nd Place*                      *Warren County Record*  
Best newsworthy cover photos of the category; strong sports features and coverage is consistent; a little of something for everybody; multiple editorials, but could focus on local editorials more than on national editorials.
- 3rd Place*                      *Cass County Democrat-Missourian*  
Good use of front page above the fold; careful on toning of photos (a few were dark); sports features capture moments; consider more local school news in addition to the sports coverage; articles capture attention of reader.
- Honorable Mention*              *Branson Tri-Lakes News*  
Sports coverage was very strong; showed good variety in coverage of sports; some photos lak people are posed; predictable headlines; nice inclusion of Q&A.
- Honorable Mention*              *Springfield Business Journal*  
Professionally done; consistent coverage; attention-grabbing ads; clean layout; easy to follow; stagnant photos and lack of variety knock the entry down on the list.

## **1 General Excellence**

### **Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

- 1st Place*                      *Washington Missourian Wednesday*  
Overall a great paper. Header gets attention right away. Good photo. Easy layout. Good local coverage.
- 2nd Place*                      *Jefferson County Leader*  
Nice covers. Lots of local coverage. Good printing.
- 3rd Place*                      *Webster-Kirkwood Times*  
Great photos. Great local articles.
- Honorable Mention*              *The Lake Today*

## **2 Best Front to Back Newspaper Design**

### **Weeklies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

- 1st Place*                      *The Republic Monitor*  
Nice variety in layouts and good use of photos and graphics. Good skybox usage on p. 1. Sports pages clean and easy to read. Nice looking paper!
- 2nd Place*                      *Excelsior Springs Standard*  
Nice typography choices. Inside pages have good design structure. Public notice and classifieds simple and clean
- 3rd Place*                      *The North Stoddard Countian*  
Good use of color and fonts. Sharp inside page design.

**2 Best Front to Back Newspaper Design****Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Houston Herald*

Shows that you don't need color to be compelling. Design was very clean and classic. Large dominant photos. Good layout of stories. Standing out from other entries which tended to look like crayon boxes left in the sun too long. Very crisp with good use of white space and side bars.

*2nd Place**Christian County Headliner News*

Good structure on pages, got lots of information in but still was easy to navigate in modular layout.

*3rd Place**The Smithville Herald*

The identifies headings on the stories were a nice way to introduce white space and made entry into paper for a short scanner easier.

*Honorable Mention**Platte County Landmark*

Compelling images and crisp photos. Got to see building and dash with the thick borders and boxes on op-ed.

**2 Best Front to Back Newspaper Design****Weeklies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Liberty Tribune*

Good use of color throughout the paper. Not afraid to take some bold designs - especially page ones of the sections.

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

Clean and crisp layouts - some font choices I would question (the condensed serif font on p. 1 of the 9/14 usse) but overall good use of photos and graphics.

*3rd Place**Marshfield Mail*

Nice mix of layouts in these samples. The sports sections were well done - good use of color and photos.

*Honorable Mention**Cass County Democrat-Missourian*

Lots of color - always makes a newspaper "pop". Classifieds and public notice clean and easy to read.

**2 Best Front to Back Newspaper Design****Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Missouri Lawyers Weekly*

Readers are drawn in from the start with good use of photos, promo imagery and/or headlines. Inside the publication offers cleanly designed pages with consistent use of section headers, story spacing and easy-to-read body copy. Styles for breakouts, logos, etc. stays consistent throughout.

*2nd Place**Guidon*

Pages are easy to follow throughout the paper. Sometimes the spacing between stories, especially on inside section fronts, gets a little tight. There is a good use of photos and graphics to illustrate stories.

*3rd Place**St. Louis American*

Paper does a good job of staying consistent with its use of red (or gray on black and white pages) throughout in pull quotes, photo frames, headers etc. Pages are cleanly designed and easy to follow but there are some minor inconsistencies with headlines flush left on the front page but centered everywhere else.

**3 Best Front Page****Weeklies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**The Republic Monitor*

Clear winner in this category. Great use of color and white space. Design is clean and eye-catching. Nice, clear photos. Cutlines are to the point. Looks like the front page of a larger daily, but maintains the hometown feel with local content readers expect from a weekly. Great job!

*2nd Place**The Elsberry Democrat*

Love the big photos and headlines. Strong local focus. Flag screams for attention as it should. Would recommend smaller, 0.5 pt. frames on photos and lines to break up stories.

*3rd Place**Excelsior Springs Standard*

Good photos with lots of faces, especially children. Tragedy handled with care. Rural hospital story great example of localizing a national issue. Would recommend shorter cutlines on photos that are a part of a story. Let the story give the background info, not the outline. Nicely done.

**3 Best Front Page****Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**The Smithville Herald*

Great use of color and photos. Story tags help give readers context of the story. Body-builder package very well-done. Good use of white space. Overall good job.

*2nd Place**Christian County Headliner News*

This was a tough category. Many good entries worthy of recognition but the Headliner News had a little bit of an edge. "Faces of Freedom" package was excellent. Sexting package was edgy and thought provoking. Crisp, clean design and good use of white space. Would recommend more space between the byline and the lead paragraph.

*3rd Place**The Kearney Courier*

Wonderful headlines (Dog plays of summer, City recycles trash ideas, etc.) Flag and story teasers are eye-catching. I'm a fan of your headline fonts and story tags. Nice work.

*Honorable Mention**Lawrence County Record*

The Record's staff should be commended for its bold use of large photos. Some papers try to cram in too many photos on a front page and they get lost. The photos here tell the story and I really like that. Clean design. Like the revamped flag with the courthouse photo. Good font selection.

**3 Best Front Page****Weeklies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Bolivar Herald - Free Press*

All issues had eye-catching images, headlines are large and clear. Great use of colors, especially in the Friday, May 27 issue.

*2nd Place**Jackson County Advocate*

Each issue had great photos. In the June 2 and November 23, I really liked the design - it strayed away from the classic photo and incorporated more of an artistic touch.

*3rd Place**Cass County Democrat-Missourian*

Each cover was unique with a different layout. I liked that behind each "The Cass County Democrat Missourian", there was a different image.

**3 Best Front Page****Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**South County Times*

Although some photos in this entry are or appear staged, they are still impactful - the photo of the 2 women ("A Time of Agony") conveys emotion. Nice work overall.

*2nd Place**St. Louis Business Journal*

Excellent use of all graphic elements - nice teasers, corner refers, photo illustrations and the ads - all well done. Great use of color - nice, crisp press work. Good variety of stories and industries. Great work, nicely packaged.

*3rd Place**St. Louis American*

While slightly troubled by inconsistent use of all caps in headlines, I found a lot to like in this entry. Crisp front pages, big and well placed headlines atop impactful stories. Liked the teasers. Good job.

*Honorable Mention**Missouri Lawyers Weekly*

Nice press work, good reproduction, but photos are mostly posed or staged. Nice use of quotes and other graphic elements, just not top 3 work.

**4 Best Breaking News Story****Weeklies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Excelsior Springs Standard**Eric Copeland*

Pipe Bomb

Like the article had a "time-line" of events. The news was recent, had happened the previous day. Photos that went with it were excellent and helped tell the story. Would have liked to have had some quotations. Caught your attention at the top of the page.

*2nd Place**Cross Country Times**Laura Scott*

Fire At

The article was informational and catching. Nice use of quotations and photos. Some of the paragraphs were lengthy. Would have liked to see the title go across the top with less words.

*3rd Place**The North Stoddard Countian**Corey Noles*

Mingo Job Corps

The information was organized well. However it did not appear to be breaking news because the headline was small and hidden. Would have liked to see more quotations.

**4 Best Breaking News Story****Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Herald-Tribune**James R. Campbell, Lynn A. Wade*

Inferno

Great use of articles, photos and information. The news was very timely and important to the community. Great use of verbs! Very interesting and descriptive. Would have liked more quotations.

*2nd Place**Gasconade County Republican**Dave Marner*

Fatal Crash

Information was timely and relevant. Good use of time-line and quotations. Awesome photos complimented it nicely. Liked that you interviewed witnesses. Nice piece!

*3rd Place**Gasconade County Republican**Dave Marner*

Search

News was fast! Informed the public of an event that was ongoing. Describes "breaking news" well. Would have liked more quotations or possibly pictures. Nice work.

**4 Best Breaking News Story****Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Lee's Summit Journal**Rob Roberts*

Teacher Of The Year

The coverage, information, and pictures were great.

*2nd Place**St. Louis American**Rebecca Rivas*

Mileod Passes

Quotes and information were well worded and written. Too much space in the layout.

*3rd Place**Lee's Summit Journal**Miranda Wycoff*

Bus Crash

Great photo. Details about the accident but not enough information given.

**5 Best News Story****Weeklies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**The Caldwell County News**Anne Tezon*

Women's Shelter

Solid news coverage tells the compelling story of the shelter's operations and a no apologies look at what led to its fiscal crisis.

*2nd Place**The Elsberry Democrat**Shane Rice*

Hard Times

Raises good questions about how the economic conditions are impacting those who have fallen through the cracks, multiple voices in it provide greater depth.

*3rd Place**The North Stoddard Countian**Corey Noles*

Scientist Explores

Interesting story about update regarding a historic building's renovation.

*Honorable Mention**Commonwealth**Stephen Shearer*

Frigid Morning

Very descriptive and gives a good sense of the fire scene while retaining a folksy style which is at the heart of many small communities. I felt I knew the victims of the fire or could name people like them in my own community.

<b>5</b>	<b>Best News Story</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Christian County Headliner News</i>	<i>Amelia Wigton</i>	Gadgets
The author did an excellent job of researching both the pros and cons of the digital age and sharing both sides of the story.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Herald-Tribune</i>	<i>James R. Campbell</i>	Day Of Terror
I liked how the author took a look at the national impact of 9/11, as well as tying it in with local representatives.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Houston Herald</i>	<i>Jeff McNiell</i>	Joplin Crumbles
The writer treats the story of the Joplin tragedy with respect while highlighting how others came together amid tragedy to help. Strong writing skills tie it all together.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Kearney Courier</i>	<i>Kevin M. Smith</i>	Kearney Remembers
Kevin did a good job of highlighting the achievements and dedication of one of the city's fallen heroes, very well told.			
<b>5</b>	<b>Best News Story</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Branson Tri-Lakes News</i>	<i>Tyler Francke and Mindy Honey</i>	Picking Up
Excellent job putting a face on a natural disaster. The personal stories of hardship tell the real issues behind the flooding. Lead grabs attention.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Marshfield Mail</i>	<i>Emily Griffeth</i>	Helping Hands
This is a great example of localizing a nationally recognized tragedy. All eyes were on Joplin in the weeks following the devastating tornado and you did a fine job tying it to your community. Opening paragraphs make a statement, especially the reference to the damaged car with blown out windows.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Cass County Democrat-Missourian</i>	<i>Allen Edmonds</i>	Moreland Arrest
This was a tough decision. There were multiple entries for this same case, but the writer here did a wonderful job telling the story in a sensitive way from the community's perspective. Sidebar was heart-wrenching. Nice job.			
<b>5</b>	<b>Best News Story</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>South County Times</i>	<i>Kevin Murphy</i>	Sunset Tornado
I liked how you got people's stories and made it all flow together. Had a really nice intro. Good Use of verbs.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Guidon</i>	<i>Derek Gean</i>	Community Response
I really liked how you interviewed people and not took the press release.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>	<i>Bill Miller Jr.</i>	Civil Lawsuit
Like how you got both sides for the lawsuit and the defendant.			
<b>6</b>	<b>Best Feature Story</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 1</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Caldwell County News</i>	<i>Lisa Parris</i>	Tyler Wood
This really took me into Tyler's world; thank you! Good lead - but be careful not to let them get too long. I felt this could have been broken up. Thanks for including the sidebar telling the reader more about autism.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The North Stoddard Countian</i>	<i>Corey Noles</i>	Govby Project
Nice story following this family's quest to expand. A lot of people will be able to see themselves in this piece. Good job putting a face on infertility and adoption.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Reporter</i>	<i>Jeff Thompson</i>	Japan Disaster
Good story. Love the quote in the headline. A little "newsy" for this category? Good local angle on a big story.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Elsberry Democrat</i>	<i>The Elsberry Democrat</i>	Emotions Flare
I loved the pages as a whole, especially the listing of names. Slight errors (typos, punctuation, style) got in the way of a good story.			
<b>6</b>	<b>Best Feature Story</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Lawrence County Record</i>	<i>Charlie Meeks</i>	The Tie That Binds
A truly amazing story. Meeks organizes the article very well, explaining what happened during Daniel's captivity.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Clinton County Leader</i>	<i>Brett Adkison</i>	A Soldier's Final Request
A touching story, highlighting the need for a soldier's closure. I liked the flashbacks to the soldier's daughter's childhood, giving more depth to the story.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Christian County Headliner News</i>	<i>Brady Brite and Donna Osborn</i>	Burned Alive
The authors told the story of a troubled man who survived an intense car crash, very well. The photos work well and I like the giant profile view, with the story written in the large photo.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Cedar County Republican</i>	<i>Adam Stillman</i>	The Most Interesting Man In Stockton
Great article that covered many issues the public needs to be aware of. It forces readers to see there is a whole world out there that is not perfect. The article could have had a more creative headline.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Vandalia Leader</i>	<i>Ron Schott</i>	Captain America Visits Vandalia
A truly unique story that allows readers to become more informed of homeless veterans.			
<b>6</b>	<b>Best Feature Story</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Liberty Tribune</i>	<i>Angie Borgedalen</i>	Lt. Mudge Turning In Her Badge
Wonderful lead. Punchy quotes. This won because of the blend of those two things. "Police work is 97% boredom and 3% terror." - kind of like news reporting.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Liberty Tribune</i>	<i>Angie Borgedalen</i>	This Hobby Is For The Birds
Sparkling, intriguing lead. This story shows all the intangible reasons why a man loves his job. Makes me want to build bird houses by myself.			

<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Lee's Summit Journal</i>	<i>Julie Scheidegger</i>	Poison Ball
This story shows the scene well; its long lead paints the image of the game that these men enjoy. The comparison of the homemade mallots to Thor's hammer shows, not tells, that these guys mean business.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Lee's Summit Journal</i>	<i>Miranda Wycoff</i>	A Veteran's Story
Great blend of historical account, quotes, and story telling. Such a tough challenge to draw war memories from a 95-year-old man. You did it well.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Lee's Summit Journal</i>	<i>Miranda Wycoff</i>	Dream Sidelined
Good choice of subject matter; what a nightmare, and how sad. But hope shines through. Good job reflecting that.			

<b>6</b>	<b>Best Feature Story</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
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<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Missouri Lawyers Weekly</i>	<i>Allison Retka</i>	Flying Solo
After reading this story, I feel like I know Steve Groce. Good quotes help convey his personality and give the story a voice. I love the lead. I would have liked to see additional elements on the jump--another photo, headshot, pull quote.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>South County Times</i>	<i>Jaime Mowers</i>	A Running Inspiration
Doesn't everyone want to grow up to be Dottie Gray? An inspiring story.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Missouri Lawyers Weekly</i>	<i>Anna Vitale</i>	Lawyers In Training
Good color, good quotes. I like how the text works together with the photos to tell the story.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>South County Times</i>	<i>Jaime Mowers</i>	Coffee Club
Such a simple subject-- a group of seniors that gets together at McDonald's once a week. But it is such a fun read! Just goes to prove the most ordinary stories can be extraordinary with the right treatment.			

<b>7</b>	<b>Best News or Feature Series</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 1</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
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<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Caldwell County News</i>	<i>Lisa Parris</i>	Great Wall
Witty, engaging style. A joy to read, absolutely the best writing I have seen during this judging session.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Excelsior Springs Standard</i>	<i>Liz Johnson</i>	Jesse James
All you ever wanted to know about Jesse James and more! Very thorough. Good job!			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Elsberry Democrat</i>	<i>Staff</i>	Fires
Good use of quotes. The kind of stories that keep readers grabbing the latest edition off the store racks.			

<b>7</b>	<b>Best News or Feature Series</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
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<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Christian County Headliner News</i>	<i>Emily Letterman</i>	Paula Hall
Very good coverage of a difficult subject. Emily Letterman does a great job of following the court procedure and pointing out what led to the decision that was made. Good in-depth treatment of people involved.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Platte County Landmark</i>	<i>Ivan Foley</i>	Head-on-crash
This had to be hard for the community. The Landmark serves and Ivan did a good job telling the story fairly and following it to the final decisions. Interesting to follow. Good writing.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Christian County Headliner News</i>	<i>Amelia Wigton</i>	Sexting
Amelia put together a complete package in this entry. The graphics really enhanced her total effort. Lots of information. Lots of things the reader can take from this to combat a growing technological problem.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Christian County Headliner News</i>	<i>Amelia Wigton</i>	Poverty
Amelia takes a good look at a serious problem plaguing America. Good graphics. Good quotes. Very well done!			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Lee's Summit Tribune</i>	<i>Mary Pechar</i>	Depression
Mary did a great job covering a serious topic worth reading and worth remembering. The type of article that will stay with the reader and do some good.			

<b>7</b>	<b>Best News or Feature Series</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
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<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Lee's Summit Journal</i>	<i>Miranda Wycoff</i>	Heart Of Downtown
An outstanding entry in this category. An in-depth look at how a turn in the economy can hammer a small town.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Cass County Democrat-Missourian</i>	<i>Allen Edmonds</i>	Drug Court
Awesome thorough look at all aspects of drug court.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Lee's Summit Journal</i>	<i>Rob Roberts</i>	Defying The Downturn
There is no use sugar coating a sour economy, but these success stories need to be told too. Nice job.			

<b>7</b>	<b>Best News or Feature Series</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
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<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Jefferson County Leader</i>	<i>Staff</i>	Heroin
I liked how the author chronicled the growing heroin epidemic and was able to include personal stories in the article. It gave the articles a human touch instead of just relying on statistics.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Northeast News</i>	<i>Leslie Collins and Michael Bushnell</i>	Going Green
The authors did a good job of covering a local issue and it was a different angle than one normally hears about when "going green."			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Webster-Kirkwood Times</i>	<i>Dwight Bitkofer</i>	Brownhurst
The Brownhurst series held my attention and I found myself hoping it would be saved. After reading the final submission, I found myself saddened at the photo of its destruction. I feel that is the testament to a good writer, when you can make others - even strangers - care.			

*Honorable Mention*      *South County Times*      *Kevin Murphy and Don Corrigan*      Tornado History  
 There were a couple of grammatical errors, but I liked how the authors not only chronicled the tornado and immediate aftermath, but followed it up with the community support/aid angle. Good photos as well.

*Honorable Mention*      *Washington Missourian Weekend*      *Dawn Kitchell and Patty Brinker*      One World: Their Story  
 I found the comparison between the two communities educational and interesting. Good job on the glimpse into German life and culture.

**8 Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial**      **Weeklies - Class 1**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *The Reporter*      Think Before  
 Classic Editorial with a clear call to action separates it from the other entries which seemed to want to just inform.

*2nd Place*      *Cross Country Times*      Still Shedding  
 Called attention to a cold case and the ongoing impacts to the family. Touching.

*3rd Place*      *The Elsberry Democrat*      Salvation Can Be Found  
 It took a long time to get to the point. Would have benefitted from moving main idea up before descriptive prose about the state of America.

**8 Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial**      **Weeklies - Class 2**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *Christian County Headliner News*      Children  
 Good local issue addressed in straightforward manner. Not preachy; would have been easy to appeal to "moral values." You did better by not doing so. Well written; good length. Point is clear and well-presented.

*2nd Place*      *Lawrence County Record*      Tif  
 Good exploration of a local issue. Well-written. Difficult topic to explain. Your position - your opinion - could be stated more forcefully and closer to the lead. This has the feel of an analysis piece because you creep up on your opinion! Show more passion!

*3rd Place*      *Lawrence County Record*      Failures  
 Good analysis of local results of No Child Left Behind. Well done. Another tough issue addressed by the local paper. Like TIF (second place), opinion lacks courage. Don't be afraid to let your emotions show.

*Honorable Mention*      *Christian County Headliner News*      Collateral Damage  
 Nice use of the analogy: Civilian war casualties/Elm street victims of Wall Street (illegible). This is an issue that calls for a bit more fire in the belly. Corporate greed crushing the non-wealthy is an easy topic - fire with all guns!

*Honorable Mention*      *The Vandalia Leader*      Rules  
 Good analysis and explanation of your reporting process. Topic is of little consequence compared to other entries. Lead could be stronger - this is an editorial. How about: "High school basketball officials broke their own rules!"

**8 Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial**      **Weeklies - Class 4**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *Liberty Tribune*      Do What's Best For The Child  
 This situation can wrench the heart of anyone who reads it. The quote that was pulled out and bolded, sums up how the editorial board feels and was a very good line to pull out.

*2nd Place*      *Jefferson County Leader*      Amato Plot  
 This editorial was very informative, and incorporated humor into the article. The point was clear, and was written in a style that was very enjoyable to read.

*3rd Place*      *Suburban Journals - St. Charles County*      City Should Right This Wrong  
 Although many people may not know Loretta Kelly, it was clear that this elderly woman had been wronged. If the city did not clear this issue up, it was a good move by the editorial board to bring this issue to the attention of the community.

*Honorable Mention*      *Washington Missourian Wednesday*      Your Right To Know  
 This was just a great editorial. Reminding people of their rights.

*Honorable Mention*      *Washington Missourian Wednesday*      Bottle That Spirit  
 A great tribute to 9/11 victims and their families. This editorial reminds readers how this country can come together.

**9-H Best Columnist - Humorous**      **Weeklies - Class 1**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *The Caldwell County News*      *Lisa Parris*  
 All your entries showcased real wit. I enjoyed the verse by the way.

*2nd Place*      *The Republic Monitor*      *Ryan Squibb*  
 Especially deft job on the world series column.

*3rd Place*      *The Caldwell County News*      *Anne Tezon*  
 You look around your home and find material! You use it well.

**9-H Best Columnist - Humorous**      **Weeklies - Class 2**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *Christian County Headliner News*      *Donna Osborn*  
 You have a nice light touch- not too wordy, direct but still humorous.

*2nd Place*      *Houston Herald*      *Doug Davison*  
 A key to writing humor is taking a nugget of an idea and seeing where it will go. I enjoyed watching your ideas unfold.

*3rd Place*      *Lawrence County Record*      *Virginia Oehlschlager*  
 Sounds like your farm and family keep you well supplied with material.

**9-H Best Columnist - Humorous****Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Jefferson County Leader**Patrick Martin*

These are polished, sharp, crisply-written, funny columns. Flawless really. You've got clever down to a science here.

*2nd Place**Suburban Journals - St. Charles County**Steven Pokin*

You tell a good story and you know how to set up a joke. I liked your use of bullet points to fling one-liners.

*3rd Place**Lee's Summit Journal**John Beaudoin*

Your column that pokes at minutia reigning supreme sums it up for anybody who's ever been stuck at a city council waiting to see if their zoning variance request will get the ultimate nod. Gawd.

*Honorable Mention**Washington Missourian Wednesday**Gregg Jones*

You have a sideways, quirky sense of humor that's delivered honestly. It's refreshing to read.

**9-S Best Columnist - Serious****Weeklies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**New Haven Leader**Buck Collier*

This columnist was the best in class, using references to legislators and officials in his column. Nice work.

*2nd Place**The Republic Monitor**Ryan Squibb*

This columnist needs to tackle heavier, more relevant subject matter to move up next year.

**9-S Best Columnist - Serious****Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Lee's Summit Tribune**Ramsey Fowler*

A young whippersnapper who knows it all. I couldn't disagree with what you say more but at least you say it well!

*2nd Place**Christian County Headliner News**Emily Letterman*

Easy engaging style. Good use of language. Keep sticking your neck out?

*3rd Place**Versailles Leader-Statesman**Bryan E. Jones*

Straight talk that will likely please the average reader.

**9-S Best Columnist - Serious****Weeklies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Bolivar Herald - Free Press**Sarah West*

Clear winner to me. In all 3, she opens up and bares a very personal experience to her readers. Very emotional and well written.

*2nd Place**Platte County Citizen**Lee Stubbs*

Nice, easy writing style made the subjects accessible to the reader.

*3rd Place**Platte County Citizen**Bill Graham*

The non-political columns were the stronger two entries and the tone was more engaging. Story about rock wall was interesting.

**9-S Best Columnist - Serious****Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Suburban Journals**Steven Pokin*

Wow! Writing about a monster that makes him human but still monstrous. Discrimination and prejudice, and taking officials to task for their hypocrisy - in a word awesome.

*2nd Place**Webster-Kirkwood Times**Dwight Bitikofer*

Loved the Jack O' Lantern piece. In each one the sense of wisdom and perspective comes through without being overdone. Nice perspectives and I am going to add the City Museum to the bucket list of places to visit with my kids.

*3rd Place**Green Park Call**Mike Anthony*

Well done in calling local officials to task and taking on firefighters union leaders who are promoting lies in political campaigns.

**10-F Best Feature Photograph****Weeklies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**The Republic Monitor**Ryan Squibb*

Cute photo! Love the composition and depth of field. The youngster is clear and you can see his determination. The photo displays the event well. Nice shot!

*2nd Place**Excelsior Springs Standard**Liz Johnson*

Awesome wide-angle photo. Displays clearly what the event entailed. Very nice composition and lines. It's clean and well taken. The angle made all the difference. Nice work!

*3rd Place**The North Stoddard Countian**Corey Noles*

I like that this photo is candid. The girl looks to be enjoying herself. The focus is completely on her, nice depth of field. However, since the photo was sent as a stand alone it would have been nice to see it in the issue, to gain knowledge of the event she was at.

**10-F Best Feature Photograph****Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Christian County Headliner News**Emily Letterman*

Great photo with an awesome perspective. Good cropping.

*2nd Place**Platte County Landmark**Bill Hankins*

Touching photo that truly captures the moment.

Happy 104th

3rd Place *The Smithville Herald* Peter Yankowsky Feats Of Strength  
A truly great photo - composition, content, cropping.

**10-F Best Feature Photograph** **Weeklies - Class 3** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Bolivar Herald - Free Press* Charlotte Marsch Swan  
I really like the different colors in this photo. Very good job at capturing all the colors and the reflection on the water.

2nd Place *Cass County Democrat-Missourian* Ashley Freburg Frozen  
The little girl looks like she is having a great time. Way to capture the fun moment.

3rd Place *Warren County Record* Bill Barrett Record-breaking  
Very neat idea with the softballs. Great use of the photo.

**10-F Best Feature Photograph** **Weeklies - Class 4** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Webster-Kirkwood Times* Diana Linsley Zentangle Painters  
Clear photo. Interesting and leads reader to look into the photo more. Can see shadow of the picture being taken.

2nd Place *St. Louis American* Wiley Price Love 9/11  
Emotion shot by the photograph is breath-taking. Focus on people is clear and well shown. Got blurry in the left right corner, not necessary.

3rd Place *St. Louis American* Wiley Price Cub Scout  
Scout pride well represented. Passion from boys is shown. A little out of focus.

Honorable Mention *St. Louis Business Journal* Brian Cassidy Mike Zambrana  
Encourages reader to keep reading. Picture overrides page. Clear and in focus. Interesting shot.

Honorable Mention *St. Louis Business Journal* Brian Cassidy Sara Beyer  
Picture overrides page. Interesting shot and angle. Everything is in focus.

**10-N Best News Photograph** **Weeklies - Class 1** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *The Elsberry Democrat* Fire Photo  
Photo shows great detail in the fire. I really like the smoke coming from the roof and the wood burning around the windows and inside of the house.

2nd Place *Shelbina Weekly* Mark Requet Changed Forever  
I liked that you were able to get the fireman in the picture also. I know how hard it can be to get flame and the fireman. Great work.

3rd Place *The North Stoddard Countian* Corey Noles Levee Break  
I really like how the photo shows the ground giving away and what water can really do.

**10-N Best News Photograph** **Weeklies - Class 2** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Gasconade County Republican* Dennis Warden Hose Team  
Paints the scene and tells the work to be done.

2nd Place *Gasconade County Republican* Dave Marner Pop, Inc.; Vet  
Great angle and clever way to depict something that could be upsetting.

3rd Place *Houston Herald* Jeff McNiell Joplin  
Nice composition and collection of activity at the scene.

Honorable Mention *Gasconade County Republican* Dave Marner Dog Saved  
Good composition. Sense the emotion.

Honorable Mention *The Clinton County Leader* Brett Adkison Vigil  
Captured emotion in the light.

**10-N Best News Photograph** **Weeklies - Class 3** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Warren County Record* Tim Schmidt Snow Storm  
Really shows what some police go through to keep everyone safe. I really like how you can see the ice on the front of the car and the sides of the windows.

2nd Place *Bolivar Herald - Free Press* Jessica Oliver Wreck  
I picked this photo because it shows the rescue workers all stepping in to help the injured.

3rd Place *Cass County Democrat-Missourian* Allen Edmonds Hero  
Very touching photo. Shows the respect.

Honorable Mention *Cass County Democrat-Missourian* Allen Edmonds Carver Memorial  
Another touching photo. I really liked the boots, gun and flag in the corner.



**10-N Best News Photograph****Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *South County Times* *Diana Linsley*  
 So much emotion in this photo. The "grad" balloon tied around the tree lets readers know it was a young person who has died. Excellent colors with the leaves and the balloon.

*2nd Place* *Suburban Journals - South County Journal* *Andrew Jansen*  
 The old woman's reflection in the mirror really makes this photo complete. A very interesting and unique camera angle.

*3rd Place* *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* *Karen Elshout*  
 The man looks as if he is about to wipe the sweat from his face. The angle allows the reader to see the significant damage.

*Honorable Mention* *St. Louis American* *Wiley Price*  
 As if the casket with the American flag is not honorable enough. The people shown in the picture who are saluting show it even more.

Affton Murders

Wedding Makeup

Joplin 1

R.i.p. Officer Hall

**10-I Best Photo Illustration****Weeklies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *The Republic Monitor* *Ryan Squibb and Cheryl Maddox*  
 Would have liked to have seen more adjustment or alterations to the pictures than just type overlay. That said, I loved the concept.

*2nd Place* *The Republic Monitor* *Ryan Squibb and Cheryl Maddox*

Reenactor

Actors

**10-I Best Photo Illustration****Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *Christian County Headliner News* *Amelia Wigton*  
 Clean image to illustrate a dirty subject. Liked how it was uncluttered and the youthful appeasing model could be any teen. Draws attention to the story.

*2nd Place* *Christian County Headliner News* *Adam Letterman and Emily Letterman*  
 Illustration helps decode the complex steps of how QR codes work. Liked the way a QR promotion for the paper was worked into the layout.

*3rd Place* *Houston Herald* *Jeff McNiell*  
 The illustrations of the dominoes works with the headline and story to show the tribulations of high school sports.

*Honorable Mention* *Cedar County Republican* *Becky Groff*  
 Nice job in illustrating the impacts of an OWI/DUI. Got a little busy.

*Honorable Mention* *Houston Herald* *Jeff McNiell*  
 The image was eye-catching. Only concern was that I initially thought story was going to be about traumatic brain injuries in student athletes.

Sexting

Decoded

Domino Effect

Docudrama

Head Games

**10-I Best Photo Illustration****Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *Jackson County Advocate* *Andrea Wood*  
 This stands out with the blurring of the image to remove identifying details to illustrate it is about any enforcements not just particular rundown house.

*2nd Place* *St. Louis Business Journal* *Michael Behrens*  
 The side by side illustrated how different the CEO looked as worker vs. boardroom.

*3rd Place* *St. Louis Business Journal* *Alison Green*  
 The illustration sets the tone for the super woman theme of the story package about women business lenders soaring above the city.

*Honorable Mention* *Guidon* *Matt Decker*  
 Shows the type of games being played at the game night. Nice touch to spell out GAMES with Scrabble tiles.

*Honorable Mention* *Northeast News*  
 Nice postcard composite. Works well to show the masses who attended and the personalities.

Code Enforcement

Undercover

Most Influential

Game Night

Memorial Dedications

**10-S Best Sports Photograph****Weeklies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *Shelbina Weekly* *Mark Requet*  
 Wonderful timing. Makes you catch your breath. Could have been cropped tighter.

*2nd Place* *The Lexington News* *Martin Barrett*  
 The photo is intriguing. I like that their faces are fully exposed so that you can see the emotion. Great shot!

*3rd Place* *The Republic Monitor* *Rodger Wheeler*  
 The photo was taken well with good focus, composition and exposure. I like the expressions on the athletes faces and that they were going over the hurdle at the same moment. Good timing!

*Honorable Mention* *The Republic Monitor* *Rodger Wheeler*  
 This photo displays the athlete's strength and determination. However, I would have left the two small photos in the corner off, they take away from the main image. Good focus and depth of field. Nice work!

Head On

Opening Round

Kickin' Up

Kruel's Intention

**10-S Best Sports Photograph****Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *Platte County Landmark* *Bill Hankins*  
 Good composition. Captures the moment. I liked this photo because it really shows what is about to happen.

*2nd Place* *The Kearney Courier* *Bill Knust*  
 It really focuses on the person in the picture and how she is focusing on her hit.

Good Save

Swinging Away

<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Lee's Summit Tribune</i>	<i>Fred Poese</i>	Lsn
Good composition. I like how the water is splashing up in the background.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Lee's Summit Tribune</i>	<i>John Monaco</i>	Luke Knott
Shows how the guy with the ball is in the lead and inching away from the other team.			
<b>10-S Best Sports Photograph</b>		<b>Weeklies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Cass County</i>	<i>Stephanie Yeagle</i>	Crushing Finish
Beautiful display of emotion. Truly captured the heartfelt moment. Reminds me of what sports are all about. Nice work! Also good focus and composition.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Lee's Summit Journal</i>	<i>Julie Scheidegger</i>	Goal
Love this still shot. Shows the energy and determination displayed in sports. The entire photo is in focus. I would have liked to see more on the right, like the goal post or net.			However, great details and sharpness.
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Lee's Summit Journal</i>	<i>Julie Scheidegger</i>	Emotional Win
A range of emotion in this photo is what makes it great. First, you see the crying girl and you realize she is overjoyed when you see the smiling face of her teammate behind her.			Great composition and way to capture the moment!
<b>10-S Best Sports Photograph</b>		<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>	<i>Bill Battle</i>	Race
A truly terrific shot. Great cropping, good composition, awesome timing. A shot like this takes talent!			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Jefferson County Leader</i>	<i>Matt O'Harver</i>	Header
A terrific shot that makes you giggle. Great composition, but I don't love the cropping.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>	<i>Craig Vonder Haar</i>	Ford Defends
Great shot at an unusual angle - hard to achieve - shows determination. Good cropping.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>	<i>Bill Battle</i>	Leimkuehler Flies
Funny shot. Impeccable timing. Nice cropping.			
<b>11 Best Photo Package</b>		<b>Weeklies - Class 1</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Republic Monitor</i>	<i>Ryan Squibb and Cheryl Maddox</i>	War Battle
I really liked the use of the large photo with questions and answers around it. It was informative and more creative than a cut-line. The photos below were well taken. I like the perception and depth of field. They all worked well together.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Shelbina Weekly</i>	<i>Mark Requet and Thad Requet</i>	Downtown Fire
The tab did a nice job of showing the before, during, and aftermath which helped me see the true tragedy of the event. I would have liked the entire tab to be in color. However, the stories are shown through the photos. Well done!			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Republic Monitor</i>	<i>Rodger Wheeler and Cheryl Maddox</i>	Game Time
The cork board effect for this collage was very suitable. It took me back to my high school days. The photos have variety, character and emotions. The collage shows the events of the night well. Nice work!			
<b>11 Best Photo Package</b>		<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Herald-Tribune</i>	<i>Ralph Pokorny</i>	Inferno
I really like the different angles of the fire. I really liked the biggest picture as the wall collapses.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Gasconade County Republican</i>	<i>Will Johnson</i>	Threshers
I liked how you showed all the different events at the Threshery.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Gasconade County Republican</i>	<i>Dennis Warden</i>	Factory Fire
I liked how you were able to get different colors of the smoke as the firemen put out their blaze.			
<b>11 Best Photo Package</b>		<b>Weeklies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Branson Tri-Lakes News</i>	<i>Staff</i>	2011 Flood
I like how it shows different levels of water.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Warren County Record</i>		Fall Festival
Show all the different things there was going on this weekend.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Marshfield Mail</i>	<i>Missy Pickel</i>	4th Of July
It's nice to see other pictures of the parade other than just floats. And all the other activities that were on for the 4th of July.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Cass County Democrat-Missourian</i>	<i>Allen Edmonds</i>	Wet And Wild
Looks like a fun place for families to go on a hot sunny day. Fun for all ages.			
<b>11 Best Photo Package</b>		<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Missouri Lawyers Weekly</i>	<i>Karen Elshout</i>	One Day
Wow. Gripping coverage thorough and complete. Beautiful.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Northeast News</i>	<i>Leslie Collins and Erica VanDee</i>	Library Reptiles
Cute photos - authentic faces (better you than me)!			

3rd Place *St. Louis Business Journal* *Brian Cassidy and Michael Behrens* 40/40  
Neat concept, followed throughout.

**12-A Best Ad Idea or Promotion of an Advertiser** **Weeklies - Class 3** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Springfield Business Journal* *Heather Mosley*  
Love the use of photos, graphics, color and text. Very informational and eye catching. Represents the business as well as other local courses. The ad is friendly and inviting.

2nd Place *Commonwealth* *Margie Rude*  
Awesome ad idea. People always love games and a challenge. Especially when there's an award! It gets the advertiser attention and people in their door. I think I will use this concept. Great work.

3rd Place *Springfield Business Journal* *Heather Mosley*  
Very appealing ad. Targeting the middle age women with other women and testimonials was genius! Nice use of color and layout. It represents the business well. I wish the ad and table of contents were flipped though so the ad was first.

**12-A Best Ad Idea or Promotion of an Advertiser** **Weeklies - Class 4** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *St. Louis American* *Staff*  
I liked how an event was created to support "your" advertisers. This is a great way to draw in additional advertisers and support the ones you already have. The ads were colorful, catchy and informative. Great idea!

2nd Place *Washington Missourian Wednesday* *Patty Brinker*  
The ad was very friendly and inviting. It represents the advertiser well and focuses in on their product and event. There was plenty of key information as well as appeal. Nice work!

3rd Place *Washington Missourian Wednesday* *Ann Vogel*  
The ad does a nice job of easily displaying the information. Nice use of contrasting colors. I would have liked to see less space. Maybe make the images or font larger. Overall nice layout.

**12-N Best Ad Idea or Promotion of the Newspaper** **Weeklies - Class 2** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Richmond News* *JoEllen Black and Karen Payne*  
If I was going to subscribe to your paper I for sure would have done it when you were giving away the sweepstakes. Great idea.

2nd Place *Nixa Xpress* *Staff*  
I liked how it was on glossy not newspaper. Easier to keep and read.

3rd Place *Lawrence County Record* *Staff*  
I really like the flashback photos from the earlier years.

**12-N Best Ad Idea or Promotion of the Newspaper** **Weeklies - Class 4** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Lincoln County Journal*  
It's a great idea. Great way to get the readers to go to different businesses. Really like the colors. Very eye catching.

2nd Place *Bolivar Herald - Free Press* *Billie Marsh*  
I really like the Christmas Village on the top of the ad. I like how the staff pictures are big enough to see. Very much Christmas. Great work!

3rd Place *Springfield Business Journal* *Heather Mosley*  
At first I wasn't too sure why Santa's face was painted. But then I noticed the colors of the title names. Great idea. I also like how it "pops" on the page!

**13 Best News Content** **Weeklies - Class 1** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *The Republic Monitor*  
Great "localization" of global news, good reporting on local issues from staff writers/editor.

2nd Place *The Elsberry Democrat*

3rd Place *The North Stoddard Countian*

**13 Best News Content** **Weeklies - Class 3** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Warren County Record*  
The locally focused and produced content just keeps coming as you turn the pages.

2nd Place *Lee's Summit Journal*

3rd Place *Liberty Tribune*

Honorable Mention *Richmond News*

**13 Best News Content** **Weeklies - Class 4** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Washington Missourian Wednesday*

2nd Place *Jefferson County Leader*

3rd Place *The Kearney Courier*

Honorable Mention *Platte County Landmark*

<b>14 Community Service</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Great coverage of a once in a lifetime event. It is good to see a newspaper take an active role in a community event for positive coverage. Excellent sesquicentennial edition for visitors and newcomers.	<i>The Lexington News</i>	Lexington Battle
<i>2nd Place</i> Good coverage of power situation. Nice, clear reporting. Kept the community up-to-date.	<i>Gasconade County Republican</i>	Mopep Exit Finalized
<i>3rd Place</i> Nice picture page of the 911 remembrance event. Nice to see the paper dedicate time and space for the reflection.	<i>Lee's Summit Tribune</i>	911 Reflection
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Good job raising the funds in such a short period of time.	<i>Houston Herald</i>	Moving The Awning

<b>14 Community Service</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Definitely a boon to the community. Articles are engaging narratives, not cliché, "cheerleading" descriptions of community leaders. The project obviously is an enormous undertaking and is done well.	<i>St. Louis American</i>	Salute Series
<i>2nd Place</i> Good advocacy that does direct good. Congratulations to your staff for this ambitious undertaking. Perhaps the tone is a little heavy handed at times when depicting the distress, but for the most part the accounts of the families are even keeled.	<i>Buffalo Reflex</i>	Christmas Connections
<i>3rd Place</i> Good work in encouraging community organizations to benefit area in a concrete way. Books for children.	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>	Book Buzz
<i>Honorable Mention</i> This piece is only tangentially "community service," but it's a great investigative piece nonetheless. It does a thorough job of highlighting and explicating a problem in the judicial system.	<i>Missouri Lawyers Weekly</i>	Under Wraps
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Thoroughly detailed community resource.	<i>St. Louis Business Journal</i>	Giving Guide

<b>15 Best Editorial Pages</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Interesting choice and layout design, love the highlighting of the article and matching headlines. Creative yet consistent.	<i>Platte County Landmark</i>	
<i>2nd Place</i> Love the way the graphic for the "Home on the Farm" is displayed, how creative. Page is a little bland.	<i>Lawrence County Record</i>	
<i>3rd Place</i> Information inconsistent. Interestingly displayed.	<i>Houston Herald</i>	
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Appreciate the consistency of the pages. Interesting graphics. A little bland.	<i>Commonwealth</i>	
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Interesting comics. Information is not always placed the same.	<i>Gasconade County Republican</i>	

<b>15 Best Editorial Pages</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Very well-rounded editorial section offering a variety of content and multiple opinions.	<i>Lee's Summit Journal</i>	
<i>2nd Place</i> Beautiful cartoons, multiple views, good content.	<i>Cass County Democrat-Missourian</i>	
<i>3rd Place</i> Old-fashioned layout and design held it from placing higher, needs update.	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>	
<i>Honorable Mention</i> A little short on content, but love the public official listing.	<i>Liberty Tribune</i>	

<b>16 Best Sports Pages</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Clean, attractive nameplate. Well written articles and good balanced coverage. Like the nice variety of headlines all caps, bold, italic. A very clean looking sports section. Some photos are muddy. Great overall job!	<i>The Kearney Courier</i>	
<i>2nd Place</i> A very close second. Much like the first place winner, great diversity of headlines and sports coverage, wish all photos were color, but realize it comes down to advertising. The only distraction was the blue overlay on the Sept. 28 front page golf story. Overall a great sports section.	<i>The Smithville Herald</i>	
<i>3rd Place</i> Overall a nice looking sports section, but stories are not as diversified as the top two. Lots of gray on March 26 issue-more photos needed, and some headlines are too small and the same size.	<i>Herald-Tribune</i>	

**16 Best Sports Pages****Weeklies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Warren County Record*

Best in this class. Well written stories and nice balance of stories. Headlines could be more varied in size and fonts. Name plate is clean and informative. Good use of color photos with stories. The icons (scores) in small boxes add to the layout. Be careful with the jump heads when continued is spread out by a line (see Oct. 13 issue pg. 2). Overall, great job.

*2nd Place**Liberty Tribune*

Starting at the top-nice clean nameplate; the layout is very clean although the column width from front page to inside is distracting. More white space is needed. Good use of color and good headlines. Nice variety of headlines and balanced coverage. Like the schedule/standings page, but standings are small.

*3rd Place**Branson Tri-Lakes News*

Nameplate is too dark and distracting, a redesign is in order. From there on the sports pages get much better with well written and diversified stories. Nice use of headlines and very good photos. I do question the use of ads in the middle of stories. Kickers above stories are way too long. Nice sports section overall.

*Honorable Mention**Platte County Citizen*

The name plate is WAY too large. Should be darker, the name of the newspaper and sports weekly. Get rid of the photos in the nameplate. Otherwise good articles and photos.

**16 Best Sports Pages****Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Washington Missourian Weekend*

Definitely a standout in this class. A well laid out sports section with good color photos and good selection of stories. Did not like the jump heads, headline and continued way too far apart. Also some bumping heads. Nice clean nameplate. Nice looking sports section overall.

*2nd Place**Jefferson County Leader*

Wide range of sports coverage and well written articles, pages could be more attractive with more photos, too much gray. Too many headlines the same size and same font.

*3rd Place**St. Louis American*

The layout is very attractive and clean. Color would have helped immensely. More professional sports than local. Good writing, but selection of stories is limited compared to other entries. Nice job overall.

*Honorable Mention**Washington Missourian Wednesday*

Much like your weekend edition, a good overall sports section. Too much gray at times on the inside pages. Need to change your jump heads so readers don't have to search for them. Headline size and fonts need to be varied.

**17 Best Sports News Story or Package****Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**The Smithville Herald**Andy Meyer*

Strong entry. Both stories in package offered compelling leads, quickly establishing why this is a problem. Feature about player was especially strong. Nice job!

Concussions

*2nd Place**Fayette Advertiser/The Democrat Leader**Greg Jackson*

Great lead, it really drew me into the story. The details of what happened.

That's A Winner

*3rd Place**The Smithville Herald**Andy Meyer*

Good package of stories. Subject wasn't as compelling as first and second place winners, though. The column gave it depth and made the package come alive.

Disc Golf

*Honorable Mention**The Clinton County Leader**Brett Adkison*

The lead is what earned this story an award.

Playoff Upset

**17 Best Sports News Story or Package****Weeklies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Jackson County Advocate**Paul Thompson*

Great stories with coverage of event and stats. Burks' full story was clearly told.

Burks Nba

*2nd Place**Warren County Record**Derrick Forsythe*

Good details put into story. Took the reader through subjects' experiences and clearly explained the mix-up.

Playoff Heartbreak

*3rd Place**Liberty Tribune**Chris Geinosky*

Interesting read. Good explanation within story to break down concepts.

Head Games

*Honorable Mention**Cass County Democrat-Missourian**Stephanie Yeagle*

Good explanation of championship and getting emotion of subjects.

Family Tradition

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

Captured subject's emotions of match and good quotes.

Medal Of

**17 Best Sports News Story or Package****Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place**Suburban Journals**Dennis Barnidge*

Great lead, well-researched and interesting story.

Financial Crossroads

*2nd Place**Suburban Journals - Jefferson County**Dennis Barnidge*

Very insightful, good sourcing.

Race Leaders

*3rd Place**Webster-Kirkwood Times**Rick Frese*

Good package of stories following history of annual game and run of team.

Kirkwood Football

*Honorable Mention*      *St. Louis Business Journal*      *Amir Kurtovic*      Baby Birds

Good research for story. Interesting angle.

*Honorable Mention*      *Washington Missourian Wednesday*      *Bill Battle and Craig Vander Haar*      Legion State

Interesting stories and perspectives on different points of the team.

**18 Best Sports Feature Story**      **Weeklies - Class 1**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *The Lexington News*      *Martin Barrett*      Giorza Golf

Nice job of weaving the two eras together.

*2nd Place*      *The Republic Monitor*      *Rodger Wheeler*      Big Finish

An easy winner if you can find one element in his career to expand and feature.

*3rd Place*      *Fayette Advertiser/The Democrat Leader*      *Greg Jackson*      Sand Queen

Make it clearer why she is the sand queen.

**18 Best Sports Feature Story**      **Weeklies - Class 2**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *The Smithville Herald*      *Andy Meyer*      Behind The Mask

An important detail most sports reporters would bury makes a great feature. This writer finds the interesting and expands on it. Uses sidebars well to keep the story in front of the reader.

*2nd Place*      *The Smithville Herald*      *Andy Meyer*      Building A Winner

Lots of successful coaches retire, Meyer does a good job of giving us the details of a key to this coach's success.

*3rd Place*      *The Clinton County Leader*      *Brett Adkison*      Radio Gate

This could be first place with more digging. Kudos for knowing there are stories even if football coaches don't want to talk about it.

*Honorable Mention*      *Herald-Tribune*      *Jason Peake*      Flag Warrior

I wonder how he got that gig...writer answers the question fans in the stands want to know.

**18 Best Sports Feature Story**      **Weeklies - Class 3**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *Jackson County Advocate*      *Paul Thompson*      Bowling Over

Put the reader at the tournament. Great explanation of pressure within sport.

*2nd Place*      *Lee's Summit Journal*      *John Beaudoin*      Titan To Tiger

Good sourcing and interesting perspective on making the decision.

*3rd Place*      *Liberty Tribune*      *Chris Geinosky*      Family Goals

Fun feature, captured more than just sports.

*Honorable Mention*      *Cass County Democrat-Missourian*      *Stephanie Yeagle*      Family Athletes

Fun topic, good explanation of all included, good organization.

*Honorable Mention*      *Warren County Record*      *Derrick Forsythe*      Friendly Competition

Good theme throughout of "competitive fire." Explained both girls' perspectives.

**18 Best Sports Feature Story**      **Weeklies - Class 4**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*      *Richard Jackoway*      Slam Dunk

Wow! A fascinating story - I could read this as a book or magazine story. Great job of tracking down an important but obscure story.

*2nd Place*      *Suburban Journals - West Edition*      *Brett Auten*      Punch, Kick

Great job of telling the most compelling part of a warrior story - what drives the warrior.

*3rd Place*      *Jefferson County Leader*      *Gordon Bess*      Davis Farm

More focus on one kid - why the program pays off - I want to know why the blisters on his hand transcend the coach-player relationship.

**19 Best Sports Columnist**      **Weeklies - Class 2**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *The Republic Monitor*      *Rodger Wheeler*

Nice style and great choice of topics that readers relate to.

*2nd Place*      *Christian County Headliner News*      *Brett Christie*

Clear and succinct writing. 9/11 column with no sports context felt out of place, but overall very good work. Ladies really pull reader in, and nothing was over written.

*3rd Place*      *The Smithville Herald*      *Andy Meyer*

Used clear language and quality quotes from interviews within.

*Honorable Mention*      *Christian County Headliner News*      *Brady Brite*

Clever columns. Tightly written.

*Honorable Mention*      *Cedar County Republican*      *Adam Stillman*

Heartwarming column brought tears to my eyes.

<b>19 Best Sports Columnist</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Nice tone throughout. First paragraphs pull reader in.	<i>Jefferson County Leader</i> <i>Gordon Bess</i>	
<i>2nd Place</i> Enjoyed the clear insider knowledge and depth of context. Provided a nice mix across entered columns.	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i> <i>Craig Vonder Haar</i>	
<i>3rd Place</i> Clean writing style and good choice of topics.	<i>Warren County Record</i> <i>Derrick Forsythe</i>	
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Packs columns with lots of facts to digest.	<i>Liberty Tribune</i> <i>Chris Geinosky</i>	
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Consistently wrap up strong and has quality leads.	<i>St. Louis American</i> <i>Mike Claiborne</i>	
<b>20 Best Special Section</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 1</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> I knew I was holding a winner as soon as I lifted it from the envelope. Everything a special section should be. Nice cover, eye-catching ads and interesting editorial.	<i>The Republic Monitor</i> <i>Ryan Squibb and Cheryl Maddox</i>	Life
<i>2nd Place</i> Awesome content; very personalized.	<i>Fayette Advertiser/The Democrat Leader</i> <i>Greg Jackson and Linda Vroman</i>	Graduation
<i>3rd Place</i> Not your typical special section. Historic, memorable, thorough.	<i>Shelbina Weekly</i> <i>Mark Requet, Thad Requet and David Werr</i>	Downtown Fire
<b>20 Best Special Section</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Eye catching from the start, thorough and classy.	<i>Gasconade County Republican</i>	Heritage Of Our Faith
<i>2nd Place</i> A neat, new theme carried throughout the piece.	<i>Christian County Headliner News</i>	Progress
<i>3rd Place</i> A new take on the same old project with awesome art on the cover.	<i>Houston Herald</i> <i>Jeff McNiell</i>	Football
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Cute section.	<i>Lawrence County Record</i>	Apple Butter Makin Days
<b>20 Best Special Section</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Great capture of all seasons on cover. Good summation of a year. Has something for everyone to read and look at.	<i>Lee's Summit Journal</i> <i>Staff</i>	Guide
<i>2nd Place</i> Beautiful cover with placement and concept. Stories captured emotion of those featured.	<i>Buffalo Reflex</i> <i>Buffalo Reflex</i>	Women's Section
<i>3rd Place</i> Good use of color and content captured interest of reader. Easy to follow and informative.	<i>Buffalo Reflex</i>	Country Neighbor
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Interesting perspective and variety of subjects.	<i>Bolivar Herald - Free Press</i>	Today's Woman Foodies
<b>20 Best Special Section</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Great idea. Wonderful features. Love the advertising support.	<i>Jefferson County Leader</i> <i>Staff</i>	Centennial
<i>2nd Place</i> Great way to honor the veterans in the community. Wonderful layouts. Normally the back page is a full page.	<i>Jefferson County Leader</i> <i>Staff</i>	Veterans
<i>3rd Place</i> Would like to see more color. Interesting stories. Could use more information.	<i>Lincoln County Journal</i>	25th Anniversary
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Interesting, appreciation for your town events. Great use of color. Some pictures blurry.	<i>Webster-Kirkwood Times</i> <i>Randy Drilingas and Kevin Murphy</i>	Community Days
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Love the stories and idea. Would like to see a more eye-appealing approach. Great content in the feature insert.	<i>Northeast News</i>	School Designs

<b>21</b>	<b>Best Investigative Reporting</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Christian County Headliner News</i>	<i>Brady Brite</i>	Living Large
Good job persevering on this story. I was dying to hear from the owner himself, and you delivered. I like the "living large" headline, and the photos were a great addition to the last story in the series.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Christian County Headliner News</i>	<i>Amelia Wigton</i>	Flood Plain
It's good to see reporting that makes a difference in people's lives, as these stories do. I think a little rearranging would have helped the first story a bit. Bring info higher up that tells why residents suddenly found themselves in a floodplain. Yes, the headline indicates the reason, but the copy should make the case on it's own as well.			
<b>21</b>	<b>Best Investigative Reporting</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Missouri Lawyers Weekly</i>	<i>Heather Cole</i>	Under Wraps
I was blown away by the amount of research that went into this story. Very detailed, but easy to read and follow. Great use of graphics and sidebars. Lot of evidence of hard work, and it paid off here.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>St. Louis Business Journal</i>	<i>Amir Kurtovic</i>	Despite Taxes
Interesting analysis of complicated financial issue. It's clear a lot of time and effort were put into researching facts and figures. Good job raising awareness on an issue that could impact the heart of the city and taxpayers.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Missouri Lawyers Weekly</i>	<i>Scott Lauck</i>	Part-time
Good lead and nice human-interest angle, especially the prosecutor that nearly lost everything because of the state's part-time system. Solid use of statistics and salary figures.			
<b>22</b>	<b>Best Local Business Coverage</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Houston Herald</i>		Houston Herald
Most depth of business coverage. Loved features on "The Second Front." Only negative is some content had no clear source or author.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Lawrence County Record</i>		Lawrence County Record
Played important business news prominently. Nice use of editorials to highlight business developments. Good writing.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Lee's Summit Tribune</i>		Business Coverage
Great job on the "Like" package... that stood out among entries. However, overall depth of coverage was better for those ranked above.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Commonwealth</i>		3 Issues
Good informative articles, but leads need to be more focused to pull readers in. Some articles went on too long.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Cross Country Times</i>		June; Oct; Oct
Some good coverage, but writing not as crisp as competition in this category.			
<b>22</b>	<b>Best Local Business Coverage</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Missouri Lawyers Weekly</i>		9/25/2008
In a category stacked with business publication, this paper comes out on top due only to its weekly dedication to business coverage, but also the quality of that coverage. "I Will Never Recover" helped push it over the top.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>St. Louis Business Journal</i>		Slbj Local
Consistent, quality coverage of business, cover to cover. Nice graphics.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Springfield Business Journal</i>		Business Coverage
Consistent coverage though with a little less flair than numbers 1 and 2.			
<b>23</b>	<b>Best Business Story</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 1</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Liberty Tribune</i>	<i>Angie Borgedalen</i>	Ongoing Challenges For Small Business Owners
Writer followed up on noticing some retail shops closing, and used insight to explain how that impacts local businesses in the downtown area.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Springfield Business Journal</i>	<i>Brian Brown</i>	Phoenix Rises
Good storytelling...on a business news piece. Interesting dynamic between the old company and the new one-- well explained.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Marshfield Mail</i>	<i>Emily Griffeth</i>	Christmas Is Coming
Good example of taking a tired topic and making it lively and interesting for the reader.			
<b>23</b>	<b>Best Business Story</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Houston Herald</i>	<i>Doug Davison</i>	Pawn Stars
Great local angle on a subject of broader interest because of the TV show. This story is a little long, but the writing carries you through without much effort.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Houston Herald</i>	<i>Doug Davison</i>	Beer Couple
I read the lead and was hooked. Enjoyed reading how two people with other jobs are making a go of it. Thanks for the sidebar showing the kinds of beer and their labels.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Lawrence County Record</i>	<i>Kathy Seneker Fairchild</i>	Ben Franklin Closes
The photos and use of a quote in the lead pulled me in. I remember stores like this. It's interesting (though sad) to get a peek behind the scenes.			
<b>23</b>	<b>Best Business Story</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>St. Louis American</i>	<i>Sandra Jordan</i>	Mortuary
Proof not all business stories have to be difficult to get through. Great use of the back story with fun quotes to draw the reader in. I was hooked from the lead on.			



*2nd Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly Kelly Wiese*  
Well done. Surely brought to light an issue many people didn't even know about. Good writing, in depth. Good use of sources.

Rock'n'roll

*3rd Place Washington Missourian Wednesday Karen Cernich*  
Good lead drawing the reader in. Well written, good quotes, story full of information and flowed well.

Micro In Size

*Honorable Mention St. Louis Business Journal E.B. Solomont*  
Very well written with a nice tight edit. An interesting story about financing a business through less conventional methods.

Restaurants

*Honorable Mention South County Times Don Corrigan*  
Great job localizing an international story. Good information and good writing on a local company doing business on a global scale.

Fenton Plant Ramps Up

**24 Best Coverage of Government Weeklies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place Lee's Summit Journal*  
Solid reporting of a heated issue. Especially liked the inclusion of the email chain-- opens the door to further discussions of that niche. Well done.

Trash Talk

*2nd Place Cass County Democrat-Missourian*  
Complete factual coverage of ongoing legal battle which clearly explained issues that took local case to the state supreme court. Nice use of explanatory sidebars.

Presiding Commissioner

*3rd Place Liberty Tribune*  
Compelling story of someone knowledgeable for office who got elected on a partisan vote-- nice accompanying editorials. The only thing that kept it from second place was the repetition of unproven accusations in every story, even if the topic of that particular story didn't have anything directly tied to that particular accusation.

County Auditor

*Honorable Mention Bolivar Herald - Free Press*  
Brought many issues to the table and showed what was the atonement level of a personality disagreement to be something more.

Animal Pound

**24 Best Coverage of Government Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place The Kearney Courier*  
Nice coverage, good photos, good follow-up story.

Water

*2nd Place Lawrence County Record*  
Keep headlines consistent, nice title, good coverage.

Water Meter Increases

*3rd Place New Haven Leader*  
Great coverage, check spelling and grammar more closely.

Great Sidewalk Mystery

**24 Best Coverage of Government Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place St. Louis American*  
Great coverage of Aertropolis issue, from the business page to opinions and analysis. Good job!

Coverage/ Government

*2nd Place Jefferson County Leader*  
Good use of opinion as well as editorial. Also a good mix of stories.

Family Ties

*3rd Place Jefferson County Leader*  
Good use of multiple sources- not just the principals directly involved and in acting on behalf of readers by filing a sunshine law request. I would have liked to see more stories in this entry.

Unofficial Letter

**25 Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place Houston Herald*  
Good representation of rural life. Photos capture emotion. Nice range of topics.

Houston Herald

*2nd Place Gasconade County Republican*  
Good variety of topics. Informative to what is happening in the area.

Gasconade County Republican

*3rd Place Lawrence County Record*  
Great Ag. Section included. Could use more full stories in rest of entries to match that section.

Lawrence County Record

*Honorable Mention Commonwealth*  
Several nice stories could use more variety. Try to capture the moment in photos so not as many are staged-looking.

October

**25 Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place Washington Missourian Weekend*  
Great coverage of the fair. Really enjoyed the color picture pages. Would have been nice to get animal pictures together.

Hot Start

*2nd Place Bolivar Herald - Free Press*  
Nice quarterly sections. Enjoyed the articles on the Century Farms. Nice variety of agriculture articles.

Ag Briefs

<b>26 Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Weeklies - Class 2</b>			Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Lawrence County Record</i>	<i>Charlie Meeks</i>	Alpacas 4-27-11
This "ALJ" AG story was written in a nice style while being very informative about the topic and the people in the story. The photos with the story were wonderful and certainly drew the reader in and carried them along. Nice work, complete.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Douglas County Herald</i>	<i>Sue Curry Jones</i>	Small Town
"Small town" was excellent! Well written story with a good headline and subhead to pull the reader in. It was historical, informative and interesting without overblowing the "hometown boy makes good" aspect. Top notch for a rural life story!			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Houston Herald</i>	<i>Doug Davison</i>	Combine Season
Excellent work and perfect example of a good "best story about rural life and ag." Good story telling - good use of quotes. Also very informative for the reader. Nice lead photo and supporting photo. The story flows nicely! Well done directing the reader to the website for video!			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Excelsior Springs Standard</i>	<i>Kriston Rulon</i>	Shatto Milk
Great AG piece! Well written, concise, informative and tells the story of Shatto milk and the family farm very well. Super job with photos and layout!			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Clinton County Leader</i>	<i>Brett Adkison</i>	Berry Patch
This is a great story that deserved to place higher, but for the other competition it would have! Very well-written. It rings the bell for this category perfectly!			
<b>26 Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Weeklies - Class 4</b>			Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>	<i>Karen Cernich</i>	A Farm Advocate
This feature article had all the right elements for this category. It is well written and provides a wealth of information while following a good story about the people, the farm, and the advocate. It flows nicely with historical perspective about the subjects for background interest as well as discussing current and future of the farm while detailing the guidance given and available of the program. Excellent photos draw in the reader and help tell the story-- good use of links at the end as well.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Bolivar Herald - Free Press</i>	<i>Jim Hamilton</i>	Taking Life One Leap At A Time
The writer does a great job telling the subject's story and informs about his passion. There is just the right balance of quotations to add a talking narrative of a good perspective of the article. The article did a good job of including contributed photos as well. The positive tale of hard work paying off and the prospects for a young person's bright future is a good testament to rural life that is a great example for all to read!			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>St. Louis American</i>	<i>Rebecca Rivas</i>	Farming In Ferguson
This piece did a wonderful job of telling a very powerful light on some obviously good programs. I want to see the accompanying video. Well done!			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>St. Louis Business Journal</i>	<i>Rick Desloge</i>	Food Pain
"Food Pain" is well written with a lot of statistics and supporting quotations while being concise and focused on the topic. The front graphic with support of mug shots throughout to add personality to the quoted subjects.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>	<i>Karen Cernich</i>	Taking It Slow
This story is another nice piece of in-depth coverage of the lesser known topic. It does a great job of telling the story of the family while informing the reader on several levels. Again, Karen does a great job with her lead and support photographs to pull the reader in and to visually inform. Nice work!			
<b>27 Best Story About Religion Weeklies - Class 2</b>			Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Lawrence County Record</i>	<i>Charlie Meeks</i>	Holman 5-25-11
Compelling story of a milestone in the religious life of an individual of the congregation and community that he serves.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Lawrence County Record</i>	<i>Charlie Meeks</i>	Braille Bibles
Interesting story of local mission and shows locals can have a significant impact.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Vandalia Leader</i>	<i>Ron Schott</i>	Pastor Frey
Good story about the life-changing trip of a small town pastor and a call to service.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Republic Monitor</i>	<i>Ryan Squibb</i>	Round-up
<b>27 Best Story About Religion Weeklies - Class 3</b>			Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Liberty Tribune</i>	<i>Angie Borgedalen</i>	Sistas
Great description of event, gave the reader a vivid image. The topic was simple but made for an interesting article.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Jackson County Advocate</i>	<i>Seann McAnally</i>	Inspiration In A Bottle
Good title and good flow of the facts and information. Very well-written.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Bolivar Herald - Free Press</i>	<i>Charlotte Marsch</i>	Garden Of Eat'n
Clever title! Good use of quotes.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Cass County Democrat-Missourian</i>	<i>Ashley Freburg</i>	Easter Cantata
Nice description of the event and use of quotes. Enjoyed reading.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Bolivar Herald - Free Press</i>	<i>Sarah West</i>	Pure Joy
Nice story idea and background was well explained.			

<b>27 Best Story About Religion</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>		Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Great story of passing on the faith	<i>Jefferson County Leader</i>	<i>Peggy Scott</i>	Ringers
<i>2nd Place</i> Faith in action	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>	<i>Karen Cernich</i>	Harvest Table
<i>3rd Place</i> Good overview of congregational Mission.	<i>St. Louis American</i>	<i>Kenya Vaughn</i>	Friendly Church
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Good story for putting church season in perspective and telling congregational story.	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>	<i>Karen Cernich</i>	Spotlight Advert

<b>28 Best Story About Education</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>		Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Great story package with a great lead. This story does a good job localizing a state-wide issue while injecting many voices. Writing is clean in explaining the law's impact while	<i>Christian County Headliner News</i>	<i>Emily Letterman</i>	Unfriended blending multiple points of view.
<i>2nd Place</i> As she did with her fist place entry, the writer does a masterful job localizing a big issue, this time from the federal level. Story package is eye-catching. Writing is to-the-point.	<i>Christian County Headliner News</i>	<i>Emily Letterman</i>	Fat Factor Good use of statistics in the story and the pull-out box.
<i>3rd Place</i> This story is simply solid all the way around. It takes a boring subject and personalizes it with good quotes and statistics. Photo and pull-out box add a good visual element. Good job breaking added great depth to the article. Kudos.	<i>The Smithville Herald</i>	<i>Nancy Hull Rigdon</i>	On Track

<b>28 Best Story About Education</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 3</b>		Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Very interesting article, and well-written. Many people may not know about "therapy dogs," so it serves as an excellent awareness article, and maybe more schools will obtain a dog as a result.	<i>Lee's Summit Journal</i>	<i>Julie Scheidegger</i>	Dogie Days
<i>2nd Place</i> This article was not only informative, but advised readers of money saving tip. Many people may not be aware that classes are held like this. This style of writing keeps reader's attention.	<i>Lee's Summit Journal</i>	<i>Julie Scheidegger</i>	Cut A Chicken
<i>3rd Place</i> Very informative. Addresses a national issue and brings it local.	<i>Marshfield Mail</i>	<i>Emily Griffeth</i>	Bullying
<i>Honorable Mention</i> A very unique situation to report on. The writing style captured how the schools went from being rivals, to being united.	<i>Jackson County Advocate</i>	<i>Mary Kay Morrow</i>	Historic Graduation

<b>28 Best Story About Education</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>		Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Beatiful package. Strong writing and great photos. Loved how you described the students (flawless Justin Bieber hair) and explained the inner-working of a mock trial.	<i>Missouri Lawyers Weekly</i>	<i>Anna Vitale</i>	Lawyers In Training
<i>2nd Place</i> What a powerful story. The first few photographs grabbed my attention and had me hooked for the whole story. Good job injecting the personal story at the beginning. That made this story work nicely.	<i>St. Louis American</i>	<i>Rebecca Rivas</i>	College Prep
<i>3rd Place</i> Writer did a masterful job describing a beloved teacher right on down to his quirky style and enthusiastic passion for his job. I felt like I knew him personally by the end of the story. Interviewing graduates was a nice touch, added depth.	<i>Webster-Kirkwood Times</i>	<i>Jaime Mowers</i>	Mr. Wojak

<b>29 Best Story About the Outdoors</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>		Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> It is so nice to know that people are willing to help the officers who have been shot. They are still able to do what they love.	<i>Houston Herald</i>	<i>Doug Davison</i>	Hunting Heros
<i>2nd Place</i> This article makes me think of everything we take for granted, and the "what ifs." Great work!	<i>Houston Herald</i>	<i>Doug Davison</i>	Hope Outdoors
<i>3rd Place</i> Having "Big Buck Tips" can be helpful to new hunters. I even learned a few things. Thanks for the tips!	<i>The Smithville Herald</i>	<i>Kenny Ragland</i>	Big Buck

<b>29 Best Story About the Outdoors</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>		Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Great article. Explains and gives facts on before, during and after of the project. It was inspirational and motivational to see the success one person can inspire. Equal amount of information and quotations. Positive and left a good impression. Nice work!	<i>Webster-Kirkwood Times</i>	<i>Marty Harris</i>	Open Space
<i>2nd Place</i> Very informative article on the effects of pollution and relief projects. Nice use of quotations and sources. The pictures went very well with the story. It gave the truth and facts and was very positive.	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>	<i>Karen Cernich</i>	Live Downstream
<i>3rd Place</i> The article was interesting and had a local impact. I believe readers would have appreciated the information. The facts were informational. Used reliable sources. Would have liked more sources to quote. Good coverage!	<i>Lee's Summit Journal</i>	<i>Julie Scheidegger</i>	Mountain Lions

**30 Best Story About History****Weeklies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*                      *The Lexington News*                      *Joe Parmon*  
A well-written perspective on a lesser known angle of slave history. Good use of quotes. Where are the photos?

Slave Cabin

*2nd Place*                      *Excelsior Springs Standard*                      *Liz Johnson*  
A history story wrapped up in a mystery! What's not to like?

Seybold Tavern

*3rd Place*                      *Excelsior Springs Standard*                      *Liz Johnson*  
Good use of photos. Great example of how amateur historians can add to local history.

Battles Of Fredricksburg

**30 Best Story About History****Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*                      *The Clinton County Leader*                      *Brett Adkison*  
Thank you for sparing me from reading one more church or business history. Stories about local people draw reader interest and should be done more. More attention to spelling and sentence structure needed.

Kindred

*2nd Place*                      *Christian County Headliner News*                      *Amelia Wigton*  
Sometimes debunking history is more fun then writing history. Good insight with local angle that should draw readers.

Train

*3rd Place*                      *Lee's Summit Tribune*                      *Kathy Smith*  
Good story reminding readers of important local figure. Good background. Writing is chop-chop-chop. Try reading it aloud and you'll know what I mean.

Hometown Hero

*Honorable Mention*                      *Douglas County Herald*                      *Sue Curry Jones*  
Good story but you meander for paragraphs before getting to it. Time to reread EB White's "Elements of Style."

Civil War

**30 Best Story About History****Weeklies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*                      *Cass County*                      *Allen Edmonds*  
Who could resist a story that tells me things I did not know about Nation? Good use of photos. Engaging writing.

Carry Nation

*2nd Place*                      *Jackson County Advocate*                      *Seann McAnally*  
Well-written narrative with little-known facts and anecdotes. This one should make the locals bask in reflected glory.

President In Our Midst

*3rd Place*                      *Marshfield Mail*                      *Emily Griffeth*  
Usually building birthday stories are dull but this one includes interesting bits and is very readable.

Library's 100th

**30 Best Story About History****Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*                      *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*                      *Richard Jackoway*  
A story so well-written it draws the attention of a judge who is not a big fan of pro-sports. Kudos to you for adding to the understanding of how pro sports evolved into "big money" games.

Slam Dunk

*2nd Place*                      *St. Louis American*                      *Kenya Vaughn*  
A bit of local history easily lost. Good writing. Reminds readers of important role of average citizens in fight for freedom.

10 Years Of Freedom Defined

*3rd Place*                      *Northeast News*                      *Michael Bushnell*  
Not the most important bit of history ever, but a fun read, nevertheless!

Risque' Postcards

**31 Best Coverage of Community/People/Lifestyles****Weeklies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*                      *Lawrence County Record*                      *Charlie Meeks*  
Insightful stories on locals accomplishing their passions.

People And Living

*2nd Place*                      *Lee's Summit Tribune*  
Good variety; captured the community, not just one person, good reads.

Community

*3rd Place*                      *Cross Country Times*  
Good coverage of local story.

Porter

*Honorable Mention*                      *The Kearney Courier*  
Several interesting pieces on individuals in the community.

8/4, 8/18, 12/8

**31 Best Coverage of Community/People/Lifestyles****Weeklies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*                      *Jackson County Advocate*  
Nice variety of articles about people in the area. Enjoyed the plumbing story and nice picture.

*2nd Place*                      *The Eldon Advertiser*  
Great use of pictures and lots of them.

**31 Best Coverage of Community/People/Lifestyles****Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*                      *St. Louis American*  
Engaging writing style. Nice diversity of topics. Thought-provoking opinion pieces, in all, does a thorough job of community coverage.

*2nd Place* *Washington Missourian Weekend*  
 Both Newspapers; the Weekend and Wednesday, do an exceptional job at visual journalism. The photos are an excellent depiction of community life. The weekend was nudged into 2nd for its story on domestic abuse, but both papers offer thorough coverage.

*3rd Place* *Washington Missourian Wednesday*

*Honorable Mention* *The Lake Today*

Good community coverage on a range of issues and events.

**32 Best Page Design** *Weeklies - Class 2* Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *Houston Herald* *Jeff McNiell* Domino Effect  
 Very interesting idea with the pictures in the dominos...have not seen this before.

*2nd Place* *The Republic Monitor* *Rodger Wheeler and Cheryl Maddox* Raining Threes  
 Unique way of incorporating the headline with the graphics. The numbers on the basketballs was a creative touch.

*3rd Place* *Houston Herald* *Jeff McNiell* Review  
 I liked the cut-out of the male athlete in the center of a circle of athletes. Incorporated many different sports.

*Honorable Mention* *The Smithville Herald* *Andy Meyer* What A Year  
 Great use of color. I liked that you included photos of every sport.

**32 Best Page Design** *Weeklies - Class 4* Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *Guidon* *Matt Decker* Christian Rock  
 Love the layout and color, it's interesting, well organized, and not cluttered. Easy for the eye to follow along. The sideline with the pictures is unique and keeps the reader interested in the paper, it gives a taste of articles the paper has to offer.

*2nd Place* *Guidon* *Matt Decker* July Fourth  
 Great layout of color, interesting for the reader. Enjoy the sideline with feature articles. The 4th of July design overrides the page, but is still interesting and well designed.

*3rd Place* *Suburban Journals - South County Journal* *Chris Oth* Football Preview  
 Interesting layout, and creative way to represent the players. I would like to see more of the rest of the pages in the sports layout. Nice color choices and highlighting of the players.

*Honorable Mention* *St. Louis Business Journal* *Michael Behrens* 7/29 Page 34  
 Creative way to layout and organize the page. Would like to see more color on the page overall. Keep text more consistent. Interesting way to display information.

*Honorable Mention* *Liberty Tribune* *Amy Neal* That Extra 1%  
 Nice choice of colors to match the photos. Interesting way to display. A little confusing on how the information is placed with the pictures, place next to the numbers.

**33 Best Information Graphic** *Weeklies - Class 2* Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *The Clinton County Leader* *Becky Black* Milk Bottle  
 Good choice of background photos. Well placed information. Some extra white space that could be used.

*2nd Place* *The Clinton County Leader* *Becky Black and Brett Adkison* At-a-glance Schools  
 Information interestingly placed. Not all categories kept consistent. Like the crayons to represent the schools.

*3rd Place* *The Republic Monitor* *Ryan Squibb and Cheryl Maddox* Fireman  
 Interesting way to display information. Like the way the text is clear. Take the caption out of the yellow text box.

*Honorable Mention* *The Kearney Courier* *Amy Neal* Troubled Waters  
 Like the way the map is presented. Don't like the graphic being underneath the text. Could have used blue as the color of the water, but well done.

*Honorable Mention* *Gasconade County Republican* *Dennis Warden* New House District Map  
 Not clear what I am looking at. Good use of color to figure out the separation. Could use better way to have a text box around the graphic.

**33 Best Information Graphic** *Weeklies - Class 4* Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *St. Louis Business Journal* *Michael Behrens* Airport Debt  
 Easy to understand and read.

*2nd Place* *Jackson County Advocate* *Andrea Wood* Water Bills  
 Eye catching. Would have been first if easier to read writing and scales labeled.

*3rd Place* *Bolivar Herald - Free Press* *Charlotte Marsch* County Population  
 Eye catching. No idea what red indicates, though.

*Honorable Mention* *Suburban Journals - South County Journal* *Chris Oth* Football Stats  
 I love this! Not in the format easiest to read, though, but totally awesome!

<b>34</b>	<b>Best Editorial Cartoon</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Houston Herald</i>	<i>Kathy Richardson</i>	National Disasters
Creatively done. Funny. Clear.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Elsberry Democrat</i>		Arm Leg
Creative. Relative to the issues of today. A little overdone.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Platte County Landmark</i>	<i>Matthew Silber</i>	True Grit
Funny, Relative to today. More of the papers could have more of an explanation. Kind of busy.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Platte County Landmark</i>	<i>Matthew Silber</i>	Pool Project
Could have been displayed a variety of ways. Ironic. Funny.			
<b>34</b>	<b>Best Editorial Cartoon</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Jefferson County Leader</i>	<i>Judy Dixon</i>	Internet
Creative way to get the point across. Well drawn. Like the choice of timeline displayed.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Jefferson County Leader</i>	<i>Judy Dixon</i>	Transparency
The mice are a little confusing, could have used something else. Funny. Well-drawn.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Northeast News</i>	<i>Bryan Stalder</i>	Zoo Tax
Funny. Simple, like the color. Could have been drawn.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>St. Louis American</i>	<i>Kevin Belford</i>	Paul Reiter
Creatively drawn. Not really a cartoon.			
<b>35</b>	<b>Best Newspaper in Education Program</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Washington Missourian Weekend</i>	<i>Dawn Kitchell and Chris Stuckenschneider</i>	Missourian In Education
Great variety! Really enjoyed the article and page layout of featured author. Also enjoyed spelling bee winners page. Great use of graphics. Special section was also nicely put together. Great effort to attract young readers.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Odessan</i>	<i>Renee Spaar</i>	Nie
Great idea to have students recognize the importance of newspapers. Also enjoyed the history stories.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Eldon Advertiser</i>	<i>Eldon Advertiser</i>	Nie
Good idea to have students produce a "page" for the newspaper. They can learn first hand how newspaper comes together, from writing to the finished product.			
<b>36</b>	<b>Best Online Newspaper or Website</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Bolivar Herald - Free Press</i>		Bolivar Mo News
Nicely done. Thorough and comprehensive. Too narrow.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Springfield Business Journal</i>		Sbj.net
I like what I see, but I don't see much.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Clinton County Leader</i>		Website
Short, not a lot to it.			
<b>36</b>	<b>Best Online Newspaper or Website</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>St. Louis American</i>	<i>Ishmael Sistrunk</i>	Stlouisamerican.com
Lots of local content. Easy to use site with variety of content. Nice use of white space. So not too cluttered.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>St. Louis Business Journal</i>	<i>Patricia Miller</i>	Bizjournals.com/stlouis
Clean, if a bit cluttered, layout. Easy to navigate. I would like to have seen more variety to the types of content (photos, etc.) presented.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>	<i>Staff</i>	Www.emissourian.com
Decent layout, not too cluttered. Good content, but needs more local content featured prominently.			
<b>37</b>	<b>Best Video</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 4</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>		Community Remembers Sept. 11
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Washington Missourian Wednesday</i>		Owensville Soldier Surprises His Son
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>St. Louis American</i>		Putting Down The Pistols
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>St. Louis American</i>		Ferguson Students Learn To Farm With Earthdance
<b>38</b>	<b>Best Headline Writing</b>	<b>Weeklies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Republic Monitor</i>	<i>Staff</i>	
Loved the play on words. Very creative. Some actually made me laugh. Liked that it was to the point, but yet I had to think about the words. Keep up the good work!			

2nd Place *Lee's Summit Tribune* Staff

I enjoyed the title about hot sauce, I actually went on to read the article! The titles were well thought and related to the content. The only one I would have changed was "seeing red" because that term makes me think anger, which was unrelated.

3rd Place *Lawrence County Record* Staff

Nice use of words throughout the issues. I thought the one on 300,000 down the drain was very clever. Smile...Santa's listening was also very cute and went well with the photo. Some were a bit too lengthy, however.

**38 Best Headline Writing**

**Weeklies - Class 4**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Liberty Tribune*

Definitely a stand out in category. Witty and attention-grabbing, as a headline should be.

2nd Place *Suburban Journals - St. Charles County*

Headlines were well-thought and humorous, when needed. Witty and entertaining.

3rd Place *Suburban Journals - South County Journal*

Creative, yet falling a little short.

Honorable Mention *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*

3 of 5 entries were enjoyable. 1 - Feds, Drugs, and Rock n' Roll 2 - 358,527,186.00 3 - Curse of the Sugar Plum Fairy. Others did nothing for me.

**39 General Excellence**

**Dailies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Lake Sun*

Front page is eye-catching and organized. Overall good news coverage. Like the page flow and headlines on top of each page. Beautiful ads. Enjoyed the Today's Smile feature. Watch your spacing, some unnecessary gaps. Great publication!

2nd Place *The Daily Star-Journal*

Very nice editorial page. Like that page 2 is community news. Good coverage of local news. Some pages were missing top headline. Front page had good photos and lots of info. Nice work!

3rd Place *Kirksville Daily Express*

Very attractive front page. Organized and had a good flow from front to back. Some pages were hard to follow, too many things on one page. Watch the spacing. Some unnecessary gaps. I thought the editorial page was laid out well.

**39 General Excellence**

**Dailies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Columbia Missourian*

Clear winner. Clean layouts. Strong writing. Great photography. Well done, all around. A paper to be proud of.

2nd Place *The Examiner*

Good paper with a few pitfalls. Front page is crowded, I don't like the all-caps headline. But it has good writing, a nice editorial page, good sports section.

**39 General Excellence**

**Dailies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *The Joplin Globe*

It would be easy to think of my judging the Joplin Globe first as a nod to a community that suffered so heavy a toll. It's not. The Globe, unlike its larger competitors, clearly has not abandoned the local view. Its coverage is meaningful, in-depth, and focused. Congrats on a great job.

2nd Place *The Kansas City Star*

The Kansas City Star narrowly missed first but the Globe's locally-produced content won out. The Star is usually stunning and its coverage of the state is top-notch.

3rd Place *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch is a global force in journalism, but this year's entries failed to bring that global reputation down to a locally-flavored level. Still, it's an amazing, inspiring piece of work.

**40 Best Front to Back Newspaper Design**

**Dailies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Columbia Missourian*

Body copy is clean and easy to read. Photos are used very well throughout. Use of tan color bar is nice on headers, pull quotes - it pops but doesn't overwhelm. Spacing between stories feels tight at times but doesn't detract from overall consistency of design.

2nd Place *The Examiner*

Overall, the flow of the pages is clean and easy to follow. Use of whitespace is consistent throughout. The use of reverse type in black boxes stands out because its not used to exhaustion - just a nice touch every once in a while. Body copy feels like its too tight. Graphics and photo illustrations are fun if a bit overdesigned.

3rd Place *The Lebanon Daily Record*

Overall feel of the paper is nice. Spacing is pretty good, its easy to differentiate jumps from stories inside. Consistency throughout with practice of bolding first few words in the outline. Could use better contrast between headline font and body copy font.

**40 Best Front to Back Newspaper Design**

**Dailies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *The Kansas City Star*

The look of the paper is very lively throughout with the smart use of colors - yellow, blue and the red with sports. There is a good contrast with the headlines on different pages. Tornado graphic designed well and doesn't get bogged down by too much text. Each page shows a smart use of various elements to break up gray space.

2nd Place *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

Design is very sophisticated. Its interesting that the headline font on the features pages has serifs and yet still feels very similar to the news headline font. Smart choice. Not having frames on photos works very well with the weight of the headlines (doesn't make news pages feel too featurey). One quibble is inside page headlines sometimes seem to be all very close in size.

3rd Place *Columbia Daily Tribune*

All the font choices throughout this paper make it very readable. Brilliant treatments of the mastheads for either promos to inside or to go with main 1A stories. The bigger quote mark to go with pull quotes is interesting but it's used well because of the good use of white space. Slightly jarring to have no frames on any photos except mug shots.

**41 Best Front Page**

**Dailies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Lake Sun*

I liked the blue title bar, pictures were large and clear. I really enjoyed the Today's Smile section. Layout was fairly consistent and great use of graphics.

2nd Place *The Examiner*

I liked the choice of text/font. The title bar is large and noticeable. I like the blue background. Easy to follow, layout was consistent. I would have liked to see the title of each story use the same font.

3rd Place *Columbia Missourian*

I enjoyed the layout with one big story across the top and a picture centered. Photos were large and eye-catching. Font was consistent. Very neat and clean. Good spacing. Could use a little more color.

Honorable Mention *The Lebanon Daily Record*

Loved that there were at least 4 articles on the front. Easy to navigate and the cute graphics were a plus. Banner ad was missing on Sept. 1. Some title font size was really small.

**41 Best Front Page**

**Dailies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *The Kansas City Star*

Beautiful and powerful graphics. Detailed index and easy to navigate. Good use of space. I enjoyed the FYI at the movies on 9/20, use that more often. Overall very nice!

2nd Place *Columbia Daily Tribune*

Awesome title bar. Love the clincher of "what's inside" along the top with a big graphic. Nice layout, however I did not like "Neighbors Uneasy" on 9/2. Was too large and I overlooked the other top story. Otherwise found the layout pleasing and well thought.

3rd Place *Jefferson City News Tribune*

Nice use of multiple photos. Liked that there are multiple stories on the front. Creative use of weather and index with "outside and inside" spacing was a little off in some spots, tighten up gaps between stories. Nice paper overall!

**42 Best Breaking News Story**

**Dailies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Sedalia Democrat*

*Dennis Rich and Bob Satnan*

Tornado

Nice coverage of a major storm. Primary story could have been told with more color; package takes first on merit of the photos, column, local accounts, etc. Well-rounded coverage.

2nd Place *The Lebanon Daily Record*

*Fines Massey*

Chaos...

Good stories, pairing the attack and sentencing together. Would have been improved with more first-hand accounts of the attack.

3rd Place *The Lebanon Daily Record*

*Julie Turner-Crawford*

Baby's Death

Not as dramatic a story as others, but well-written. Good research to find out why the baby's death may have occurred.

Honorable Mention *Lake Sun*

*Staff*

Shootout Legends

Good coverage, but disjointed on front page. Seemed at least 1 story could have been combined with another.

**42 Best Breaking News Story**

**Dailies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *The Joplin Globe*

*Jeff Lehr*

I Was Not Alone

Lehr's account in the immediate aftermath of the Joplin tornado takes you there, where you can feel broken glass and nails under your feet. You can smell the ruptured gas lines. You feel his bewilderment and shock. Then you realize, it's not just him. It's everyone. Stunning.

2nd Place *Springfield News-Leader*

*Jess Rollins*

Adrift In Debris

Prompt, blanket coverage of chaos and disorders.

3rd Place *The Joplin Globe*

*Wally Kennedy, Staff and AP*

Ravaged

Strong story telling in aftermath of a storm that few without a story to tell. Good color.

Honorable Mention *The Kansas City Star*

*Judy L. Thomas, Mark Morris and Glenn Rice*

Bishop, Kc Diocese Indicted

Honorable Mention *The Kansas City Star*

*Brian Burnes and Robert A. Cronkleton*

Search For Missing Baby

**43 Best News Story**

**Dailies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *The Daily Star-Journal*

*Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia*

Homicide-suicide

Up-to-the minute report on a tragedy. Recent developments are coupled with a great retelling of the back story. Great, tight writing.

2nd Place *The Marshall Democrat-News*

*Maggie Menderski*

Habilitation Center

Great example of working a courthouse beat, find an interesting case and get the story.

3rd Place *The Daily Star-Journal*

*Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia*

Petitioners

Presents a lot of facts and figures in a clear and concise way. Good use of sources to illustrate the conflict.



<b>43 Best News Story</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>		Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> This story is probably affecting all kinds of people and we wouldn't have known about it without this reporter's initiative. The info graphic shows the extent of the problem, and the sidebar gives it a personal angle. It all ties together well.	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Josh Barone and Kellie Kotraba</i>	No Relief
<i>2nd Place</i> Everyone has seen homes like these, but this reporter stopped and stepped through that battered front door to show what's happening with these abandoned homes, and why. Info graphic and photos add to the story.	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Waqas Naeem</i>	Vacant Homes
<i>3rd Place</i> This lead just pulls you right in, and the good writing carries you through. The story weaves this man's story through the bigger picture in the prison system.	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Jessica Pupovac</i>	Aging
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Great info graphic accompanies this story, which follows a local man's experience returning home after military deployment. It's good to see a personal approach to issues that are striking nationwide.	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Anthony Schick</i>	Soldier's Return
<i>Honorable Mention</i> A good look at one woman's recovery from a traumatic injury. Well-written, compelling. I wish there had been more thorough photos of her progress, a sidebar about such injuries and recovery.	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Kellie Kotraba</i>	New Kelsi
<b>43 Best News Story</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>		Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Brilliant story - following the path street by street was very powerful way to tell story.	<i>The Joplin Globe</i>	<i>Josh Letner</i>	Six Miles
<i>2nd Place</i> Clearly all resources deployed to tackle the storm's aftermath. Coverage included important useful information and historical perspective.	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>Staff</i>	Destruction
<i>3rd Place</i> Impressive background. Great graphics. Good effort all around.	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Kansas City Star</i>	A World Without Bin Laden
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Great investigative news piece.	<i>Springfield News-Leader</i>	<i>Jess Rollins</i>	Behind Bars
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Lots of depth and great photos.	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Eric Adler, Laura Bauer and Don Bradley</i>	Devastation
<b>44 Best Feature Story</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 1</b>		Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Great lead! Really draws the reader in to a compelling portrait of a woman battling cancer.	<i>The Daily Statesman</i>	<i>Noreen Hyslop</i>	Dreams Come True
<i>2nd Place</i> Entertaining and in-depth.	<i>The Marshall Democrat-News</i>	<i>Maggie Menderski</i>	Young Dancer
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Daily Statesman</i>	<i>Noreen Hyslop</i>	1500 Miles
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Funny and irreverent! Mock-serious approach is great!	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia</i>	Turtle Gang
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Kirkville Daily Express</i>	<i>Jason Hunsicker</i>	Love Story
<b>44 Best Feature Story</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>		Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Riveting story.	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Anthony Schick</i>	Flood
<i>2nd Place</i> Great photo, great writing. A real life lesson.	<i>The Lebanon Daily Record</i>	<i>Ken York</i>	Don't Be Me
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Examiner</i>	<i>Adrienne DeWeese</i>	New Home
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Josh Barone</i>	Death On Hold
<b>44 Best Feature Story</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>		Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> To pitch to an editor and have one bite on a story such as this is amazing. To deliver it with such intricate reportage is astounding. Thoroughly engaging from graph 1 to the end.	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>Todd C. Frankel</i>	Butterfly People Of Joplin
<i>2nd Place</i> The "what now" story of lives being rebuilt starkly in the storm's aftermath was much needed. This rises to national caliber coverage of the FEMA response and the change in Joplin resident's lives.	<i>The Joplin Globe</i>	<i>Andra Bryan Stefanoni</i>	A Place Of Last Resort
<i>3rd Place</i> It reads like a film screenplay. Except every word of it is true, and that's the kicker.	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Eric Adler and Laura Bauer</i>	Condition Gray
<i>Honorable Mention</i> In a media flooded with condescending patronizing coverage of disability, it's good to see a paper ditch the stereotypes and show readers what it really means to be disabled.	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>Todd C. Frankel</i>	Special Sarah
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Hard to read. Frustrating to think about and angering. "His desk is now someone else's." "He'll be dropped from the city's insurance plan..." Still, the guy forges on. Great, intimate profile of a hero.	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>Christine Byers</i>	Matt Crosby

<b>45 Best News or Feature Series</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 1</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> The coverage of Pagel's trial was meticulous, but also kept me riveted due mostly to the reporter's good choice to tell the various versions of the story.	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i> <i>Sue Sterling</i>	Pagel
<i>2nd Place</i> Great way to cover a bizarre series of weather events - by letting residents tell the story.	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i> <i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia, Amanda Lubinski and Cynthia Nold</i>	Disasters
<i>3rd Place</i> Good reporting on an interesting case. Worthy of the extended coverage.	<i>Kirkville Daily Express</i> <i>Jason Hunsicker</i>	Barber Trial
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Lake Sun</i>	Camden County
<b>45 Best News or Feature Series</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Great series. Love the far reaching emphasis. Out of the box.	<i>The Examiner</i> <i>Examiner Sports staff</i>	Just Say Know
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Hannibal Courier-Post</i> <i>Mary Lou Montgomery, Danny Henley, Dominic Genetti</i>	Shot Changes
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i> <i>Sangeeta Shastry</i>	Kahler Trial
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Daily American Republic</i> <i>Donna Farley, Michelle Friedrich, Sarabeth Weller and David Silverberg</i>	Historic Flooding
<b>45 Best News or Feature Series</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Absolutely amazing depth on the story of the year. Quality photos and layout.	<i>The Kansas City Star</i> <i>Eric Adler and Laura Bauer</i>	Joplin
<i>2nd Place</i> Overwhelming background of very local ties to Civil War history. Well done.	<i>The Joplin Globe</i> <i>Andy Ostmyer</i>	Civil War
<i>3rd Place</i> Great investigative journalism with important educational components. Your work should save lives!	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i> <i>Nancy Cambria</i>	Day Cares
<i>Honorable Mention</i> Kudos for the multi-year series that provides a "this day in history" related to local Civil War history. Very worthwhile, educational piece that should hold reader interest for years to come.	<i>Columbia Daily Tribune</i> <i>Rudi Keller</i>	Life During Wartime
<i>Honorable Mention</i> 5 part series extremely well done. This was a tough category due to some great projects undertaken by MPA newspapers last year.	<i>The Kansas City Star</i> <i>Darryl Levings, Glenn Rice, Mara' Williams, Brian Burnes, Rick Montgomery, Lee Hill</i>	Civil War 150
<b>46 Best Editorial</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Nice job calling bone-headed local officials on to the carpet for bad decision making using little or no facts. Excellent work.	<i>Sedalia Democrat</i>	Cell Tower Vote Left Us Looking For Leaders
<i>2nd Place</i> This editorial walks the fine line between informing and preaching, Sounds like there might be an opportunity for follow-up editorials when the neighborhood gets cleaned up. A good example of using community connection to localize an editorial!	<i>Hannibal Courier-Post</i>	Standing Up To Coward Lines
<i>3rd Place</i> An excellent effort to break down a difficult subject to convince an audience of readers who are likely not familiar with zoning laws. Good work.	<i>Hannibal Courier-Post</i>	Property Ordinance Far From Perfect
<i>Honorable Mention</i> The author successfully educated and convinced me on the topic presented. Good job.	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	Lawmakers Should Honor Public Votes
<b>46 Best Editorial</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Great local info. Great for the reader.	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	Dump The Pump
<i>2nd Place</i> Shows the need. Shows how we do it now fails. Gives a whole approach and not what is just best for St. Louis.	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	One River
<i>3rd Place</i> Got to heart of local issue. Also dealt with one-time issue but also on-going reform.	<i>Springfield News-Leader</i>	Trip Participants
<b>47-H Best Columnist - Humorous</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i> Cute, funny, upbeat column that makes you laugh aloud.	<i>Hannibal Courier-Post</i> <i>Danny Henley</i>	
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Lebanon Daily Record</i> <i>Ken York</i>	
<i>3rd Place</i> no editorials.	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i> <i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia</i>	

<b>47-H Best Columnist - Humorous</b>			<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Columbia Daily Tribune</i>	<i>Irene Haskins</i>		
Cute, personable, and well-written.				
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Joplin Globe</i>	<i>Mike Pound</i>		
Easy to relate; upbeat.				
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>St. Joseph News-Press</i>	<i>Ken Newton</i>		
Love the column name, cute content.				
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>St. Joseph News-Press</i>	<i>Alonzo Weston</i>		
Well-written, pleasant.				
<b>47-S Best Columnist - Serious</b>			<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Lebanon Daily Record</i>	<i>Katie Hilton</i>		
Very persuasive in her position and not afraid to take a stand.				
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Examiner</i>	<i>Jeff Fox</i>		
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Hannibal Courier-Post</i>	<i>Danny Henley</i>		
<b>47-S Best Columnist - Serious</b>			<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Joplin Globe</i>	<i>Carol Stark</i>		
Reading these columns hits you in the gut the way I imagine the tornado hit Joplin. Thank you, Carol, for exposing those still-raw wounds, for helping us remember - even those of us who weren't there. Maybe especially those of us who weren't there.				
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>St. Joseph News-Press</i>	<i>Alonzo Weston</i>		
These columns really bring home some serious issues. Thanks for putting a more personal perspective on these. And you're right. Beyond 100, even by one, is too much. But then, even one is too much for a family living it.				
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Joplin Globe</i>	<i>Wally Kennedy</i>		
Journalists are supposed to stay out of their stories, be impartial, objective, set apart. But columns provide the opportunity to take a closer look, and these columns do just that, from a personal walk through the hospital after the tornado to a peek at some of the businesses affected that day.				
<b>48-F Best Feature Photograph</b>			<b>Dailies - Class 1</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Marshall Democrat-News</i>	<i>Sarah Reed</i>		Alfred
Terrific photo - great detail, good angle, perfect detail and cropped right.				
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia</i>		Leeton Fair
Cute photo with clear focus and tiny baby feet.				
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Daily Statesman</i>	<i>Noreen Hyslop</i>		Annie Banken
Awesome, awesome content. Too blurry, poor cropping.				
<b>48-F Best Feature Photograph</b>			<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Lebanon Daily Record</i>	<i>Fines Massey</i>		Home
This is a very touching photo. It always makes me happy when service men and women are reunited with family.				
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Nick Michael</i>		Caterpillar
This picture made me laugh! I really like the look on the girl's face.				
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Sara Johnson</i>		Battle
I really like the composition of this photo. I like how the sparks are flying. Great work!				
<b>48-F Best Feature Photograph</b>			<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Springfield News-Leader</i>	<i>Valerie Mosley</i>		Opening Day
Very nice photo. I like the fishermen standing on the dam in the water. The fog coming over the top of the picture and at the bottom of the dam really makes the picture.				
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>David Carson</i>		Rainbow
I really like how you were able to catch the rainbow. Nice picture!				
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>Robert Cohen</i>		Rural Post Office
This picture reminds me of where I grew up. Great pic!				
<b>48-N Best News Photograph</b>			<b>Dailies - Class 1</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia</i>		Motorcycle Wreck
A truly courageous photo of a team effort. A nice, thorough view of a tragedy.				

<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia</i>	Twister
Photo shows good depiction of horrible event.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Daily Statesman</i>	<i>Corey Noles</i>	4-wheeler Flood
Yikes! Simple, yet complex. A good shot.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia</i>	Greenwood Fire
Good shot, needs a better angle.			

<b>48-N Best News Photograph</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
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<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Sedalia Democrat</i>	<i>Sydney Brink</i>	Tornado Slams Sedalia
Emotional, gut-wrenching, truly awesome photo.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Kristen Zeis</i>	Reflections - A Man
An entire news story stated in one photo. Bravo.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Christopher Parks</i>	Ramadan
Emotional photo with amazing composition. Can't figure out story on own.			

<b>48-N Best News Photograph</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
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<i>1st Place</i>	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>J.B. Forbes</i>	Nowhere To Go
Intense shot. Clear. Speaks to the reader.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Springfield News-Leader</i>	<i>Valerie Mosley</i>	Total Destruction
Clear photo. Positioned well. Shows emotion. Would be nice to see in the layout.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>St. Joseph News-Press</i>	<i>Jessica Stewart</i>	Fallen Officer
Great emotion displayed through the photograph. Clear, well taken. Somewhat off focus.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Columbia Daily Tribune</i>	<i>Don Shrubshell</i>	Police Question Woman
Interesting shot with the shadow effect. Picture may be taken the wrong way. Blurry. Would be nice to see in a display.			

<b>48-I Best Photo Illustration</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
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<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>		Social Net
Nice way to illustrate a difficult concept. Good use of light and a well-designed image.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Lebanon Daily Record</i>	<i>Julie Turner-Crawford</i>	Bath Salts
A simple concept illustrated well. Instantly relays the intended message.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia</i>	Kids Concert
Well designed melding of two photos that relays the message well.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>		Pie
Another tough concept to illustrate. Lighting is a bit harsh but overall good effort.			

<b>48-I Best Photo Illustration</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
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<i>1st Place</i>	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>Laurie Skrivan</i>	Blueberries
Simple read, well composed, well lit and overall a well-executed image.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>Johnny Andrews</i>	Glorious Imperfection
Good job with the overall concept. Lighting is nice, composed well.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Springfield News-Leader</i>	<i>Bob Linder</i>	Joe Gamel
Well thought out way to meld the old with the new. Near seamless transition from the historic photo to today's. Good work in post production.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Keith Myers</i>	John Seay
Absolutely love this photograph. Quick easy read and works with the story well. Due to the constraints of the category description, this was downgraded. Would love to see the association add a portrait category to fill the gap.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>Erik M. Lunsford</i>	Fresh Blossoms
Simple concept handled well in post production.			

<b>48-S Best Sports Photograph</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 1</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
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<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Daily Statesman</i>	<i>Jerry Jarrell</i>	Running Hard
Good photo with clear topic, fuzzy image.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Kirkville Daily Express</i>	<i>Josh Rizzo</i>	Basketball Pass
Good face, nice crop, little fuzzy.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Daily Statesman</i>	<i>Jerry Jarrell</i>	Dexter Leap
Love the content, hate the fuzzy foot.			

<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Nevada Daily Mail</i>	<i>Ralph Pokorny</i>	Concentration
Good shot, great focus, perfect crop, very neat.			
<b>48-S Best Sports Photograph</b>		<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Matthew Busch</i>	Independence Bowl
I love this photo! The expression screams "I am an extreme sports fan," which is a side of sports we sometimes forget to see. This photo was taken well, seeing as there are low light conditions. Nice focus, depth of field and composition!			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Katie Currid</i>	Hickman Student
Amazing photo. I love the composition because you have no other choice but to focus in on her expression. The mud and "dirtiness" of it set a tone that matches her emotion. Great depth of field. Nice job capturing the moment!			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Sedalia Democrat</i>	<i>Sydney Brink</i>	Diving Catch
What I like about this photo is the timing of the exposure. The fact that you can see the ball in glove, his eyes are still closed and he's straining to make the catch captures the effort put into making the play. Nice work!			
<b>48-S Best Sports Photograph</b>		<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Columbia Daily Tribune</i>	<i>Don Shrubshell</i>	Fly Ball
I really like the timing of this photo. Great work!			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Daily Tribune</i>	<i>Don Shrubshell</i>	Snagging The Throw
I like how you were able to get the guy in mid-air.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Jefferson City News Tribune</i>	<i>Stephen Brooks</i>	Katly Meier Of Vienna
Always a step ahead of the other team. I really like the look on her face as she looks on to the next jump.			
<b>49 Best Photo Package</b>		<b>Dailies - Class 1</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia</i>	Festival
Love it. Great shots!!			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia</i>	Bull Riders
Great action shots. Love that you can see and feel the emotion.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Nevada Daily Mail</i>	<i>Rusty Murry and Ralph Pokorny</i>	Patriot Flag
Stirring photos, what a great tribute.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Fulton Sun</i>	<i>Mandi Steele and Nicole Elliott</i>	Livestock
Good close-ups. You got the day.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia</i>	Leeton
Clean, clean photos. Great attention getters.			
<b>49 Best Photo Package</b>		<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Sarah Hoffman and Matthew Busch</i>	Goodbye
Really captured the moment. Keepsake for fans. Nice job.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Madison Mack</i>	Stood Up
Great lighting. Really makes you feel his story. Nice!!			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Daily American Republic</i>	<i>Paul Davis</i>	Historic Flooding
Awesome shots!!			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Katie Currid</i>	Speak Memory
Great shots!!			
<b>49 Best Photo Package</b>		<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Keith Myers and David Eulitt</i>	Condition Gray
Wow!! Photos that made the story more than I knew. One for the eyes.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>Staff - Robert Cohen, Christian Gooden, Laurie Skrivan, Chris Lee and Huy Mach</i>	Victory Lap
Great job capturing the day. Fantastic!!			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>David Eulitt, Keith Myers, Tammy Ljungblad and Shane Keyser</i>	Devastation
Just incredible photos.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Joplin Globe</i>	<i>T. Rob Brown</i>	National Tragedy
<b>50-A Best Ad Idea or Promotion of an Advertiser</b>		<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Dan Jacobs</i>	Alpine Park
Unique way to explain what you have to offer. Nice display of pictures. Some white space. Pictures could have been bigger.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Dan Jacobs</i>	Missouri
Cute way to display fun. Pictures could have been bigger on the bottom.			

*3rd Place* *Columbia Missourian* *Dan Jacobs* Something New  
Too many ads jammed together. Special way to give variety.

**50-A Best Ad Idea or Promotion of an Advertiser** **Dailies - Class 3** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *Columbia Daily Tribune*  
Makes an impact that will be remembered. Millard Family Funeral Home

*2nd Place* *Columbia Daily Tribune*  
Good, fresh concept. Needs clearer graphics. Betz Jewelers

*3rd Place* *Columbia Daily Tribune*  
Neat idea. Too small shoes. American Shoe

**50-N Best Ad Idea or Promotion of the Newspaper** **Dailies - Class 2** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *West Plains Daily Quill* *Carla Bean, Vicki Johnson, Vicky Rutter, Darla Evins and Sharon Essary*  
Love the concept, but not the ad. Icky font, too wordy. \$50 Cash

*2nd Place* *Columbia Missourian* *Dan Jacobs*  
Eye-catching with good use of space. How was it utilized? Print? History

*3rd Place* *West Plains Daily Quill* *Carla Bean*  
Like the idea, not the execution. It's Zizzer All The Time

**50-N Best Ad Idea or Promotion of the Newspaper** **Dailies - Class 3** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* *Tracy Rouch*  
Thought-provoking. Fresh, new idea. Your Newspaper

*2nd Place* *Columbia Daily Tribune* *Elizabeth King and Linda Hays*  
Simple concept, bright design, neat idea. Truly The Place

*3rd Place* *Columbia Daily Tribune* *Linda Hays and Elizabeth King*  
Attractive. Good use of color, space. Score!

**51 Best News Content** **Dailies - Class 2** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *Columbia Missourian*

*2nd Place* *The Daily Star-Journal*

*3rd Place* *Sedalia Democrat*

*Honorable Mention* *The Lebanon Daily Record*

**51 Best News Content** **Dailies - Class 3** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *The Kansas City Star*  
Covered a wide variety of topics, good quality of writing.

*2nd Place* *Springfield News-Leader*  
Wide range of topics, good quality of writing.

*3rd Place* *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
Covered major events in great depth (tornadoes), as well as other events.

**52 Community Service Award** **Dailies - Class 2** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *Hannibal Courier-Post*  
In an era of parachute journalism, Dominic Genetti is a one-man, boots on the ground infantry decision. Solid and steady reporting kept the focus on the issue and the solution. Riverside Cemetery

*2nd Place* *The Daily Star-Journal*  
Good perspective on issue and a newspaper willing to put its money where its mouth is. Homeless

*3rd Place* *Columbia Missourian*  
A great job of citizen outreach and a reminder the local newspaper is still the best source for community news. Transit Budget Talks

**52 Community Service Award** **Dailies - Class 3** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *The Joplin Globe*  
A true community service was served by the paper in helping a city stay informed, recover, and get questions answered. Outstanding. Tornado Coverage

*2nd Place* *The Kansas City Star*  
Volunteers never get enough thanks or coverage. Nice work profiling the good deeds in KC. Hours Of Giving

3rd Place *The Kansas City Star*  
Another great cause by the Star- helping stamp out childhood hunger.

Hunger Stories

**53 Best Editorial Pages**

**Dailies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Sedalia Democrat*  
The clear winner in this category. Nice use of color, photos, cartoons, and comics. Nice looking pages. Impactful editorials.

2nd Place *The Examiner*  
Although the headline type face looks a little antiqued, there is a lot to like on these pages: relevant editorials, good local columnists, local cartoons. Some color might have moved this entry up.

3rd Place *The Daily Star-Journal*  
Would much rather see "Backward Glances" elsewhere- same with bible verses. Leaving more spaces for letters, columnists, cartoons. Also, lose the copyright info beneath the columnist photos. There is not another publication that does this. May also want to consider smaller type size for body copy.

**53 Best Editorial Pages**

**Dailies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *The Joplin Globe*  
Excellent entries covering the Joplin tornado-- columns, photos, editorials all well packaged. Nice 9/11 coverage. All pages nicely designed, tightly edited. Great use of photos and columnists. Joplin should be proud.

2nd Place *The Kansas City Star*  
Although slightly troubled by the inconsistent use of all caps and lower case headlines, I liked these pages. Nice mix of local and national columnists and opinion with photos. Nice work.

3rd Place *Springfield News-Leader*  
There is a lot to like here. Great use of color, nice press work, well-placed staff editorial and the "check the facts" feature. Nice mix of type faces. Easy to read, well done.

Honorable Mention *St. Joseph News-Press*  
Nice use of color photos, but I wanted more than one page. Nice work, just not top 3.

Honorable Mention *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
There is some nice work here, but others in the category did it better. Some color would have helped these pages.

**54 Best Sports Pages**

**Dailies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Sedalia Democrat*  
Great design, like the rail with "athlete of the week" and "quick wits." Good local writing. Great emphasis on local content over wire. Overall a nice, easy to read, well designed, content heavy sports section. Well done.

2nd Place *Columbia Missourian* *Staff*  
Wonderful layouts, "Left in Dark" feature well executed. Great treatment of Pujols story. Like the use of the pull quotes throughout. Pages are a little heavy on wire photos and stories.

3rd Place *The Examiner* *Examiner Sports staff*  
A plethora of local content. Stories are well written. Good headline writing. Nice photo of the basketball loss, could have removed the action pic and let the emotion stand on its own.

Honorable Mention *The Daily Star-Journal* *Corey Edwards and Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia*  
Well written, heavy local content, lots of photos but they could use some work. Good effort for what appears to be a small staff.

**54 Best Sports Pages**

**Dailies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *The Kansas City Star*  
A sports section filled with superlatives. Great stories, great photos, great typography. It covers everything and all stories are in-depth. The large photos are exceptional. Just a great overall sports section.

2nd Place *St. Joseph News-Press* *Staff*  
A very clean and well designed sports section. Nice variety of stories and headlines. Photos are well placed to break up gray. Lots of sports events/subjects covered. Job well done.

3rd Place *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* *Staff*  
Photos and layout not as strong or attractive as the top two winners. But good in-depth stories complemented by graphics and photos. Some pages could use graphics or photos to break up gray areas.

Honorable Mention *The Joplin Globe*  
A nice looking sports section with well written stories, photos, and overall design. Smaller sports sections than the top 3, but a good sports section nonetheless.

Honorable Mention *Springfield News-Leader* *Staff*  
Same as the other HM. A nice looking sports section that contains a lot of good things.

**55 Best Sports News Story or Package**

**Dailies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place *Columbia Missourian* *Harry Plumer*  
The class of the class. A well-written, smooth flowing sports story with good quotes- highlighted by quote boxes, photos, and graphics. It all ties into a complete award-winning story. Great job!

2nd Place *Columbia Missourian* *Ben Frederickson*  
Another well written and smooth flowing story. Captures the reader's attention from the start and doesn't let go. Coach Hait

3rd Place *The Fulton Sun* *Josh Mosley*  
Great job on pulling out a possible momentum changer and explaining to the readers what happened. Some writers may not go into as much depth, but that wouldn't be fair to the reader or those at the game. Very nice job. Talbot's Ejection

*Honorable Mention*                      *Kirkville Daily Express*                      *Josh Rizzo and Bud Schrader*  
Nice special section recapping a state title. Good, brief recap of every game and focusing on the senior players.

Vindicated- State Champs

**55 Best Sports News Story or Package**

**Dailies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*                      *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*                      *Staff*  
From the front page photo to the very end this section is totally complete. A wide range of well-written stories complemented by photos and graphics. A super job.

Wow

*2nd Place*                      *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*                      *Staff*  
Very in depth coverage of a team losing a superstar- why and how the team will cope with his departure. Great job by the staff and each story was different and painted a clear picture of his decision and what the team plans next.

Pujols Aftershock

*3rd Place*                      *The Kansas City Star*                      *Mike DeArmond, J. Brady McCollough, Blair Kerkhoff and Sam Mellinger*  
A close third and much like the top 2 winners-- well written and in depth staff stories. Good quotes from the team members really adds to the coverage. Another great job.

Todd Haley Fired

*Honorable Mention*                      *The Joplin Globe*                      *Jim Henry*  
Very interesting story and well written.

Door Step

*Honorable Mention*                      *Columbia Daily Tribune*                      *David Briggs*  
The writer basically tells Carl Edwards' life story. Full of details in a well flow story. Nice stories of different topics about Edwards.

Carl Edwards

**56 Best Sports Feature Story**

**Dailies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*                      *Kirkville Daily Express*                      *Josh Rizzo*  
Good lead, engaging story. Nice use of quotes. Overall, story flows well. Very nice job! (only drawback is graphic on front- not well rendered)

Concussions

*2nd Place*                      *Columbia Missourian*                      *Brendan Meyer*  
Interesting topic. Writer nicely handles idea that the weight could be a health hazard, without taking away from the sports angle. Nice anecdotes (the "underwear" story caught me off guard!)

Gentle Giant

*3rd Place*                      *Columbia Missourian*                      *Ben Frederickson*  
Good approach to a "sport" few think about. I like how you alternate between the current "game story" and the background on shuffleboard. Only reason this didn't place higher is because the subject is less engaging.

Serious Competition

*Honorable Mention*                      *Hannibal Courier-Post*                      *Danny Henley*  
Tough call to not put this in the top 3 -- very competitive category. Interesting story, but just a little less flair to this writing.

Fighting Parkinsons

*Honorable Mention*                      *Columbia Missourian*                      *Harry Plumer*  
Fun read! I'd never heard of this and the reporter presented the subject in an appropriately light, entertaining way.

Dirty Games

**56 Best Sports Feature Story**

**Dailies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*                      *The Kansas City Star*                      *Dugan Arnett*  
The top of the class. A feature that doesn't miss a thing. One of regret, admission, and forgiveness. A true life as it is story. Flows exceptionally well and written with emotion. Great job.

Irony Of Errors

*2nd Place*                      *St. Joseph News-Press*                      *Sam Robinson*  
Sam Robinson had 2 very well-written features -- Safety Saviors and Fortunate Fate. The good samaritan story in Safety Saviors caught my attention from start to finish -- much like Fortunate Fate. Nice flowing story that I couldn't stop reading.

Safety Saviors

*3rd Place*                      *Columbia Daily Tribune*                      *Dave Matter*  
A good introduction and it only got better. A story that tells you how sports is secondary to real life situations. How tragedy changes things and how people respond to them. Nice job the entire way.

Tigers Lend Helping Hand

*Honorable Mention*                      *The Kansas City Star*                      *J. Brady McCollough*  
Well written story on a basketball player who loses his mother. Good quotes and a nice flowing article.

Playing Through Pain

*Honorable Mention*                      *The Joplin Globe*                      *Kelsey Ryan*  
A go-back-in-time feature that is always of interest, especially when it is history-setting.

Game Changer

**57 Best Sports Columnist**

**Dailies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*                      *The Examiner*                      *Bill Althaus*  
All 3 of Bill Althaus' were focused more on local and personal experiences than on national sports. The writer uses quotes and feelings from others to write a heart-warming column about Joplin's recovery. His "homecoming" and "Secret Santa" columns are also feel good columns that are enjoyable to read.

*2nd Place*                      *Columbia Missourian*                      *Harry Plumer*  
Harry Plumer goes into detail- his thoughts and others- regarding the changes being made in the Big 12 Conference and covers the who, what, when, where, why, and hows very well.

*3rd Place*                      *Hannibal Courier-Post*                      *Danny Henley*  
Danny Henley writes about an athletic booster when he first came on board as sports editor and details his experiences with Dr. Porter and what would Dr. Porter's opinions be of certain situations. Then he tackles the issue of the good and not-so-good times of the St. Louis Cardinals.

*Honorable Mention*                      *The Daily Statesman*                      *Corey Noles*  
All three columns focus on the St. Louis Cardinals--a retiring manager, a new manager, and losing a superstar. Well written columns.

**57 Best Sports Columnist**

**Dailies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*                      *The Kansas City Star*                      *Sam Mellinger*  
Very straightforward approach. Mellinger's style draws the reader in.



2nd Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	Joe Walljasper
3rd Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Bryan Burwell
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Bernie Miklasz

**58 Best Special Section**

**Dailies - Class 1**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place	The Marshall Democrat-News	Marcia Gorrell
Neat idea. Incredibly comprehensive. Nice use of photos.		
2nd Place	The Marshall Democrat-News	Sarah Reed
Cute idea, simple, handy, neat design.		
3rd Place	The Fulton Sun	
Commemorative, historic piece to hang on to. Well done.		

Century Farms

She Fall

New Bloomfield

**58 Best Special Section**

**Dailies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place	The Examiner	Examiner Sports Staff
A little too cluttered. Not organized manner. Great use of color and advertising. Interesting stories. Full coverage.		
2nd Place	West Plains Daily Quill	Staff
More space could be used up. Some more color pages could be placed. Great full coverage.		
3rd Place	Columbia Missourian	Staff
Great use of color. Advertised well. Highlighted the year in review well. Could have more in this section.		
Honorable Mention	West Plains Daily Quill	Staff
Could have more in color. Great idea for a special section.		

Football Preview

Fair Tab

S E C

Breast Cancer

**58 Best Special Section**

**Dailies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	
The idea overall is just creative. Well advertised. Interesting information.		
2nd Place	The Kansas City Star	
Great use of color. Spread out the ads in between the articles more.		
3rd Place	The Joplin Globe	
Love the brackets. Good use of advertising. Interesting stories. Try to make something unique so it's not "another sports section." Like the bracket.		
Honorable Mention	The Kansas City Star	
Love the sesquicentennial. Unique and special. Have more stories and advertising.		
Honorable Mention	Springfield News-Leader	
Special. American pride, well-represented. Great reminder. Have more advertising.		

Our Town 2011

Bumper Crop (baseball 2011)

Basketball Tab

Civil War

911

**59 Best Investigative Reporting**

**Dailies - Class 2**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place	Columbia Missourian	Brad Racino
Thorough investigation of a thoroughly disturbing situation. I hope the story helped solve the problem. Graphics, photos helped a lot.		
2nd Place	Columbia Missourian	Walker Moskop
Interesting subject, well researched. Again, graphs were very telling.		
3rd Place	Kirksville Daily Express	Jason Hunsicker
Though the writing wasn't as strong as the No. 1 and 2 winners, the investigation earned this award.		
Honorable Mention	Columbia Missourian	Josh Barone and Kellie Kotraba
Tells a story I knew nothing about. Good research.		

Trailer Park

Leading To Blacks

Tax Lien

No Relief

**59 Best Investigative Reporting**

**Dailies - Class 3**

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

1st Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Elisa Crouch
A story with absolute national importance. A simple analysis of a charter school's failure to stack up academically is telling enough. But the in depth focus on a real estate gimmick suggests why the system is really, truly broken. Excellent reports.		
2nd Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Nancy Cambria
Extremely useful, insightful and eye-opening report for anyone with an infant. It's a case of the media making sense of seemingly unrelated incidents to identify a pattern. Good, hard, important work.		
3rd Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	Rudi Keller
More light should be shed on public-private partnerships and incentive developments. Mamtek is a great local example. This is an example of a reporter listening, paying attention and being willing to track dollars from state to local to where they seem to disappear. Sharply written.		

"imagine" Schools

Child Deaths

Mamtek

*Honorable Mention*      *The Kansas City Star*      *Mike McGraw*      Experts Challenge Building Design  
I like that this investigative report shows, tells, and shows some more what went on with Joplin's "tiltup" Home Depot. Scary, eye-opening stuff. Makes sense out of a complex issue: building codes.

*Honorable Mention*      *The Kansas City Star*      *Judy L. Thomas*      The Altar Boys' "secrets"  
How many more are there, and when will they tell their stories? Meticulous work crafting and chronicling a painful history of abuse. At the end: the story continues?

**60 Best Local Business Coverage**      **Dailies - Class 2**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *The Daily Star-Journal*  
Lots of newsy business stories with insights to the story behind the story.

*2nd Place*      *Sedalia Democrat*  
3 good readable stories, very interesting.

*3rd Place*      *West Plains Daily Quill*  
Good overview of what's happening in the business community.

**60 Best Local Business Coverage**      **Dailies - Class 3**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
Great reporting. Lots of depth and stats.

*2nd Place*      *The Kansas City Star*  
Good mix of content on the biz pages. Nice columns, well-written. Great depth in weekly business tab. Have clear focus on major local business. Enjoyed the "got the job" feature.

*3rd Place*      *Columbia Daily Tribune*  
Nice cover stories, but headlines always repeated inside. Not as much local reporting and more filler than the rest in this category.

**61 Best Business Story - News or Feature**      **Dailies - Class 2**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *Columbia Missourian*      *Robson Abbott*      Vino Venue  
Great picture and headline to go with very interesting story.

*2nd Place*      *The Daily Star-Journal*      *Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia*      Grape Depression  
Great lead. Kept flowing smoothly. Good use of similarities with raisins and great quotes. Nice art. Good background information.

*3rd Place*      *The Examiner*      *Adrienne DeWeese*      Inside Job  
Very interesting information. Keep reader interested throughout article with good facts. Good research on other malls.

*Honorable Mention*      *Columbia Missourian*      *Walker Moskop*      Loans  
Great concept with individual stories. Also, great inside page design.

*Honorable Mention*      *The Lebanon Daily Record*      *Fines Massey*      Inventors  
Nice story on a simple concept. Enjoyed the lead.

**61 Best Business Story - News or Feature**      **Dailies - Class 3**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*      *Steve Giegerich*      61,000 Jobs Lost  
Intimate look at people trying to make it through the Great Recession.

*2nd Place*      *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*      *Tim Logan*      Mckee Charges On  
You made sense of a huge and complex story.

*3rd Place*      *The Joplin Globe*      *Josh Letner*      Upside Down  
New angle on economic impact of a disaster.

**62 Best Coverage of Government**      **Dailies - Class 1**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *The Daily Star-Journal*      Facebook  
Good all-around coverage of a state-wide issue reported from a local angle. Solid editorial.

*2nd Place*      *Lake Sun*      Investigation  
Good continuous coverage. You didn't let up on pursuing information, even when it appeared difficult to obtain. Way to stay on top of the e-mail issue.

*3rd Place*      *The Daily Star-Journal*      State Beat  
It's rare to find solid state-level government coverage at a small daily outside of wire reports, but The Star-Journal goes the extra step. Good job localizing stories and keeping your readers' best interests in mind.

**62 Best Coverage of Government**      **Dailies - Class 2**      Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place*      *Columbia Missourian*      Columbia Regency  
Poignant exploration of a troubled mobile home park and the city's role in monitoring it. Fine ongoing coverage of the issue during a subsequent land sale and rezoning.

*2nd Place*      *The Examiner*      Short Cash  
Nice blend of daily spot news and enterprise coverage of a problem city loan. Clear and concise, a challenging topic made understandable.

3rd Place *Columbia Missourian*  
Saturation coverage of a typically underreported topic - reapportionment. Detailed and straightforward.

Ward Reapportionment

**62 Best Coverage of Government**

**Dailies - Class 3**

1st Place *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
Good research and clear, concise reporting. Article flowed nicely. Good investigative piece as well.

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

Kinder

2nd Place *Columbia Daily Tribune*  
Good follow-through of a topic. Easy to read and follow.

Rob Sanders Coverage

3rd Place *Springfield News-Leader*  
Front page graphic was great, helped to simplify the story. Story flowed smoothly.

Parks Tax

Honorable Mention *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
Excellent quotes! Could have used better art graphics.

Brentwood Overtime

Honorable Mention *Columbia Daily Tribune*  
Good in-depth reporting. Good background information.

Tax Credit Debate

**63 Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture**

**Dailies - Class 1**

1st Place *The Daily Star-Journal*  
Drought impact on winery was the most in-dept coverage in category. What is the financial impact?

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

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

**Dailies - Class 1**

1st Place *The Daily Star-Journal* *Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia*  
This story took a great shoe-leather approach to showing readers what a drought did to grapes. It delivered the news with story-telling. Strong. Good job bringing the story from the field to the reader.

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

The Grape Depression - Raisin Hell

2nd Place *The Daily Statesman* *Noreen Hyslop*  
Interesting story on a movement. Some might not know about or understand. The best reporting is "open-minded" reporting. You achieved that here.

Cowboy Way

3rd Place *The Marshall Democrat-News* *Marcia Gorrell*  
Great story telling and historical perspective on a growing rarity.

Century Farm

Honorable Mention *The Marshall Democrat-News* *Marcia Gorrell*  
Your chronicling of the Missouri River flooding was probing, hard-hitting and personal - all of the things it needed to be.

Corps Of Engineers Made Flood Problems Worse

Honorable Mention *The Marshall Democrat-News* *Marcia Gorrell*

Corps Flood

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

**Dailies - Class 2**

1st Place *Columbia Missourian*  
Great depth on the town's history. Excellent description and sourcing.

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

Flood

2nd Place *Columbia Missourian* *Eric Holmberg*  
Clever cover and supporting attributes. Who'd think the life of a mule would be this interesting.

Mules

3rd Place *Columbia Missourian* *Lydia Mulvany*  
Nice lead with lots of description and serious depth to the article.

Hogs

Honorable Mention *Sedalia Democrat* *Bob Satnan*  
Few good chuckles about the process of prepping heifers for show.

Fair Barber

Honorable Mention *The Lebanon Daily Record* *Fines Massey*  
Nice twist to focus on bulls rather than riders.

Shepherd Hills

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

**Dailies - Class 3**

1st Place *The Kansas City Star* *Lee Hill Kavanaugh*  
Excellent lead. Great description of what condition homes and other property was in when waters receded.

Title of Entry (If Applicable)

Flooded With Despair

2nd Place *St. Joseph News-Press* *Ken Newton*  
Great depth on history. Found good voices to provide personal perspectives. Reference to Army Corps lacks context, however.

Church Service

3rd Place *The Kansas City Star* *Donald Bradley*  
Enjoyed the specific descriptions that provide the reader with a sense of place. Got bogged down a bit near the end, but recovered nicely by the final sentence.

Not Just Mail

Honorable Mention *The Kansas City Star* *Laura Bauer*  
Good storytelling with perspective - both historical and present-day first person.

Second Chance

Honorable Mention *The Kansas City Star* *Karen Dillon*  
Lots of good sources and statistics.

Livestock Mass Death

<b>65 Best Story About Education</b>		<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Abby Eisenberg and Garrett Evans</i>	Poverty
The story asks the most basic of education needs, doesn't pull any punches in answering it, and then shows how the local district is dealing with it.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Hannibal Courier-Post</i>	<i>Dominic Genetti</i>	Third Grade
Genetti takes the most vital of educational areas, gives us a local and national perspective and makes it readable enough for someone to care.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Sarah Horn</i>	Achievement Gap
Stories show a school district's needs and how reader-citizens can play a role.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Teresa Shane</i>	Young Readers
A good all-around education story. It pulls the curtain back so readers can see the how and why a good teacher succeeds,			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Sedalia Democrat</i>	<i>Bob Satnan</i>	Common Core
An important subject. He gives us a total picture of assessment.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Examiner</i>	<i>Kelly Evenson</i>	Culinary Delights
Good story on student and teacher perspectives of an evolving program.			
<b>65 Best Story About Education</b>		<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Joe Robertson</i>	Feeling Under Siege
Interesting story and graphic, great quotes, relevant to many teachers			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Joe Robertson</i>	High Tech Clicks
Interesting picture, interesting topic, like the way the story is highlighted Watch run-on sentences.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Jefferson City News Tribune</i>	<i>Michelle Brooks</i>	Lu Sga President
Interesting story, inspirational, watch wordiness.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Joplin Globe</i>	<i>Kelsey Ryan</i>	School Starts
Great coverage of the story throughout, interesting image, some parts of the story should have been quoted.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Columbia Daily Tribune</i>	<i>Catherine Martin</i>	Grading Problem
Something many schools are facing, interesting picture, good way to inform readers, great coverage of the story.			
<b>66 Best Story About the Outdoors</b>		<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Brian Nordli</i>	Elk
Strong magazine-style writing, makes something as dry as "Herd management," compelling and balanced report.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Emilie Stigliani</i>	Hell Benders
Not a very cute, pretty, or otherwise sympathetic creature but this story inhales you with a good visual lead and makes you think hard about the plight of a creature few know about.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Hannah Wiese</i>	Bats
A lot has been written about white-nose syndrome. Closure of caves is an interesting point. I'd have focused on it more, given the ridiculous number of caves in Missouri.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Melissa Klauda</i>	Cicadas
Eating cicadas? Gross. Compelling and interesting. And then you offer recipes, tips, and more. Such as "consider removing the wings, clever lead, great factual stuff. Useful story for someone wanting to try something new.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Marshall Democrat-News</i>	<i>Maggie Menderski</i>	Purple Martins
Great lead.			
<b>66 Best Story About the Outdoors</b>		<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Brent Frazee</i>	Christmas In The Wild
Great story. Well written, draws the reader in and keeps him there. A nice feature that made me smile and it was nice to be included in such a personal memory.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Brent Frazee</i>	Lowly Prey
Hail to the humble Gizzard Shad. Very well done. I never thought I would be able to read a whole story about a smelly, slimy, unattractive fish and enjoy it. The story is not only superbly written, but has so much information to support it. Info graphics were a great supplement.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Jill Wendholt Silva</i>	Seeds Of Change
An extremely comprehensive piece. Well done and a good job of integrating all the different aspects of the piece into a cohesive story.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Joplin Globe</i>	<i>Andy Ostmeyer</i>	Prairie Fire
Interesting and informative. Good writing but could have benefitted from having a tighter edit.			
<b>67 Best Story About History</b>		<b>Dailies - Class 1</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia</i>	Howard School
An important history and effort to highlight. Good job of reminding us why a certain old building is worth saving.			

<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Daily Statesman</i>	<i>Noreen Hyslop</i>	Stars And Stripes
A historical effort of particular importance to journalism. Good local and big picture history. Thanks MPA for efforts to promote newspaper history.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Marshall Democrat-News</i>	<i>Maggie Menderski</i>	Clerk Vault
Shares the passion of history and the importance of primary source preservation.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Daily Statesman</i>	<i>Mike McCoy</i>	Joe Brown
Thanks for getting a story only a guy like Joe Brown can tell first hand.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Nevada Daily Mail</i>	<i>James R. Campbell</i>	Bushwhackers
Good local tie to the most important story in county history. Good job of showing the history inside the history.			

**67 Best Story About History Dailies - Class 2** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Alex Baumhardt</i>	Discovered, Lost
A story which not only tells history, but shows us the importance of historical preservation efforts.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Examiner</i>	<i>Adrienne DeWeese</i>	Treasure Trove
A story which shows the spirit of history buffs to keep history alive.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Lebanon Daily Record</i>	<i>Tammy Helm-Teter</i>	Fire Dept.
Good job by the paper to take its historian role seriously.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>West Plains Daily Quill</i>	<i>Allison Wilson</i>	Lake Tragedy
A personal history of a haunting day.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Sedalia Democrat</i>	<i>Latisha Koetting</i>	Direct Hit
Great detail on the most compelling element. Keep the focus on it.			
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Sarah Tucker</i>	Civil War
I would like the 1860 Boone County atmosphere. Nice local focus on the biggest story in state history.			

**67 Best Story About History Dailies - Class 3** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Rick Montgomery, Darryl Levings</i>	Civil War
Wow! What a package! One of those to save and savor. Great graphics and excellent writing.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Matt Campbell</i>	Never Forget
I really like the molding of narrating the history with a look forward at how this catastrophic event will be memorialized. Good job!			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Joplin Globe</i>	<i>Roger McKinney</i>	Island Mound
So "glory" was not the first Civil War battle with black soldiers? Who knew? And thangs for telling us.			

**68 Best Coverage of Community/People/Lifestyles Dailies - Class 2** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Hannibal Courier-Post</i>	<i>Staff</i>
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>West Plains Daily Quill</i>	<i>Staff</i>
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Staff</i>

**68 Best Coverage of Community/People/Lifestyles Dailies - Class 3** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	Great blend of community coverage. Impact reporting on school nutrition, diversity issues; thoughtful coverage on a high profile drunk driving arrest; and a useful, bright presentation of holiday food and drink. A lot for a Wednesday.
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Joplin Globe</i>	Compelling, important spread on tornado 'survival' tales, along with a poignant story of a disable photographer. Coverage shows that this newspaper puts legitimate time and effort into covering the people that create its community face.
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	A wow of a Sunday read by the KC Star, and a rainbow of interest. Packed in is important reporting on treatment of eating disorders, grabber features on local yoga, decorating and art exhibits and a very cool sports profile on a mom and her college athlete twins.
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	<i>The Joplin Globe</i>	

**69 Best Page Design Dailies - Class 2** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Staff</i>	March 4, 6a
Lead photo almost seems like the mask is looking at the reader and headline fits package very well. Good to play the rest of the photos the same size so images speak for themselves instead of readers being drawn to one just because it is bigger at the bottom of the page.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Staff</i>	Sept. 11-12, 4-5a
Page is balanced pretty well with the great portrait shots and white space. Text is very easy to follow. Top left is a little too much white space but doesn't detract from the powerful package.			

*3rd Place* *Columbia Missourian* *Staff* April 5, 4-5a  
 Again, very powerful layout and art. Having a mix of all caps and lowercase type in headline is a bit distracting as is having octagon in red, but having "at the" in a lighter font was good. Not sure why lead paragraph is in a sans-serif font. Overall, the page is visually striking.

*Honorable Mention* *The Daily Star-Journal* *Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia* Taste Of Hunger  
 Page has potential to be powerful with the eyes in the main photo staring straight out at the reader. The headline is also attention grabbing. However, it gets to be a bit over-designed- drop shadow is distracting as are the overly large and beveled quotes and second pull quote box. Good use of white space.

**69 Best Page Design** **Dailies - Class 3** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *The Kansas City Star* *Gentry Mullen* Dreaming Of Colors  
 The page draws the reader into a dreamscape of flowers. A great use of color and good mix of photos and illustrations.

*2nd Place* *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* *Laura Black* Toy Test  
 Main photo illustrates the "joy" in the headline, and makes story inviting. Style throughout the pages stays clean and consistent with use of white space, fonts, photos, and cutouts.

*3rd Place* *The Kansas City Star* *Neil Nakahodo* Macbeth As A Love Story  
 Photo has a gritty feel to it which, goes well with the story of Macbeth. Reverse type treatment is very easy to read.

**70 Best Information Graphic** **Dailies - Class 2** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *Columbia Missourian* *Rachel Post and LeeAnn Elias* Ticket  
 I love the variety of information presented here and the different approaches in each element: fast facts, map, graphs, etc. It all ties together well (the background photo and headline really helps this be cohesive).

*2nd Place* *Columbia Missourian* *Anthony Schick* Stream Cleaning  
 This graphic makes it simple to see the steps and the potential consequences when you get a ticket. It really clarifies the differences between a city ticket and university ticket. This does exactly what an info graphic should do: gets a lot of information across visually making the story clear without lots of gray text.

*3rd Place* *Columbia Missourian* *Nicole Thompson* Boiler  
 Lots of info here; I found the dots a little confusing or at least it took a while to digest.

**70 Best Information Graphic** **Dailies - Class 3** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *Springfield News-Leader* *Amy Olding* Joplin Tornado  
 The photos are striking and work well with the map to tell the story. Outstanding!

*2nd Place* *The Kansas City Star* *Dave Eames* Sparkling Digs For...  
 Great job showing off the new stadium. I've never been there, but after seeing this I feel that I have a real feel for the place. Great job! If it hadn't been for the strength of the first-place entry, this would have won.

*3rd Place* *The Kansas City Star* *Neil Nakahodo* Built For Sound  
 Another strong entry that really illustrates the features of a new building.

**71 Best Editorial Cartoon** **Dailies - Class 2** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *The Examiner* *Joe Liccar* Clergy Insanity  
 It is funny yet makes a statement.

*2nd Place* *The Daily Star-Journal* *Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia* Looking For Help  
 Makes the point, simple and real.

*3rd Place* *The Daily Star-Journal* *Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia* Flip Flop  
 Too wordy, but good point made nonetheless.

**71 Best Editorial Cartoon** **Dailies - Class 3** Title of Entry (If Applicable)

*1st Place* *The Kansas City Star* *Lee Judge* Lee Judge Cartoons  
 Laughed out loud in the silent judging room. It is that funny.

*2nd Place* *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* *RJ Matson* Kinder  
 Nice graphics, witty wording, real issue. Nicely done.

*3rd Place* *Jefferson City News Tribune* *Jim Dyke* Three Kings?  
 Easy to read, clear and concise.

*Honorable Mention* *Columbia Daily Tribune* *John Darkow* Job Market  
 Very good, too much squiggly shading.

*Honorable Mention* *Jefferson City News Tribune* *Jim Dyke* I Had No Idea  
 Awesome message!

<b>72</b>	<b>Best Newspaper in Education Program</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Staff</i>	
One word, Wow! OK another, amazing. Last one, comprehensive. Not enough room to adequately describe this program. Using the web to involve more teachers and students, saving money in the process was a great idea. The growth of the program to 63,000 plus licensed users speaks volumes, PDF's, links, Kid Scoop news to draw in young readers, outside sponsorship, the flexibility offered to teachers with the program. Well executed, again wow! Well deserved.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Staff</i>	Jennies
Well done! I like the way you integrated the local volleyball team into the weekly NIE layout. Lots of good questions, facts, and teaching points.			
<b>73</b>	<b>Best Video</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Matthew Busch</i>	Regency
Good coverage, nice imagery, live interviews.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Nick Michael</i>	Staying Home
Wish there was more live feed. Humorous.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Christopher Parks</i>	Boonville
Nice sound.			
<b>73</b>	<b>Best Video</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Todd Feeback</i>	One Man's Tornado Story
Interesting, needs music.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>Robert Cohen</i>	Crosby
Good intro, like captions, and heartwarming.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>Huy Mach, Gary Hairlson and Phillip O'Connor</i>	911
No intro. Need names. Phil is sleeping. Nice photos. No music.			
<b>74</b>	<b>Best Headline Writing</b>	<b>Dailies</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Staff</i>	
Creative use of words to have fun with stories. Draws the reader in-- a sign of a great headline. "Awaiting game" was the best of the bunch.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i>	<i>Staff</i>	
Good word selection to craft interesting headlines. "Book cover guy mends broken art" was great.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia</i>	
"The Grape Depression" Raisin Hell -- very clever use of words for vineyard story.			
<b>75</b>	<b>Best Story About Religion</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 2</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>Columbia Missourian</i>	<i>Craig Thomas</i>	Contemporary Creed
You took on an important issue in the religion field and did a huge amount of reporting.			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Daily Statesman</i>	<i>Noreen Hyslop</i>	Cowboy Way
You explained a new development in religion and painted a portrait as well.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Daily Star-Journal</i>	<i>Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia</i>	Orphanage For Haitian Children
Evocatively written piece about a missionary's effort to address a crushing need in Haiti.			
<b>75</b>	<b>Best Story About Religion</b>	<b>Dailies - Class 3</b>	Title of Entry (If Applicable)
<i>1st Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Judy L. Thomas</i>	The Altar Boys' Secrets
Riveting reading, thorough reporting. Superior work!			
<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Dugan Arnett</i>	Heir To Hate
You put a human face on a group that is easy to caricature. Superb, nuanced reporting.			
<i>3rd Place</i>	<i>The Kansas City Star</i>	<i>Judy L. Thomas and Laura Bauer</i>	A Long Fall
A sweep for the Star in this category. There were many fine stories in this category (I was surprised for some reason). The Star's work stood above them all, head and shoulders.			