2016 Missouri Press Foundation Better Newspaper Contest

Place Class Award Winner(s) Newspaper Name

First Place General Excellence

Dailies - Class 1

Kirksville Daily Express & News

First Place

General Excellence

Dailies - Class 2

Columbia Missourian

First Place

General Excellence

Dailies - Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

First Place

General Excellence

Weeklies - Class 1

Smithville Herald

First Place

General Excellence

Weeklies - Class 2

Houston Herald

First Place

General Excellence

Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American

Place Award Winner(s)

Arnold-Imperial Leader Best Story About Religion Third Place Kim Robertson

Place Award Winner(s)

Bolivar Herald-Free Press Best News or Feature Obituary Second Place Jessica Drews

Bolivar Herald-Free Press Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place Matthew Barba

Newspaper, City
Category Name | Title of Entry
Place
Award Winner(s)

Bowling Green Times Best Story About Religion First Place Ethan Colbert

Bowling Green Times Best Feature Story Second Place Ethan Colbert

Bowling Green Times General Excellence Honorable Mention

Bowling Green Times Best Investigative Reporting Honorable Mention Ethan Colbert

Bowling Green Times Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award - Weeklies Only Honorable Mention Ethan Colbert, Linda Luebrecht, Taylor Lewis and Amanda Miller

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Branson Tri-Lakes News Best News Story First Place Sara Karnes

Branson Tri-Lakes News Best Story About History Second Place

Branson Tri-Lakes News Best News or Feature Series

Third Place Sara Karnes

Lauren Healey

Branson Tri-Lakes News Best Breaking News Story Honorable Mention Cliff Sain, Mark Humphrey, Elizabeth Barmeier and Sara Karnes

Branson Tri-Lakes News Best News Story Honorable Mention Cliff Sain and Sara Karnes

Branson Tri-Lakes News Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Honorable Mention Sara Karnes

Branson Tri-Lakes News Best Story About Religion Honorable Mention Elizabeth Barmeier

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Buffalo Reflex

Best News or Feature Special Section

First Place

Andrew Jenkins, Mike Cullinan, Jessica Drews,

Hanna Smith. Sarah Bicknell and Jim Hamilton

Buffalo Reflex

Best News or Feature Special Section

Second Place

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

Newspaper, City
Category Name | Title of Entry
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Award Winner(s)

California Democrat Best Story About Religion Second Place Michelle Brooks

California Democrat Best Front Page Third Place Sam Dudenhoeffer

California Democrat Best Story About Education Third Place Michelle Brooks

California Democrat Best Story About Education Honorable Mention Michelle Brooks

California Democrat Best News or Feature Obituary Honorable Mention Paula Earls

2016 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List **Newspaper, City** Category Name | Title of Entry Place Award Winner(s) Cassville Democrat **Best Front Page** First Place Cassville Democrat Best Photo Package First Place **Kyle Troutman** Cassville Democrat **Community Service** First Place Cassville Democrat Best Sports News Story or Package First Place Jared Lankford Cassville Democrat **Best Sports Columnist** First Place Jared Lankford Cassville Democrat Best Coverage of Government First Place Kyle Troutman, Julia Kilmer and Jason Johnston Cassville Democrat Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture First Place Cassville Democrat **Best Story About Education** First Place Julia Kilmer Cassville Democrat **Best Story About the Outdoors** First Place Julia Kilmer Cassville Democrat Best Online Newspaper or Website First Place Cassville Democrat **Best News or Feature Obituary** First Place **Kyle Troutman** Cassville Democrat Best Reporting Based on a Public Notice First Place **Kyle Troutman** Cassville Democrat Best Magazine or Alternative Publication

Cassville Democrat Best Breaking News Story Second Place

Kyle Troutman

First Place

| Cassville Democrat Best Investigative Reporting Second Place Kyle Troutman |
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| Cassville Democrat Best Local Business Coverage Second Place |
| Cassville Democrat Best Story About the Outdoors Second Place Kyle Troutman |
| Cassville Democrat Best News or Feature Obituary Second Place |
| Kyle Troutman Cassville Democrat General Excellence Third Place |
| Cassville Democrat Best Columnist- Humorous Third Place Jared Lankford |
| Cassville Democrat Best Editorial Pages Third Place |
| Cassville Democrat Best Sports Pages Third Place Chris Vore |
| Cassville Democrat Best News or Feature Special Section Third Place |
| Cassville Democrat Best Investigative Reporting Third Place Kyle Troutman, Julia Kilmer and Jared Lankford |
| Cassville Democrat Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place Kyle Troutman |
| Cassville Democrat Best Story About the Outdoors Third Place Kyle Troutman |
| Cassville Democrat Best Page Design Third Place Chris Vore |
| Cassville Democrat Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place Kyle Troutman |
| Cassville Democrat Best Overall Design Honorable Mention |
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Cassville Democrat
Best Breaking News Story
Honorable Mention
Kyle Troutman

Cassville Democrat
Best Photo Package
Honorable Mention
Kyle Troutman

Cassville Democrat
Best News or Feature Special Section
Honorable Mention

Cassville Democrat
Best News or Feature Special Section
Honorable Mention

Cassville Democrat
Best Coverage of Government

Honorable Mention Kyle Troutman

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Award Winner(s)

Cedar County Republican Best Investigative Reporting First Place

Cedar County Republican Best Sports Feature Photograph

Third Place Robert Jackson

Mary Morris

Cedar County Republican Best Story About History Third Place

Third Place Mary Morris

Cedar County Republican Best Sports Photo Honorable Mention Robert Jackson

Cedar County Republican Best Story About the Outdoors Honorable Mention Robert Jackson

Place Award Winner(s)

Chariton Valley News Press Best Information Graphic Third Place Alexandria Rash

Chariton Valley News Press Best Military Story **Honorable Mention** Karla Britt

Place Award Winner(s)

Chillicothe Constitution Tribune **Best Sports Photo** Second Place **Brett Shaffer**

Chillicothe Constitution Tribune Best Sports News Story or Package **Honorable Mention** Paul Sturm

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Best Overall Design

Second Place

Christian County Headliner-News

Best Breaking News Story

Second Place Amelia Wigton

Christian County Headliner-News

Best Feature Story Second Place Don Abernathy

| Christian County Headliner-News Community Service Second Place |
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| Christian County Headliner-News Best Sports Columnist Second Place Jeff Kessinger |
| Christian County Headliner-News Best Investigative Reporting Second Place Amelia Wigton |
| Christian County Headliner-News Best Story About Education Second Place Hanna Smith |
| Christian County Headliner-News Best Military Story Second Place Amber Duran |
| Christian County Headliner-News Best Page Design Second Place Amelia Wigton |
| Christian County Headliner-News Best Information Graphic Second Place Amelia Wigton |
| Christian County Headliner-News Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award - Weeklies Only Second Place |
| Christian County Headliner-News Best Investigative Reporting Third Place Jeff Kessinger |
| Christian County Headliner-News Best Coverage of Government Third Place Amelia Wigton |
| Christian County Headliner-News Best Columnist- Humorous Honorable Mention Amelia Wigton |
| Christian County Headliner-News Best Military Story Honorable Mention Don Abernathy |
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Award Winner(s)

Clinton County Leader Best Sports Photo Second Place Brett Adkison

Clinton County Leader Best News or Feature Special Section Second Place Brett Adkison, Becky Black and Autumn Barnett

Clinton County Leader Best Online Newspaper or Website Second Place

Clinton County Leader Best Sports News Story or Package Third Place Brett Adkison

Place Award Winner(s)

Cole Camp Courier Best Military Story First Place Dianne Peck

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Honorable Mention

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Best Information Graphic

First Place Jason Bredehoeft

| Columbia Missourian Best Video First Place Missourian Video Staff |
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| Columbia Missourian Best News or Feature Obituary First Place Sophia Zheng |
| Columbia Missourian Best Overall Design Second Place |
| Columbia Missourian Best News or Feature Series Second Place Vox Magazine Staff |
| Columbia Missourian Best Sports Feature Photograph Second Place Kayla Wolf |
| Columbia Missourian Community Service Second Place |
| Columbia Missourian Best Investigative Reporting Second Place Karol Ilagan |
| Columbia Missourian Best Business Story Second Place Austin Huguelet |
| Columbia Missourian Best Coverage of Government Second Place Austin Huguelet |
| Columbia Missourian Best Story About Religion Second Place Michaela Marshall Dungey |
| Columbia Missourian Best Story About Education Second Place Kasia Kovacs |
| Columbia Missourian Best Story About the Outdoors Second Place Sean McNealy |
| Columbia Missourian Best Story About History Second Place Christine Jackson |
| Columbia Missourian Best Information Graphic Second Place Shivia Hardiman |
| Columbia Missourian Best Online Newspaper or Website Second Place |
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| Columbia Missourian Best Video Second Place Katie Hogsett |
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| Columbia Missourian Best Headline Writing Second Place |
| Columbia Missourian Best News or Feature Obituary Second Place Matt McCormack |
| Columbia Missourian Best News or Feature Series Third Place Vox Magazine Staff |
| Columbia Missourian Best Feature Photo Third Place Kayla Wolf |
| Columbia Missourian Best Sports Feature Photograph Third Place John Happel |
| Columbia Missourian Best Sports Feature Story Third Place Aaron Reiss |
| Columbia Missourian Best News or Feature Special Section Third Place Vox Magazine |
| Columbia Missourian Best Story About Religion Third Place Cecilia Salomone |
| Columbia Missourian Best Story About Education Third Place Kasia Kovacs |
| Columbia Missourian Best Military Story Third Place Jill Deutsch |
| Columbia Missourian Best Video Third Place Hannah Sturtecky |
| Columbia Missourian Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place Tim Tai |
| Columbia Missourian MULTI-MEDIA REPORTING Third Place |
| Columbia Missourian Best Breaking News Story Honorable Mention Natalia Alamdari and Elise Schmelzer |

| Columbia Missourian Best Columnist- Serious Honorable Mention Carl Kenney | |
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| Columbia Missourian Best Sports Feature Photograph Honorable Mention Joren Elliott | |
| Columbia Missourian Community Service Honorable Mention Emma Vandelinder | |
| Columbia Missourian Best Sports Feature Story Honorable Mention acob Bogage | |
| Columbia Missourian Best Investigative Reporting Honorable Mention Elise Schmelzer | |
| Columbia Missourian Best Business Story Honorable Mention Stephen Daw | |
| Columbia Missourian Best Coverage of Government Honorable Mention Carolyn Heger | |
| Columbia Missourian Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Honorable Mention Kayla Piedimonte | |
| Columbia Missourian Best Story About Education Honorable Mention Alexa Ahern | |
| Columbia Missourian Best Story About the Outdoors Honorable Mention ack Suntrup | |
| Columbia Missourian Best Military Story Honorable Mention Katie Kull | |

Place Award Winner(s)

Concordia Concordian Best News or Feature Series Third Place Charles Dunlap

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| Daily Star-Journal Best Headline Writing First Place Jack Miles Ventimiglia |
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| Daily Star-Journal Best Editorial First Place Jack Miles Ventimiglia |
| Daily Star-Journal General Excellence Second Place |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Front Page Second Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Breaking News Story Second Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Feature Story Second Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best News or Feature Series Second Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Sports Feature Photograph Second Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Photo Package Second Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Sports Feature Story Second Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best News or Feature Special Section Second Place Jack Miles Ventimiglia and Sue Sterling |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Story About Religion Second Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Story About the Outdoors Second Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Story About History Second Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Military Story Second Place Staff |
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| Daily Star-Journal Best Editorial Cartoon Second Place Staff |
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| Daily Star-Journal Best News or Feature Obituary Second Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Editorial Second Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Breaking News Story Third Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Sports Photo Third Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Sports Feature Photograph Third Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Photo Illustration Third Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Business Story Third Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Page Design Third Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Editorial Cartoon Third Place Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Online Newspaper or Website Third Place |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Feature Story Honorable Mention Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Columnist- Serious Honorable Mention Staff |
| Daily Star-Journal Best Information Graphic Honorable Mention Staff |

Daily Star-Journal Best Editorial Cartoon Honorable Mention Staff

Place Award Winner(s)

Douglas County Herald Best News or Feature Series Honorable Mention **Sue Curry Jones**

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Eldon Advertiser Best Feature Story Honorable Mention Tammy Witherspoon

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Brian Rice, Jae Juarez, Eric Copeland, Skyla Sullivan and Mikayla Gatlin

Excelsior Springs Standard Best Business Story Third Place

Jae Juarez

Excelsior Springs Standard

Best Front Page

Honorable Mention

Eric Copeland, Jae Juarez and Skyla Sullivan

Excelsior Springs Standard Best Sports Feature Photograph Honorable Mention

Jae Juarez

Place Award Winner(s)

Fayette Advertiser Best Sports Feature Photograph Second Place **Greg Jackson**

Fayette Advertiser Best Headline Writing Second Place

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Gasconade County Republican

Best Sports Feature Photograph Honorable Mention Jacob Warden

Gasconade County Republican Best Sports Columnist Honorable Mention Will Johnson

Gasconade County Republican Best Page Design **Honorable Mention**

Gasconade County Republican Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award - Weeklies Only **Honorable Mention** Staff

Newspaper, City
Category Name | Title of Entry
Place
Award Winner(s)

Green Park Call Best Editorial Pages Third Place Mike Anthony

Green Park Call

Best Online Newspaper or Website

Third Place

Mike Anthony, Gloria Lloyd and Mandi Gummels

Green Park Call

Best Reporting Based on a Public Notice

Third Place

Mike Anthony

Green Park Call Best News Story

Honorable Mention

Gloria Lloyd

Green Park Call

Best News or Feature Series

Honorable Mention

Gloria Lloyd

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| Hannibal Courier-Post Best Story About the Outdoors Third Place Eric Dundon | | |
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| Hannibal Courier-Post Best Editorial Third Place Eric Dundon | | |
| Hannibal Courier-Post General Excellence Honorable Mention | | |
| Hannibal Courier-Post Best Editorial Pages Honorable Mention Eric Dundon | | |
| Hannibal Courier-Post Best Story About Religion Honorable Mention Danny Henley | | |
| Hannibal Courier-Post Best Headline Writing Honorable Mention | | |

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Best News Photo Third Place Jeff McNiell Houston Herald Best Feature Photo

Third Place Doug Davison

| Houston Herald Best Sports Photo Third Place Jeff McNiell |
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| Houston Herald Best Photo Package Third Place Jeff McNiell and Doug Davison |
| Houston Herald Community Service Third Place Brad Gentry and Kathy Richardson |
| Houston Herald Best Sports News Story or Package Third Place Jeff McNiell |
| Houston Herald Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place Doug Davison |
| Houston Herald Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place Doug Davison |
| Houston Herald Best Story About Education Third Place Jeff McNiell |
| Houston Herald Best Page Design Third Place Jeff McNiell |
| Houston Herald Best Online Newspaper or Website Third Place Brad Gentry, Jeff McNiell and Doug Davison |
| Houston Herald Best Feature Photo Honorable Mention Doug Davison |
| Houston Herald Best Sports Photo Honorable Mention Jeff McNiell |
| Houston Herald Best Sports News Story or Package Honorable Mention Jeff McNiell |
| Houston Herald Best News or Feature Special Section Honorable Mention |
| Houston Herald Best Story About the Outdoors Honorable Mention Doug Davison |

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Jeff Fox

Independence Examiner

Independence Examiner Best Feature Story Honorable Mention Mike Genet

Independence Examiner Best Story About History Honorable Mention Mike Genet

Best Front Page
Honorable Mention

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| Jefferson County Leader Best News or Feature Obituary Second Place Laura Marlow | |
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| Jefferson County Leader Best Feature Story Third Place Tracey Bruce | |
| Jefferson County Leader Best Feature Photo Third Place Ted Howell | |
| Jefferson County Leader Best Photo Illustration Third Place Peggy Scott | |
| Jefferson County Leader Best Military Story Third Place Kevin Carbery | |
| Jefferson County Leader Best Information Graphic Third Place Peggy Scott | |
| Jefferson County Leader Best Sports Photo Honorable Mention Ted Howell | |

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| Joplin Globe Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Honorable Mention Allie Hinga | |
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| Joplin Globe | |
| Best Online Newspaper or Website | |
| Honorable Mention | |
| Carol Stark | |
| Joplin Globe | |
| MAGAZINE/ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATION | |
| Honorable Mention | |
| Kevin McClintock | |
| Joplin Globe | |
| Best Editorial | |

Honorable Mention Andy Ostmeyer

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| Kansas City Star Best Military Story First Place Donald Bradley |
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| Kansas City Star Best Page Design First Place Neil Nakahodo and Jeff Patterson |
| Kansas City Star Best Editorial Cartoon First Place Bob Unell |
| Kansas City Star Best Video First Place Laura Bauer, Tammy Ljungblad and Monty Davis |
| Kansas City Star General Excellence Second Place |
| Kansas City Star Best Breaking News Story Second Place Judy L. Thomas, Mark Morris and Dugan Arnett |
| Kansas City Star Best Feature Story Second Place Donald Bradley |
| Kansas City Star Best Feature Photo Second Place Tammy Ljungblad |
| Kansas City Star Best Sports Feature Photograph Second Place David Eulitt |
| Kansas City Star Community Service Second Place Joe Robertson |
| Kansas City Star Best Sports Pages Second Place |
| Kansas City Star Best Investigative Reporting Second Place Judy L. Thomas |
| Kansas City Star Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place |
| Kansas City Star Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place Judy L. Thomas |
| Kansas City Star Best Story About Religion Second Place Judy L. Thomas, Mark Morris and Dugan Arnett |
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| Kansas City Star Best Story About the Outdoors Second Place Donald Bradley |
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| Kansas City Star Best Story About History Second Place Donald Bradley |
| Kansas City Star Best Page Design Second Place Barbara Hill-Meyer |
| Kansas City Star Best Information Graphic Second Place Neil Nakahodo and Sarah Morris |
| Kansas City Star Best Video Second Place David Eulitt |
| Kansas City Star MULTI-MEDIA REPORTING Second Place Jason Hancock |
| Kansas City Star MAGAZINE/ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATION Second Place |
| Kansas City Star Best Editorial Second Place |
| Kansas City Star Best Feature Story Third Place Eric Adler |
| Kansas City Star Best Columnist- Serious Third Place Steve Kraske |
| Kansas City Star Best Sports Photo Third Place Shane Keyser |
| Kansas City Star Best Sports Feature Photograph Third Place David Eulitt |
| Kansas City Star Best Sports Columnist Third Place Vahe Gregorian |
| Kansas City Star Best News or Feature Special Section Third Place Rick Montgomery |
| Kansas City Star Best Investigative Reporting Third Place Jason Hancock and Steve Kraske |
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| Kansas City Star Best Business Story Third Place Mark Davis |
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| Kansas City Star Best Coverage of Government Third Place Jason Hancock and Steve Kraske |
| Kansas City Star Best Story About Religion Third Place Eric Adler |
| Kansas City Star Best Story About History Third Place Joe Robertson |
| Kansas City Star Best Editorial Cartoon Third Place Lee Judge |
| Kansas City Star Best Overall Design Honorable Mention |
| Kansas City Star Best News Photo Honorable Mention Jill Toyoshiba |
| Kansas City Star Best Feature Photo Honorable Mention David Eulitt |
| Kansas City Star Best Sports Photo Honorable Mention David Eulitt |
| Kansas City Star Best Sports News Story or Package Honorable Mention Vahe Gregorian, Sam Mellinger, Rustin Dodd, Kellis Robinett, Blair Kerkhoff and Chris Fickett |
| Kansas City Star Best Page Design Honorable Mention Kris Knowles |
| Kansas City Star Best Information Graphic Honorable Mention Greg Branson |
| Kansas City Star Best Editorial Cartoon Honorable Mention Lee Judge |
| Kansas City Star Best News or Feature Obituary Honorable Mention Joe Robertson |
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Kearney Courier

Best Sports Feature Story Honorable Mention Corey Edwards

2016 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List Newspaper, City Category Name | Title of Entry

Place Award Winner(s)

King City Tri-County News Best Columnist- Serious Second Place Matt Pearl

King City Tri-County News Best Sports Feature Story Second Place Darlene Peterson

2016 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List **Newspaper, City** Category Name | Title of Entry **Place** Award Winner(s) Kirksville Daily Express & News **Best News Story** First Place Jason Hunsicker Kirksville Daily Express & News Best Columnist- Serious First Place Jason Hunsicker Kirksville Daily Express & News **Best Story About Education** First Place Danielle Brown Kirksville Daily Express & News **Best News Story** Second Place Danielle Brown Kirksville Daily Express & News **Best Story About Education** Second Place Jason Hunsicker Kirksville Daily Express & News **Best News Story Honorable Mention** Danielle Brown

Kirksville Daily Express & News Best News or Feature Series

Kirksville Daily Express & News Best Sports Feature Photograph

Kirksville Daily Express & News Best Story About Education Honorable Mention Danielle Brown

Honorable Mention Jason Hunsicker

Honorable Mention Paul Halfacre

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Award Winner(s)
Lake Sun Leader
Best Sports Feature Story
First Place

Lake Sun Leader Best Editorial First Place

Mike Losch

Joyce Miller

Lake Sun Leader Best Feature Story Third Place Cody Mroczka

Lake Sun Leader Best Photo Package Third Place

Colby Powell, Mike Losch and Amy Wilson

2016 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List **Newspaper, City** Category Name | Title of Entry Place Award Winner(s) Lebanon Daily Record **Best News or Feature Series** First Place **Fines Massey** Lebanon Daily Record **Best Feature Photo** Second Place Fines Massey Lebanon Daily Record Best Page Design Second Place Ken York Lebanon Daily Record **Best Information Graphic** Third Place Kelly Morgan Lebanon Daily Record **Best Photo Illustration Honorable Mention** Kelly Morgan Lebanon Daily Record **Best Sports Feature Story Honorable Mention**

Israel Potoczny

Ken York

Lebanon Daily Record Best Military Story Honorable Mention Fines Massey

Lebanon Daily Record Best Page Design Honorable Mention

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Lee's Summit Tribune Best News or Feature Series Second Place Stephanie Edwards

Lee's Summit Tribune Best Business Story Second Place Wendy Hayworth

Lee's Summit Tribune Best Feature Photo Third Place Richard Benge

Lee's Summit Tribune Best News Story Honorable Mention Mallory Herrmann

Lee's Summit Tribune
Best Local Business Coverage
Honorable Mention
Linda Ahern, Wendy Hayworth and Stephanie Edwards

2016 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List **Newspaper, City** Category Name | Title of Entry **Place** Award Winner(s) Liberty Tribune Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award First Place Staff Liberty Tribune **Best Front Page** Second Place Liberty Tribune Best Sports News Story or Package Second Place Chris Geinosky **Liberty Tribune Best Story About Religion** Second Place Kellie Houx Liberty Tribune **Best Columnist- Humorous** Third Place Kellie Houx Liberty Tribune **Best Sports Pages** Third Place Chris Geinosky Liberty Tribune **Best Sports Feature Story** Third Place Chris Geinosky

Liberty Tribune Best Business Story Third Place Amy Neal

Liberty Tribune

Third Place Kellie Houx Liberty Tribune

Third Place Staff

Best Story About Religion

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award - Weeklies Only

2016 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List Newspaper, City Category Name | Title of Entry Place Award Winner(s) Marshfield Mail Best Columnist- Serious First Place Scott Kerber Marshfield Mail Best News Story Third Place Mike Cullinan Marshfield Mail

Best Business Story Honorable Mention Mike Cullinan

2016 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List **Newspaper, City** Category Name | Title of Entry Place Award Winner(s) Missouri Lawyers Weekly **Best Breaking News Story** First Place Catherine Martin, Allyssa Dudley and Karen Elshout Missouri Lawyers Weekly **Best News Story** First Place Alan Scher Zagier Missouri Lawyers Weekly **Best Feature Story** First Place Catherine Martin Missouri Lawyers Weekly **Best Front Page** Second Place Greg Wiegand and Ryan O'Shea Missouri Lawyers Weekly Best Online Newspaper or Website Second Place Allyssa Dudley Missouri Lawyers Weekly

Best Business Story Third Place Stephanie Maniscalco

Missouri Lawyers Weekly **Best Photo Illustration Honorable Mention** Ryan O'Shea

Missouri Lawyers Weekly Best Page Design **Honorable Mention** Ryan O'Shea

Missouri Lawyers Weekly **Best News or Feature Obituary** Honorable Mention **Heather Cole**

2016 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List **Newspaper, City Category Name | Title of Entry** Place Award Winner(s) **Monett Times Best Breaking News Story** First Place Murray Bishoff **Monett Times Best Sports Feature Photograph** First Place Jacob Brower **Monett Times Best Sports Feature Story** First Place Jared Lankford **Monett Times** Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture First Place Melonie Roberts **Monett Times** Best News or Feature Obituary First Place Murray Bishoff **Monett Times** Best Overall Design Second Place **Monett Times** Best Sports News Story or Package Second Place Jared Lankford **Monett Times** Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place Murray Bishoff **Monett Times** Best Reporting Based on a Public Notice Second Place Murray Bishoff **Monett Times** General Excellence Third Place **Monett Times Best Front Page** Third Place **Monett Times Best Columnist- Serious** Third Place Murray Bishoff **Monett Times**

Best Photo Package Third Place Murray Bishoff

Monett Times

Monett Times
Community Service
Third Place

| Monett Times Best Editorial Pages Third Place Murray Bishoff and Jacob Brower |
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| Monett Times Best Sports Pages Third Place Chris Vore, Jared Lankford and Kyle Troutman |
| Monett Times Best Sports News Story or Package Third Place Jared Lankford |
| Monett Times Best News or Feature Special Section Third Place |
| Monett Times Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place |
| Monett Times Best Story About Religion Third Place Murray Bishoff |
| Monett Times Best Military Story Third Place Murray Bishoff |
| Monett Times Best Headline Writing Third Place Melonie Roberts, Jared Lankford and Kyle Troutman |
| Monett Times Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place Murray Bishoff |
| Monett Times Best Columnist- Humorous Honorable Mention Murray Bishoff |
| Monett Times Best News Photo Honorable Mention Murray Bishoff |
| Monett Times Best Feature Photo Honorable Mention Kyle Troutman |
| Monett Times Best Photo Package Honorable Mention Murray Bishoff |
| Monett Times Best Business Story Honorable Mention Melonie Roberts |
| Monett Times Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Honorable Mention Murray Bishoff |

Monett Times Best Story About History Honorable Mention Murray Bishoff

Monett Times Best Online Newspaper or Website Honorable Mention

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News Tribune

Best Coverage of Government

Honorable Mention

Madeleine Leroux

News Tribune

Best Story About Education

Honorable Mention

Shelby Rowe

News Tribune

Best Story About History

Honorable Mention

Madeleine Leroux and Michelle Brooks

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Newspaper Category Name Award **Award Winners**

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Place
Award Winner(s)

Northeast News Best Photo Package Second Place Joe Jarosz and Kirstie Mulligan

Northeast News

Best News Photo Third Place Michael Bushnell

Northeast News Best Photo Package Honorable Mention

Kirstie Mulligan, Joe Jarosz, David Remley and Michael Bushnell

Northeast News Best Editorial Cartoon Honorable Mention Bryan Stalder

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Award Winner(s)

Oak Grove Focus Best Photo Package Third Place Hannah Spaar

Oak Grove Focus Best Columnist- Humorous Honorable Mention Jack Hackley

Oak Grove Focus Best Feature Photo Honorable Mention Hannah Spaar

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Award Winner(s)

Odessan Best News Story Second Place

Hannah Spaar

Odessan Best Photo Package Second Place Hannah Spaar

Odessan Best Breaking News Story Third Place Hannah Spaar

Odessan Best Sports Feature Photograph Third Place Hannah Spaar

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Place
Award Winner(s)

Perry County Republic-Monitor Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award First Place Beth Chism

Perry County Republic-Monitor Best Page Design Second Place Stephanie Vandeven and Crystal Lyerla

Perry County Republic-Monitor Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award - Weeklies Only Third Place Beth Chism

2016 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List **Newspaper, City** Category Name | Title of Entry **Place** Award Winner(s) Platte County Citizen **Best Breaking News Story** First Place Ross Martin Platte County Citizen **Best News Story** First Place Ross Martin Platte County Citizen **Best Feature Story** First Place Ross Martin Platte County Citizen **Best Sports Feature Story** First Place Ross Martin Platte County Citizen **Best Business Story** First Place Cory MacNeil Platte County Citizen Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture First Place **Bryce Mereness** Platte County Citizen Best Overall Design Second Place Ross Martin, Jeanette Browning Faubion and Bryce Mereness Platte County Citizen Best Columnist- Humorous Second Place Ross Martin Platte County Citizen **Best News Photo** Second Place **Bryce Mereness** Platte County Citizen **Best Photo Package** Second Place Ross Martin and Bryce Mereness Platte County Citizen **Best Sports Pages** Second Place Bryce Mereness and Ross Martin Platte County Citizen Best Coverage of Government Second Place Ross Martin Platte County Citizen **Best Sports Photo** Third Place **Bryce Mereness**

Platte County Citizen Best Military Story Third Place Ross Martin

Platte County Citizen Best Sports News Story or Package Honorable Mention Ross Martin

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Award Winner(s)

Platte County Landmark Best Sports Feature Photograph First Place

Platte County Landmark Best Editorial Cartoon

First Place Matthew Silber

Doug Baldwin

Platte County Landmark Best Feature Photo Second Place Doug Baldwin

Platte County Landmark Best Sports Photo Second Place Doug Baldwin

Platte County Landmark Best Editorial Cartoon Third Place

Matthew Silber

Platte County Landmark General Excellence Honorable Mention

Platte County Landmark Best Editorial Pages Honorable Mention Ivan Foley, Chris Kamler and Brian Kubicki

Platte County Landmark Best Coverage of Government Honorable Mention Valerie Verkamp

2016 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List **Newspaper, City** Category Name | Title of Entry **Place** Award Winner(s) Quincy Herald - Whig **Best Sports Pages** First Place Quincy Herald - Whig **Best News or Feature Special Section** Second Place Quincy Herald - Whig Best Sports News Story or Package Third Place Matt Schuckman and Andy Martinez Quincy Herald - Whig **Best Information Graphic** Third Place Haley Stracher Quincy Herald - Whig Best Online Newspaper or Website Third Place Quincy Herald - Whig **Best Breaking News Story Honorable Mention** Edward Husar, Matt Hopf, Alyse Thompson, Doug Wilson and Deborah Gertz Husar Quincy Herald - Whig **Best News Story Honorable Mention**

Alyse Thompson

Quincy Herald - Whig
Best Columnist- Serious
Honorable Mention
Steve Eighinger

Quincy Herald - Whig Community Service Honorable Mention

Quincy Herald - Whig Best Headline Writing Honorable Mention

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Place Award Winner(s)

Republic Monitor **Best Sports Photo** First Place Tyler Thompson

Republic Monitor Best Sports Columnist Third Place

Tyler Thompson

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Place
Award Winner(s)

Richmond News

Best Sports Pages

First Place

Russ Green, JoEllen Black and Shawn Roney

Richmond News

Best News or Feature Special Section

First Place

Richmond News

Best Local Business Coverage

First Place

Sara Seidel and David Knopf

Richmond News

Best Story About History

First Place

Liz Johnson

Richmond News

Best Page Design

First Place

JoEllen Black and Russ Green

Richmond News

Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture

Second Place

David Knopf

Richmond News

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture

Second Place

David Knopf

Richmond News

Best Breaking News Story

Third Place

Richmond News

Best Feature Story

Third Place

Sara Seidel

Richmond News

Best Coverage of Government

Third Place

JoEllen Black and Sara Seidel

Richmond News

Best Business Story

Honorable Mention

JoEllen Black

Richmond News

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture

Honorable Mention

David Knopf

Richmond News

Best Story About History

Honorable Mention

Liz Johnson

Richmond News

Best Page Design

Honorable Mention

JoEllen Black

Richmond News Best Reporting Based on a Public Notice Honorable Mention

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R.D. Hohenfeldt Rolla Daily News

Best Breaking News Story Honorable Mention Paul Hackbarth Rolla Daily News

Honorable Mention R.D. Hohenfeldt

Best News or Feature Obituary

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Salem News Best Military Story First Place

Andrew Sheeley

Salem News

Best News or Feature Obituary

First Place Donald Dodd

Salem News

Best Story About the Outdoors

Second Place Andrew Sheeley

Salem News Best Editorial Cartoon

Second Place Athena Tivnan

Salem News

Best Story About the Outdoors

Third Place Andrew Sheeley

Salem News Best Investigative Reporting Honorable Mention Andrew Sheeley

Salem News Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Honorable Mention Andrew Sheeley and Tyler McConnell

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Sedalia Democrat Best Feature Photo Honorable Mention Faith Bemiss

Sedalia Democrat

Honorable Mention

Eric Ingles

Best Sports News Story or Package

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David Jenkins

Best Sports Photo Honorable Mention David Jenkins

Best Photo Package Honorable Mention David Jenkins and Jill Bock

Sikeston Standard-Democrat

Sikeston Standard-Democrat

Place Award Winner(s)

Smithville Herald Best Overall Design Third Place

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Southeast Missourian Best Sports News Story or Package Second Place Erin Unerstall Southeast Missourian **Best Sports Feature Story Second Place** Erin Unerstall Southeast Missourian **Best Local Business Coverage** Second Place Southeast Missourian Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture **Second Place** Mark Bliss Southeast Missourian Best Page Design Second Place Southeast Missourian **Best Breaking News Story** Third Place Katherine Webster Southeast Missourian **Best News Story** Third Place Ben Kleine Southeast Missourian Best Sports News Story or Package Third Place Trent Singer and Josh Mlot Southeast Missourian **Best Business Story** Third Place Katherine Webster Southeast Missourian **Best Coverage of Government** Third Place Erin Ragan, Samantha Rinehart and Katie Lamb Southeast Missourian Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place Nancy Hadler Southeast Missourian Best Page Design Third Place Nadir Hussein Southeast Missourian **Best News or Feature Series Honorable Mention** Katherine Webster Southeast Missourian **Best News Photo Honorable Mention** Laura Simon Southeast Missourian Best News or Feature Special Section **Honorable Mention**

Southeast Missourian Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Honorable Mention

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Springfield Business Journal Best Story About Education Honorable Mention Emily Letterman

Springfield Business Journal Best News or Feature Obituary

Honorable Mention Brian Brown

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Springfield News-Leader Best Story About Religion Honorable Mention Steve Pokin

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Award Winner(s)

St. Clair Missourian Best Story About Religion Second Place Keith Domke

St. Clair Missourian Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award - Weeklies Only Second Place

St. Clair Missourian

St. Clair Missourian
Best Columnist- Serious

Third Place Keith Domke

St. Clair Missourian Best Photo Package Third Place Keith Domke

St. Clair Missourian Best Headline Writing Third Place

Third Place Keith Domke

Newspaper, City
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Award Winner(s)

St. Joseph News-Press Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture First Place Ray Scherer

St. Joseph News-Press Best Information Graphic First Place

George Stanton

St. Joseph News-Press Best Columnist- Humorous Second Place

Ken Newton
St. Joseph News-Press
General Excellence

Third Place

St. Joseph News-Press Best Editorial Pages Third Place

St. Joseph News-Press Best Headline Writing

Third Place

George Stanton, Thom Hanrahan, Skye Pournazari and Cody Thorn

St. Joseph News-Press Best Columnist- Humorous Honorable Mention Alonzo Weston

St. Joseph News-Press Best Sports Pages Honorable Mention

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St. Louis American Best Sports Columnist Second Place Alvin Reid

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| t. Louis American est Coverage of Government econd Place |
| t. Louis American est Video econd Place ebecca Rivas |
| t. Louis American est Sports Feature Story hird Place shmael Sistrunk |
| t. Louis American est Local Business Coverage hird Place |
| t. Louis American est Video hird Place ebecca Rivas |
| t. Louis American est Columnist- Serious Ionorable Mention harles Jaco |
| t. Louis American est News Photo Ionorable Mention Viley Price |
| t. Louis American est Sports Pages Ionorable Mention |
| t. Louis American est Story About Religion Ionorable Mention hris King |
| t. Louis American est Online Newspaper or Website Ionorable Mention Shmael Sistrunk and Kenya Vaughn |

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| t. Louis Business Journal General Excellence Third Place |
| t. Louis Business Journal Sest News or Feature Series Third Place Ungela Mueller and Staff |
| t. Louis Business Journal Community Service Third Place |
| t. Louis Business Journal Sest News or Feature Special Section Phird Place |
| t. Louis Business Journal Best Coverage of Government Hird Place Brian Feldt |
| t. Louis Business Journal Jest Story About the Outdoors Hird Place Ben Unglesbee |
| t. Louis Business Journal Best Page Design Third Place Michael Behrens |
| t. Louis Business Journal Sest News or Feature Special Section Honorable Mention |
| t. Louis Business Journal lest Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Honorable Mention Ingela Mueller |
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St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best News Photo Second Place Christian Gooden

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best Local Business Coverage

Second Place

Second Place

Best Sports News Story or Package

Jeremy Rutherford, Jeff Gordon and Tom Timmermann

| St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best Business Story Second Place Jim Gallagher |
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| St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best News or Feature Obituary Second Place Rick Hummel |
| St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best News or Feature Series Third Place Jacob Barker |
| St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best News Photo Third Place Christian Gooden |
| St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best Video Third Place Dan Blommel |
| St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best Feature Story Honorable Mention Elisa Crouch |
| St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best Sports Feature Photograph Honorable Mention Cristina Fletes |
| St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best Editorial Pages Honorable Mention |
| St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best News or Feature Special Section Honorable Mention |
| St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best Investigative Reporting Honorable Mention Walker Moskop |
| St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best Business Story Honorable Mention Tim Barker |
| St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best Story About the Outdoors Honorable Mention Jacob Barker |
| St. Louis Post-Dispatch Best Video Honorable Mention David Carson |
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Place
Award Winner(s)

The Community News Best Columnist- Humorous First Place

The Community News Best Story About Education First Place

The Community News
MAGAZINE/ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATION

Second Place

Sara Hardin

Joe Morice

Mathew DeKinder, Rebecca Brockmann, Robert Huneke, Laurie Simon, Brett Auten and Ray Rockwell

The Community News Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place Robert Huneke

The Community News Best Columnist- Humorous Honorable Mention Cindy Moore

The Community News Best Military Story Honorable Mention Sara Hardin

Place Award Winner(s)

The Examiner General Excellence Third Place

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The Lake Today Community Service Second Place Samantha Edmondson

The Lake Today Best Sports Photo Third Place Tim Leible

The Lake Today Best Sports News Story or Package Third Place Tim Leible

Place Award Winner(s)

The Media MULTI-MEDIA REPORTING Third Place Mike Scott

The Media Best Online Newspaper or Website **Honorable Mention** Mike Scott and Echo Menges

Place Award Winner(s)

The Reporter Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award - Weeklies Only Second Place Dale Johnson

The Reporter **Best News Photo Honorable Mention** Jeff Thompson

Place Award Winner(s)

Trenton Republican-Times Best Sports Photo **Honorable Mention** Seth Herrold

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Union Missourian Best News Photo Second Place Gregg Jones

Gregg Jones

Union Missourian Best Columnist- Humorous Third Place

Union Missourian Best Story About Education Third Place Karen Butterfield

Union Missourian Best Business Story Honorable Mention

Gregg Jones and Karen Butterfield

Place Award Winner(s)

Vandalia Leader **Best News Photo** First Place Ben Marshall

Vandalia Leader **Best Military Story** Second Place Ron Schott

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Best News Photo Honorable Mention Tim Schmidt

Warren County Record Best Photo Package Honorable Mention Derrick Forsythe

Newspaper, City Category Name | Title of Entry Place Award Winner(s)

Washington Missourian, Wednesday Best Military Story

First Place Karen Cernich

Washington Missourian, Wednesday Best Online Newspaper or Website

First Place

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best Columnist- Serious

Second Place

Chris Stuckenschneider

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best Sports Photo

Second Place

Bill Battle

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best Military Story

Second Place

Karen Cernich

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best Newspaper In Education Project

Second Place

Dawn Kitchell, Chris Stuckenschneider and Missourian Staff

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

MULTI-MEDIA REPORTING

Second Place

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best Overall Design

Third Place

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best News Story

Third Place

Ed Pruneau

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best Sports Feature Photograph

Third Place

Bill Battle

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best Sports Pages

Third Place

Bill Battle, Jeremy Housewright and Michael Alvey

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best Sports Columnist

Third Place

Bill Battle

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture

Third Place

Karen Butterfield

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

MAGAZINE/ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATION

Third Place

Karen Cernich, Karen Butterfield, Gregg Jones, Bill Battle, Jeanne Miller-Wood and Staff

Washington Missourian, Wednesday Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award - Weeklies Only Third Place Missourian Staff

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best Feature Story

Honorable Mention

Karen Cernich

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Community Service

Honorable Mention

Dawn Kitchell, Chris Stuckenschneider and The Missourian Staff

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best Editorial Pages

Honorable Mention

Missourian Staff

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best Sports Feature Story

Honorable Mention

Bill Battle

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Best Sports Columnist

Honorable Mention

Michael Alvey

2016 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List **Newspaper, City**

Category Name | Title of Entry Place

Award Winner(s)

Washington Missourian, Weekend **Best News Photo** First Place

Washington Missourian, Weekend

Best Sports Pages

Jeanne Miller Wood

First Place

Bill Battle, Jeremy Housewright and Michael Alvey

Washington Missourian, Weekend **Best Story About the Outdoors**

First Place Karen Cernich

Washington Missourian, Weekend

Best Story About History

First Place Karen Cernich

Washington Missourian, Weekend **Best Sports Feature Photograph**

Second Place Bill Battle

Washington Missourian, Weekend Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place

Karen Cernich

Washington Missourian, Weekend **Best Front Page**

Third Place

Washington Missourian, Weekend **Best Breaking News Story**

Third Place Ed Pruneau

Washington Missourian, Weekend

Best Story About History

Third Place Karen Cernich

Washington Missourian, Weekend

General Excellence

Honorable Mention

Washington Missourian, Weekend **Best Sports Feature Photograph**

Honorable Mention

Bill Battle

Washington Missourian, Weekend Best Sports News Story or Package

Honorable Mention

Bill Battle

Place Award Winner(s)

Waynesville Daily Guide Best Sports News Story or Package First Place Derek Dueker

2016 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List **Newspaper, City** Category Name | Title of Entry **Place** Award Winner(s) Webster - Kirkwood Times **Best Columnist- Humorous** Second Place Don Corrigan Webster - Kirkwood Times Best Local Business Coverage Second Place Dwight Bitikofer Webster - Kirkwood Times **Best Story About the Outdoors** Second Place Don Corrigan Webster - Kirkwood Times **Best Story About History** Second Place Don Corrigan Webster - Kirkwood Times Best Overall Design **Honorable Mention** Webster - Kirkwood Times

Best Feature Photo Honorable Mention Diana Linsley

Webster - Kirkwood Times Best Story About Education Honorable Mention Jaime Mowers

Webster - Kirkwood Times Best Story About the Outdoors

Honorable Mention Don Corrigan

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Award Winner(s)

West Plains Daily Quill Best News or Feature Series First Place

Abby Hess and Ron Woolman

West Plains Daily Quill Best Story About the Outdoors First Place Chris Roll

West Plains Daily Quill Best Military Story First Place Ron Woolman

West Plains Daily Quill Best News or Feature Special Section Second Place

West Plains Daily Quill General Excellence Honorable Mention

West Plains Daily Quill Best Overall Design Honorable Mention

West Plains Daily Quill Best News or Feature Obituary Honorable Mention Abby Hess