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An honor and privilege to serve Missouri Press

*What Fifty Said:
When I was young my teachers
were the old.
I gave up fire for form till I was
cold.
I suffered like a metal being cast.
I went to school to age to learn the
past.*

*Now I am old my teachers are the
young.
What can't be molded, must be
cracked and sprung.
I strain at lessons fit to start a
suture.
I go to school to youth to learn the
future.*

— Robert Frost

It has been my pleasure to serve as Missouri Press Association President in 2017. I have thought for some time that we have a fine staff and a good operation at the MPA office. As close as I was to the staff and the operation for many years, I was not so directly involved until this year. And now having lived it, I know that I was right all along. My sincere thanks to my MPA staff family for all the kindness and courtesy that they have shown me this year.

And thanks to the Board, for your patience and your support.

But mainly, thanks to the membership. Without whom, there is no ship at all. Thanks for your faith in me and thanks for just showing up whether it is at an event or calling a legislator or working with us in some way. And thanks for telling the truth when it would have been easier not to.

Next year my dear friend Carol Stark of Joplin will be the MPA President. I look forward to working with her. Too few women have led this or-

ganization.

One of my favorite honors this year was to represent Missouri at the National Newspaper Association Convention in Tulsa.

During that convention our own Trevor Vernon was awarded the 2017 Daniel M. Phillips Leadership Award. Along with the Amos and McKinney Awards, it is one of just three annual honors bestowed by this national organization. Because the Amos and McKinney focus on lifetime achievements in community journalism, they tend to honor those in retirement or closing their careers. The Phillips award is only for those under 40 years of age. It focuses on service to the industry and service to your community. It also focuses on the future.

Vernon has worked to smartly expand his newspapers while volunteering to propel all Missouri newspapers forward, he is quite deserving of this honor. Qualified in spades, some might say. My favorite part of the ceremony occurred during his

acceptance speech when he brought his children, 6 year-old Owen and 9 year-old Lilli, to the stage with him. He gave credit to friends and mentors, while acknowledging his family's roots in community journalism. True to the award, Vernon focused on the future while his children, his wife, his parents and his grandfather looked on. All the while, I could not help but to ponder that maybe someday Lilli or Owen might receive that same award for doing so much to move the industry of their day into the future.

Thanks. Cheers. And I leave you with this:

"I feel a very unusual sensation – if it is not indigestion – it must be gratitude."

— Benjamin Disraeli

Jeff Schrag,
The Daily Events,
Springfield
MPA President



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MPA elects 2018 officers and directors

By Missouri Press Staff

Carol Stark, editor of *The Joplin Globe*, was elected president of the Missouri Press Association Friday, Sept. 29, during the 151st Annual MPA Convention in Springfield.

A southwest Missouri native, Stark has worked for *The Globe* since 1983, beginning as a reporter and working her way up to editor 10 years ago. She has served on the MPA Board of Directors since 2013.

Her newspaper career began at the age of 12 with an article for *The Carthage Press* about her final year in a one-room schoolhouse and country school consolidation. She was editor of her high school newspaper, and at 17, she began working full-time for *The Carthage Press* while attending Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, where she also worked for the college newspaper.

In addition to her editor duties at *The Globe*, Stark has worked to foster better relationships between the newspaper and its readers, including holding reader advisory sessions. She has also led high school journalism workshops, served as an adviser to students on MSSU's *The Chart*, and worked with students on Joplin High School's student newspaper, *The Spyglass*.

Stark was named Local Media Association Editor of the Year in 2011 for her work overseeing coverage of Joplin's EF-5 tornado. She has also served three times as a juror in the selection of the Pulitzer Prize.

Stark will succeed Jeff Schrag, publisher of *The Daily Events* in Springfield, as MPA president Jan. 1. Schrag will continue on the MPA Board of Directors through 2018 as immediate past president.

Other 2018 MPA officers and directors elected Sept. 29 include: First Vice President, James White, *Benton County Enterprise*, Warsaw; Second Vice President, Trevor Vernon, *Eldon Advertiser*; Secretary, Bryan Jones, *Versailles Leader-Statesman*; Treas-



Carol Stark is recognized during the Friday Hall of Fame reception at Missouri Press Association's 151st Annual Convention and Trade Show, Sept. 28-30. Stark, editor of *The Joplin Globe*, will succeed Jeff Schrag, left, as MPA president in 2018. (Staff photo)

urer, Sandy Nelson, *The Courier-Tribune*, Liberty.

Directors for one-year terms: Roger Dillon, *Shannon County Current Wave*, Eminence (Paul Berry's open position); and Julie Moreno, *Independence Examiner* (Jacob Brower's open position).



Director for a two-year term: Tianna Brooks, *Mountain View Standard News* (Trevor Vernon's open position).

Directors for three-year terms: Mary Wilson, *Jackson County Advocate*, Grandview; Donna Bischoff, *St.*

Louis Post-Dispatch.

Continuing on the MPA Board in 2018 will be directors Liz Irwin, Missouri Lawyers Media, St. Louis; Michael Jensen, *Sikeston Standard-Democrat*; and Steve Tinnen, *Clinton County Leader*, Plattsburg.

Jacob Brower, *Monett Times/Cassville Democrat* was elected as the National Newspaper Association state chair.

Retiring from the MPA Board in December 2017 are Dennis Warden, *Gasconade County Republican*, Owensville; Dennis Ellsworth, *St. Joseph News-Press*; and Jane Haslag, *Jefferson City News Tribune*.

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Four join Missouri Press Hall of Fame

27th class was inducted during 151st Annual Convention

The 151st Annual Convention and Trade Show in Springfield included the induction of Missouri Press Association's 27th Hall of Fame class.

This year's inductees were the late Kenneth G. Meuser, former publisher of *The Monett Times*; the late Arthur Aull, former publisher of the *Lamar Democrat*; Vicki Russell, past MPA president and former publisher of the *Columbia Daily Tribune*; and Bob Mitchell, former publisher of the *Cassville Democrat*.

This was the 27th group to be inducted into the Newspaper Hall of Fame, established by MPA in 1991.

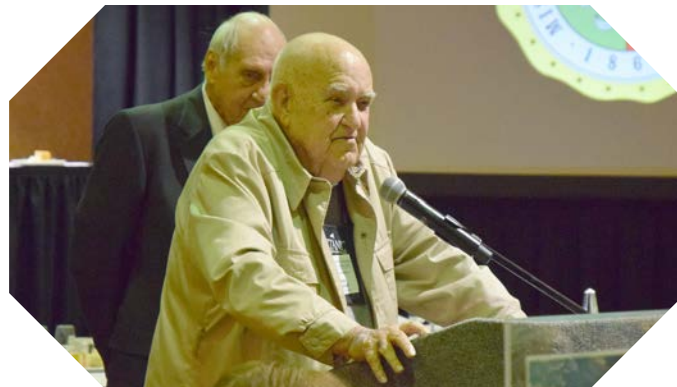
Vicki Russell served as associate publisher and then publisher of the *Columbia Daily Tribune* from 1990 until the newspaper was sold in 2016. She also served as a member of the MPA Board of Directors from 2002 until her presidency in 2009 and is currently the Missouri Press Foundation Board president.

Bob Mitchell is the former editor and publisher of the *Cassville Democrat*, starting as editor in the early 1950s, and the last in a long line of family owners for the weekly newspaper started in 1871. Even though Mitchell sold the *Democrat* in 1996, he remains actively involved, writing a weekly column.

Arthur Aull edited and published the *Lamar Democrat* from 1900 until his death in 1948, captivating the community with his all-the-news-is-fit-to-print style of journalism. The newspaper boasted a circulation of 4,000, substantially more than the population of Lamar, with readers in all 48 states, as well as in England and Canada.

Kenneth Meuser ran *The Monett Times* for 30 years, beginning in 1942, during which time he served as a voice for the community, including calling for economic development and pushing for better schools, streets and all things that make a community good for the people who live there.

At right, Vicki Russell is joined by fellow Chilli-cothian, as well as fellow MPA Hall of Famer and fellow former MPA President, Chuck Haney during the induction ceremony of this year's Missouri Press Hall of Fame class. (Staff photos)



At left, Bob Mitchell speaks to the Hall of Fame crowd after being inducted. Mitchell talked about his start in journalism, including his military career, as well as emphasized the important role newspapers have in fighting back against fake news.



Melody Metzger, editor of the *Lamar Democrat*, accepts the Pinnacle Award for Arthur Aull from MPA President Jeff Schrag. Aull's "all-the-news-that's-fit-to-print" style made him one of Missouri newspapers' most infamous figures.



The late Kenneth G. Meuser's son and daughter, Ken Meuser and Anne Meuser, attended this year's Hall of Fame ceremony to accept their father's award. The siblings said their dad would have appreciated being recognized by his peers for the work he loved.

Do you know someone who deserves to be in the Missouri Press Association's Hall of Fame? Get your nominations in by the March 31 deadline to be considered for 2018's class.

Celebrating 151 years of Missouri Press



Eric Chism hides his face following a comment from Dalton Wright that at the same time elicited a laugh from Beth Chism. The group shared a few laughs before Friday night's Hall of Fame reception. (Staff photos)



Hannah Spaar and Ethan Colbert talk before Friday night's Hall of Fame banquet at MPA's 151st Annual Convention and Trade Show in Springfield.



MPA President Jeff Schrag introduces the 2017 Outstanding Young Journalist recipients, including Andrew Sheeley, right, of *The Salem News* and Kyle Troutman of the *Monett Times/Cassville Democrat*. The two young journalists were nominated by their respective publishers, Donald Dodd and Jacob Brower, and recognized for the hard work they do for each publication during the Better Newspaper Contest luncheon held Sept. 30 during the Association's 151st Annual Convention and Trade Show.

By Missouri Press Staff

More than 300 people representing close to 80 newspapers traveled to Springfield in late September to celebrate Missouri Press Association's 151st Annual Convention and Trade Show.

Spanning Thursday night to Saturday afternoon, Sept. 28-30, the convention featured panels on public notices and magazines, as well as speakers covering topics ranging from how to motivate future leaders and new ways to generate revenue.

In the Missouri Press Foundation's Better Newspaper Contest, more than 70 newspapers received awards and several dozen had representatives at the Saturday luncheon to receive those awards. A listing of the winning newspapers begins on page 11 of this month's *Missouri Press News*. Full contest results are available online at mopress.com/better-newspaper.

Photo galleries for this year's convention are available online through MPA's website and Facebook page.



A public notice panel held Friday afternoon during this year's Annual Convention and Trade Show featured state representatives and senators from around the Springfield area. While members of the panel said newspapers have to work to keep themselves relevant as the way people get information changes, the tone of the panel was generally supportive for keeping public notices in newspapers for now. Participating in the panel were, from left, moderator Liz Irwin, State Rep. Lyndall Fraker, Senators Jay Wasson and Mike Cunningham, and State Rep. Crystal Quade.



Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft was among the speakers during this year's Annual Convention and Trade Show held Sept. 28-30 in Springfield. Ashcroft spoke about various programs his office is involved with, including the Safe at Home program.

SEMO journalism students expand their skills at Rust Center for Media

1-year-old center brings all media disciplines together in one building

By Matthew Barba

Missouri Press News

The history of teaching journalism in Missouri is a long and proud one, with the state becoming home to the world's first school of journalism more than 100 years ago. While a lot of attention is heaped upon that school in Columbia, the reality is this state is home to college programs that are just as widely varied as the students studying the craft.

In 2016, the Rust family, publishers of the *Southeast Missourian* in Cape Girardeau and more than 40 other newspapers throughout the Midwest, ensured students at Southeast Missouri State University would have a dedicated place to study journalism through a significant donation to the university to support a center for the study of mass communications. The Rust Center for Media was dedicated in October 2016, in honor of Gary and Wendy Rust, in whose names the donation was made by sons Rex, Jon and Gary II.

The *Southeast Arrow*, SEMO's student-run newspaper, moved into the center in 2016, while the school's film, television and other organizations made the move this school year. Now



Gary W. Rust poses for a photo outside after the dedication ceremony for Southeast Missouri State University's new Rust Center for Media on Oct. 7, 2016. (Southeast Missourian photo)

a year later, the students who benefit most from this donation are finding the center's 13,000-square-foot of dedicated media space to be a boon to their efforts to study and innovate the future of journalism.

Dr. Tamara Zellars Buck is the faculty advisor for *The Arrow*. She explained that not only are students appreciative of the learning space and all it offers, but they are using it to explore the future of journalism and media.

"Students love it, because it's a large facility but it's also the first time that we actually have dedicated space for each of the types of media that we produce," Zellars Buck said. "We put a lot of work into finding out what a 21st century media workspace looks like. We had Pinterest pages where professional alumni would post things, so as we designed this facility, we really wanted it to represent the future of media workspaces."

On the first floor, there is classroom space and studios for video production. The bottom floor has offices for

The Arrow, SEMO's student newspaper, as well as offices for student advertising firm SECreative, and student public-relations firm Riverfront PR.

Thanks to the launch of the Rust Center, this spring and summer SEMO renovated the Grauel Language Arts Building, where faculty offices are and classroom instruction takes place. *The Arrow* was formerly located in the Grauel building, as well.

Zellars Buck said within the Rust Center for Media there are content creation spaces that allow collaboration between different forms of journalism, including a webcast room that overlooks the newsrooms and provides a "behind the mirror" look at news production at the university. A separate podcast studio allows students more interested in audio production to work with everyone from other students to musical artists on in-studio performances.

"These are things that were just a dream for us just over a year ago," Zellars Buck said.

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Dr. Tamara Zellars Buck, standing, works with students on the *Southeast Arrow* in new space that is part of the Rust Center for Media. Made possible by a donation from the Rust family, the center brings together all of Southeast Missouri State University's mass communication disciplines in one building. (Submitted photo)

Students are seeing the benefits of having so many different disciplines working together in the same space, Zellars Buck said.

"One example of the collaboration that we've already seen was a special report on sexual assault that our newspaper staff created last year," Zellars Buck explained. "We had some issues with design and developing this project from a visual standpoint. Some of our advertising students stepped in and said they could help package the story with the tone that we were wanting to set.

"They heard us discussing the project and wanted to be part of the conceptual design. It turned out wonderfully, and that's something that wouldn't have happened without this facility," she said.

Zellars Buck said another example came this spring when the student-run advertising firm was "hired" by the newspaper's staff to write advertorial content for an advertiser.

"We sold advertising space and the client wanted some advertorial," she said. "We made a conscious decision that we didn't want editorial staff writing the content. This was our first attempt at it, but it seems like it worked great for all sides."

The new center has also allowed for students to collaborate with professionals in their chosen area of study. An agreement with the Southeast Missourian provides professional guidance for production of *The Arrow* in both print and online, while an agreement with local television station KFVS12 allows students to produce news and public affairs programming to air on the station's CW affiliate in the area.

Lucas Presson, assistant publisher of the *Southeast Missourian* and general manager for the Arrow Digital partnership, said the collaboration between the newspaper and the Rust Center has proven beneficial in a number of ways.

"The Rust Center for Media is an exciting development for the mass

media program at Southeast Missouri State University," Presson said. "While space in itself does not dictate success, having the students located on media row — next to a leading agency and daily newspaper and across the street from a radio network of stations and CBS affiliate — gives the students even more opportunities to cross collaborate with media professionals.

"Since our partnership with the university, the *Southeast Missourian* has hired several students. That's a benefit to us, but it's also an opportunity for top students who prove themselves ready and interested in working in media."

The *Missourian* has five media professionals who regularly work with students at the Rust Center, providing more opportunities for collaboration and a dynamic atmosphere, Presson said.

"Students who produce content for the Arrow also have the opportunity for their content to be picked up by the *Southeast Missourian*," he explained. "So if a student hits it out of the park and the story is relevant to the *Missourian* readers, we may reprint it with their byline in the newspaper and online. For the student, that's exciting. And it gives them another example of being published."

According to SEMO, the school has nearly 400 mass communication students in the four major focus areas of advertising, multimedia journalism, public relations and TV/film. SEMO's program is one of about 120 programs in the nation accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

"The university's mass media department has had many wins over the last several years," Presson said. "Between classroom instruction and real-world experience working at the Arrow, these students have an opportunity to develop into top multi-media professionals. Whether print, audio, TV or digital, the opportunities are available through an accredited program at Southeast Missouri State."



What the students say ...

Katelyn Mary Skaggs, junior News Editor, *The Arrow*

"I think it's a wonderful building. It's nice to have a home with all of the other departments because it makes it so much easier to collaborate.

We're working with students in other areas all the time, they're giving us feedback and it's been very helpful.

We've started tossing around ideas, but the other groups are even coming to us and asking if there's any video work we need done."

Sydney Rodgers, senior Marketing Manager, *The Arrow*

"[The new center has] been very different for me because most of the people who work at *The Arrow* are journalism, where I'm a public relations major. I have a journalism background but this has really opened me up to different ideas and perspectives.

This center has also given us a chance to work closely with the *Southeast Missourian*, but it's really just a good opportunity for all of the students at SEMO to branch out and have more voices heard in new ways."

Rebecca Gangemella, junior Reporter, *The Arrow*

"[The Rust Center for Media has] been really awesome to have all of this available to us. I got my start writing for *The Arrow*, but when Dr. Buck found out I was interested in broadcasting, we started looking for opportunities.

Now I do sports reporting and host a pre-game show with another student. It's been really nice to get to see both sides, as well as the behind-the-scenes aspect of the control room and the editing process. The best part is, it's all right here in this building."

Five inducted into Photojournalism Hall of Fame



On Oct. 19, five Missouri photojournalists joined the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame in Columbia, including Art Phillips, Rita Reed, Jim McCarty, Garland Fronabarger and Wilson Hicks. Pictured above, from left, are McCarty, Phillips, Reed, Hicks' granddaughter Carol Roosje, and Fred Lynch, photojournalist for the *Southeast Missourian* where Fronabarger spent his career. Above right, Cliff Schiappa hugs Rita Reed following the induction ceremony for the 13th class of the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame. At right, about 120 people came to the Reynolds Journalism Institute for this year's Photojournalism Hall of Fame induction ceremony. This is the third year since the Hall of Fame was moved from Washington, Mo. (Staff photos)



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OBITUARIES



Kansas City

Laura Hockaday

Laura Rollins Hockaday, 79, longtime writer for *The Kansas City Star* and groundbreaking society editor, died Oct. 24, 2017, in Kansas City from complications associated with viral pneumonia. She worked at *The Star* from 1962 to 2000, working everything from "Women's News" to travel editor to society editor, and she is notable for expanding the newspaper's coverage of



the under-recognized contributions of African-Americans and Hispanics in the Kansas City area. A weekly column as *The Star's* people editor was known for introducing readers to roles models throughout the community. In addition to many friends from the newspaper and other family, she is survived by two nieces, Wendy and Laura, and their families

Raytown

Randy Battagler

Randall "Randy" Eugene Battagler, 65, of Raytown died Aug. 23, 2017. At the age of 16, he began his career in newspapers in the pressroom at the *Richmond Daily News*. He became an award-winning photographer and went on to work for newspapers in several communities, including Excelsior Springs, Lebanon, Liberty, Nevada and Dallas, Texas. He was co-owner of the

newspaper in Oak Grove, and he concluded his career as owner and publisher of *The Raytown Times*. In his memory, the family received donations to publish a final issue of *The Raytown Times*. In addition to his wife, Linda, he is survived by two children; two step-sons; six grandchildren; several siblings; and many other family and friends.

Warsaw

Jack Krier

Longtime Missouri weekly newspaper publisher Jack Krier, 77, of Warsaw died Oct. 12, 2017, at a Des Moines, Iowa hospital after suffering a heart attack. Krier's long career was devoted to keeping small town newspapers alive. Over his life, he was owner/publisher of the *Wellsville Optic News*, *Taney County Times*, *Stone County Gazette and Buyer's Guide*, as well as several other publications in other states. At the time of his death, he was president of the *Carrollton Democrat* and *Carroll County Buyers Guide*; *Lexington News and Lexington Dollar Saver*; *Higginsville Advance* and *Lafayette County Shopper*; *Santa Fe Times*; *Glasgow Missourian*; *St. Clair County News and Buyers Guide*; *Appleton City Journal*; *Humansville Star Leader*; *Rich Hill Mining Review*; *Hickory/Polk Buyers Guide*; *Henry County Buyers Guide*; *Benton County Shoppers Guide*; *Windsor Review*; *Lincoln New Era*; *Cole Camp Courier*; *Norborne Democrat-Leader*; and 16 weekly publications in northwest Kansas and southern Nebraska. Following retirement in 2015, he remained active with his publications. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, and five children and their families.

SCRAPBOOK



• **St. Louis** – The *St. Louis American* was a partner with Huffington Post in September to kick off a national listening tour. HuffPost's tour bus, outfitted with video recording equipment, traveled to two dozen communities throughout the country, gathering video interviews of members of the community. In St. Louis, 38 interviews were collected in the tour's initial three hours. The tour was scheduled to conclude at the end of October.

• **Kansas City** – The sale of *The Star's* 106-year-old headquarters at 1729 Grand Blvd. in downtown Kansas City was completed earlier this year. In selling the building, Mc-

Clatchy will move about 200 employees, including editorial, advertising, audience engagement and technology to *The Star's* Press Pavilion on McGee Street. Kansas City-based 3D Development purchased the former newspaper headquarters.

• **Columbia** – The University of Missouri received a \$21.6 million donation from 1974 journalism graduate David Novak. The donation will be used to establish a new leadership institute in the Missouri School of Journalism. Based on a leadership program designed by Novak, the institute will offer undergraduate and graduate training, certificates and seminars on leadership.



• **Slater** – In August, Missouri Senator Denny Hoskins and Representative Dave Muntzel visited the Main Street News to present publisher/editor Jean E. Black with resolutions recognizing the 20 years the *SMSN* has been in operation. The *Main Street News*, previously the *Slater News-Rustler*, was purchased by Black in 1997, returning local ownership of the newspaper back to Slater.



Many members of the Missouri Press Association representing dozens of member newspapers attended the 2017 Better Newspaper Contest awards luncheon Sept. 30 in Springfield during MPA's 151st Annual Convention. Top photo, representatives of some of Missouri's weekly newspapers present at the awards luncheon show off their plaques and certificates. Bottom photo, Missouri's daily newspapers were represented by several people from across the state. Digital copies of both photos are available by contacting Matthew Barba at mbarba@socket.net. (Staff photos)

'17 Better Newspaper Contest results

Listing of the 2017 BNC results sponsored by Metro Creative Graphics

General Excellence Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Kirksville Daily Express & News
Monett Times
Hannibal Courier-Post

General Excellence Dailies 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Columbia Missourian
The Examiner, Independence
Jefferson City News Tribune
General Excellence Dailies 3
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
The Kansas City Star
Joplin Globe

General Excellence Weeklies 1

Clinton County Leader
Cassville Democrat
Macon County Home Press

General Excellence Weeklies 2

Richmond News
Gasconade County Republican
Ozark County Times
Christian County Headliner News

General Excellence Weeklies 3

St. Louis American
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
Jefferson County Leader
St. Louis Business Journal

Best Overall Design Dailies 1

Monett Times
Hannibal Courier-Post

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg

Best Overall Design Dailies 2

Columbia Missourian
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Best Overall Design Dailies 3

Joplin Globe
The Kansas City Star
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Quincy Herald - Whig

Best Overall Design Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat
Clinton County Leader

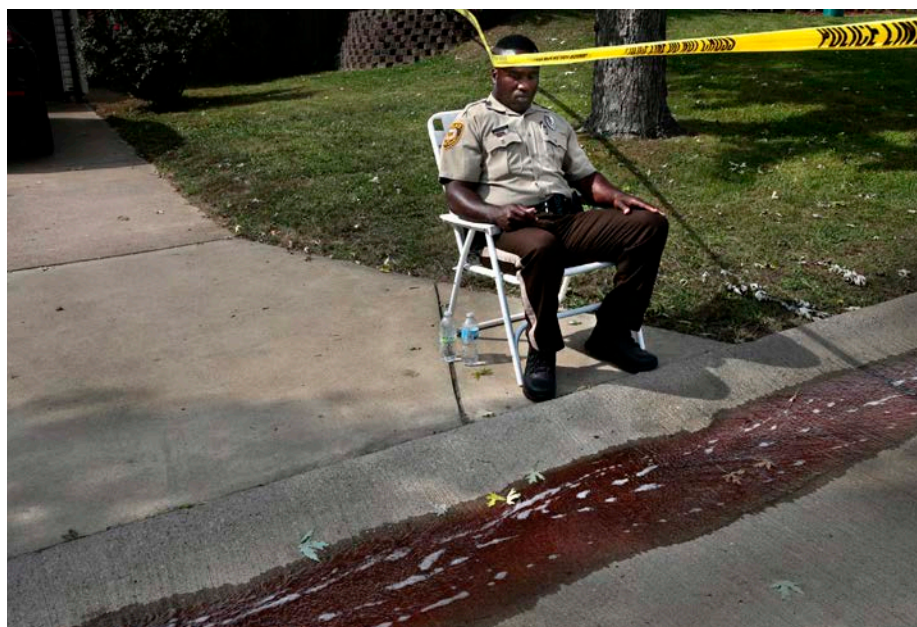
Best Overall Design Weeklies 2

Springfield Business Journal
Ozark County Times
Platte County Citizen

Christian County Headliner News

Best Overall Design Weeklies 3

St. Louis Business Journal
Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Washington Missourian, Weekend



This first place Best News Photo from the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* also won Missouri Press Association's 2017 Photo of the Year award. Made by Robert Cohen, the image captures a St. Louis County police officer watching blood and disinfectant be washed away following the October 2016 fatal shooting of fellow officer Blake Snyder. Judges described the photo as "technically perfect," with the image being toned well and made with a clean background.

St. Louis American

Best Front Page Dailies 1

Monett Times
Hannibal Courier-Post
Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Lake Sun Leader, Camdenton

Best Front Page Dailies 2

Columbia Missourian
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Jefferson City News Tribune

Best Front Page Dailies 3

Joplin Globe
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
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Cassville Democrat
Clinton County Leader

Best Front Page Weeklies 2

Ozark County Times
Christian County Headliner News
Platte County Citizen
Richmond News

Best Front Page Weeklies 3

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
St. Louis Business Journal
St. Louis American
Jefferson County Leader

Best Breaking News Story Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Lebanon Daily Record
Fulton Sun

Best Breaking News Story Dailies 2

Sedalia Democrat
Jefferson City News Tribune
Jefferson City News Tribune
Sedalia Democrat

Best Breaking News Story Dailies 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
The Kansas City Star
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Best Breaking News Story Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat

Best Breaking News Story Weeklies 2

Houston Herald
Salem News
Bowling Green Times
Springfield Business Journal

The full results of this year's Better Newspaper Contest, including judges' comments, are available for download at mopress.com/better-newspaper/



Penny Warner of the *Windsor Review* made this photo of a man and his reflection in a traveling wall of names of the service members killed in Vietnam.

**Best Breaking News Story
Weeklies 3**

South County Times
St. Louis Business Journal
St. Louis Business Journal
Jefferson County Leader

Best News Story Dailies 1

Monett Times
Hannibal Courier-Post
Lake Sun Leader, Camdenton

Best News Story Dailies 2

Columbia Missourian
The Examiner, Independence
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Best News Story Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
The Kansas City Star
Joplin Globe

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Best News Story Weeklies 1

St. Clair Missourian
Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat

Best News Story Weeklies 2

Gasconade County Republican
Christian County Headliner News
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St. Louis American
Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Branson Tri-Lakes News
St. Louis Business Journal

Best Feature Story Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Hannibal Courier-Post
Kirksville Daily Express & News
Lake Sun Leader, Camdenton

**Best Feature Story
Dailies 2**

Columbia Missourian
Columbia Missourian
Jefferson City News
Tribune
Columbia Missourian

**Best Feature Story
Dailies 3**

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
The Kansas City Star
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

**Best Feature Story
Weeklies 1**

Cassville Democrat
Greene County
Commonwealth
St. Clair Missourian

**Best Feature Story
Weeklies 2**

Christian County Headliner News
Houston Herald
Salem News
Platte County Citizen

Best Feature Story Weeklies 3

Jefferson County Leader
Branson Tri-Lakes News
Branson Tri-Lakes News
Bolivar Herald-Free Press

**Best News or Feature Series
Dailies 1**

Hannibal Courier-Post
Hannibal Courier-Post
Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Lebanon Daily Record

**Best News or Feature Series
Dailies 2**

Columbia Missourian
Jefferson City News Tribune
Columbia Missourian
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

**Best News or Feature Series
Dailies 3**

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
The Kansas City Star
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
The Kansas City Star

**Best News or Feature Series
Weeklies 1**

Cassville Democrat
Kearney Courier
Cassville Democrat
Windsor Review

**Best News or Feature Series
Weeklies 2**

Christian County Headliner News
Houston Herald

Ste. Genevieve Herald
Ozark County Times

**Best News or Feature Series
Weeklies 3**

St. Louis Business Journal
South County Times
Bolivar Herald-Free Press
St. Louis Business Journal

Best Editorial Dailies 1

Hannibal Courier-Post
Hannibal Courier-Post
Lebanon Daily Record
Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg

Best Editorial Dailies 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Best Editorial Dailies 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
The Kansas City Star
Tilghman Cloud Memorial

Editorial Award Weeklies 1

Focus on Oak Grove
Pleasant Hill Times
Tilghman Cloud Memorial

Editorial Award Weeklies 2

Gasconade County Republican
Bowling Green Times
Bowling Green Times
Odessan

Tilghman Cloud Memorial

Editorial Award Weeklies 3

St. Louis American
Jefferson County Leader
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
Bolivar Herald-Free Press

Best Columnist - Humorous Dailies

St. Joseph News-Press
The Examiner, Independence
Hannibal Courier-Post
Hannibal Courier-Post

**Best Columnist - Humorous
Weeklies 1**

St. Clair Missourian
St. Clair Missourian

**Best Columnist - Humorous
Weeklies 2**

Christian County Headliner News
Ozark County Times
Delta News-Citizen
Odessan

**Best Columnist - Humorous
Weeklies 3**

St. Louis Community News
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
Union Missourian

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Best Columnist - Serious Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
 Kirksville Daily Express & News
 Monett Times

Best Columnist - Serious Dailies 2

Columbia Missourian
 Sedalia Democrat
 The Examiner, Independence

Best Columnist - Serious Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 St. Joseph News-Press
 The Kansas City Star

Best Columnist - Serious Weeklies 1

St. Clair Missourian
 Jackson County Advocate
 King City Tri-County News
 Cole Camp Courier

Best Columnist - Serious Weeklies 2

Springfield Business Journal
 Salem News
 Christian County Headliner News
 Platte County Citizen

Best Columnist - Serious Weeklies 3

St. Louis American
 St. Louis American
 Green Park Call

Webster - Kirkwood Times

Best News Photograph Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
 Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
 Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
 Monett Times

Best News Photograph Dailies 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
 Sedalia Democrat
 Sedalia Democrat

Best News Photograph Dailies 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 Columbia Daily Tribune

Best News Photograph Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat
 St. Clair Missourian
 Cassville Democrat
 Cassville Democrat

Best News Photograph Weeklies 2

Lawrence County Record
 Houston Herald
 Platte County Citizen
 Ozark County Times

Best News Photograph Weeklies 3

St. Louis American

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
 Washington Missourian, Weekend
 Washington Missourian, Weekend

Best Feature Photograph Dailies 1

Marshall Democrat-News
 West Plains Daily Quill
 Marshall Democrat-News
 Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg

Best Feature Photograph Dailies 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
 Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
 Columbia Missourian
 Sedalia Democrat

Best Feature Photograph Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
 Joplin Globe
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 The Kansas City Star

Best Feature Photograph Weeklies 1

Windsor Review
 Kearney Courier
 Clinton County Leader
 Cassville Democrat

Best Feature Photograph Weeklies 2

Christian County Headliner News
 Richmond News
 Gasconade County Republican
 Odessan

Best Feature Photograph Weeklies 3

Washington Missourian, Weekend
 Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 South County Times

Best Sports Photograph Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
 Monett Times
 Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
 Trenton Republican-Times

Best Sports Photograph Dailies 2

Jefferson City News Tribune
 Columbia Missourian
 Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
 Columbia Missourian

Best Sports Photograph Dailies 3

Joplin Globe
 Columbia Daily Tribune
 The Kansas City Star
 Joplin Globe

Best Sports Photograph Weeklies 1

Clinton County Leader
 Clinton County Leader
 Clinton County Leader
 Greene County Commonwealth

Best Sports Photograph Weeklies 2

Platte County Citizen
 Neosho Newton County News
 Gasconade County Republican

Best Sports Photograph Weeklies 3

The *Camdenton Lake Sun Leader's* Michael Losch took first place in the Best Sports Feature photograph category for small dailies with this image capturing a player's competitive attitude during a softball game.

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Ted Howell of the *Jefferson County Leader* took first place for Best Sports Photograph for large weeklies with this image captured during a high school baseball game.

Jefferson County Leader

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

St. Louis American

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

**Best Sports Feature Photograph
Dailies 1**

Lake Sun Leader, Camdenton

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg

Lake Sun Leader, Camdenton

**Best Sports Feature Photograph
Dailies 2**

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Columbia Missourian

Columbia Missourian

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

**Best Sports Feature Photograph
Dailies 3**

Columbia Daily Tribune

Columbia Daily Tribune

Columbia Daily Tribune

Columbia Daily Tribune

**Best Sports Feature Photograph
Weeklies 1**

Clinton County Leader

Clinton County Leader

Pleasant Hill Times

Cassville Democrat

**Best Sports Feature Photograph
Weeklies 2**

Houston Herald

Lawrence County Record

Platte County Citizen

Houston Herald

**Best Sports Feature Photograph
Weeklies 3**

Webster - Kirkwood Times

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Jefferson County Leader

Washington Missourian, Weekend

Best Photo Illustration Dailies 1

Monett Times

Monett Times

Lebanon Daily Record

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg

Best Photo Illustration Dailies 2

Columbia Missourian

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Columbia Missourian

Best Photo Illustration Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star

Quincy Herald - Whig

Columbia Daily Tribune

Columbia Daily Tribune

Best Photo Illustration Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat

Cassville Democrat

Clinton County Leader

Best Photo Illustration Weeklies 2

Christian County Headliner News

Ozark County Times

Houston Herald

Odessa

Best Photo Illustration Weeklies 3

St. Louis Business Journal

St. Louis Business Journal

St. Louis Business Journal

St. Louis Business Journal

Best Photo Package Dailies 1

Hannibal Courier-Post

Monett Times

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg

Best Photo Package Dailies 2

Jefferson City News Tribune

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Columbia Missourian

Columbia Missourian

Best Photo Package Dailies 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Joplin Globe

Best Photo Package Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat

Cassville Democrat

Pleasant Hill Times

Cassville Democrat

Best Photo Package Weeklies 2

Gasconade County Republican

Gasconade County Republican

Gasconade County Republican

Platte County Citizen

Best Photo Package Weeklies 3

St. Louis American

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Northeast News

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Community Service Dailies 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Joplin Globe

Quincy Herald - Whig

Community Service Dailies 1 and 2

The Examiner, Independence

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg

Columbia Missourian

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

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Community Service Weeklies 3

St. Louis American
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
Northeast News

Community Service Weeklies 1 and 2

Richmond News
Houston Herald
Ozark County Times
Bowling Green Times

Best Editorial Pages Dailies 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Joplin Globe
The Kansas City Star
Quincy Herald - Whig

Best Editorial Pages Dailies 1 and 2

Monett Times
Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Hannibal Courier-Post
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Best Editorial Pages Weeklies 3

Jefferson County Leader
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
St. Louis American

Best Editorial Pages Weeklies 1 and 2

Christian County Headliner News
Cassville Democrat
Gasconade County Republican
Richmond News

Best Sports Pages Dailies 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Columbia Daily Tribune
Quincy Herald - Whig

Best Sports Pages Dailies 1 and 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Columbia Missourian
Monett Times

Best Sports Pages Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat
Pleasant Hill Times

Best Sports Pages Weeklies 2

Platte County Citizen
Richmond News
Houston Herald

Best Sports Pages Weeklies 3

St. Louis American
Bolivar Herald-Free Press
Jefferson County Leader

Best Sports News Story or Package Dailies 1

Hannibal Courier-Post
Lebanon Daily Record
Monett Times

Best Sports News Story or Package Dailies 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Columbia Missourian



A chicken in a pot, and all of the questions such a situation raises, was the subject of Laura Simon's first place-winning Best Feature Photograph entry for the *Southeast Missourian* in Cape Girardeau. Seriously, what's going on here? Judges commented that the girl's eyes and angles in the image draw in the viewer.

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Columbia Missourian

Best Sports News Story or Package Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
The Kansas City Star
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Columbia Daily Tribune

Best Sports News Story or Package Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat
Clinton County Leader
Pleasant Hill Times
Cassville Democrat

Best Sports News Story or Package Weeklies 2

Platte County Citizen
Platte County Citizen
Neosho Newton County News
Houston Herald

Best Sports News Story or Package Weeklies 3

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
St. Louis American
St. Louis Business Journal

Best Sports Feature Story Dailies 1

Monett Times
Monett Times
Lake Sun Leader, Camdenton
Lake Sun Leader, Camdenton

Best Sports Feature Story Dailies 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Columbia Missourian

Best Sports Feature Story Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
The Kansas City Star
The Kansas City Star
Joplin Globe

Best Sports Feature Story Weeklies 1

Pleasant Hill Times
Cassville Democrat
Jackson County Advocate
Clinton County Leader

Best Sports Feature Story Weeklies 2

Platte County Citizen
Christian County Headliner News
Houston Herald
Platte County Citizen

Best Sports Feature Story Weeklies 3

Washington Missourian, Weekend
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
Washington Missourian, Weekend
Jefferson County Leader

Best Sports Columnist Dailies 3

Columbia Daily Tribune
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
The Kansas City Star
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Best Sports Columnist Dailies 1 and 2

Columbia Missourian
Monett Times
The Examiner, Independence

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**Best Sports Columnist
Weeklies 1**

Cassville Democrat
Greene County
Commonwealth
King City Tri-County News
Pleasant Hill Times

**Best Sports Columnist
Weeklies 2**

Delta News-Citizen
Christian County Headliner
News
Odessan
Perry County Republic-
Monitor

**Best Sports Columnist
Weeklies 3**

St. Louis American
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
Jefferson County Leader
Best News or Feature

Special Section Dailies 1

Hannibal Courier-Post
Hannibal Courier-Post
Monett Times

Best News or Feature

Special Section Dailies 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Columbia Missourian
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Jefferson City News Tribune

Best News or Feature

Special Section Dailies 3

Joplin Globe
Joplin Globe
Quincy Herald - Whig

Best News or Feature

Special Section Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat
Clinton County Leader
Cassville Democrat

Best News or Feature

Special Section Weeklies 2

Odessan
Bowling Green Times
Ozark County Times
Best News or Feature

Special Section Weeklies 3

St. Louis American
Jefferson County Leader
Webster - Kirkwood Times
Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis

**Best Investigative Reporting
Dailies 1**

Kirkville Daily Express & News
Hannibal Courier-Post
Lebanon Daily Record



Ross Martin's shot of a long jumper "in the sand" helped him win first place Best Sports Photo for the *Platte County Citizen*.

Monett Times

**Best Investigative Reporting
Dailies 2**

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Columbia Missourian
Columbia Missourian
Jefferson City News Tribune

**Best Investigative Reporting
Dailies 3**

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
The Kansas City Star
The Kansas City Star

**Best Investigative Reporting
Weeklies 1**

Kearney Courier
Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat

**Best Investigative
Reporting Weeklies 2**

Bowling Green Times
Odessan
Bowling Green Times
Bowling Green Times

**Best Investigative
Reporting Weeklies 3**

St. Louis Business Journal
St. Louis American
St. Louis Business Journal
Arnold-Imperial Leader

**Best Local Business
Coverage Dailies**

Columbia Missourian
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
The Kansas City Star
Jefferson City News Tribune

**Best Local Business Coverage
Weeklies 3**

St. Louis Business Journal

St. Louis American
Bolivar Herald-Free Press
Jefferson County Leader

**Best Local Business
Coverage**

Weeklies 1 and 2

Cassville Democrat
Houston Herald
Bowling Green Times
Richmond News

**Best Business Story
Dailies 1**

Lebanon Daily Record
Daily Star-Journal,
Warrensburg

Monett Times
Lebanon Daily Record

**Best Business Story
Dailies 2**

Columbia Missourian
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Jefferson City News Tribune
Jefferson City News Tribune

Best Business Story Dailies 3

Quincy Herald - Whig
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Quincy Herald - Whig

Best Business Story Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat
Morgan County Press
Cassville Democrat

Best Business Story Weeklies 2

Bowling Green Times
Richmond News
Marshfield Mail
Springfield Business Journal

Best Business Story Weeklies 3

St. Louis Business Journal
St. Louis Business Journal
Washington Missourian, Weekend

**Best Coverage of Government
Dailies 1**

Kirkville Daily Express & News
Kirkville Daily Express & News
Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg

**Best Coverage of Government
Dailies 2**

Columbia Missourian
Columbia Missourian
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

**Best Coverage of Government
Dailies 3**

Columbia Daily Tribune
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
St. Joseph News-Press

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Best Coverage of Government Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat
Windsor Review
Cassville Democrat

Best Coverage of Government Weeklies 2

Christian County Headliner News
Odessan
Christian County Headliner News
Platte County Landmark

Best Coverage of Government Weeklies 3

St. Louis American
St. Louis Business Journal
Webster - Kirkwood Times
Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis

Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Dailies

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Monett Times
Quincy Herald - Whig
Columbia Missourian

Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Weeklies

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
Houston Herald
Bowling Green Times
Cassville Democrat

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Dailies 1

Monett Times
Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Lebanon Daily Record
Monett Times

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Dailies 2

Jefferson City News Tribune
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
The Kansas City Star
St. Joseph News-Press
The Kansas City Star

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Weeklies 1

Cole Camp Courier
Cassville Democrat
St. Clair Missourian

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Weeklies 2

Salem News
Salem News
Marshfield Mail

Best Story About Rural Life or



Roger Nomer captures a paralympic hopeful pulling herself out of a pool, while getting the prosthetic legs she uses to walk in the shot as well. Praised for its composition, this shot brought home a first place Best Sports Photo award for Nomer and *The Joplin Globe*.

Agriculture Weeklies 3

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
St. Louis American
Washington Missourian, Weekend
St. Louis American

Best Story About Religion Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg

Best Story About Religion Dailies 2

Columbia Missourian
Columbia Missourian
Columbia Missourian
Columbia Missourian

Best Story About Religion Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
The Kansas City Star
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Best Story About Religion Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat
St. Clair Missourian
Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat

Best Story About Religion Weeklies 2

Bowling Green Times
Ozark County Times
Salem News

Christian County Headliner News

Best Story About Religion Weeklies 3

South County Times
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
St. Louis American
St. Louis Community News

Best Story About Education Dailies 1

Kirksville Daily Express & News
Hannibal Courier-Post
Monett Times
Lebanon Daily Record

Best Story About Education Dailies 2

Columbia Missourian
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Best Story About Education Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Joplin Globe
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Best Story About Education Weeklies 1

Jackson County Advocate
Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat

Best Story About Education Weeklies 2

Christian County Headliner News
Christian County Headliner News
Houston Herald
Christian County Headliner News

Best Story About Education Weeklies 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News
St. Louis American
Washington Missourian, Weekend
St. Louis American

Best Story About the Outdoors Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg

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Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Fulton Sun
Monett Times

**Best Story About the Outdoors
Dailies 2**

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Columbia Missourian
Columbia Missourian
Columbia Missourian

**Best Story About the Outdoors
Dailies 3**

The Kansas City Star
Quincy Herald - Whig
Joplin Globe
The Kansas City Star

**Best Story About the Outdoors
Weeklies 1**

Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat

**Best Story About the Outdoors
Weeklies 2**

Bowling Green Times
Salem News
Houston Herald
Christian County Headliner News

**Best Story About the Outdoors
Weeklies 3**

Washington Missourian, Weekend
Jefferson County Leader
Green Park Call
Webster - Kirkwood Times

Best Story About History Dailies 1

Marshall Democrat-News
Monett Times

Hannibal Courier-Post

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg

Best Story About History Dailies 2

Columbia Missourian
Jefferson City News Tribune
The Examiner, Independence
Jefferson City News Tribune

Best Story About History Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
The Kansas City Star
Quincy Herald - Whig
The Kansas City Star

Best Story About History Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat
Cole Camp Courier
Kearney Courier

Best Story About History Weeklies 2

Salem News
Christian County Headliner News
Houston Herald
Bethany Republican-Clipper

Best Story About History Weeklies 3

St. Louis American
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
St. Louis Community News
Northeast News

Best Military Story Dailies 1

Monett Times

Monett Times
Hannibal Courier-Post
Monett Times

Best Military Story Dailies 2

Jefferson City News Tribune
Columbia Missourian
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Columbia Missourian

Best Military Story Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
The Kansas City Star
Joplin Globe
The Kansas City Star

Best Military Story Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat

Best Military Story Weeklies 2

Christian County Headliner News
Bowling Green Times
Christian County Headliner News
Salem News

Best Military Story Weeklies 3

Washington Missourian, Weekend
St. Louis Community News
St. Louis American
St. Louis American

Best Page Design Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Monett Times
Monett Times

Best Page Design Dailies 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Jefferson City News Tribune
Columbia Missourian
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Best Page Design Dailies 3

Joplin Globe
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Joplin Globe
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Best Page Design Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat

Best Page Design Weeklies 2

Ozark County Times
Christian County Headliner News
Cedar County Republican
Richmond News

Best Page Design Weeklies 3

St. Louis Business Journal
St. Louis Business Journal
St. Louis American
St. Louis Business Journal

Best Information Graphic Dailies 1

Hannibal Courier-Post
Hannibal Courier-Post



This "picture perfect pout" was captured by the *Washington Missourian's* Jeanne Miller Wood and received first place for Best Feature Photo. In the image, the girl is refusing to participate in a group photo with other family members.

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Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
 Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Best Information Graphic Dailies 2
 Columbia Missourian
 Columbia Missourian
 Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
 Columbia Missourian
Best Information Graphic Dailies 3
 Joplin Globe
 The Kansas City Star
 The Kansas City Star
 Joplin Globe

Best Information Graphic Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat
 Cassville Democrat

Best Information Graphic Weeklies 2

Houston Herald
 Christian County Headliner News
 Gasconade County Republican
 Houston Herald

Best Information Graphic Weeklies 3

St. Louis Business Journal
 St. Louis Business Journal
 St. Louis Business Journal
 St. Louis Business Journal

Best Editorial Cartoon Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
 Hannibal Courier-Post
 Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
 Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg

Best Editorial Cartoon Dailies 2

The Examiner, Independence
 Jefferson City News Tribune
 The Examiner, Independence
 Jefferson City News Tribune

Best Editorial Cartoon Dailies 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 The Kansas City Star
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Best Editorial Cartoon Weeklies 2

Lee's Summit Tribune
 Salem News
 Platte County Landmark
 Lee's Summit Tribune

Best Editorial Cartoon Weeklies 3

Northeast News
 Jefferson County Leader
 St. Louis Business Journal
 Northeast News

Best Newspaper In Education Project Weeklies 2

Eldon Advertiser
 Eldon Advertiser

Best Newspaper In Education



This snowy scene by Laura Simon of the *Southeast Missourian*, Cape Girardeau took first place for Best News Photo.

Project Weeklies 3

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 St. Louis American
 St. Louis American

Best Online Newspaper or Website Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
 Monett Times
 Hannibal Courier-Post
 Kirksville Daily Express & News

Best Online Newspaper or Website Dailies 2

Columbia Missourian
 Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Best Online Newspaper or Website Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 Quincy Herald - Whig

Best Online Newspaper or Website Weeklies 3

St. Louis Business Journal
 St. Louis American
 Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis

Best Online Newspaper or Website Weeklies 1 and 2

Warren County Record
 Cassville Democrat
 Salem News

Best Video Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
 Monett Times
 Monett Times
 Monett Times

Best Video Dailies 2

Columbia Missourian

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
 Columbia Missourian
 Columbia Missourian

Best Video Dailies 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 The Kansas City Star
 The Kansas City Star

Best Video Weeklies 2 and 3

St. Louis American
 St. Louis American
 St. Louis American
 Salem News

Best Headline Writing Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
 Hannibal Courier-Post
 Monett Times

Lebanon Daily Record

Best Headline Writing Dailies 2

Jefferson City News Tribune
 Columbia Missourian
 Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Best Headline Writing Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 Quincy Herald - Whig

Best Headline Writing Weeklies 1

Cassville Democrat
 St. Clair Missourian

Best Headline Writing Weeklies 2

Richmond News
 Houston Herald
 Christian County Headliner News
 Lawrence County Record

Best Headline Writing Weeklies 3

St. Louis American
 Jefferson County Leader

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Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Best News or Feature Obituary
Dailies 1

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Monett Times
Lebanon Daily Record
Lebanon Daily Record

Best News or Feature Obituary
Dailies 2

Columbia Missourian
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Columbia Missourian

Best News or Feature Obituary
Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
The Kansas City Star
The Kansas City Star
The Kansas City Star

Best News or Feature Obituary
Weeklies 1

Kearney Courier
Cassville Democrat
Cassville Democrat
Clinton County Leader

Best News or Feature Obituary
Weeklies 2

Platte County Citizen
Ozark County Times
Ozark County Times
Salem News

Best News or Feature Obituary
Weeklies 3

Webster - Kirkwood Times
Northeast News
Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Arnold-Imperial Leader

Multi-Media Reporting Dailies 1
Monett Times

Daily Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Multi-Media Reporting Dailies 2

Columbia Missourian
Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Multi-Media Reporting Dailies 3
The Kansas City Star



A tight crop on great emotion were the reasons judges picked this shot made by *The Kansas City Star's* Allison Long to win first place for Best Feature Photo.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Joplin Globe

Multi-Media Reporting
Weeklies 2 and 3

Salem News
St. Louis American
Houston Herald

Magazine/Alternative Publication
Dailies 1

Lake Sun Leader, Camden
Monett Times

Magazine/Alternative Publication
Dailies 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Jefferson City News Tribune

Magazine/Alternative Publication
Dailies 3

The Kansas City Star
Quincy Herald - Whig

Magazine/Alternative Publication
Weeklies 3

St. Louis Community News
Washington Missourian, Weekend
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Please be on the lookout for your dues letter. Dues payments may be paid in installments, and you are asked to contact MPA to arrange a payment schedule.

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St. Louis Zoo's Kali is subject of 2018 NIE serial

8-chapter story follows polar bear from Alaska to Missouri

From Helen Headrick

Missouri Press NIE Director

Kali, a polar bear cub, made news across the country when he was just a few months old. Rescued after hunters shot his mother, Kali quickly became famous. Polar bears are known to regularly travel long distances, but Kali may take the record. He was born near Alaska's northwest coast, rode on an ATV to the town of Point Lay, and has had three plane trips: to Anchorage, Alaska; to Buffalo, New York; and finally to St. Louis, Missouri.

This January, the National Newspaper Association Foundation and the Missouri Press Foundation are offering newspapers the opportunity to publish a free 8-chapter serialized story entitled "Kali: A Polar Bear's Tale." This heartwarming tale takes a small orphaned cub from one adventure to another as he grows and learns how to be a polar bear.

"Kali: A Polar Bear's Tale" is produced by the Missouri Press Foundation and available to newspapers at no cost through a special partnership between NNA and MPF from Jan. 1 through June 30, 2018.

Each chapter in this 8-chapter story includes a newspaper activity. A companion teacher guide will be available to distribute to teachers or post on your newspaper's website.

This is the 10th year that NNA members can take advantage of a free serialized story through the Reading Across America campaign. The goal is to have young readers across the nation reading inside their community newspapers in 2018.

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KALI A Polar Bear's Tale

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CHAPTER ONE OF EIGHT

Finding Kali

It was cold that day as March always is so high above the Arctic Circle. Snow still blanketed the ground, but the thin light of early spring allowed James a better visibility to look for caribou or any large animal—anything he could hunt and bring back to his village.

The people of Point Lay, Alaska, on the coast of the Chukchi Sea, relied on skilled substance hunters like James and others. They hunted for meat to help feed the people in their village. The meat would be given to village elders and dispersed.



Hopefully there would be enough left to freeze and store for later. Food, which could be purchased for a few dollars in the lower 48 states, was very expensive here; noodles could cost \$13.00 and red or green peppers as much as \$10.00 each. The meat James brought back was important to the villager's survival.

A big animal would be best, James thought to himself. And that's when he saw the polar bear. Being a native Alaskan subsistence hunter, James was legally allowed to hunt polar bears, although it was rare for him to take one. This bear, crossing the sea ice about 100 yards in front of him, would be his ninth in a lifetime of hunting.

A bear this size will give us plenty of meat, he thought. Enough to feed several families for sure. James did not take killing a polar bear lightly. These animals were respected and revered in Inupiaq culture. But James knew the meat was essential for his village, so he took what opportunities luck and nature presented to him. He shot the bear.

When the bear was down, James approached it. Seeing that it was truly dead, he began to roll it over. That's when he noticed something different. The other bears that James

had hunted had been large, burly males, with paws the size of dinner plates. This bear was a bit smaller, and on its stomach he saw a row of dark teats. This bear was a nursing sow. Somewhere, he thought, she has a cub.

James was crushed. He had not realized that the bear was a female, especially a nursing mother. "We've got to find the den," James said to his hunting companion. "There's a cub out here somewhere, and it won't survive for long without her."

The two men set out through the bitter wind and spring sunlight, until they saw the den. There, barely perceptible on the icy landscape, was the dark opening to the den of a polar bear.

Ask Zoo Keeper Carolyn

How many cubs does a bear have at one time?

Polar bears generally give birth to between one and four wee cubs at a time, according to the Defenders of Wildlife organization. Two cubs or "twins" are the most common, followed by single births.

Newspaper Connections

Record the fact in this and the following chapters. You will write a newspaper style story at the end of this series, with the 5 Ws and 1 H; who, what, where, when, why and how.



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More from NIE

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ON THE MOVE



• **Ozark** – Alec Presley was hired as the *Christian County Headliner News*' newest general assignment reporter, while Hanna Smith left the newspaper for a position at the *Springfield Business Journal*. Smith is the *SBJ*'s new features editor, a post previously held by Emily Letterman, who left the *Journal* for a job outside of the newspaper industry.

• **Marshall** – Kelly Melies has rejoined *The Marshall Democrat-News*, where he previously worked part-time as the agriculture reporter. Melies has also worked as an adjunct professor, and covered news for War-

rensburg's *Daily Star-Journal* and a radio station.

• **St. Louis** – Kevin Jones, COO of *The St. Louis American*, was recently named to the St. Louis Sports Commission Board of Directors. The commission works to enhance the St. Louis area's quality of life, as well as create economic and social benefits for the community through sports and sporting events. Jones is also a director for the Missouri Press Service and Missouri Advertising Managers' Association, and a past president of the Missouri Press Association.

• **Maryville** – Skye Pournazari has joined the staff of the *Maryville Daily Forum* as managing editor. Pournazari most recently was a designer with Missouri Lawyers Media Group, and prior to that, she was the assistant news editor and designer at the *St. Joseph News Press* for 10 years. She has also worked at the *Daily Star-Journal* in Warrensburg.



• **Windsor** – Cassie Merrell has joined the staff of the *Windsor Review* as a reporter. She recently received her bachelor's degree from Missouri Southern State University.

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Sunshine should clarify use of private email

In September, this column looked at whether the Sunshine Law in Missouri applied to messaging between members of a public body that are routed through social media websites or apps, such as Facebook Messenger and Twitter.

This month, let's consider whether it's time for Missouri's legislature to address the basic issue of if the open records law should apply to private email addresses used by members of a public body. There's no doubt that emails that go through a "gov" address are retained within the public body's computer server and therefore are public records under the Sunshine Law's definition of that term. But what about messages sent on a "gmail" account or other personal account of an elected official or other governmental employee?

We see how this has been the subject of much national news in the last year, ranging from Hillary Clinton's private email use to, more recently, private email addresses used by Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump. But rather than deal with federal issues, let's keep this on the local level.

Should the Missouri legislature pass a bill next session clarifying private email addresses used by members of public governmental bodies are subject to the Sunshine Law's definition of public records when they are used by members of public bodies for the discussion of public business or public policy?

There are differing opinions among various states. For example, in Delaware, the Attorney General was recently asked to issue an opinion on this issue. A radio station had attempted to obtain

emails between an elected official and county employees regarding county business. The emails were stored in a private email account and were not in a government computer server. The Attorney General's initial opinion was the emails were private and not subject to the state's open records law.

However, in mid-October, the Attorney General reversed its opinion and concluded that the denial of access was a violation of state law. It based its decision on a federal appellate opinion out of the District of Columbia requiring a federal agency to search for agency records that the agency director maintained in a private email account. The fact that the governmental official used a private email account was no different than if he had put paper copies of the correspondence "in a file at his daughter's house and then claim[ed] they are under her control," the court said. The AG's opinion concluded that emails don't lose their

status as public records just because they reside in a private email account.

And it's not just AG opinions that have concluded this. Courts in California and Washington have held that emails residing in the private account of a governmental employee are public records if they are sent or received within the scope of that person's employment. And the State of Vermont has become the most recent to join the group that includes private digital records within the scope of a records request.

The Vermont Supreme Court concluded these digital documents are included, even if stored in public accounts, if they otherwise meet that state's definition of "public records." In

analyzing that state's law, the court held that the definition of "public records" in Vermont didn't exclude otherwise qualifying records on the basis that they were located in private accounts.

How does that compare to Missouri's law? Missouri's definition of "public record" includes "any record, whether written or electronically stored, ... of any public governmental body ..." If the email was a record of the "body," then it clearly wouldn't matter where it was stored, based upon this definition. Similarly, records created by a private contractor under an agreement with a public body would be covered as a public record, no matter where they were stored.

But, the Missouri definition specifically excludes "internal memorandum or letter received or prepared by or on behalf of a member of a public governmental body consisting of advice, opinions and recommendations in connection with the deliberative decision-making process of said body, unless such records are retained by the public governmental body or presented at a public meeting." If these messages are held in a non-governmental email account, that might limit what would fall within a liberal interpretation of "public record" and therefore limit access to private emails not retained by the body.

There is, however, no doubt that the Missouri law was meant to have a liberal interpretation and that it was drafted with the intent to create a public policy of openness. Creation of a "functional" interpretation of this state law would seem to mandate that it is time for this definition of "public records" to be amended by the state legislature to ensure that public records cannot be hidden in private email accounts by public officials seeking to keep their activities out of the public's eyes.

"Should the Missouri legislature pass a bill ... clarifying private email addresses used by members of public governmental bodies are subject to the Sunshine Law?"





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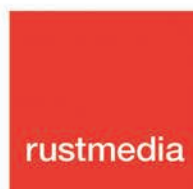
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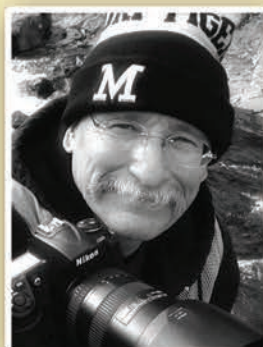
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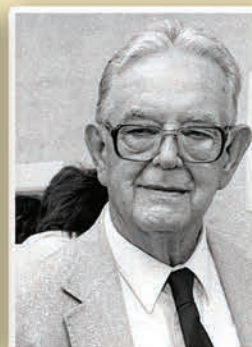
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