



2019 Missouri Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest

Results and Judges Comments

) Photo of the Year |

Southeast Missourian

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Scott City school lock down

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Kassi Jackson

This photo, a true spot news event, required level headed thinking on the part of the photographer as he/she approached the scene and started making photographs that tell the story while also working within the parameters created by school officials. We see a diverse group of parents, each handling the stressful situation in their own way that could perhaps be interpreted as a reflection of the societal structure within the town. Good work as the photographer keeps the community informed.

01.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Lebanon Daily Record

Second Place Daily Express & News

01.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place News Tribune

Second Place Columbia Missourian

Third Place Independence Examiner

Honorable Mention Southeast Missourian

01.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Joplin Globe

I really enjoyed this paper. The coverage is local, local writers and real community feel. The layouts are GORGEOUS. Whoever the designer is, props! One thing I also appreciated is the photography. Great documentary style shots. Ads are great. They are professional and eye catching. Everything works in this paper.

Second Place Columbia Daily Tribune

Third Place Springfield News-Leader

Honorable Mention St. Louis Post-Dispatch

01.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Clinton County Leader

Brett Adkison, Steve Tinnen, Autumn Barnett Betty Dickinson and Nikki Keling

This entry was propelled to first place based on stronger story-telling.

Just one friendly suggestion - Don't start leads in meeting minutes fashion. It doesn't inspire readers to continue when, right out of the box, what they see is that "So-and-so group met on such-and-such a date at such-and-such a place." Tell readers what that meeting means to them.

Second Place **Cassville Democrat**
Strong local paper with good photography and nice layout

Staff

Third Place **Greenfield Vedette**

Gina Langston, Lavinia Thornhill, James McNary and Bob Jackson

01.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Christian County Headliner News**

Where to start. The quality of the writing, the creative headlines, solid sports and editorial pages. This paper serves its community well.

Second Place **Richmond News**

This paper has a good, clean look to it. Good use of graphics and photos.

Third Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**

People are in the know when they read this paper. The staff does a wonderful job of connecting with the community.

Honorable Mention **The Maryville Forum**

These papers did a lot of things well, but I in particular liked the editorial pages and sports coverage.

01.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Courier-Tribune**

Wow. This is excellent. Great design. Good balance between advertising and editorial. You know and feel you can trust where each story and bit of information is coming from. The next re-design I'm a part of I will reference this newspaper and ask 'Can we make it look like this?'

Second Place **St. Louis Business Journal**

Very personal, engaging design. You know exactly who is reporting the information and where it came from. Nice balance between advertising and editorial. Top of the line.

Third Place **St. Louis American**

Smart design. Good content. Good balance. A top of the line and top of this competition product.

Honorable Mention **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**

Very clean design. Well structured. Just outside the very best of this class.

02.) Best Overall Design | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kansas City Star**

Very nice, clean design. I like the use of dominant photos and large headlines. I even wasted a lot of time reading some of the stories because their presentation was just so good that I had to dig in! I also like how the online extra content was set apart by colorful headings.

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader**

Great use of graphics for some articles that might not have an obvious photo choice. Clean and classy design.

Third Place **Quincy Herald - Whig**

Good job using graphics, cutouts and headlines to really make articles pop out at the reader.

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe**

Good use of dominant photos on your main stories. It made me want to read them!

Brent Fisher

02.) Best Overall Design | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Southeast Missourian**

Wow wow wow!! I love everything about your design. I'm seriously drooling over here. You are doing everything right. Spacing, dominant photos, color coded sections, consistency, sidebars, lists, pullouts, teasers and more! It's very clean, crisp and CLASSY but also fun and engaging. I also like how you very specifically remind readers how/where to submit info, look at more photos, subscribe, etc.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**

I love how clean, crisp and classy this design is. Everything is spaced perfectly. It's very pleasing to the eye. You do a good job using dominant photos. Don't be afraid to do something out of the box every now and again.

Third Place **Daily Express & News**

I love the extra large photos. That's one way to grab the reader's attention! Good use of spacing, hierarchy, photos and more!

Jason Hunsicker, Austin Miller and Danielle Brown**Honorable Mention** **News Tribune**

Good design. Try using some pullout quotes or sidebars to break up some gray areas.

02.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Cassville Democrat**

Nice use of white space, clean layout.

Second Place **Maries County Advocate****Third Place** **Greenfield Vedette****Gina Langston, Lavinia Thornhill, James McNary and Bob Jackson**

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

I REALLY like the flexibility of the size changes in the masthead to compliment the front page and use of design elements with it. Nice, clean layout.

Second Place **Gasconade County Republican****Third Place** **Richmond News****Honorable Mention** **Christian County Headliner News**

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

So when I went to look at this paper, I felt like it was just a good, old-fashioned newspaper, but when you get into it, there are many "modern" elements that add to the attractive look of the pages. So you get the best of both worlds in my opinion - a good old-fashioned newspaper with the trust that brings and the design appeal that keeps you turning the pages.

Mike Terhaar and Melvin Moore**Second Place** **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**

Just a nice, clean layout. Easy to read with the use of bullet points and other design elements to break up the text.

Ryan O'Shea and Matt Foster

Second Place Perry County Republic-Monitor

Third Place Houston Herald

Honorable Mention Richmond News

03.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place St. Louis American

Mike Terhaar

The first, second and third place winners all had lead photos that were eye catching and layout that pulled the reader through the top stories for that issue.

Second Place St. Louis Business Journal

Erik Siemers

Nice photos and layout for a business publication. It's difficult for a photographer to get interesting pictures that pull the reader into the story. These lead pictures do that.

Third Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday

Nice photos but I thought the layout was a bit busy. Maybe a bigger lead picture and less going on around the masthead.

Honorable Mention Jefferson County Leader

I felt that some nice photos were competing with each other and a lot was going on for a front page.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Lebanon Daily Record

School Threat

Fines Massey

Second Place Lebanon Daily Record

Woman Found Dead

Steve Smith

Third Place Lebanon Daily Record

Police investigate murder

Fines Massey

04.) Best Breaking News Story | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Southeast Missourian

Mo. Supreme Court: Robinson innocent

Bob Miller

Second Place LakeExpo

Children Killed In Fire

Sara Halverson and Nathan Bechtold

Third Place News Tribune

Body of missing boy found

Jeff Haldiman

Honorable Mention LakeExpo

Tram Plummets Down Hillside

Janet Dabbs

04.) Best Breaking News Story | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Greitens resigns	Kevin McDermott, Jack Suntrup and Kurt Erickson
Second Place	Kansas City Star	Greitens resigns	Jason Hancock, Bryan Lowry, Steve Vockrodt, Lindsay Wise, Allison Kite and Joseph Bustos
Third Place	Springfield News-Leader	Mom Survives	Wyatt D. Wheeler
Honorable Mention	Joplin Globe	As Branson tourists, residents mourn	Jordan Larimore and Joe Hadsall

04.) Best Breaking News Story | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Maries County Advocate	Bland Fire	Roxie Murphy
	Smart, quick work on this story about a raging house fire, with details from the fire department and comments from witnesses. The dramatic photos help tell the story.		
Second Place	Cassville Democrat	Storms Through Area	Kyle Troutman and Murray Bishoff
	Solid work on this storm story, chasing down the places it did damage and speaking with people who lived through it. Great quote: "At first I thought a tree hit the house. Then I remembered there aren't any trees in our subdivision."		
Third Place	Cassville Democrat	Cassville Admins Call	Kyle Troutman
	A well-told story about a bizarre, frightening day at a local school, which captures the frustration of administrators.		

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Houston Herald	Sheriff arrested	Jeff McNiell
	Well written, with riveting details, and deserving of the presentation it got. Given the timing of the arrest, the reporter did the best job possible.		
Second Place	Perry County Republic-Monitor	Vandalism spree	Robert Cox
	The reporter displayed hustle by following the tracks of these vandals and speaking with victims. The story could use a little work -- it raises a question it doesn't answer -- and it could have been written more tightly.		
Third Place	Perry County Republic-Monitor	Suspect suicide	Robert Cox
	Fairly quick turnaround, with plenty of background on the man who shot himself. This could have used a little more information from sources other than law enforcement.		
Honorable Mention	Gasconade County Republican	Blaze Tuesday afternoon destroys Bland	Roxie Murphy
	Straightforward, live coverage of a raging house fire.		

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News	Tragedy on the lake	Sara Karnes
	So much to report with little time to do it, and on a story that was changing in the early hours. Good job capturing details and helping readers understand what happened.		
Second Place	St. Louis Call Newspapers	Econo Lodge termed unfit for human	Gloria Lloyd
	Great hustle on a story that you couldn't find out about on a police scanner. You went to the scene, dug up background information and provided context.		

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader**
Not a quick turnaround, but full of fascinating information. Good storytelling.

Hillsboro impeach mayor

Peggy Bess and Kim Robertson

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Business Journal**
The reporter added excellent context to a breaking news story, and with very little time to do it.

Reliance Bank sale

Greg Edwards

05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **West Plains Daily Quill**
Reporter pushes for answers the community needs to know and turns in the best entry of the lot. The story was well written, easy to digest and quickly carries readers all the way through. Bravo.

Frazier's attorney to issue statement

Abby Hess

Second Place **Moberly Monitor-Index**
Storytelling carried this entry to second place with nice, tight copy. The overall reporting here is solid, though it would have been nice to see the reporter seek more sourcing outside the courtroom. That could have pushed this to the top.

Murder to serve 5 life sentences

Erik Cliburn

Third Place **Monett Times**
Community news is important, though this piece lacked the gravity of the top two. The writing could have been tighter, but a community's efforts to save a fireworks show was well reported from many angles with a wide variety of sources.

Monett July 4th

Murray Bishoff

Honorable Mention **West Plains Daily Quill**
Story puts the wood to the school district for not better notifying parents of school threats. Bringing the irate parent into the piece was a necessary decision but it would be nice to know the person's name with so much hinging on this criticism. Writing was solid, but it feels like it could be tighter. All in all, it's good journalism and worthy of an honorable mention.

Parents upset to learn of week old school

Abby Hess

05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
A wild romp of a story that reveals the determination of the news staff to make rumors public about an astonishing case of police malfeasance. Bravo. Your readers must have loved this.

UPDATE: City manager warned Police Chief

Sam A. Manas

Second Place **Southeast Missourian**
Well documented narrative of how a clearly corrupt cop may have ruined a murder case.

Detective in Robinson case placed on leave **Bob Miller**

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
Solid reporting and original investigation on a clearly explosive story with long-term implications.

As silence cloaks allegations of violent

Anna Brett

Honorable Mention **News Tribune**
Impressive story marries critical details with relevant narrative.

Child care desert

Rebecca Martin

05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Fantastic job leaving no questions unanswered. The reporting is very thorough in this article and the writing is clear and concise. The choice on structure leads the reader through the story and as questions come to mind, they are answered in the next section.

Consent

Will Schmitt

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
This piece uses one horrific incident to launch into a larger systemic issue, doing exactly what you would hope for out of great journalism. Great quotes from the guardian push the human-interest side of the story and make the larger issue even more relatable. The structure and flow of the article works well, keeping the reader engaged throughout the story.

System failure

Jesse Bogan

Third Place **Kansas City Star**
The sourcing alone on this article is remarkable. The amount of reporting and time it took to piece together is very evident as the issues crosses states, years and a long list of document trails. With so many different aspects, it would be easy to get lost in this story but the writing carries the reader through effortlessly. Overall, this was a fantastic piece.

Kobach promised cities help. It cost them

Hunter Woodall, Bryan Lowry, Jessica Huseman and Blake Paterson

Honorable Mention **Kansas City Star**
This was a really difficult decision. This story was very well reported and well written. It was easy and engaging to read, and offered up great historical information as well contextualizing the events that took place. I would have liked to see a little more sourcing, possibly even speaking to officers who were initially on the case to see why they hadn't searched the bridge area.

Beyond 'Satanic Panic': Agent has theory on **Max Londberg**

05.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **St. Clair County Courier****Osceola mayor apologizes****Brandy Bourland**

This is an exceptional example of local reporters holding officials' feet to the fire. Tremendous work.

Also, this is astounding and wonderful:

"The entire discussion between Bourland and the board was published in the July 20 edition of the St. Clair County Courier."

Second Place **Maries County Advocate****Homicide Victim's Wife****Roxie Murphy**

Putting gossip to rest is a vital function of modern journalism, and this story accomplishes that with gusto. Extensive, heartbreaking, but vital reporting helps give voice to the voiceless here. Great work.

Third Place **Maries County Advocate****Voilent Owensville Man****Laura Schiermeier**

Nice, straight reporting on some peculiar crime and grime. That mugshot could make a case for the hall of fame, to be sure. Good work.

Honorable Mention **South Cass Tribune****Miracle boy****Dennis Minich**

That X-Ray is f***ing insane. Your very own Phineas Gage. Thorough reporting on an extraordinary tale.

05.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Perry County Republic-Monitor****Not the end of the world****Robert Cox**

This is astounding, data-driven reporting on a crucial —and often under-covered — topic. Very well done. The statistics and the faces you put to this story combine to form a very potent dispatch. This is stellar work.

Second Place **The Maryville Forum****Student seeks asylum****Skye Pournazari**

An incredibly impressive portrait of an even more impressive young person. Terrific reporting on a tough, but vital topic. Well done.

Third Place **Odessan****Bates City ignores ordinance, staff connects** **Hannah Spaar**

Impressive work. This quote seems to exemplify the import and adoration this paper holds among community members:

"A profile in the newspaper awakened Lillian Sanders' hope for the property."

Way to dig, and to elevate the seemingly mundane. Nice job.

Honorable Mention **Bolivar Herald-Free Press****I've got your guy****Jill Way**

Wow. A thorough, riveting account of an absolutely wild story. Details, like this quote, are exceptional:

"There was a plate full of Totino's pizza rolls all warmed up and ready to eat. I don't think he had touched even one. The coffee pot was half full and his cup was half full. He'd just made him some and ate a few cookies. The kicker is also stellar. Congratulations on some great work."

05.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **St. Louis American****City police sued over kettling arrests****Rebecca Rivas**

This article on the one-year anniversary of an event that shouldn't have happened but is still unresolved and continuing to happen elsewhere in the country highlights the important role of the press keeping this issue and its impact on victims in the minds of the public.

Second Place **St. Louis Call Newspapers****Voters to decide fate of Missouri 'right-to-** **Gloria Lloyd**

Well written and researched explanation of the issue and inclusion of multiple perspectives on an issue that goes well beyond this local vote. It highlights the importance of newspapers in educating voters to understand both sides of the issue as they make their decision.

Third Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News****Taney County Jail nearing capacity** **Sara Karnes**

Good look at the many factors and characters involved in the jail overcrowding and good reminder to the public and city officials themselves that a solution will require consideration of all these aspects of the problem and cooperation and compromise among all parties.

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Weekend****Response Evolves to Shootings 06/02/18** **Gregg Jones**

Good choice of a subject to educate readers on this issue separate from an actual incident in the community. The quotes make the article very readable and bring home the level of preparation law enforcement must continually work to achieve in our era of school shootings.

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **West Plains Daily Quill****BreAnna's journey****Abby Hess**

Second Place **Boonville Daily News** **Inmates get their hands dirty as they get** **Claire Colby**

Third Place **Moberly Monitor-Index** **Community Kitchen volunteers look to give** **Erik Cliburn**

Honorable Mention **Daily Express & News** **A day in the life of Americans in poverty** **Jessica Karins**

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **Recovering remains: using sonar to locate** **Ann Marion**

Second Place **LakeExpo** **Humble Plumber On A Pontoon** **Nathan Bechtold**

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **Girls find strength, community in** **Madison McVan**

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Linda Powers helps husband and former** **Margaret Austin**
Brings technical medical issues to human terms in an engaging manner.

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Joplin Globe** **One year later: Nicodemus, Russell families** **Emily Younker**

Second Place **Kansas City Star** **She helped a Lansing prisoner escape in a** **Lauren Fox**

Third Place **Joplin Globe** **Kerry Sachetta's 57-year hunt for biological** **Kevin McClintock**

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe** **Local historian visits World War I sites,** **Kevin McClintock**

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **Superbubba** **Kyle Troutman**
Good detail throughout the story gives readers a strong indication of boy's resiliency. Nice touch bringing the super hero theme back to close the piece.

Second Place **The Current Local** **shop memories** **Ryan Van Winkle**
Some nice writing on display. Really sets the scene of what this man accomplished in 50 years and what he means to the community.

Third Place **South Cass Tribune** **Miracle boy** **Dennis Minich**
A stunning account of a fun day gone awry. The author uses vivid details to make readers care about the story subjects.

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Salem News****Features. Andrew Sheeley****Andrew Sheeley**

Well-written story on an emotional and difficult topic. The reporter did a good job incorporating quotes to tell the story and not interfere with the narrative. Lots of good details from the interviewee and nice flow to the piece. Makes the reader want to something.

Second Place Odessan**A winning partnership****Hannah Spaar**

Great flow and storytelling. The reporter struck a nice balance between providing information and providing an interesting narrative. Well written.

Third Place Gasconade County Republican**Korean War veteran ready to share story****Roxie Murphy**

Nice sentimental piece with great quotes and attention to detail. Good lede. The story flows well and is emotionally captivating.

Honorable Mention Odessan**Stained glass****Jordan Wright**

Well-written piece that provides great detail about an interesting and obscure topic. The lede is great.

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly****The Passion of Charlie Harris****Scott Lauck**

A fun, clean profile, offering a unique look into a unique life. The description of Charlie Harris was solid throughout. Strong quotes help lift the story.

Second Place Jefferson County Leader**Brischle 5 years later****Laura Marlow**

After only a few sentences, you know what this girl is all about and you find yourself rooting for her. Solid explanation in the piece about spina bifida and the issues patients and families face.

Third Place St. Louis Business Journal**Stitching together a plan****Veneta Rizvic**

A ton of information laid out in a concise, easy-to-understand way. This story goes in-depth to explore the history and future of fashion in St. Louis while not getting bogged down in numbers.

Honorable Mention St. Louis Business Journal**Expanding the menu****Steph Kukuljan****07.) Best News or Feature Series | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Lebanon Daily Record****Remember us: fatality fire****Steve Smith, Fines Massey, Chris Roden and Shawna Bradley**

Wow. This is such an impressive presentation and thorough reporting of a difficult subject. The design shows the weight of the story, but the reporting carries that through. From the investigation to features on the young lives lost, and even information about a similar historical event, it's easy to see the time and care that went into creating this package. Thoughtful design, well-placed articles that are strongly written and researched make this a winning entry.

Second Place Lebanon Daily Record**School bond issue****Fines Massey**

Impactful design. From the font choice to the teacher cutout and blackboard treatment on the bus issue, these stories jump off the page. Beyond the design, these are the type of articles that really make a difference in journalism. To be ahead of the levy issue and present the reasoning behind a complicated issue in such a thoughtful way is great for engaging readers and helping them to understand an issue. The only thing that could have made this an even stronger piece is to present the detractors' case more with quotes and evidence. Excellent work all around though!

Third Place West Plains Daily Quill**Child Advocacy Center****Abby Hess**

This series does an excellent job of looking at the CAC organization, process and impact in the area. The reporting is detailed and does an impressive job of following the entire chain as to how the CAC has developed, why they are taking on more cases and examining exactly what they do. An important topic, that was justly treated.

Honorable Mention West Plains Daily Quill**Parkside House history****Abby Hess**

Really nice reporting. This is an interesting subject where you do a fantastic job of looking at the council's vision compared to their actions, as well as the grassroots. efforts to save this house. Could have benefited from stronger design.

07.) Best News or Feature Series | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Columbia Missourian****Opportunity Gap****Alexis Allison, Dylan Sherman, Noah Higgins-Dunn, Sten Spinella, Kristin Blake and Annabel Ames**

In the wake of Ferguson and in light of heightened racial tension and increasing economic inequality, a critical look at the structural barriers to equal access to opportunity and their longstanding and far-reaching ripple effects. A reader service that was capped with ways in which people can join others in addressing the gaps, giving audience some sense of its own power (rather than the typical, "Wow, this is huge and really depressing and too big for me to make any difference.") Human stories reinforced by solid data reporting. Well-told. Well done.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Disconnected: A Missouriian special report** Kathryn Hardison, Lydia Nusbaum, Dylan Jackson, Mica Soellner, Trevor Hook and Annika Merrilees
Smart storytelling on an issue that on its face is not particularly sexy, but vital all the same. People throughout facing real challenges illuminated the need. Going to hotel to use wireless? Wow.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **Milked dry: Missouri's diminishing dairy** Kathryn Hardison

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Thicker than water: stories from the** Alexander Ransom, Jared Kaufman, Ann Marion, Sharon Mai and Lauren Puckett

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kansas City Star** **Stalk. Murder. Repeat.** Ian Cummings, Glenn E. Rice and Tony Rizzo
Exhaustive reporting and tight writing make this voluminous entry -- exposing how a suspected serial killer enjoyed a 50-year crime and murder spree, despite being known to police -- a compelling, and chilling, narrative throughout.

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Stolen future** Michele Munz
Dementia has been written about before, but not like this.
This series was not only beautifully written and presented digitally, it was an education. I didn't realize how little I knew, or understood, about the disease.

Third Place **Kansas City Star** **Missouri's Child Brides** Eric Adler
The writer went beyond the numbers and knee-jerk emotions for this series about "child brides" in a state that -- until the passage of a law in the wake of the series' publication -- was the easiest place in the U.S. for 15-year-olds to wed. I appreciated, too, that the paper anticipated readers would wonder how sources were found so addressed that in a separate piece, "How we found our stories."

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Lincoln New Era** **Will People Be Obsolete?** Dianne Peck
Clear communication. I enjoyed the example of logging in the Ozarks. Could have cited more current, local examples to improve the story.

Second Place **Maries County Advocate** **Bland man dead from Gunshot** Roxie Murphy and Dave Marner
Clearly written.

Third Place **Jackson County Advocate** **Soccer Complex - Gateway Village** Mary Wilson
Should state higher why this matters.

Honorable Mention **Maries County Advocate** **School Security Office** Roxie Murphy
Could use more context.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press** **Everyone's epidemic: A series focusing on** Jill Way and Jessica Franklin Maull

Second Place **Ozark County Times** **2017 Historic flood - one year later** Sue Ann Jones, Jessi Dreckman and Norene Prosocki

Third Place **Houston Herald** **Sheriff arrested** Jeff McNiell, Brad Gentry and Doug Davison

Honorable Mention **Bolivar Herald-Free Press** **From Polk County to the Governor's** Dave Berry, Jessica Franklin Maull and Jill Way

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

First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News	Stories on the duck boat tragedy that killed	Sara Karnes, John Robinson, Emily Cole and Cliff Sain
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A sad story that drew national attention. A great job covering the many aspects of it over a long period of time.

Second Place	Courier-Tribune	Stop Suicide	Amanda Lubinski, Kellie Houx and Sean Roberts
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A great two-part series that included lots of helpful sidebars.

Third Place	St. Louis American	Homegrown Black Males	Staff
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Powerful pieces in a series written by members of the community.

Honorable Mention	Northeast News	Controversial repair of deteriorating	Michael Bushnell, Paul Thompson
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08 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Lebanon Daily Record	A week Lebanon	Fines Massey
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08 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	News Tribune	Communication needed for prosecutor	Gerry Tritz
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Second Place	News Tribune	For Missouri, Greitens should resign	Gerry Tritz
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Third Place	Southeast Missourian	Hats off to developers on Courtyard	
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Honorable Mention	News Tribune	Keep faith in the Johnson Amendment	Gerry Tritz
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08 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Joplin Globe	There must be words	Staff
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I liked the brevity. The point was made without resorting to a lot of stuff we hear on radio/TV/social media.

Second Place	Kansas City Star	KC Star Greitens editorial	Melinda Henneberger and Dave Helling
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Of all the editorials about this issue, this one made its point without the need to describe the reason to resign in large details.

Third Place	Kansas City Star	KC Star Hawley editorial	Dave Helling
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Good, solid editorial position. Well-stated. There were two other entries that were better.

Honorable Mention	Joplin Globe	No excuse for ignorance of Sunshine Law	Staff
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I liked the approach to making the paper's position ..

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

First Place **St. Clair County Courier**
This first-place entry showcases not just why editorials exist, but why newspapers exist. Well done.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Citizens are not a priority for Osceola****Michael Crawford**

Second Place **The Current Local**

Redemption... and repair**Ryan Van Winkle**

Third Place **South Cass Tribune**

Decisions were difficult**Dennis Minich**

Honorable Mention **St. Clair County Courier**

It's time to remember Osceola city officials **Michael Crawford****08.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 2**

First Place **Richmond News**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Decorum, fairness still necessary****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Second Place **Richmond News**

Criminal negligence in Jeff City**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Third Place **Richmond News**

Do officeholders deserve \$77k per year**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Honorable Mention **Eldon Advertiser**

Vernon's Views**Trevor Vernon****08.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 3**

First Place **Northeast News**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Giving Voice****Michael Bushnell**

Second Place **Northeast News**

A free and unencumbered press**Michael Bushnell**

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader**

License office nonprofit**STAFF**

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Call Newspapers**

Most Misguided Quotes**Staff****09.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3**

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Subtle humor and vivid recollections drive home serious points.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Aisha Sultan columns****Aisha Sultan**

Second Place **Independence Examiner**
Frank and relatable tales with just the right wry touch.

Squeezed by government again

Jeff Fox

Third Place **St. Joseph News-Press**
Amusing recollections and a wide assortment of fun puns and devices.

Patience in the din of an aria

Ken Newton

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Webster - Kirkwood Times**

The choice of topics was pretty unique. The Nike one even allowed a plug for free speech. The use of words was impressive.

From The Editor's Desk - Don Corrigan

Don Corrigan

Second Place **Community News**

There's always a place for a writer who takes everyday occurrences and makes them funny. This writer did so without a lot of extra words.

Moore on life

Cindy Moore

09.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor**

Good descriptive writing. I especially liked the one about the thunderstorm

Writing on the Wall

Robert Cox

Second Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor**

Humor isn't always easy to find to find and I imagine the author reading random papers and tucking fun things in the file cabinet of his mind. I liked especially the woman marrying the tree.

Rose Colored Glasses

Beth Durreman

Third Place **Marshfield Mail**

Yep, these were a little wierd and I appreciate the note from the author at the beginning, but I'm guessing the newspaper's readers are more conversant with the political scene than I an and I found these quite creative.

Three columns by Dane Lale

Dane Lale

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**

Many of these entries had strong reporting to back them up, but this column rose above the rest in terms of the skill and nuance with which all that information was displayed.

The column with Bret Arbuckle was a masterful balancing act, showing the humanity of a murderer, without sliding into sympathetic territory. The underlying motivation of every voice in the story is kept well on display.

Pokin

Steve Pokin

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader**

There were a lot of editorials trashing the many objectionable facets of Geitner in this year's contest. I liked that this column focused on one facet of the story, dark money, and turned Geitner's fall from grace into a call to action to improve the state of modern politics. In all three columns, Herzog used a good amount of insight to find a clear-eyed way forward — fine advocacy journalism.

Herzog

Stephen Herzog

Third Place **Kansas City Star**

This column clearly adds a wealth of details to area news stories. By looking so much closer at older stories, or tragic stories, like the life and death of a domestic abuse victim, the author is providing local readers with valuable details about these stories. Well written and well done.

Melinda Henneberger columns

Melinda Henneberger

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe**

Personal columns are hard to judge alongside hard-hitting news columns. Still, this one stood out for its charm and openness. In talking about the role of a community editor, and about her own struggles with cancer, Stark's column became truly noteworthy.

Carol Stark

Carol Stark

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Daily Express & News**

This column was consistently short, and to the point ... and the point seemed particularly sharp. Whether it was prodding voters to care more about their local political races, or castigating state legislators to get off their duffs on a clear-cut issue, this column is aiming to truly improve the state of things.

Jason Hunsicker - My Take

Jason Hunsicker

Second Place **Sedalia Democrat**

This column showed a good range of topics, beyond just a school focus as one might expect from the author. His caring for the local schools and community come through in his writing.

Satnan columns

Bob Satnan

Third Place **Southeast Missourian** **Grieving Maryland...; First Lady...; 2018:** **Jon K. Rust**
This column's three selections indicated a column writer who truly knows his craft, his community, and the people that make it special.

Honorable Mention **Independence Examiner** **Grateful for this moment** **Jeff Fox**
Entertaining writing on simple topics many of us can relate to.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **South Cass Tribune** **Dennis Minich** **Dennis Minich**
This is a somber, touching reflection on what is clearly a very important time of year for the author. This line in particular shines with exceptional resonance: "For one day, you can do more, even if it is just cutting some home- grown flowers and putting them in a cof- fee can." Well done.

Second Place **Lincoln New Era** **So In The Echo** **Dianne Peck**
Nice kicker. Whimsical turns of phrase like "smorgasbord of snobbery" also help propel this airy prose.

Third Place **Lincoln New Era** **Enjoying The View** **Dianne Peck**
Astute reflections on family, time and weather.

Honorable Mention **Lincoln New Era** **Makes My Mouth Water** **Dianne Peck**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Salem News** **Donald Dodd** **Donald Dodd**
These personal stories tell readers a little bit about the writer, but also help explore larger stories too - immigration, the unending dedication of local journalism, ect.

Second Place **Marshfield Mail** **Three columns by Dane Lale** **Dane Lale**
Writing about becoming a new parent might have come off as pedestrian, but this writer managed to do it with enough wit and skillful turns of phrase that it maintains its charm.

Third Place **Marshfield Mail** **Three columns by Karen Craigo** **Karen Craigo**
Earnest and informative. This community is lucky to have such an editor on the beat.

Honorable Mention **Douglas County Herald** **The Snoop** **Sue Curry Jones**
This column, with its family focus, rich in details and heartfelt, is surely a highlight for many readers.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Peggy Bess** **Peggy Bess**
Bess' columns are written in such a snappy and conversational way that even the murkiest of political tales becomes entertaining and easy to follow.

Second Place **St. Louis Call Newspapers** **Mike Anthony's Columns** **Mike Anthony**
Naming names and calling for specific change will forever be the hallmarks of strong column writing, and this column features plenty of both.

Third Place **St. Louis American** **Best Serious Columnist - Mike Jones** **Mike Jones**
This column tackles difficult issues of race and racism, and does so with well-reasoned and researched arguments.

Honorable Mention **Jefferson County Leader** **Patrick Martin** **Pat Martin**
Well-written and practical in tone.

11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Lebanon Daily Record****Remember Us****Fines Massey**

The emotion in this photograph carries it for me. I would have liked to have seen the photographer get a bit closer, or including more of the memorial items. Right now this feels a little awkward in distance, but the emotion of the moment and context of the memorial behind the embracing couple make it the winner for me.

Second Place West Plains Daily Quill**Crash****Kim Langston**

This is a solid news image with context and some action. These photos are always hard to take, but I think the photographer did a good job making a sensitive image that shows the news of the situation.

Third Place Lake Sun Leader**Playing at the Hillbilly Fair****Mitch Prentice**

This is a very nice moment from a general news event, but I would encourage the photographer to watch the background. Without the visual merger this frame would have been stronger. Nice moment though.

11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Southeast Missourian****Scott City school lock down****Kassi Jackson**

In situations with high emotional impact and news value, but little to actually photograph, it can be difficult to make compelling, storytelling images. This photographer succeeded in finding a quiet moment that will resonate with readers. Well-done, and a clear first place.

Second Place Southeast Missourian**Fire destroys home****Ben Matthews**

Often what editors are looking for in a photograph is demonstrated intent by the photographer: did they simply snap a photo or did they take the time to think through the use of light, moment and composition? This is an example of a spot news situation shot well and I appreciate that the photographer was considering more factors than just the moment to make a photograph.

Third Place Columbia Missourian**Braden Grathwohl, 11, watches his father,****Abigail Young**

Weather news is a pretty common assignment, and this photographer went above and beyond to make an interesting and surprising photograph. This is well-shot and I applaud the photographer for making an usual image from a usual assignment.

Honorable Mention Southeast Missourian**Stabbing on North Park****Ben Matthews**

This image isn't shot as well as the other winners - the photographer could have taken a step to the right and gotten down to eliminate the grill from the frame, for example - but the news value of this image is high, and I want to recognize that the photographer made an emotionally impactful image from a spot news assignment where the main news events had long since ended.

11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Gas Station Protest****David Carson**

This image documents an emotional moment, composed well amid a chaotic scene.

Second Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch**NRA Protest****Robert Cohen**

Not sure if this was a planned protest or not, but it's an unexpected picture from an otherwise very typical parade scene.

Third Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch**Cop Comfort****J. B. Forbes**

This is a strong photo from a breaking news scene. Not only do we get a sense of the crash scene, but there is a tender moment between this little girl and the police officer that immediately grabs attention and brings readers emotionally into the scene.

Honorable Mention Springfield News-Leader**Tia Coleman****Andrew Jansen**

This image captures raw emotion with a sympathetic eye, but it could be even stronger with some further cropping.

11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place The Current Local****Tool Time Riverways****Mike Grassham**

This photo stood out as the winner instantly. The composition makes it look professional rather than a snapshot. Extra impressive that this pic managed to stand out among some of the others that were of much more exciting, action-packed content.

Second Place Maries County Advocate**Garage attack****Dave Merner**

There were several firefighting photos in this contest, but this one was special. It felt very close to the action. Being close enough to see the basketball hoop and the Christmas lights made me think about the family affected by the fire. There was something nice about the symmetry of the garage as well.

Third Place Lexington News

The photo itself grabs your attention. It being the same size as the other photos on the page make it stand out less. It's good to see newspapers recognize their really good photos and make them dominant. Also, this photo should be straightened out. Sometimes the an intentional angle can add to a photo, but when it's just off a little, it's better to correct it.

Bushwhacker gets whacked**Joe Parmon****Honorable Mention Maries County Advocate**

This was the most impressive fire pictured in this contest, but the photo fell a bit short. The left tree makes for some interesting framing, but the tree and house on the right take away from the framing. Don't love the blanket either. The photo is good, but I think it had potential to be better.

Box of Fire**Jacob Warden****11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Houston Herald**

I was struck by the juxtaposition of the fire engine amid an otherwise idyllic scene. The inclusion of the white picket fence was smart. Well composed frame of an urgent news situation.

Water cannon**Doug Davison****Second Place The Maryville Forum**

Finding weather features are something news photographers are constantly doing and they can often be quite boring. This is a good example of a weather photo. The photographer captured the movement of the blowing snow and the expression of frustration on the subjects face. The image is well composed and is descriptive the scene

Winter misery ravages**Anthony Brown****Third Place Richmond News**

Sometimes in smaller communities, it's hard to show this type of image. We applaud this photographer for making the hard image in this situation.

Two injured in wreck**Teresa Shaw****Honorable Mention Bowling Green Times**

Good composition including a human walking through this fire scene.

Fire Destroys Rural Pike County Home**Ethan Colbert****11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday**

The is not a perspective you see everyday, which is probably the biggest reason it catches the eye. Making it huge shows confidence that it's a worthwhile shot, too. It gets the job done, drawing the reader in to the story.

Bridge Ceremony Saturday**Jeanne Miller-Wood****Second Place St. Louis American**

Many of the entries have a snapshot quality about them, but this photo is deliberately framed, showing the police, the suspect, the protesters and the business, without feeling distant from the action.

Gas Mart**Wiley Price****Third Place Jefferson County Leader**

The clarity of the bull is amazing, and this is a photo that takes the viewer right to the action. I do think it could be cropped tighter to have more emphasis on the subject.

Hanging on**Ron Rigdon****Honorable Mention Webster - Kirkwood Times**

This picture captures the human side of why this sign is important. Better composition would have likely put this one in the top 3.

Dedication of Officer Blake Snyder Highway**Diana Linsley****12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Lake Sun Leader**

Good expressions on a tough human story.

Light Up the Night at the Bagnell Dam**Mitch Prentice****Second Place West Plains Daily Quill**

Great closeup.

Dragonfly**Kim Langston****Third Place Lake Sun Leader**

Good action and face.

Swift Water Rescue Training**Mitch Prentice****Honorable Mention West Plains Daily Quill**

Good face!

Snow day**Kim Langston**

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 2

First Place **Southeast Missourian**
Strong light and compositions in this whole series. Great emotional story, easily the best entry.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Great use of light to tell his story.

Third Place **Southeast Missourian**
Fun mix of photos and faces--I liked how you went high and low.

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian**
Good angle and the face makes it.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Inaugural flag retirement ceremony****Levi Bedall****Jackson Homecomers****Hoops at Capaha Park***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Kassi Jackson****Jessi Dodge****Ben Matthews****Ben Matthews****12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 3**

First Place **Joplin Globe**
Great color and expression. I like how you used the whole frame. Well done.

Second Place **Kansas City Star**
Good to have them connected, but not posing looking at the camera. What youngsters!

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Fun because of its unusualness. Fun feature story photo.

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader**
Great hug. You could lose the whole left half and have a higher-placing photo. It's all about the faces.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Martin Luther King balloon day****Child Bride****Bathrobe Shoveler****Ozark Empire Fair***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Roger Nomer****Tammy Ljungblad****Robert Cohen****Andrew Jansen****12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1**

First Place **Maries County Advocate**
Great photo. Capturing a great moment. Right place, right time, right shot.

Second Place **Shannon County Current Wave**
The best scenic photo I've judged so far in the contest.

Third Place **The Current Local**
Great use of light while avoiding distraction of a portrait shot that feels very authentic.

Honorable Mention **Clinton County Leader**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Dumping Pig****Still Waters****With A Little Help 8-16-18****Water Fight***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Jacob Warden****Roger Dillon****Mike Grassham****Brett Adkison****12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2**

First Place **Houston Herald**
Great job getting a photo inside a photo and making this an interesting image to look at. Reflections, shadows and different angles can add to the aesthetics.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Homecoming 9-20-18***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Jeff McNiell**

Second Place	Odessan	Puddle Jumpers! 8-9-18	Hannah Spaar
Third Place	Richmond News	Fancy colors	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Honorable Mention	California Democrat	Scooped, drizzled and sprinkled	Michelle Brooks

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Washington Missourian, Wednesday Great photo. Good use of getting a good angle on the photo and capturing a great image.	Mmm Doughnut! 07/25/18	Jeanne Miller-Wood
Second Place	St. Louis Business Journal Great portrait shot that played very well with the design.	Andy Leek	Dilip Vishwanat
Third Place	Webster - Kirkwood Times	Beach & Bubbles At Affton Community	Ursula Ruhl
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Business Journal	Cynthia Chapple 07-06-18	Dilip Vishwanat

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Hannibal Courier-Post	Corner of his muddy eye	Mathew Kirby
Second Place	Lake Sun Leader	Camdenton Mid-Air Interception	Mitch Prentice
Third Place	Monett Times	Lady Cubs Championship	Jared Lankford

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Southeast Missourian Unusual angle, great composition and peak action	Vying for rebound	Tyler Graef
Second Place	Southeast Missourian Again peak action but surprising composition with all the arm action	Dives for ball	Tyler Graef
Third Place	News Tribune Rare angle of a slide at home	Out at home	Jason Strickland
Honorable Mention	Southeast Missourian Great action in a "sport" that few of us have ever seen before	Mud volleyball	Ben Matthews

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Kansas City Star**
Mahomes was the NFL story of the year and this picture says it all.**Mahomes southpaw pass****John Sleezer****Second Place** **Columbia Daily Tribune**
Perfect timing, ball just going into the cup, woods expression and the hole that clinched 2nd place**18th Hole Heroics****Hunter Dyke****Third Place** **Kansas City Star**
A great touchdown photo**Touchdown reception****John Sleezer****Honorable Mention** **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Successful multi exposure that grabs attention and makes a beautiful photo**Gymnastic Moves****Robert Cohen****13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Maries County Advocate**
Perfect focus, perfect timing. The expressions make it a fun picture, but it clearly took a skilled photographer to capture it.**GRRRRR of a Chamption****Jacob Warden****Second Place** **Maries County Advocate**
Unique perspective made this photo stand out from others, but it's also a technically strong photo. At first I didn't like the right edge of the goal being visible, as I thought it was distracting, but the more I looked at it, the more the creative, asymmetrical framing grew on me. Take those chances.**Goalie Dive****Neal Johnson****Third Place** **Cassville Democrat**
Love this five-on-one moment. It really captures the gritty nature of the game. It's also framed really well. It placed third simply because it took more effort to pick out what was happening in the photo, partially because of the darkness, partially because that's how football plays tend to be.**Streak Stops****Kyle Troutman****Honorable Mention** **The Current Local**
This was a great moment to capture, and the photo has such depth! I was drawn to the ump, then the players in the foreground, and finally the fans in the background, and they all told a part of the story. Great photo, well framed, but honorable mention because it borders on a reaction type picture.**She's in There****Mike Grassham****13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Christian County Headliner News****At the Plate****Pat Dailey****Second Place** **The Maryville Forum****Feuer****Jon Dykstra****Third Place** **Odessan****Miracle catch****Kory Hales****Honorable Mention** **Ozark County Times****Jalen Evans****Karla Smith****13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Washington Missourian, Wednesday****Sliding Snag****Bill Battle**

Second Place	Washington Missourian, Weekend	Flying to the Title 04141518	Bill Battle
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	Levitation, 9-13	Ted Howell
Honorable Mention	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Roadblock	Arron Hustead

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Lake Sun Leader	Celebrating a win at state	Michael Losch
This is a nicely composed celebration frame. The photographer utilized a low angle to clean up the background and focus on the emotion of the subject.			
Second Place	Monett Times	Purdy Bird Fight	Jared Lankford
Despite the image being slightly overexposed, this frame captured solid jubilation from this team. It's nice to be able to see fans clapping in the background as well.			
Third Place	Lake Sun Leader	Winning a district championship	Michael Losch
A good job by the photographer capturing a moment on the sideline during the heat of the moment.			
Honorable Mention	Lake Sun Leader	3rd place at state	Michael Losch
Some nice emotion on the podium, but could have framed this a little better, cropping out the half-face on the left and getting slightly lower to clean up the background completely.			

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Southeast Missourian	SE football practice	Ben Matthews
This is a fun moment away from the field. The subjects are comfortable with the photographer's presence and I appreciate that the photographer made the extra effort to stay after practice to capture this moment.			
Second Place	News Tribune	Touchdown reaction	Jenna Kieser
Great reaction to a play. So many good faces- it's not often that so many people in the same frame are making the same facial expression.			
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Battle linebacker Elias Edwards shows his	Antranik Tavitian
Some nice emotion and good access during a state playoff game. We appreciate the effort to get into the locker room at half-time.			
Honorable Mention	Southeast Missourian	Scott City baseball loss	Ben Matthews
The photo submitted to this competition feels like an almost moment. The similar image included in the supplemental materials is the superior image with the decisive moment and a better crop.			

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	Tiger Feels the Heat	Hunter Dyke
The first place image is nice and tight. It does show that the famous golfer "feels the heat." Very sharp and it is the cleanest image out of all submissions.			
Second Place	Kansas City Star	Tyreek Hill cameraman	John Sleezer
Great wide angle of the environment of an professional football game. Along with the moment captured with a well-known player.			
Third Place	Springfield News-Leader	Huddle	Andrew Jansen
Great capture of something rarely seen inside a tight huddle.			

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader**
Great reaction shot with good lighting. The upper right hand cut-off pushed this photo down a notch.

Celebration

Andrew Jansen

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Clinton County Leader**

Spotlight

Brett Adkison

Second Place **Maries County Advocate**

Tough Win

Jacob Warden

Third Place **The Current Local**

Redbirds Earn Title

Mike Grassham

Honorable Mention **Clinton County Leader**

Heartbreaker

Clint Dye

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Houston Herald**
The photo says it all. No caption needed.

Practice with Marines

Jeff McNiell

Second Place **Richmond News**
Brings out the passion of the game. Even without winning a game.

Fading memories

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Third Place **Houston Herald**
Layered well with emotions in one frame.

Moment of silence

Jeff McNiell

Honorable Mention **Bowling Green Times**
Very clean.

Triumphant Return, Kyle Horner, Pole Vault **Ethan Colbert**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**

Lucky

Bill Battle

Second Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend**

Overtime Buzzer Beater

Arron Husted

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**

More Cowbell

Bill Battle

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**

Headed for Cape

Bill Battle

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Lebanon Daily Record	Teacher turnover	Shawna Bradley
Second Place	Lebanon Daily Record	Missouri votes	Shawna Bradley

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian Very creative way to illustrate the story!	The Last Straw November 2018	Julia Hansen
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Fall Arts Guide October 2018	N. Andrew Dent III
Third Place	Southeast Missourian	Elsie Miller	Kassi Jackson
Honorable Mention	Southeast Missourian	Beauty of the line	Kassi Jackson

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	Left in the Dark, Pt. 1	Jacob Lichman and Don Shrubshell
Second Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	Left in the Dark, Pt 2	Don Shrubshell and Jacob Lichman
Third Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Summer Cherries	Hillary Levin
Honorable Mention	Springfield News-Leader	Best Photo Illustration - Obediah Church	Andrew Jansen

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Cassville Democrat Attention grabbing layout for a big game.	Cat Scratch Fever	Kyle Troutman
Second Place	Clinton County Leader This seems to be an individual photo that doesn't fit the criteria for this entry.	Swing	Brett Adkison

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Houston Herald	Snapshot	Jeff McNiell

Second Place	Richmond News	Cocaine	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Third Place	Richmond News	Opioids	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Honorable Mention	Richmond News	Prop A	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis Business Journal	Tech shortage	Michael Behrens
The Arch as a broken electrical plug? Love the concept, the artwork compels the eye to see what it is.			
Third Place	St. Louis Business Journal	Airplane	Michael Behrens
Eye-catching use of contrasting ideas combining an airplane and paper.			

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Lebanon Daily Record	Active shooter training	Steve Smith
The pictures picked really give a feel for all that happened at the drill. Nice job using some close ups and other wider shots to show context. Paired with headline, it is an eye catching package.			
Second Place	Lebanon Daily Record	Kids Fishing Day	Chris Roden
Good variety of photos, and the arrangement isn't too blocky, which makes the whole package nice to look at. The one negative, is the framing of the photo on the left in the middle row. The people cut off in the background distract from the subject.			
Third Place	West Plains Daily Quill	Monster trucks	Cody Sanders
Liked that there was a large dominant photo to draw you in at the top. The second large photo is good quality, but it's just a bit too similar to the first one to make it seem worth being so large.			
Honorable Mention	West Plains Daily Quill	Let it snow	Regina Mozingo and Katie Dudden
Beautiful cardinal photo and a fun headline. The whole package was visually pleasing with quality photos, but they didn't quite compete with the less posed entries.			

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Southeast Missourian	Izaak Pursley: Going beneath the surface	Kassi Jackson
The photographer did a great job bringing the subject closer to the readers. You can feel his personality with the power of the right moments captured of the subject from the public to home.			
Second Place	Southeast Missourian	Forgetting the neigh-sayers	Kassi Jackson
Another strong story of a inspiring subject captured by the photographer.			
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Thunderstruck	Liv Paggiarino, Jacob Moscovitch, Clare Roth
Great use of feature images when the game is delayed.			
Honorable Mention	News Tribune	Blair Oaks vs. Lathrop	Jason Strickland and Jenna Kieser
Great moments captured of the passion from a single game of football.			

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Springfield News-Leader****Medical Marijuana****Andrew Jansen**

This is the most emotional and complete photo package in this round of submissions. From the highs and lows, the photographer captured the emotions and with great lighting needed to make the story stronger.

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader****Dying Dad****Nathan Papes**

This is another emotional story and the photographer was there to bring attention to the readers.

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****The Dream Goes On****Robert Cohen**

This went beyond the typical parade and went into history with the moments captured today.

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader****Hit By Truck****Andrew Jansen**

Strong story but difficult way to shoot it. The photographer made sure her story was told.

16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Maries County Advocate****Belle Fire****Dave Marner****Second Place** **Maries County Advocate****Donkey Basketball****Jacob Warden****Third Place** **Maries County Advocate****Dancers****Jacob Warden****Honorable Mention** **Maries County Advocate****Bland Fire****Jacob Warden****16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Gasconade County Republican****Graduation****Dave Marner, Jacob Warden and Dennis Warden**

This was a clear winner for me. First and foremost, every image here is a purely documentary - this is a group of images that are true to the spirit and events of the day. There is good visual diversity displayed in the images and the coverage of the event is thorough. I would say there are perhaps two or three too many photographs on the page, but I appreciate that there's a clear dominate image.

Second Place **Gasconade County Republican****Tea Fire Calls****Dave Marner**

While there are about four photos too many on this page, I applaud the staff's dedication to keep with a news event - and to take the hard photograph of the family mourning the loss of their home. A good example of community journalism.

The package would have been stronger if the two bottom images had not been included and the two small images on the top half had been played larger. Playing better images larger and cutting weaker images will make your storytelling more clear and your display

Third Place **Houston Herald****Football practice with marines****Jeff McNiell**

Many of these entries featured too many photographs that were redundant to the overall storytelling. This use of one really good photo well on the front cover with a limited package inside features nothing but strong images that tell the story well. Nicely done.

Honorable Mention **Richmond News****Start your engines****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Nice moments here! I would argue that a few of these images are repetitive, and I would have rather seen other pictures of the sidelines, crowd or winners celebrating included here.

16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **St. Louis Business Journal****30 Under 30****Dilip Vishwanat**

Second Place	Courier-Tribune	Jesse James Festival	Kellie Houx
Third Place	St. Louis American	UniverSoul	Melvin Moore
Honorable Mention	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	2018 WASHINGTON TOWN & COUNTRY	Staff

17.) Community Service | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Kansas City Star	Town halls tackle government secrecy	Laura Bauer, Hunter Woodall and Bryan Lowry
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To see a paper rally so much public and political attention to the important topic of transparency, and see it actually help pay off by effecting real change, is inspiring and commendable.

Second Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Stolen future	Staff
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Congratulations on telling so many of our stories, through the intimate tale of one woman's struggles with dementia. The heart with which the story was handled, as well as the amount of community engagement it garnered, is a credit to the skill and dedication of the paper's staff.

Third Place	Springfield News-Leader	Milly Sawyers	Giacomo Bologna
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It takes courage and dedication to look so hard at the darker chapters of any community's history. Well done on telling a story long untold.

Honorable Mention	Kansas City Star	What's your KCQ? We answer your	Rick Montgomery, Michael Wells, Mary Kate Metivier, Bill Turque and Joanna Marsh
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What fun story ideas this garnered. This type of feature should probably be a feature of every major metro daily.

17.) Community Service | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	News Tribune	A Christmas Wish	Staff
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A new, and impactful way of writing about holiday charitable giving, making full use of multimedia to tell the stories.

Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Columbia Missourian Progress Awards	Missourian Staff
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The amount of work, community buy-in, and layout polish that went into this entry was truly impressive.

Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Columbia Missourian Regional Spelling Bee	Nancy Coleman and Elena K. Cruz
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What a great way to celebrate the bright students in the community. The coverage article photographs were delightful.

Honorable Mention	Moberly Monitor-Index	Fire department's unfunded needs pile up	Erik Cliburn
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17.) Community Service | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Cassville Democrat	Breast Cancer Community Service	Staff
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Nice work covering an issue that affects so many of our readers. Like the personal stories that bring the issue home, along with the educational pieces. Also nice that you contribute as a paper to the cause. Good work.

17.) Community Service | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Richmond News	OPIOIDS	Jack "Miles" Ventinglia
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News outlets all over the country are struggling with this issue — but few have tackled it so thoroughly, from so many angles and at just the right time to make a real local impact.

Second Place **Bowling Green Times** **People of Pike: 11 People Who Through** **Ethan Colbert, Linda Luebrecht and Kyle Boaz**
 These are all wonderful, important stories, but I wonder if they'd have had more impact as a series rather than all together in a single special issue.

Third Place **Houston Herald** **Herald's role in Downtown Houston's major** **Brad Gentry**
 The Melba is clearly a major resource to the community, but the creation of a separate organization makes it a little difficult to gauge the paper's involvement as an organization — as opposed to staffers wearing many hats.

17.) Community Service | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Leader Teen Advisory Board** **STAFF**
 What a wonderful project! Love it so much, I think we'll steal it. Great way to get younger voices into the paper, create community connections and provide an important public service. Engaging our young community members is crucial to the future of journalism. So well done. Congratulations on an innovative and unique way to further community relationships and journalism as a whole.

Second Place **St. Louis American** **Salute to Excellence in Education** **Staff**
 This is a truly commendable service project that makes a difference in your community. I would have liked to know more about the 2018 recipients and the difference it is making in their lives.

Third Place **St. Louis Call Newspapers** **Call Newspapers sponsors USO of Missouri** **Deb Baker, Pat Dillon, Gloria Lloyd and Erin Achenbach**
 This is a great community service and has done so much to improve the involvement of the community the paper serves. However, I think you could do much more in terms of depth stories that highlight the issue: Why do military families need this help? How has this become an issue in our country? There are many elements here that would be worth exploring. Great project.

18.) Best Editorial Pages | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Staff**
 Powerful editorial on St. Louis' Tourist Distraction, the profound problem of urban blight. The editorial makes clear the incredible magnitude of the problem, "Nearly a fifth of all 129,000 properties in the city are now vacant. There are 7,663 vacant buildings spread across St. Louis..." but also finds hope in the proposal by relatively new mayor Lyda Krewson to address it. Furthermore, there is no quick fix, but there should be no delay in getting on with it. If Detroit can deal with it, maybe St. Louis can, too. This is a great local editorial. The range of editorials, from local, including the one just mentioned, to state (Ethics on Demand) to national (Party-wide lie) is exceptional. Some felt a little long, but the comprehensive knowledge of subject and structurally sound and engaging writing carries

Second Place **Kansas City Star** **Colleen Nelson, Melinda Henneberger, Dave Helling, Derek Donovan, Toriano Porter and Steve Kraske**
 Articulate, thoughtful, well-reasoned and strong without invective or personal attack, the staff written editorials are exemplary. The farewell to Gov. Eric Greitens was a classic, sober and regretful, a good sendoff for a governor who proved to have no class at all. Very nice work by veteran columnist Dave Helling. And good work by Melinda Henneberger taking on a bit of phony outrage in the U. S. Senate race, articulating calmly and clearly, no, she really didn't do that! Guest columns by a dreamer and a survivor of the Virginia Tech school shooting in the wake of Parkland show a commitment to publishing relevant voices from outside on critical, topical issues.

Third Place **Joplin Globe** **Staff**
 Good mix of local columns and opinions, with not everyone, apparently, writing from the same point of view. The same pages that endorsed medical marijuana and Claire McCaskill have a columnist writing that the nation will experience a "house of horrors" should the Democrats retake the U.S. House last November. Definitely learned something about the lay of the land in Southwest Missouri from reading these pages.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune**
 Nice to have the firm, steady hand of columnist Hank Waters. Excellent Greitens editorial, with the (dare we say it) sarcastic notion that the governor's attorney owes him a full refund. Also liked having expert guest columnists taking on issues of local import, including the widely claimed but totally unlikely assertion that city of Columbia has more than \$300 million stashed in a Swiss bank account.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **News Tribune**
 The News Tribune editorial page is unique in many ways, most visibly with the presence of local editorial cartoonist Jim Dyke, a rarity these days in any small to mid-market paper and a welcome sight. The editorials are about local issues, local being the entire state of Missouri and the Capitol, right there in Jefferson City. Most were strong, good-government initiatives, along with a tip of the hat to the governor for his last second signature on a bill raising the age of marriage from 15 to 16, which would help Missouri shed its child marriage reputation. Good use of recurring guest columnists.

Second Place **Lebanon Daily Record** **Fines Massey**
 Reading the editorial page of the Lebanon Daily Record feels like visiting with a good neighbor. Joan Hart's columns are friendly and wise and tough when they need to be (drunk drivers, stupid doctors etc.) One editorial was a strong tutorial on why the paper doesn't identify victims of sexual assault (apparently unlike a certain Springfield TV station) and editor Fines Massey offered a nicely written tribute on the death of Sen. John McCain. I have a feeling that if I live in Lebanon or Laclede County, as a reader I would be spending a lot of time with these folks.

Third Place **Southeast Missourian**
 Thoughtful columns by local publishers, clearly of a political mindset that must play well in Southeast Missouri, are the constant in these pages. The most dynamic edition deals with President Trump's visit to Cape Girardeau in the closing days of the midterm elections to campaign for the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate (he won). The Southeast Missourian had an editorial welcoming Trump to town and inviting everyone pro and con to behave, in addition to five guest columnists, two Cape Girardeau residents on either side of the Trump divide, a historian, a former lieutenant governor and mayor. A very nice idea to get these divergent viewpoints lined up and published on the same day.

18.) Best Editorial Pages | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Jefferson County Leader** **Staff**
 This was the best combination of all judging criteria.

Second Place **Northeast News**
I like the design here and the cartoons of the staff members.

Northeast News editorial pages

Michael Bushnell and Bryan Stalder

Third Place **St. Louis American**
This was probably the best and most thought-provoking content but less visually appealing.

St. Louis American Editorials

Editorial Board

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Christian County Headliner News**
Honest and heartfelt writing and selections. If this is the personality of the paper, I imagine almost everyone thinks it's likable, and even those who don't admit it's respected. Nice work.

Christian County Headliner News editorial **Staff**

Second Place **Bowling Green Times**
Powerful selection of issues and offerings. Lots of thoughtful inclusions.

Bowling Green Times Entry

Ethan Colbert, Liz O'Farrell and Linda Luebrecht

Third Place **Richmond News**
Lively voices. Great art and a compelling playful appeal.

Editorial Pages

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald**

Best Editorial Page - Houston Herald

Brad Gentry

19.) Best Sports Pages | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Beautifully designed, with nice headline choices and a wide breadth of coverage. The columns were also entertaining and thought-provoking and the photography is excellent.

Staff

Second Place **Kansas City Star**
Best section front headlines in the category. Also a nice balance of articles combining commentary with features and game previews/wrap-ups. It's also nice to see a wide variety of sports covered throughout each edition.

The Kansas City Star

Third Place **Quincy Herald - Whig**
Really nice photography and design, and strong columns. Great feature stories as well, paired with the impressive design.

Staff

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader**
Fantastic section front design, but it doesn't carry through the section. The feature stories are great, but it'd be nice to see more original reporting as well.

Staff

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **News Tribune**

News Tribune Staff

Second Place **Southeast Missourian**

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
The scope of content is strong, the writing is good, stories interesting.

Missourian Staff

19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Louis American**

Interesting and compelling writing made this a clear standout in the category. Strong P1 layouts draw focus on the story, good ledes bring reader into the story.

Earl Austin Jr., Ishmael Sistrunk, Alvin Reid and Tashon Reed**Second Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday**

Packed a lot of coverage into the issue. Layout utilizes a lot of color, writing could use more.

Bill Battle and Arron Husted**19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Richmond News**

Innovative. I can tell these guys are having fun with their layout, photos and stories. Loved the movie column, miscue photo.

Shawn Roney and Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**Second Place Houston Herald**

Nice use of color boxes that isn't too much, liked the incorporation of logos, and the Monopoly layout is super cool.

Jeff McNiell**Third Place Cassville Democrat**

Top 10 list is well done. Nice layout, clean, good mix of fonts. Thoughtful column. You can tell this designer cares about the community.

Staff**Honorable Mention The Maryville Forum**

Very clean layout. Sections are jam-packed with local sports. Solid.

Jon Dykstra**20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Daily Express & News**

Great reporting. Multiple sources. Well constructed. Good close. Hard to find much fault here.

Truman cuts men's tennis, wrestling**Austin Miller****Second Place Lake Sun Leader**

Great story. Well handled. Good construction. It's single source dependent, but it's a pretty good source. Strong closing.

Eldon's Gulshen enshrined in Missouri**Michael Losch****Third Place Daily Express & News**

Good lede. Great game recap. Really well constructed. Gives a real good sense of place for the team historically. Not easy to do.

Gophers bound for Final Four**Austin Miller****Honorable Mention Monett Times**

Interesting story. Well reported. Well written.

Class by Themselves**Jared Lankford****20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Columbia Missourian**

Wow. Really great, deep, balanced reporting on a topic that was not as clear-cut in this area as in others. Story telling approach is varied well. Just really well done all the way around.

Football on the Defensive: Columbia**Ryan Herrera, Matt Antonic, Jake Sutherlin and Langston Newsome****Second Place Columbia Missourian**

Really great and indepth reporting here. The lede of the story is crafted well. It's puts you with the family right off the bat. Then it comes back to that. Well done.

'A brutal blow:' Reactions to Jontay Porter's**Reed Koutelas and David Sack****Third Place Independence Examiner**

What a story. Great lede with a great story. Maybe could have blended the drama of the game and the apologetic coach better, but it got my attention and kept me reading.

Unlikely hero lifts Wildcats**Michael Smith**

Honorable Mention Columbia Missourian

Solid in-depth report. A lot going on here. "Legacy" subhead is a story in itself. Touches a lot of points in a lot of ways.

Sometimes it's not in our hands:' MU looks Eli Lederman**20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Clinton County Leader****Lathrop State Semifinal****Brett Adkison and Clint Dye**

A great lede helped carry this detailed and well-constructed package to a first-place prize. This was clearly a major deal for the school and the community, and you nailed the delivery with a balanced combination of excitement and aplomb.

Second Place Cassville Democrat**Wildcats Keep Singing****Kyle Troutman**

Reports on what songs are consistently coming out of locker room speakers only come from dogged sports journalists. You brought the reader inside the mechanics of the team during a clearly exciting run. Kudos.

Third Place Maries County Advocate**Congrats Eagles****Will Johnson and Jacob Warden**

An exhaustive, extensively detailed account of an impressive season. Kudos.

Honorable Mention Jackson County Advocate**State Champions - Basketball****Brent Kalwei**

Well-executed, extensive gamer with sturdy quotes. This one up top really stuck out: "We knew we had to be in the mode of taking the name of Raytown South off of their uniform."

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Marshfield Mail****Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?****Dane Lale**

Great headline, scene setting and all-around writing — to say nothing of the photos and layout.

Second Place The Maryville Forum**Going out on top****Jon Dykstra**

The story really captures the kid/coach connection — and the photos are great.

Third Place Richmond News**Winless Spartans****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

It takes talent to write about a losing game with every bit as much drama as a win.

Honorable Mention Houston Herald**Bad dudes****Jeff McNiell**

Great lede; great quotes.

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday****Pacific Wins District****Bill Battle and Arron Husted**

Battle has the art of sports writing down pat, from the lede to the final line. Very few folks can catch the quotes, the stats and shoot too.

Second Place Washington Missourian, Wednesday**State Track****Arron Husted and Bill Battle**

Husted rounds out a clearly stellar team — I'm not sure how anyone else keeps up.

Third Place St. Louis Business Journal**\$55.7M in bonds for Blues ice complex****Nathan Rubbelke**

The factbox and bullet points create a very readable package — exactly what the experts keep telling us all to do.

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Trenton Republican-Times****Tolson's Trek 1-30-18****Seth Herrold**

One of the more engaging stories in this class. It certainly builds the most tension. Good job putting the reader in that spot, the spot before hitting a milestone.

Second Place **Lake Sun Leader** **Raising the expectations at Eldon** **Michael Losch**
I dig this story and these types of stories. Great coverage of an event that could have been easily handled very badly. Well done. Good story.

Third Place **Lake Sun Leader** **The Hillbilly Hammer** **Michael Losch**
Story does suck you in. Photo makes it look like he was interview in the gym. Maybe more description of that moment. Use the other sense like smell and sound. Solidly done though.

Honorable Mention **Lake Sun Leader** **Camdenton grad preps on Lake of the** **Michael Losch**
Nice story. Nice description in there from the subject on what it is like to row. There was a father/daughter element at the beginning that was lost by the end. Would have like to have seen that brought back at the end.

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Southeast Missourian	Apple doesn't fall far for Crosnoe family	Phillip Suitts
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	The winner of this race? Sportsmanship	DJ McGuire
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	'Make an impact': Are all those Missouri	Eli Lederman
Honorable Mention	Southeast Missourian	Making noise: Small, quiet and productive	Phillip Suitts

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	Former college football player Tabb looks	Daniel Jones
Second Place	Springfield News-Leader	Fight For Life	Wyatt D. Wheeler
Third Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	Visit with Cuonzo Martins helps Illinois teen	Cameron Teague Robinson
Honorable Mention	Springfield News-Leader	Call Her Coach	Wyatt D. Wheeler

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	South Cass Tribune	Rai of Sunshine	Dennis Minich
No doubt. Best one of the bunch. The reporter did some research, wasn't maudlin about presenting the story. The right people said the right things.			
Second Place	Clinton County Leader	Mules End Streak	Brett Adkison
Appears as though the writer has been in the area for a while .. or he does a lot of research .. or knows who to ask .. the best part was avoiding a lot of clichés to tell the story.			
Third Place	Jackson County Advocate	Haynes continues to carry records and	Brent Kalwei
The writer "painted" a great picture .. just the right length for this type of story.			

Honorable Mention Jackson County Advocate

Good solid "local player does well" type of story.

Williams signs to play with his hometown

Brent Kalwei

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place The Maryville Forum

Mosley: No stranger

Jon Dykstra

Love the non-sports take on the sports star. Nicely woven together feature with quotes from dad and daughter. Well done.

Second Place Richmond News

Missouri Wrestling

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Solid story and package.

Third Place Marshfield Mail

Strafford girls poised to have strongest

Dane Lale

Best lede in the bunch. Engaging writing.

Honorable Mention Richmond News

Hooves and Horns

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Nice feature on a nontraditional sport, athlete. Great photos, package all by one journalist.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place St. Louis American

Six minutes of glory

Ishmael Sistrunk

The word choice and quotes in this story elevate the storytelling far above the other profile entries. From a honey bun affinity to they yin and yang description of the duo, the reader knows these two athletes by the end of the story (and is cheering for their success.) This is everything a profile of an athlete should be.

Second Place St. Louis Business Journal

PGA Championship's impact

Nathan Rubbelke

This story had an incredible amount of data, entry points and full coverage of the event and what it means to the city. storytelling flowed easily.

Third Place Community News

Going for gold

Brett Auten

This story was clean and covered the drama of what this young athlete had gone through without overdramatizing his story.

Honorable Mention St. Louis American

'Sky is the limit'

Tashon Reed

22.) Best Sports Columnist | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Ben Frederickson

This story succeeds in finding hope in tragedy. It recognizes the importance sports plays in life, while also acknowledging there are also much more important things: family, compassion, charity, love. Also, it must have been tough getting a positive story about a Cubs player into a St. Louis newspaper.

Second Place Kansas City Star

Sam Mellinger

Third Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Benjamin Hochman

Honorable Mention Columbia Daily Tribune

Collapse against Kentucky embarrassing for Garrick Hodge

22.) Best Sports Columnist Dailies - Classes 1 and 2		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place I like his style, too. He takes a stand which, I think, is the point of a column. He takes a quirky look at subjects .. good stuff.	News Tribune	Press Box	Tom Rackers
Second Place Good effort. One was better. I'd encourage the writer to offer more of his personality in future columns.	News Tribune	Press Box	Greg Jackson
Third Place They were good. I would encourage the writer to branch out a little bit and use some of the personality in other sports subjects.	Monett Times	Sports Columnist Lankford	Jared Lankford
Honorable Mention Good, solid stuff by someone who's been in the area a long time.	Independence Examiner	Bill Althaus	Bill Althaus

22.) Best Sports Columnist Weeklies - Class 2		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Good combination of sports reporting mixed with personal takes and experiences	Richmond News		Shawn Roney
Second Place Good storytelling style, especially about a realm of the sports arena widely unknown to US audiences	The Maryville Forum	Baker sports columnist	Jonathan Baker
Third Place Nice dose of humor mixed with sports commentary	Richmond News		Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

22.) Best Sports Columnist Weeklies - Class 3		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Best of the bunch .. easily. The writer took a stand, backed it with evidence and used a pleasant, conversational tone to get the point across.	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Battleline	Bill Battle
Second Place More column writing than others i this category. I would suggest offering more of your personality in future columns and leaving game recaps to another part of the sports section.	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Arron's Assessment	Arron Hustead
Third Place This was good as far as it went. But it read more like a game recap. Those belong somewhere else in the sports section. I'd suggest taking a stand on something, writing about something quirky on your beat.	St. Louis American	Sports Eye	Alvin Reid
Honorable Mention Like others in this category, it was good as far as it went. Game recaps should be somewhere else in the section, not with your name and face attached to it. Columns are designed to take a stand on something, writing about something odd you've seen on the beat and showing a little of your personality.	St. Louis American	In the Clutch	Ishmael Sistrunk

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section Dailies - Class 1		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place A wonderful idea well executed. The photographs were beautiful and I hope the newspaper shares this award with the students who made this such a fun, interesting look into the lives of people living in the community.	Lebanon Daily Record	Day in the life	Fines Massey, Shawna Bradley, Jennifer Early and Beth Chism
Second Place A great dive into local projects and other happenings that could shape the future of the community. Overall, it was well done, though the packaging could have been better. At times it felt like the newspaper was fighting giant amounts of space rather than seeing the wide open pages as an opportunity to use every inch to engage and inform readers. This was a close second.	Daily Express & News	Kirkville Daily Express - Progress	Danielle Brown, Jason Hunsicker and Austin Miller

Third Place Trenton Republican-Times
Great winter sports spread.

winter sports tab - 11-20-18

Seth Herrold

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Southeast Missourian

B Magazine (Progress)

Second Place Columbia Missourian

Boomtown

Missourian Staff

Third Place Columbia Missourian

Homecoming 2018

Missourian Staff

Honorable Mention News Tribune

Goal Lines

News Tribune Staff

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Quincy Herald - Whig

Heroes

Staff

A beautifully designed publication. The unique portrait carry throughout the section, unifying the publication but also letting each person stand as an individual. The simple pull quote with the portrait lets readers know the subjects before even getting into the individual articles. The profiles are very well-written, and all of the style choices add up to a great publication.

Second Place Quincy Herald - Whig

Spring Farm and Field

Staff

The cover really draws you in on this publication. Then the reader is carried through the section with great typography and color choices all along the way. The profiles are all very well-written and engaging. And the section does a great job of marrying trends and topical stories with relatable profiles.

Third Place Joplin Globe

Men can't get breast cancer … and

Emily Younker

Easily one of the top covers in the category. This section is informative, interesting and provides a real service to readers. While the inside color palette is very traditional, the subject matter and approach is not. Kudos for doing something unexpected and powerful with this issue.

Honorable Mention Columbia Daily Tribune

Behind the Stripes

Tribune Staff

The cover design was beautiful and the section as whole was very informative. While the subject matter is definitely interesting, the section came off a little text heavy and could have benefited from more design work.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Cassville Democrat

Shell Knob Tab

Staff

Second Place Cassville Democrat

Community Reflections

Staff

Third Place Tipton Times

Back to School 2018

Becky Holloway and Tara Alumbaugh

Honorable Mention Maries County Advocate

First Ladies

Staff

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Houston Herald****Hit year for Tigers****Jeff McNiell**

Very nice cover - I'd buy that record. It's apparent that a lot of work went into this. Good layout, good stories. Nice job.

Second Place**Bowling Green Times****Traveler Magazine: 24 Hours in Photos****Ethan Colbert, Linda Luebrecht and Kyle Boaz**

Cover well done. Theme well executed throughout. Fun idea.

Third Place**Bolivar Herald-Free Press****Above and Beyond****Staff**

Nice flow throughout, use of color, thoughtful layout.

Honorable Mention**Perry County Republic-Monitor****Miraculous Medal centennial****Heather Wentz, Stephanie Vandeven and Staff**

Most professional layout I've seen in this field. Nice presentation of content. Continuity of theme and colors throughout.

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****St. Louis American****90th Anniversary****Staff**

Thorough coverage of an in-house story well told for public consumption. Especially liked Donn Johnson's look at 1928, not just local but worldwide. Photos did much to enhance the story of local black figures.

Second Place**Jefferson County Leader****Leader Wedding Fair****STAFF**

Well-rounded special section with good features (like couple that dated for 37 years), a very complete look at ins and outs of getting married.

Third Place**Washington Missourian, Wednesday****Hello to the New Bridge, Goodbye to the****Karen Cernich, Bill Battle, Jeanne Miller-Wood and Gregg Jones**

Gregg Jones and Karen Cernich deftly handle news and historical aspects of very important local icon. Nicely penned.

Honorable Mention**Jefferson County Leader****Jefferson County Bicentennial****STAFF**

Good look at local history, particularly by writer Laura Marlow, who has good grip on times, then and now, locally. Interestingly told as well.

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Daily Express & News****Lobbyists spent more than \$500K on Mo.****Jason Hunsicker**

Good job reporting the monetary influence lobbyists have exerted on lawmakers. However, the question remains, how did this money influence their voting records? Here's hoping you can follow up and follow the money some more in the upcoming session.

Second Place**Daily Express & News****R-III considers virtual school****Jessica Karins**

Interesting look at virtual schools and the nuances of the world they operate in vs. traditional brick-and-mortar schools.

Third Place**Daily Express & News****O'Laughlin continues to hold massive****Jason Hunsicker**

Interesting compilation of campaign fundraising. The secrecy around the PACs is particularly concerning - did you ever find out who was really behind those contributions?

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Southeast Missourian****Pursuit of Proof: The Lawless Murder****Mark Bliss and Bob Miller**

Reporters interviewed more than a dozen witnesses and pored over hundreds of pages of court documents to produce this disturbing series about an unsolved murder case, a wrongfully-convicted man and the potential cover-up and flawed grand jury process that let the real killer elude justice. The paper's investigation, and the fallout, continues. This is why we need newspapers.

Second Place**News Tribune****Child care desert****Rebecca Martin**

A grabby intro pulled me into this troubling piece about the impossible logistics, and choices, parents and families face when something as basic as child care is out of reach. Tight writing and good visuals (photos and graphics) make this entry especially accessible.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **In rural Missouri, response to sexual assault** **Anna Brett and Tessa Weinberg**
 When the paper learned the number of rapes labeled "unfounded" by police is significantly higher in rural areas, reporters set out in search of the why. What they discovered was a disturbing litany of barriers -- cultural, medical and legal -- that had a "silencing effect" or victims. Great example of a "story behind the numbers."

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **In rural Missouri, going to jail isn't free. You** **Titus Wu**
 This dive into the modern-day version of "debtors' prison" highlights a barbaric-seeming practice that (turns out) is actually quite routine, in Missouri and nationwide. The writer treats his subjects (who've all committed crimes) sympathetically but fairly, and succeeds in explaining how such "board bills" play into cycles of debt, poverty and incarceration.

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Kansas City Star** **Lethal inaction: As fatal truck crashes surge,** **Mike Hendricks**
 Keen reporting and gripping survivor narratives drive this eye-opening -- and jaw-dropping -- report keying off a dramatic spike in fatal truck crashes in recent years. This story had it all: broad impact (everyone who drives), tight writing, powerful reveals and a big question for the federal authorities who've so-far refused to make crash-avoidance systems mandatory on big rigs.

Second Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Left in the Dark Series** **Lexi Churchill and Waverly Colville**
 Powerful series on a controversial and sensitive topic -- campus sexual assault and how the Title IX appeals process can further victimize those who report crimes. This series needed a light touch in places and solid punch in others; mission accomplished.

Third Place **Joplin Globe** **Anatomy of a Tragedy** **Jordan Larimore and Emily Younker**
 Fast turn around (eight days?) for an in-depth explanatory piece identifying the cascade of failures and oversights that led to a deadly duck boat sinking. Wonderful presentation online, as well.

Honorable Mention **Kansas City Star** **Professor used students as servants. UMKC** **Mara' Rose Williams and Mike Hendricks**
 Kudos to the Star for devoting the time, resources and newshole to this investigative series, which led to the resignation of a tenured university professor who'd spent years exploiting students as "slave labor." Abuse of power can happen anywhere.

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **Family Mourns Dogs** **Kyle Troutman**

Second Place **Edina Sentinel** **Knox County School Assault Coverage** **Echo Menges and Mike Scott**

Third Place **The Current Local** **CID Tax District** **Ryan Van Winkle**

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Richmond News** **Clay County salaries** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Second Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press** **Prosecutor, new PHPD chief weigh in on** **Jill Way**

Third Place **Houston Herald** **Tomaszewski joins sheriff's department,** **Brad Gentry**

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Wieland, lobbyist gifts** **Steve Taylor**
 Good transparency story. Would like to know more about who these lobbyists are and what they're advocating for.

Second Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
Interesting read. But wondering where this money is going.

Well spent: Millions into economic

Jacob Kirn and Brian Robbins

Third Place **St. Louis American**
I hope Rebecca Rivas follows up on this.

Best Investigative Reporting

Rebecca Rivas

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Business Journal**
Want more context.

History isn't easy

Steph Kukuljan

25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
The "Opportunity Gap" series does a great job of weaving business considerations with social and societal issues to shine a light on inequity.

Best Local Business Coverage

Missourian Staff

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
U-City story does a great job of painting a picture of the neighborhood for the reader. This draws the reader into a deeper examination of development issues even in the reader is unfamiliar with the area.

Post-Dispatch business coverage

Staff

Third Place **Southeast Missourian**

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader**

25 Best Local Business Coverage

Staff

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**
This piece effectively conveys why the council's platting decision was important — because the development will be one of the largest in years — high up in the story.

Jefferson County Leader

Staff

Second Place **St. Louis Business Journal**

St. Louis Business Journal: Local Business

Erik Siemers

Third Place **St. Louis American**

Best Local Business Coverage

Staff

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News**
Written with authority, good understanding of the nexus of politics and business.

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Second Place **Christian County Headliner News**

Staff

Third Place **Bowling Green Times**

Ethan Colbert

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald**

Doug Davison

26.) Best Business Story | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	West Plains Daily Quill	Hampton Inn	Abby Hess
Strong anecdotes and multiple sources helped this business story rise above the pack.			
Second Place	West Plains Daily Quill	Joe Harris	Regina Mozingo
A wonderful interview, filled with entertaining stories! A picture, from any stage of his 50-year career would have been delightful.			
Third Place	West Plains Daily Quill	'Not Grandpa's manufacturing'	Kim Langston
A story that really helps frame the economic importance of the changing nature of manufacturing in America.			
Honorable Mention	Lebanon Daily Record	Final Chapter	Chris Roden
For anyone who shopped at that bookstore, this story served as a fitting farewell.			

26.) Best Business Story | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Sedalia Democrat	Federal grant to expand industrial park	Nicole Cooke
Second Place	News Tribune	Going out in style	Rebecca Martin
Third Place	Southeast Missourian	It's not just soap -- it's hope	Marybeth Niederkorn
Honorable Mention	Southeast Missourian	Courting Cape: New Marriott opens in	Marybeth Niederkorn

26.) Best Business Story | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Springfield News-Leader	High School Hair	Gregory J. Holman
Second Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	How Trump's tariffs could affect Missouri	Anna Kohls
Third Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	City relies on Amazon despite tax drain	Michael Maresh
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Company town	Leah Thorsen

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Greenfield Vedette	Iconic Dairy Isle Drive-In to Reopen Under	James McNary
This story pulled me in and showed me what the business means to the community.			

Second Place **Edina Sentinel** **Hometown Business** **Echo Menges**
I really enjoyed this story. It has a good lede, but I wish the reporter would tell us what the business is sooner.

Third Place **Jackson County Advocate** **Area's Oldest Operating Auction House** **Mary Wilson**
What an interesting story!

Honorable Mention **Maries County Advocate** **Warden Publishing acquires UD** **Staff**
Good staff effort on this one.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Christian County Headliner News** **Finley Farms** **Rance Burger and Sydni Moore**
I liked the completeness of this coverage. It's a project (projects) that will affect the community for years to come and I like the personal aspect of the story about the bridge along with the overview of the whole thing.

Second Place **Gasconade County Republican** **LSC Communications** **Dave Marner**
First of all, a very innovative project that described a project that is doing what all communities want -- more jobs. The various descriptions of the employees added the human touch to the story that we all like to read.

Third Place **The Maryville Forum** **Tariffs trouble Laclede** **Skye Pournazari**
Politicians say one thing -- but the response of the business owner was obviously different and worthy of a more complete story. Some newspapers wouldn't have taken the time to explore this further, but it made for a much better story.

Honorable Mention **Richmond News** **Online Tax** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
Taking an action at the national level and relating it to the local community is something we should do more of. This was clearly written and makes it obvious how taxing online businesses will end up helping the local businesses.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Crystal City PPG** **Steve Taylor**
The time and energy it took to research and present this information left all the other entries in the dust. Truly a great job. Save this. You'll be writing this story many more times, it seems, as the years pass.

Second Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly** **Back to work...** **Jessica Shumaker**
Compelling information which was made even better with the sidebar. Never hurts to add something on what is expected in the workplace in this regard.

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend** **Cheers, to Macadoodles!** **Karen Cernich**
Usually a one-person interview is is kind of deadly, but this guy had such an interesting past, it made me read to the end.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Business Journal** **Failed St. Louis Outlet Mall** **Steph Kukuljan**
A short story, but I believe it was probably a challenge to obtain some of those numbers. Nice job.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Daily Express & News** **Campaign finance reports** **Jason Hunsicker**

Second Place **Monett Times** **Verona Council** **Murray Bishoff**

Third Place **Daily Express & News** **Lobbyists spent more than \$500K on Mo.** **Jason Hunsicker**

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	News Tribune	Eric Greitens scandals	Bob Watson, Joe Gamm, Gerry Tritz and News Tribune Staff
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Exhaustive examination of a scandal that enveloped the governor's office. Great mix of deadline, deep-dive and explanatory work.

Second Place	Southeast Missourian	Sheriff Drury hires deputy despite	Mark Bliss
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Named sources are always better, but nice job of getting multiple anonymous sources to confirm details in this story.

Third Place	LakeExpo	Hostility, Defamation Suits, & Retaliation In	Nathan Bechtold
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Bizarre series of events here. Reporting was a bit disjointed, but good job of sorting through a complicated story.

Honorable Mention	Columbia Missourian	Midterm Ballot Issues	Missourian Staff
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27.) Best Coverage of Government | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	Competing plans complicate medical pot	Rudi Keller
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Second Place	Springfield News-Leader	Pedestrian Safety	Alissa Zhu
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Third Place	Kansas City Star	Out-of-state political consultants helped	Lindsay Wise, Jason Hancock and Steve Vockrodt
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Honorable Mention	Springfield News-Leader	Child Porn Problem	Harrison Keegan
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27.) Best Coverage of Government | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Maries County Advocate	Lawsuit against Opioid Companies	Laura Schiermeier
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Second Place	Jackson County Advocate	Grandview Municipal Court	Mary Wilson
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Third Place	Maries County Advocate	Outsourcing Belle PD	Roxie Murphy
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Honorable Mention	Jackson County Advocate	Grandview Rental Registration and	Mary Wilson
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27.) Best Coverage of Government | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Gasconade County Republican	Government Coverage-Gov.Greitens	Dave Marner
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Impressive coverage of a statewide scandal from a smaller publication not located in the capital.

Second Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor**
More impressive coverage of a statewide scandal from a smaller publication not located in the capital.

Gov. Greitens resigns

Robert Cox

Third Place **Richmond News**
Good government coverage holds the powerful to account, and this reporter's work does just that.

Clay County politics

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Honorable Mention **Christian County Headliner News**
Impressive coverage that sheds light on government contention.

Christian County Justice Center

Rance Burger

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Courier-Tribune**

County official back pay

Amanda Lubinski

Second Place **Courier-Tribune**

Clerk's office staff pay

Amanda Lubinski

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend**

Ebker Bill Coverage for Best Coverage of

Monte Miller

Honorable Mention **St. Louis American**

St. Louis Metropolitan Police conflicts with **Staff**

28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
The stories about the family orchard and the state of the dairy industry shed some insight into local ag issues. Nice descriptive writing on the apple orchard story, which helped readers get a feeling for this family launching into a career in a specialty crop.

Missourian Staff

Second Place **Boonville Daily News**
Continued coverage of this large-scale animal operation makes this a good contender. Nice job following up on this issue that impacts farmers, the ag industry and the communities they operate within.

Claire Colby

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**
The puppy mills article did a good job explaining the regulations involved in this industry - which I never really thought of as agriculture before.

Staff

28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat**
This paper did the most comprehensive reporting work to address rural life and agriculture. Reporters tackled last year's drought (and other topics) by explaining how it's affecting policy but also going into how it personally affects local farmers and producers.

Staff

Second Place **Houston Herald**
These three stories kept me interested. Each was unique and well-written.

Doug Davison

Third Place **Richmond News**
This paper also did a very comprehensive job covering rural life and agriculture. Kudos!

The Richmond News

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Loved this story! Well-written and cool feature.	Lebanon Daily Record	Training the stars	Chris Roden
Second Place Nice story.	Boonville Daily News	The midwife drive: more rural women	Claire Colby
Third Place Interesting profile.	Lebanon Daily Record	Honey Creek	Chris Roden
Honorable Mention Fun feature, nicely written.	Daily Express & News	Kirkville family harvests giant surprise	Jason Hunsicker

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Eye-opening practice and story is well-crafted. Just a strongly grounded public policy piece that sheds light on a system in need of reform.	Columbia Missourian	In rural Missouri, going to jail isn't free. You	Titus Wu
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Milked dry: Missouri's diminishing dairy	Kathryn Hardison
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	In rural Missouri, response to sexual assault	Anna Brett and Tessa Weinberg
Honorable Mention This story was competing with some hard-hitting public policy pieces that had more impact ad depth, but so very well told. Clever without being too clever or self-conscious. Lede is fantastic.	Southeast Missourian	RIP, Dutchtown	Marybeth Niederkorn

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Double whammy	Bryce Gray
Second Place	Springfield News-Leader	Trade War	Will Schmitt
Third Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	The uprooting	Jesse Bogan
Honorable Mention	Columbia Daily Tribune	Farm groups critical of trade relief	Rudi Keller

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	The Current Local	loggerheads over hogs	Ryan Van Winkle

Second Place **Jackson County Advocate** **Community Garden in Terrace Lake** **Mary Wilson**

Third Place **Cassville Democrat** **Local Ranch Bison** **Jordan Privett**

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Christian County Headliner News**

Beetle Banishers

Sydni Moore

Great lede, great images, great layout, great story.

Second Place **Christian County Headliner News**

Wicker Queen

Sydni Moore

Russel's enthusiasm is perfectly transmitted and that makes a potentially mundane pursuit plenty interesting.

Third Place **Odessan**

A winning partnership

Hannah Spaar

A solid, well delivered story. Good choice on the sidebar — it lets the reader get the background and the narrative as they like.

Honorable Mention **Richmond News**

Japanese Beetles

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

I didn't expect to laugh out loud while judging this category, but this was funny from the headline to the recipe.

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal**

Finding space inside \$600M agtech industry **Steph Kukuljan**

Very well reported. Great sourcing. Provided great context to understand the issue. Clear and well-written. Graphics and photos added to the package.

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader**

Happy hunting morels

Mary McKinstry

Nice, easy read. Engaging lede. Writing flows and brings reader along easily. Fun topic. Would have liked a little more context about mushrooming, which is growing in popularity.

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend**

Grabbing the Bull by the Horns

Karen Cernich

Interesting story! Good anecdotes keep the story flowing. Good work.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis American**

Raising North St. Louis

Tiffany Shawn

Interesting topic. Some good anecdotes and insights from sources. Would have liked more context and a few more sources.

30.) Best Story About Religion | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Lebanon Daily Record**

Camp David

Laura Valenti

Several entries in this category were about putting faith into practice, but this story sheds light on an often-overlooked group, children of those incarcerated.

Second Place **Lebanon Daily Record**

Ireland to Missouri

Steve Smith

Third Place **Daily Express & News**

First Baptist celebrates 150th anniversary

Jessica Karins

30.) Best Story About Religion | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	News Tribune	Jefferson City bishop examines role of	Joe Gamm
Second Place	News Tribune	New shepherd meets his flock	Joe Gamm
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Community working together for Islamic	Hannah Musick and Antranik Tavitian
Honorable Mention	Columbia Missourian	UPDATE: Names released of those accused	Annalise Acuff and Kathryn Hardison

30.) Best Story About Religion | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Compelling story.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Place out of time	Erin Heffernan
Second Place Strong story package about timely issue.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Close to home	Doug Moore
Third Place Powerful story.	Kansas City Star	Justice revisited	Judy L. Thomas
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Room at the table	Doug Moore

30.) Best Story About Religion | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Nice story. Would have been nice to hear from someone who buys from the store. But like that you had several sources. Good job.	Jackson County Advocate	Flourish Furnishings Ministry	Mary Wilson

30.) Best Story About Religion | Weeklies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Any number of articles could've taken first place, but this one stood out to me because of the straight-forward nature of the article and the wealth of information. The reporter did a wonderful job of weaving in information from supporters.	Bolivar Herald-Free Press	Community rallies to support fired	Jill Way
Second Place This package had it all from the graphic to the reporting. It was easy to be drawn in. The story was quite detailed, highlighting the reporter's knack for digging for information.	Richmond News	Trail of Faith	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Third Place This was quite similar to the second-place winner -- a good story that draws you in with the photo and headline. Good details in the writing.	Christian County Headliner News	Cross lights on	Rance Burger
Honorable Mention Good use of words that begs the reader to pick up a dictionary. Story did a nice job of focusing on the church building in leading up to its 25th anniversary celebration.	Marshfield Mail	Peace Lutheran a beacon for 25 years	Karen Craigo

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

First Place	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	'The Same God Saved Me'	Karen Cernich
Second Place	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	'Send More Pilgrims!'	Karen Cernich
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	Upward Strides	Gordon Bess
Honorable Mention	Washington Missourian, Weekend	St. Clair Pastor Joins Religious Leaders for	Elizabeth Barmeier

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

First Place	Lebanon Daily Record	Perfect attendance	Chris Roden
This story is one of those rare gems that pops up and I'm so glad that the reporter jumped on it. What a fun story and fun conversation with this young girl. Great job making education fun.			
Second Place	Lebanon Daily Record	Buses	Fines Massey
This series had a lot of good information, but I picked this particular story because it tells a tale we should all be concerned about ... an aging fleet of busses that transport our children every day. Good work.			
Third Place	Lebanon Daily Record	Two decades of leading	Chris Roden
These stories are always fun when done right. Good job writing the kind of feature everyone wants to read.			

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

First Place	Columbia Missourian	For student parents at MU, finding child	Nancy Coleman
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	UM wants to chart a new course in	Kyle Lahucik
Third Place	LakeExpo	SPARK! Student Activists	Nathan Bechtold
Honorable Mention	News Tribune	Wiggle, wobble, bounce	Phillip Sitter

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

First Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Keep the faith?	Jesse Bogan
This was a really compelling story that opened a window to a universe that most people don't think about day-to-day. It examines an interesting problem related to a powerful religious organization that resonates with a very niche audience. The politics, the money ... the reporter did an incredible job of getting great sources and following this story to its core. Fascinating.			
Second Place	Kansas City Star	Critics say fraternities are beyond hope.	Katy Bergen
This is a really a stunning piece that takes a deep dive into so many of the things we don't know about Greek life and, specifically, why and how fraternities operate the way they do. Following influence, power and money is a difficult trail to walk, but this team did it. Great insights into an age-old problem without a clear solution in sight.			

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Left in the Dark series on Title IX** **Lexi Churchill and Waverly Colville**
 It's hard to imagine that we continue to live in a time when these are the stories we are telling. This is a beautifully sourced story that is compelling, hard-hitting, heartbreaking and gives the reader just a small glimpse into a problem that leaves a lot of devastation in its wake. Thank you for telling the important stories.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Central Missouri college one of many** **Rudi Keller**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Oak Grove Focus** **Doherty leaves legacy as superintendent** **Ruth Ann Hafner**
 Solid reporting on a long-serving superintendent's retirement. This piece would have benefitted from a quote from a couple of rank and file teachers about his legacy. Also, just about any education story is better when student voices are included.

Second Place **Maries County Advocate** **Receives two art Teaching awards** **Laura Schiermeier**
 This story about an award-winning teacher would have benefitted from a quote or two from students.

Third Place **Greenfield Vedette** **Reenactors, spectators invade** **James McNary**
 This is an interesting event and I believe a bit of a missed opportunity. It would have been great to hear from the student enactors.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News** **Grievance** **Joy Tipping**
 Very well-reported and sourced story. An important story for the community to know. The paragraph at the end about Parker not responding for comment should have been much, much higher. And even though the teachers did not want to be named, the community would certainly know who they are because of the details in the story, so would have pushed harder to use their names. But, overall, very well done.

Second Place **Christian County Headliner News** **Tunes of Change** **Rance Burger**
 Love all the voices in the story. Can sense their enthusiasm. Nicely reported. And interesting approach from the teacher.

Third Place **Odessan** **Going new school** **Hannah Spaar**
 Well-reported story. You get a real sense of her personality and the effect she's had on the school with the voices from those around her.

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald** **After shooting threats, school considers** **Jeff McNiell**
 Well-reported and clearly written. Would have also liked to see the cost of the SRO -- could have used what neighboring schools are paying to have an idea if there wasn't a cost available -- and some context from national school resource association or expert on school safety as to effectiveness/benefits of SROs.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American** **Scores up, suspensions down** **Rebecca Rivas**
 The best education stories aren't about programs, teachers or administrators. They are about kids. This story wins because that's what it is all about.

Second Place **St. Louis American** **Empowering boys at Pierre Laclède** **Chris King**
 Superior writing on this piece. The St. Louis American does an outstanding job reporting on education issues.

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **Raises for administrators outpace teachers** **Veneta Rizvic**
 Kudos for such in-depth reporting and great graphics.

Honorable Mention **Branson Tri-Lakes News** **C of O alumni react to alleged sexual** **Sara Karnes and Cliff Sain**
 Nice work for seeing a followup opportunity after a crime story report.

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

First Place **Lebanon Daily Record**
Engaging throughout with good use of quotes and just the right amount of exposition and analysis.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Healing waters***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Chris Roden**

Second Place **West Plains Daily Quill**
You nicely balanced explaining for the layman without over simplifying.

Bobcat fever**Abby Hess**

Third Place **West Plains Daily Quill**
A rare bit of good news on the outdoor front, solidly presented with a local tie-in.

Bald eagles begin winter migration**Regina Mozingo****32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Dailies - Class 2**

First Place **LakeExpo**
Loved the casual, yet informative tone.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Armadillos In The Ozarks***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Sara Halverson**

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Great quotes and breakout.

Catfishing continues to be a generational**Jared Kaufman**

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
Well-written story about tragic accident.

Two Columbia-area hikers found dead in**Noah Higgins-Dunn, Alexis Allison and Cary Littlejohn**

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**
Well-written – a pleasure to read.

River man: How Jeff Barrow's love for**Alexis Allison****32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Dailies - Class 3**

First Place **Quincy Herald - Whig**
A short gem. Great use of dialogue and detail. Brings reader along on bullfrog hunt so well, this judge had a sudden urge to find the bug spray.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***No Need for a Gun***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Matt Schuckman**

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Illuminating and informative. Had no idea such wolf foster programs existed.

Endangered wolf pups**Erin Heffernan**

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**

Chronic Wasting Disease**Wes Johnson**

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe**
Both this and Andy's column on bike trails were interesting, fun reads on outdoor life.

Ozarks was home to 'last group of**Andy Ostmeyer****32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Class 1**

First Place **Cassville Democrat**
Story presents where a spring starts in an interesting and engaging way

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Finding the Source***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Kyle Troutman**

Second Place **Maries County Advocate**
With a good introductory anecdote, story introduces a slew of bear sightings in the area and adds context with how many bears are in the area.

Bears Spotted**Laura Schiermeier**

Third Place **Cassville Democrat** **Roaring River Manager** **Kyle Troutman**

Honorable Mention **The Current Local** **No poster child** **Ryan Van Winkle**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Marshfield Mail** **Snow geese pay a visit to Marshfield** **Karen Craigo**

Second Place **Salem News** **Outdoors Ben Sheeley** **Ben Sheeley**

Third Place **Richmond News** **Eating pests** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Webster - Kirkwood Times** **Cova The Climber** **Don Corrigan**

This story really reveals this woman's character. After reading her quotes and the quotes from people who care for her at the senior center, I feel like I know this woman. Plus, what an interesting story. I certainly wouldn't climb a cliff face, and I am decades younger than Marybel!

Second Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **Peak Resorts growth** **Diana Barr**

Great graphics and great design made this story shine. Plus an interesting story in explaining how and why you decide to run a ski area in mild-wintered Missouri.

Third Place **Community News** **Hunting for hunger** **Brett Auten**

This story opens with a great anecdote that really explains what drives this kid. An interesting story that hopefully serves to expand this program both for those who can contribute and those in need.

Honorable Mention **Jefferson County Leader** **Outdoorsman conquers Appalachian Trail** **Gordon Bess**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **West Plains Daily Quill** **MSU professor pens Ozark history** **Abby Hess**

Best written piece of the lot and squarely focused on a man who sounds like he's done as much research into history as anyone. It was nice to see the outside additions of people who've reviewed his book.

Second Place **Marshall Democrat-News** **Congressional Gold Medal** **Whitney Barnes**

It's never a strong play to rely so much on websites like history.com. The topic was strong, but I would have liked to see more sourcing.

Third Place **Lebanon Daily Record** **Once upon a time** **Laura Valenti**

Piece was a fun dive into the history of Route 66. Avoid cliches in the lede whenever possible.

Honorable Mention **Daily Express & News** **They served their country during World** **Jessica Karins**

Enjoyable story about women of the Nurse Corps. Thank you.

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Southeast Missourian	RIP, Dutchtown	Marybeth Niederkorn
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Wakenda locals remember the area before	Alexander Ransom
Third Place	Southeast Missourian	Under water: The relentless flood of '93	Mark Bliss
Honorable Mention	Southeast Missourian	Story behind Jackson's 'mane' street icon	Joshua Hartwig

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Great overall story package.	Kansas City Star	It began with a headache: KC polio survivor	David Frese
Second Place Held me from the beginning. Super storytelling.	Columbia Daily Tribune	Holocaust survivor shares story of horror	Roger McKinney
Third Place Great historical overview.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Bold quarantine	Blythe Bernhard
Honorable Mention Loved the detail in the ending of placing chocolate under Christmas tree.	Joplin Globe	Berlin woman shares stories of 'Candy	Kimberly Barker

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place My favorite story of the entrants. Writer does a nice job of describing the initiative of the public to not only clean up the area but also delves into the background of this forgotten cemetery.	Jackson County Advocate	Forgotten Cemetery	Mary Wilson
Second Place A fine story on breaking down the journey of this 144-year-old jail from the start to its final destination.	Cassville Democrat	144-Year-Old Jail Cell	Jordan Privett
Third Place A solid article on a woman's research on her grandmother's background, including information that historic in nature.	Lexington News	Woman writes about trailblazing	Joe Parmon
Honorable Mention A lot of history in this piece with some nice sidebar pieces, information.	South Cass Tribune	Medal of Honor	Linda Thompson

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Bolivar Herald-Free Press	Bolivar's own 'Over There'	Jill Way

Second Place	Richmond News	A true WWII fish story	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Third Place	Marshfield Mail	War from the eyes of a Hiroshima survivor	Sarah Bicknell
Honorable Mention	Marshfield Mail	Family gravestone in Niangua leads to	Sarah Bicknell

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis Business Journal	Monsanto's legacy	Diana Barr and Jacob Kirn
Second Place	Jefferson County Leader	McCulloughs color line	Gordon Bess
Third Place	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Inside the ECC Actors Studio	Karen Cernich
Honorable Mention	Webster - Kirkwood Times	Love Stories From Old St. Louis	Don Corrigan

34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Lebanon Daily Record Nice piece about veterans finding healing through fly fishing. It was well written and nicely sourced.	Healing waters	Chris Roden
Second Place	Daily Express & News This might have won the category but the submission was incomplete and missing the jump page. I still felt that, based on what I had, it was worthy of second place.	They served their country during World	Jessica Karins
Third Place	West Plains Daily Quill This was the best feature of a service member in the lot.	A veteran of two militaries	Kim Langston

34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Sedalia Democrat This is a really well done profile that also speaks to the larger issues facing veterans. The writing is well balanced and does a lot of heavy lifting, allowing the quotes to add character to the story.	The letters of war	Hope Lecchi
Second Place	Southeast Missourian Though this piece is short, it carries the weight of a much larger story. The writing and structure are executed very well to keep the reader engaged. The quotes are all very powerful and placed properly to give the story its greatest impact.	Marine vet uses art to deal with return to	Ben Matthews
Third Place	Sedalia Democrat Great job of finding a character in the deployment to help carry the story. The article is not only informative about the unit's deployments and future, but also sparks human interest with quotes from one soldier and her mother.	Local Guard unit deploys overseas	Nicole Cooke
Honorable Mention	Columbia Missourian There are so many big issues being tackled in this piece. It does a nice job of approaching subjects like veteran care and transgender service through the experience of one soldier. More sourcing or diving a little deeper into one component could have helped strengthen the piece.	Columbia veteran fights for her rights as	MC Cross

34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Joplin Globe	WWII veteran plays music for love of	Kimberly Barker
Second Place	Kansas City Star	Kansas vet's family may have to leave U.S.	Rick Montgomery
Third Place	Springfield News-Leader	Charity Check	Steve Pokin
Honorable Mention	Springfield News-Leader	Purple Heart	Steve Pokin

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Cassville Democrat	Local Veterans Letters	Melonie Roberts
Good reporting on an issue that impacted multiple veterans. Comments from those affected blend in well in the story.			
Second Place	Maries County Advocate	Chance Encounter	Roxie Murphy
An interesting story with good background on how the subject matters met. Loved the backstory of the meeting. The lede pulls the reader in.			
Third Place	Cassville Democrat	Freedom Celebrated	Jordan Privett
A solid Veteran's Day story, speaking to three local veterans who attended the school function.			
Honorable Mention	The Current Local	Randolph at Midway	Ryan Van Winkle
A short, on-point article of a local veteran who lost his life all those years ago. A good remembrance of what went down on that fateful day.			

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Houston Herald	The Door Gunner	Doug Davison
Well interviewed and well illustrated, this story puts you in the action from the first, then brings you home to think about your own role.			
Second Place	Salem News	Andrew Sheeley.Gulf War Veteran	Andrew Sheeley
This tackles an important topic with tact.			
Third Place	Richmond News	Sailor at Pearl Harbor	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
An interesting angle well presented.			
Honorable Mention	Bolivar Herald-Free Press	Bolivar's own 'Over There'	Jill Way
It's not easy to bring a 100-year-old letter to life.			

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Jefferson County Leader	Festus engineer water	Laura Marlow
Strong interviewing skills show in quotes. Story flows well.			

Second Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News** **A hug 51 years in the making** **John Robinson**
Short, but the use of quotes allow the emotion of the moment to shine through

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** **'To Inspire the Storytellers, the Flame** **Karen Cernich**
There is a lot of information packed in to this story. The subheads helped break it up; putting some of it into a sidebar might have helped more.

Honorable Mention **Branson Tri-Lakes News** **Navy unit holds reunion along with man** **John Robinson**
A unique story. Felt like it could have had more details.

35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Lebanon Daily Record** **UFO sightings** **Megan Gibbs**
This design definitely stood out above the rest. It is innovative and fun, and it made me want to read the article!

Second Place **Lebanon Daily Record** **Deadpool 2** **Fines Massey**
Whether you like Deadpool or not, you'll be interested in reading this article! Good job of using a dominant photo to draw readers in.

Third Place **Lebanon Daily Record** **Missouri State Night** **Shawna Bradley**
I love the colors used here. And I like how there are pictures to put a face to a name.

Honorable Mention **Lebanon Daily Record** **Lincoln assassination** **Megan Gibbs**
An interesting article topic and a good use of color that set the tone for the page. Consider using some pullouts to help break up the gray a bit.

35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **Preacher** **Missourian Staff**
Great photos with telling moments make this a great page.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Dream Queen** **Missourian Staff**
The dominant photo on page 2 really helped these pages shine.

Third Place **News Tribune** **News Tribune Style** **Molly Morris**

Honorable Mention **News Tribune** **News Tribune Style** **Molly Morris**

35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader** **Milly Sawyers Map** **Jamie Stade**

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Hidden** **Norma Klingsick**

Third Place **Joplin Globe** **Black History Month Notable Missourians** **Brent Fisher**

Honorable Mention Joplin Globe Stampede Nathan Mills

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 1

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>	
First Place	Maries County Advocate	Vichy Wood Carver	Staff
Second Place	Maries County Advocate	HEavy Hitters	Staff
Third Place	Cassville Democrat	Page Design Superbubba	Kyle Troutman

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 2

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>	
First Place Hands down first place. Nice use of color and fun layout.	Richmond News	Morphos	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Second Place Pleasing, classic layout.	Bowling Green Times	A Season of Wonder. A Season of Prayer.	Ethan Colbert
Third Place Eye-catching illustration to accompany story.	Houston Herald	Herald Live	Jeff McNiell

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 3

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>	
First Place Obviously I like your publication's design. But this one really stood out as having it all â€” captivating headline graphic, pullouts, timeline, engaging photos, bios and beautiful drop caps that tie it all together. Good job.	St. Louis Business Journal	Fashion industry	Michael Behrens
Second Place Well done on the design of this piece. I love the large photos and the sidebars. It looks like a lot of time went into the research and finding clever ways to put that into charts and graphs.	St. Louis Business Journal	Coworking spaces	Michael Behrens
Third Place Everything is crisp and clean in this design, just like the businessman it portrays. Good timeline and good use of a dominant photo.	St. Louis Business Journal	TD Ameritrade	Michael Behrens
Honorable Mention I love the cutout photos and the sidebars. There are many different elements that bring the reader into this article. It would have been nice to see a larger display of the food as well. (because who doesn't love food?)	St. Louis Business Journal	Lion's Choice	Michael Behrens

36.) Best Information Graphic | Dailies - Class 2

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>	
First Place	Columbia Missourian	A Nobel Achievement	Matthew Hall
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Columbia at 200	Tynan Stewart

Third Place Columbia Missourian How a diverging diamond interchange Allyson Vasilopoulos

Honorable Mention Columbia Missourian Exemption area covers most of Missouri Alexis Allison

36.) Best Information Graphic | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Kansas City Star Unsolved homicides Neil Nakahodo

Second Place Kansas City Star Truck safety Neil Nakahodo

Third Place Springfield News-Leader Milly Sawyers Map Jamie Stade

Honorable Mention Springfield News-Leader Voting Results Staff

36.) Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Houston Herald Sheriff's department crumbles Jeff McNiell

Second Place Houston Herald Police busier than ever Jeff McNiell

Third Place Houston Herald Monopoly football schedule Jeff McNiell

Honorable Mention Richmond News FULL BALLOT Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

36.) Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place St. Louis Business Journal Food trucks Michael Behrens and Veneta Rizvic

Second Place St. Louis Business Journal Infrastructure grades Michael Behrens

Third Place St. Louis Business Journal MO restaurants Michael Behrens and Veneta Rizvic

Honorable Mention St. Louis Business Journal Cards stack up Michael Behrens

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** Columbia Missourian **John Darkow****Second Place** News Tribune **Sheep** **Jim Dyke****Third Place** News Tribune **Mary Jane** **Jim Dyke****Honorable Mention** News Tribune **Presumed** **Jim Dyke****37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** St. Louis Post-Dispatch **Mr. Cardinal** **Dan Martin**
Poignant work by Dan Martin on the passing of Cardinals great Red Schoendienst. Knowledge, experience and great use of the pen. Hats off to Dan.**Second Place** St. Louis Post-Dispatch **The blindfold** **Dan Martin**
Outrageous, and by evoking Lady Liberty, Dan Martin has made the actions of Missouri's governor even more viscerally disgusting.**Third Place** St. Louis Post-Dispatch **Ka-ching** **Dan Martin**
Does the "G" in PGA stand for greed? Dan Martin seems to think so.**37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** Perry County Republic-Monitor **Baby steps** **Debbie Gahan****Second Place** Salem News **Tivnan editorial cartoons** **Athena Tivnan****Third Place** Richmond News **Pigs at the public trough** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia****Honorable Mention** Perry County Republic-Monitor **Career politician** **Debbie Gahan****37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** St. Louis American **Statue of Liberty** **Kevin Belford**
Simple, artistically pleasing, and easy to understand. The message is clear.**Second Place** Jefferson County Leader **Party Without Stout** **Judy Dixon**
Even someone unfamiliar with the situation can see what this is about. It works well with the accompanying column.

Third Place **Northeast News**
Funny, and easy to get. Hah!

This is fine.

Bryan Stalder

Honorable Mention **Jefferson County Leader**
Impressive effort to deliver a strong message about this local situation.

Rats, Independent expenditures

Judy Dixon

38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

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

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Newspapers in

Lauren Anderson Koelker, Shannon Keller and Erica Mills

38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**

Leader Teen Advisory Board

STAFF

Kudos for such an ambitious community outreach effort. Teens reading newspapers... who guessed that could happen?

Second Place **St. Louis American**
Visually engaging with interesting information.

Newspaper in Education - STEM

Cathy Sewell

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend**
Very nice work on this special summer program.

Missourian Summer Reading Program

Dawn Kitchell

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kansas City Star**

Staff

This is a website where all the design elements are really thought out, clean and original. The number of entry points on any given article creates a robust user experience. This site also performs well on both mobile and desktop instead of being just mobile-first. The content is local focused and ideal for a resident of the area. This website takes all the best parts of a printed newspaper and uses them to guide the digital reader through the site.

Second Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**

Tribune Staff

The local content, clean design, hierarchy of content and common use of full-page art elevated this entry to second place, despite some oddities like a sports pod cast placed before the last sentence of a hard news story or difficult to leave pop up windows.

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

Staff

This site has really great content and design for their special sections, particularly the Stolen Future piece and the School Guide,, but load time for those pages is high (and even higher on mobile.) Their home page and basic site is a standard, and is designed for the mobile reader while leaving the desktop reader at a loss for where to go next and what to look at next.

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**

Missourian Staff

Clean design, good use of white space. Lots of local content, website works well and is easy to navigate on both mobile and desktop. Stories, especially sports roundups are designed as easy-to-read packages.

Second Place **LakeExpo**

Brent Simpson, Nathan Bechtold, Sara Halverson, Emily Smith, Mike Kircher and Janet Dabbs

Good hierarchy of content. While this site is mobile first, the desktop site works well. Good local content.

Third Place **Daily Express & News**

Jason Hunsicker, Jessica Karins and Austin Miller

Good use of full screen video and photo content. Photo galleries take an extraordinarily long time to load and don't have clear exits. Overall load time for the site needs improvement. The mobile experience is far superior to the desktop experience.

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Greenfield Vedette**

39 The Vedette

Staff

Great organization with clear prioritization. Visually appealing, and makes it easy for readers to find information and engage with the paper. Appreciate how easy it looks to be to sign up for breaking news alerts.

Second Place **Cassville Democrat**
Good organization, and easy to navigate, however I found the auto-play ad intrusive.

Staff

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Warren County Record**

Warren County Record Website Entry

Staff

Second Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**

bolivarmonews.com

Staff

Third Place **Christian County Headliner News**

ccheadliner.com

Staff

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Call Newspapers**

St. Louis Call Newspapers Website

Gloria Lloyd, Erin Achenbach and Taylor Kelly

Second Place **St. Louis American**

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Ishmael Sistrunk and Kenya Vaughn

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**

Missourian Website Entry

Staff

Honorable Mention **Jefferson County Leader**

Jefferson County Leader

Staff

40.) Best Video | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kansas City Star**

Liberty Memorial ablaze with animated

Jill Toyoshiba

The best video makes you feel like you were there. If you missed this event, this video captures it in a way that makes you feel you were there. Great pace, great cuts to the music, and really adds to the story.

Second Place **Kansas City Star**

Kansas City polio survivor is one of last iron **Shelly Yang**

Incredible story telling. Four minutes is a long video in the news world, but this one kept me engaged until the end credit. Adds additional context connecting the past to today with the closing scene about vaccine exemptions. Really, just an interesting story.

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**

Canoe Art

Nathan Papes

A written story about a man who carves fish into canoes would be interesting, but this is a situation where video — seeing the process, the finished product and the way this man talks about his craft — really adds to the story. Loved the character. My only critique is early in the video, one of his sentences was clipped noticeably short.

Honorable Mention **Kansas City Star**

The incredible touching story of Dr. Moo

Shelly Yang

40.) Best Video | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**

Baseball: a Lifetime of Lessons

Cameron La Fontaine and Joey Schneider

just a nice, little package of the story of one man who, in his devotion and commitment to the game and the young men he coaches, is a community anchor. Some really nice framing in here. Multiple voices helps round out the piece and helps viewers better understand the role this coach plays and has played in so many young lives.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Truckstop Ministries** **Rayna Sims**
A well-told and well-paced story of a somewhat hidden away part of American life. Until this video had never heard of truckstop ministries.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors** **Qinghui Kong**

40.) Best Video | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American** **James Clark: 'All we're going to do is save** **Rebecca Rivas**
Leading in with the people that have been assisted was a great storytelling technique and hooks the viewer. The video was difficult to watch at some points as it was just incredibly shaky.

Second Place **St. Louis American** **Michael McMillan: A true force for positive** **Rebecca Rivas**
While the storyline is solid, there are some real issues with this piece: The audio doesn't always match with speaker, the background music is too loud and the video is very shaky. Despite those issues, the storytelling rises above other entries in this category.

40.) Best Video | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **Wildcats Beat Lamar** **Kyle Troutman**
Nice way to get viewer right into the game.

Second Place **Houston Herald** **39-year-old Houston man from Ethiopia** **Jeff McNiell**

Third Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor** **Sound Bites** **Robert Cox**

Honorable Mention **Perry County Republic-Monitor** **Last Alarm** **Robert Cox**

41.) Best Headline Writing | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Trenton Republican-Times** **Seth Herrold**
While all of these headlines were sports stories, the writer has a clear affinity for and knowledge of local sports. Punchy and dramatic, these were no doubt keepers for the athletes, coaches, families and fans involved.

Second Place **Mexico Ledger** **Mexico Ledger Staff**
Nice play of words in both of the entered headlines: "Audrain County 8th graders learn life lessons at Reality Store and "Soybean sales drop, farmers keep crop and hope in store"

Third Place **Lebanon Daily Record** **Fines Massey**
Concise and to the point with these headlines. In this one, the use of an italicized quote added poignancy. He was just a tiny thing. He couldn't defend himself. Family's puppy killed by neighbor's dog.

41.) Best Headline Writing | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **Missourian Staff**

Second Place **LakeExpo** **Nathan Bechtold, Jay Eastlick, Connye Griffin, Al Griffin and Sara Halverson**

Third Place **Southeast Missourian**

41.) Best Headline Writing | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

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

Loved the Gone, Going, Going and Gone! treatment in sports. A unique way to treat an incredible day by the Cardinals Matt Carpenter. The shading of the heads, gray to Cardinal red, and the use of reverse white type to explain the action in each play, gave the package great impact. Similarly, the type used in Cities reduce/ reuse/ rethink recycling perfectly illustrated the confused and complicated nature of the subject at hand, municipal recycling. Both The End of an Aura and The Home Stretch were pitch perfect, creative and arresting headline treatment to the stories at hand.

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader**

Creative and poignant writing in these headlines, and, of course, when the subject of a story actually has Skylizard as a last name, a headline writer would be totally remiss not to use it. There's few readers anywhere that could read this headline, Hit by a truck, she lost her baby. Now, sued by Medicaid, without wanting to read the story. Why does Bruce have a dart in his head? Why indeed? That's a clever way to bring a story about a museum photo into the present.

Third Place **St. Joseph News-Press**

"Oh, Buch-Yeah"? Enough said.

OH, BUCH-YEAH

Brandon Zenner

41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**

Headlines were thoughtful and respectful of difficult subjects, clever (nice use of wordplay in several headlines) and set the appropriate tone for the stories that followed. Well done.

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader**

Good use of wordplay ("Delay of Game" & "Eat, Drink and be Wary"). Nice job.

Staff

Third Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**

Good headlines — several making the reader eager to find out more ("That empty feeling").

Ryan O'Shea

41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat**

There were several quality entries in the category but this one stood out for the number of clever headlines. K-A-T-I-E the cheerleader, the a-maze-ing maze and "Cat Scratch Fever" were great.

Second Place **Bowling Green Times**

Great use of wordplay in a couple of entries — the "Wheely Big Win" and "Smoking Ban Snuffed Out" stood out.

Logs Go Timber; Dawg Gone It; A Wheely

Linda Luebrecht and Ethan Colbert

Third Place **The Maryville Forum**

Clever headlines for fishing story "Bass master angles for pro fishing career" and ag piece "Lettuce Dream plants seed with Kehoe."

Best Headline Writing

Anthony Brown, Skye Pournazari and Geoffrey Woehk

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **West Plains Daily Quill**

Nicely written essay that evokes the impact a teacher had on his students and community.

David Hall

Sherry Harper

Second Place **Monett Times**

A Great Friend

Murray Bishoff

Third Place **Lebanon Daily Record**

Longtime attorney

Kirk Pearce

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian****Edwin Schnell****Alexis Allison**

The writer keyed in on the parallels between Mr. Schnell's profession (bricklayer/mason) and his life, and then used those elements as a literary device to construct and propel the narrative. Nice!

Second Place **Columbia Missourian****Nathan Blount****Annalise Acuff**

An overall powerful piece, stitched through with evocative anecdotes. Maybe could have opened with one of the more touching scenes that showed Mr. Blount's kindness, and how he was an "old soul."

Third Place **Columbia Missourian****Andrea Kirkpatrick****Claire Mitzel**

The key to writing a moving obituary is finding the anecdotes that will resonate with readers regardless of their personal ties to the subject. Leading with the bit about "cheese day" and "friend of cheese" day instantly drew me in to this story about a beloved educator who touched the lives of more than 2,500 students.

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian****Marcellus Jones remembered by friends****Marybeth Niederkorn**

Great voices, and details, make this brief farewell to a gregarious local bartender so special. Not every celebrity is a star. I'm a little curious about those Marcellus T-shirts, though....

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Mr. Cardinal dies****Rick Hummel and Benjamin Hochman****Second Place** **Kansas City Star****Mike McGraw, Pulitzer-winning****Judy L. Thomas, Laura Bauer and Matt Campbell****Third Place** **Springfield News-Leader****Nick Hostler****Claudette Riley****Honorable Mention** **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Frankie Muse Freeman****Ashley Jost****42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Clinton County Leader****Gassman****Steve Tinnen**

Clear-cut winner. The lead sentence talking about earthquakes was an interesting approach that draws the reader in to the subject matter. A tremendous tribute to a woman who meant more to the community than just being the biological mother to her eight children.

Second Place **Press-News Journal****Ray "Shocker" Schafer****Rita Cox, Paula Bichsel and Karin Althoff**

A nicely crafted story that tells you just who Ray "Shocker" Shafer was. Reading the article it gave me a "Cheers" feeling to it of a man who knew everybody's name in the community.

Third Place **Lincoln New Era****Cowboys Take Friend For Last Ride****Dianne Peck**

A good tie-in to the man's love for his cowboys heritage, especially with the planning out of the funeral procession with the horse-draw wagons.

Honorable Mention **Press-News Journal****In Loving Memory****Rita Cox and Karin Althoff**

Nice touch with the poem for the obituary of a young child taken from this world far too young.

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Richmond News****Opioid death****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

This simultaneously gave the reader a sympathetic look at the effects of war on an individual's life and offered insight on the national opioid addiction problem. How, for example, addictive drugs for an addictive personality is precisely the wrong treatment. Well done. The only suggestion would be to have more engaging sub-titles.

Second Place **Richmond News** **Hit and Run** **Teresa Shaw**
 Obituaries aren't just about what people accomplish, they're about who that person was and how we feel after reading about them. This was a reminder to readers of the grief of families and how the behavior of those around them—officials and the community—can make their grief more bearable.

Third Place **Bowling Green Times** **BGHS Coach Jack Couchman** **Ethan Colbert**
 Good quotes and stories from people who knew the coach helped the reader feel like they knew who he was, not just what he accomplished.

Honorable Mention **Perry County Republic-Monitor** **Last Alarm** **Robert Cox**
 The photo and video package of this obituary offers a tribute to a beloved member of the community. As a reader I was really struck by the realization that his wife died after 15 years of marriage and he raised five children. I would have liked a little more emphasis on that aspect of his life.

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Weeklies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Adleigh Hartog** **Laura Marlow**
 Good narrative from Biles.

Second Place **Webster - Kirkwood Times** **Family Raises Questions In Death Of Karen** **Jaime Mowers**
 Sounds like the start of a true crime.

Third Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News** **Clark's lasting legacy in Branson** **Joshua Clark**
 What a lede.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis American** **A Gem and a genius** **Dawn Suggs**
 Wanted more context about where she grew up.

43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Dailies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Stolen future** **Staff**
 Really lovely work. The videos are well done and touching. The stories are well written. Love all of the links to additional resources and information.

Second Place **Kansas City Star** **Tragedy on Table Rock Lake, the first 24** **Staff**
 Excellent example of a newsroom coming together to provide thorough breaking news coverage. Tied that nicely with solid efforts to provide more in-depth info and background. Good work.

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader** **Duck Boat** **Staff**
 Good, in-depth coverage of a breaking news story, with solid transition away from breaking news into more in-depth and background coverage. I wanted to see your photos and videos. The way you provided the story elements did not help you in the judging.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Visit with Cuonzo Martin helps Illinois teen** **Cameron Robinson and Hunter Dyke**

43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **In rural Missouri, going to jail isn't free.** **Jennifer Mosbrucker and Titus Wu**
 Nicely executed multimedia piece. While this was the only entry that wasn't simply video and a story, even had it been just those elements, the storytelling rose above the other entries. Judges really appreciated the Instagram story and the charts, though we wish the charts had been interactive online. Nicely done.

Second Place **Southeast Missourian** **Life Without: Robinson freed** **Kassi Jackson, Ben Matthews and Bob Miller**
 The depth of storytelling in this story was incredible. The reporting team went above and beyond to get to the heart. The documentary piece was incredible. The video and photo gallery would have benefited from a tighter edit.

Third Place **Mexico Ledger** **Special delivery: Company bonds UPS driver** **Sarah Sabatke**
 Nicely done slice of life story.

43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Cassville Democrat	Wildcats beat Lamar	Kyle Troutman and Jared Lankford
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Good work covering what was a big event for your community. The video was fun and exciting. Could of expanded your multi-media usage: tweet the end of the game? Give us a video snippet from the coach? How about a photo gallery?

Second Place	Edina Sentinel	Sheriff Forced Out	Echo Menges and Mike Scott
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43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	St. Louis American	Gas Mart protests	Staff
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Solid coverage of what was clearly an important event within the community. Video interviews with the protesters were good. Would of liked to hear from police or store owners or etc. as well. And show me some of the protest.

Second Place	St. Louis Business Journal	Gateway Arch before and after	Veneta Rizvic, Dilip Vishwanat and Erin Hart
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Nice photo gallery to go with some great graphics. Well done package overall. Missing? How about a video walking tour?

Third Place	Christian County Headliner News	Air Force dad surprises kids	Rance Burger
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Nice story. Of course, this story is told a lot. Doesn't mean it isn't worth telling again. Just look for a differentiator.

44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Dailies*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Lebanon Daily Record	Trout Talk	Fines Massey
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Everything you would expect in a fishing mag. The stories and photos of real folks out fishing gives this publication such a familiar and inviting feel. I'd read it from cover to cover.

Second Place	Joplin Globe	JMag - Joplin Metro Magazine	Kevin McClintock
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Third Place	News Tribune	HER Magazine	Samantha Pogue and News Tribune Staff
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Honorable Mention	Marshall Democrat-News	Saline County Veterans	
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44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Tipton Times	Senior Scribbles	Becky Holloway and Tara Alumbaugh
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I really like this publication. The information included is complete and very well organized through the editions. It's not very fancy but sweet and simple. The photographs have a great community feel and you can tell how hard the staff work to put it together. Great job!!

Second Place	Cassville Democrat	Connection Magazine	Staff
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I like the photography a lot. The layout may need some work. There a lot of ads right at the beginning of each publication making it hard to really get "drawn in" to reading it. It would be better to have more balance between story, photograhs and ads on each page.

44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Community News	CrossRoads	Mathew DeKinder, Robert Huneke, Brett Auten and Becky Brockmann
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Very touching story, "Out of the ashes." Outstanding photography. Talented designer, the layout is perfect. Each issue looks to be complete with well thought out content.

Second Place	Community News	Our Town	Mathew DeKinder, Robert Huneke, Charlotte Beard and Melissa Nordmann
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The TOAST story was a pleasure to read. Absolutely unique and creative design that totally works. GREAT photographs, bright, colorful and full of information.

45.) Best Health Story | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Monett Times	Monettan Hoping for Cure	Melonie Roberts
Second Place	Daily Express & News	Dr. Marberry brings practice back to	Jason Hunsicker
Third Place	Daily Express & News	Health Council moves to better serve new	Danielle Brown
Honorable Mention	Daily Express & News	ATSU takes simulations to next level	Danielle Brown

45.) Best Health Story | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian Powerful story. Wanted to know more about Davenport's story and wanted links to studies.	Bearing the burden: How racism-related	Alexis Allison
Second Place	News Tribune Wanted to know more about the boys' lives and what, specifically, is leading to the development of diabetes.	Banded together	Joe Gamm
Third Place	Columbia Missourian Want to know more about the disproportionate HIV rates among racial and ethnic minorities.	Central Missouri sees dramatic increase in	Alexis Allison
Honorable Mention	News Tribune Good solutions journalism.	Power of the punch	Joe Gamm

45.) Best Health Story | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Kansas City Star This is a powerful story I had not considered. It uses a good mixture of photo and copy. I learned something and it highlights issues in the health industry.	Free drug saved the life of JoCo family's	Andy Marso
Second Place	Kansas City Star Great investigatory work. The story has an impact on a community and underscores the importance of local journalism.	How a small company above a N.J. pizza	Kelsey Ryan and Andy Marso
Third Place	Kansas City Star This was an interesting look into the opioid crisis. It shows the other side of the story, something I had not considered as the health care industry struggles to provide safe pain management.	Opioid backlash: Kansas Citians in chronic	Andy Marso
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Very interesting story, heartbreaking, with effective use of pictures..	Youngest gunshot victims	Stu Durando

45.) Best Health Story | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Oak Grove Focus Want to know more about what's exacerbating asthma.	Jessica Dean shares family's battle with	Ruth Ann Hafner

Second Place What a fight.	Maries County Advocate	Local woman fights cancer	Laura Schiermeier
Third Place Interesting ballot fight.	Cassville Democrat	Doctor/Pharmacist Point/Counterpoint	Jordan Privett
Honorable Mention	Cassville Democrat	Telemedicine Program	Jordan Privett

45.) Best Health Story | Weeklies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Richmond News	Knitted Knockers	Teresa Shaw
Second Place	Gasconade County Republican	Cat head lost in the mail creates serious	Linda Trest
Third Place	Bolivar Herald-Free Press	Hope is a four-legged word	Jessica Franklin Maull
Honorable Mention	Mound City News	The doctor is in; and out and about	Dennis Sharkey

45.) Best Health Story | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place I enjoyed the way the information about this new technology was presented, and the writing style was engaging.	Jefferson County Leader	Festus teen diabetes	Gordon Bess
Second Place I like that this piece highlights the bravery of someone bringing awareness to this ailment, and felt the accompanying graphics and overall packaged tell the story very well.	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	'I Waited Too Long'	Karen Cernich
Third Place IThis is a fun piece with great personality, and a great way to spread awareness to the readership about this idea.	Jefferson County Leader	Senior Dental Van	Peggy Bess
Honorable Mention A very interesting piece that does a great job integrating both the business side and human aspect of potential impacts of artificial blood.	St. Louis Business Journal	Artificial blood	Brian Robbins