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So long and thanks for all the memories

Final President's column brings anticipation for the future

This year has gone by in a blink. I find the older I get that time seems to rip along like hell on wheels.

In just a few weeks Trevor Vernon of the *The Advertiser* in Eldon will take the helm as President of the Missouri Press Association. He's a fine person and a gifted newspaper publisher. Our Association is better for having him be a part of it.

Speaking of time, a new legislative session will open soon. There's no doubt that our legal notices will once again come under fire. Please continue to build relationships with your representatives. A personal connection with your elected officials

is crucial to keeping our notices in print and not on a government-run website.

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There's no question that our industry faces headwinds going forward, but we're all still here and still part of the fabric that makes up each of our communities. This staying power is because of the talented, dedicated people that make up our Association.

The group assembled at our Annual Convention in September is evidence of this. As many of us embrace a more digital platform and newspapers continue to evolve, one thing remains the same. And that's the abundance of

faith we have in our communities and the faith they have in us.

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As I wrap up this final column, I would like to thank MPA Executive Director Mark Maassen and the incredible team in Columbia for their support. Being able to serve as President of the Missouri Press Association has been a pleasure and an honor.

Take care and best wishes for the coming New Year. Onward and upward!

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For The Last Time:

J.M.W.



MPA President James White, right, accepts the Pinnacle Award on behalf of his great-great-great-grandfather, Thomas Benton White, marking his inclusion in the Missouri Newspaper Hall of Fame. The elder White established the *Benton County Enterprise* in Warsaw in 1879, converting a wrecked riverboat into the newspaper's first office. While accepting the award, White was joined by current *Enterprise* staffers Tyler Simons and Briar Heavener.



PRESIDENT: James White, *Benton County Enterprise*, Warsaw
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: Trevor Vernon, *The Advertiser*, Eldon
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: Liz Irwin, Missouri Lawyers Media, St. Louis
SECRETARY: Hannah Spaar, *The Odessa*, Odessa
TREASURER: Amos Bridges, *Springfield News-Leader*
PAST PRESIDENT: Carol Stark, *The Joplin Globe*
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funded 9 newspaper summer interns in 2019.

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(Not Pictured: Shelby Matthews • University of Missouri • Jefferson City News Tribune & Natalee Long • Cottey College • Branson Tri-Lakes News)

Silver Dollar City will give up to **\$3,000** to match 2020 internship program donations to MPF this holiday season.



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The Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame inducted four new members during its 2019 ceremony held Oct. 17, at the Center for Missouri Studies, which is the new home of the State Historical Society of Missouri in downtown Columbia. Joining the Hall of Fame are, from left, Dan White, Jim Curley, the late William Fambrough [his son, William Fambrough Jr. accepted on his father's behalf], and Bill Battle. Approximately 100 family, friends and colleagues attended the ceremony to see these men be recognized for their work in photojournalism. (Staff photos)

Photojournalism Hall of Fame inducts four at new Historical Society home

By Missouri Press Staff

Missouri Press News

The 15th class of inductees to the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame were inducted Oct. 17, in Columbia, marking a new era for the annual event.

Joining the Photojournalism Hall of Fame were the late William Fambrough Sr., Bill Battle, Jim Curley and Dan White. The induction ceremony this year took place at the Center for Missouri Studies in downtown Columbia, which is the new home of the State Historical Society of Missouri.

Because of the long interconnected history between Missouri Press Association and the State Historical Society, which was founded through the efforts of MPA in 1898, the Center for Missouri Studies will be the new home of the Photojournalism Hall of Fame moving forward.

Each inductee has a prolific collection of work to their name and several pieces will be on display as part of a special exhibit at the Center for Missouri Studies.

During their acceptance speeches,



This year's Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame induction ceremony saw about 100 family, friends and colleagues attending to congratulate this year's inductees. The ceremony moved from the Reynolds Journalism Institute on the University of Missouri campus to the State Historical Society of Missouri's new home, the Center for Missouri Studies in downtown Columbia. A special exhibit of inductees' work will be on display at the Center for Missouri Studies, which will host future events for the Hall of Fame.

each inductee thanked the nominating committee and the many people in their lives who have supported them over the years. White said he was grateful for his career as a photographer because his camera ended up being the entryway into many other peoples' lives.

Curley recalled fondly his experience with his first camera, a Leica, an experience shared by many with similar stories to his own.

"That Leica could stop time," Curley said with a smile. "It could capture slices of time. It was a passport into other people's lives."

The Photojournalism Hall of Fame was founded at the urging of Bill Miller Sr., publisher of the *Washington Missourian* twice-weekly newspaper, to recognize outstanding contributors to visual communication with ties to Missouri.

Officers, directors elected for 2020

Publisher of Eldon Advertiser to succeed James White

By Missouri Press Staff
Missouri Press News

Trevor Vernon, publisher of *The Advertiser* in Eldon was elected president of the Missouri Press Association Sept. 27, during the 153rd Annual MPA Convention in Kansas City.

Vernon is the third generation of his family of newspaper publishers to serve as president of Missouri Press Association. His father Dane was president in 2002 and grandfather Wallace was president in 1973. He has been publisher of the *Advertiser* since 2007 and has served on the MPA Board of Directors since 2013.

In addition to publishing the *Advertiser*, his family also owns the *Tipton Times* and the *Hermitage Index*. In addition to their local community involvement, the family is active in National Newspaper Association and has been a strong advocate for Newspapers in Education.

Vernon has used his time as a

member of the MPA Board of Directors to advocate for community newspapers and explore new ways for publications like his to develop new revenue opportunities, while also maintaining the established print tradition.

Vernon will succeed James White, publisher of *Benton County Enterprise*, as MPA president Jan. 1. White will continue on the MPA Board of Directors through 2020 as immediate past president.

Other 2020 MPA officers and directors elected Sept. 27 include: First Vice President, Liz Irwin, Missouri Lawyers Media, St. Louis; Second Vice President, Roger Dillon, *Shannon County Current Wave*, Eminence; Secretary, Ruby Bailey, *Columbia Missourian*; Treasurer, Peggy Scott, *Jefferson County Leader*, Festus.

Director for two-year terms: Julie



The Advertiser Publisher Trevor Vernon is the 2020 president of Missouri Press Association. He was elected during the business meeting held Sept. 27, as part of the 153rd Annual Convention in Kansas City.

Moreno, *Independence Examiner*.

Directors for three-year terms: Hannah Spaar, *The Odessan*, Odessa; Amos Bridges, *Springfield News-Leader*, and Beth Durreman, *Perry County Republic-Monitor*, Perryville.

Sandy Nelson, *Courier Tribune*, Liberty, is again serving as the National Newspaper Association state chair.

Continuing on the MPA Board in 2020 will be directors: Donna Bischoff, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*; Mary Wilson, *Jackson County Advocate*, Grandview; Bryan Jones, *Versailles Leader-Statesman*; and Kevin Jones, *St. Louis American*.

Stepping down from the MPA Board in December 2019 is Tianna Brooks, *Mountain View Standard News*.

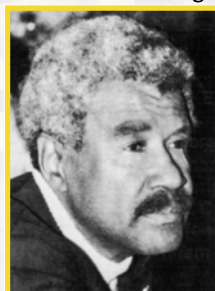


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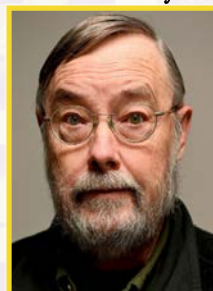
William Fambrough



Bill Battle



Jim Curley



Dan White



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OBITUARIES



Salisbury

Patricia Kirby

Former newspaper publisher Patricia Kirby, 92, of Columbia, formerly of Salisbury, died Oct. 15, 2019, at The Bluffs Nursing Home in Columbia. Along with her husband, she was owner and publisher of *The Chariton County Courier* at Keytesville. During her 30 years of newspaper ownership, she was active with Missouri



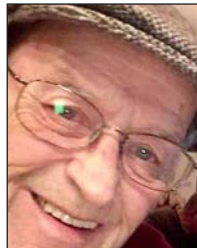
Press.

The publishing pair was also responsible for multiple “shoppers” in central Missouri. She also taught kindergarten and was a substitute teacher at Salisbury Elementary School. She is survived by her son, John; two grandsons; and many more family and friends.

Sedalia

Peter Daniels

Peter F. Daniels, 79, died Oct. 2, 2019, at his home in Sedalia. A lifelong journalist, he emigrated to the United States in June 1951 knowing no English and started school in September 1951. He was promptly set back three grades as he did not speak or understand English but mastered the language on his own.



reading for the *Sedalia Democrat*. He was promoted to reporter, starting his career in journalism at the *Democrat* for 30 years and then later at the Central Missouri News for 10 years. He is survived by his wife, Susan; a daughter, Margo; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and many more family and friends.

Upon graduating he got a job proof-

Sedalia

Randall Shields

Randall Daye Shields, 68, former publisher of the *Sedalia Democrat*, died Sept. 13, 2019, at his home in Bethesda, Md. He was publisher in Sedalia from August 1993 to September 1995. While in Sedalia, Shields was active in many community activities and projects. He is survived by his wife, Patrice; four children; and many more family and friends.

Sikeston

Heidi Hall

Heidi Neiland Hall, 49, of Nashville, Tenn., died Sept. 25, 2019, from colorectal cancer. She was formerly a reporter and managing editor for the Southeast Missourian in Cape Girardeau. She also worked for the *Democrat Advertiser* in Sikeston (her hometown), as well as spent time at newspapers in Florida before joining the communications team at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. She is survived by many friends and loved ones.



MPA proposing frequency discount for initiative petitions, referendums

By Missouri Press Staff
Missouri Press News

In June, Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, addressed the Missouri Press Association and Service boards regarding the Initiative Petition process, particularly the advertising required containing amendment language prior to elections. Secretary Ashcroft expressed concern regarding pricing from newspapers.

A committee was formed to explore options. Those committee members are: James White; Trevor Vernon; Liz Irwin; Dennis Warden; Julie Moreno; Doug Crews; Mark Maassen.

The committee made the following recommendations:

Initiative Petitions and Referendums Advertising – MPA is proposing offering a frequency discount to all Initiative Petitions and Referendums Advertising that runs prior to elections.

First Insertion – Newspaper’s regular local classified rate (Legal rate)

Second Insertion – No more than 85% of the Newspaper’s regular local classified rate – (15% discount)

Third Insertion – No more than 80% of the Newspaper’s regular local classified rate – (20% discount)

Fourth Insertion – No more than

75% of the Newspaper’s regular local classified rate – (25% discount)

This discount applies only to advertising insertions where the Secretary of State buys a majority of Missouri Press Association member newspapers in a state-wide campaign.

At the September MPA / MPS board meeting, the recommendations were discussed and plans were approved to present this pricing schedule to the Secretary of State before they prepare the 2020 advertising budget.

Let MPA Board President James White or MPA Director Mark Maassen know if you have questions or concerns.



Missouri Press Foundation

*These individuals and/or organizations made recent contributions to
Missouri Press Foundation.*

Thank you to everyone who helped the Missouri Press Foundation raise more than \$10,000 through donations, auction purchases, and attendance at the Foundation Casino Night Fundraiser during the 153rd Annual Missouri Press Association Convention.

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Live Auction Item Purchasers

The Congers, Pat & Amy Neal, Peggy Scott, Jeff Schrag, Joe Stark, Trevor & Molly Vernon, Dennis & Connie Warden, and Pamela Wingo

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In partnership with Missouri Press' member newspapers

What: It Can Wait campaign between AT&T, Missouri newspapers

When: Spring 2020, with a local deadline of February 17

Who: Missouri high school-age students

What: Have students write an essay or produce a 60-90 second video with transcript about the dangers of distracted driving. Entries should answer the question, "What is the most persuasive argument to convince people not to drive distracted?"

Students must also create a Twitter campaign message of up to 280 characters

Solicit local entries and choose an essay winner and a video winner from those individuals. Local winners will then be passed on to Missouri Press Association for statewide judging.

Prizes: Each statewide winner, essay and video, will receive \$750
For more information, contact Matthew Barba
at mbarba@mopress.com or 573-449-4167

Missouri Press' 'gangsters and flappers' bet it all on black

By Missouri Press Staff
Missouri Press News

Missouri Press members like to dress up and show off once in a while.

For the Thursday night social event during this year's 153rd Annual Convention and Trade Show in Kansas City, many members pulled out all the stops for Gangsters' and Flappers' Night at the Speakeasy.

Benefiting the Missouri Press Foundation, about 90 people signed up for the social fundraiser which included a fun casino night, food and drinks.

Attendees were also able to win prizes for their costumes.

Next year's Convention will be Sept. 24-26, in Jefferson City. The Thursday night social event will be a haunted prison tour of the former Missouri State Penitentiary.

If you would like to help support the Foundation, please contact Michael Harper at mharper@mopress.com



Above, Liz Irwin and her husband, Steve Deaton, center, revel in the spirit of the evening. Pictured left, they are joined by Dennis and Don Warden, while on the right side of the table Trevor Vernon laments not taking wife Molly's advice for his previous hand. Below, from left, Kia Breaux, Rod Richardson, Beth Durreman and husband Carl enjoy the evening's festivities. (Staff photos)



At top, always with a smile, Peggy Scott and husband Rob were among those who came out for year's Thursday night social fundraiser. Above, from left, Joe May, Doug Crews and Joe Spaar were also among those embracing the revelry.



Above left, looking incredibly stylish, the trio of Warden women, from left, Connie, Jessica and Jeanne, fully embraced the spirit of Gangsters' and Flappers' Night at the Speakeasy. About 90 people signed up to support the Missouri Press Foundation for the kick-off event to this year's Annual Convention. Above right, which gangster has two finger guns and came to party at the "Speakeasy" while helping the Foundation? Roger Dillon, that's who.



Hall of Fame ceremony celebrates journalism, remembers lost peers

By Missouri Press Staff
Missouri Press News

The 153rd Annual Convention and Trade Show in Kansas City included the induction of Missouri Press Association's 29th class of the Newspaper Hall of Fame.

This year's inductees were the late Thomas Benton White, founder and publisher of the *Benton County Enterprise*; the late Frank Stufflebam, editor and publisher of the *Bolivar Herald*; former MPA President Phil and Kathy Conger, owners and publishers of the *Bethany Republican-Clipper*; and the late Carol Stark, long-time editor of the *Joplin Globe* and former MPA president, who died from cancer in August after learning she would be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

More than 150 people have been inducted into the Newspaper Hall of Fame since it was established in 1991.

The quintessential small newspaper team, Phil and Kathy Conger represent the third generation of family ownership for the *Bethany Republican-Clipper*. He received a journalism degree from the University of Missouri, where he met his future wife, Kathy Stroup. Phil and Kathy married in July 1969 and today, she is the newspaper's advertising manager.

Through the years, Phil and Kathy have worked as a team to keep their communities informed and help advertisers reach an audience that can be spread wide across northern Missouri. While they have always recognized the challenges that come with publishing a small-town newspaper, the Congers have also embraced ideas that represent the future of digital publishing. Phil served as MPA President in 2012.

Thomas Benton White's journey to establish the *Benton County Enterprise* in Warsaw is the epitome of early Missouri newspaper pioneering, establishing a dedication to journalism that has continued through five generations. White came to Warsaw in 1879 from Denver, Colo., where he had



Clockwise from left, Dr. Robert Stufflebam accepts the Pinnacle Award on behalf of his grandfather, Frances Stufflebam. Phil and Kathy Conger share their appreciation for being inducted into the Hall of Fame. Kathy Conger leads a toast in the tradition of Lucy Jones to journalism and those who practice it. Daughter-in-law Kristen Stark was chosen to receive the Pinnacle Award on behalf of Carol Stark. Through her remarks, the family expressed their gratitude for the support they and Carol received before, during and after the illness that claimed her life in August. (Staff photos)

been a reporter for the *Rocky Mountain News*. During the 38 years he edited the *Enterprise*, White changed the culture of Benton County and set a precedent for his family to be involved in the community that continues to this day.

For 47 years Francis Stufflebam used his editorial page in the *Bolivar Herald* to advocate for the betterment of Bolivar and Polk County. His ownership of the newspaper began in June 1904 with a promise to "advocate Jeffersonian democracy pure and simple, high standards for the county's schools and teachers, and anything contributing to the upbuilding of town,

state, or nation."

Carol Stark was known by many throughout the newspaper industry for her leadership, judgment, passion and compassion. Stark remained a champion of local news, believing that even though the work is not easy, the effect local news has on the community can never be replaced. From her beginnings at the *Globe* in 1983, Stark worked her way up the newsroom, becoming metro editor in 2003 and then executive editor in 2007. She was the first woman in the newspaper's 111-year history to hold that position. She served as MPA President in 2018.

We loved seeing you in Kansas City!



Bobby Kendrick, center, director of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, was the Friday luncheon speaker. Widely enjoyed by those who heard his presentation, Kendrick continued captivating an audience after lunch with more stories and information about the museum. *(Staff photos)*



Sen. Roy Blunt was among those who spoke to Missouri Press Association members during the 153rd Annual Convention and Trade Show in September in Kansas City. Blunt also took several questions from members, including his thoughts on the then-impending impeachment inquiry and what he thought would be the Senate's response.



Gov. Mike Parson chats with Trevor Vernon after the governor's presentation to the general Missouri Press membership during Friday morning breakfast.



Jim McPherson speaks with Sen. Roy Blunt before the senator's presentation to the greater Missouri Press membership the Friday morning of the Convention.



MPA Executive Director Mark Maassen talks with Kathy Lu, engagement and partnerships editor at The Kansas City Star before her presentation about reader engagement and transparency Saturday morning of the Convention.

Congratulations to Missouri Press' 2019 Better Newspaper Contest winners!



Missouri Press' Photo of the Year winner was Kassi Jackson's image from a Scott City school lock down. Jackson and the *Southeast Missourian* took first place in the Best News Photo category for the image. In choosing the Photo of the Year, judges said, "This photo, a true spot news event, required level headed thinking on the part of the photographer as 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." (Submitted photos)



Above left, the *Washington Missourian's* Bill Battle won first place in Best Sports Photograph for large weeklies. Above right, Mike Grassham and *The Van Buren Current Local* won first place for Best News Photograph for small weeklies with this shot of a tool restoration workshop.

By Missouri Press Staff

Missouri Press News

Weeklies

General Excellence Class 1

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader -
Brett Adkison, Steve Tinnen, Autumn
Barnett, Betty Dickinson,
Nikki Keling

Cassville Democrat - Staff
Greenfield Vedette - Gina Langston,
Lavinia Thornhill, James McNary,
Bob Jackson

General Excellence Class 2

Ozark | Christian County Headliner
News - Staff
Richmond News - The Richmond
News

Bolivar Herald-Free Press - Staff
Maryville Forum - The Maryville
Forum staff

General Excellence Class 3

Liberty Clay County Courier-Tribune
- CT Staff

St. Louis Business Journal -
Erik Siemers

St. Louis American - Staff
St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -
Staff

Best Overall Design Class 1

Cassville Democrat - Staff
Maries County Advocate - Staff
Greenfield Vedette - Gina Langston,
Lavinia Thornhill, James McNary,
Bob Jackson

Best Overall Design Class 2

Perryville Perry County
Republic-Monitor - Staff
Owensville Gasconade Co.
Republican - Staff
Richmond News - The Richmond
News
Ozark | Christian County Headliner
News - Staff

Best Overall Design Class 3

St. Louis American - Mike Terhaar,
Melvin Moore
St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -
Ryan O'Shea, Matt Foster
Washington Missourian, Weekend -
Staff
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Staff

Best Front Page Class 1

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader -
Brett Adkison
Cassville Democrat - Staff
Maries County Advocate - Staff

Best Front Page Class 2



Jeanne Miller-Wood took a bite out of the competition with her first-place winning Best Feature Photograph for the *Washington Missourian*, Wednesday edition.

Ozark | Christian County Headliner
News - Staff
Perryville Perry County Republic-
Monitor - Staff
Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
Richmond News - The Richmond
News

Best Front Page Class 3

St. Louis American - Mike Terhaar
St. Louis Business Journal -
Erik Siemers
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Staff
Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
STAFF

Best Breaking News Story Class 1

Maries County Advocate -
Roxie Murphy
Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman,
Murray Bishoff

Best Breaking News Story Class 2

Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
Perryville Perry County Republic-
Monitor - Robert Cox
Perryville Perry County Republic-
Monitor - Robert Cox
Owensville Gasconade Co.
Republican - Roxie Murphy

Best Breaking News Story Class 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News - Sara

Karnes

St. Louis Call Newspapers - Gloria
Lloyd
Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Peggy Bess, Kim Robertson
St. Louis Business Journal - Greg
Edwards

Best News Story Class 1

Osceola St. Clair County Courier -
Brandy Bourland
Maries County Advocate -
Roxie Murphy
Maries County Advocate -
Laura Schiermeier
South Cass Tribune - Dennis Minich

Best News Story Class 2

Perryville Perry County Republic-
Monitor - Robert Cox
Maryville Forum - Skye Pournazari
Odessa Odessan - Hannah Spaar
Bolivar Herald-Free Press - Jill Way

Best News Story Class 3

St. Louis American - Rebecca Rivas
St. Louis Call Newspapers -
Gloria Lloyd
Branson Tri-Lakes News -
Sara Karnes
Washington Missourian, Weekend -
Gregg Jones

Best Feature Story Class 1

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman

Congratulations from Metro Creative Graphics to this year's BNC winners!

Van Buren The Current Local -
Ryan Van Winkle
South Cass Tribune - Dennis Minich

Best Feature Story Class 2

Salem News - Andrew Sheeley
Odessa Odessan - Hannah Spaar
Owensville Gasconade Co.
Republican - Roxie Murphy
Odessa Odessan - Jordan Wright

Best Feature Story Class 3

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -
Scott Lauck

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Laura Marlow

St. Louis Business Journal -
Veneta Rizvic

St. Louis Business Journal -
Steph Kukuljan

**Best News or Feature Series
Class 1**

Lincoln New Era -Dianne Peck
Maries County Advocate -
Roxie Murphy, Dave Marner
Grandview Jackson County Advocate
- Mary Wilson

Maries County Advocate -
Roxie Murphy

**Best News or Feature Series
Class 2**

Bolivar Herald-Free Press - Jill Way,
Jessica Franklin Maull

Gainesville Ozark County Times - Sue
Ann Jones, Jessi Dreckman, Norene
Prososki

Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell,
Brad Gentry, Doug Davison



Jacob Warden made this shot to secure a first place win for the *Maries County Advocate* for Best Sports Photograph.

Bolivar Herald-Free Press -
Dave Berry, Jessica Franklin Maull,
Jill Way

**Best News or Feature Series
Class 3**

Branson Tri-Lakes News -
Sara Karnes, John Robinson, Emily
Cole, Cliff Sain

Liberty Clay County Courier-Tribune
- Amanda Lubinski, Kellie Houx,
Sean Roberts

St. Louis American - Staff
Kansas City Northeast News -
Michael Bushnell, Paul Thompson

**Tilghman Cloud Memorial
Editorial Class 1**

Osceola St. Clair County Courier -
Michael Crawford

Van Buren The Current Local - Ryan
Van Winkle

South Cass Tribune - Dennis Minich
Osceola St. Clair County Courier -
Michael Crawford

**Tilghman Cloud Memorial
Editorial Class 2**

Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

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Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Eldon Advertiser - Trevor Vernon

**Tilghman Cloud Memorial
Editorial Class 3**

Kansas City Northeast News - Mi-
chael Bushnell

Kansas City Northeast News - Mi-
chael Bushnell

Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Staff
St. Louis Call Newspapers - Staff

**Best Columnist - Humorous
Classes 1 & 2**

Perryville Perry County Republic-
Monitor - Robert Cox

Perryville Perry County Republic-
Monitor - Beth Durreman

Marshfield Mail - Dane Lale

**Best Columnist - Humorous
Class 3**

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times
- - Don Corrigan

St. Louis Community News -
Cindy Moore

Best Columnist - Serious Class 1

South Cass Tribune - Dennis Minich
Lincoln New Era - Dianne Peck

Lincoln New Era - Dianne Peck

Lincoln New Era - Dianne Peck



Jeff McNiell could see the art reflected in this Best Feature Photograph made for the *Houston Herald*.

Best Columnist - Serious Class 2

Salem News - Donald Dodd
Marshfield Mail - Dane Lale
Marshfield Mail - Karen Craig
Ava Douglas County Herald -
Sue Curry Jones

Best Columnist - Serious Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Peggy Bess

St. Louis Call Newspapers -
Mike Anthony

St. Louis American - Mike Jones
Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Pat Martin

Best News Photograph Class 1

Van Buren The Current Local -
Mike Grassham

Maries County Advocate -
Dave Marner

Lexington News - Joe Parmon
Maries County Advocate -
Jacob Warden

Best News Photograph Class 2

Houston Herald - Doug Davison
Maryville Forum - Anthony Brown

Richmond News - Teresa Shaw
Bowling Green Times -
Ethan Colbert

Best News Photograph Class 3

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Jeanne Miller-Wood

St. Louis American - Wiley Price
Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Ron Rigdon

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times -
Diana Linsley

Best Feature Photograph Class 1

Maries County Advocate -
Jacob Warden

Eminence Shannon County Current
Wave - Roger Dillon

Van Buren The Current Local -
Mike Grassham

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader -
Brett Adkison

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Snapping this photo ensured Jacob Warden didn't let first place in Best Feature Photograph slip through his fingers like a greased pig. For the *Maries County Advocate*.

Best Feature Photograph Class 2

Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
Odessa Odessan - Hannah Spaar
Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

California Democrat - Michelle Brooks

Best Feature Photograph Class 3

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Jeanne Miller-Wood

St. Louis Business Journal -

Dilip Vishwanat

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times -
Ursula Ruhl

St. Louis Business Journal - Dilip
Vishwanat

Best Sports Photograph Class 1

Maries County Advocate -
Jacob Warden

Maries County Advocate -
Neal Johnson

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman
Van Buren The Current Local -
Mike Grassham

Best Sports Photograph Class 2

Ozark | Christian County Headliner
News - Pat Dailey

Maryville Forum - Jon Dykstra

Odessa Odessan - Kory Hales
Gainesville Ozark County Times -
Karla Smith

Best Sports Photograph Class 3

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Bill Battle

Washington Missourian, Weekend -
Bill Battle

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -

Ted Howell

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Arron Hustead

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 1

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader -
Brett Adkison

Maries County Advocate -
Jacob Warden

Van Buren The Current Local -
Mike Grassham

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader -
Clint Dye

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 2

Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
Bowling Green Times - Ethan Colbert

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 3

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Bill Battle

Washington Missourian, Weekend -
Arron Hustead

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Bill Battle

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Bill Battle

Best Photo Illustration Class 1

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman
Plattsburg Clinton County Leader -
Brett Adkison

Best Photo Illustration Class 2

Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell

Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Photo Illustration Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal -
Michael Behrens

St. Louis Business Journal -
Michael Behrens

Best Photo Package Class 1

Maries County Advocate - Dave
Marner

Maries County Advocate - Jacob
Warden

Maries County Advocate - Jacob
Warden

Maries County Advocate - Jacob
Warden

Best Photo Package Class 2

Owensville Gasconade Co.

Republican - Dave Marner, Jacob
Warden, Dennis Warden

Owensville Gasconade Co.

Republican - Dave Marner

Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Photo Package Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal -
Dilip Vishwanat

Liberty Clay County Courier-Tribune
- Kellie Houx

St. Louis American - Melvin Moore
Washington Missourian, Wednesday

- Staff

Community Service Class 1

Cassville Democrat - Staff

Community Service Class 2

Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Bowling Green Times -

Ethan Colbert, Linda Luebrecht,
Kyle Boaz

Houston Herald - Brad Gentry

Community Service Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
STAFF

St. Louis American - Staff

St. Louis Call Newspapers -

Deb Baker, Pat Dillon, Gloria Lloyd,
Erin Achenbach

Best Editorial Pages Classes 1 & 2

Ozark | Christian County Headliner
News - Staff

Bowling Green Times -

Ethan Colbert, Liz O'Farrell,

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Linda Luebrecht
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Houston Herald - Brad Gentry
Best Editorial Pages Class 3
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Staff
 Kansas City Northeast News -
 Michael Bushnell, Bryan Stalder
 St. Louis American - Editorial Board
Best Sports Pages Classes 1 & 2
 Richmond News - Jack "Miles"
 Ventimiglia, Shawn Roney
 Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
 Cassville Democrat - Staff
 Maryville Forum - Jon Dykstra
Best Sports Pages Class 3
 St. Louis American - Earl Austin Jr.,
 Ishmael Sistrunk, Alvin Reid,
 Tashon Reed
 Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 - Bill Battle, Arron Hustead
Best Sports News Story Class 1
 Plattsburg Clinton County Leader - -
 Brett Adkison, Clint Dye
 Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman
 Maries County Advocate -
 Will Johnson, Jacob Warden
 Grandview Jackson County Advocate
 - Brent Kalwei
Best Sports News Story Class 2
 Marshfield Mail - Dane Lale
 Maryville Forum - Jon Dykstra
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
Best Sports News Story Class 3
 Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 - Bill Battle, Arron Hustead
 Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 - Arron Hustead, Bill Battle
 St. Louis Business Journal -
 Nathan Rubbelke
Best Sports Feature Story Class 1
 South Cass Tribune - Dennis Minich
 Plattsburg Clinton County Leader -
 Brett Adkison
 Grandview Jackson County Advocate
 - Brent Kalwei
 Grandview Jackson County Advocate
 - Brent Kalwei
Best Sports Feature Story Class 2
 Maryville Forum - Jon Dykstra
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Marshfield Mail - Dane Lale
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Best Sports Feature Story Class 3

St. Louis American -
 Ishmael Sistrunk
 St. Louis Business Journal -
 Nathan Rubbelke
 St. Louis Community News -
 Brett Auten
 St. Louis American - Tashon Reed
Best Sports Columnist Class 2
 Richmond News - Shawn Roney
 Maryville Forum - Jonathan Baker
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Best Sports Columnist Class 3
 Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 - Bill Battle
 Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 - Arron Hustead
 St. Louis American - Alvin Reid
 St. Louis American - Ishmael Sistrunk
**Best News or Feature Special
 Section Class 1**
 Cassville Democrat - Staff
 Cassville Democrat - Staff
 Tipton Times - Becky Holloway,
 Tara Alumbaugh
 Maries County Advocate - Staff
**Best News or Feature Special
 Section Class 2**
 Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
 Bowling Green Times - Ethan
 Colbert, Linda Luebrecht, Kyle Boaz
 Bolivar Herald-Free Press - Staff
 Perryville Perry County Republic-
 Monitor - Heather Wentz,
 Stephanie Vandeven, Staff
**Best News or Feature Special
 Section Class 3**
 St. Louis American - Staff
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Staff
 Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 - Karen Cernich, Bill Battle, Jeanne
 Miller-Wood, Gregg Jones
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Staff
**Best Investigative Reporting
 Class 1**
 Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman
 Edina Sentinel - Echo Menges,
 Mike Scott
 Van Buren The Current Local -
 Ryan Van Winkle
**Best Investigative Reporting
 Class 2**
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Bolivar Herald-Free Press - Jill Way
 Houston Herald - Brad Gentry
**Best Investigative Reporting
 Class 3**

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
 Steve Taylor
 St. Louis Business Journal -
 Jacob Kirn, Brian Robbins
 St. Louis American - Rebecca Rivas
 St. Louis Business Journal -
 Steph Kukuljan
**Best Local Business Coverage
 Classes 1 & 2**
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Ozark | Christian County Headliner
 News - Staff
 Bowling Green Times - Ethan Colbert
 Houston Herald - Doug Davison
**Best Local Business Coverage
 Class 3**
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader - -
 Staff
 St. Louis Business Journal -
 Erik Siemers
 St. Louis American - Staff
Best Business Story Class 1
 Greenfield Vedette - James McNary
 Edina Sentinel - Echo Menges
 Grandview Jackson County Advocate
 - Mary Wilson
 Maries County Advocate - Staff
Best Business Story Class 2
 Ozark | Christian County Headliner
 News - Rance Burger, Sydni Moore
 Owensville Gasconade Co.
 Republican - Dave Marner
 Maryville Forum - Skye Pournazari
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Best Business Story Class 3
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
 Steve Taylor
 St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -
 Jessica Shumaker
 Washington Missourian, Weekend -
 Karen Cernich
 St. Louis Business Journal -
 Steph Kukuljan
**Best Coverage of Government
 Class 1**
 Maries County Advocate -
 Laura Schiermeier
 Grandview Jackson County Advocate
 - Mary Wilson
 Maries County Advocate -
 Roxie Murphy
 Grandview Jackson County Advocate
 - Mary Wilson
**Best Coverage of Government
 Class 2**
 Owensville Gasconade Co.

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Republican - Dave Marner
 Perryville Perry County Republic-
 Monitor - Robert Cox
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Ozark | Christian County Headliner
 News - Rance Burger

**Best Coverage of Government
 Class 3**

Liberty Clay County Courier-Tribune
 - Amanda Lubinski
 Liberty Clay County Courier-Tribune
 - Amanda Lubinski
 Washington Missourian, Weekend -
 Monte Miller

**Best Coverage of Rural Life or
 Agriculture Classes 1 & 2**

Cassville Democrat - Staff
 Houston Herald - Doug Davison
 Richmond News - The Richmond
 News

**Best Story About Rural Life or
 Agriculture Classes 1**

Van Buren The Current Local -
 Ryan Van Winkle
 Grandview Jackson County Advocate
 - Mary Wilson

**Best Story About Rural Life or
 Agriculture Classes 2**

Ozark | Christian County Headliner
 News - Sydni Moore
 Ozark | Christian County Headliner
 News - Sydni Moore
 Odessa Odessan - Hannah Spaar
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

**Best Story About Rural Life or
 Agriculture Classes 3**

St. Louis Business Journal -
 Steph Kukuljan
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
 Mary McKinstry
 Washington Missourian, Weekend -
 Karen Cernich

Best Story About Religion Class 1

Grandview Jackson County Advocate
 - Mary Wilson

Best Story About Religion Class 2

Bolivar Herald-Free Press - Jill Way
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Ozark | Christian County Headliner
 News - Rance Burger
 Marshfield Mail - Karen Craig

Best Story About Religion Class 3



Jeff McNiell let this image do the heavy lifting to tell the story of Houston High School football players training with Marines.

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 - Karen Cernich

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 - Karen Cernich

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
 Gordon Bess

Washington Missourian, Weekend -
 Elizabeth Barmeier

**Best Story About Education
 Class 1**

Oak Grove Focus - Ruth Ann Hafner
 Maries County Advocate -
 Laura Schiermeier

**Best Story About Education
 Class 2**

Richmond News - Joy Tipping
 Ozark | Christian County Headliner
 News - Rance Burger

Odessa Odessan - Hannah Spaar
 Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell

**Best Story About Education
 Class 3**

St. Louis American - Rebecca Rivas
 St. Louis American - Chris King
 St. Louis Business Journal - Veneta
 Rizvic

Branson Tri-Lakes News -
 Sara Karnes, Cliff Sain

**Best Story About the Outdoors
 Class 1**

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman
 Maries County Advocate - Laura
 Schiermeier

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman
 Van Buren The Current Local - Ryan

Van Winkle

**Best Story About the Outdoors
 Class 2**

Marshfield Mail - Karen Craig
 Salem News - Ben Sheeley
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

**Best Story About the Outdoors
 Class 3**

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times -
 Don Corrigan

St. Louis Business Journal - Diana
 Barr

St. Louis Community News - Brett
 Auten

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
 Gordon Bess

Best Story About History Class 1

Grandview Jackson County Advocate
 - Mary Wilson

Cassville Democrat - Jordan Privett
 Lexington News - Joe Parmon
 South Cass Tribune -
 Linda Thompson

Best Story About History Class 2

Bolivar Herald-Free Press - Jill Way
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Marshfield Mail - Sarah Bicknell
 Marshfield Mail - Sarah Bicknell

Best Story About History Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal - Diana
 Barr, Jacob Kirn

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
 Gordon Bess

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 - Karen Cernich

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times -
 Don Corrigan

Best Military Story Class 1

Cassville Democrat -
 Melonie Roberts
 Maries County Advocate -
 Roxie Murphy

Cassville Democrat - Jordan Privett
 Van Buren The Current Local -

Ryan Van Winkle

Best Military Story Class 2

Houston Herald - Doug Davison
 Salem News - Andrew Sheeley
 Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Bolivar Herald-Free Press - Jill Way

Best Military Story Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
 Laura Marlow

Branson Tri-Lakes News -
 John Robinson

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Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Karen Cernich
Branson Tri-Lakes News - John
Robinson

Best Page Design Class 1

Maries County Advocate - Staff
Maries County Advocate - Staff
Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman

Best Page Design Class 2

Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Bowling Green Times - Ethan Colbert
Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell

Best Page Design Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal -
Michael Behrens
St. Louis Business Journal -
Michael Behrens
St. Louis Business Journal -
Michael Behrens
St. Louis Business Journal -
Michael Behrens

Best Information Graphic Class 2

Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Information Graphic Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal -
Michael Behrens, Veneta Rizvic
St. Louis Business Journal -
Michael Behrens
St. Louis Business Journal -
Michael Behrens, Veneta Rizvic
St. Louis Business Journal -
Michael Behrens

Best Editorial Cartoon Class 2

Perryville Perry County Republic-
Monitor - Debbie Gahan
Salem News - Athena Tivnan
Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Perryville Perry County Republic-
Monitor - Debbie Gahan

Best Editorial Cartoon Class 3

St. Louis American - Kevin Belford
Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Judy Dixon
Kansas City Northeast News -
Bryan Stalder
Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Judy Dixon

**Best Newspapers in Education
Project Classes 2 & 3**

Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Staff
St. Louis American - Cathy Sewell
Washington Missourian, Weekend -

Dawn Kitchell

**Best Online Newspaper or
Website Class 1**

Greenfield Vedette - Staff
Cassville Democrat - Staff

**Best Online Newspaper or
Website Class 2**

Warrenton Warren County Record -
Staff

Bolivar Herald-Free Press - Staff
Ozark | Christian County Headliner
News - Staff

**Best Online Newspaper or
Website Class 3**

St. Louis Call Newspapers - Gloria
Lloyd, Erin Achenbach, Taylor Kelly
St. Louis American -
Ishmael Sistrunk, Kenya Vaughn
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Staff

Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Staff

Best Video Classes 1 & 2

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman
Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
Perryville Perry County Republic-
Monitor - Robert Cox
Perryville Perry County Republic-
Monitor - Robert Cox

Best Video Class 3

St. Louis American - Rebecca Rivas
St. Louis American - Rebecca Rivas

**Best Headline Writing
Classes 1 & 2**

Cassville Democrat - Staff
Bowling Green Times -
Linda Luebrecht, Ethan Colbert
Maryville Forum - Anthony Brown,
Skye Pournazari, Geoffrey Woehl

Best Headline Writing Class 3

St. Louis American - Chris King
Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Staff
St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -
Ryan O'Shea

**Best News or Feature Obituary
Class 1**

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader -
Steve Tinnen
Canton Press-News Journal - Rita
Cox, Paula Bichsel, Karin Althoff
Lincoln New Era - Dianne Peck
Canton Press-News Journal - Rita
Cox, Karin Althoff

**Best News or Feature Obituary
Class 2**

Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Richmond News - Teresa Shaw
Bowling Green Times - Ethan Colbert

Perryville Perry County Republic-
Monitor - Robert Cox

**Best News or Feature Obituary
Class 3**

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Laura Marlow
St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times -
Jaime Mowers
Branson Tri-Lakes News -
Joshua Clark

St. Louis American - Dawn Suggs
Multi-Media Reporting Class 1
Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman,
Jared Lankford

Edina Sentinel - Echo Menges,
Mike Scott

**Multi-Media Reporting Classes
2 & 3**

St. Louis American - Staff
St. Louis Business Journal - Veneta
Rizvic, Dilip Vishwanat, Erin Hart
Ozark | Christian County Headliner
News - Rance Burger

**Magazine/Alternative Publication
Class 1**

Tipton Times - Becky Holloway,
Tara Alumbaugh
Cassville Democrat - Staff
**Magazine/Alternative Publication
Class 3**

St. Louis Community News -
Mathew DeKinder, Robert Huneke,
Brett Auten, Becky Brockmann
St. Louis Community News -
Mathew DeKinder, Robert Huneke,
Charlotte Beard, Melissa Nordmann

Best Health Story Class 1

Oak Grove Focus - Ruth Ann Hafner
Maries County Advocate -
Laura Schiermeier

Cassville Democrat - Jordan Privett
Cassville Democrat - Jordan Privett

Best Health Story Class 2

Richmond News - Teresa Shaw
Owensville Gasconade Co.
Republican - Linda Trest
Bolivar Herald-Free Press -
Jessica Franklin Maull
Mound City News - Dennis Sharkey

Best Health Story Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Gordon Bess
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Karen Cernich
Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Peggy Bess
St. Louis Business Journal -
Brian Robbins

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Dailies

General Excellence Class 1

Lebanon Daily Record - Lebanon
Daily Record

Kirksville Daily Express & News -
Kirksville Daily Express

General Excellence Class 2

Jefferson City News Tribune - News
Tribune

Columbia Missourian - Missourian
Staff

Independence Examiner -
Julie Moreno

Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Southeast Missourian

General Excellence Class 3

Joplin Globe - Staff

Columbia Daily Tribune - Columbia
Daily Tribune

Springfield News-Leader - Staff

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Staff

Best Overall Design Classes 1 & 2

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Southeast Missourian
Columbia Missourian - Missourian
Staff

Kirksville Daily Express & News

- Jason Hunsicker, Austin Miller,
Danielle Brown

Jefferson City News Tribune - News
Tribune

Best Overall Design Class 3

Kansas City Star - Staff

Springfield News-Leader - Staff

Quincy Herald - Whig - Staff

Joplin Globe - Brent Fisher

Best Front Page Classes 1 & 2

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Southeast Missourian
Columbia Missourian - Missourian
Staff

Jefferson City News Tribune -
News Tribune

Best Front Page Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Staff

Kansas City Star - Staff

Quincy Herald - Whig - Staff

Columbia Daily Tribune

Best Breaking News Story Class 1

Lebanon Daily Record - Fines Massey

Lebanon Daily Record - Steve Smith

Lebanon Daily Record - Fines Massey

Best Breaking News Story Class 2

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Bob Miller

LakeExpo - Sara Halverson,

Nathan Bechtold

Jefferson City News Tribune -



The Joplin Globe's Roger Nomer captured the whimsy of children watching balloons drift off into the sky and nabbed first place for Best Feature Photograph.

Jeff Haldiman

LakeExpo - Janet Dabbs

Best Breaking News Story Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch -

Kevin McDermott, Jack Suntrup,

Kurt Erickson

Kansas City Star - Jason Hancock,

Bryan Lowry, Steve Vockrodt,

Lindsay Wise, Allison Kite,

Joseph Bustos

Springfield News-Leader -

Wyatt D. Wheeler

Joplin Globe - Jordan Larimore,

Joe Hadsall

Best News Story Class 1

West Plains Daily Quill - Abby Hess

Moberly Monitor-Index -

Erik Cliburn

Monett Times - Murray Bishoff

West Plains Daily Quill - Abby Hess

Best News Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian -

Sam A. Manas

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Bob Miller

Columbia Missourian - Anna Brett

Jefferson City News Tribune -

Rebecca Martin

Best News Story Class 3

Springfield News-Leader -

Will Schmitt

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Jesse Bogan

Kansas City Star - Hunter Woodall,

Bryan Lowry, Jessica Huseman,

Blake Paterson

Kansas City Star - Max Londberg

Best Feature Story Class 1

West Plains Daily Quill - Abby Hess

Boonville Daily News - Claire Colby

Moberly Monitor-Index -

Erik Cliburn

Kirksville Daily Express & News -

Jessica Karins

Best Feature Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Ann Marion

LakeExpo - Nathan Bechtold

Columbia Missourian -

Madison McVan

Columbia Missourian -

Margaret Austin

Best Feature Story Class 3

Joplin Globe - Emily Younker

Kansas City Star - Lauren Fox

Joplin Globe - Kevin McClintock

Joplin Globe - Kevin McClintock

Best News or Feature Series

Class 1

Lebanon Daily Record - Steve Smith,

Fines Massey, Chris Rodden,

Shawna Bradley

Lebanon Daily Record - Fines Massey

West Plains Daily Quill - Abby Hess

West Plains Daily Quill - Abby Hess

Best News or Feature Series

Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Alexis

Allison, Dylan Sherman,

Noah Higgins-Dunn, Sten Spinella,

Kristin Blake, Annabel Ames

Columbia Missourian - Kathryn

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Hardison, Lydia Nusbaum,
Dylan Jackson, Mica Soellner,
Trevor Hook, Annika Merrilees

Columbia Missourian -
Kathryn Hardison

Columbia Missourian -
Alexander Ransom, Jared Kaufman,
Ann Marion, Sharon Mai,
Lauren Puckett

**Best News or Feature Series
Class 3**

Kansas City Star - Ian Cummings,
Glenn E. Rice, Tony Rizzo
St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
Michele Munz

Kansas City Star - Eric Adler

Best Editorial Class 1

Lebanon Daily Record - Fines Massey

Best Editorial Class 2

Jefferson City News Tribune -
Gerry Tritz

Jefferson City News Tribune -
Gerry Tritz

Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Southeast Missourian
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Gerry Tritz

Best Editorial Class 3

Joplin Globe - Staff

Kansas City Star - Melinda

Henneberger, Dave Helling

Kansas City Star - Dave Helling

Joplin Globe - Staff

**Best Columnist - Humorous
Classes 2 & 3**

St. Louis Post-Dispatch -

Aisha Sultan

Independence Examiner - Jeff Fox

St. Joseph News-Press - Ken Newton

Best Columnist - Serious

Classes 1 & 2

Kirksville Daily Express & News -

Jason Hunsicker

Sedalia Democrat - Bob Satnan

Cape Girardeau Southeast Missou-
rian - Jon K. Rust

Independence Examiner - Jeff Fox

Best Columnist - Serious

Class 3

Springfield News-Leader -

Steve Pokin

Springfield News-Leader -

Stephen Herzog

Kansas City Star -

Melinda Henneberger

Joplin Globe - Carol Stark

Best News Photograph Class 1

Lebanon Daily Record - Fines Massey

West Plains Daily Quill -

Kim Langston

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -

Mitch Prentice

Best News Photograph Class 2

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Kassi Jackson

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Ben Matthews

Columbia Missourian -

Abigail Young

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Ben Matthews

Best News Photograph Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch -

David Carson

St. Louis Post-Dispatch -

Robert Cohen

St. Louis Post-Dispatch -

J. B. Forbes

Springfield News-Leader -

Andrew Jansen

Best Feature Photograph Class 1

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -

Mitch Prentice

West Plains Daily Quill -

Kim Langston

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -

Mitch Prentice

West Plains Daily Quill -

Kim Langston

Best Feature Photograph Class 2

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Kassi Jackson

Columbia Missourian - Jessi Dodge

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Ben Matthews

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Ben Matthews

Best Feature Photograph Class 3

Joplin Globe - Roger Nomer

Kansas City Star - Tammy Ljungblad

St. Louis Post-Dispatch -

Robert Cohen

Springfield News-Leader -

Andrew Jansen

Best Sports Photograph Class 1

Hannibal Courier-Post -

Mathew Kirby

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -

Mitch Prentice

Monett Times - Jared Lankford

Best Sports Photograph Class 2

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Tyler Graef

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Tyler Graef

Jefferson City News Tribune -

Jason Strickland

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Ben Matthews

Best Sports Photograph Class 3

Kansas City Star - John Sleezer

Columbia Daily Tribune -

Hunter Dyke

Kansas City Star - John Sleezer

St. Louis Post-Dispatch -

Robert Cohen



Mathew Kirby got into the thick of the competition with this Best Sports Photograph he made for the *Hannibal Courier-Post*.

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The emotion all but flows out of this photograph made by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch's* David Carson, winning first for Best News Photograph.

Best Sports Feature Photograph

Class 1

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Michael Losch
Monett Times - Jared Lankford
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Michael Losch
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Michael Losch

Best Sports Feature Photograph

Class 2

Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Ben Matthews
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Jenna Kieser

Columbia Missourian -
Antranik Tavitian

Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Ben Matthews

Best Sports Feature Photograph

Class 3

Columbia Daily Tribune -
Hunter Dyke
Kansas City Star - John Sleezer
Springfield News-Leader -
Andrew Jansen
Springfield News-Leader -
Andrew Jansen

Best Photo Illustration Class 1

Lebanon Daily Record -
Shawna Bradley
Lebanon Daily Record -
Shawna Bradley

Best Photo Illustration Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Julia Hansen
Columbia Missourian -

N. Andrew Dent III

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Kassi Jackson

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Kassi Jackson

Best Photo Illustration Class 3

Columbia Daily Tribune -
Jacob Lichman, Don Shrubshell
Columbia Daily Tribune -
Don Shrubshell, Jacob Lichman
St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
Hillary Levin

Springfield News-Leader -

Andrew Jansen

Best Photo Package Class 1

Lebanon Daily Record - Steve Smith

Lebanon Daily Record - Chris Roden

West Plains Daily Quill -

Cody Sanders

West Plains Daily Quill -

Regina Mzingo, Katie Dudden

Best Photo Package Class 2

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Kassi Jackson

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Kassi Jackson

Columbia Missourian -

Liv Paggiarino, Jacob Moscovitch,

Clare Roth, Jenna Kieser

Jefferson City News Tribune -

Jason Strickland, Jenna Kieser

Best Photo Package Class 3

Springfield News-Leader -

Andrew Jansen

Springfield News-Leader -

Nathan Papes

St. Louis Post-Dispatch -

Robert Cohen

Springfield News-Leader -

Andrew Jansen

Community Service Classes 1 & 2

Jefferson City News Tribune -

News Tribune

Columbia Missourian - Missourian

Staff

Columbia Missourian -

Nancy Coleman, Elena K. Cruz

Moberly Monitor-Index -

Erik Cliburn

Community Service Class 3

Kansas City Star - Laura Bauer,

Hunter Woodall, Bryan Lowry

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Staff

Springfield News-Leader -

Giacomo Bologna

Kansas City Star - Rick Montgomery,

Michael Wells, Mary Kate Metivier,

Bill Turque, Joanna Marsh

Best Editorial Pages Classes 1 & 2

Jefferson City News Tribune - News

Tribune

Lebanon Daily Record - Fines Massey

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Southeast Missourian

Best Editorial Pages Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Staff

Kansas City Star - Colleen Nelson,

Melinda Henneberger, Dave Helling,

Derek Donovan, Toriano Porter,

Steve Kraske

Joplin Globe - Staff

Columbia Daily Tribune - Columbia

Daily Tribune

Best Sports Pages Classes 1 & 2

Jefferson City News Tribune - News

Tribune Staff

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Southeast Missourian

Columbia Missourian - Missourian

Staff

Best Sports Pages Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Staff

Kansas City Star - The Kansas City

Star

Quincy Herald - Whig - Staff

Springfield News-Leader - Staff

Best Sports News Story Class 1

Kirksville Daily Express & News -

Austin Miller

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -

Michael Losch

Kirksville Daily Express & News -

Austin Miller

Monett Times - Jared Lankford

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Best Sports News Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Ryan
Herrera, Matt Antonic, Jake
Sutherlin, Langston Newsome
Columbia Missourian -
Reed Koutelas, David Sack
Independence Examiner -
Michael Smith

Columbia Missourian - Eli Lederman

Best Sports Feature Story Class 1

Trenton Republican-Times -
Seth Herrold
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Michael Losch
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Michael Losch
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Michael Losch

Best Sports Feature Story Class 2

Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Phillip Suitts
Columbia Missourian - DJ McGuire
Columbia Missourian - Eli Lederman
Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Phillip Suitts

Best Sports Feature Story Class 3

Columbia Daily Tribune -
Daniel Jones
Springfield News-Leader -
Wyatt D. Wheeler
Columbia Daily Tribune -
Cameron Teague Robinson
Springfield News-Leader -
Wyatt D. Wheeler

**Best Sports Columnist
Classes 1&2**

Jefferson City News Tribune -
Tom Rackers
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Greg Jackson
Monett Times - Jared Lankford
Independence Examiner -
Bill Althaus

Best Sports Columnist Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
Ben Frederickson
Kansas City Star - Sam Mellinger
St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
Benjamin Hochman
Columbia Daily Tribune -
Garrick Hodge

**Best News or Feature Special
Section Class 1**

Lebanon Daily Record -
Fines Massey, Shawna Bradley,
Jennifer Early, Beth Chism
Kirksville Daily Express & News -
Danielle Brown, Jason Hunsicker,

Austin Miller
Trenton Republican-Times -
Seth Herrold

**Best News or Feature Special
Section Class 2**

Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Southeast Missourian
Columbia Missourian - Missourian
Staff
Columbia Missourian - Missourian
Staff

Jefferson City News Tribune - News
Tribune Staff

**Best News or Feature Special
Section Class 3**

Quincy Herald - Whig - Staff
Quincy Herald - Whig - Staff
Joplin Globe - Emily Younker
Columbia Daily Tribune -
Tribune staff

**Best Investigative Reporting
Class 1**

Kirksville Daily Express & News -
Jason Hunsicker
Kirksville Daily Express & News -
Jessica Karins
Kirksville Daily Express & News -
Jason Hunsicker

**Best Investigative Reporting
Class 2**

Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Mark Bliss, Bob Miller
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Rebecca Martin
Columbia Missourian - Anna Brett,
Tessa Weinberg

Columbia Missourian - Titus Wu
**Best Investigative Reporting
Class 3**

Kansas City Star - Mike Hendricks
Columbia Daily Tribune -
Lexi Churchill, Waverly Colville
Joplin Globe - Jordan Larimore,
Emily Younker

Kansas City Star - Mara Rose
Williams, Mike Hendricks

**Best Local Business Coverage
Classes 2 & 3**

Columbia Missourian - Missourian
Staff

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Staff
Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Southeast Missourian
Springfield News-Leader - Staff

Best Business Story Class 1

West Plains Daily Quill - Abby Hess
West Plains Daily Quill -
Regina Mazingo
West Plains Daily Quill -
Kim Langston

Lebanon Daily Record - Chris Roden

Best Business Story Class 2

Sedalia Democrat - Nicole Cooke
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Rebecca Martin

Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Marybeth Niederkorn
Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Marybeth Niederkorn

Best Business Story Class 3

Springfield News-Leader -
Gregory J. Holman



Tyler Graef pulled down a first place win for Best Sports Photograph with this shot he made for the *Southeast Missourian*.

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Columbia Daily Tribune - Anna Kohls
 Columbia Daily Tribune -
 Michael Maresh
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
 Leah Thorsen

**Best Coverage of Government
 Class 1**

Kirksville Daily Express & News -
 Jason Hunsicker
 Monett Times - Murray Bishoff
 Kirksville Daily Express & News -
 Jason Hunsicker

**Best Coverage of Government
 Class 2**

Jefferson City News Tribune -
 Bob Watson, Joe Gamm, Gerry Tritz,
 News Tribune Staff
 Cape Girardeau Southeast
 Missourian - Mark Bliss
 LakeExpo - Nathan Bechtold
 Columbia Missourian - Missourian
 Staff

**Best Coverage of Government
 Class 3**

Columbia Daily Tribune - Rudi Keller
 Springfield News-Leader - Alissa Zhu
 Kansas City Star - Lindsay Wise,
 Jason Hancock, Steve Vockrodt
 Springfield News-Leader -
 Harrison Keegan

**Best Coverage of Rural Life or
 Agriculture**

Columbia Missourian - Missourian
 Staff
 Boonville Daily News - Claire Colby
 Springfield News-Leader - Staff

**Best Story About Rural Life or
 Agriculture Class 1**

Lebanon Daily Record - Chris Roden
 Boonville Daily News - Claire Colby
 Lebanon Daily Record - Chris Roden
 Kirksville Daily Express & News -
 Jason Hunsicker

**Best Story About Rural Life or
 Agriculture Class 2**

Columbia Missourian - Titus Wu
 Columbia Missourian -
 Kathryn Hardison
 Columbia Missourian - Anna Brett,
 Tessa Weinberg

Cape Girardeau Southeast
 Missourian - Marybeth Niederkorn

**Best Story About Rural Life or
 Agriculture Class 3**

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Bryce Gray
 Springfield News-Leader -
 Will Schmitt
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Jesse Bogan



A somber moment was captured by Fines Massey for the *Lebanon Daily Record* to win first for Best News Photograph.

**Columbia Daily Tribune - Rudi Keller
 Best Story About Religion
 Class 1**

Lebanon Daily Record -
 Laura Valenti
 Lebanon Daily Record - Steve Smith
 Kirksville Daily Express & News -
 Jessica Karins

**Best Story About Religion
 Class 2**

Jefferson City News Tribune -
 Joe Gamm
 Jefferson City News Tribune -
 Joe Gamm
 Columbia Missourian -
 Hannah Musick, Antranik Tavitian
 Columbia Missourian -
 Annalise Acuff, Kathryn Hardison

**Best Story About Religion
 Class 3**

St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
 Erin Heffernan
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
 Doug Moore
 Kansas City Star - Judy L. Thomas
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
 Doug Moore

**Best Story About Education
 Class 1**

Lebanon Daily Record - Chris Roden
 Lebanon Daily Record - Fines Massey
 Lebanon Daily Record - Chris Roden

**Best Story About Education
 Class 2**

Columbia Missourian -
 Nancy Coleman
 Columbia Missourian - Kyle Lahucik
 LakeExpo - Nathan Bechtold
 Jefferson City News Tribune -
 Phillip Sitter

**Best Story About Education
 Class 3**

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Jesse Bogan
 Kansas City Star - Katy Bergen
 Columbia Daily Tribune -
 Lexi Churchill, Waverly Colville
 Columbia Daily Tribune - Rudi Keller

**Best Story About the Outdoors
 Class 1**

Lebanon Daily Record - Chris Roden
 West Plains Daily Quill - Abby Hess
 West Plains Daily Quill -
 Regina Mozingo

**Best Story About the Outdoors
 Class 2**

LakeExpo - Sara Halverson
 Columbia Missourian -
 Jared Kaufman
 Columbia Missourian -
 Noah Higgins-Dunn, Alexis Allison,
 Cary Littlejohn

**Columbia Missourian - Alexis Allison
 Best Story About the Outdoors
 Class 3**

Quincy Herald - Whig -
 Matt Schuckman
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
 Erin Heffernan
 Springfield News-Leader -
 Wes Johnson

**Joplin Globe - Andy Ostmeyer
 Best Story About History Class 1**

West Plains Daily Quill - Abby Hess
 Marshall Democrat-News -
 Whitney Barnes

Lebanon Daily Record -
 Laura Valenti
 Kirksville Daily Express & News -
 Jessica Karins

Best Story About History Class 2

Cape Girardeau Southeast
 Missourian - Marybeth Niederkorn
 Columbia Missourian -
 Alexander Ransom
 Cape Girardeau Southeast
 Missourian - Mark Bliss
 Cape Girardeau Southeast
 Missourian - Joshua Hartwig

Best Story About History Class 3

Kansas City Star - David Frese

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Columbia Daily Tribune -
Roger McKinney
St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
Blythe Bernhard

Joplin Globe - Kimberly Barker

Best Military Story Class 1

Lebanon Daily Record - Chris Roden
Kirksville Daily Express & News -
Jessica Karins
West Plains Daily Quill -
Kim Langston

Best Military Story Class 2

Sedalia Democrat - Hope Lecchi
Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Ben Matthews
Sedalia Democrat - Nicole Cooke
Columbia Missourian - MC Cross

Best Military Story Class 3

Joplin Globe - Kimberly Barker
Kansas City Star - Rick Montgomery
Springfield News-Leader -
Steve Pokin
Springfield News-Leader -
Steve Pokin

Best Page Design Class 1

Lebanon Daily Record -
Shawna Bradley
Lebanon Daily Record - Fines Massey
Lebanon Daily Record -
Shawna Bradley
Lebanon Daily Record -
Shawna Bradley

Best Page Design Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Missourian
Staff

Columbia Missourian - Missourian
Staff

Jefferson City News Tribune -
Molly Morris

Jefferson City News Tribune -
Molly Morris

Best Page Design Class 3

Springfield News-Leader -
Jamie Stade

St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
Norma Klingsick

Joplin Globe - Brent Fisher

Joplin Globe - Nathan Mills

Best Information Graphic Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Matthew Hall
Columbia Missourian -
Tynan Stewart
Columbia Missourian -
Allyson Vasilopoulos

Best Information Graphic Class 3

Kansas City Star - Neil Nakahodo
Kansas City Star - Neil Nakahodo
Springfield News-Leader -
Jamie Stade

Springfield News-Leader - Staff

Best Editorial Cartoon Class 2

Columbia Missourian - John Darkow
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Jim Dyke
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Jim Dyke
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Jim Dyke

Best Editorial Cartoon Class 3



Michael Losch and the *Lake Sun Leader* were triumphant after this shot he made took first place for Best Sports Feature Photograph.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Dan Martin
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Dan Martin
St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Dan Martin

Best Newspapers in Education Project

St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
Lauren Anderson Koelker,
Shannon Keller, Erica Mills

Best Online Newspaper or Website Classes 1 & 2

Columbia Missourian - Missourian
Staff

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

Kirksville Daily Express & News -
Jason Hunsicker, Jessica Karins,
Austin Miller

Best Online Newspaper or Website Class 3

Kansas City Star - Staff
Columbia Daily Tribune - Tribune
staff

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Staff

Best Video Classes 1 & 2

Columbia Missourian - Cameron La
Fontaine, Joey Schneider
Columbia Missourian - Rayna Sims
Columbia Missourian - Qinghui Kong

Best Video Class 3

Kansas City Star - Jill Toyoshiba
Kansas City Star - Shelly Yang
Springfield News-Leader -
Nathan Papes

Kansas City Star - Shelly Yang

Best Headline Writing Class 1



Ben Matthews had the last laugh when this photo he made for the Southeast Missourian took first place in Best Sports Feature Photograph.

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Trenton Republican-Times -
Seth Herrold
Mexico Ledger - Mexico Ledger staff
Lebanon Daily Record - Fines Massey

Best Headline Writing Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Missourian
Staff

LakeExpo - Nathan Bechtold,
Jay Eastlick, Connye Griffin,
Al Griffin, Sara Halverson
Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian - Southeast Missourian

Best Headline Writing Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Staff
Springfield News-Leader - Staff
St. Joseph News-Press -
Brandon Zenner

**Best News or Feature Obituary
Class 1**

West Plains Daily Quill -
Sherry Harper

Monett Times - Murray Bishoff
Lebanon Daily Record - Kirk Pearce

**Best News or Feature Obituary
Class 2**

Columbia Missourian - Alexis Allison
Columbia Missourian -
Annalise Acuff

Columbia Missourian - Claire Mitzel
Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Marybeth Niederkorn
**Best News or Feature Obituary
Class 3**

St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
Rick Hummel, Benjamin Hochman
Kansas City Star - Judy L. Thomas,
Laura Bauer, Matt Campbell
Springfield News-Leader -
Claudette Riley

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Ashley Jost

**Multi-Media Reporting
Classes 1 & 2**

Columbia Missourian -
Jennifer Mosbrucker, Titus Wu
Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian - Kassi Jackson,
Ben Matthews, Bob Miller
Mexico Ledger - Sarah Sabatke

Multi-Media Reporting Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Staff
Kansas City Star - Staff
Springfield News-Leader - Staff
Columbia Daily Tribune -
Cameron Robinson, Hunter Dyke

**Magazine/Alternative
Publication**

Lebanon Daily Record - Fines Massey
Joplin Globe - Kevin McClintock
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Samantha Pogue, News Tribune Staff

Marshall Democrat-News -
The Marshall Democrat-News

Best Health Story Class 1

Monett Times - Melonie Roberts
Kirkville Daily Express & News -
Jason Hunsicker

Kirkville Daily Express & News -
Danielle Brown

Kirkville Daily Express & News -
Danielle Brown

Best Health Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Alexis Allison
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Joe Gamm

Columbia Missourian - Alexis Allison
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Joe Gamm

Best Health Story Class 3

Kansas City Star - Andy Marso
Kansas City Star - Kelsey Ryan,
Andy Marso
Kansas City Star - Andy Marso
St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
Stu Durando

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Newspapers in Education's 2020 serial story will lead in to bicentennial

By Helen Headrick

NIE Director

Our 2020 serial story will be a lead in for Missouri's Bicentennial. One of our favorite authors, Carolyn Mueller, has written an eight-chapter serial story about how Silver Dollar City came to be.

Spoiler alert – it involves bat guano, which is also known as bat poop!


Communities begin when pioneers find a location with profitable resources such as guano, good water, room for crops and grazing and building material. One family settles the spot and soon others are attracted. This one may have blacksmithing skills, another might have experience with milling, a pastor may see the need to minister to the growing flock and parents begin to look for a teacher. Soon, a bustling community has grown from the humble beginnings. The growth and development of Silver Dollar City is a living example of people coming together, sharing their skills and building a town. It represents the essence of how all communities thrive and grow. This story will be an extraordinary lead into the Bicentennial.

This series will be offered free of charge to newspapers in Missouri and across the country, with publication beginning January 2020 and ending June 30, 2020. The story will be accessible from our download site, www.mo-nie.com. Each of the eight-chapters will include a newspaper activity and a companion teaching guide will be made available for newspapers to distribute to teachers or post on their websites. In addition, an ad will be available for newspapers to add their logo prior to their running the story.

More information will be coming soon, so keep up with us on social media and www.mopress.com/nie-calendar.

About the Author

Carolyn Mueller has authored many of Missouri NIE's previous stories published through the Reading Across the Nation project, including "Lily's



Tales of Marvelous Missouri

Written by: Carolyn Mueller Illustrated by: Nicole Hartfelder

Chapter 1: Leaving the Lemonade Line

Molly was DIZZY. She'd just stepped off of the Thunderation, her fifth, no, sixth roller coaster ride of the day. She'd gone up hills and down, twisted and turned and didn't even get scared on the loop the loops!

"Let's go again!" she shouted to her family, racing to get back in line.

The sun was shining, warming the humid, Missouri summer day. Molly was on vacation with her family at Silver Dollar City. She lived in St. Louis with her brother and their parents, but they'd all made the four-hour trip to Branson so they could visit the iconic theme park. Dad recalled coming here as a kid, and he couldn't wait to show Molly and Sam the rides.

"Hold on, Molly," Dad said. "Maybe we should take a little breather? Get some lemonade?"

Molly was starting to think maybe Dad couldn't handle the roller coasters as well as he could thirty years ago! She shrugged.

"Sure, lemonade sounds great."

She followed her family as they joined the queue at a refreshment stand. The line was long, so Molly looked around while they waited. Near the lemonade stand, she saw a gathering of people by the dark entrance to...something. What is that place? Molly wondered. She didn't see a roller coaster, or any of Silver Dollar City's well-known rides nearby. Molly couldn't resist a mystery. She had to check it out.

"Mom! Dad!" Molly said. "Can I run over and see what all of those people are looking at? Pleaseeassee?"

"Ok, Molly," her mom answered. "But don't go far."

"I won't," Molly insisted.

Molly had a history of sometimes going a bit too far. "We'll get the lemonade and come meet you in a minute," Dad told her.

Molly left her family and ran over to the mysterious cluster of visitors and wiggled her way through toward the front. There she found the dark, massive opening to a cave!

"Wow!" Molly whispered. "A real cave!"

Molly's teacher had told her Missouri was known as "The Cave State." Even though she'd lived in Missouri her entire life, she'd never seen a real cave. She didn't know that there would be one in Silver Dollar City!


"Not just any cave," a voice near her said. "This is Marvel Cave!"

Molly turned and saw an old woman sitting on a stool near the entrance. She carried a cane and was wearing a straw hat. She wore a Silver Dollar City name tag that said ELSIE and she smelled like peppermints.

"Marvel Cave?" Molly asked. "What's that?"


The lady patted the ledge next to her stool.

"Come on over," she said. "Take a seat in the shade, it'll cool you right down. I'll tell you all about the cave!"



Newspaper Connections:

Use the weather map in the newspaper to locate Silver Dollar City and then estimate the travel time from your home to the theme park.



Story," "The Gashouse Gang" and "Jim the Wonder Dog." Both "Lily's Story," and "The Gashouse Gang" are now available as picture books.

She is a carnivore keeper at the St. Louis Zoo and a children's author.

Veterans Day

A new addition to our Veterans Day features will be published soon. The Stars and Stripes NIE feature covers the story of the iconic military newspaper, which had its start right here in Missouri. Watch for updates about this feature social media and www.mopress.com/nie-calendar.

Read All About It

As always, we want students and

readers to engage with their local newspaper regularly. One way to encourage that engagement is with our regular bi-weekly feature, Read All About It. There are activities for each day of the school year, covering all the disciplines. Try doing some of the activities yourself. We're certain you'll see the value of publishing these after that exercise! Downloads are available from www.mo-nie.com with the code of **readallaboutit**.

We're working with many organizations for more NIE features. As always stay up to date by following us on social media and mopress.com/nie-calendar.

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By Missouri Press Staff

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Because staffing changes occur



throughout the year, MPA does not keep a list of cards previously issued.

Members can also request copies of the 2020 MPA sticker calendar.

Email distribution list

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If your staff changes or we need to add someone, please send the names, job titles and email addresses to Matthew Barba at mbarba@mopress.com

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Paid and/or requested circulation averaged 98.01% for the year.

I certify all information furnished is true and complete.

— Matthew Barba

CALENDAR

February

17 — It Can Wait Local Deadline

March

31 — Better Newspaper Contest Deadline/MPA Newspaper Hall of Fame Nomination Deadline

April

23-24 — Missouri Press Advertising and Marketing Executives, Lake Ozark

June

11 — First Amendment Golf Classic, Lake Ozark
12 — Show-Me Press Association meeting, Lake Ozark

September

24-26 — 154th Annual Convention and Trade Show, Jefferson City

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Do you and your newspaper have “Super-powers”?

A recent report titled “The Rise of the Micropolitan Newspaper”, (posted at localmediainsider.com) seems to think you might. Author Alisa Cromer describes her report saying it’s “a series on super-healthy small-town newspapers: where they are, what makes them thrive, and why they matter.”

She begins: “Here is the dirty little secret of the newspaper industry: In some small cities across America, newspapers are thriving, with fat print editions and nearly universal local readership.

Local media executives have started to ask why some newspapers seem to be immune from the consistent losses of advertising and readership plaguing the rest of the industry.”

Gordon Borrell, president of Borrell Associates, says:

“I wish someone would write about the fact that, while weak and poorly-managed newspapers are closing, many others are doing just fine. How about Vail Daily or The Jackson Hole Daily, which routinely average (get this) more than 70 pages per day? These super-healthy newspapers require three essential nutrients: a well-managed staff of editorial and advertising people, a well-defined community that has limited local broadcast choices, and a financially healthy community. Many healthy small towns have likewise healthy newspapers. Where else can you find out who died, whose kid made Eagle Scout, who just got engaged, and what the Lieutenant Governor said at the Garden Club luncheon last week? Facebook? Google? The local radio station?”

The out-performing newspapers, in other words, perch on a three-legged stool, of which (1) market size and (2) economics account for two of the three legs.

For career newspaper executives, the idea that management comprises only a third of the keys to success is sobering.

What seems clear today is that newspapers in “micropolitan” areas too small to attract broadcast competition have real advantages.

From a newspaper perspective, having a core city is vital to a sense of identity and appetite for local news. Micropolitan cities typically lack broadcast news options. [Ted’s note: The author’s population marker for a “micropolitan” (50,000) is high for our Missouri standards. Many believe these success factors also apply to markets of less than 20,000.]

Good management is, of course, the third leg of the stool. Many small town newspapers have sold or closed because they did not get that part right.

More to come in this series: Should news be paid or stay free? Should management focus on print, or diversify with multiple business models? Are small family-owned enterprises slower or more nimble than larger chains? What is the right frequency for printing a small town newspaper?

Spoiler alert [and no surprise to Missouri Press members]:

“For the super healthy newspapers, exclusive local news is more than a product; it is their superpower.”



ON THE MOVE



Joplin — Andy Ostmeyer has been named editor of the *Joplin Globe*, succeeding longtime editor Carol Stark, who died of cancer in August. He will oversee the newspaper's digital and print platforms, as well as magazines and specialty publications.



Ostmeyer was serving as interim editor for the past few months while Stark sought treatment. He has been with the *Globe* for 35 years and has held multiple positions as a reporter and editor. He was named metro editor in 2007 and managing editor in 2019.

Following Ostmeyer's promotion to editor, Emily Younker will be the *Globe's* new managing editor. She has worked at the newspaper for 10 years, starting as a beat reporter covering Webb City and Carl Junction.



The *Globe* has seen another change in leadership with the departure of Frank Leto as publisher. Dale Brendel, formerly a group publisher for parent company CNHI in Oklahoma, was named the new publisher in September. Brendel will maintain his group publisher duties but move to Joplin to serve as resident publisher of the *Globe*.

Born and raised in Missouri, Brendel is a graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism and began his career at the *Blue Springs Examiner*, moving his way up to managing editor and general manager. He also worked for the *Independence Examiner* before joining CNHI in 2003.

Columbia — Jim Van Nostrand is the *Daily Tribune's* new executive editor and GateHouse Media's new statewide editor for its Missouri newspapers, which includes more than 20 daily and weekly publications.



Van Nostrand replaces Charles Westmoreland, who was regional editor for central and northeast Missouri until his departure in June.

Van Nostrand will be headquartered in Columbia in the offices of the *Tribune*, but he will be involved in setting a plan for coverage across the entire state. He has helped numerous publications and organizations develop digital news plans.

Van Nostrand has won several prestigious awards, including a share of the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for online coverage of Hurricane Katrina by the *Biloxi Sun Herald* and Knight Ridder Digital.

Gainesville — Regina Mazingo and Bruce Roberts, both former editors of the *Ozark County Times*, have rejoined the newspaper's staff following the departure of longtime staff member Jessi Dreckman.

Mazingo, who most recently was news editor of the *West Plains Daily Quill*, was previously editor of the *Times* from 2008-2011, as well as worked there part-time from 2015 to

2017. She first worked at the *Times* in 1999 as a graphic artist.

Roberts' newspaper career began at the *Times* in 1989 and most recently worked there from 2010 to 2015. He also worked for *The Baxter Bulletin* in Mountain Home, Ark., for 16 years, where he was a writer, designer, photographer and city editor.

Dreckman bid farewell to *Times* readers in late July, announcing that she would be transitioning from newspaper reporter to high school English teacher in the Lutie School District for the current school year. She had been with the *Times* for seven years.

Mansfield — Paul Cecchini announced in September he was leaving the *Mansfield Mirror* as editor to become a freelance writer. Cecchini succeeded Larry Dennis as editor following the latter's retirement two years ago.

Williams Woods will be the *Mirror's* new editor, as well as be responsible for reporting and layout design. He has also been praised for his work establishing a presence for the newspaper on social media.

Bowling Green — Tom Latos has joined Lakeway Publishers as the new regional publisher for the *Bowling Green Times*, the *Louisiana Press Journal* and the *Vandalia Leader*. Most recently, he was previously a publisher at newspapers in Texas and Montana.

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Work together to identify, fix problems

In the next few weeks, members of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association who are involved in a media law practice are planning to host a breakfast for members of the media in our five-county area and for judges within the five-county area, federal, state and local. It's an event we've held for about five years. We think it has contributed to good will among those parties over this period and well worth the investment to encourage open conversation.

It started due to a controversy over a television reporter showing up, unexpectedly, at the home door of a local judge to discuss a case. That had happened just a short time after another television cameraperson filmed members of a jury panel walking from the courthouse to their cars after a controversial criminal trial. Those were not high-points in media-court relations in Kansas City.

This Kansas City ongoing event is similar to an idea that was encouraged a few years ago when the American Bar Association held a symposium for members of the media and the judiciary across the state in a day-long program in Columbia. One of the suggestions that came out of those small-group meetings was for members of the media periodically to "take a judge for coffee" or lunch, or in some way just find time to sit down with a local judge, get to know each other informally and encourage conversation about the judicial system in the community and the role of the newspaper in covering the courts.

There are so many issues that would be good for discussion when you sit down with your local judge. Local courts are constantly struggling with increased case load and limited budgets. In some cases, local judges are struggling just as we are with technology changes. Sometimes issues like "access levels" can create confusion in terms of what is visible to you as a reporter on your local access computer for Casenet documents. These are all good topics to discuss when you are not on a deadline or faced with a record you cannot access.

Many members ask me when reporters are going to be given access to Casenet similar to what lawyers have. A few years ago, it seemed like that possibility might just be around the corner. But as time has passed and budgets continue tightening, it seems less imminent than it once did. The judiciary remains highly concerned about protecting jurors, both from "personal exploration outside the courtroom" of facts beyond the scope of what is presented to them within the framework of court rules for their consideration in deciding the case and in terms of protecting their personal safety from persons who might choose to threaten them for having done their civic duty. Reporters recognize the importance of the jury system and the need to ensure the safety of those called to serve but also recognize the need to keep the trial court system in full public view and scrutiny to ensure that the public continues to support the court system as one free from outside influences.

In Kansas City, the judiciary has suggested that we discuss at this upcoming breakfast what they see as diminishing coverage of the judicial system due to a reduction in the number of reporters assigned to cover the courts. Our largest metro daily has faced staff cutbacks, like all other metro dailies around the country. Far too often, readers in Kansas City are finding stories about trials in the paper being written from a press release from the County Prosecuting Attorney's office. Reporters who used to make the courthouse a part of their daily "beat"

now are rarely in the building.

But there are other similar concerns across the state. In the last year, there was one instance where a reporter obtained confidential court information in a manner that circumvented a court order closing a courtroom. In another instance, a newspaper and a prosecuting attorney found a case file that had disappeared from the Casenet system, only to reappear when those two parties started inquiring about it. The friction arising from such situations takes significant time to dissipate. The judge involved in the confidential court hearing acknowledged that he wanted the ensuing discussion to be "an opportunity

for education – a teachable moment...." That is the best outcome of any such discussion.

Find time to have that "cup of coffee" with a local judge, and also with a local Chamber representative, with your Mayor and with the Sheriff, for starters. Share your challenges with them and find out what they wish you did better.

As newspapers across the state look for ways to build community, these one-on-one discussions can be helpful not only in building rapport but also in training staff as to what community leaders can provide to them as they gather news.

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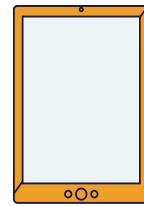
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