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2020 Photo of the Year
Tammy Ljungblad – The Kansas City Star
Best News Photograph



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Pants optional convention

With meetings taking place over the internet, this year's convention dress code is casual

I am writing this column on what was supposed to be convention week. It is normally time for me to break out the suits and sport jackets I wear half a dozen times a year. This year many will not ever be worn.

This also means I won't spend a couple hours searching for dress shoes or socks that fit and match. The dry cleaner down the road won't get my usual September business. But I will have a few extra dollars in my pocket at the end of the month.

The convention was going to be great. It always is.

It's a time to get together and learn how others are handling problems and what is working well. The Hall

of Fame banquet, contest awards ceremony, and gubernatorial debate were going to be highlights. The awards ceremony was virtual.

The press association's gubernatorial debate didn't happen, even though it was expected to when I first submitted this column.

In the week that followed between submitting the column to Matt and the forum, the governor tested positive for coronavirus.

Mark and staff worked hard to get the debate ready. The plan at this time is to reschedule it but who knows what will happen between these edits and when this magazine goes to print.

If a rescheduled forum takes place, you will have the opportunity to stream it on your websites, while the candidates will likely still be at the Missouri Theatre in Columbia with

our member newspapers get some web traffic numbers from this event, whenever it takes place.

This year forced us to find new avenues, and it may have uncovered a new way to do debates that helps newspaper websites gain traffic and benefits our member newspapers.

At times this year it has been hard to find the positive in what has happened, but it is there. This year we have benefited from being able to stay close to home. Many of us have figured out how to work from home, getting rid of the commute.

National Newspaper Association's convention (Oct. 1-3) price dropped dramatically with no airfare or hotel stay. I'll let you know how I liked the virtual conference. I would rather be in Jacksonville at the conference, but there could be an upside.

The election is coming. Take care and stay healthy.

"This year forced us to find new avenues, and it may have uncovered a new way to do debates that helps newspaper websites gain traffic."

very limited access.

This forum was also supposed to be on live television with Missouri Press' logo at the bottom of the screen. I hope



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GOLD CUP WINNERS

Weeklies

Class 1

Cassville Democrat

Class 2

Richmond News

Class 3

St. Louis American

Dailies

Class 1

Monett Times

Class 2

Columbia Missourian

Class 3

The Kansas City Star

ON THE MOVE



Washington — Ethan Colbert was named the new editor of the *Missourian* in mid-September, replacing Patricia Miller, who will continue in her role as executive editor and publisher. Most recently, Colbert was the Reader Interest Reporter at the Quincy, Ill. *Herald-Whig*, a Missouri Press Association member. From 2015, when he graduated from the University of Missouri School of Journalism until 2018, he was editor of his hometown *Bowling Green Times*, during which time the newspaper earned several awards for its coverage of the community.



Colbert has also worked as a reporter at the *Cedar County Republican*, *Buffalo Reflex*, *Jefferson City News Tribune* and *Columbia Missourian*. In 2018, he was named by MPA as an Outstanding Young Journalist.

St. Louis — Rebecca Rivas, reporter and video producer, is leaving the *St. Louis American* after 11 years to join an as-yet-unnamed nonprofit news site focused on Missouri politics and government. Rivas will be writing investigative and in-depth articles on criminal justice, civil rights and immigration. She has received many awards for her previous work, including



the *American's* Salute to Excellence videos, and she says she is looking forward to continuing to investigate racial equity and inclusion on a statewide level.

The new site will be the 19th in the States Newsroom network that is dedicated to filling a void in often under-reported news on state government and policy. Articles will cover a wide array of topics important to the state and will be free for newspapers to reprint with attribution.

Columbia — Rudi Keller, news editor of the *Columbia Daily Tribune*, is set to join a nonprofit news site focused on Missouri politics and government, where he will cover the state budget and energy. He joined the *Tribune* shortly after graduating from the Missouri School of Journalism in 1986 and became the newspaper's state government and politics reporter until 1999. Following that first stint, Keller also worked at the Albuquerque, N.M. *Journal* and the *Southeast Missourian* in Cape Girardeau.



He returned to the *Tribune* in 2010 and resumed his duties as state government and politics reporter. In October 2018, he was promoted to news editor at the *Tribune*. He also has written two books in an anthology about life during the Civil War in Boone County and surrounding areas.

SCRAPBOOK



St. Louis — The *Webster-Kirkwood Times*, which stopped printing earlier this year amid the coronavirus pandemic but continued to publish on its website, is under new management. A group of employees, including Randy Drilingas, Jaime Mowers and Kent Tentschert purchased the newspaper from longtime publisher Dwight Bitikofer, one of the newspaper's original founders in 1978. Bitikofer plans to retire.

The new management group planned to resume printing the newspaper beginning Sept. 25. The new owners said they were compelled to bring the paper back in print after

the *Times* received repeated requests to see the newspaper in print again.

Drilingas, who has been the creative director and IT specialist at the *Times* since 1999, will now be the publisher. Mowers, who grew up in Webster Groves and has spent more than half of her 16-year career in journalism as a reporter for the *Times*, will now be the editor-in-chief.

Kent Tentschert has been the classified ads manager and a film critic at the *Times* for the past 24 years. He will continue to head the classified ads department and assume several other roles, including general manager duties. His brother, Eric Tentschert, is a silent partner but

will not be involved in day-to-day operations.

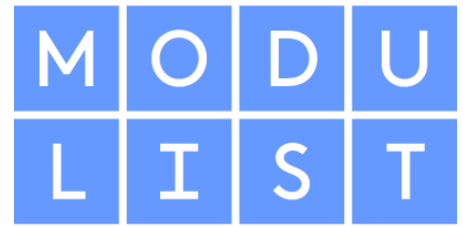
Don Corrigan, the paper's longtime editor-in-chief, will now be editor emeritus and plans to continue writing columns and stories. Kevin Murphy, one of the *Times'* first employees, will remain the managing editor.

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OBITUARIES



Lilbourn

Erwin Lloyd



Raymond Erwin Lloyd, 88, of Lilbourn died Sept. 14, 2020, at New Madrid Living Center. He was owner-editor for *SEMO News* in Lilbourn and the *Portageville Review*. In the 1990s, he combined the two newspapers to form the *Portageville Missourian News*, where he continued to work until 2002.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, David and Derek; one grandchild; and many more family and friends.

Send obituaries for members of the newspaper industry to mbarba@mopress.com to be included in Missouri Press News

Public notice website needs to be maintained

Due to staffing changes and COVID-19, many of our members have stopped uploading on the Missouri Public Notices site at: <https://www.mopublicnotices.com/> We ask that if you are not already doing so, to start uploading your public notice ads now. It may be easier to have Missouri Press Association have your newspapers' notices uploaded for you at \$.25 each per run date.

To help protect public notices appearing in printed newspapers, we NEED every member newspaper to be uploading ALL public notices to the new website.

If you need to resume uploading, contact Ted Lawrence at tlawrence@mopress.com. If your newspaper has never uploaded or needs training and setup, please contact Kristie Fortier at kfortier@mopress.com

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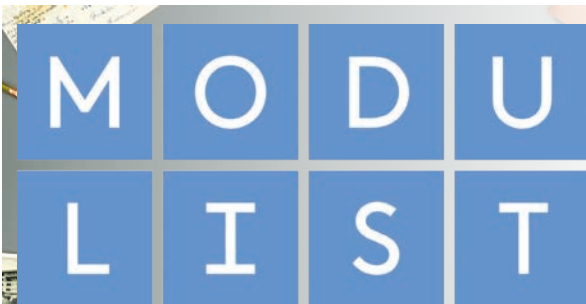
No copies were sold through dealers, carriers or vendors during the year. Paid or requested mail subscriptions averaged 481 with 471 in September.

No copies were distributed free each month through the mail. Free distribution outside the mail was 10 each month. Total distribution averaged 491, with 481 distributed in September. Copies not distributed averaged 15, with 15 not distributed in September.

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I certify all information furnished is true and complete.

— Matthew Barba



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Missouri Press News

Weeklies

General Excellence Class 1

Cassville Democrat

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader

Maries County Advocate

Mound City News

General Excellence Class 2

Laclede County Record - Staff

Maryville Forum - Staff

Ozark | Christian County

Headliner News - Rance Burger,

Pat Dailey, Sydni Moore,

Leah Greenwood, Keith Hansen

Houston Herald - Staff

General Excellence Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal -

Erik Siemers

St. Louis American - Staff

Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Staff

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly - Staff

Best Overall Design Class 1

Maries County Advocate - Staff

Cassville Democrat - Staff

Seymour Webster County Citizen -

Dan Wehmer

Best Overall Design Class 2

Laclede County Record -

Fines Massey, Shawna Bradley

Maryville Forum - Staff

Houston Herald - Staff

Richmond News - Staff

Best Overall Design Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal -

Michael Behrens, Erik Siemers

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -



Dilip Vishwanat and the *St. Louis Business Journal* took first in Best Feature Photograph for this shot of a local businessman paired with a feature story about a new business venture. (Submitted photo)

Ryan O'Shea

St. Louis American - Mike Terhaar,

Melvin Moore

Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Staff

Best Front Page Class 1 & 2

Laclede County Record -

Fines Massey, Shawna Bradley

Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell

Montgomery Standard - Tim Schmidt

Maryville Forum - Staff

Best Front Page Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal -

Michael Behrens, Erik Siemers

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -

Ryan O'Shea

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -

Peggy Scott, Leader Staff

St. Louis American - Mike Terhaar

Best Breaking News Story Class 1

Maries County Advocate -

Roxie Murphy

Maries County Advocate -

Roxie Murphy, Dave Marner

Seymour Webster County Citizen -

Dan Wehmer

Seymour Webster County Citizen -

Dan Wehmer

Best Breaking News Story Class 2

Richmond News - Teresa Shaw

Maryville Forum - Skye Pournazari

Odessa Odessan - Hannah Spaar

Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Marshfield Mail - Karen Craig

Best Breaking News Story Class 3

St. Louis American

St. Louis Call Newspapers -

Gloria Lloyd

St. Louis American - Rebecca Rivas

Washington Missourian, Weekend

Best News Story Class 1

Maries County Advocate -

Roxie Murphy

Mound City News - Dennis Sharkey

Grandview Jackson County Advocate

- Mary Wilson

Mound City News - Dennis Sharkey

Best News Story Class 2

Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican

- Roxie Murphy

Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell,

Brad Gentry

Odessa Odessan - Hannah Spaar

Best News Story Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal -

Nathan Rubbelke

St. Louis American - Rebecca Rivas

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -

Jessica Shumaker

St. Louis American - Kenya Vaughn

On the cover

The 2020 Photo of the Year is Tammy Ljungblad's capture for *The Kansas City Star* of the aftermath of a late May 2019 tornado that caused severe damage in Jefferson City.

Judges said of the picture, "Classic spot news image with good composition to show the scope of the destruction and the emotional reaction to it."

Congratulations from Missouri Bar Association to this year's BNC winners!

Best Feature Story Class 1

Cassville Democrat - Jordan Privett
 Cassville Democrat - Jordan Privett
 Mound City News - Dennis Sharkey
 South Cass Tribune - Dennis Minich

Best Feature Story Class 2

Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Maryville Forum - Geoffrey Woehlke
 Montgomery Standard -
 Megan Gearhart

Best Feature Story Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal -
 Lea Konczal
 Kansas City Northeast News -
 Elizabeth Orosco
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
 Laura Marlow

Best News or Feature Series Class 1

Mansfield Mirror-Republican -
 Paul Cecchini
 Cassville Democrat - Jordan Privett,
 Melonie Roberts
 Seymour Webster County Citizen -
 Dan Wehmer
 Maries County Advocate -
 Laura Schiermeier

Best News or Feature Series Class 2

Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Springfield Business Journal - Staff
 Perryville Perry County

Republic-Monitor - Robert Cox
 Maryville Forum - Skye Pournazari,
 Geoffrey Woehlke

Best News or Feature Series Class 3

St. Louis American - Rebecca Rivas
 St. Louis Call Newspapers -
 Gloria Lloyd

St. Louis Business Journal - Jacob Kirn

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Class 1

Seymour Webster County Citizen -
 Dan Wehmer
 Seymour Webster County Citizen -
 Dan Wehmer
 South Cass Tribune -
 Linda Thompson
 Seymour Webster County Citizen -
 Dan Wehmer

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Class 2

Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Ava Douglas County Herald -
 Michael Boyink
 Odessa Odessan - Hannah Spaar
 Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican
 - Staff

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Class 3

Washington Missourian, Wednesday
 - Staff
 St. Louis Call Newspapers -
 Gloria Lloyd
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Staff
 St. Louis American -

St. Louis American Editorial Board
Best Columnist - Humorous Classes 1 & 2

Maryville Forum - Jason Offutt
 South Cass Tribune - Dennis Minich

Perryville Perry County
 Republic-Monitor - Robert Cox

Best Columnist - Humorous Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
 Katelyn Mary Skaggs
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
 Peggy Bess
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
 Kevin Carbery
 St. Louis American - Delores Shante,
 Kenya Vaughn

Best Columnist - Serious Class 1

Seymour Webster County Citizen -
 Dan Wehmer
 Maries County Advocate -
 Dennis Warden
 Grandview Jackson County Advocate
 - Mary Wilson

Best Columnist - Serious Class 2

Richmond News -
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Ozark | Christian County
 Headliner News - Rance Burger
 Marshfield Mail - Karen Craig
 Houston Herald - Doug Davison

Best Columnist - Serious Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
 Peggy Bess
 St. Louis American - Mike Jones
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
 Gordon Bess
 St. Louis American - Dorothy Dempsey

Best News Photograph Class 1

Maries County Advocate -
 Jacob Warden
 Maries County Advocate -
 Dave Marner
 Seymour Webster County Citizen -
 Dan Wehmer

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman

Best News Photograph Class 2

Maryville Forum - Skye Pournazari
 Laclede County Record - Chris Roden
 Maryville Forum - Skye Pournazari
 Richmond News - Teresa Shaw

Best News Photograph Class 3

St. Louis American - Wiley Price
 St. Louis American - Wiley Price
 St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -
 Scott Lauck
 Washington Missourian, Weekend -
 Monte Miller



Chad Hayworth and the Newton County News took first in Best Feature Photograph for mid-size weeklies with this shot full of excitement. (Submitted photo)

Congratulations from Missouri Bar Association to this year's BNC winners!

Best Feature Photograph Class 1

Van Buren The Current Local - Mike Grassham

Van Buren The Current Local - Mike Grassham

Maries County Advocate - Jacob Warden

Maries County Advocate - Jacob Warden

Best Feature Photograph Class 2

Neosho Newton County News - Chad Hayworth

Perryville Perry County Republic-Monitor - Robert Cox

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican - Dave Marner

Neosho Newton County News - Chad Hayworth

Best Feature Photograph Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal - Dilip Vishwanat

St. Louis American - Wiley Price

St. Louis American - Lawrence Bryant

Washington Missourian, Wednesday - Jeanne Miller Wood

Best Sports Photograph Class 1

Cassville Democrat - Jared Lankford

Van Buren The Current Local - Mike Grassham

Van Buren The Current Local - Mike Grassham

Seymour Webster County Citizen - Rhonda Henderson

Best Sports Photograph Class 2

Neosho Newton County News - Rob Wright

Linn Unterrified Democrat - Neal Johnson

Richmond News - Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Odessa Odessan - Kory Hales

Best Sports Photograph Class 3

Washington Missourian, Wednesday - Arron Hustead

Washington Missourian, Weekend - Arron Hustead

Washington Missourian, Weekend - Arron Hustead

Washington Missourian, Weekend - Bill Battle

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 1

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader - Brett Adkison

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader - Kate Black

Van Buren The Current Local - Mike Grassham

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 2

Odessa Odessan - Kory Hales

Linn Unterrified Democrat - Neal Johnson

Odessa Odessan - Hannah Spaar

Perryville Perry County Republic-Monitor - Robert Cox

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 3

Washington Missourian, Weekend - Bill Battle



Rob Wright made the saving shot to secure first place Best Sports Photograph for the *Newton County News*.



The *St. Louis American's* Wiley Price brought home first place in Best News Photograph for large weeklies with the emotion captured in this shot. (Submitted photos)

Washington Missourian, Wednesday - Arron Hustead

Washington Missourian, Weekend - Arron Hustead

St. Louis American - Wiley Price

Best Photo Illustration Classes 1 & 2

Richmond News - Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Mountain Grove News-Journal -

Cayleb Thomas, Beth Chism

Richmond News - Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman

Best Photo Illustration Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal - Michael Behrens

St. Louis Business Journal - Michael Behrens

Kansas City Northeast News -

Bryan Stalder, Elizabeth Orosco

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly - Ryan O'Shea

Best Photo Package Class 1

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman

Cassville Democrat - Jordan Privett, Kyle Troutman

Best Photo Package Class 2

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican - Dave Marner,

Dennis Warden

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican - Dave Marner

Richmond News - Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican - Dave Marner

Best Photo Package Class 3

St. Louis American - Mike Terhaar, Wiley Price

Washington Missourian, Weekend - Staff

Washington Missourian, Weekend - Staff

St. Louis American - Mike Terhaar, Wiley Price,

Cathy Sewell

Community Service Classes 1 & 2

Richmond News - Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Houston Herald - Brad Gentry

Laclede County Record - Fines Massey, Steve Smith,

Chris Roden, Jennifer Early, Shawna Bradley

Cassville Democrat - Staff

Congratulations from Missouri Bar Association to this year's BNC winners!

Community Service Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Staff
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Chris Stuckenschneider
Kansas City Northeast News -
Michael Bushnell

Best Editorial Pages Classes 1 & 2

Ozark | Christian County
Headliner News - Staff
Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Seymour Webster County Citizen -
Dan Wehmer
Maryville Forum - Staff

Best Editorial Pages Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Peggy Bess, Leader Staff
Washington Missourian, Wednesday -
Bill Miller Sr., Missourian Staff
St. Louis American -
St. Louis American Editorial Board
St. Louis Call Newspapers -
Gloria Lloyd

Best Sports Pages Class 1

Seymour Webster County Citizen
- Dan Wehmer, Anna Sturdefant,
Rhonda Henderson
Cassville Democrat - Staff
Maries County Advocate - Staff

Best Sports Pages Classes 2 & 3

Ozark | Christian County Headliner
News - Pat Dailey
Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Maryville Forum - Staff
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Bill Battle, Arron Hustead

Best Sports News Story Class 1

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader -
Brett Adkison
Plattsburg Clinton County Leader -
Brett Adkison
Seymour Webster County Citizen
- Dan Wehmer, Anna Sturdefant,
Rhonda Henderson
Seymour Webster County Citizen
- Dan Wehmer, Anna Sturdefant,
Rhonda Henderson

Best Sports News Story Class 2

Odessa Odessan - Joe Spaar,
Hannah Spaar, Kory Hales
Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell
Ozark | Christian County Headliner
News - Rance Burger
Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican
- Will Johnson

Best Sports News Story Class 3

Washington Missourian, Wednesday



Bill Battle and the Washington Missourian received first place for Best Sports Feature Photograph in large weeklies with this shot. (Submitted photo)

- Bill Battle
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Bill Battle, Arron Hustead
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Bill Battle
St. Louis Call Newspapers -
Gloria Lloyd, Stephen Glover,
Larry Saylor, Deborah Baker

Best Sports Feature Story Class 1

Cassville Democrat - Jared Privett
South Cass Tribune - Dennis Minich
Cassville Democrat - Jared Lankford
Seymour Webster County Citizen -
Dan Wehmer

Best Sports Feature Story Class 2

Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Linn Unterrified Democrat - HB Dodds
Houston Herald - Doug Davison
California Democrat -
Austin Hornbostel

Best Sports Feature Story Class 3

St. Louis American - Kenya Vaughn
Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Gordon Bess
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Bill Battle
Washington Missourian, Weekend -
Arron Hustead

Best Sports Columnist

Classes 1 & 2

Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Richmond News - Shawn Roney
Cassville Democrat - Jared Lankford
Maryville Forum - Jon Dykstra

Best Sports Columnist Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Russell Korando

St. Louis American - Alvin Reid
St. Louis American - Earl Austin Jr.

Best News or Feature Special Section Class 1

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman
Seymour Webster County Citizen
- Dan Wehmer, Anna Sturdefant,
Beverly Hannum

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader -
Brett Adkison, Autumn Barnett
Canton Press-News Journal -

Rita Cox, Karin Althoff, Paula Bichsel

Best News or Feature Special Section Class 2

Houston Herald - Staff
Maryville Forum - Staff
Laclede County Record -
Fines Massey, Shawna Bradley,
Jennifer Early, Beth Chism
Eldon Advertiser -
Tammy Witherspoon, Tim Flora,
Tommy Collins

Best News or Feature Special Section Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal -
Erik Siemers, Staff
St. Louis Business Journal -
Erik Siemers

St. Louis Business Journal - Nathan
Rubbelke, Michael Behrens, Staff
Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Laura Marlow, Peggy Scott, Staff

Best Investigative Reporting Class 1

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman
Edina Sentinel - Echo Menges
Salem News - Andrew Sheeley

Best Investigative Reporting Class 2

Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Laclede County Record - Chris Roden

Best Investigative Reporting Class 3

Kansas City Northeast News -
Elizabeth Orosco

Congratulations from Missouri Bar Association to this year's BNC winners!

St. Louis American - Rebecca Rivas
Washington Missourian, Wednesday
- Monte Miller

Kansas City Northeast News -
Elizabeth Orosco

**Best Local Business Coverage
Classes 1 & 2**

Houston Herald - Doug Davison
Cassville Democrat - Staff
Springfield Business Journal - Staff
Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia,
Teresa Shaw, Brandi Long

**Best Local Business Coverage
Class 3**

St. Louis Business Journal -
Erik Siemers

Kansas City Northeast News -
Elizabeth Orosco

Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Staff
St. Louis American - Staff

Best Business Story Class 1

Maries County Advocate -
Laura Schiermeier

Grandview Jackson County Advocate
- Mary Wilson

Cassville Democrat - Kyle Troutman
Van Buren The Current Local -

Ryan Van Winkle

Best Business Story Class 2

Springfield Business Journal -
Kathryn Hardison

Springfield Business Journal -
Kathryn Hardison

Montgomery Standard -
Megan Gearhart

Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Business Story Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Tony Krausz

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Gordon Bess

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Peggy Bess

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -
Nicholas Phillips

**Best Coverage of Government
Class 1**

Maries County Advocate -
Roxie Murphy

Van Buren The Current Local -
Ryan Van Winkle

Seymour Webster County Citizen -
Dan Wehmer

**Best Coverage of Government
Class 2**

Richmond News -



Mike Grassham and *The Van Buren Current Local* received first place in Best Feature Photograph for capturing this colorful teaching moment. (Submitted photo)

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Perryville Perry County
Republic-Monitor - Robert Cox
Houston Herald - Brad Gentry,
Jeff McNiell

Marshfield Mail - Karen Craig

**Best Coverage of Government
Class 3**

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

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Kevin Carbery, Peggy Bess

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

Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Van Buren The Current Local -
Ryan Van Winkle

Houston Herald - Doug Davison

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

Lincoln New Era - Dianne Peck
Seymour Webster County Citizen -
Dan Wehmer

Maries County Advocate -
Laura Schiermeier

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

Maryville Forum - Geoffrey Woehlk
Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Houston Herald - Doug Davison

Houston Herald - Doug Davison

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

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Katelyn Mary Skaggs

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Katelyn Mary Skaggs

Best Story About Religion Class 1

Maries County Advocate -
Laura Schiermeier

Oak Grove Focus - Ruth Ann Hafner
South Cass Tribune - Sheryl Stanley

Cassville Democrat - Jordan Privett

Best Story About Religion Class 2

Ava Douglas County Herald -
Michael Boyink

Maryville Forum - Skye Pournazari
Mountain Grove News-Journal -

Jayce Clanton

Ava Douglas County Herald -
Michael Boyink

Best Story About Religion Class 3

St. Louis American - Chris King

St. Louis American - Rebecca Rivas

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Laura Marlow

Branson Tri-Lakes News -
John Robinson

**Best Story About Education
Class 1**

Seymour Webster County Citizen -
Dan Wehmer

Seymour Webster County Citizen -
Dan Wehmer

South Cass Tribune - Sheryl Stanley
Cassville Democrat - Jordan Privett

**Best Story About Education
Class 2**

Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Maryville Forum - Geoffrey Woehlk
Laclede County Record - Chris Roden

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The *Clinton County Leader* is celebrating Brett Adkison's first place win in small weeklies for Best Sports Feature Photograph thanks to this shot. (Submitted photos)

Richmond News - Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Story About Education Class 3

St. Louis Call Newspapers - Gloria Lloyd

St. Louis American - Chris King

Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Laura Marlow

Best Story About the Outdoors Class 1

Cassville Democrat - Murray Bishoff

Maries County Advocate - Laura Schiermeier

Maries County Advocate - Laura Schiermeier

Best Story About the Outdoors Class 2

Richmond News - Jack M. Ventimiglia III

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican - Roxie Murphy

Mountain Grove News-Journal - Ron Schott

Houston Herald - Doug Davison

Best Story About the Outdoors Class 3

Washington Missourian, Weekend - Karen Dickhut

Washington Missourian, Wednesday - Karen Dickhut

Washington Missourian, Weekend - Karen Dickhut

St. Louis Call Newspapers - Erin Achenbach

Best Story About History Class 1

South Cass Tribune - Dennis Minich

Lincoln New Era - Dianne Peck

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader - Steve Tinnen

Best Story About History Class 2

Richmond News - Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Richmond News - Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Houston Herald - Doug Davison

Linn Unterrified Democrat - Neal Johnson

Best Story About History Class 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News - Joshua Clark

Branson Tri-Lakes News - Tim Church

Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Steve Taylor

Washington Missourian, Weekend - Karen Dickhut

Best Military Story Class 1

Cassville Democrat - Jordan Privett

Lincoln New Era - Dianne Peck

Mansfield Mirror-Republican - Chris Roden

Van Buren The Current Local - Ryan Van Winkle

Best Military Story Class 2

California Democrat - Austin Hornbostel

Laclede County Record - Chris Roden

Ozark | Christian County Headliner News - Rance Burger

Best Military Story Class 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News - Cliff Sain

St. Louis American - Clara Germani

Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Laura Marlow

Washington Missourian, Wednesday - Karen Dickhut

Best Page Design Class 1

Seymour Webster County Citizen - Dan Wehmer, Anna

Sturdefant, and Rhonda Henderson

Canton Press-News Journal -

Karin Althoff, Rita Cox

Maries County Advocate - Staff

Seymour Webster County Citizen - Dan Wehmer, Anna

Sturdefant, and Rhonda Henderson

Best Page Design Class 2

Richmond News - Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Laclede County Record - Shawna Bradley

Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell

Laclede County Record - Shawna Bradley

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 American - Melvin Moore

Best Information Graphic

Classes 1 & 2

Richmond News - Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Houston Herald - Jeff McNiell

Richmond News - Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Edina Sentinel - Echo Menges

Best Information Graphic Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal - Michael Behrens



Skye Pournazari of the *Maryville Forum* took first in Best News Photograph for mid-size weeklies with this gut-wrenching image of a family's loss.

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Jacob Warden and the *Maries County Advocate* received first place in Best News Photograph for small weeklies with this solemn image. (Submitted photo)

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -
Ryan O'Shea

Kansas City Northeast News -
Bryan Stalder

St. Louis Business Journal -
Michael Behrens

Best Editorial Cartoon Class 1

Seymour Webster County Citizen -
Dan Wehmer

Seymour Webster County Citizen -
Dan Wehmer

Seymour Webster County Citizen -
Dan Wehmer

Best Editorial Cartoon Class 2

Richmond News -
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Richmond News - Brian Rice

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

Best Editorial Cartoon Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Judy Dixon

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Judy Dixon

Kansas City Northeast News -
Bryan Stalder

**Best Newspapers in Education
Project Classes 1 & 2**

Eldon Advertiser -
Tammy Witherspoon
Maries County Advocate - Staff
Odessa Odessan - Hannah Spaar
Eldon Advertiser -
Tammy Witherspoon

**Best Newspapers in Education
Project Class 3**

Washington Missourian, Weekend -
Staff

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -
Teen Advisory Board, Peggy Scott,

Peggy Bess, Staff

St. Louis American - Cathy Sewell

St. Louis American - Cathy Sewell

**Best Online Newspaper or
Website Classes 1 & 2**

Houston Herald - Staff
Ozark | Christian County
Headliner News - Staff

Maryville Forum - Phil Cobb

**Best Online Newspaper or
Website Class 3**

St. Louis American - Ishmael
Sistrunk, Kenya Vaughn

St. Louis Business Journal - Staff

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -
Scott Andera

Best Video Class 2

Richmond News - Jack M. Ventimiglia,
Grace A. Ventimiglia,
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Laclede County Record - Chris Roden
Houston Herald - Isaiah Buse

Laclede County Record - Fines Massey

Best Video Class 3

St. Louis American - Rebecca Rivas
St. Louis American - Rebecca Rivas
St. Louis American - Dawn Suggs

Best Headline Writing Class 1

Seymour Webster County Citizen -
Dan Wehmer

Cassville Democrat - Staff

Maries County Advocate - Staff

Best Headline Writing Class 2

Laclede County Record - Fines Massey
Ava Douglas County Herald -
Michael Boyink

Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Houston Herald - Doug Davison

Best Headline Writing Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader - Staff

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -

Ryan O'Shea

St. Louis American - Chris King

**Best News or Feature Obituary
Class 1**

Cassville Democrat - Jared Lankford

Canton Press-News Journal -

Rita Cox, Karin Althoff, Paula Bichsel

Maries County Advocate -

Roxie Murphy

**Best News or Feature Obituary
Class 2**

Salem News - Donald Dodd

Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Mountain Grove News-Journal -

Doug Berger

**Best News or Feature Obituary
Class 3**

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -

Laura Marlow

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -

Laura Marlow

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -

Steve Taylor

Multi-Media Reporting

St. Louis American - Staff

Springfield Business Journal - Staff

Houston Herald -

Brad Gentry, Jeff McNiell

Edina Sentinel - Echo Menges

Magazine/Alternative Publication

Cassville Democrat - Staff

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly -
Staff

Laclede County Record - Fines Massey,
Shawna Bradley, Chris Roden

Best Health Story Class 1

South Cass Tribune - Dennis Minich

Cassville Democrat - Jordan Privett

Maries County Advocate -

Roxie Murphy

Maries County Advocate -

Roxie Murphy

Best Health Story Class 2

Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Richmond News -

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Richmond News - Teresa Shaw

Best Health Story Class 3

Washington Missourian, Wednesday

- Monte Miller

Festus- Jefferson County Leader -

Laura Marlow

St. Louis American - Sandra Jordan

St. Louis American - Sandra Jordan

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Dailies

General Excellence Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Missourian Staff
Jefferson City News Tribune - News Tribune staff
Independence Examiner - Jeff Fox

General Excellence Class 3

Columbia Daily Tribune - Charles Westmoreland, Rudi Keller, Kevin Graeler, Jarydyn Angell, Gabriela Velasquez
The Kansas City Star - Staff
Quincy Herald - Whig - Staff

Springfield News-Leader - News-Leader Staff

Best Overall Design Classes 2 & 3

Springfield News-Leader - News-Leader Staff
Columbia Missourian - Missourian Staff
Columbia Daily Tribune - Charles Westmoreland, Jim Van Nostrand, Kevin Graeler, Gabriela Velasquez, Jarydyn Angell, Rudi Keller
The Kansas City Star - Staff

Best Front Page Classes 2 & 3

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

Best Breaking News Story Class 1

Fulton Sun - Helen Wilbers
Mexico Ledger - Charles Dunlap
Fulton Sun - Helen Wilbers
Monett Times - Murray Bishoff

Best Breaking News Story Class 2

Jefferson City News Tribune - News Tribune
Columbia Missourian - Galen Bacharier
Columbia Missourian - Bennett Durando
LakeExpo - Janet Dabbs

Best Breaking News Story Class 3

Joplin Globe - Kimberly Barker
Springfield News-Leader - Harrison Keegan
The Kansas City Star - Luke Nozicka, Kaitlyn Schwes
Springfield News-Leader - Harrison Keegan, Gregory J. Holman

Best News Story Class 1

Moberly Monitor-Index - Erik Cliburn
Fulton Sun - Quinn Wilson
Monett Times - Melonie Roberts



The *Joplin Globe's* Roger Nomer is standing tall with this first place Best Feature Photograph win for large dailies. (Submitted photos)



Mitch Prentice captured the spirit of the dog days of summer at Lake of the Ozarks with this first-place Best Feature Photograph winning entry for the *Lake Sun Leader*.

Best News Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Emily Wolf
Sedalia Democrat - Emily Walton
Columbia Missourian - Galen Bacharier
Columbia Missourian - Morgan Keith, Janice Zhou

Best News Story Class 3

The Kansas City Star - Cortlynn Stark
The Kansas City Star - Luke Nozicka
The Kansas City Star - Glenn E. Rice

Best Feature Story Class 1

Mexico Ledger - Charles Dunlap, Erik Cliburn
Monett Times - Melonie Roberts
Moberly Monitor-Index - Erik Cliburn
Moberly Monitor-Index - Erik Cliburn

Best Feature Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Janice Zhou, Morgan Keith
Columbia Missourian - Karina Zaiets
Sedalia Democrat - Bob Satnan
Columbia Missourian - Steve Garrison

Best Feature Story Class 3

Kansas City Star - Eric Adler
Joplin Globe - Kevin McClintock
Columbia Daily Tribune - Roger McKinney
Joplin Globe - Debby Woodin

Best News or Feature Series Class 1

Moberly Monitor-Index - Erik Cliburn
Mexico Ledger - Charles Dunlap

Best News or Feature Series Class 2

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

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LakeExpo - Nathan Bechtold,
Sara Halverson
Sedalia Democrat - Nicole Cooke
**Best News or Feature Series
Class 3**

The Kansas City Star - Laura Bauer,
Judy L. Thomas, Eric Adler
The Kansas City Star - Katie Moore,
Dave Helling
Springfield News-Leader -
Harrison Keegan
Springfield News-Leader - Sara Karnes,
Harrison Keegan, Stephen Herzog

Best Editorial Class 2

LakeExpo - Nathan Bechtold,
Brent Simpson
Independence Examiner - Staff
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Gerry Tritz

Independence Examiner - Staff

Best Editorial Class 3

The Kansas City Star -
Melinda Henneberger
The Kansas City Star - Dave Helling
The Kansas City Star -
Melinda Henneberger

The Kansas City Star - Toriano Porter

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

Joplin Globe - Sarah Coyne
Independence Examiner - Jeff Fox

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

Sedalia Democrat - Bob Satnan
Monett Times - Murray Bishoff
Sedalia Democrat - Liz Schleicher
Kirksville Daily Express & News -
Jason Hunsicker

Best Columnist - Serious Class 3

The Kansas City Star -
Melinda Henneberger
The Kansas City Star - Toriano Porter
The Kansas City Star - Dave Helling
Springfield News-Leader - Steve Pokin

Best News Photograph Class 1

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Mitch Prentice
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Mitch Prentice
Monett Times - Murray Bishoff
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Mitch Prentice

Best News Photograph Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Claire Hassler
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Julie Smith
Sedalia Democrat - Faith Bemiss
Columbia Missourian - Yanran Huang



Jacob Moscovitch won first in Best Sports Feature Photograph for mid-size dailies for the *Columbia Missourian*. (Submitted photos)

Best News Photograph Class 3

The Kansas City Star -
Tammy Ljungblad
Joplin Globe - Roger Nomer
Springfield News-Leader -
Andrew Jansen
Quincy Herald - Whig -
Katelyn Metzger

Best Feature Photograph Class 1

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Mitch Prentice
Monett Times - Melonie Roberts
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Mitch Prentice

Best Feature Photograph Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Emmalee Reed
Columbia Missourian - Madison Parry
Columbia Missourian - Joel Chan
Sedalia Democrat - Faith Bemiss

Best Feature Photograph Class 3

Joplin Globe - Roger Nomer
Joplin Globe - Roger Nomer
Springfield News-Leader -
Andrew Jansen
Joplin Globe - Laurie Sisk

Best Sports Photograph Class 1

Park Hills Daily Journal - Matt King
Kirksville Daily Express & News -
Michael Bupp
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Michael Losch
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Michael Losch

Best Sports Photograph Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Tristen Rouse
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Jason Strickland
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Jason Strickland
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Jenna Kieser

Best Sports Photograph Class 3

Columbia Daily Tribune -

Don Shrubshell
Columbia Daily Tribune -
Hunter Dyke
Springfield News-Leader -
Andrew Jansen

**Best Sports Feature Photograph
Class 1**

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Michael Losch
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Michael Losch
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Michael Losch
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Michael Losch

**Best Sports Feature Photograph
Class 2**

Columbia Missourian -
Jacob Moscovitch
Columbia Missourian - Hillary Tan
Columbia Missourian -
Antranik Tavitian
Columbia Missourian - Tristen Rouse
**Best Sports Feature Photograph
Class 3**

Columbia Daily Tribune -
Don Shrubshell
Columbia Daily Tribune - Hunter Dyke
Joplin Globe - Roger Nomer
The Kansas City Star -
Tammy Ljungblad
**Best Photo Illustration
Classes 2 & 3**
Columbia Missourian -
Antranik Tavitian
Columbia Missourian - Yanran Huang
Columbia Missourian -
Antranik Tavitian
Columbia Missourian - Hope Johnson



Tristen Rouse won first in Best Sports Photograph for mid-size dailies for the *Columbia Missourian*.

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Best Photo Package Classes 1 & 2

Columbia Missourian - Staff
 Columbia Missourian - Julia Hansen
 Columbia Missourian - Lia Waldrum
 Columbia Missourian - Antranik Tavitian

Best Photo Package Class 3

The Kansas City Star - Tammy Ljunblad
 Springfield News-Leader - Andrew Jansen
 Springfield News-Leader - Andrew Jansen
 Joplin Globe - Laurie Sisk

Community Service Classes 2

Jefferson City News Tribune
 Columbia Missourian - Staff
 Jefferson City News Tribune
 Columbia Missourian - Staff

Community Service Class 3

Kansas City Star - Laura Bauer, Judy L. Thomas, Eric Adler
 Joplin Globe - Emily Younker
 Joplin Globe - Emily Younker, Kimberly Barker,
 Joe Hadsall

Best Editorial Pages Classes 2 & 3

The Kansas City Star - Derek Donovan,
 Melinda Henneberger, Dave Helling, Toriano Porter,
 Michael Ryan, Colleen Nelson
 Joplin Globe - Andy Ostmeyer, Emily Younker,
 Nathan Mills, Jerry Willis
 Jefferson City News Tribune
 Quincy Herald - Whig - Jason Lewton, Ken Jones

Best Sports Pages Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Staff
 Independence Examiner - Karl Zinke
 Jefferson City News Tribune - Tom Rackers,
 Greg Jackson, Jason Strickland, Colin O'Brien
 Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic - Staff

Best Sports Pages Class 3

Quincy Herald - Whig - Staff
 Columbia Daily Tribune
 Springfield News-Leader - Staff
 Joplin Globe - Nathan Mills



Claire Hassler for the *Columbia Missourian* received first place for mid-size dailies in Best News Photograph for this image of a community vigil against gun violence.



The *Camdenton Lake Sun Leader's* Mitch Prentice took first in Best News Photograph for small dailies with this picture of student camaraderie. (Submitted photos)

Best Sports News Story Class 1

Monett Times - Jared Lankford
 Park Hills Daily Journal - Matt King
 Camdenton Lake Sun Leader - Michael Losch,
 Joyce Miller

Best Sports News Story Class 2

Monett Times - Jared Lankford
 Jefferson City News Tribune - Jason Strickland
 Independence Examiner - Dave McQueen
 Columbia Missourian - Bennett Durando

Best Sports News Story Class 3

The Kansas City Star - Mará Rose Williams, Blair Kerkhoff
 Joplin Globe - Jim Henry
 Columbia Daily Tribune - Kevin Graeler, Eric Blum
 Joplin Globe - Jared Porter

Best Sports Feature Story Class 1

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader - Michael Losch
 Nevada Daily Mail - Matthew Resnick
 Camdenton Lake Sun Leader - Michael Losch
 Camdenton Lake Sun Leader - Michael Losch

Best Sports Feature Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Bennett Durando
 Columbia Missourian - Bennett Durando
 Independence Examiner - Bill Althaus
 Independence Examiner - Bill Althaus

Best Sports Feature Story Class 3

Kansas City Star - Eric Adler, Rick Montgomery
 Kansas City Star - Sam McDowell
 Springfield News-Leader - Wyatt D. Wheeler
 Kansas City Star - Sam McDowell

Best Sports Columnist Classes 1&2

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

Best Sports Columnist Class 3

Quincy Herald - Whig - Matt Schuckman
 Joplin Globe - Jim Henry
 Columbia Daily Tribune - Kevin Graeler
 Columbia Daily Tribune - Kevin Graeler

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Best News or Feature Special Section

Jefferson City News Tribune
Columbia Missourian - Staff
Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic
- Staff

Best Investigative Reporting Class 1

Monett Times - Melonie Bishoff
Moberly Monitor-Index - Erik Cliburn
Monett Times - Melonie Roberts

Best Investigative Reporting Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Sky Chadde
Columbia Missourian - Yue Yu
Columbia Missourian - Tynan Stewart
Columbia Missourian - Sky Chadde,
Yue Yu

Best Investigative Reporting Class 3

The Kansas City Star - Laura Bauer,
Judy L. Thomas, Eric Adler
The Kansas City Star -
Mike Hendricks, Mara Rose Williams
The Kansas City Star - Katie Moore

Best Local Business Coverage Classes 2 & 3

Columbia Missourian - Staff
Springfield News-Leader - Staff
Jefferson City News Tribune

Best Business Story Class 1

Monett Times - Melonie Roberts
Monett Times - Murray Bishoff

Best Business Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian -
Abigail E. Shaw, Antranik Tavitian,
Emily Catherine Adams
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Nicole Roberts

Jefferson City News Tribune -

Nicole Roberts, Emily Cole
Sedalia Democrat - Hope Lecchi

Best Business Story Class 3



Emmalee Reed won first in Best Feature Photograph for mid-size dailies for the *Columbia Missourian*.



Don Shrubshell of the *Columbia Daily Tribune* won first in Best Sports Photograph for large dailies with this neck pain-inducing shot. (Submitted photos)

Springfield News-Leader - Jackie
Rehwald

Joplin Globe - Kevin McClintock
The Kansas City Star - Kevin Hardy,
Bryan Lowry, Crystal Thomas
Springfield News-Leader -
Gregory J. Holman

Best Coverage of Government Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Kyra Haas,
Aviva Okeson-Haberman

Jefferson City News Tribune - Staff
Jefferson City News Tribune - Staff

Best Coverage of Government Class 3

Kansas City Star - Edward McKinley,
Jason Hancock

Springfield News-Leader - Katie Kull
Quincy Herald - Whig - Ethan Colbert

Kansas City Star - Steve Vockrodt,
Edward McKinley, Kevin Hardy

Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture

Columbia Missourian - Staff
Jefferson City News Tribune
Sedalia Democrat

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Class 1

Fulton Sun - Quinn Wilson
Fulton Sun - Helen Wilbers

Mexico Ledger - Charles Dunlap

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Tom Coulter
Columbia Missourian - Kristoffer Tighe

Columbia Missourian -
Rachel Behrndt, Jacob Moscovitch
Sedalia Democrat - Hope Lecchi

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Class 3

Springfield News-Leader -
Wes Johnson

Joplin Globe - Kimberly Barker
The Kansas City Star - Andy Marso

Joplin Globe - Kevin McClintock

Best Story About Religion Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Nick Kelly

Columbia Missourian -

Jacob Moscovitch

Columbia Missourian -

Lauren Polanski

Columbia Missourian - Olivia Garrett

Best Story About Religion Class 3

Springfield News-Leader -

Gregory J. Holman

Springfield News-Leader -

Jackie Rehwald

Joplin Globe - Kimberly Barker

Springfield News-Leader - Steve Pokin

Best Story About Education Class 1

Moberly Monitor-Index - Erik Cliburn

Monett Times - Murray Bishoff

Moberly Monitor-Index - Erik Cliburn

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The *Columbia Daily Tribune* and Don Shrubshell won first place for large dailies in Best Sports Feature Photograph. (Submitted photo)

**Best Story About Education
Class 2**

Columbia Missourian -
Tessa Weinberg, Thomas Oide
Columbia Missourian - Tynan Stewart
Jefferson City News Tribune - Phillip
Sitter

**Best Story About Education
Class 3**

The Kansas City Star -
Mará Rose Williams
The Kansas City Star - Kevin Hardy,
Mará Rose Williams
Joplin Globe - Emily Younker
Springfield News-Leader -
Claudette Riley

**Best Story About the Outdoors
Classes 1 & 2**

LakeExpo - Nathan Bechtold
Columbia Missourian - Molly Hart
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Phillip Sitter

**Best Story About the Outdoors
Class 3**

Springfield News-Leader -
Wes Johnson
Joplin Globe - Andy Ostmeyer
Springfield News-Leader -
Wes Johnson
Springfield News-Leader -
Wes Johnson

Best Story About History Class 1

Moberly Monitor-Index - Erik Cliburn
Moberly Monitor-Index - Erik Cliburn
Fulton Sun - Helen Wilbers

Best Story About History Class 2

Jefferson City News Tribune -
Emily Cole
Columbia Missourian - Kate Robbins
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Emily Cole

Best Story About History Class 3

Springfield News-Leader -
Steve Pokin
The Kansas City Star - Cortlynn Stark
Joplin Globe - Andy Ostmeyer

Best Military Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Alyssa Shikles
Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic
- Donna Farley

Best Military Story Class 3

Sedalia Democrat - Hope Lecchi
Springfield News-Leader - Steve Pokin
Kansas City Star - Lisa Gutierrez
Joplin Globe - Kimberly Barker
Joplin Globe - Kimberly Barker

Best Page Design Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Staff
Columbia Missourian - Staff
Columbia Missourian - Staff

Best Page Design Class 3

Joplin Globe - Nathan Mills
Springfield News-Leader - Staff
Joplin Globe - Jerry Willis

Best Information Graphic Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Monique Woo
Columbia Missourian - Olivia Garrett
Columbia Missourian - Peter Georgiev
Columbia Missourian -
Javkhlan Bold-Erdene
Columbia Missourian - Alexis Allison

Best Information Graphic Class 3

Joplin Globe - Nathan Mills
Joplin Globe - Nathan Mills
Joplin Globe - Nathan Mills

Best Editorial Cartoon Class 2

Jefferson City News Tribune -
Jim Dyke
Independence Examiner - Joe Liccar
Jefferson City News Tribune -
Jim Dyke

Columbia Missourian - John Darkow

Best Newspapers in Education

Project Class 3

Joplin Globe - Sarah Coyne,
Amanda Stone
Joplin Globe - Amanda Stone,
Sarah Coyne
St. Louis Post-Dispatch -
Jennifer Broach,

Lauren Anderson Koelker, Lisa Clark

**Best Online Newspaper or
Website Classes 1 & 2**

Columbia Missourian - Staff
LakeExpo - Brent Simpson,
Nathan Bechtold, Sara Halverson,
Emily Debert, David Dilks,
Janet Dabbs

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader -
Mitch Prentice, Michael Losch,
Charis Patires, Joyce Miller
Sedalia Democrat

**Best Online Newspaper or
Website Class 3**

Joplin Globe - Andy Ostmeyer
Springfield News-Leader - Staff

Best Video Classes 1 & 2

Columbia Missourian - Hillary Tan,
Julia Hanson, Elliot Bauman
Columbia Missourian -

Phoebe Mussman, Jacob Moscovitch,
Ethan Weston, Jenna Kieser,
Jennifer Mosbrucker, Emily Nevils
Columbia Missourian - Julia Hansen,
Jacob Moscovitch

Columbia Missourian - Matt McCabe,
Joel Green, Jacob Moscovitch

Best Video Class 3

The Kansas City Star - Shelly Yang,
Rachel Kirpalani
The Kansas City Star - Rich Sugg
The Kansas City Star - Shelly Yang,
Tammy Ljungblad
The Kansas City Star - Shelly Yang,
Neil Nakahodo

Best Headline Writing

Columbia Missourian - Staff
LakeExpo - Nathan Bechtold,
Brent Simpson, Sara Halverson,

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Emily Debert

Springfield News-Leader - Staff

Best News or Feature Obituary Classes 1 & 2

Columbia Missourian - Vivian Herzog

Columbia Missourian - Libby Stanford

Sedalia Democrat - Emily Walton

Columbia Missourian - Colleen Wouters

Best News or Feature Obituary Class 3

Springfield News-Leader - Gregory J. Holman

Springfield News-Leader - Jackie Rehwald

The Kansas City Star - Eric Adler, Joyce Smith

The Kansas City Star - Ian Cummings, Robert Cronkleton

Multi-Media Reporting

Columbia Missourian - Staff

Jefferson City News Tribune - Staff

Joplin Globe - Kimberly Barker, Emily Younker

Magazine/Alternative

Publication

Jefferson City News Tribune - HER Magazine staff

Joplin Globe - Kevin McClintock, Amanda Stone,

Courtney Adams, David O'Neill

Best Health Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian - Catherine Wendlandt

Columbia Missourian - Mauricio Venegas

Columbia Missourian - Kacen J. Bayless, Seth Bodine

Columbia Missourian - Kelly Kenoyer, Veronica Moheky,



Matt King and the *Park Hill Daily Journal* didn't have to scramble to win first place for small dailies in Best Sports Photograph. (Submitted photo)

Hannah Musick, Renae Whissel

Best Health Story Class 3

The Kansas City Star - Andy Marso

Springfield News-Leader - Jackie Rehwald

The Kansas City Star - Andy Marso

Springfield News-Leader - Jackie Rehwald

Start preparing now for the 2021 Better Newspaper Contest!

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From open records to bodycam footage, government transparency benefits everyone

As you read this, the 2020 Missouri Press convention is history. Perhaps you are still thinking about how different this year's convention was from past years. Maybe, like me, you are remembering all the fun times you've had at those conventions. There's always fascinating seminars, fun dinners, great laughs with good friends.

I personally miss seeing each of you! When we talk on the phone, it's not the same as having a chance to meet you face to face and learn a little more about you and what stories you are covering. That's one of the best parts of the convention for me.

But the next month is going to be very busy for each of you as you cover political events in your community and deal with advertisements from politicians. **DO NOT FORGET** that you must have the correct political attribution in those ads. This is not a law that applies only to the politicians – You, the newspaper, are subject to being assessed a fine by the Missouri Ethics Commission if your attribution in the ad is missing or wrong.

You can find a great chart outlining what is required in ads for state races at shorturl.at/mxDIY

I encourage you to print it off and post it in the ad department. Yes, I've told you that before, but there are always new folks and this requirement catches them off-guard.

Federal guidelines for advertising attribution can be found at shorturl.at/enrwQ

While that website doesn't offer a simple brochure like Missouri's handout, it is a fairly clear description with samples.

While the candidates are in town

rounding up votes, the news side of your operation should remind them how important the Sunshine Law is in terms of covering government operations – the functions your tax dollars support. Explain to them that charging for attorney fees to review records is an issue in litigation right now and those costs can make it impossible to afford copies of records.

Take time, also, to remind them how important the publication of legal notices in your newspapers are. There has been a dramatic demonstration of the shortfall of public access to the Internet in the last six months, as schools have gone to virtual classes.

Many homes do not have stable, reliable Internet. Print is not dead.

If communities want to get the word out about important opportunities or announcements, the local paper is still the strongest vehicle it has.

And I think other issues will continue to ferment in the back rooms in Jefferson City next year. Incidents involving law enforcement activity will continue to generate news. Sedalia, as a prime example this year, is not a town with significant racial protests or other traditional events that generate police/public controversy.

And yet, the shooting of a young woman in town created a furor because local police had no body-camera capability and there was no video to document the official report of law enforcement justifying the actions taken that resulted in her death.

And reporters will continue to want access to video generated when such incidents occur. While there

is language in the Sunshine Law in Missouri dealing with that issue (see Section 610.205), there is not a presumption that the public interest in such matters should make such information public – it's more a weighing of the facts. There are times when the video of a situation, just like the video of the George Floyd incident, shows truth in the face of confusion and misrepresentations. Access to that information is critical.

At the same time, there continues to be problems in Missouri, like some other states, over whether reporters' unpublished video and photos, as well as reporters' notes, are subject to discovery in cases where the reporter is not a primary witness to the incident. In late September, the Seattle Police Department finally dropped a subpoena asking five local news organizations to turn over unpublished materials gathered in the course of covering racial protests in town. Law enforcement had argued that media outtakes would help identify suspects in the torching of police vehicles and theft of police guns.

Perhaps when the legislature gathers again in January, opportunities will arise to address some of these issues. Now is the time to start having those conversations with your local representatives. Thanks for all your support of MPA and its efforts to protect your First Amendment rights!



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