



2020 Missouri Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest

Results and Judges Comments

01.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Columbia Missourian - 4/9, 12/11, 10/4-5	Missourian Staff
This staff makes excellent use of illustrations and visuals. While it would be nice to see more staff written editorials, the Opinion page has a diverse set of voices. Good mix of stories. Good wire edits. Nice pacing of content.			
Second Place	News Tribune	April 7, May 24 and Oct. 2 general	News Tribune Staff
Third Place	Independence Examiner	The Examiner of Independence, Missouri	Independence Examiner Staff

01.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	General Excellence full editions	Jim Van Nostrand, Charles Westmoreland, Rudi Keller, Kevin Graeler, Jardyn Angell and Gabriela ...
Overall an excellent combination of reporting from human interest to investigative. A pleasure to read.			
Second Place	The Kansas City Star	The Kansas City Star	Staff
Third Place	Herald - Whig	Herald-Whig	Staff
Honorable Mention	Springfield News-Leader	SNL01GeneralExcellence-Combined	News-Leader Staff

01.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Cassville Democrat	W1 General Excellence	Staff
Second Place	Clinton County Leader	Clinton County Leader	Brett Adkison, Steve Tinnen, Autumn Barnett, Betty Dickinson and Nikki Keling
Third Place	Maries County Advocate	Advocate General Excellence	Staff
Honorable Mention	Mound City News	Gen. Excellence March 21, June 6, and	Adam Johnson, Dennis Sharkey, Shannon Culp, Sheri Wright, Joy Johnson and Pam Kent

01.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Laclede County Record	Laclede County Record General Excellence	
The clear-cut winner in the category for me. I was just blown away by the depth and variety of coverage in this newspaper. Very impressed by the spot news coverage and historical context of the fire at the MFA building. Designs really pop, and there's so much variety, from sports to arts to entertainment to community news and comics. Great work!			

Second Place **Maryville Forum** **The Maryville Forum**
 This paper is chock full of news that affects the community, and I really love the Record page with all the different public notices and obituaries. Some great photos and stories, especially in the Sports section.

Third Place **Christian County Headliner News** **Christian County Headliner News** **Rance Burger, Pat Dailey, Sydni Moore, Leah Greenwood and Keith Hansen**
 Wonderful coverage of the community, a variety of designs, quality photos and some good writing. Really like the "On the Spot" feature concept.

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald** **General Excellence** **Staff**

01.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **St. Louis Business Journal general**
 Even without sports coverage or a designated opinion section, this publication is outstanding. The staff writes very well about business and how it affects so many aspects of the community. The design and photos are as polished as you'll be able to find in any weekly paper. Just a wonderful publication from top to bottom.

Second Place **St. Louis American** **The St. Louis American** **Staff**
 I love how dedicated this newspaper is to telling the stories of its community. Very good breadth of coverage, quality writing, important special sections, and layout and design that do a great job of illustrating the stories. Also impressed by the 20 PAGES of reassessment data in the public notices section of one issue.

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Jefferson County Leader** **Leader Staff**
 This newspaper's slogan says it all: "Once a week but never weakly." The Leader is anything but weak. Just an amazing amount of news in each issue, touching all aspects of the community. Really loved the stories in the salute to veterans section of the Nov. 7 issue.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly** **Missouri Lawyers Weekly: March 5, Oct. 7,** **Staff**

02.) Best Overall Design | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Springfield News-Leader** **SNL02BestDesign-Combined** **News-Leader Staff**
 Designs are clean, modular. Gives page room to breathe. From News to Features and then to sports, pages are examples of a complete paper that is not disjointed. Centerpieces are strong. Overall, a very nice entry.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Columbia Missourian Best Overall Design** **Missourian Staff**
 Great design. Great centerpieces with plenty of negative space. Headlines good except for the occasional 5-deck headline in a 1-column display. Nice graphics done well.

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Best Design** **Charles Westmoreland, Jim Van Nostrand, Kevin Graeler, Gabriela Velasquez, Jardyn Angell and Rudi ...**

Honorable Mention **The Kansas City Star** **The Kansas City Star** **Staff**

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

First Place **Maries County Advocate** **Advocate Best Overall Design** **Staff**

Second Place **Cassville Democrat** **W1 Best Overall Design** **Staff**

Third Place **Webster County Citizen** **Full editions included from 1-16, 10-30 and** **Dan Wehmer**

02.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Laclede County Record****Laclede County Record Best Overall Design****Fines Massey and Shawna Bradley**

Really unique overall newspaper design. Bold colors and dynamic photos make for some excellent layouts. If I was a subscriber, I'd definitely look forward to seeing this paper every week.

Second Place**Maryville Forum****Best Overall Design**

Love the way the large photos carry these pages. The Progress section adds a lot to the design as well.

Third Place**Houston Herald****Best Overall Design****Staff**

Some great features in this paper make for visually appealing pages. Really like the variety of designs in the "Houston Proud" section as well.

Honorable Mention**Richmond News****02.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****St. Louis Business Journal****St. Louis Business Journal best overall****Michael Behrens and Erik Siemers****Second Place****St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly****Missouri Lawyers Weekly: Jan. 28, Sept. 23,** Ryan O'Shea**Third Place****St. Louis American****Best Design - The St. Louis American****Mike Terhaar and Melvin Moore****Honorable Mention****Jefferson County Leader****Jefferson County Leader****Leader Staff****03.) Best Front Page | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Joplin Globe****June Best Front Pages**

Centerpieces have flair without going overboard. Effective use of white space. The pages are clean. Designers show restraint.

Second Place**The Kansas City Star****The Kansas City Star****Staff**

Simple and elegant. Lead art gets good play. Kudos for the lack of clutter.

Third Place**Herald - Whig****Herald-Whig Front Pages****Staff**

A little flashier than other entries but not too flashy.

03.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****St. Louis Business Journal****St. Louis Business Journal best front page****Michael Behrens and Erik Siemers**

Good use of graphics and photos. Every element is readable and easy to find. A very readable front page.

Second Place**St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly****Missouri Lawyers Weekly: Feb. 4, June 24,** Ryan O'Shea

Punchy graphics and photos. Good separation of story elements.

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader**
Very community-oriented front page.

Jefferson County Leader

Peggy Scott and Leader Staff

Honorable Mention **St. Louis American**
Strong front page. I would have liked less bumping headlines and more use of rules separating elements though.

Best Front Page

Mike Terhaar

03.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Laclede County Record**

LCR Best Front Pages

Fines Massey and Shawna Bradley

Second Place **Houston Herald**

Best Front Pages

Jeff McNiell

Third Place **Montgomery Standard**

Best Front Page Design

Tim Schmidt

Honorable Mention **Maryville Forum**

Best Front Page

Maryville Forum Staff

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Fulton Sun**

Apartment complex, home destroyed in

Helen Wilbers

This compelling account went beyond officialdom and spoke to the real people, telling the story of those affected and how the community responded when a January apartment fire left 30 families in the cold.

Second Place **Mexico Ledger**

Investigation underway from gas pipeline

Charles Dunlap

Writer does a good job of using official and witness accounts to paint the scene after a gas pipeline ruptures.

Third Place **Fulton Sun**

Former collector sentenced

Helen Wilbers

The reporter found the right lede to pull someone through what otherwise would have been a typical public employee embezzlement case.

Honorable Mention **Monett Times**

D1 Fire Heavily Damages

Murray Bishoff

Interesting details sprinkled throughout, but it would have benefited from a witness account.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **News Tribune**

Devastation

News Tribune Staff

Comprehensive, clear writing, exactly the type of complete package a community would be wanting to read after a devastating event. reporters tackled the news from many angles. impressive staff-wide effort.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**

MUs Pickard Hall to be demolished after a

Galen Bacharier

I really enjoyed the details and historical context. It was a breaking news story that read more like an enterprise piece about this historic building. Nice use of archival photos, video and timeline. a solid package that elevates a fairly mundane governing board meeting decision and really drives home why readers should care.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**

MU football banned from 2019-20

Bennett Durando

Solid reporting with a lot of historical context and important mentions of similar incidents around the country and at other schools.

Honorable Mention **LakeExpo**

Car Crashes Into Indoor Pool During

Janet Dabbs

I really enjoyed this story. It delivered the news that I'm sure people were really intrigued by in a way that did not mock anyone but that still allowed their personalities to shine through. good use of quotes and amazing provided photos. interesting breaking news, for sure.

04.) Best Breaking News Story | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Joplin Globe****Briarbrook tornado****Kimberly Barker**

Compelling use of an anecdotal lede (which doesn't always works well for breaking news) followed by a strong, emotional quote from a survivor and clear, well-written nut graf. solid reporting throughout with a lot of voices. evidence of good, boots-on-the-ground reporting.

Second Place Springfield News-Leader**Godejohn Sentencing****Harrison Keegan**

A solid, breaking courtroom story told with the scope of the entire case. article includes interesting details.

Third Place The Kansas City Star**Two dead, at least 15 wounded in shooting Luke Nozicka and Kaitlyn Schwerts**

Important information up to. Good use of social media embedded throughout to engage reader. Helpful, easy-to-read map showing the path of the tornado's destruction.

Honorable Mention Springfield News-Leader**Walmart Gun Incident****Harrison Keegan and Gregory J. Holman**

Well-written, thorough article explaining what was clearly a chaotic, breaking news event.

04.) Best Breaking News Story | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Maries County Advocate****Man interrupts Bland City meeting; said he****Roxie Murphy**

A solid case for being at the right place at the right time to catch a good story. Great photo too. Well done.

Second Place Maries County Advocate**Causes of death of man, boy; Mother ought****Roxie Murphy and Dave Marnar**

Excellent timely coverage of a difficult story -- especially when officials won't go on record. Inclusion of social media as the sidebar was a good call.

Third Place Webster County Citizen**Vandals Strike****Dan Wehmer**

Solid coverage, great photos -- fabulous interview. Just all around good reporting. Great job.

Honorable Mention Webster County Citizen**"Extension Given"****Dan Wehmer**

A good reminder breaking news isn't always a natural disaster or a violent crime. Sometimes, it's just a guy who won't clean up his yard ...

04.) Best Breaking News Story | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Richmond News****Henrietta ousts mayor****Teresa Shaw**

Excellent spot news coverage of the impeachment of the mayor in Henrietta. The extensive use of direct quotes in this hostile conflict is especially well done.

Second Place Maryville Forum**Flooding closes roads****Skye Pournazari****Second Place The Odessan****A New Great Flood****Hannah Spaar**

Great coverage of a river flood in Lafayette County by a reporter who used first person knowledge, multiple sources and historic perspective to report the extent of the record-breaking flood. The reporter also took amazing photos to support and expand the coverage. Great job.

Third Place Richmond News**Wood Heights****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Strong effective writing describes the outcry of citizens after the Wood Heights Commission disbanded their police force. Starting with a good lead, the story is compelling and incorporates excellent quotes.

Honorable Mention Marshfield Mail**Marshfield sued by state (and sidebar)****Karen Craigo**

A state lawsuit alleging a quota of 16 traffic tickets per officer per month in Marshfield is followed by an outcry from the community. The reporter does due diligence with excellent background information and multiple sources. Good job.

04.) Best Breaking News Story | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****St. Louis American****More than 50K eligible children dropped**

Excellent reporting after more than 50,000 children and adults were dropped from Medicaid for multiple reasons. The reporter does an excellent job of describing cumbersome paperwork, state computer systems that don't communicate with each other, call center troubles and language barriers that caused the problem. Information on how to get help is also included in the article.

Second Place**St. Louis Call Newspapers****County Executive to Felon in Five Days****Gloria Lloyd**

This is a compelling story about a popular St. Louis County executive who pleaded guilty to a sweeping corruption scheme that steered county contracts to his campaign donors so that he could stay in office. The reporter uses documentation and multiple sources to describe the downfall of a powerful politician.

Third Place**St. Louis American****College board chair refuses to resign over****Rebecca Rivas**

The uproar is well reported when the chairman of the board of trustees of a local community college refuses to resign after posting a series of Islamophobic, racist and anti-immigrant messages. Excellent documentation and multiple sources.

Honorable Mention**Washington Missourian, Weekend****Bridge Comes Down & Police Patrol Blast****Missourian Staff**

In just eight milliseconds, explosives sent an old highway bridge to the bottom of the Missouri River, and the reporter was there to tell us the story in both words and pictures. Great background and great coverage.

05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Moberly Monitor-Index****Residents survey damage as river recedes****Erik Cliburn**

This story does a good job of providing historical and geographic context to a current moment.

Second Place**Fulton Sun****Deputies spread thin at jail, on the road****Quinn Wilson**

The author has a keen eye for detail and did a good job using a ride along tour to tell a broader story.

Third Place**Monett Times****D1 Is Medical Marijuana****Melonie Roberts**

Good job putting a face on a complicated story.

05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Columbia Missourian****New child care law has unintended****Emily Wolf**

A meaty lead and a well-organized story. Lots of good quotes.

Second Place**Sedalia Democrat****Crime Resolution Unit conducts first****Emily Walton****Third Place****Columbia Missourian****A repeal of Missouri's motorcycle helmet****Galen Bacharier****Honorable Mention****Columbia Missourian****Last winter, a train killed a child in****Morgan Keith and Janice Zhou****05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****The Kansas City Star****They've put up with leaks, mold, insects,****Cortlynn Stark**

Compelling and well written with fantastic use of quotes and imagery. Truly an example of "show, not tell" and a vital piece of journalism because it gives a voice to the voiceless.

Second Place**The Kansas City Star****"A terrible lawyer." Bad reviews, clients****Luke Nozicka**

Third Place The Kansas City Star 'National shame': Missouri leads U.S. in Glenn E. Rice

05.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Maries County Advocate	Bell soccer bus hit head on	Roxie Murphy
Second Place	Mound City News	It's now or never for farmers in the	Dennis Sharkey
Third Place	Jackson County Advocate	Community Members Hope to Save the	Mary Wilson
Honorable Mention	Mound City News	They're not rumors anymore	Dennis Sharkey

05.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Richmond News Well written. Well researched. Well done. A deep dive into a very concerning issue.	Domestic Abuse	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Second Place	Gasconade County Republican	Belle soccer bus Crash	Roxie Murphy
Third Place	Houston Herald	Sigman case	Jeff McNiell and Brad Gentry
Honorable Mention	The Odessan	Squirrel attacks five in Odessa	Hannah Spaar

05.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	St. Louis Business Journal	St. Louis Business Journal - STL	Nathan Rubbelke
Second Place	St. Louis American	15 children killed this summer	Rebecca Rivas
Third Place	St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Humiliated: Jackson County jail policy	Jessica Shumaker
Honorable Mention	St. Louis American	A sorority they didnt pledge	Kenya Vaughn

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Rather fascinating read for bourbon enthusiasts and non-enthusiasts. Educational and entertaining.	Mexico Ledger Missouri Bourbon	Charles Dunlap and Erik Cliburn
Second Place I had to keep reading. Was taken by this couple's story. Good weaving of a story about a new business and the people involved. Great the way the kids were not glossed over too.	Monett Times D1 New Old Bowling	Melonie Roberts
Third Place A nicely done feel-good story that illustrates the complexities of gaining citizenship and how a community can and will rally behind what some would call an outsider. Values lessons here.	Moberly Monitor-Index MHS teacher takes oath as U.S. citizen	Erik Cliburn
Honorable Mention A fun read for skeptics and believers alike. Good to see it ran the gamut.	Moberly Monitor-Index Midwest ghost hunters present findings of	Erik Cliburn

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 2

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Straight forward and gripping lead and circle ending. The writer has tackled a complex subject with deep reporting and cohesive pacing.	Columbia Missourian Last winter, a train killed a child in	Janice Zhou and Morgan Keith
Second Place Excellent example of localizing a national story. Thorough reporting and accessible, conversational writing makes this a good read,	Columbia Missourian The pathologist and 'the inventor': How a	Karina Zaiets
Third Place The writer's storytelling skills make this woman's search for birth parents read like a novel. Nice close the loop ending as well. It is a great example of community journalism in a weekly feature.	Sedalia Democrat A quest for family connection	Bob Satnan
Honorable Mention It's not easy to make a fish a compelling lead character but this writer has done it well. Great example of explanatory reporting with a feature twist.	Columbia Missourian Flood control measures push endangered	Steve Garrison

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 3

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Great in-depth piece with excellent sourcing about a nightmare of a neighbor	The Kansas City Star Amid \$500,000 homes, KC neighbors wage	Eric Adler
Second Place Wonderful use of imagination to make a story fun and interesting	Joplin Globe Granby Wheelbarrow	Kevin McClintock
Third Place Good writing propelled by a powerful painting	Columbia Daily Tribune Bingham's Order No. 11 moved to new	Roger McKinney
Honorable Mention A well-told horror tale of everyday life made into hell	Joplin Globe Homeless campout	Debbly Woodin

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 1

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place This was a great story and it was well written. The explosion happened 30 years ago but the details were so precise that it took the reader to the location of the explosion as though all of the readers were right there when it happened. The headline truly fit the entire story as God always has plans for our lives, as stated in the story. Great job!	Cassville Democrat W1 God's Timing	Jordan Privett

Second Place **Cassville Democrat**

This was a great story, not only for the newlyweds but for their actions to save shelter dogs. It was a wonderful idea to include the animals in the ceremony although it was cut short so that the animals would not become anxious but the bride agreed to that as well. Kudos to the bride and groom, they helped save lives while beginning their own lives together. Wonderful story and the writer did a great job with it.

Third Place **Mound City News**

This category was difficult because all of the entries were great. This one caught my eye not only due to the layout but the writer did a great job of bringing a normal retirement story into a great piece on two ladies who never thought they would become career bus drivers. The details were great, enjoyed reading it.

Honorable Mention **South Cass Tribune**

This story was unique because this war veteran, at 94 years old, told his story as though the details had just happened. It was nice to read about a man who could so vividly remember the details of his service. It was also interesting to read about his store and the great love the community has for him. Great story.

W1 Barks Instead**Jordan Privett****Decades of dedication at Nodaway-Holt****Dennis Sharkey****Basket King****Dennis Minich****06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Richmond News**

This story is a work of art, from its beautiful beginning to its haunting end. I like - no, love - the writer's cadence, his rhythmic pacing that mimics the seemingly chronic endlessness of war, as soldiers and sailors die. In the hands of a less skilled writer, this piece would be an ordinary recounting of a military display. But this writer is a master, with the experience and heart to understand how a display of photos of fallen service people can touch their comrades, and how hearing their names, accompanied by a tolling bell, can hit home so deeply. The writer's observations - one source under an American flag, another under a gray sky - add to the story's mood and appeal. Some stories about loss can be beautiful, and this is one.

Not just heroes - friends**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia****Second Place** **Richmond News**

I appreciate the time and research involved in this story about potential bigotry keeping WWI African American soldiers from achieving the Medal of Honor. Stories like these are why newspapers are so important, and the writer's bringing this issue to Missouri as much as possible further underlines his dedication to the subject. Here's hoping those soldiers get their recognition, and this enterprising writer and his paper do too. Love the quote about how important this is to those soldier's families.

World War I bigotry?**Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia****Third Place** **Maryville Forum**

I almost cried reading this story about farmers and businesses rallying around a farm family in crisis. The writer's use of authentic dialect in his choice of quotes made me feel like I was there. Great reporting on the work accomplished and the spirit behind it. I did wonder how the young farmer's wife passed away - a brief phrase may have been enough to satisfy me - but maybe it was a complicated story the sources didn't want told. Final comment: When better than now for stories about people putting their own lives aside to help someone else? It's like rain finally falling on a parched field. Yeah!

Healing Harvest**Geoffrey Woehlk****Honorable Mention** **Montgomery Standard**

I love this writer's light touch and deft hand on this profile of a long-time barber retiring after several decades. Of course we should be telling stories about these small-town, small-business people, who quietly go about their lives delivering quality services at reasonable prices. The writer hits all the high marks - interesting anecdotes, changes in styles, comments from customers old and new - and leaves us feeling we know this Everyman Barber. And thanks to her, we do.

'We're going to miss him'**Megan Gearhart****06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **St. Louis Business Journal**

Konczal provides a beautifully descriptive and humanizing portrait of a restaurant that has withstood over four decades of urban blight.

St. Louis Business Journal - Chop suey**Lea Koncza****Second Place** **Northeast News**

Touching look at an eccentric who's dedicated his life to bringing smiles to neighborhoods riddled with violence.

KC Superman hangs up his cape**Elizabeth Orosco****Third Place** **Jefferson County Leader**

Refreshing and destigmatizing story about government program that gives addicts a second chance in life.

Path to a new life**Laura Marlow****07.) Best News or Feature Series | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Moberly Monitor-Index**

Great work digging through records to find the important dots and put them in front of readers so they can connect.

Moberly prison records four deaths in two**Erik Cliburn****Second Place** **Mexico Ledger**

Nice job putting faces to a large issue with an event that clearly takes over the town.

Cancer fighters and survivors**Charles Dunlap****07.) Best News or Feature Series | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian**

Thorough dig into a data-driven story that manages to find interesting, diverse sources to put faces and names to the numbers.

It truly can be any one of us: Missourians**Alexis Allison**

Second Place **News Tribune** **Six months later** **News Tribune Staff**
A good recap of events without redundancy and answering questions for the community regarding the recovery process. Many angles covered without rehashing the storm repeatedly.

Third Place **LakeExpo** **The Proposed Tax-Funded Soccer Complex,** **Nathan Bechtold and Sara Halverson**
A fun drama to follow along from start to finish that takes time to explain projects, issues and reactions without fueling the heated debates around the vote.

Honorable Mention **Sedalia Democrat** **Breast cancer survivors** **Nicole Cooke**
Nice work sourcing this one to put faces to the different types of cancer fights. A good look at individual women and their journeys.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Kansas City Star** **Throwaway Kids** **Laura Bauer, Judy L. Thomas and Eric Adler**
This series began with a very powerful lede. The first few quotes are sparse (that's a good thing!) and jaw-dropping. Reporter uses sources' words very effectively. This is a local and regional story with a national scope. Ambitious, thorough, features many marginalized voices and it was easy to read. Well done.

Second Place **The Kansas City Star** **Defenseless** **Katie Moore and Dave Helling**
A good, solid and elegantly simple concept for a series with compelling data to back it up. I enjoyed the hybrid use of news and opinion. I thought the collaboration between the newsroom and the editorial department was unique and effective. Reporters employed clear and bold writing and interviewed people that can be often hard to source on the fringes of society.

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader** **Remembering Hailey Owens - 5 years** **Harrison Keegan**
A compelling look-back at a crime that rocked a small community. It was written in a way that made it interesting even for readers outside Springfield.

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader** **Duck boat sinking** **Harrison Keegan, Sara Karnes and Stephen Herzog**
A lot of good photos, video and interactive elements in this look-back one year after a tragedy that captured the nation's attention.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Mansfield Mirror-Republican** **It takes a Village to Dream** **Paul Cecchini**

Second Place **Cassville Democrat** **W1 Breast Cancer** **Jordan Privett and Melonie Roberts**

Third Place **Webster County Citizen** **Cleaning Up Seymour** **Dan Wehmer**

Honorable Mention **Maries County Advocate** **House Explosion** **Laura Schiermeier**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News** **The Flood** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
There is no better public service than comprehensive coverage of a public safety issue. This package did it all -- breaking news, reader utility, human interest and a commitment to the community.

Second Place **Springfield Business Journal** **Office NV** **SBJ Staff**
A great idea executed well. Loved the conversational voice and the aspirational feel that fuels the package.

Third Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor** **Nathan's Law** **Robert Cox**
A very even-handed look at a law that didn't go quite as everyone expected.

Honorable Mention Maryville Forum

The best lead I read in all of the contest.

Wind farm constructed

Skye Pournazari and Geoffrey Woehl

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place St. Louis American

A clear winner that used public records request and dogged reporting to get a series of stories that would never had been written without hard work from a dedicated journalist.

Surveillance and the city

Rebecca Rivas

Second Place St. Louis Call Newspapers

Well-written stories with good quotes and details. I followed them with anticipation and then Boom! the merger vote was postponed. But I feel like I now know a lot about the greater St. Louis area.

City-County Merger

Gloria Lloyd

Third Place St. Louis Business Journal

A nice job of weaving history with interviews of people directly involved and emails and other documents.

St. Louis Business Journal - Lambert

Jacob Kirn

08 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place LakeExpo

This newspaper gives a crap about its community and a its much-maligned body of water. The publication shows a strong grasp on the subject matter -- sporadic reports of E. coli at Lake of the Ozarks -- while defending the community against a poorly reported TV piece that misinformed about the popular reservoir.

Lake Of The Ozarks Water Quality Is Much-

Nathan Bechtold and Brent Simpson

Second Place Independence Examiner

This well-reported editorial uses facts persuasively to show why taking local tax decisions out of the hands of locals is a bad deal.

Nickel and dimed

Examiner Staff

Third Place News Tribune

In this retelling of the classic story about lawmakers thinking themselves smarter than the voter, a newspaper again reminds them that they are not. This will never get old -- or become unnecessary.

Lawmakers, leave Clean Missouri alone

Gerry Tritz

Honorable Mention Independence Examiner

Writer ably handles a controversial topic that would be convenient for a newspaper to ignore.

Library is right to stand by a valuable

Examiner Staff

08 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place The Kansas City Star

The egregious invasion of privacy of women in order to justify closing the state's last Planned Parenthood Facility is attacked with logic and calculated fervor in this well-written editorial. Excellent job.

Missouris spreadsheet on womens

Melinda Henneberger

Second Place The Kansas City Star

This well-reasoned and well-documented editorial raises questions about justice for the poor caused by lack of funding in Public Defenders' Offices. Well written.

Constant injustice

Dave Helling

Third Place The Kansas City Star

This editorial illuminates the way rape is investigated or in many cases, not investigated, and chastises police and prosecutors for their ignorance in sexual assault cases. Excellent example of pointing out a public problem that must be solved before anyone can feel safe.

In Lawrence, the way rape is investigated

Melinda Henneberger

Honorable Mention The Kansas City Star

This editorial calls for reform after the shocking incident of an innocent young black man who was wrongly arrested and jailed for three weeks. Excellent persuasive writing.

Message to young black men in KC: No

Toriano Porter

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Webster County Citizen

A Vital Vote

Dan Wehmer

Second Place	Webster County Citizen	Seymour's "60" Snafu	Dan Wehmer
Third Place	South Cass Tribune	Editorial	Linda Thompson
Honorable Mention	Webster County Citizen	Seymour's Eyesores	Dan Wehmer

08 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Richmond News	Clay County	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
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This editorial has everything. It exposes public corruption, it advocates for meaningful change and gives some apparently deserving folks a trip behind the woodshed. Strong, well-written...a clear winner in the category.

Second Place	Douglas County Herald	Snoop - Apples and Elbows; Ava School	Michael Boyink
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This explains a fairly complex (and important) issue in an easily understandable way. Appropriate level of humor and an easy-reading style make this one stand out.

Third Place	The Odessan	County considerations	Hannah Spaar
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I really like the hyper-local focus. The writer uses facts and first-person accounts to draw attention to a matter of local importance that could otherwise go unnoticed.

Honorable Mention	Gasconade County Republican	Public Notice	Staff
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A well-written editorial that makes a strong case and explains why public record publication is as important to the public as it is to newspapers.

08 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Proposed Zoning	Missourian Staff
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One of the criteria for this contest is "power to influence" but many entries commented on actions already taken. This well-written editorial gets ahead of the curve and recommends a course of action, and does so with clarity and sound reasoning.

Second Place	St. Louis Call Newspapers	Sweeney Gets Probation	Gloria Lloyd
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This entry clearly expresses the opinion held and the reasons for that opinion. It also offers a revealing glimpse into the workings of the judicial system.

Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	Way Wrong	Leader Staff
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Clear, easily understandable writing make this editorial shine. But it implies that the majority's decision is based on personal spite. If so, that point should have been sharpened. Had the majority cited a reason for shutting out water-based recreational activities, their reason should have been addressed head-on and thoroughly rebutted.

Honorable Mention	St. Louis American	Federal judge shreds circuit judges, city in	St. Louis American Editorial Board
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This newspaper rightfully celebrates the fact that a federal judge echoed its editorial viewpoint. That demonstrates leadership. Keep in mind that explaining legal issues simply enough that the average reader can comprehend them is difficult - but it is absolutely essential.

09.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Joplin Globe	Weekly columnist Sarah Coyne	Sarah Coyne
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These parenting columns are far too relatable!

Second Place	Independence Examiner	Best Columnist, Humorous	Jeff Fox
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09.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Jefferson County Leader**
A fresh perspective on some things we all have in common -- especially forgetfulness in my case...**Katelyn Mary Skaggs****Katelyn Mary Skaggs****Second Place** **Jefferson County Leader**
A series of good community columns with Grandma humor and some topical community issues. Pleasant to read.**Peggy Bess****Peggy Bess****Third Place** **Jefferson County Leader**
The idea of a weekly trivia column is neat, but I don't find it to be humorous.**Trivia Two Ways****Kevin Carbery****Honorable Mention** **St. Louis American**
Columns were supposed to be humorous. I think the columnist missed the mark on this one.**Partyline****Delores Shante and Kenya Vaughn****09.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Maryville Forum**
A quick wit and clever wordage had me chuckling throughout and wanting more. Well done.**Jason Offutt****Jason Offutt****Second Place** **South Cass Tribune**
Funny, entertaining and well written. A pleasure to read.**Dennis Minich****Dennis Minich****Third Place** **Perry County Republic-Monitor**
Relatable pieces told with a humorous twist. Hodor.**Robert Cox - Writing on the Wall****Robert Cox****10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **The Kansas City Star**
These were more than just columns. They were in depth reporting, well written and the appropriate amount of "opinion" when necessary.**Melinda Henneberger columns****Melinda Henneberger****Second Place** **The Kansas City Star**
He provides a needed perspective to all races without being strident. He deals with potential objections in a reasonable way without talking down or being sarcastic.**Toriano Porter columns****Toriano Porter****Third Place** **The Kansas City Star**
Again very good reporting on the public defender system and the proper amount of opinion. He also covers two other issues of importance to the community and gives you a sense of place.**Dave Helling columns****Dave Helling****Honorable Mention** **Springfield News-Leader**
He has the human touch as well as columns dealing with important local issues.**Steve Pokin columns****Steve Pokin****10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Sedalia Democrat**
Passion for community comes through so well. Each read carried me through to the end. Almost felt like a resident myself.**Bob Satnan****Bob Satnan****Second Place** **Monett Times**
Here's another columnist with a great passion for community. He raises key issues, makes great points.**D1 Bishoff Serious Columnist****Murray Bishoff**

Third Place **Sedalia Democrat** **Liz Schleicher** **Liz Schleicher**
Yes, I was fairly sure who she was writing about in the first column, but that first-person account was good and educational. The rest of the columns reflect a great style and, again, a passion for issues.

Honorable Mention **Kirkville Daily Express** **Jason Hunsicker columns** **Jason Hunsicker**
Judges were told "no ties." But the reads were absolutely enjoyable. Keep up the good work.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Webster County Citizen** **Publisher's Pen, Dan Wehmer** **Dan Wehmer**
The writer did a great job bringing up issues that relate to his readers and shining a light on those issues in a way that shows he cares.

Second Place **Maries County Advocate** **Best Columnist Serious** **Dennis Warden**
The writer provided informative pieces -- who knew there were lists for why people don't go to work.

Third Place **Jackson County Advocate** **All That Fits** **Mary Wilson**
I liked how the writer connected with her readers by telling stories of her past.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News** **Serious columns** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
Powerful, raw, in-your-face commentary -- a pleasure to read. Fearless writing. No "cowards" here. Well done.

Second Place **Christian County Headliner News** **Rance Burger** **Rance Burger**
A nice, fluid writing style keeping the reader engaged throughout. I especially enjoyed the courthouse art piece.

Third Place **Marshfield Mail** **Three columns by Karen Craigo** **Karen Craigo**
Personal columns that bring out honest emotions and leave the reader wanting more. A pleasure to read.

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald** **Off the Cuff** **Doug Davison**
Nice variety of topics, well written and timely. I Googled the Jaws video -- Wow!

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Peggy Bess** **Peggy Bess**
A smart, thoughtful, fun-to-read column tackling some important local topics. Great work Peggy!

Second Place **St. Louis American** **Mike Jones** **Mike Jones**

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Gordon Bess** **Gordon Bess**

Honorable Mention **St. Louis American** **Dorothy Dempsey** **Dorothy Dempsey**

11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Lake Sun Leader****Hunter Bushnell, 5-13-19****Mitch Prentice**

Immediately drawn to this photo because of the great expressions. You know right away it's a graduation and you think it's 3 friends just celebrating. Until you read the caption, making this photo all the more spectacular. Beautiful.

Second Place **Lake Sun Leader****Eldon Tornado, 5-23-19****Mitch Prentice**

The man's face, his clothing and the entire frame capture the devastation and the emotion of the experience. You don't always have to see total destruction to know how bad the storm was.

Third Place **Monett Times****D1 High Stepping, 2-13-29****Murray Bishoff**

Honestly, not a big fan of camera tilts, but this one is cool. The angled shot accentuates the daughter's dip and even the background makes it a fun photo. Just don't get hung up on tilting for effect.

Honorable Mention **Lake Sun Leader****Nursing Home Veterans, 12-18-19****Mitch Prentice**

The expression on the presenter's face says a lot. And obviously what is taking place is captured in this shot. What one ingredient I'd like to have seen, or rather have seen, is the expression on the veteran's face upon receiving the vest. Still, great coverage.

11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian****9/19/2019 Shaunda Hamilton speaks to the** **Claire Hassler**

The mother's face, illuminated by the candle, the shirt with her daughter's photo, the people in the foreground listening to her. A perfect representation. Makes me feel as if she is speaking directly to me.

Second Place **News Tribune****High Street fire, 12-20-19****Julie Smith**

Just when you think you've seen just about every fire photo imaginable, this one comes along and is perfectly framed and composed. I think my eyebrows got singed when I opened this up. An intense shot, for sure.

Third Place **Sedalia Democrat****Catching snow at the Christmas parade 12****Faith Bemiss**

The lights, the float - I almost felt a chill in the air and then I saw the boy trying to capture a flake and returned to my own childhood. Great composition.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian****4/6/2019 Starlita Benson wipes tears****Yanran Huang**

Vigil photos give readers/viewers access to the deep emotional pool. Often, it is a single photo like this one that sums it up.

11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **The Kansas City Star****Jefferson City Tornado****Tammy Ljungblad**

Classic spot news image with good composition to show the scope of the destruction and the emotional reaction to it.

Second Place **Joplin Globe****Wheaton Tornado, 05-02-19****Roger Nomer**

Strong emotion within the tornado wreckage. Well done.

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader****Portrait left by tornado****Andrew Jansen**

The intimacy of being inside the destruction as while families members collect momentos puts the viewer there.

Honorable Mention **Herald - Whig****Field of honor 9-7-19****Katelyn Metzger**

The graphic and color of the flags surround this man and the tension that shows on his face makes the viewer wonder about his story.

11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Maries County Advocate****Spreading Ashes 1-23-19****Jacob Warden**

This photo brings a lot of impact, especially with the way the photographer captured the line of people leading to the person spreading the ashes. The emotions and somber mood are captured perfectly.

Second Place **Maries County Advocate** **ARCH Landing 1-9-19** **Dave Marner**
The helicopter drew me right in and grabbed my attention. Great job capturing a photo of a fast-moving event. This photo exudes the action that was taking place at the time.

Third Place **Webster County Citizen** **"Troubles For Terracotta" - 7-17-2019** **Dan Wehmer**
This photo says it all about what is happening and shows people the situation this woman is leaving in. It pulls at the heartstrings seeing this.

Honorable Mention **Cassville Democrat** **W1 Muttons Busted, 6-12-19** **Kyle Troutman**
This photo makes me smile. I love the child's expression and pose. The photographer caught this at the right moment from the perfect angle.

11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Maryville Forum	Walnut Street fire	Skye Pournazari
Second Place Laclede County Record	Fire destroys 1-2-19	Chris Roden
Third Place Maryville Forum	Suspicious package bank 6-6-19	Skye Pournazari
Honorable Mention Richmond News	Ousted	Teresa Shaw

11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place St. Louis American This is a moment the photo person just step back and let the moment to the talking well done!	Comforting Pashance, 09-19-19	Wiley Price
Second Place St. Louis American The care of the men and connection to life is a simple but powerful moment.	Baby rescue, 8-22-19	Wiley Price
Third Place St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly This is a great photo of a person cropped well for the moment. A normal photo raised to the next level!	Tenants tenets	Scott Lauck
Honorable Mention Washington Missourian, Weekend Way to go finding an angle that worked!	Bridge from Rooftop 4-13-19	Monte Miller

11.) Photo of the Year | Dailies - Class 3

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
The Kansas City Star This designation is given to the best photo of all the first place photographs from the 2020 Better Newspaper Contest. Judged by South Carolina Press Association.	Jefferson City Tornado	Tammy Ljungblad

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 1

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Lake Sun Leader Good found situation.	Burt the Biker Dog, 8-27-19	Mitch Prentice

Second Place **Monett Times**
Sweet moment between subject and the dog.

D1 Dog Days, 8-17-19

Melonie Roberts

Third Place **Lake Sun Leader**
The little girls face is the best part of this image.

Egg Hunt, 4-22-19

Mitch Prentice

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**

Great job by the photographer for capturing the reaction of the moment, looks like they searched through the crowd to find the best face at the right time.

10/12/2019 Missouri student Ben Schnelle

Emmalee Reed

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Nice moment, I love the interaction with all the subjects in this photo.

4/29/2019 Mike Szydowski, science

Madison Parry

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
I really thought the photographer did a nice job in finding a moment from this event.

10/9/2019 Noah Rodriguez, 2, leans on the

Joel Chan

Honorable Mention **Sedalia Democrat**
I laughed out loud when I saw this kids face, good job

Cub Scouts participate in fishy day camp 06

Faith Bemiss

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Joplin Globe**

This feature has a timeless quality. Even without seeing faces, the viewer comes about with a feeling of nostalgia for the passing of traditions to a younger generations. Well done.

Horse Sale, 04-06-19

Roger Nomer

Second Place **Joplin Globe**
The child's reaction to a kiss in front of their peers on the first day of school is classic.

First Day, 08-16-19

Roger Nomer

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Good composition and symmetry with the focus on one of the smaller ballerinas makes this an excellent daily capture.

Ireland Wilson rehearses

Andrew Jansen

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe**
Most photographers would get the child on the slide. I like the less obvious moment of anticipation captured here before he takes the plunge.

Wet One, 05-27-19

Laurie Sisk

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Current Local**

The photographer captured an image here that is clean, easy to read, and shows a nice moment between a teacher and her students. There are many elements that add to the storytelling nature of the photo, including the dot of paint on the teacher's nose and the other students watching in anticipation. This image was set apart from the rest by the fact that it's not necessary to read a caption to know what is happening in this moment.

Making a Mark

Mike Grassham

Second Place **The Current Local**

The composition of this image is thought out and the frame is filled with useful information. Seeing the person tending to the bees as they swarm, without any protective wear, tells me a lot about them. The caption is also very informative. This is a nice moment, which seems to have been stumbled upon by the photographer.

Bee Season

Mike Grassham

Third Place **Maries County Advocate**

This is a nice moment captured out in the community that many people can relate to. I do wish that the photographer moved a little closer to the people in the photograph to get a more interesting composition. Positioning the camera lower and closer to the child's face sliding down the snow could have provided this image with a more interesting perspective. There was no caption information provided with the photo, but it wasn't necessary to know what was happening here, which is a sign of a nice photograph!

Playing in the Snow

Jacob Warden

Honorable Mention **Maries County Advocate**

The subject matter of this photograph is fun and makes for a nice moment. It could have placed higher in the category if the composition was a little more thought out. Perhaps a lower perspective could have improved the composition and drawn the eye more effectively from the sheep up to the children chasing after them.

Kids Chase Sheep 7-24-19

Jacob Warden

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Newton County News	Hold on to your hat! 072419	Chad Hayworth
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This is a wonderful photo that captures motion and excitement. The hat blowing off and the hair flowing put us in the moment and make us smile. Well done.

Second Place	Perry County Republic-Monitor	Taking a knee, 5-18-19	Robert Cox
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There is no question what this photo is trying to explain. The soldier is just defined enough to complete the emotional moment. It's a photo that causes us to look twice.

Third Place	Gasconade County Republican	Reindeer Ring Toss 12-25-19	Dave Marner
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This is a delightful moment that displays the joy of children at a holiday event in their classroom. The faces tell the story and make us smile. The composition is perfect.

Honorable Mention	Newton County News	Good not-so-clean fun at county fair's pig	Chad Hayworth
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The framing of this photo is a bit awkward, but there's no doubt that a moment was captured here. The dirt, the facial expression and the movement make this special.

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	St. Louis Business Journal	St. Louis Business Journal - Dave Steward	Dilip Vishwanat
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This is a great environmental shot, the subject in his environment. My only suggestion for improvement would be to describe in the cutline what the object we are looking through is. Does it have to do with animation?

Second Place	St. Louis American	Gone but not forgotten, 5-30-19	Wiley Price
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This is a picture with a lot of feeling in it. I like how the photographer used the gravestones on either side of the central subject to frame it.

Third Place	St. Louis American	Johnny Gill, 7-11-19	Lawrence Bryant
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This photo shows the power of the performer. I like how he points out of the photo towards the headline.

Honorable Mention	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Dissection 5-12-19	Jeanne Miller Wood
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The surprised eww expression on this subject's face says everything we need to know about dissecting a frog. The photo is even better because of her friend's placid expression.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Daily Journal	Basketball dive, 1-26-19	Matt King
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Matt King freezes a moment of athletic levitation as a player goes horizontal a foot off the court trying to save a ball from going out of bounds.

Second Place	Kirkville Daily Express	Hunter Shaw dunk, 1-10-19	Michael Bupp
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Michael Bupp's shot captures what all of us never-dunkers dream of, the thrill of ripping the ball through the net. The player's closed eyes make it seem even more dream-like.

Third Place	Lake Sun Leader	Polve vault, 4-3-19	Michael Losch
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Beautiful, artsy silhouette by Michael Losch captures the intricate, seldom-studied positioning of the poll vaulter. She looks so alone amid all that sky, reflecting the singularity of such an individual sport.

Honorable Mention	Lake Sun Leader	Tough shot, 12-21-19	Michael Losch
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13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Columbia Missourian	10/19/2019 Griffin Buschjost intercepts a	Tristen Rouse
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It's a special achievement to capture a moment like this that shows so much anticipation, surprise and disappointment. It's a great storytelling photo, especially tough in difficult lighting.

Second Place **News Tribune** **Tag at the Plate, 7-18-19** **Jason Strickland**
A play at the plate is all about the faces of the players involved, and to be able to see the expression of concentration on the runner during a crucial play is quite an achievement.

Third Place **News Tribune** **Jays-Hannibal interception, 9-8-19** **Jason Strickland**
The tension between the two players is evident in this struggle. The mouthpiece of the runner adds a funny and special element to the photo.

Honorable Mention **News Tribune** **Track Season Starts, 3-19-19** **Jenna Kieser**
The expression on the face of the main focus of this track photo is what makes this a special moment. The anticipation and concentration is something that stirs something in all of us.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**
This is a great example of split-second sports action.

Tackle with force 10-12-19

Don Shrubshell

Second Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**
Love the light and composition but the caption without the names took a loss.

Wonder Woman 1-5-19

Hunter Dyke

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Great action photo but lacked caption info.

Kickapoo player just misses catch

Andrew Jansen

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat**

W1 Honoring Local Hero, 5-15-19

Jared Lankford

Second Place **The Current Local**

Four on One

Mike Grassham

Third Place **The Current Local**

Back to the Bag

Mike Grassham

Honorable Mention **Webster County Citizen**

Tiger Hustle, 5-29-19

Rhonda Henderson

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Newton County News**
Best action with reaction, good crop helped a lot.

Indians shut out by Carl Junction 5-0

Rob Wright

Second Place **Unterrified Democrat**
A great action photo but needs a better crop.

Diving Slide 5-22-19

Neal Johnson

Third Place **Richmond News**
Good peak action, well cropped.

VICTORY UNRAVELS

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Honorable Mention **The Odessan**
Beauty in blocking photo. Shows what running back needed for his touchdown. Good storytelling photo.

Never looking back 12-12-19

Kory Hales

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3**First Place** **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**
Great peak action! The fight for the ball put this over the top*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Joint Custody 08-28-19***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Arron Husted****Second Place** **Washington Missourian, Weekend**
Great photo!**Maximum Effort 06-01/02-19****Arron Husted****Third Place** **Washington Missourian, Weekend****Back Bender 04-06/07-19****Arron Husted****Honorable Mention** **Washington Missourian, Weekend****Into the Wild Blue 04-13/14-19****Bill Battle****14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 1****First Place** **Lake Sun Leader**

These moments are hard to capture because they happen so quickly. Great framing of the shot and great reaction by both the wrestler and photographer in getting the photo.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***State champion, 2-18-19***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Michael Losch****Second Place** **Lake Sun Leader**

Great reaction by team. Seems like they had a lot to be proud of. Good framing of faces.

District championship, 5-15-19**Michael Losch****Third Place** **Lake Sun Leader**

Another hard reaction to capture because these moments happen so quickly. Great job of focusing on faces.

Celebrating a point, 10-4-19**Michael Losch****Honorable Mention** **Lake Sun Leader**

Nice smile and reaction by the athlete. Seems to be truly proud of her accomplishment.

Happy athlete, 5-13-19**Michael Losch****14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 2****First Place** **Columbia Missourian**

Nice shot. Seems the photographer captured a moment they didn't realize was going to happen.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***5/10/2019 Tolton's Max Schelich, right,***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Jacob Moscovitch****Second Place** **Columbia Missourian**

Nice shot by the photographer. Very visceral reaction.

8/21/2019 Hickman defensive tackle**Hillary Tan****Third Place** **Columbia Missourian**

A different angle you don't see often. Nice framing and use of color.

2/15/2019 Nathan Brown, top, stretches**Antranik Tavitian****Honorable Mention** **Columbia Missourian**

One of those shots the player didn't know was happening. Way to capture a moment of solitude by an athlete.

11/1/2019 Tolton defensive back Dylan**Tristen Rouse****14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 3****First Place** **Columbia Daily Tribune**

Don Shrubshell powerfully captures the band of brothers feeling of college football. The thrill of victory on three of the four faces is perfect. So glad they spit out their mouthpieces and we can see their smiles!

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Touchdown celebration 9-14-19***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Don Shrubshell**

Second Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **State champions 3-16-19** **Hunter Dyke**
Hunter Dyke put together a great composition here. You get the big-arena wow, the rush of glee on all the faces, the basketball goal well positioned. I wish the bright scoreboard didn't draw attention away from the trophy, but otherwise just about perfect.

Third Place **Joplin Globe** **Wrestling, 01-15-19** **Roger Nomer**
Love the emotion in this wrestler's face, frozen by Roger Nomer. Feels like disappointment or exhausted victory, not sure which. Wish there was a caption, but it's interesting to imagine what she just finished doing.

Honorable Mention **The Kansas City Star** **Chiefs fans watch team lose to Patriots in** **Tammy Ljungblad**
What a great portrait of the sudden lost hope every sports fan has experienced, by Tammy Ljungblad. It's all in the eyes.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Clinton County Leader** **Semifinal Win, 3-7-19** **Brett Adkison**
This photo perfectly captures the mix of emotions that was on display after winning the game. The photographer captured the perfect moment. The players' faces and movement makes for an exciting image to give those of us who weren't there a tiny sample of what was happening.

Second Place **Clinton County Leader** **Hands Up, 3-14-19** **Kate Black**
This photo shows the pride the fans have for the team. I'm drawn in first by the hands in the air. This is a great feature photo to give a different perspective other than just athletes.

Third Place **The Current Local** **World Famous** **Mike Grassham**
I'm really drawn into this photo, especially with how the photographer captured the Harlem Globetrotter spinning the ball. I also like how the faces of the children are blurred in the background, but you can still tell the emotions.

Honorable Mention **Cassville Democrat** **W1 One More Week, 12-4-19** **Kyle Troutman**
This photo is framed perfectly to show the excitement that was happening.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Odessan** **Primal scream 10-31-19** **Kory Hales**
The was the best moment of all the bunch. The players expression match the play on the field capturing the feeling of the important play.

Second Place **Unterrified Democrat** **Linn Runners Hug - 5-22-19** **Neal Johnson**
I really liked the feeling of accomplishment that translates on the athletes faces.

Third Place **The Odessan** **coach hug 12-12-19** **Hannah Spaar**
The photographer captured a sweet moment between the coach and player by using good composition and a higher angle.

Honorable Mention **Perry County Republic-Monitor** **Team spirit, 10-18-19** **Robert Cox**
I really love the passion in this photograph, despite the background being busy.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend** **Bailey Explains 08-17/18-19** **Bill Battle**

Second Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** **Jump for Birdie 09-18-19** **Arron Hustead**

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend** **Conference Victory 09-07/08-19** **Arron Hustead**

Honorable Mention St. Louis American Champs!, 6-20-20 Wiley Price

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian	5/4/2019 Slides of historic figures relating	Antranik Tavitian
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	5/9/2019 Martini from Barred Owl	Yanran Huang
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	11/1/2019 In this long exposure photo of	Antranik Tavitian
Honorable Mention	Columbia Missourian	2/21/2019 True/False Film Fest 2019	Hope Johnson

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis Business Journal	St. Louis Business Journal - Arch illustration	Michael Behrens
Second Place	St. Louis Business Journal	St. Louis Business Journal - Lambert's	Michael Behrens
Third Place	Northeast News	Check out the ads on that! 5-1-2019	Bryan Stalder and Elizabeth Orosco
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Moving out	Ryan O'Shea

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Richmond News	Help	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Second Place	Mountain Grove News-Journal	Teen Vaping on the rise 03-19-19	Cayleb Thomas and Beth Chism
Third Place	Richmond News	Exhuming History	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Honorable Mention	Cassville Democrat	W1 Cassville Students	Kyle Troutman

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **The Kansas City Star****JORDYN WALKER 061919****Tammy Ljunblad**

No question about First Place in this category. The determination of the photographer to get the visual story is only surpassed by the determination of the subject. This is on a par with any photo package in the nation. Outstanding.

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader****Gil Rife gets tiny home****Andrew Jansen**

This is a story that needed to be told, and the photographer did it justice. The emotion is evident in this man's struggle. The photos are visually appealing and tell a meaningful story that we rarely ever see.

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader****Preparing for Nutcracker****Andrew Jansen**

The beautiful subjects of this package make it immediately appealing, but the photographer digs deeper to tell the story successfully.

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe****Higher Purpose, 09-07-19****Laurie Sisk**

It's difficult to get a good variety of images from any football game, but this package achieves that goal. Good variety, peak action.

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian****9/1/2019 Back on the 40 - Friday Night****Missourian Staff**

Impressive variety of very strong imagery covering all aspects of high school football combined with bold layout put this one on top for me. We rarely see this level of treatment for high school football. Well played!

Second Place **Columbia Missourian****8/22/2019 Workers face threats, dangerous** **Julia Hansen**

Important topic very well illustrated through photos, headlines, and design.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian****5/31/2019 Music Therapy Strikes a Chord in** **Lia Waldrum**

Excellent photography full of emotional moments that allows the viewer to feel a little of what the subject must feel. Well done!

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Honorable Mention** **Columbia Missourian****5/21/2019 A billowing Problem****Antranik Tavitian**

Strong lede image draws the viewer in, followed up by strong headlines and images that flesh out all aspects of the story. Excellent work.

16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Cassville Democrat****W1 Muttons Busted, 6-12-19****Kyle Troutman**

Great lead photo with supporting images but would love to have gotten more information about the event.

Second Place **Cassville Democrat****W1 Sunny Purdy Festival, 7-24-19****Kyle Troutman**

A great mixture of photos capturing a fun event. Captions with quotes or more information about the individuals would be great to see.

Third Place **Cassville Democrat****W1 Fireworks Light, 7-10-19****Jordan Privett and Kyle Troutman**

Great lead photo but images become repetitive. It would've been nice to see more variety of photos from the event. Also, a paragraph about what happened would've been a nice addition.

16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Gasconade County Republican****Graduation****Dave Marner and Dennis Warden**

Great job capturing a variety of strong images. Well designed page of photos.

Second Place **Gasconade County Republican****Robotics****Dave Marner**

Nice moments from the robotics competition, good variety and attention to detail.

Third Place **Richmond News**
Nice use of good air show photos.

WOW

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Honorable Mention **Gasconade County Republican**
Honorable mention set of nice snow photos, good variety.

Storm Gia

Dave Marner

16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**
A tight edit of excellent photos make this package a winner.

Champs!

Mike Terhaar and Wiley Price

Second Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend**
Great coverage from the bridge removal event.

Bridge Implosion 4-13-19

Missourian Staff

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend**
Some great lead photos within the many more for readers to enjoy. A tighter edit would have made the package stronger.

Town and Country Fair 8-10-19

Missourian Staff

Honorable Mention **St. Louis American**
Good coverage from the STEM camp.

STEM Camp

Mike Terhaar, Wiley Price and Cathy Sewell

17.) Community Service | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **News Tribune**
A comprehensive and informative election package that was also very revealing. Shows how news organizations can empower voters.

April 2019 Election Coverage

News Tribune Staff

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**

Progress Awards

Missourian Staff

Third Place **News Tribune**

A Christmas Wish

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**

Spelling Bee

Missourian Staff

17.) Community Service | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Kansas City Star**
An example of newspaper journalism at its best. States beyond Missouri are looking at this project, the first step toward making a real difference in the lives of vulnerable children. If that happens, children well beyond Missouri will have reason for hope and a chance for a better future.

Throwaway Kids

Laura Bauer, Judy L. Thomas and Eric Adler

Second Place **Joplin Globe**
Great story about a forgotten opportunity. Most states have spent the 1998 dollars for everything but public health and smoking cessation; this newspaper reminded people of the lost opportunity to take this money and use it for what it was designed for.

Broken Tobacco Promises

Emily Younker

Third Place **Joplin Globe**
Tornado shelter story shows the public that you're willing to do a lot more than chase ambulances. This kind of reader service story reminds readers that you've been a part of the community for a long time.

Tornado anniversary with interactive

Emily Younker, Kimberly Barker and Joe Hadsall

17.) Community Service | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Jefferson County Leader****Common Ground****Leader Staff**

This entry is a clear winner for the Community Service category. At a time when journalism is under attack, this entry shows that the newspaper cares about its readers, the community as a whole, and all points of view. It is engaging its readers in a way few newspapers do by showing that the newspaper is better when all sides are heard. The newspaper is showing its community the importance of working toward common ground. The newspaper is leading the way. And ultimately, all that is learned through this project helps make the reporting and the newspaper stronger. Peggy Bess' column is written as if she was having a conversation with you, making it engaging. It sets the tone for this project.

Second Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday****Baby Buzz, Book Buzz, Novel Ideas, Book****Chris Stuckenschneider**

This is an excellent initiative that is engaging people of all ages with the newspaper. The newspaper is playing a vital role in educating people and fostering a love of reading, which will lead to a more educated community.

Third Place **Northeast News****Firefighters remembered for their sacrifice****Michael Bushnell**

Excellent initiative by the newspaper and other sponsors to honor these fallen firefighters. The annual services brings the community together to always remember the sacrifices made by these fall firefighters.

17.) Community Service | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Richmond News****Addressing the Flood****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Richmond, Mo., is lucky to have such a committed journalist as Editor Jack Ventimiglia. The sheer amount of work involved, from stories to photographs and more is incredible, truly serving the community by presaging the crisis, and covering it and its aftermath in order to keep as many people informed from as many angles as possible makes this the clear winner in my book.

Second Place **Houston Herald****Houston Herald - Houston Community****Brad Gentry**

Most newspaper do not get as intimately involved in their community the way the Herald has in Houston. What an absolutely wonderful thing to do as a service to the community.

Third Place **Laclede County Record****Breast Cancer Awareness Month****Fines Massey, Steve Smith, Chris Roden Jennifer Early and Shawna Bradley**

Almost perfect! An excellent collection of uplifting stories and information -- including graphics -- about surviving breast cancer. My only quibble is not being able to tell what was an original story and what might have been submitted by medical partners.

Honorable Mention **Cassville Democrat****W1 Breast Cancer****Cassville Democrat Staff**

Most papers devote, perhaps, one story to breast cancer awareness. Seeing more -- and that were well-written, too -- was very satisfying. The focus on both survivors and supporting organizations was a good choice.

18.) Best Editorial Pages | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **The Kansas City Star****Kansas City Star Editorial Pages****Derek Donovan, Melinda Henneberger, Dave Helling, Toriano Porter, Michael Ryan and Colleen Nelson**

Strong editorials that get to the point. The "Driving while blond..." edit was the strongest, shortest and most informative. Good use of color, letters and columns from multiple sources.

Second Place **Joplin Globe****Joplin Globe Editorials****Andy Ostmeyer, Emily Younker, Nathan Mills and Jerry Willis**

Strong page with local edits, columnists and letter writers. It welcomed all kinds of readers and their views. The Prop B edit was the strongest, but this page does everything to promote community voices.

Third Place **News Tribune****News Tribune Editorial Pages**

Local editorials are only part of this page. It seems like the editorial board has done everything to get many different community voices on the page. In total, it's a strong effort.

Honorable Mention **Herald - Whig****Herald-Whig editorial pages****Jason Lewton and Ken Jones**

Clean, crisp design and well written editorials make for a good opinion package for readers.

18.) Best Editorial Pages | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Jefferson County Leader****Opinions****Peggy Bess and Leader Staff****Second Place** **Washington Missourian, Wednesday****April, September, November Editorial Pages** **Bill Miller Sr. and Missourian Staff**

Third Place **St. Louis American** **St. Louis American Editorial Pages** **St. Louis American Editorial Board**

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Call Newspapers** **Call Editorial Page** **Gloria Lloyd**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Christian County Headliner News** **Christian County Headliner News** **Staff**
Strong, locally written editorial are a big part of this clean, simple looking page. There are plenty of opinions about local issues and events, but the editorials really steal the show.

Second Place **Richmond News** **Editorial Pages** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
This page merges local editorial content with modern graphics, creating a wonderful reader experience. The local edits are impressive, and the entire package keeps the readers' eyes on the page.

Third Place **Webster County Citizen** **Best Editorial Pages** **Dan Wehmer**
Strong editorials, a simple design and an innovative "PhoToad" graphics feature make this page stand out.

Honorable Mention **Maryville Forum** **Best editorial pages**
Only one locally written editorial, but it was well done. The balance of these pages included lots of guest columns that made up an impressive collection of community viewpoints.

19.) Best Sports Pages | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **1/30/2019, 11/8-9/2019, 12/1/2019** **Missourian Staff**

Second Place **Independence Examiner** **Best Sports Pages** **Karl Zinke**

Third Place **News Tribune** **News Tribune Sports** **Tom Rackers, Greg Jackson, Jason Strickland and Colin O'Brien**

Honorable Mention **Daily American Republic** **Daily American Republic** **Daily American Republic Staff**

19.) Best Sports Pages | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Herald - Whig** **Herald-Whig Sports** **Staff**
Great overall coverage and presentation. Clean, easy-to-read modular layout. Good headlines. Very much liked the quotes and readout boxes. Secondary headlines on jumps make a big difference. Well-written and entertaining stories.

Second Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Columbia Daily Tribune best sports pages** **Columbia Daily Tribune**
Very nice. Particularly liked the Liberty Bowl and NCAA sanctions coverage. Solid preps coverage. Bigpictures!!!

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader** **SNL19BestSportsPages-Combined** **News-Leader Staff**

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe** **Joplin Globe Sports Pages** **Nathan Mills**
LOVED everything about these pages - particularly the layout and centerpieces. Sadly, they only included the front pages. This one could have taken first place.

19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Webster County Citizen**
 A good mix of stories and photos and excellent coverage of the baseball team's trip to the final four.

Full sports pages attached from 1-30, 5-29 **Dan Wehmer, Anna Sturdefant and Rhonda Henderson**

Second Place **Cassville Democrat**
 Good mix of a variety of sports and good angles on stories.

W1 Sports Pages **Staff**

Third Place **Maries County Advocate**
 I've never seen a newspaper use so many pictures so well.

Advocate Best Sports Pages **Staff**

19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Christian County Headliner News**
 There is so much to like here. Photography, clean layout and good writing are all present, as is an uncommon dedication to covering every aspect of your community's sports scene. A standout even in this category of strong entries.

Christian County Headliner News **Pat Dailey**

Second Place **Richmond News**
 Some nice and eye-catching photography and design elements but good writing, good local focus and a nice mix of gamers, columns and features put this one near the top.

Sports Pages **Shawn Rooney and Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Third Place **Maryville Forum**
 Solid in every respect, particularly the strong locally-driven coverage and excellent use of good photographs.

Best sports pages

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**
 Nice photography work and layout compliment strong and varied coverage with a good local focus.

Washington Wednesday Missourian **Bill Battle and Arron Husted**

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Monett Times**
 The fans were treated to a great coverage package and strong design. The Barry County Brawl was well covered by this newspaper and the package made me want to attend the game.

D1 Barry County Brawl **Jared Lankford**

Second Place **Daily Journal**
 Great story about a team that overcame injuries to win plus a knowledge of the sport that will serve the readers well. The detail in this story was impressive.

District crown, 10-31-19 **Matt King**

Third Place **Lake Sun Leader**
 A look inside small-town high school football and all of the things volunteers do to help the players. The stories took me inside a team-only event.

GAME NIGHT: Friday Night Fuel **Michael Losch and Joyce Miller**

Honorable Mention **Monett Times**
 The story had a lot of details that made the match come alive. It broke down the details of an event that, from the fan's perspective, was happening fast. The reporter's knowledge of the sport was evident.

D1 Purple Reins **Jared Lankford**

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **News Tribune**
 A concise story that tells readers everything they need to know, gives context leading up to the moment and great detail to put them there.

Right Touch **Jason Strickland**

Second Place **Independence Examiner**
 This story told a few stories of wrestlers and gave a nice, sweeping overview of why this was an important event.

Fort Osage event highlights growth in girls **Dave McQueen**

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **MU football banned from 2019-20** **Bennett Durando**
Process stories like this can get into the weeds quickly. This story included all the important facts at a level someone not versed in NCAA-speak could understand.

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Dailies - Class 3

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place The Kansas City Star Very detailed reported which, based on the second story, led to the accused coach taking a leave of absence.	UMKC softball players say coach sexually	Mará Rose Williams and Blair Kerkhoff
Second Place Joplin Globe This story was totally uplifting. It's why local journalism matters.	Bearden returns to Softball	Jim Henry
Third Place Columbia Daily Tribune Excellent in-depth coverage of the aftermath of the NCAA decision.	Missouri's NCAA appeal denied, confirming	Kevin Graeler and Eric Blum
Honorable Mention Joplin Globe In-depth reporting on multiple angles of a tragic story.	Coach denies fault	Jared Porter

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Weeklies - Class 1

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Clinton County Leader A really fine story. You opened it up very creatively and put me right there in the gym. Thank you for that. That held me for the rest of the story. The story was probably too long - two jumps isn't good layout and design - but the story was good.	That Final Four Feeling	Brett Adkison
Second Place Clinton County Leader Love the way you opened the story - got my attention and held it. I think you could have written a sidebar about the coach thinking back on his time at Maryville, "number five was my ball boy" - that would have been a great sidebar or moved closer to the top of the story.	Lathrop defeats Maryville	Brett Adkison
Third Place Webster County Citizen Love the big headline and the photograph, pulling me into a well-written story that didn't bog down in play-by-play or stats. An overall great package.	District Champs	Dan Wehmer, Anna Sturdefant and Rhonda Henderson
Honorable Mention Webster County Citizen Excellent writing. Proof that you can write creatively about a game without miring in the play-by-play. Photographs added to the complete package. Well done.	Final Four	Dan Wehmer, Anna Sturdefant and Rhonda Henderson

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Weeklies - Class 2

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place The Odessan Wow! This is the total package! the staff went all out in covering the big game from every angle. I'm not sure what more a fan could want. First rate, all the way,	'Dogs win state	Joe Spaar, Hannah Spaar and Kory Hales
Second Place Houston Herald This was very well done. I very much like the choice of photos. The story is well written .	Back on Top	Jeff McNiell
Third Place Christian County Headliner News A great main photo and a solid,ly written, entertaining story completes the package. Nice seeing a sport that often gets overlooked getting the star treatment.	Chadwick track	Rance Burger
Honorable Mention Gasconade County Republican	Three Time district Champs	Will Johnson

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

This is how you cover a big event. Covered the state wrestling championships from every angle, went beyond the on-the-mat action and made excellent use of one of the best sports feature pics I've seen in a while. Great job all the way around.

Second Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday****Turkey Tournament****Bill Battle and Arron Husted**

Good writing, nice photography and thorough coverage of a basketball tournament. The column setting up the atmosphere inside and outside the gym was a nice touch.

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday****State Volleyball****Bill Battle**

Like the use of pics (which are excellent), the game stories are solid and the piece breaking down the final two crucial points of the match takes the reader inside the action.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Call Newspapers****2019 Fall Sports Preview****Gloria Lloyd, Stephen Glover, Larry Saylor and Deborah Baker**

More of a special section than a story or package, but it's well laid out, has some nice, tight writing and covers a lot of ground.

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Lake Sun Leader****Eldons Bushnell returns to track and field****Michael Losch**

An inspiring story that I thought was very well written.

Second Place **Nevada Daily Mail****Logan's Song: Nevada High senior receives****Matthew Resnick**

Another inspiring story of determination and overcoming obstacles.

Third Place **Lake Sun Leader****A kick at redemption****Michael Losch**

Good story. It appears to be a sidebar feature or follow-up to the game story.

Honorable Mention **Lake Sun Leader****Double Trouble at Versailles****Michael Losch****21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian****A pig, a world champion trainer and a shot****Bennett Durando**

A very good story about what it takes to make a wrestler. Very good read and very insightful.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian****How Cale Garrett found clarity through****Bennett Durando**

Another great piece. Again, very detailed and real tells a story that keeps the reader captivated.

Third Place **Independence Examiner****Resetting his sights****Bill Althaus**

Well written piece that tugs at the heart strings. Very well done.

Honorable Mention **Independence Examiner****The social costs****Bill Althaus**

A very good story about an issue that many young athletes don't realize is a problem until its too late. Hopefully this story can be a wakeup call.

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **The Kansas City Star****Spun out of control: The desperate final****Eric Adler and Rick Montgomery**

Very well written story on an in-depth and complicated subject matter.

Second Place **The Kansas City Star** **A teen was tragically gunned down. Now** **Sam McDowell**
A sad but heartwarming story of tragedy and redemption.

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader** **How Dana Ford built the roster** **Wyatt D. Wheeler**
A great look into what it takes to build a college basketball program.

Honorable Mention **The Kansas City Star** **Anxiety, depression, panic disorder: Royals** **Sam McDowell**

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

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **W1 Memories Last Longer** **Jared Lankford**
After reading this story I felt like Mason and I lived in the same town and I had known him his entire life.

Second Place **South Cass Tribune** **Mission Accomplished** **Dennis Minich**
Excellent job of infusing some details from the championship day instead of just reporting scores and quotes.

Third Place **Cassville Democrat** **W1 Proving the Doubters** **Jared Lankford**
Took the angle of the team being underdog and doubted and ran with it.

Honorable Mention **Webster County Citizen** **1,000-Point Scorers** **Dan Wehmer**
This could have easily been just a list of names, but the writer took the time to add a lot of details and memories.

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

First Place **Richmond News** **A derby crash course** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
Miles Ventimiglia plops me down trackside, and I can sense the whole experience from his vivid writing. The smell, the crunch of metal, the yelling. What a delightful, engaging read. He had me from the first sentence. A clear winner in the category.

Second Place **Unterrified Democrat** **Sandbothe Strong** **HB Dodds**
Classic piece of community journalism by HB Dodds captures the family legacy and connection to place. It would be easy in a story about so many people to lose track of who is who, but the clear writing gave me no chance to get lost and stop reading. Very nice job.

Third Place **Houston Herald** **Pitch Prowess** **Doug Davison**
Doug Davison introduces readers to a sport few have thought much about. Solid feature on a guy who has made it his passion. I was hungry for more detailed description of how he does it. What's his technique? What distinguishes him from backyard slingers?

Honorable Mention **California Democrat** **Barr's Pinto career sets stage for collegiate** **Austin Hornbostel**
Good profile on a star quarterback, but to get in top 3 needed to hear other people talking about him too, rather than a one-interview story. Needed a great anecdote or two to show readers something that shaped him as a player and as a person.

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

First Place **St. Louis American** **Goodbye, Charles Glenn** **Kenya Vaughn**
Here is an excellent example of enterprise reporting, finding a different and interesting angle to a story that nearly all other media outlets are also covering.

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Sowing Seeds** **Gordon Bess**
The writer takes us into the often unseen and unnoticed world of how athletes get into condition in the pre-season.

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** **Abby Lynn Signs** **Bill Battle**
Solidly written story about sisters who will become collegiate rivals in the often under-reported sport of volleyball.

Honorable Mention Washington Missourian, Weekend

Extensive background fleshes out the story behind the headline of a high school football team's turnaround. The writer took the time and effort to interview players in addition to the coach.

Perfect Regular Season a First for Bulldogs Arron Husted**22.) Best Sports Columnist | Dailies - Class 3**

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Herald - Whig	Matt Schuckman sports columns	Matt Schuckman
Second Place	Joplin Globe	Columnist Jim Henry	Jim Henry
Third Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	Graeler: Evaluating what Tigers turbulent	Kevin Graeler
Honorable Mention	Columbia Daily Tribune	Graeler: Nothing according to plan in Tigers	Kevin Graeler

22.) Best Sports Columnist | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Monett Times	D1 Lankford Sports Columnist	Jared Lankford
Second Place	Independence Examiner	Best Sports Columnist	Bill Althaus
Third Place	News Tribune	Press Box	Greg Jackson
Honorable Mention	News Tribune	Press Box	Tom Rackers

22.) Best Sports Columnist | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Jefferson County Leader	The County Line	Russell Korando
Second Place	St. Louis American	Sports Eye	Alvin Reid
Third Place	St. Louis American	Inside Sports	Earl Austin Jr.

22.) Best Sports Columnist | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Richmond News	Jack's sports columna	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Second Place	Richmond News	Shawn's Sports Columns	Shawn Roney
Third Place	Cassville Democrat	W1 Sports Columnist	Jared Lankford
Honorable Mention	Maryville Forum	Jon Dykstra columns	Jon Dykstra

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	News Tribune	Eye of the Storm	News Tribune Staff
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An amazing job of coverage showing the "Devastation." Great photo coverage and writing. Good job staff.

Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Boomtown	Missourian Staff
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An great effort with lots of good content, photos and layout.

Third Place	Daily American Republic	Difference Makers	Daily American Republic Staff
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23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Cassville Democrat	W1 Shell Knob	Kyle Troutman
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Attractive cover! I'd like to escape to relaxing Shell Knob! This publication does a great job showcasing the community @ from the people (and pets) to businesses and fun things to do. I even learned how to night fish!

Second Place	Webster County Citizen	The Tiger Nine, Hoops Tab	Dan Wehmer, Anna Sturdefant and Beverly Hannum
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Love that cover! Creative use of theme, fonts and photos to jazz up a traditional section front! Enjoyed reading this and meeting the players through the profiles.

Third Place	Clinton County Leader	2019 Missouri Show-Me Showdown	Brett Adkison and Autumn Barnett
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Members of your community will certainly keep this section to commemorate the big win! Strong reporting pairs well with photo story. The ads are also compelling.

Honorable Mention	Press-News Journal	Bunge Catastrophe	Rita Cox, Karin Althoff and Paula Bichsel
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Comprehensive coverage with excellent photos. Powerful headline and clean design draw readers into section. Very well done.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Houston Herald	Houston Proud - special section	Staff
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Excellent work! I felt like I really got to know the community of Houston, Mo., which is exactly what a special section or issue like this is supposed to accomplish. Kudos to everyone involved!

Second Place	Maryville Forum	Progress 2019	
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If you're going to do a special section or issue focusing on the progress a community is making, this is a great example of how to go about accomplishing that. The combination of infrastructure, government and business stories gives readers an excellent assessment of what is going on in Maryville.

Third Place	Laclede County Record	Remembering Old Town	Fines Massey, Shawna Bradley, Jennifer Early and Beth Chism
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What a unique project, having a newspaper partner with students to put together a revealing package on such an important aspect of Laclede County's history.

Honorable Mention	Eldon Advertiser	Tornado	Tammy Witherspoon, Tim Flora and Tommy Collins
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When an entire community is touched by Mother Nature this way, it turns to its local newspaper to tell the story. The Advertiser does that here with many pictures and recollections written not by staff members in each case, but some by the very people who lived through the tornado.

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

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **St. Louis Business Journal - 40 Under 40** **Erik Siemers and Staff**
 Great layout and great content on each winner. Love the different photos and how they showcase each person's personality.

Second Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **St. Louis Business Journal - Diverse Business** **Erik Siemers**
 Great profiles and great Q&A sections to split up some of the profiles. The portraits are all very well done. I wish the profiles had been more profile-style instead of the same questions for every person, but all of them were well done.

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **St. Louis Business Journal - Blues** **Nathan Rubbelke, Michael Behrens and Staff**
 A great angle on the business side of professional sports and what a championship means economically. Great variety of content, including stories, graphics and photos. Very impressive.

Honorable Mention **Jefferson County Leader** **Salute to Veterans** **Laura Marlow, Peggy Scott and Leader Staff**
 Wonderful way to honor veterans. I loved reading their stories and seeing their photos, and it made me hope this is an annual special section because this has great value to the community.

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

First Place **Monett Times** **D1 Dioxin** **Murray Bishoff**
 The writer did an excellent job of covering the history of environmental contamination in the community, as well as breaking developments.

Second Place **Moberly Monitor-Index** **Reports: Moberly inmate deaths caused by** **Erik Cliburn**
 The community likely would not have known about details of the two inmate deaths without the records obtained under the state open-records law.

Third Place **Monett Times** **D1 Sheltered Workshop** **Melonie Roberts**

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

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **Missouri migrant workers face abuse,** **Sky Chadde**
 This story is an excellent example of investigative reporting through the eyes of a victim - and backed up with official records. Stories that humanize investigative research tend to connect more with readers and have greater potential impact.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Columbia developer funnels nearly \$1** **Yue Yu**
 A very strong example of following campaign money, and how that benefited the donor over many years.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **Public science for private interests: How** **Tynan Stewart**
 Strong example of detailing the financial relationship between university researchers and private companies that benefited from that research.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Meet the lobbying groups trying to make it** **Sky Chadde and Yue Yu**
 Good historical look at the influence of certain lobbyists and their lobbyist principals on public policy.

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

First Place **The Kansas City Star** **Throwaway Kids** **Laura Bauer, Judy L. Thomas and Eric Adler**
 An enlightening and impactful piece of journalism that stands a notch above the rest for its ambition and unique approach to survey inmates and is anchored by difficult personal stories and the explanation that doing more to prevent foster care leads to better outcomes for all.

Second Place **The Kansas City Star** **UMKC pushed false narrative after student** **Mike Hendricks and Mará Rose Williams**
 Incredibly detailed reporting to seek and parse through correspondence, hold school officials accountable and dive deep into a tragic yet fascinating story. This winner proves that a project doesn't have to be an entire series to land with impact.

Third Place **The Kansas City Star** **Defenseless** **Katie Moore**
 Valuable, in-depth work into an overwhelmed public defender system. Raises outrage as judge tells defendants to just represent themselves and readers get a sense of assembly-line justice. Shows that even an unsexy topic can be fresh and insightful.

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

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **W1 Dogs Attack** **Kyle Troutman**
 Congratulations on following this story through multiple months and looking outside of council meetings for more in-depth reporting that has resulted in change.

Second Place **Edina Sentinel** **Bond Reform** **Echo Menges**
 This entry is a well document report clarifying a complex subject in a relatively easy manner to follow. Well done!

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

First Place **Salem News** **Contract-for-Deed Property** **Andrew Sheeley**
 Strong work that shed light on a costly living arrangement that takes advantage of the poor. Good, emotional storytelling mixed with insightful details and history of this practice.

Second Place **Richmond News** **Hidden Agenda** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Third Place **Richmond News** **Klan-era mentality** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Honorable Mention **Laclede County Record** **Doctor is in** **Chris Roden**

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

First Place **Northeast News** **A home for the homeless?** **Elizabeth Orosco**
 Writer does an excellent job of balancing emotion with a sense of finding justice for an important community issue. You have a sense of place of community and the writer makes you feel like you live there.

Second Place **St. Louis American** **Surveillance and secrets** **Rebecca Rivas**
 Writer does a great job of investigating this topic and making the reader more aware of their surroundings.

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** **Electronic Gaming Machines** **Monte Miller**

Honorable Mention **Northeast News** **Number of lost, stray pets continues to rise** **Elizabeth Orosco**

25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **Local Business Coverage 5/21/2019,** **Missourian Staff**
 With well-reported, consumer-focused stories delving into controversial business issues including wind farms and coal plants, and above-the-fold coverage of a key personal finance issue - the exploitation of the elderly - the Columbia Missourian made it easy to choose a first-place winner.

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader** **SNL25BestBizCoverage-Combined** **News-Leader Staff**
 An in-depth look at a local slumlord and the impact his business practices had on housing and local residents stood out.

Third Place **News Tribune** **Local businesses continue to recover from** **Nicole Roberts and Emily Cole**

Honorable Mention **Sedalia Democrat** **LammTech marks 20th anniversary** **Hope Lecchi**

26.) Best Business Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**

Vet turns motor court into sub shop

Jackie Rehwald

An engaging story that turned the opening of a sub shop into a tale that touched on homelessness and veterans' mental health issues, while illustrating what it takes to open a small business. A surprisingly candid business owner helped with unexpected quotes. A bit more focus and organization would have made the story even stronger.

Second Place **Joplin Globe**

EaglePicher core markets

Kevin McClintock

A CEO interview story about a company that makes batteries became an interesting piece about space exploration and modern weapons systems, through good writing and a strong lede. Additional sources, and fewer throwaway quotes from the CEO, would have added strength.

Third Place **The Kansas City Star**

Missouri, Kansas farmers rely on federal

Kevin Hardy, Bryan Lowry and Crystal Thomas

A well-reported story on the significant policy issue of farm bailouts related the trade war with China. More context and less recital of numbers would have helped this lengthy story flow. The second graph hurt the entry to the story, with partial and parenthetical quotes that added little.

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader**

New Red's Giant Hamburg opens

Gregory J. Holman

This well-researched feature gave readers a smile and a helping of nostalgia. A stronger lede would have made it sing, and some inconsequential quotes could have been deleted, but the richness of details surely kept readers engaged.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Maries County Advocate**

Eagle Fitness

Laura Schiermeier

This was such a cool story that was not only informative about installing a floor -- but also showing off a new unique aspect of the new business.

Second Place **Jackson County Advocate**

New Catering Shop to Open in Downtown

Mary Wilson

This article made me crave BBQ.

Third Place **Cassville Democrat**

W1 Wintech

Kyle Troutman

Very informative.

Honorable Mention **The Current Local**

Equatics Fitness & Rehabilitation

Ryan Van Winkle

This was a great piece showing off a new business in town.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield Business Journal**

Outside marijuana players earmark

Kathryn Olson

Solid reporting on out-of-state businesses rushing in to compete for limited cannabis business permits, with multiple sources and additional research. The writer's grasp of the subject is evident. Deleting the last graph, an inconsequential quote, would have made the ending stronger.

Second Place **Springfield Business Journal**

With marijuana startups, a green thumb

Kathryn Hardison

Kathryn Hardison does a good job of peeling back the curtain on the financial issues facing would-be cannabis business start-ups.

Third Place **Montgomery Standard**

No Experience? No problem

Megan Geahart

A solid take on the benefits to businesses and veterans, from an apprenticeship program.

Honorable Mention **Richmond News**

Double down

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Video gaming has been fraught with problems in many states that have allowed it, and this writer helped readers understand who is pushing to legalize it and how much money is at stake. Unfortunately, the resulting story explored the potential legalization from the pro side only.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Jefferson County Leader	Going green	Tony Krausz
Second Place	Jefferson County Leader	All aboard	Gordon Bess
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	No place like home	Peggy Bess
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Putting 'Play Gloria' on pause?	Nicholas Phillips

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Missouri's adult abuse hotline had 92K calls	Kyra Haas and Aviva Okeson-Haberman
Thorough reporting. The lead grabs attention. Facts are presented in a well-ordered fashion. Graphics present information well. Impressive journalism.			
Second Place	News Tribune	National cemetery expansion	News Tribune Staff
Multiple pieces focus on a hot issue. The reporting is fair and balanced. Both sides of the issue are covered well.			
Third Place	News Tribune	Community policing	News Tribune Staff
First-rate pieces take a dry subject and make it interesting.			

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	The Kansas City Star	Lobbyist's crusade to change Title IX in	Edward McKinley and Jason Hancock
An excellent use of records to uncover the personal agenda of a lobbyist and his wife to challenge Title IX sexual assault regulations to benefit their son. Readers were provided with an unseemly glimpse into how the sausage is sometimes made.			
Second Place	Springfield News-Leader	Nuisance properties and housing crisis	Katie Kull
The work put a personal face on the hardships facing tenants when a landlord files bankruptcy, and the difficulty of eradicating substandard, nuisance structures.			
Third Place	Herald - Whig	Quincy City Council	Ethan Colbert
The coverage was sustained and informative revealing the competing interests landing an airline for a regional airport. The coverage explained the tie between access to air travel and economic development.			
Honorable Mention	The Kansas City Star	Ultimate pork project: Kansas mega tax	Steve Vockrodt, Edward McKinley and Kevin Hardy
The coverage exposed the practice of public bonds providing funds for projects that were more pie in the sky than butts in seats as had been the initial design of the program. This entry would likely moved up in the rankings with more discussion of how influence was used on the Department of Commerce to dilute the avowed purpose of the bond program.			

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Maries County Advocate	Belle Police	Roxie Murphy
Second Place	The Current Local	Reserves understated	Ryan Van Winkle

Third Place Webster County Citizen U.S. 60 Future Dan Wehmer

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Richmond News

Suing drug makers

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

An obsessively thorough examination of one city's decision to sue for damages wrought by the opiate crisis. Detailed, clear and illuminating.

Second Place Perry County Republic-Monitor

Nathan's Law

Robert Cox

A stirring series about one law's effect on community daycare. A needed reminder that laws, and their impact, are rarely black and white.

Third Place Houston Herald

One Year Later - Sigman case

Brad Gentry and Jeff McNiell

A beautifully designed and absorbing look at a sheriff's fall from grace and it's aftermath.

Honorable Mention Marshfield Mail

Water issue in city: column and story

Karen Craigo

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place St. Louis American

Attacks against the city's first black

Staff

Race, power and a police shooting played out in public and in the courts. Compelling reading.

Second Place St. Louis American

City Surveillance

Rebecca Rivas

Big brother is watching. Why? Who? Comprehensive coverage of a contest between crime prevention and privacy.

Third Place Jefferson County Leader

Ballot war

Kevin Carbery and Peggy Bess

Political power battle between a state senator and local government over the issue of funding of 9-1-1 services. This could have been the winner with more emphasis on the effect of the tax reduction on response times and public safety.

28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Columbia Missourian

Mexico, Missouri; Veterinarian Shortage;

Missourian Staff

Easily the most comprehensive coverage and best designed pages of the lot. The feature on farming injuries was especially potent.

Second Place News Tribune

News Tribune Coverage of Rural Life and

The standout for this paper was the top-notch photography

Third Place Sedalia Democrat

Democrat Agriculture Coverage

Sedalia Democrat

Not as cohesive as the others in this contest but good coverage nonetheless.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Richmond News

Ag coverage

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

This was a great mix of agriculture news, from what is happening on the state level, to the local 4H and right down to the cows.

Second Place The Current Local

From Rocky Creek to Walker Hollow

Ryan Van Winkle

A great historical look at rural life.

Third Place **Houston Herald** **Rural life and agriculture in Texas County,** **Doug Davison**
Informative pieces.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Fulton Sun** **Area farmers discuss lasting impact of** **Quinn Wilson**

Second Place **Fulton Sun** **Adventurous diners feast on gifts of forest** **Helen Wilbers**

Third Place **Mexico Ledger** **Rural Divide: Fewer Mid-Missouri farmers** **Charles Dunlap**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **New CAFO law divides farmers over future** **Tom Coulter**
Great in-depth reporting on regulation of pig farming, new law.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Mexico, Missouri: A small town on the** **Kristoffer Tigue**

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **Getting the farm: How an innovative effort** **Rachel Behrndt and Jacob Moscovitch**

Honorable Mention **Sedalia Democrat** **From classroom to cafeteria** **Hope Lecchi**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader** **Ozarks tradition: Grabbing suckers and** **Wes Johnson**
I'm a sucker for a sucker! I've experienced catching these but never ever thought about eating them. Great piece!

Second Place **Joplin Globe** **Muddy Farm Show** **Kimberly Barker**

Third Place **The Kansas City Star** **Act of God? Or government? In fight over** **Andy Marso**

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe** **Remembering Cornstalk** **Kevin McClintock**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Lincoln New Era** **The Book Woman** **Dianne Peck**
A great look into rural life of the past.

Second Place **Webster County Citizen**
Truly a great story for a great legacy.

"Emotional FFA Banquet"

Dan Wehmer

Third Place **Maries County Advocate**
That truly is rural life and agriculture in one.

Baby Lamb

Laura Schiermeier

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Maryville Forum**

This story makes the reader feel like they're a part of this community and makes it clear why this project matters. I wish I had gotten to know a little bit more why some people had gotten involved, but overall this is a very detailed, engaging story.

Baker Cemetery

Geoffrey Woehlk

Second Place **Richmond News**

Love the profile of the two brothers and how they got into horse pull competitions. Short but detailed, this is the way a profile should be. I just wish it had a little more description of the actual competition ☹️ that was my favorite part.

Horse Pull

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Third Place **Houston Herald**

Great description of the process and the history of the cabin. I learned a lot about repurposing wood, and I can't wait to see what the modern-day use of the wood looks like.

White oak bonanza

Doug Davison

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald**

Great dive into a world that not many people may know about. I enjoyed the profiles of both the humans and the rabbits, and the final quote was a great note to end on.

Bunny business

Doug Davison

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**

Great structure to the story, starting with what the police are doing and then getting into why it's important. Also love the headline ☹️ "lovesick turtles." Very creative.

Lovesick turtles

Katelyn Mary Skaggs

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader**

This atypical search-and-rescue story not only gave a great overview of the story but also taught me a lot about a zebu.

Zebu returns

Katelyn Mary Skaggs

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**

This entry had me from the first sentence. "The chair in the center of the room doesn't need a label or a name card." It hooked me in, and the writing throughout kept me reading and wanting to read more. The tale as written made me feel like a part of the story and it flowed along effortlessly. One of my favorite lines was "There once was big time pain in that big time heart." It showed an appreciation and understand of the story subject. I would love to read more stories by this writer.

Strength in sharing: How Kobie Whiteside

Nick Kelly

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**

This entry was compelling and the writing strong. Telling religion stories through people and their experiences is always more moving and poetic than standard news stories.

Conversion therapy survivor finds her voice

Jacob Moscovitch

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**

Very nice writing. Thoughtful and the story is enhanced by writer's ability to elicit such strong quotes. One of my favorite quotes: ☹️"Corrections means to correct deviant behavior,"☹️ Cain said in an interview. ☹️It doesn't mean torture and lock in and feed.☹️ The story is wrapped up in that one quote.

Prisoners to pastors: Missouri inmates will

Lauren Polanski

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**

Nice writing.

Tolton Catholics namesake progresses on a

Olivia Garrett

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**

Newsy, informative story that does a nice job of providing context and detail from visiting the campus.

Big plans for ex-CBC campus

Gregory J. Holman

Second Place	Springfield News-Leader	New church serves homeless	Jackie Rehwald
Third Place	Joplin Globe	Marian Days festival	Kimberly Barker
Honorable Mention	Springfield News-Leader	Historic black church on path to demolition	Steve Pokin

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Maries County Advocate	VCLA Toy Givaway	Laura Schiermeier
What makes this a good story is that you told real-life stories within it - the diapers for example. That kept me connected to the story so that I read until the end.			
Second Place	Focus on Oak Grove	At Christmas, local foster parents reflect	Ruth Ann Hafner
This is a great story because of the rich personal detail that you included within it. You told the story of fostering through stories - not a clinical explanation of it by a bureaucrat. Great work.			
Third Place	South Cass Tribune	Archie Minister	Sheryl Stanley
This is a fine story. Some of the best writing is buried in it. I would have liked for you to lead with him moving to Archie - "If it's got wxyz, I will know . . ." is pretty rich. I cared much less about his resume leading up to Archie. Still, it's good work.			
Honorable Mention	Cassville Democrat	W1 What Doth	Jordan Privett
This is a good story about a great effort. I would have liked for you to pull me into the story from the client's perspective rather than that of the provider.			

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Douglas County Herald	Freely Received, Freely Given	Michael Boyink
This isn't just a well-written story, it's wonderfully and creatively written story. I loved it - the opening paragraphs pulled me in like I was talking to the writer. Excellent work.			
Second Place	Maryville Forum	Church starts hashtag	Skye Pournazari
A great little story. I loved the way you highlighted the church being a catalyst for this community movement, and I appreciated how you told stories of the hashtag is working. Great Story.			
Third Place	Mountain Grove News-Journal	Mustard Seed Man 9-9-19	Jayce Clanton
This is a great story - perhaps a little too long - but a great story and well-written. Your introduction pulled me into this young man's story, and then kept me there. I had to see how it turned out. Great work.			
Honorable Mention	Douglas County Herald	Priest Goes Underground	Michael Boyink
Great story. Very well written. I liked the way you brought it full circle, starting with the first cave and ending with the ceremony to honor him. I don't know that this is so much religion as feature, but it kept my attention all the way.			

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis American	Pastor with bullet-proof vest	Chris King
Great story. Well-written. You didn't get mired down in his biography - you kept it relevant to the mission. I was moved by the fact that he's often the only person of faith that a family has. Powerful.			
Second Place	St. Louis American	'Grill to Glory' in North City	Rebecca Rivas
Great story. You started it off creatively, and that drew me in. I loved how you quoted people directly and kept them real. I loved how you worked in the angle on the reduction of crime. Great work.			
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	Werkmeister organist	Laura Marlow
Great story. Well-written. My suggestion would have been to let her tell some stories. All those years playing the organ . . . got to be some funny and poignant stories she's witnessed. That would have made it even better.			

Honorable Mention Branson Tri-Lakes News

Nice story. Because it's a religion story, I would have liked to see more depth in that area. The photographs were nice.

Loaves and Fishes returns in 2019

John Robinson

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

First Place Moberly Monitor-Index

Title of Entry, If Applicable

MHS teacher takes oath as U.S. citizen

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Erik Cliburn

Second Place Monett Times

D1 Monett School Master

Murray Bishoff

Third Place Moberly Monitor-Index

Westran teachers, staff participate in

Erik Cliburn

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

First Place Columbia Missourian
good in-depth reporting melds statistics and interviews

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Disparities in suspensions stack the odds

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Tessa Weinberg and Thomas Oide

Second Place Columbia Missourian

Public science for private interests: How

Tynan Stewart

Third Place News Tribune

Matter of degrees

Phillip Sitter

Honorable Mention Sedalia Democrat

School districts face a substitute shortage

Hope Lecchi

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

First Place The Kansas City Star

Title of Entry, If Applicable

There are 100,000 teachers in Missouri and

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Mará Rose Williams

Second Place The Kansas City Star

College is free for kids in this tiny Kansas

Kevin Hardy and Mará Rose Williams

Third Place Joplin Globe

Women in STEM

Emily Younker

Honorable Mention Springfield News-Leader

Grads talk about bullying

Claudette Riley

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

First Place Webster County Citizen

Title of Entry, If Applicable

"75 Cents"

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Dan Wehmer

Spot-on information in a very readable style. The writer did an excellent job of showing the pros and cons of the tax referendum but in a very conversational style. Great job!

Second Place **Webster County Citizen** **"Yes!"** **Dan Wehmer**
While this is a follow-up article, the writer did an excellent job of great writing style while presenting a lot of facts and figures.

Third Place **South Cass Tribune** **Noble dog** **Sheryl Stanley**
I enjoyed this profile immensely and appreciated the good writing style in the process. Fun and factual. Nice work.

Honorable Mention **Cassville Democrat** **W1 Social Media** **Jordan Privett**
The writer did a good job of presenting how social media can be used to a benefit in the classroom. Informative and well written.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News** **Hanged by red tape** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
EXCELLENT STORY! The reporter did an excellent job of covering all aspects of this fiasco - how it happened, the impact, the reaction and unanswered questions. it was extremely readable and gave clear, concise information in an easy-to-read style. Great job!

Second Place **Maryville Forum** **Sensory hallway stimulates** **Geoffrey Woehlk**
This was a fun story to read. The writer did a great job of explaining the reason for the sensory trail and gave the reader a good "visual" of it. Nice work.

Third Place **Laclede County Record** **A+ teacher** **Chris Roden**
A+ story on an A+ teacher. I enjoyed how the teacher was quoted throughout to give a good profile. Nice writing style.

Honorable Mention **Richmond News** **Board members silent** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
It is imperative for board members to be held accountable and the reporter did a good job of asking hard questions, presenting the law and presenting the lack of answers. Good work and keep at them!

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Call Newspapers** **Assignment makes world headlines** **Gloria Lloyd**
Well-balanced reporting on a sensitive issue. The reporter presented the facts without sensationalizing the event - bravo.

Second Place **St. Louis American** **Saving Dunbar Elementary** **Chris King**

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Malawi teacher** **Laura Marlow**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader** **Chanterelle mushrooms are booming** **Wes Johnson**
Hard to believe Chanterelle mushrooms can take the place of morels! Loved this piece!

Second Place **Joplin Globe** **Trout fishing** **Andy Ostmeyer**

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader** **Harrowing rescue on Jack's Fork** **Wes Johnson**

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader** **Buffalo River hike turns into ordeal** **Wes Johnson**

32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **LakeExpo****Massive Foam Spill In Lake Ozark****Nathan Bechtold**

The writing in this piece shows the keen eye of an outdoors writer ☞ slowly dwelling on details and choosing imagery that both paints a cultural picture of the place and a sense of why it matters.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian****The Rock Island Corridor battle: 'How****Molly Hart**

I loved the entry point of the farm. It painted a perfect picture of this trail. Later, the reporter did a good job of pulling us out of that scene and into the bigger picture.

Third Place **News Tribune****Birds, binoculars and back roads****Phillip Sitter**

There's a deep love of the outdoors in this writing and also an artistic appreciation for the intersection of human and nature. It made an otherwise simple assignment a joy to read.

32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Cassville Democrat****W1 Adventure, Family Tradition****Murray Bishoff****Second Place** **Maries County Advocate****Ducks and Donkeys****Laura Schiermeier****Third Place** **Maries County Advocate****Bear Collision****Laura Schiermeier****32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Richmond News****Chronic wasting disease****Jack M. Ventimiglia III**

Great in-depth look at two diseases infecting the state's dear population.

Second Place **Gasconade County Republican****Rock Island Development****Roxie Murphy**

Great in-depth look at trail development plan.

Third Place **Mountain Grove News-Journal****Pureness of the hunt 10-30-19****Ron Schott**

Great interview with a deer hunter who has set up a hunting program for kids.

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald****50 straight years at Montauk****Doug Davison****32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Washington Missourian, Weekend****It's Alive!****Karen Dickhut**

The writer did a great job escorting the reader around the grounds and through the history of the project. Well done!

Second Place **Washington Missourian, Wednesday****It Opened My Eyes to the Outdoors****Karen Dickhut**

Excellent use of sources to tell the story and engage the reader. The story flows well beginning to end and is enjoyable all along the way.

Third Place **Washington Missourian, Weekend****Come Outside to Play****Karen Dickhut**

What a fun place! The writer visualized the story for me and makes me want to take children there. I like the Winnie the Pooh perspective and on from there.

Honorable Mention St. Louis Call Newspapers

This story reflects the impact that people can have on each other via nature. The story is well written with good quotes from those involved.

Healing Garden

Erin Achenbach

33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Moberly Monitor-Index****Truesdell purchases historic rifle linked to**

Erik Cliburn

An interesting acquisition for this community and its courthouse. The story explains the history behind the weapon in a way that's easy for readers to understand its significance.

Second Place Moberly Monitor-Index**Remembering Omar Bradley: Randolph**

Erik Cliburn

Story connects a local community with its most famous veteran, Gen. Omar Bradley, and brings to life not only Bradley's accomplishments, but how his hometown now remembers him today.

Third Place Fulton Sun**New book shares Churchill nurse story**

Helen Wilbers

An interesting exploration of a small part of World War II history.

33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place News Tribune****Key hidden figure finally gets headstone,**

Emily Cole

Nice tale weaving history through those who were participating in the day's event. Descriptive words helped bring the story to life. for example, "...rubbed their gloved hands..." and "...stamped their feet..." Those descriptive words made the words on the page come to life. The use of quotes was also strong, "This cemetery...just lit up. It's smiling..." What an image that brings to your mind. Reading to the end was enjoyable.

Second Place Columbia Missourian**The mass shooting you never heard of in**

Kate Robbins

This story was intriguing as it was written from the writer's viewpoint, someone who did not know about this history of her community for many years. Nice writing.

Third Place News Tribune**MSP history exposed**

Emily Cole

This story was written in a way that just told me enough with each sentence to lead me to the next so I would learn more and then more. Nice writing.

33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Springfield News-Leader****Two notable crimes in Ozarks history**

Steve Pokin

Captivating. A columnist is asked to share some local history with some visitors to his area. He brings readers along on a show-and-tell tour, documenting two notable crimes from long ago. First person works. The writing is simple. He lets good stories tell themselves.

Second Place The Kansas City Star**He offered to buy her a beer in exchange**

Cortlynn Stark

The subject of this piece has been dead since 1988. That didn't stop the writer from finding good sources, including the author of a book and newspaper archives. The lead is well crafted. The story is well structured.

Third Place Joplin Globe**Deer hunting history**

Andy Ostmeyer

Serious outdoors enthusiasts, casual enthusiasts and non-enthusiasts should find every word of this report interesting and informative.

33.) Best Story About History | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place South Cass Tribune****Pearl Harbor**

Dennis Minich

The story about the Pearl Harbor veteran was moving and very interesting. I enjoyed reading it.

Second Place Lincoln New Era**Abernathy Boys**

Dianne Peck

What a hoot! Two kids riding all that distance by themselves. Very interesting story which kept my attention.

Third Place Clinton County Leader**Reflecting on World War II**

Steve Tinnen

This was a very good story. It caught the personality of Mr. Wieneke, telling his story very well.

33.) Best Story About History | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Richmond News	Medals of Honor	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
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Absolutely fantastic, top notch work! The presentation is marvelous, with great art and layout, and the reporting is in-depth without being boring. Best of the best by far!

Second Place	Richmond News	Cold Cuts: Arctic Cannibalism	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
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Another incredible entry from the Richmond News. A gripping story with great supporting art. Is there a way to award a tie with their No. 1 entry? That's how good this is.

Third Place	Houston Herald	A community treasure	Doug Davison
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What a great story about a great man who's obviously meant a lot to the people of his community. A truly wonderful read.

Honorable Mention	Unterrified Democrat	Sgt. Lemmel revisits Hamburger Hill	Neal Johnson
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As someone who has interviewed soldiers of past conflicts before, I can say this is an excellent story. Sometimes, to understand what happened in a particular conflict, you just need to focus on one person. This story does that very, very well.

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

First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News	125 years of Marvel Cave	Joshua Clark
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interesting story about a cave and park. Good quotes, timeline

Second Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News	Interactive map documents Schoolcraft's	Tim Church
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Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	Memories wanted	Steve Taylor
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Honorable Mention	Washington Missourian, Weekend	Moon Landing Memories	Karen Dickhut
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34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Columbia Missourian	Transitioning Back Home	Alyssa Shikles
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This article is well organized, which is necessary because it covers a lot of ground. The subheads worked well to guide the reader. A feature lead draws the reader in, almost to a fault. I started thinking this was going to be a feature and was pleased to see the focus on an individual was a good springboard into an in-depth story about issues. Each segment was just enough about an issue to keep the article flowing. In a category with A-minus and B-plus entries, this is A-plus work.

Second Place	Daily American Republic	Blind in one eye	Donna Farley
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Interesting story, well told. Compelling lead. Tight writing. Good use of good quotes. The article isn't too long. Long doesn't mean good.

Third Place	Sedalia Democrat	Pettis County veteran remembers the	Hope Lecchi
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Good storytelling on a man who has good stories to tell.

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

First Place	Springfield News-Leader	Submarine has secret history	Steve Pokin
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Stories about secrets are always good and this reporter spun an excellent tale about a branch of the service that "runs silent, runs deep" and doesn't open to reporters often.

Second Place	The Kansas City Star	KC veteran suspects cancer caused by	Lisa Gutierrez
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Fine war told with good use of feature techniques - quotes and detail especially. Good writing.

Third Place **Joplin Globe** **Tail gunner speaks** **Kimberly Barker**
It took a reporter with a good eye to see this on-the-surface pedestrian happening - an old guy telling tales to kids - could be illuminating about WWII.

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe** **MSSU 9/11 memorial** **Kimberly Barker**
A routine assignment that a very conscientious reporter turned into an educational well-told story.

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **W1 Are You Ready** **Jordan Privett**
While military stories usually tell the story of someone who had served their country knowing exactly what to expect when entering their chosen branch of service, this one was a little bit different. The story itself kept me reading to see what was going to happen to this young soldier next. He had no idea when he signed up that he would be facing the conflicts he had ahead of him. It was a great way to show how one young man served his country and then evolved into a great man who wanted to raise a family. Good job, it earned a first place for sure.

Second Place **Lincoln New Era** **Sgt. Reckless War Horse** **Dianne Peck**
This story was unique in that it told the story of a horse in war times. We all read about the soldiers who fought the wars, however this horse also helped out in war times. It was a great story and I am sure it was loved by the readers.

Third Place **Mansfield Mirror-Republican** **Wright County Patriots Memorial** **Chris Roden**
While reporters always work to cover important events, this story went above and beyond. The readers who were not able to attend the ceremony were able to visualize it as the writer did a great job of telling all of the stories of those who fought for our country. Wonderful story.

Honorable Mention **The Current Local** **Manley Smith - USN** **Ryan Van Winkle**
This story was a great way to recognize a veteran and the introduction of Manley Smith to the readers was impressive. Great job on explaining the history to those who might not otherwise have the chance to read about it.

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **California Democrat** **Heroes Outreach Program brings peer** **Austin Hornbostel**
This is a wonderfully well-written story expressing the need for many veterans and getting into the depth of the man who was the center of the story.

Second Place **Laclede County Record** **Local legend** **Chris Roden**
Great story about a very interesting man. Enjoyed reading.

Third Place **Christian County Headliner News** **Battle of the Bulge vet** **Rance Burger**
Nicely done, well written.

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News** **SEAL team reunites for first time after years** **Cliff Sain**
This was an amazing story. I am envious of the reporter who got to do this interview. The lead was great!

Second Place **St. Louis American** **Army vet Willard Smith fought foreign** **Clara Germani**
An affectionate portrait of a veteran that also points up the hardships endured by African Americans in the military. Good writing.

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Toward the light** **Laura Marlow**
A story of an amazing program told just the way it needed to be -- from the vet who runs the Visions for Vets.

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** **I Wanted to Pay Back the Veterans** **Karen Dickhut**
A good explanation of Honor Flights and the JROTC cadets involvement. Would have been nice to get a quote from all the cadets.

35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Bruins finally hoist the trophy 3/19/2019	Missourian Staff
	The Columbia Missourian stands out among the pack with its good use of visuals and typography, and its bold displays. Well-done!		
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Pictures of the Year 4/25/2019	Missourian Staff
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Giving Song provides the gift of music to	Missourian Staff

35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Joplin Globe	Mills' Page Design	Nathan Mills
	The typography and imagery work well and bring this package together. Good job!		
Second Place	Springfield News-Leader	Sports - Moving On!	News-Leader Staff
Third Place	Joplin Globe	Willis Page Design	Jerry Willis

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Webster County Citizen	Final Four Fan Guide	Dan Wehmer, Anna Sturdefant and Rhonda Henderson
Second Place	Press-News Journal	Graduation Section	Karin Althoff and Rita Cox
Third Place	Maries County Advocate	Fall on the Road	Staff
Honorable Mention	Webster County Citizen	Tribute To The Tigers	Dan Wehmer, Anna Sturdefant and Rhonda Henderson

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Richmond News	WWI Medals	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
	Design should always pull you into a story, it should emphasize a story but never detract from it. This entry was graphically compelling and pulled me in as a reader. The story flowed well around elements and only added to the appeal of design. There was a lot of good work put into this entry. Well done.		
Second Place	Laclede County Record	Fire destroys 2-27-19	Shawna Bradley
	Page has strong, dominant art that immediately draws my attention. Clean, simple but smart design choices draw a reader in.		
Third Place	Houston Herald	On the clock	Jeff McNiell
	Great use of the stop watch graphic for this page. Headline and subhead needed to be a bit larger but overall a great page design.		

Honorable Mention Laclede County Record

Graphics are on point at the top. Cutout is good with the fade at the bottom but the cut could be cleaner. Good entry, wish I could see the entire series.

Yellowjacket 8-31-19

Shawna Bradley

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Louis Business Journal****St. Louis Business Journal - Balkan Treat**

Michael Behrens

I loved the visual contrast with the yellow and reds to go with all the great photos, sidebars and infographics. Really dynamic and eye-popping work.

Second Place St. Louis Business Journal**St. Louis Business Journal - Buds worth**

Michael Behrens

This spread attracted me from the first glance with the big green drop cap. I really love how there's so much variety in the profiles on the entrepreneurs. A design with so many similar pieces could very easily end up repetitive and not all that interesting, but these pages are great.

Third Place St. Louis Business Journal**St. Louis Business Journal - Gateway Arch**

Michael Behrens

Loved the huge photo of the arch combined with the other, smaller visual elements. Very simple, but still an attention-grabbing design.

Honorable Mention St. Louis American**The Return of Isis**

Melvin Moore

Great selection of photos that complement each other in the design well. Love the big, bold headline to go along with the big, bold photo of ISIS, and the contrast of that with the reverse type and black background of the Diana Ross story.

36.) Best Information Graphic | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Columbia Missourian****Mizzou in Bloom**

Monique Woo

Vibrant colors draw a reader in. Nicely displayed elements. Keeping headline simple was a good idea.

Second Place Columbia Missourian**Preparations are underway to replace the**

Olivia Garrett

I love the intricate design at top with the "Building Bridges." Information is on topic and informative. Design with mix of shapes and negative space looks elegant.

Third Place Columbia Missourian**Tooth and Claw: Mascots in America**

Peter Georgiev

Idea of mascots is clever and fun. Drew me in as a reader. Graphics are nicely displayed and use of color is just right.

Honorable Mention Columbia Missourian**Missouri suffers disproportionately from**

Javkhan Bold-Erdene

Very informative. Love the use of color.

36.) Best Information Graphic | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Joplin Globe****NBA Finals**

Nathan Mills

Good use of graphics, information and imagery elevate this page and prepare fans for the game.

Second Place Joplin Globe**Back to School**

Nathan Mills

Third Place Joplin Globe**NBA Draft**

Nathan Mills

36.) Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Louis Business Journal****St. Louis Business Journal - Post cereal box**

Michael Behrens

This graphic is amazing! At first I thought I was looking at an image of a cereal box. I was surprised to find so much information packed into this graphic, with each element mirroring what you'd see on a box at the store. A great idea with phenomenal execution!

Second Place **St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly** **Soulard boiler-explosion** **Ryan O'Shea**
It's one thing to read how far away the container landed, but plotting that distance on a map with photos of the explosion and aftermath really brings home what happened. Great presentation with "wow" factor.

Third Place **Northeast News** **KCMO Primary Election Results** **Bryan Stalder**
Election results are some of the most difficult news to present, and this graphic makes it easy to find a specific race result. Good use of color makes an eye-catching presentation. Excellent work!

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Business Journal** **St. Louis Business Journal - Rubber Chicken** **Michael Behrens**
Anyone who can get a rubber chicken past the editor is a winner in my book! I love the colorful presentation and the use of a menu frame for the cost comparison. The dishes from caterers look delicious and do a nice job conveying variety. This is a beautiful layout!

36.) Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News** **Dollar bill** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
This is a wonderful way to illustrate how much and where tax funds are spent! Using the familiar image of a dollar grabs attention (much like a quarter on the sidewalk catches the eye - it's money!) and tells a reader at a glance what this graphic is about.

Second Place **Houston Herald** **James Sigman, indicted sheriff timeline** **Jeff McNiell**
A clear winner! Turning the empty space within the photo into a timeline makes this presentation pop. Well organized and easy to read, it packs a lot of background information into the graphic rather than the story, making a better experience for readers.

Third Place **Richmond News** **Food assistance** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
Colorful and eye-catching, this graphic does its job well. The bar charts are easy to understand and the background image brings the two charts together into one presentation. Great work!

Honorable Mention **Edina Sentinel** **Tax Graphic** **Echo Menges**
I love the look of this 3D pie chart, which sets it apart from other similar graphics. Separating the smaller sections from the big blue chunk makes a good visual point without needing additional text to clarify.

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **News Tribune** **Pillars** **Jim Dyke**
What a perfect reminder of the strength of community after a tornado - just what readers need at a time like this. Great work!

Second Place **Independence Examiner** **Joe Liccar** **Joe Liccar**
"Microaggressions" could easily head any opinion page in the country. It's a delight to see my own thoughts expressed in such a funny way.

Third Place **News Tribune** **Mother of All Waters** **Jim Dyke**
I actually sang along with this cartoon - a clear winner for reader engagement on a pressing local issue.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Trump and Lincoln** **John Darkow**
In classic style, this cartoon made me laugh out loud (and then I had to show it to nosy coworkers, who also laughed out loud). An excellent editorial cartoon that celebrates a rich tradition in journalism: political satire.

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Webster County Citizen** **PhoToad for 8-21-19** **Dan Wehmer**
The toad is hilarious! An interesting way to highlight community blight.

Second Place **Webster County Citizen** **PhoToad for 8-28-19** **Dan Wehmer**
I assume there's more to this story and the lazy contractor that would have local readers nodding their heads at this backhanded complement to the city. Nice use of sarcasm in the captioning.

Third Place **Webster County Citizen** **PhoToad for 7-17-19** **Dan Wehmer**
This one made me chuckle while feeling bad for the woman being arrested. Clearly, this image and it's dose of humor illustrate an issue in the community that needs to be addressed.

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Richmond News	Artificial intelligence	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
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What a great cartoon! Something we all fear - AI ruling humans ☹️ turned into something funny is the heart of all good editorial cartoons.

Second Place	Richmond News	Revenge	Brian Rice
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A colorful illustration for the column, this comic made me chuckle. We all make mistakes, and this one is memorialized in a cartoon. Great work!

Third Place	Richmond News	Eva Kor	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
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This piece reminds me of a poster for a B-grade horror flick and drew me in to read the column. Nice blend of unusual elements to tell a story.

Honorable Mention	Richmond News	FIRST AMENDMENT	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
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As journalists, we can't stress the importance of the First Amendment enough for our readers. This graphic puts the important bits together in a surprising way and draws readers to the story.

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Jefferson County Leader	Pay up	Judy Dixon
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Second Place	Jefferson County Leader	HIPAA	Judy Dixon
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Third Place	Northeast News	Impeachment or democracy	Bryan Stalder
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38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Joplin Globe	Stock Market Game	Sarah Coyne and Amanda Stone
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Tying in the All-Area Academic Team with the NIE is a wonderful idea. On top of that they have a sponsor. They honor the top students chosen by volunteer, well qualified judges and on top of that there is a special twist in that the top 20 also select their most influential teacher during their secondary education. Well done.

Second Place	Joplin Globe	Academic Team Banquet	Amanda Stone and Sarah Coyne
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Again a well thought out program with a sponsor and recognition.

Third Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Cardinals in the Classroom	Jennifer Broach, Lauren Anderson Koelker and Lisa Clark
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A full fledged program that is well thought out and executed.

38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Washington Missourian, Weekend	Missourian Summer Reading Project NIE	Missourian Staff
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Second Place	Jefferson County Leader	Teen Advisory Board queries author	Teen Advisory Board, Peggy Scott, Peggy Bess and Leader Staff
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Third Place	St. Louis American	STEM	Cathy Sewell
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Honorable Mention St. Louis American NIE Summer Science Academy Cathy Sewell

38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Eldon Advertiser

Democracy Day

Tammy Witherspoon

Clear winner in a strong class of NIE projects. This is why newspapers matter. Democracy Day is likely a life-changing event for the students who participate. Awesome involvement from community leaders. This is a hands-on project that really engages and teaches students about journalism. A+

Second Place Maries County Advocate

Famous Missourians

Staff

Informative, inspirational project that I am sure the students of Missouri appreciated.

Third Place The Odessan

Know Your News

Hannah Spaar

Media literacy is so important. "Know your News" is a great feature that all newspapers should promote to all readers, but especially students.

Honorable Mention Eldon Advertiser

Veterans Day project

Tammy Witherspoon

Looks like an amazing NIE project, but only the explanation letter was attached. I'd like to see the stories and letter from the veterans!

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Joplin Globe

Joplin Globe Online

Andy Ostmeyer

This layout rose to the top because of the use of negative space and hierarchy of news importance. It was easy to read and images filled the spaces nicely.

Second Place Springfield News-Leader

News-Leader.com

News-Leader Staff

This was easy to navigate allowing the user to find what they are looking for.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Columbia Missourian

Columbia Missourian

Missourian Staff

Second Place LakeExpo

LakeExpo - The Lake Of The Ozarks' Trusted Brent Simpson, Nathan Bechtold, Sara Halverson, Emily Debert, David Dilks and Janet Dabbs

Third Place Lake Sun Leader

Lake News Online, 2019

Mitch Prentice, Michael Losch, Charis Patires and Joyce Miller

Honorable Mention Sedalia Democrat

Democrat Website

Sedalia Democrat

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place St. Louis American

Stlamerican.com

Ishmael Sistrunk and Kenya Vaughn

Well designed layout with a nice visual presentation. Great incorporation of the e-Edition and social media. Wide variety of news featuring local and national issues.

Second Place St. Louis Business Journal

St. Louis Business Journal website

Staff

Solid site for the St. Louis' business community. Great coverage of issues but would love an emphasis on highlights from the area.

Third Place **St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly**
Navigable layout with easy access to news in the community.

molawyersmedia.com

Scott Andera

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Houston Herald**
Clean visual presentation, accessible layout and great use of incorporating social media. Grand cam live and timeline of news is a nice feature to the site.

https://www.houstonherald.com

Staff

Second Place **Christian County Headliner News**
Great organization of sections on the site but would've switched obituaries for education or sport.

Christian County Headliner News

Staff

Third Place **Maryville Forum**
Solid website but would limit the featured stories at the top of the page.

The Maryville Forum

Phil Cobb

40.) Best Video | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Kansas City Star**
The access and visual story telling made this video rise to the top.

Aged out, put out, homeless 121519

Shelly Yang and Rachel Kirpalani

Second Place **The Kansas City Star**
Beautifully told story from such a tragic occurring events.

Drewes brothers battle flood 112619

Rich Sugg

Third Place **The Kansas City Star**
Powerful stories from this series made this video stand out.

State care of another kind 121519

Shelly Yang and Tammy Ljungblad

Honorable Mention **The Kansas City Star**
This interview and video was nicely done on explaining

Foster care through the eyes of a child

Shelly Yang and Neil Nakahodo

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
This is more than just a racing story; it's a family story that is intimate and beautifully captured. So many significant moments were captured and the visuals are stunning. A wonderfully satisfying video.

Back on the Track

Hillary Tan, Julia Hanson and Elliot Bauman

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
An interesting idea of video stories from areas that get little coverage. Each segment is personal and intimate. Well thought out and composed.

Hiding in Plain Sight

Phoebe Mussman, Jacob Moscovitch, Ethan Weston, Jenna Kieser, Jennifer Mosbrucker and Emily

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
This is more than just a homecoming queen story. It's an important story that often gets overlooked. Well examined and visually appealing.

Queen TaNayia

Julia Hansen and Jacob Moscovitch

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**
This is a small slice of life story that is visually appealing and unusual. A brief portrait of one man's life and times.

Mr. Bus Driver

Matt McCabe, Joel Green and Jacob Moscovitch

40.) Best Video | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News**
An excellent example of letting the visuals speak for themselves. This video tells a powerful, effective story without any commentary or narration.

Flood story

Jack M. Ventimiglia III, Grace A. Ventimiglia

First Place	Richmond News	Flood story	Jack M. Ventimiglia III, Grace A. Ventimiglia
An excellent example of letting the visuals speak for themselves. This video tells a powerful, effective story without any commentary or narration.			

Second Place	Laclede County Record	Heavy smoke from the fire 2-23-19	Chris Roden
A great example of old-fashion, roll-up-your-sleeves video reporting. This cell phone footage of the fire captures the story as it happens.			

Third Place	Houston Herald	Fields of Faith	Isaiah Buse
This entry is constructed of meaningful shots of an event that is clearly important to the community.			

Honorable Mention	Laclede County Record	Hundreds of bikers 10-4-19	Fines Massey
This entry is a good example of the power of being on scene for a powerful moment.			

40.) Best Video | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	St. Louis American	Chandria Taylor is honored for her work in	Rebecca Rivas
Rebecca's videos are heartfelt, moving and beautiful. They stand out from others in this class of entries. This video was expertly shot, produced and edited. A genuine and moving story that both brought me to tears and left me smiling. It was the perfect length to tell Chandria's story, get a sense of her personality and see what its like to be her student in Room 174. Very well done.			

Second Place	St. Louis American	'Five years later, people still don't see Mike	Rebecca Rivas
A powerful, heartfelt video with engaging interviews seamlessly paired with beautiful b roll footage. Excellent videography and editing.			

Third Place	St. Louis American	Mosquitos, Rodent & Ticks Plague Us	Dawn Suggs
Good concept on an interesting topic. Could be been executed differently to make it more engaging. A bit too long to keep viewers' attention.			

41.) Best Headline Writing | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Columbia Missourian	Columbia Missourian Best Headline Writing	Missourian Staff
Catchy play on words but still told the stories well			

Second Place	LakeExpo	Irresistible headlines from LakeExpo News	Nathan Bechtold, Brent Simpson, Sara Halverson and Emily Debert
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Third Place	Springfield News-Leader	Murder - Stayed Dead - Dora the Exploiter -	News-Leader Staff
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41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Webster County Citizen	Best Headline Writing ... Five Full Pages	Dan Wehmer
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Second Place	Cassville Democrat	W1 Headlines	Staff
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Third Place	Maries County Advocate	Advocate Best Headline writing	Staff
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41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies - Class 2

First Place **Laclede County Record**
Easily the most thoughtful and imaginative headline writing in this category.

Second Place **Douglas County Herald**
Headlines are brief, clever and precise without being too cute.

Third Place **Richmond News**
"Cold Cuts" was a killer headline for a chilling story about cannibalism.

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Best Headlines LCR****Douglas County Herald****Cold Cuts: A chilling story of Arctic****Houston Herald headlines***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Fines Massey****Michael Boyink****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia****Doug Davison****41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies - Class 3**

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**

Second Place **St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly**

Third Place **St. Louis American**

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Jefferson County Leader****Missouri Lawyers Weekly headlines 2019****St. Louis American Headlines***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Leader Staff****Ryan O'Shea****Chris King****42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Dailies - Class 3**

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**
A very good picture of a man's life and how it reflected the changing times he and society went through.

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader**
A tragic story of a homeless man that didn't end well but gives a good picture of how he wanted to help but couldn't overcome his demons.

Third Place **The Kansas City Star**
A well done story on one of the area's leading figures with lots of good stories including being banned from a country club and then changing it.

Honorable Mention **The Kansas City Star**
A well done story about this woman who helped turn her ideas into reality.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Jim House dies at 77****Joey Moreira dies at 54****Henry Bloch, co-founder of H&R Block****Marilyn Strauss, founder of KC's Heart of***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Gregory J. Holman****Jackie Rehwald****Eric Adler and Joyce Smith****Ian Cummings and Robert Cronkleton****42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2**

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
A compelling introduction, a strong conclusion, and inbetween, a well-crafted story of a woman who lived life well, made a difference in the lives of many other people, and will be missed by numerous friends. I think the writer found the right people to interview.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
The writer captured the essence of a musician who lived life on his own terms. I particularly liked the detailed information from Dyno's concert.

*Title of Entry, If Applicable***Friends say Jordan Hoyt always believed****Dyno Penny lived life just as he wanted***Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Vivian Herzog****Libby Stanford**

Third Place **Sedalia Democrat** **Remembering one of SPD's finest** **Emily Walton**
It took some initiative and thinking outside the box by both the writer and the editor to green-light an obituary for a dog, but it was meaningful and well done.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Cathy Barton Para lived with a radiant smile** **Colleen Wouters**
This is a well-written story of the life of a woman who was most worthy of a feature obituary.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat**
A nice tribute to a crowd-pleasing cowboy I'm sure I would have enjoyed watching.

W1 Gone, But Never **Jared Lankford**

Second Place **Press-News Journal**
A farm-tastic write up and fitting tribute.

Marilyn Berhorst Obit **Rita Cox, Karin Althoff and Paula Bichsel**

Third Place **Maries County Advocate**
I feel like I've met this man after reading about him. Nice anecdotes.

Former Mayor dies peacefully at home **Roxie Murphy**

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Salem News**
Although I don't know Frankie, this story makes me feel as if I do. The combination of stories about his life provides a glimpse into a very unique person. The writer did a great job capturing the quirky and eccentric nature of Frankie while also explaining how he helped others. I can tell the deep friendship that was shared between the writer and Frankie.

Frankie's Gone **Donald Dodd**

Second Place **Richmond News**
An informative and detailed story that kept my attention about a very brave woman. The writer did a good job of describing this Holocaust survivor who endured a lot of hardships in her life but never gave up. The writer's interjection of his personal experience with meeting this survivor added a great bit of connection to the story.

Eva Kor **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Third Place **Richmond News**
I could feel the writer's emotions about covering tragedies, which is something I can relate to. The story paints a vivid picture of these tragedies and the lives that were cut way too short while also showing how the families were working to bring about change so similar tragedies would not happen to others.

Photographs and Memories **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Honorable Mention **Mountain Grove News-Journal**
Good job detailing the accomplishments of a talented musician.

Mister Gospel Guitar **Doug Berger**

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**
Really captured the larger than life spirit of Mrs. Morris. Well done.

Life Story: Sue Morris **Laura Marlow**

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader**

Life Story: Peyton Dempsey **Laura Marlow**

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader**

Life Story: Herbert Crow **Steve Taylor**

43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
This overall package was quite impressive leading up to the big game. The journalists were creative with the use of their quiz and Instagram stories that made this package stand out. Overall nice job informing the readers and getting them involved.

MU vs. Georgia football **Missourian Staff**

Second Place **News Tribune** **Tornado coverage**

The print product coverage was nicely done along with informative updates on social media with Twitter and Facebook.

Third Place **Joplin Globe** **Interactive tornado shelter map**

I felt as a reader this was very informative and a great use of public service with the interactive map and graphic.

Kimberly Barker and Emily Younker

43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Weeklies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American** **Saluting Educators** **Staff**

Second Place **Springfield Business Journal** **SBJ Economic Growth Survey** **SBJ Staff**

Third Place **Houston Herald** **James Sigman, indicted sheriff** **Brad Gentry and Jeff McNiell**

Honorable Mention **Edina Sentinel** **Building Collapse** **Echo Menges**

44.) Best Magazine/Alternative Publication | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **News Tribune** **HER Magazine** **HER Magazine Staff**
Her Magazine is smartly focused on its audience, providing variety, utility and lively writing. The design and use of photography are appropriate to each article and overall, very well done. The three issues provided several examples of good writing, notably Jolly Roger piece. Some articles tended to be a little lengthy, however.

Second Place **Joplin Globe** **Jmag** **Kevin McClintock, Amanda Stone, Courtney Adams and David O'Neill**
Jmag offered a write array of topics with a sharp focus on the cover story. High utility was a highlight. The design was colorful though a bit cluttered. The writing was lively.

44.) Best Magazine/Alternative Publication | Weeklies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **W1 Magazine/Alternative Publication** **Staff**

Second Place **St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly** **Startup Missouri** **Staff**

Third Place **Laclede County Record** **Best Magazine - Trout Talk** **Fines Massey, Shawna Bradley and Chris Roden**

45.) Best Health Story | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **Addiction in the kitchen: the secret burning** **Catherine Wendlandt**
Incredible piece of reporting and writing. Striking, memorable quotations, stories and background, while acknowledging it isn't a new or unexplored topic but one that continues to need exposure to change the culture of addiction within the restaurant industry. Well done!

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Home-based medical sensors are extending** **Mauricio Venegas**
Fascinating look at an emerging technology's role in everyday healthcare with a hint toward the future using sensors to monitor health. Researched and sourced well, an interesting topic and written in a way that doesn't bog the reader down with science or technology jargon.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **For rural Missourians, access to quality** **Kacen J. Bayless and Seth Bodine**
 Valuable, well-sourced look into a critical healthcare issue - access to emergency care in rural settings. This piece encompasses a giant issue in a readable, structured format.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Silent suicide: The fatal combination of old** **Kelly Kenoyer, Veronica Mohesky, Hannah Musick and Renae Whissel**
 Enlightening subject matter and an interesting approach to the material. Well written, well sourced story about a lesser known part of suicide research, though I found myself wondering throughout why the writer chose to focus on an apparent candidate for silent suicide, which seemed a bit morbid.

45.) Best Health Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Kansas City Star** **Peddling unproven treatments, stem cell** **Andy Marso**

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader** **There is Always Hope** **Jackie Rehwald**

Third Place **The Kansas City Star** **Kansas prison health contractor fails to** **Andy Marso**

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader** **Aging on the streets** **Jackie Rehwald**

45.) Best Health Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **South Cass Tribune** **Hospital Compliant** **Dennis Minich**
 The writer of this story had a tough job to do by not only explaining the hospital was in compliance but also to try and make readers realize that a colonoscopy remains important. I applaud the way the writer spoke to the hospital about the death and let them tell their side while also stressing the importance of the procedure and colon cancer rates. This had to be a difficult story to write with having to balance writing about the hospital itself and it having a death following a colonoscopy to also explaining to readers the importance of the procedure. This was a great story and I hope readers got the message that their health, no matter where they have testing done, is the most important thing for them along with the hospital taking responsibility and making sure they are in compliance.

Second Place **Cassville Democrat** **W1 Two Mothers, Two Sons** **Jordan Privett**
 This was an amazing story and the writer did an excellent job of telling the story of the two mothers as well as their children and what they all went through. This story is somewhat unique because the mothers went to high school together and the ages of their children, but only strengthening their bond when the two children became ill. The writer placing the facts about the disease into the story as well as the warning signs was also a great public service to all mothers and fathers who read the story.

Third Place **Maries County Advocate** **Green family welcomes child in Ambulance** **Roxie Murphy**
 This story kept me on the edge of my seat when I was reading it. The writer did an excellent job of walking readers through the entire situation. The writer also allowed the emergency technician to tell her story. This one to me should have been a front page story and the only thing done differently might have been to get some photos of the current baby with the EMT and mom with them. Overall, it is a great story.

Honorable Mention **Maries County Advocate** **Pink Sisterhood** **Roxie Murphy**
 This was a well written story on a topic that is not so easy to write about. The writer took a tough topic, breast cancer, and was able to break it down into parts so that the readers could follow it easier. This was a well told story, great job.

45.) Best Health Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News** **Taking their jobs** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
 Easily best in class. Strong package that gets ahead of an issue, giving the community a chance to affect change. Lots of voices and faces to elevate human side of the issue. Well done.

Second Place **Richmond News** **Insurance loophole** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
 Well-sourced piece with strong writing. Made me care about the issue.

Third Place **Richmond News** **Teachers to the rescue** **Teresa Shaw**
 Sweet hero story notable for not being overwritten and for being a swift, flowing read.

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

First Place	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Best Health: Hep A	Monte Miller
Second Place	Jefferson County Leader	Teen loses weight	Laura Marlow
Third Place	St. Louis American	Bootcamp	Sandra Jordan
Honorable Mention	St. Louis American	More than 50K eligible children dropped	Sandra Jordan