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David Carson – St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Best News Photograph



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Our industry is changing and how we respond matters

If you attended our annual convention and trade show in late September, you're probably still on a high.

I mean, gosh, I don't need to embellish this stuff through artful prose. There was flat out some high utility information and accolades taking up a whole lot of space at The Elms in Excelsior Springs.

So let's work backwards on this whole Convention.

On the last day of the three-day event, MPA honored scores of folks for exceptional work. First up that morning was advertising recognition. Then came the editorial awards at the grand finale luncheon. From the largest to the smallest of our membership media companies, the remarkable work completed day-in and day-out across this state was recognized. These awards cite the best of the best ... now throw in the rest of the rest and you get an idea on how much is being done every day across our membership.

Throughout the event were informative sessions. They were all great, but two I'll highlight on the hope you will follow up for more information if you weren't able to attend in person.

Dr. Tamara Zellars Buck is chair of the Mass Media program at Southeast Missouri State University. She's got a bachelor's degree in mass communication journalism, a

master's in public administration and a law degree. So trust me when I tell you she knows her stuff. A lot of stuff.

We were privileged to have her speak specifically on her goal to help produce innovative media professionals who are ethically grounded and attuned to diversity issues with a full understanding of the power they hold as the creators of "the first draft of history."

It was the second time I had the opportunity to hear her speak. The first was at a meeting this summer with the Southeast Missouri Press Association under the leadership of Beth Durreman, *Perry County Republic-Monitor* and Peggy Scott, Leader Publications in Jefferson County.

And when I tell you the second time around was just as informative and eye-opening, it's the truth.

Buck leads you to a true understanding of critical thinking. I've tossed that expression around a lot in my career, and assumed I understood it, but not so. Buck challenges my assumption. So much so that her work forces us to reflect on inherent biases in our choice of words.

The second session with the most "a-ha's" lighting up in my brain was Deborah Dwyer's work on "Unpublishing." Dwyer is a Reynolds Journalism Institute Fellow at MU and a PhD candidate at the University of North Carolina. She's working on

compiling policies — evolving rapidly — on when to "unpublish" news from the web. And there are as many versions of policy as there are media companies.

Some news groups are lenient on requests to "de-list" information from search engines, some have policies on delisting after several years, some never take the information down. And then there is everything in between.

And it's evolving as I write this.

Could you have imagined such a dilemma just a decade ago? Or, said differently, could you have imagined the range of opinion on this?

Dwyer's work is easily found and shared on unpublishingthenews.com.

If you missed being with us at the Convention, you'll find lots of follow up information through the MPA website or through the links we'll share on all of our terrific sessions.

As always, lots of accolades to celebrate success and challenge thought on relevant topics. Much appreciation to all who worked to create another successful event, those who shared their expertise and those who succeed each day with excellence always at the forefront.



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2021



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Weeklies

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Maryville Forum

Class 2

Richmond News

Class 3

Washington Missourian

Dailies

Class 1

Monett Times

Class 2

Columbia Missourian

Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

MPA elects 2022 officers, directors

Publisher of the Shannon County Current Wave to succeed Liz Irwin

From Missouri Press Staff

Roger Dillon, publisher of the *Shannon County Current Wave*, Eminence, was elected president of the Missouri Press Association Friday, Sept. 24, during the 155th Annual MPA Convention in Excelsior Springs.

A Missouri native from St. Joseph, Dillon graduated from University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Journalism degree in 1973 and returned to take photojournalism graduate classes after a brief career in broadcast journalism as a disc jockey at the Lake of the Ozarks and Sedalia.

He returned to Lake of the Ozarks, where he developed his love of newspapers, working as reporter, photographer and editor of the *Lake Sun*. After a stint as editor of the *Northeast News* in Houston, TX, he came back to the Show Me State and the Ozarks to assume ownership of the

Current Wave in 1984.

Dillon says his favorite part about newspapers is being entrenched in the community you serve. He also wants to work to dispel the myth that newspapers are “dead” while ensuring the industry can maintain its traditional credibility.

And if you get the chance to talk with him, Dillon has more than a few anecdotes to share from his career, including how he was the last caretaker and private resident of Ha Ha Tonka State Park, at Lake of the Ozarks.

Dillon will succeed Liz Irwin, publisher for Missouri Lawyers Media, St. Louis, as MPA president Jan. 1. Irwin will continue on the MPA Board of Directors through 2022 as immediate past president.

Other 2022 MPA officers and directors elected Sept. 24, including: First Vice President, Beth Durreman,

Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville; Second Vice President, Amos Bridges, *Springfield News-Leader*; Secretary, Marion Jordon, Sr., *The Kansas City Globe*; and Treasurer, Bryan Chester, *Columbia Missourian*.

Directors for a one-year term are: Tim Schmidt, *Montgomery Standard*, Montgomery City; and Lucas Presson, *Southeast Missourian*, Cape Girardeau.

Directors for three-year terms are: Gary Castor, *Jefferson City News Tribune*; Bryan Jones, *Versailles Leader-Statesman*; and Kevin Jones, *St. Louis American*. Peggy Scott, *Jefferson County Leader*, Festus, will continue as the National Newspaper Association state chair.

Continuing on the MPA Board in 2022 will be directors: Hannah Spaar, *The Odessan*, Odessa; Donna Bischoff, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*; and Sandy Nelson, *Courier Tribune*, Liberty.

Retiring in December 2021 is Trevor Vernon, *The Advertiser*, Eldon.



Roger Dillon

SCRAPBOOK

Trenton — The *Trenton Republican-Times* is under new ownership following its sale last month to Jamey and D'Anna Honeycutt. The Honeycutts also purchased the nearby *Clinton County Leader* in Plattsburg earlier this year.

Prior to purchasing the *Leader*, Jamey was a group publisher for Phillips Media Group in southwest Missouri. The Honeycutts also have previous experience working at newspapers in northwest Missouri, including both at the *Cameron Citizen-Observer*.

The *Republican-Times* had been under the ownership of the Lenhart and Alexander families for the last 60 years. The most recent publisher, Wendell Lenhart was the 2001 president of Missouri Press Association and was inducted into the Missouri Newspaper Hall of Fame in 2013.

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No copies were distributed free each month through the mail. Free distribution outside the mail was 10 each month. Total distribution averaged 474, with 466 distributed in September. Copies not distributed averaged 15, with 15 not distributed in September.

Paid and/or requested circulation averaged 97.89% for the year.

I certify all information furnished is true and complete.

— Matthew Barba

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From Missouri Press Staff

Missouri Press News

Weeklies

General Excellence Class 1

Maries County Advocate — Staff
Cassville Democrat — Staff
Maryville Forum — Staff
Savannah Reporter — Brent
Rosenauer, Ken Rosenauer, Marshall
White, Duane Thies, Nicole Ruppe

General Excellence Class 2

Laclede County Record — Staff
Richmond News — Staff
Owensville Gasconade Co.
Republican — Staff

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

General Excellence Class 3

St. Louis American — Staff
St. Louis Business Journal —
Erik Siemers, staff
St. Louis Webster — Kirkwood Times
— Jaime Mowers, Kevin Murphy,
Randy Drilingas, Melissa Wilkinson,
Amanda Zarecki, Kent Tentschert
Courier-Tribune, Liberty — Staff

Best Overall Design Class 1

Maryville Forum — Staff
Greenfield Vedette — Staff
Maries County Advocate — Staff
Cassville Democrat — Staff

Best Overall Design Class 2

Laclede County Record —

On the cover

The 2021 Photo of the Year is David Carson's capture for *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* of a man threatening people with a club as they surround him after he drove partway into a group of demonstrators in St. Louis protesting the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.. Judges said of the picture, "Outstanding. Tells the story! Not much more to say, this is a fantastic piece of art."



Justin Hotop of the Perry County Republic-Monitor won Best Feature Photo for mid-size weeklies with this shot of two students being announced as Homecoming King and Queen.

Fines Massey, Shawna Bradley
Richmond News — Staff
Houston Herald — Staff
Springfield Business Journal —
Amanda Miller, Heather Mosley,
McKenzie Robinson

Best Overall Design Class 3

St. Louis Webster — Kirkwood Times
— Jaime Mowers, Kevin Murphy,
Melissa Wilkinson, Amanda Zarecki,
Randy Drilingas, Kent Tentschert
St. Louis American — Staff
Washington Missourian —
Sharon Pruessner, Brenda Klekamp,
Patty Brinker, Lori Obermark,
Sarah Moore, Sharon Bargaen

Best Front Page Class 2

Perryville Perry County
Republic-Monitor — Robert Cox
Warrenton Warren County Record —
Tim Schmidt
Wright County Journal — Ron
Schott, Cayleb Thomas
Plattsburg Clinton County Leader —

Brett Adkison, Autumn Barnett

Best Front Page Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal —
Erik Siemers, Michael Behrens
St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly —
Ryan O'Shea

St. Louis American — Mike Terhaar
Washington Missourian —
Ethan Colbert

Best Breaking News Story Class 1

Van Buren The Current Local —
Mike Grassham
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
California Democrat —
Austin Hornbostel

Best Breaking News Story Class 2

Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Odessa Odessan — Hannah Spaar
Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

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

Best Breaking News Story Class 3

Washington Missourian — Staff

Washington Missourian — Staff

Washington Missourian — Staff

Washington Missourian — Laura Miserez

Best News Story Class 1

Van Buren The Current Local — Mike Grassham

Greenfield Vedette — James McNary

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

Best News Story Class 2

Perryville Perry County Republic-Monitor — Robert Cox

Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Gainesville Ozark County Times — Sue Ann Jones

Laclede County Record — Chris Roden, Steve Smith

Best News Story Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal — Staff

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly — Jessica Shumaker

St. Louis Business Journal — Nathan Rubbelke

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly — Scott Lauck

Best Feature Story Class 1

Maryville Forum — Andrew Wegley

Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari

Maries County Advocate — Laura Schiermeier

Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari

Best Feature Story Class 2

Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Perryville Perry County Republic-Monitor — Robert Cox

Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Phelps County Focus — Kaitlin Brothers

Best Feature Story Class 3

Kansas City Northeast News — Abby Hoover

Washington Missourian — Kristen Dragotto

Courier-Tribune — Amanda Lubinski

Festus- Jefferson County Leader — Katelyn Mary Skaggs

Best News or Feature Series Class 1

South Cass Tribune — Dennis Minich

Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari, Geoffrey Woehlke

Maryville Forum — Geoffrey Woehlke

Best News or Feature Series Class 2

Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

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Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Gainesville Ozark County Times — Sue Ann Jones

Best News or Feature Series Class 3

Courier-Tribune — Amanda Lubinski

St. Louis Webster — Kirkwood Times — Jaime Mowers

St. Louis Business Journal — Staff

St. Louis American — Staff

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Class 1

The Maryville Forum

The Maryville Forum

The Maryville Forum

Van Buren The Current Local — Ryan VanWinkle

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Class 2

Gainesville Ozark County Times — Sue Ann Jones

Wright County Journal — Ron Schott

Ozark | Christian County

Headliner News — Staff

Laclede County Record — Fines Massey

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal — Erik Siemers

St. Louis Business Journal — Erik Siemers

Washington Missourian — Patricia Miller, Ethan Colbert

St. Louis Business Journal — Erik Siemers

Best Columnist — Humorous Class 1

South Cass Tribune — Dennis Minich

Kahoka The Media — Kevin Fox

Savannah Reporter — Courtney Rosenauer

Best Columnist — Humorous Classes 2 & 3

Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Versailles Leader-Statesman — Bryan Jones

Festus- Jefferson County Leader — Peggy Bess

Best Columnist — Serious Class 1

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

South Cass Tribune — Dennis Minich

Maryville Forum — Geoffrey Woehlke

Best Columnist — Serious Class 2

Phelps County Focus — Donald Dodd

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Dennis Warden

Versailles Leader-Statesman — Bryan Jones



Wiley Price with the St. Louis American captured this shot and first place in Best Sports Photo for large weeklies.

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Best Columnist — Serious Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
Peggy Bess

Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
Gordon Bess

Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
Laura Marlow

St. Louis American — Mike Jones

Best News Photograph Class 1

Greenfield Vedette — Gina Langston

Mexico Ledger — Nathan Lilley

Maries County Advocate —
Jacob Warden

Van Buren The Current Local —
Mike Grassham

Best News Photograph Class 2

Richmond News —

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Gainesville Ozark County Times —
Jessi Dreckman

Laclede County Record — Chris Roden

Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Best News Photograph Class 3

Washington Missourian —
Ethan Colbert

Washington Missourian —
Julia Hansen

St. Louis Call Newspapers —
Erin Achenbach

Washington Missourian —
Julia Hansen

Best Feature Photograph Class 1

Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari

Van Buren The Current Local —
Mike Grassham

Centralia Fireside Guard —
James Smith

Centralia Fireside Guard —
James Smith

Best Feature Photograph Class 2

Perryville Perry County

Republic-Monitor — Justin Hotop
Richmond News —

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Wright County Journal — Ron Schott
Richmond News —

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Feature Photograph Class 3

St. Louis Webster — Kirkwood Times
— Ursula Ruhl

St. Louis American — Wiley Price
Kansas City Northeast News —

Elizabeth Orosco

Washington Missourian —
Julia Hansen

Best Sports Photograph Class 1

Van Buren The Current Local —
Mike Grassham



The *Richmond News*' Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia captured the "snow" that comes every May with the end of the Missouri General Assembly's legislative session. This Best News Photo winner is from the legislature's 2020 session, which was affected by coronavirus.

Shelbyville Shelby County Herald —
Marlana Smith

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
Maries County Advocate —

Jacob Warden

Best Sports Photograph Class 2

Odessa Odessan — Kory Hales

Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Laclede County Record — Alex Boyer

Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Best Sports Photograph Class 3

St. Louis American — Wiley Price

Washington Missourian —

Arron Hustead

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 1

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 2

Gainesville Ozark County Times —
Karla Smith

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader —
Clint Dye

Owensville Gasconade Co.

Republican — Will Johnson

Odessa Odessan — Kory Hales

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
Ron Rigdon

Washington Missourian —

Arron Hustead

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

Best Photo Illustration Classes 1 & 2

Van Buren The Current Local —
Mike Grassham

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader —
Brett Adkison, Autumn Barnett

Richmond News —

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Richmond News —

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Photo Illustration Class 3

Courier-Tribune — Mac Moore

Washington Missourian —

Ethan Colbert

Courier-Tribune — Mac Moore

Washington Missourian —

Julia Hansen

Best Photo Package Class 1

Greenfield Vedette —

Gina Langston, Roger Pottorff

Maries County Advocate —

Jacob Warden

Savannah Reporter —

Brent Rosenauer, Ken Rosenauer

Best Photo Package Class 2

Richmond News —

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Linn Unterrified Democrat —

Neal Johnson, Jacob Warden

Owensville Gasconade Co.

Republican — Dave Marner

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican
— Dennis Warden

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Best Photo Package Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal — Dilip Vishwanat

Washington Missourian — Julia Hansen

St. Louis American — Wiley Price

Washington Missourian — Staff

Community Service Classes 1 & 2

Cassville Democrat — Jordan Troutman, Melonie Roberts

Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Gainesville Ozark County Times — Jessi Dreckman,
Sue Ann Jones

Phelps County Focus — Staff

Community Service Class 3

St. Louis American — Staff

St. Louis Business Journal — Staff

St. Louis Business Journal — Staff

Best Editorial Pages Class 3

Washington Missourian — Patricia Miller, Ethan Colbert

Festus- Jefferson County Leader — Staff

St. Louis American — Staff

St. Louis Call Newspapers — Gloria Lloyd

Best Sports Pages Class 1

Cassville Democrat — Staff

Maryville Forum — Staff

South Cass Tribune — Christopher Tenpenny,

Dennis Minich

Maries County Advocate — Staff

Best Sports Pages Class 2

Richmond News — Shawn Roney, Dustin Danner,

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Laclede County Record — Alex Boyer, Fines Massey,
Shawna Bradley

Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Phelps County Focus — Donald Dodd, Dave Roberts, Staff

Best Sports Pages Class 3

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle, Arron Hustead

Courier-Tribune — Mac Moore

St. Louis American — Earl Austin Jr., Alvin Reid

Best Sports News Story Class 1

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra

Cassville Democrat — Jared Lankford, Kyle Troutman

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra

Best Sports News Story Class 2

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Will Johnson

Laclede County Record — Alex Boyer

Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Will Johnson

Best Sports News Story Class 3

St. Louis American — Sports Team

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

Courier-Tribune — Mac Moore

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

Best Sports Feature Story Class 1

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra

South Cass Tribune — Christopher Tenpenny

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra

Greenfield Vedette — James McNary

Best Sports Feature Story Class 2

Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Richmond News — Shawn Roney

Laclede County Record — Alex Boyer

Ozark | Christian County Headliner News — Pat Dailey

Best Sports Feature Story Class 3

St. Louis American — Earl Austin Jr.

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly — David Baugher

Washington Missourian — Arron Hustead

Washington Missourian — Arron Hustead

Best Sports Columnist**Classes 1 & 2**

Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Will Johnson

Best Sports Columnist Class 3

St. Louis American — Alvin A. Reid

St. Louis American — Earl Austin, Jr.

Festus- Jefferson County Leader — Russell Korando

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

Best News or Feature Special Section Class 1

Cassville Democrat — Staff

Maryville Forum — Staff

Maryville Forum — Staff

Maryville Forum — Staff



Karla Smith won Best Sports Feature Photo for mid-size weeklies with this shot for the *Ozark County Times*, Gainesville.

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Best News or Feature Special Section Class 2

Gainesville Ozark County Times — Sue Ann Jones,
 Jenny Yarger, Regina Mazingo, Jessi Dreckman
 Laclede County Record — Fines Massey, Chris Roden,
 Jennifer Early, Shawna Bradley
 Springfield Business Journal — Marty Goodnight,
 Eric Olson, Amanda Miller, McKenzie Robinson
 Laclede County Record — Fines Massey, Chris Roden,
 Steve Smith, Shawana Bradley, Jennifer Early

Best News or Feature Special Section Class 3

Courier-Tribune — Staff
 Washington Missourian — Staff
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader — Laura Marlow, Staff
 St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly — Staff

Best Investigative Reporting Classes 1 & 2

Phelps County Focus — Andrew Sheeley
 Phelps County Focus — Andrew Sheeley
 Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Investigative Reporting Class 3

St. Louis Call Newspapers — Gloria Lloyd
 St. Louis American — Rebecca Rivas
 St. Louis American — Rebecca Rivas
 St. Louis American — Sophie Hurwitz

Best Local Business Coverage Classes 1 & 2

Springfield Business Journal — Staff
 Odessa Odessan — Hannah Spaar
 Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Best Local Business Coverage Class 3

St. Louis American — Staff
 St. Louis Business Journal — Staff
 St. Louis Webster — Kirkwood Times —
 Jamie Mowers, Melissa Wilkinson

Best Business Story Class 1

California Democrat — Austin Hornbostel
 Maries County Advocate — Neal Johnson
 Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
 Kahoka The Media — Mike Scott

Best Business Story Class 2

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

Perryville Perry County Republic-Monitor — Robert Cox

Best Business Story Class 3

Washington Missourian — Elena K. Cruz
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader — Gordon Bess
 Washington Missourian — Elena K. Cruz
 St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly — Jessica Shumaker

Best Coverage of Government Class 1

Maryville Forum — The Maryville Forum
 Maries County Advocate — Roxie Murphy, Jacob Warden
 Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
 South Cass Tribune — Dennis Minich

Best Coverage of Government Class 2

Odessa Odessan — Hannah Spaar
 Perryville Perry County Republic-Monitor — Robert Cox
 Houston Herald — Doug Davison
 Phelps County Focus — R.D. Hohenfeldt

Best Coverage of Government Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader — Steve Taylor
 Kansas City Northeast News — Abby Hoover
 Kansas City Northeast News — Elizabeth Orosco
 Courier-Tribune — Amanda Lubinski

Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture

Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Washington Missourian — Laura Miserez, Julia Hansen,
 Kristen Dragotto
 Courier-Tribune — Kellie Houx
 Houston Herald — Staff

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Class 1

Cassville Democrat — Jordan Troutman
 Edina Sentinel — Echo Menges
 Greenfield Vedette — James McNary

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Class 2

Houston Herald — Doug Davison
 Laclede County Record — Steve Smith
 Phelps County Focus — Kaitlin Brothers
 Laclede County Record — Christy Dieman

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Class 3

Washington Missourian — Julie Murphy
 Washington Missourian — Staff
 Washington Missourian — Kristen Dragotto
 Washington Missourian — Laura Miserez

Best Story About Religion Class 1

Shelbyville Shelby County Herald — Troy Treasure
 South Cass Tribune — Sheryl Stanley
 Maries County Advocate — Laura Schiermeier

Cassville Democrat — Jordan Troutman

Best Story About Religion Class 2

Phelps County Focus — Andrew Sheeley
 Laclede County Record — Christy Dieman
 Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Story About Religion Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader — Laura Marlow
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader — Steve Taylor
 Washington Missourian — Laura Miserez
 Washington Missourian — Laura Miserez



Gina Langston and the *Greenfield Vedette* won first in small weeklies with this Best News Photo.

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

**Best Story About Education
Class 1**

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
California Democrat —
Austin Hornbostel
Maries County Advocate —
Roxie Murphy

**Best Story About Education
Class 2**

Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Gainesville Ozark County Times —
Jessi Dreckman
Laclede County Record —
Laura Valenti

**Best Story About Education
Class 3**

Washington Missourian —
Laura Miserez
Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
Laura Marlow
St. Louis American — Rebecca Rivas
St. Louis Webster — Kirkwood Times
— Melissa Wilkinson

**Best Story About the Outdoors
Class 1**

Mexico Ledger — Nathan Lilley
Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
Van Buren The Current Local — Mike
Grassham

**Best Story About the Outdoors
Class 2**

Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Laclede County Record — Chris Roden
Gainesville Ozark County Times —
Amelia LaMair

Laclede County Record — Chris Roden

**Best Story About the Outdoors
Class 3**

Washington Missourian —
Laura Miserez
Washington Missourian —
Laura Miserez
St. Louis American — Sophie Hurwitz
Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
Laura Marlow

Best Story About History Class 1

Maries County Advocate —
Laura Schiermeier
Maries County Advocate —
Laura Schiermeier
South Cass Tribune — Sheryl Stanley

Best Story About History Class 2



The Maryville Forum's Jon Dykstra captured these players' emotion and first place Best Sports Feature Photo for small weeklies with this shot.

Laclede County Record —
Kirk Pearce
Gainesville Ozark County Times —
Sue Ann Jones
Gainesville Ozark County Times —
Wayne Sayles
Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Best Story About History Class 3

St. Louis American — Kenya Vaughn
Washington Missourian —
Laura Miserez
Washington Missourian —
Laura Miserez
Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
Laura Marlow

Best Military Story Class 1

California Democrat —
Austin Hornbostel
California Democrat —
Austin Hornbostel
Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari

Best Military Story Class 2

Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Phelps County Focus —
Kaitlin Brothers
Gainesville Ozark County Times —
Sue Ann Jones

Best Military Story Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
Laura Marlow
Washington Missourian —
Geoff Folsom
Festus- Jefferson County Leader —

Tony Krausz

Best Page Design Class 1

Maryville Forum — Staff
Maryville Forum — Staff
Maries County Advocate —
Jacob Warden

Best Page Design Class 2

Houston Herald — Doug Davison
Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Laclede County Record —
Shawna Bradley

Odessa Odessan — Hannah Spaar

Best Page Design Class 3

Courier-Tribune — Mac Moore
St. Louis American — Mike Terhaar
St. Louis American — Melvin Moore
Washington Missourian —
Julia Hansen, Sarah Moore

Best Information Graphic Class 2

Odessa Odessan — Hannah Spaar
Warrenton Warren County Record —
Adam Rollins, Scott Dupree
Odessa Odessan — Hannah Spaar
Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Information Graphic Class 3

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly —
Ryan O'Shea
St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly —
Ryan O'Shea
Washington Missourian —
Sharon Pruessner
Washington Missourian —
Sarah Moore, Elena K. Cruz,
Kristen Dragotto

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Best Editorial Cartoon Class 2

Richmond News —
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Richmond News —
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Richmond News —
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Monroe City Lake Gazette —
 Dennis Fletcher

Best Editorial Cartoon Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
 Judy Dixon
 Kansas City Northeast News —
 Bryan Stalder
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
 Judy Dixon
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
 Judy Dixon

Best Newspapers in Education Project Class 2

Eldon Advertiser —
 Tammy Witherspoon
 Eldon Advertiser —
 Tammy Witherspoon

Best Newspapers in Education Project Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
 Peggy Scott, Staff
 St. Louis American — Cathy Sewell

Best Online Newspaper or Website Class 1

Cassville Democrat — Staff
 Edina Sentinel — Elsa Besler,
 Mike Scott, Echo Menges
 Savannah Reporter —
 Brent Rosenauer, Ken Rosenauer
 Maryville Forum — Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website Class 2

Phelps County Focus — Staff
 Houston Herald — Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website Class 3

Washington Missourian — Staff
 St. Louis Webster — Kirkwood Times
 — Randy Drilingas, Amanda Zarecki
 St. Louis American — Staff

Best Video Classes 1 & 2

Phelps County Focus —
 Kaitlin Brothers
 Phelps County Focus —
 Kaitlin Brothers

Cassville Democrat — Staff

Best Video Class 3

St. Louis American — Rebecca Rivas
 St. Louis American — Rebecca Rivas
 Kansas City Northeast News —
 Michael Bushnell, Bryan Stalder



Ursula Ruhl's doggone good photo secured first for the *Webster-Kirkwood Times* in Best Feature Photo for large weeklies.

St. Louis American — Dawn Suggs

Best Headline Writing Classes 1 & 2

Phelps County Focus — Staff
 Laclede County Record —
 Fines Massey

Houston Herald — Doug Davison
 Cassville Democrat — Staff

Best Headline Writing Class 3

Washington Missourian — Staff
 St. Louis American — Staff
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
 Staff

Best News or Feature Obituary Class 1

California Democrat — Paula Tredway
 Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
 Maries County Advocate —
 Roxie Murphy
 Cassville Democrat —
 Jordan Troutman

Best News or Feature Obituary Class 2

Gainesville Ozark County Times —
 Sue Ann Jones
 Gainesville Ozark County Times —
 Sue Ann Jones
 Gainesville Ozark County Times —
 Jessi Dreckman
 Gainesville Ozark County Times —
 Sue Ann Jones

Best News or Feature Obituary Class 3

St. Louis American — Kenya Vaughn,
 Chris King
 St. Louis American — Kenya Vaughn,
 Chris King
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader —

Steve Taylor

Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
 Laura Marlow

Multi-Media Reporting

Springfield Business Journal —
 Christine Temple

St. Louis American — Staff

Edina Sentinel — Echo Menges

Magazine/Alternative Publication

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly
 — Staff

Laclede County Record — Fines
 Massey, Shawna Bradley, Chris Roden
 Washington Missourian — Staff

Best Health Story Class 1

South Cass Tribune — Dennis Minich
 Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
 Cassville Democrat —
 Jordan Troutman

Maryville Forum — Geoffrey Woehlk

Best Health Story Class 2

Richmond News —
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Gainesville Ozark County Times —
 Norene Prososki

Wright County Journal — Ron Schott
 Perryville Perry County Republic-
 Monitor — Robert Cox

Best Health Story Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
 Laura Marlow

Courier-Tribune — Kellie Houx
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
 Laura Marlow

Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
 Laura Marlow

Best COVID-19 Coverage Class 1

South Cass Tribune — Dennis
 Minich, Sheryl Stanley
 Maryville Forum — Staff
 Cassville Democrat — Staff
 Edina Sentinel — Echo Menges,
 Emilie Rumble

Best COVID-19 Coverage Class 2

Springfield Business Journal — Staff
 Richmond News —
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Ste. Genevieve Herald — Toby Carrig,
 Mark Evans

Gainesville Ozark County Times —
 Sue Ann Jones

Best COVID-19 Coverage Class 3

Courier-Tribune — Staff
 St. Louis Business Journal — staff
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
 Staff
 St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly
 — Staff

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Mitch Prentice and the *Camdenton Lake Sun Leader* won first in Best Feature Photo small dailies.

Dailies

General Excellence Class 1

Monett Times — Staff
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Mitch Prentice,
Joyce Miller, Michael Losch, Charis Patires

General Excellence Class 2

Columbia Missourian — Staff
Joplin Globe — Staff
Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian — Staff
Columbia Daily Tribune — Staff

General Excellence Class 3

Springfield News-Leader — Staff
The Kansas City Star — Staff

Best Overall Design

Columbia Missourian — Staff
Monett Times — Staff
Joplin Globe — Staff
Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian — Staff

Best Front Page Classes 1 & 2

Columbia Missourian — Staff
Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian — Staff
Columbia Daily Tribune — Staff
Joplin Globe — Staff

Best Front Page Class 3

The Kansas City Star — Staff
Springfield News-Leader — Staff

Best Breaking News Story Class 1

Sedalia Democrat — Nicole Cooke
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Michael Losch
Fulton Sun — Helen Wilbers

Best Breaking News Story Class 2

Sedalia Democrat — Emily Walton
Missouri Independent — Tessa Weinberg

Best Breaking News Story Class 3

Joplin Globe — Andy Ostmeyer
Jefferson City News Tribune — Jeff Haldiman, Phillip Sitter
Joplin Globe — Kimberly Barker
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Annika Merrilees
Springfield News-Leader — Harrison Keegan
The Kansas City Star — Glenn E. Rice, Andrea Klick,

Katie Moore

The Kansas City Star — Anna Spoerre, Jill Toyoshiba

Best News Story Class 1

Marshall Democrat-News — Chris Allen
Park Hills Daily Journal — Sarah Haas
Sedalia Democrat — Hope Lecchi
West Plains Daily Quill — Kimberly Langston

Best News Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian — Galen Bacharier
Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian — Jeff Long
Missouri Independent — Rebecca Rivas
Joplin Globe — Kevin McClintock

Best News Story Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Erin Heffernan, Joel Currier
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Jeremy Kohler
Springfield News-Leader — Gregory J. Holman
The Kansas City Star — Katie Moore

Best Feature Story Class 1

Park Hills Daily Journal — Kevin Jenkins
Fulton Sun — Olivia Garrett
Sedalia Democrat — Nicole Cooke,
Faith Bemiss, Hope Lecchi
Monett Times — Melonie Roberts

Best Feature Story Class 2

Columbia Daily Tribune — Aarik Danielsen
Columbia Missourian — Leanne Tippet Mosby
Joplin Globe — Kevin McClintock
Joplin Globe — Kimberly Barker

Best Feature Story Class 3

The Kansas City Star — Lisa Gutierrez
Springfield News-Leader — Jackie Rehwald
The Kansas City Star — Mará Rose Williams
Springfield News-Leader — Steve Pokin

Best News or Feature Series Class 1

Fulton Sun — Olivia Garrett
Monett Times — Melonie Roberts
Monett Times — Kyle Troutman

Best News or Feature Series Class 2

Columbia Missourian — Staff
Columbia Missourian — Tynan Stewart, Caitlyn Rosen,
Mikayla Easley, Lillie Hegeman, Seth Bodine
LakeExpo — Nathan Bechtold, Deborah Wolfe,
Al Griffin, Vicki Wood

Jefferson City News Tribune — Joe Gamm,
Jeff Haldiman, Layne Stracener, Phillip Sitter, Emily Cole

Best News or Feature Series Class 3

The Kansas City Star — Humera Lodhi,
Kaitlin Washburn, Jelani Gibson, Erin Heffernan,
Joel Currier, Harrison Keegan
Springfield News-Leader — Sara Karnes,
Gregory J. Holman

Springfield News-Leader — Gregory J. Holman
Springfield News-Leader — Gregory J. Holman

Best Editorial Class 2

Independence Examiner — Jeff Fox
Jefferson City News Tribune — Gerry Tritz
Jefferson City News Tribune — Gerry Tritz
Jefferson City News Tribune — Gerry Tritz

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Best Editorial Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Staff
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Staff
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Staff
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Staff

Best Columnist — Humorous

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Kevin McDermott
Independence Examiner — Jeff Fox
Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian — Jon K. Rust

Best Columnist — Serious Class 1

Monett Times — Kyle Troutman
Sedalia Democrat — Liz Schleicher
Sedalia Democrat — Bob Satnan

Best Columnist — Serious Class 2

Joplin Globe — Kevin McClintock
Missouri Independent — Jason Hancock
Independence Examiner — Jeff Fox
Joplin Globe — Andy Ostmeyer

Best Columnist — Serious Class 3

Springfield News-Leader — Steve Pokin
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Tony Messenger
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Kevin McDermott

Best News Photograph Class 1

West Plains Daily Quill — Kimberly Langston
Sedalia Democrat — Faith Bemiss
Sedalia Democrat — Nicole Cooke
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Mitch Prentice

Best News Photograph Class 2

Columbia Missourian — Armond Feffer
Columbia Missourian — Zephyrus Li
Columbia Daily Tribune — Madeline Carter
Joplin Globe — Laurie Sisk

Best News Photograph Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — David Carson
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Robert Cohen



Jill Toyoshiba of *The Kansas City Star* won Best Sports Photo for large dailies with this action-filled shot.



Laurie Skrivan and the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* won first in Best Feature Photo for large dailies.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Laurie Skrivan

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Robert Cohen

Best Feature Photograph Class 1

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Mitch Prentice
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Mitch Prentice
West Plains Daily Quill — Kimberly Langston
Sedalia Democrat — Faith Bemiss

Best Feature Photograph Class 2

Columbia Missourian — Brian W. Kratzer
Columbia Daily Tribune — Don Shrubshell
Jefferson City News Tribune — Liv Paggiarino
Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian — Ben Matthews

Best Feature Photograph Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
Laurie Skrivan
St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
Colter Peterson
The Kansas City Star — Jill Toyoshiba
St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
Robert Cohen

Best Sports Photograph Class 1

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader —
Michael Losch
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader —
Michael Losch
Park Hills Daily Journal — Matt King
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader —
Michael Losch

Best Sports Photograph Class 2

Columbia Missourian — Jeffrey Zide
Joplin Globe — Laurie Sisk
Jefferson City News Tribune —
Liv Paggiarino

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian — Tony Capobianco

Best Sports Photograph Class 3

The Kansas City Star — Jill Toyoshiba
Kansas City Star — Rich Sugg
Springfield News-Leader — Andrew Jansen
The Kansas City Star — Tammy Ljungblad

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Kimberly Langston won first for small dailies Best News Photo with this capture for the *West Plains Daily Quill*.

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 1

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Michael Losch

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Michael Losch

Park Hills Daily Journal — Matt King

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Michael Losch

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 2

Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic — Scott Borkgren

Columbia Missourian — Dan Shular

Columbia Missourian — Trenton Almgren-Davis

Jefferson City News Tribune — Liv Paggiarino

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 3

The Kansas City Star — Tammy Ljungblad

Springfield News-Leader — Andrew Jansen

The Kansas City Star — Jill Toyoshiba

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Colter Peterson

Best Photo Illustration Classes 1 & 2

Columbia Daily Tribune — Gabriela Velasquez

Jefferson City News Tribune — Liv Paggiarino

Columbia Missourian — Hillary Tan

Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian — Jacob Wiegand

Best Photo Illustration Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Christian Gooden

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Laurie Skrivan

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Laurie Skrivan

Springfield News-Leader — Andrew Jansen

Best Photo Package Class 1

Monett Times — Melonie Roberts

Marshall Democrat-News — Sarah Gray

Monett Times — Kyle Troutman, Melonie Roberts

Sedalia Democrat — Faith Bemiss

Best Photo Package Class 2

Columbia Missourian — Staff

Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian — Jacob Wiegand

Joplin Globe — Roger Nomer

Columbia Missourian — Staff

Best Photo Package Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Robert Cohen,

Gary Hairlson, Brent Fisher

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Laurie Skrivan,

Gary Hairlson, Wade Wilson

Springfield News-Leader — Andrew Jansen

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Laurie Skrivan,

Gary Hairlson, Wade Wilson

Community Service

Monett Times — Lisa Craft

Columbia Missourian — Staff

The Kansas City Star — Staff

Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff

Best Sports Pages

Monett Times — Staff

Joplin Globe — Staff

Columbia Daily Tribune — Staff

Jefferson City News Tribune — Tom Rackers, Greg Jackson,

Jason Strickland, Colin O'Brien

Best Sports News Story Class 1

Park Hills Daily Journal — Matt King

Park Hills Daily Journal — Matt King

Park Hills Daily Journal — Matt King

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Michael Losch

Best Sports News Story Class 2

Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic —

Scott Borkgren, Brian Rosener

Columbia Missourian — Liam Quinn

Columbia Missourian — Jackson Stone

Joplin Globe — Jim Henry

Best Sports News Story Class 3

The Kansas City Star — Sam McDowell

Springfield News-Leader — Wyatt D. Wheeler

The Kansas City Star — Sam McDowell

Best Sports Feature Story Class 1

Kirkville Daily Express & News — Austin Miller

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Michael Losch

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Michael Losch

Park Hills Daily Journal — Matt King

Best Sports Feature Story Class 2

Columbia Daily Tribune — Eric Blum

Columbia Missourian — Adam Cole

Columbia Missourian — Adam Cole

Columbia Missourian — Max Baker

Best Sports Feature Story Class 3

Springfield News-Leader — Wyatt D. Wheeler

The Kansas City Star — Sam McDowell, Eric Adler

The Kansas City Star — Sam McDowell

The Kansas City Star — Vahe Gregorian

Best Sports Columnist Class 1

West Plains Daily Quill — Chris Herbolsheimer

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Michael Losch

Best Sports Columnist Class 2

Jefferson City News Tribune — Tom Rackers

Columbia Daily Tribune — Kevin Graeler

Independence Examiner — Bill Althaus

Joplin Globe — Jim Henry

Best Sports Columnist Class 3

Springfield News-Leader — Wyatt D. Wheeler

The Kansas City Star — Sam Mellinger

The Kansas City Star — Vahe Gregorian

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

Marshall Democrat-News — Staff
Monett Times — Staff
Monett Times — Staff
Sedalia Democrat — Democrat &
Star-Journal Staff

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

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

**Best Investigative Reporting
Classes 1 & 2**

Columbia Missourian — Jordan
Meier, Mawa Iqbal, Spencer Norris
Fulton Sun — Helen Wilbers
Joplin Globe — Jeff Lehr
Jefferson City News Tribune —
Joe Gamm

**Best Investigative Reporting
Class 3**

The Kansas City Star —
Judy L. Thomas, Laura Bauer
The Kansas City Star — Luke Nozicka
Springfield News-Leader —
Steve Pokin

The Kansas City Star — Allie Kite,
Glenn E. Rice, Mike Hendricks

Best Local Business Coverage

Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff
Springfield News-Leader — Staff
Sedalia Democrat — Staff

Best Business Story Class 1

Park Hills Daily Journal — Sarah Haas
Sedalia Democrat — Emily Walton
Monett Times — Melonie Roberts
Marshall Democrat-News —
Sarah Gray

Best Business Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian —
Caitlyn Rosen, Seth Bodine
LakeExpo — Nathan Bechtold
Jefferson City News Tribune —
Nicole Roberts

Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian — Jay Wolz

Best Business Story Class 3

The Kansas City Star — Bryan Lowry,
Kevin Hardy, Steve Vockrodt
Springfield News-Leader — Katie Kull
St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
Colleen Schrappen
St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
Jacob Barker

Best Coverage of Government



Armond Feffer of the *Columbia Missourian* captured this shot of a University of Missouri student-led protest for first place in Best News Photo for mid-size dailies.

Class 1

Sedalia Democrat — Staff
Park Hills Daily Journal —
Mark Marberry
Park Hills Daily Journal —
Bobby Radford

**Best Coverage of Government
Class 2**

Missouri Independent — Tessa
Weinberg, Rudi Keller, Rebecca Rivas
Columbia Missourian — Staff
Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff
Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian — Rick Fahr

**Best Coverage of Government
Class 3**

St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
Jacob Barker
The Kansas City Star —
Jason Hancock, Kevin Hardy,
Steve Vockrodt
Springfield News-Leader —
Austin Huguelet

**Best Coverage of Rural Life or
Agriculture Classes 2 & 3**

Columbia Missourian —
Caitlyn Rosen, Seth Bodine,
Tynan Stewart, Lillie Hegeman
Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff
Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian — Rick Fahr
Springfield News-Leader —
Wes Johnson, Jan Peterson

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

Monett Times — Melonie Roberts
Monett Times — Melonie Roberts
Sedalia Democrat — Emily Walton
Marshall Democrat-News —
Chris Allen

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

Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian — Jay Wolz
Columbia Missourian — Seth Bodine
Columbia Missourian —
Ziye Kelsey Tang

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

The Kansas City Star —
Mike Hendricks
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Jesse Bogan
The Kansas City Star —
Judy L. Thomas, Laura Bauer
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Jesse Bogan

**Best Story About Religion
Class 1**

Sedalia Democrat — Hope Lecchi
Fulton Sun — Olivia Garrett
Park Hills Daily Journal —
Victoria Kemper

**Best Story About Religion
Class 2**

Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian — Ben Matthews
Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian — Jacob Wiegand
LakeExpo — Kate Robbins
Joplin Globe — Kevin McClintock

**Best Story About Religion
Class 3**

St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
Erin Heffernan
Springfield News-Leader —
Steve Pokin
Springfield News-Leader —
Harrison Keegan
Springfield News-Leader —
Sara Karnes

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Best Story About Education Class 1

Sedalia Democrat — Hope Lecchi
West Plains Daily Quill — Kimberly Langston

Best Story About Education Class 2

Columbia Missourian — Tran Nguyen
Jefferson City News Tribune — Layne Stracener
Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian — Jay Wolz

Missouri Independent — Tessa Weinberg

Best Story About Education Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
Blythe Bernhard, Laurie Skrivan
The Kansas City Star — Sarah Ritter
The Kansas City Star — Mará Rose Williams, Sarah Ritter
Springfield News-Leader — Claudette Riley

Best Story About the Outdoors Class 1

West Plains Daily Quill — Kimberly Langston
Monett Times — Jordan Troutman

West Plains Daily Quill — Kimberly Langston

Best Story About the Outdoors Class 2

Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian — Jacob Wiegand
Columbia Missourian — Abbey Tauchen
Columbia Missourian — Savannah Bennett
Columbia Missourian — Xander Negozio

Best Story About the Outdoors Class 3

Springfield News-Leader — Wes Johnson
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Bryce Gray
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Valerie Schremp Hahn
Springfield News-Leader — Wes Johnson

Best Story About History Class 1

Monett Times — Mike Gervais
Fulton Sun — Helen Wilbers
West Plains Daily Quill — Chris Herbolsheimer
Sedalia Democrat — Hope Lecchi

Best Story About History Class 2

Joplin Globe — Emily Younker
Joplin Globe — Andy Ostmeyer
Columbia Missourian — Max Baker
Missouri Independent — Rudi Keller

Best Story About History Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Jane Henderson
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Valerie Schremp Hahn
The Kansas City Star — Eric Adler
Springfield News-Leader — Steve Pokin

Best Military Story Class 1

Fulton Sun — Helen Wilbers
Sedalia Democrat — Faith Bemiss
Monett Times — Melonie Roberts
Sedalia Democrat — Hope Lecchi

Best Military Story Class 2

Columbia Daily Tribune — Aarik Danielsen
Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian — Rick Fahr
Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic — Donna Farley
Columbia Missourian — Abbey Tauchen

Best Military Story Class 3

Springfield News-Leader — Steve Pokin
The Kansas City Star — Tara Copp,
Jason Hancock, Bryan Lowry
Springfield News-Leader — Steve Pokin

Springfield News-Leader — Wes Johnson

Best Page Design Class 2

Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian — Staff
Columbia Daily Tribune — Staff
Jefferson City News Tribune — Molly Morris
Columbia Missourian — Staff

Best Information Graphic Classes 2 & 3

Columbia Missourian — Ben Scott
Columbia Missourian — Jessica Blake
Joplin Globe — Nathan Mills
Springfield News-Leader — Austin Huguelet

Best Editorial Cartoon Class 2

Jefferson City News Tribune — Jim Dyke
Columbia Missourian — John Darkow
Independence Examiner — Joe Liccar
Jefferson City News Tribune — Jim Dyke

Best Newspapers in Education Project Class 2

Joplin Globe — Amanda Stone
Joplin Globe — Amanda Stone

Best Online Newspaper or Website Class 1

Sedalia Democrat — Staff
Monett Times — Staff
Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Mitch Prentice,
Joyce Miller, Michael Losch, Charis Patires
Best Online Newspaper or Website Classes 2 & 3
Columbia Missourian — Staff

Missouri Independent — Jason Hancock
Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff

LakeExpo — Brent Simpson, Nathan Bechtold, Sara Halverson, Gina Garriott, Kate Robbins, Taylor Buckley

Best Video Classes 1 & 2

Jefferson City News Tribune — Nicole Roberts
Columbia Missourian — Staff
Columbia Missourian — Zephyrus Li, Grace Noteboom,
Megan Oosthuizen, Minh Connors, Jacob Moscovitch,
Brian Kratzer

Columbia Daily Tribune — Eric Blum

Best Video Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Colter Peterson
St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Colter Peterson



Scott Borkgren of the *Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic* captured this celebration for first place in Best Sports Feature Photo for mid-size dailies.

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 Tammy Ljungblad
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
 Colter Peterson

Best Headline Writing

Springfield News-Leader — Harrison
 Keegan, Steve Pokin, Wes Johnson,
 Amos Bridges, Stephen Herzog
 Missouri Independent —
 Jason Hancock

Columbia Missourian — Staff

**Best News or Feature Obituary
 Class 1**

Kirkville Daily Express & News —
 Austin Miller

Kirkville Daily Express & News —
 Austin Miller

Sedalia Democrat — Hope Lecchi

Sedalia Democrat — Nicole Cooke

**Best News or Feature Obituary
 Class 2**

Columbia Missourian —

Roshae Hemmings

Columbia Missourian — Connor Giffin

Joplin Globe — Jim Henry

Columbia Missourian —

Roshae Hemmings

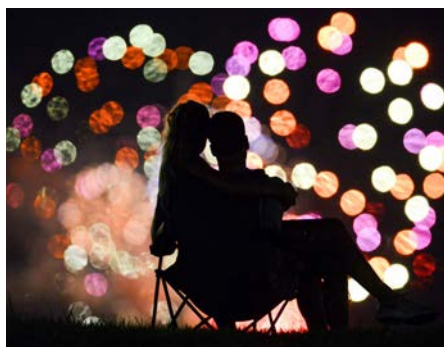
**Best News or Feature Obituary
 Class 3**

Springfield News-Leader —

Wes Johnson

Springfield News-Leader —

Austin Huguelet



The *Columbia Missourian's* Brian Kratzer was able to make this explosive shot and won Best Feature Photo for mid-size dailies.

Springfield News-Leader —

Claudette Riley

St. Louis Post-Dispatch —

Erin Heffernan

Multi-Media Reporting

Columbia Missourian — Staff

Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff

Joplin Globe — Staff

**Magazine/Alternative
 Publication**

Joplin Globe — Kevin McClintock

Camdenton Lake Sun Leader —

Charis Patires

Monett Times — Staff

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian — Staff

Best Health Story Class 1

Sedalia Democrat — Nicole Cooke

Monett Times — Melonie Roberts

West Plains Daily Quill —

Nicholas Haring

Best Health Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian —

Janae McKenzie

Jefferson City News Tribune —

Joe Gamm

Cape Girardeau Southeast

Missourian — Jay Wolz

Missouri Independent —

Adam Satrya Jackson

Best Health Story Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch —

Michele Munz

St. Louis Post-Dispatch —

Michele Munz, David Carson

Springfield News-Leader —

Austin Huguelet

St. Louis Post-Dispatch —

Michele Munz, Laurie Skrivan

Best Coverage of Elections

Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff

Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff

Springfield News-Leader — Staff

Joplin Globe — Emily Younker

Best COVID-19 Coverage

Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic

— Staff

Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff

Independence Examiner — Jeff Fox,

Mike Genet

Columbia Daily Tribune — Staff

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Make sure your documents are recorded by the book

Recently, in my private law practice, I had occasion to record a publisher's affidavit document that arrived in a format which I have not seen in some time. And it caused me to think again that perhaps it is time for a quick refresher course for those of you who deal with such documents on a daily basis. Or a weekly basis ... Or a semi-weekly basis ...

The statute relating to requirements for a document to be recorded has only been changed a few times since the current "version" of the Missouri Statutes was adopted in 1939. Changes were made in the 1950s, and in the early 1980s. Then in 2001, major changes were made. At that point in time, much about newspapers was computerized and electronic versions of papers were very common. So, since that date, some of you have updated the way publishers' affidavits are done. Those of you who haven't done so might take a look at your process because it's definitely time for a change.

First, let's recognize that a publisher's affidavit is not an affidavit that swears that what you affix to the affidavit is the "official" copy of what ran in your paper. What you swear to in that affidavit is that the copy affixed is a "true and accurate copy" of what ran. You are verifying that the copy you provide accurately reproduces what ran, how often it ran, and on what dates.

Section 59.310 in the Missouri Statutes sets out the rules for what can be recorded. It specifically provides that an attachment cannot be "stapled or otherwise affixed" to any page. This is where I want to start ... If you are cutting and pasting a copy of a legal notice ad to the affidavit, you may well be jeopardizing its ability to get recorded.

In the "olden days," I think attorneys likely removed such attachments and just pasted them onto another piece of paper to send to the Recorder. But instead of that, let's be very "high-tech"

about this. You can copy your ad electronically and you can insert it either on the page you are putting your affidavit on and wrap the affidavit around it, or if necessary because it is large, you can include it within the affidavit as a separate page within the document so it's included in your "sworn statement." It becomes much more professional and certainly more readable than a clipping from newsprint when done in that format.

Also be aware that Recorders cannot record any document containing a font-type smaller than 8-point font. If something is printed in that size font for some reason, the Recorder must also record "an exact typewritten copy" of the small-font material to be recorded contemporaneously as additional pages in the document.

If you sign the affidavit, that same statute requires that your name be typed, printed or stamped underneath the signature. The stamp or inked seal cannot cover or otherwise interfere with the document's contents.

Margins on any document to be recorded must be 3 inches on the top and 3/4 of an inch on all sides (another good reason not to cut and paste a copy of an ad onto an affidavit where it extends beyond the margin of the page).

In general, only legal notices related to land are going to have to be recorded. But with court pleadings now online, and available via Case.net,

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affidavits for court purposes (such as published notices to parties involved in lawsuits) should also be formatted to fit this 8.5 by 11 inch format in order to make filing such documents easier for your clients.

As noted earlier, the key to this is remembering that you are simply swearing in these affidavits that the sample you are electronically attaching is a true and accurate copy of something that

ran in your newspaper on a certain date or for a certain period of time.

And one final thought — if you had reason to do an affidavit related to an ad that ran long ago, there is no need to have archived copies of the paper from which to clip a copy of the ad. You are fine to simply scan/copy the ad, turn it into a PDF or .jpg and affix it to your affidavit. Archival copies of issues may have some significance in terms of what you sell if the paper is sold, but they are not required to be maintained so you can clip those copies for attachments to affidavits.

Needless to say, the big issue underlying all of this is the need to maintain your electronic records in an up-to-date, accessible format. But that's a discussion for some other day!



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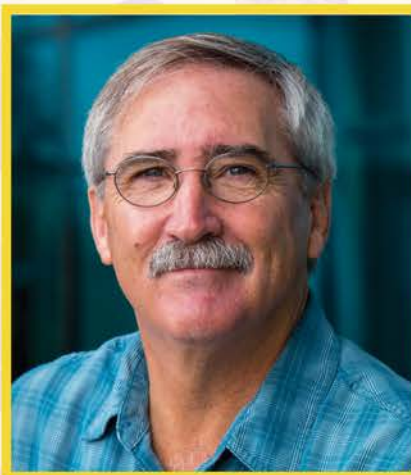


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