



2021 Missouri Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest

Results and Judges Comments

01.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Monett Times		Staff
Second Place	Lake Sun Leader	Lake Sun, 2020	Mitch Prentice, Joyce Miller, Michael Losch and Charis Patires

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	The Missourian Staff
Second Place	Joplin Globe		Staff
Third Place	Southeast Missourian		Southeast Missourian
Honorable Mention	Columbia Daily Tribune		Columbia Daily Tribune Staff

01.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Springfield News-Leader		News-Leader Staff
Second Place	The Kansas City Star	The Kansas City Star	Staff

01.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Maries County Advocate Very attractive front pages with a clean design throughout. The issues were filled with content, strong photography and extensive sports coverage.		Staff
Second Place	Cassville Democrat Strong photography and compelling human interest stories, particularly in the October pink issue's front page.		Staff
Third Place	Maryville Forum The PI photo of snow geese was nicely done. Extensive sports coverage, good coverage of the BLM march, and judicious use of AP stories, a rarity among weeklies.		
Honorable Mention	Savannah Reporter Very newsy issues. "Coronavirus Central" was useful to readers. Strong commentary page.		Brent Rosenauer, Ken Rosenauer,

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First Place	Laclede County Record Eye-catching magazine style cover. Tons of coverage. Interesting features. Strong sports coverage and good photography. An all-around strong newspaper.		Laclede County Record

Second Place Richmond News
 Excellent coverage of COVID-19, especially for a small weekly. Impressed especially "We Are The World" Zoom feature. Lots of local content, especially with the "online extra" component. Editor in chief doing yeoman work producing stories, especially in covering the state legislature.

Third Place Gasconade County Republican **Staff**
 Lots of content, thorough sports coverage, bulky paper, strong editorial page, heavy ad count

Honorable Mention Clinton County Leader **Brett Adkison, Autumn Barnett, Steve Tinnen Nikki Keling and Betty Dickinson**
 Lots of local content. I especially enjoyed the Insider section. Strong sports coverage, Plenty to read.

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

First Place St. Louis American **The St. Louis American Staff**
 A very strong entry among several. It stands out for its thorough coverage of its community, strong editorial stands, Excellent Health Matters section and lots of relevant content.

Second Place St. Louis Business Journal **Erik Siemers and Staff**
 Clean attractive layout, extensive coverage of the business community. The package covering the St. Louis Arch was excellent. Consistently strong in all the issues submitted.

Third Place Webster - Kirkwood Times **Jaime Mowers, Kevin Murphy, Randy Drilingas, Melissa Wilkinson, Amanda Zarecki and Kent**
 This paper was online only from March until a group of employees bought it and revived the print product. It was returned with strong local content, robust advertising and a clean look.

Honorable Mention Courier-Tribune **Courier-Tribune**
 Strong photography and top-notch sports coverage. The Working Today feature is a great idea.

02.) Best Overall Design | Dailies *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place Columbia Missourian **Overall Design** **The Missourian Staff**

Second Place Monett Times **Monett Best Design** **Staff**

Third Place Joplin Globe **Staff**

Honorable Mention Southeast Missourian **Southeast Missourian**

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

First Place Maryville Forum **02 - Best Overall Design**
 Good use of photos in special sections.
 Consistent layout among all pages. Progress and Winter sports flow seamless with publications.
 Eye-catching from front to back of all 113 pages.

Second Place Greenfield Vedette **The Vedette (Jan/Sept/Dec)** **Staff**
 Part 1: Nice use of photos. Good news flow
 Part 2: Again nice use of photos, good news flow, Full page for baby show puts multiple faces in the paper.
 Part 3: Nice flow with a profitable publication filled with Ads. Great way to close out a year with revenue when there isn't a lot going on content wise. 30+ faces on the front page

Third Place Maries County Advocate **Staff**
 Part 1: nice use of cutout to transform a podium photo into an element on the page.
 Part 2: Lots of photos and faces in this publication.
 Part 3: Lots of faces again, good news flow on pages. Santa Letters another solid publication.

Honorable Mention Cassville Democrat **Staff**

02.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Laclede County Record****LCR Best Overall Design****Fines Massey and Shawna Bradley****Second Place** **Richmond News****2 Overall Design, Richmond News****Third Place** **Houston Herald****Staff****Honorable Mention** **Springfield Business Journal****Amanda Miller, Heather Mosley and McKenzie Robinson****02.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Webster - Kirkwood Times****Webster-Kirkwood Times Best Overall****Jaime Mowers, Kevin Murphy, Melissa Wilkinson, Amanda Zarecki, Randy Drilingas and Kent****Second Place** **St. Louis American****The St. Louis American Staff****Third Place** **Washington Missourian****Sharon Pruessner, Brenda Klekamp,****03.) Best Front Page | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **The Kansas City Star****The Kansas City Star****Staff**

Love the packaging, color palette and proportion of the design. Writing is solid with interesting, relevant content for readers. Great use of wonderful photography. Love the refers and teasers. One of this nation's better-looking papers.

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader****SNL Best Front Page****News-Leader Staff**

Love the clean design and packaging of interesting and relevant stories. Great writing and headlines, solid playing up of good photography. Still solid packaging even having to work between top and bottom ads. Really well done and a great reference for what will be historical events in your community. Great work.

03.) Best Front Page | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian****Solidarity, Election Turnout, Unrest****The Missourian Staff**

Tasteful, impactful design. Reflected well the community's big issues of the times. Nice use of all-caps headlines, yet still subtle with weight used. Love font choices. Also, important, easy-to-read COVID box a helpful addition during unusual anxiety-filled time. Easily best in category. Well done.

Second Place **Southeast Missourian****Southeast Missourian**

Love the unique flag and color boxes are nice design touch - subtle enough not to overpower. Good use of white space - also love the star refers. Very tasteful. Kudos!

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune****Columbia Daily Tribune Staff**

Nice choice of story selection relevant to the time. Solid dominant art and community. Subtlety of design is appreciated, stories easy to read with plenty of white space on the page. Great use of powerful images.

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe****Staff**

Interesting, unique logo! Good, clean layout. Good central package each issue and nice use of photos and art elements (blueberry cutout). Headlines, subheads are proportional and informative. Good use of above-the-fold promo. Nice work!

03.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Cassville Democrat****Cassville Front Pages****Staff**

Really nice graphic work. Nice center package, teasers and refer/summary boxes. Good subtle use of color. (Drop shadows not really necessary but that's a nit pick. Lots of content, but good use of white space makes it feel uncrowded. Nice work!

Second Place **Maries County Advocate****MCA Best Front Page****Staff**

Great content on your community, and solid nose for what is interesting to your readers. Design is functional, but watch use of unnecessary lines. Also be aware of using too many headlines the same size. Very good job playing up murder conviction. Solid community coverage - keep up the great work.

Third Place Maryville Forum

Good packaging and color palette. Great job reflecting your community, from protests to masks. Good job teasing inside material at the top. Good job staying subtle on water color in feature package. Could use a little design updating with flag, fonts, but I can tell you serve your community well. Kudos!

Honorable Mention Greenfield Vedette

Gina Langston, Jamed McNary and Lavinia Thornhill

03.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Perry County Republic-Monitor

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Robert Cox

Nicely done. Tasteful design with mostly subtle color use. Good refer boxes and nice bold design on the flag. Excellent promo at the top for special sections, inside content. Well done.

Second Place Warren County Record

Best Front Page

Tim Schmidt

Nice, clean design and sophisticated logo. Like the teasers format and mostly subtle color design. No need to drop shadow on photos. Good writing and community coverage. Well done!

Third Place Wright County Journal

Ron Schott and Cayleb Thomas

Good use of color palette, modular design and white space. Consistency is key to your look.

Honorable Mention Clinton County Leader

Brett Adkison and Autumn Barnett

Nice design work and effective use of white space and subtlety with color. Like the Friday Night Lights refer. Keep up the good work!

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

Erik Siemers and Michael Behrens

Nice, sophisticated feel. Impactful, yet minimalist design on Time to Listen package. Well done. Beautiful use of portrait photography packaged with tasteful color design elements. Clean design, nice refers. Tops in category.

Second Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly

Missouri Lawyers Weekly: Jan. 13, June 8,

Ryan O'Shea

Nice layout and use of graphics. Proportion is excellent, as are cutouts and use of white space. Clean, well-done design and good choice of fonts. Modern, clean feel and nice subtle use of color. Overall, great work for a trade publication!

Third Place St. Louis American

Mike Terhaar

Excellent use of white space and impactful headlines. Proportion of design elements is solid. Solid use of good photos for important events for the community. Keep up the great work!

Honorable Mention Washington Missourian

Ethan Colbert

Nice teasers promoting inside material. Be careful about feature headline fonts (coffee story). Good use of art (cute photo of kids and snowflakes). Clean layout, but flag is a little confusing with WASHINGTON almost as large as Missourian. Stay consistent or move dateline to another spot. Good use of white space, color touches. Super job overall. Excellent, locally focused news and feel. Keep up the great work!

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Sedalia Democrat

One killed when truck crashes into Wendy's

Nicole Cooke

Second Place Lake Sun Leader

Storm damage at King's Plaza

Michael Losch

Third Place Fulton Sun

Prosecutors seek 17.5-year sentence in

Helen Wilbers

Honorable Mention Sedalia Democrat

Protest in Sedalia demands "Justice for

Emily Walton

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Missouri Independent

Kids reported abuse at schools...

Tessa Weinberg

Second Place	Joplin Globe	Olivia apartments ablaze just as plan for its	Andy Ostmeyer
Third Place	News Tribune	'No justice, no peace'	Jeff Haldiman and Phillip Sitter
Honorable Mention	Joplin Globe	UPDATED: Search for missing Welch girls	Kimberly Barker

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Poll worker dies	Annika Merrilees
Second Place	Springfield News-Leader	SNL Breaking: Officer among dead in mass	Harrison Keegan
Third Place	The Kansas City Star	Heartbroken and disgusted	Glenn E. Rice, Andrea Klick and Katie Moore
Honorable Mention	The Kansas City Star	Shouts and gunshots: Witness recalls fatal	Anna Spoerre and Jill Toyoshiba

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	The Current Local	Help for Watercress	Mike Grassham
Second Place	Cassville Democrat	CHS Teacher	Kyle Troutman
Third Place	California Democrat	Former Moniteau County assessor charged	Austin Hornbostel
Honorable Mention	Cassville Democrat	2 Die	Kyle Troutman

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Richmond News	Clay Circus	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Second Place	Richmond News	Protest at Capitol	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Third Place	The Odessan	Area goes quiet in pandemic response	Hannah Spaar
Honorable Mention	Richmond News	Intruder wild	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

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

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First Place	Washington Missourian	Hill Pleads Guilty To '17 Murder	The Missourian Staff
Second Place	Washington Missourian	Cold Case: Police Name Longtime Suspect	The Missourian Staff
Third Place	Washington Missourian	County Issues Mask Mandate	The Missourian Staff
Honorable Mention	Washington Missourian	Cold Case: Edwards' Death First For New	Laura Miserez

05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Descriptive, well written, good use of quotes.	Marshall Democrat-News	Courthouse protest	Chris Allen
Second Place Good, solid writing.	Park Hills Daily Journal	mandate 09-16-20	Sarah Haas
Third Place	Sedalia Democrat	Health Center board approves face mask	Hope Lecchi
Honorable Mention	West Plains Daily Quill	Judge's ruling could force sale of land	Kimberly Langston

05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Well written, detailed account - holds reader interest.	Columbia Missourian	MU refuses to remove Thomas Jefferson	Galen Bacharier
Second Place Difficult subject handled very well; organized history/background helps reader understand.	Southeast Missourian	Robinson, Sikeston settle case for \$8M	Jeff Long
Third Place Dramatic look back, quotes/memories handled well - as is the recounting of reforms planned but not made.	Missouri Independent	Five years after Ferguson report...	Rebecca Rivas
Honorable Mention Particularly liked that this ran before the election. Good explainer, interview with an elector, gives personality.	Joplin Globe	Pros, cons of Electoral College debated...	Kevin McClintock

05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Great descriptive writing, great pictures. This one has it all.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	One mile in STL	Erin Heffernan and Joel Currier
Second Place Interesting deep dive into background of people thrust into the news, revealing things aren't as they seem - important information for readers.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	The McCloskeys	Jeremy Kohler
Third Place Well researched and organized deep dive into eviction issues and pandemic impacted economy. Focusing on one woman increases reader interest.	Springfield News-Leader	SNL News: One woman fighting eviction	Gregory J. Holman

Honorable Mention The Kansas City Star

A inside look at child support enforcement handled well while giving readers important information about this issue.

A 20-year-old Missouri woman pays her

Katie Moore

05.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place The Current Local**

Very nice flow to the writing. It was easy to follow and didn't leave me with questions.

Watercress in need of partner**Mike Grassham****Second Place Greenfield Vedette**

Good lead on an odd but interesting story told well of a moments in the life of a crime victim.

Blakemore Thankful**James McNary****Third Place Cassville Democrat**

Good read

Area Sex Trafficking**Kyle Troutman****Honorable Mention Cassville Democrat**

Good story.

Hospitals Face COVID**Kyle Troutman****05.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Perry County Republic-Monitor**

Good job done on an important and timely topic.

Bridge troubles return**Robert Cox****Second Place Houston Herald**

Fine tale nicely told

Mystery solved**Doug Davison****Third Place Ozark County Times**

Good story, but a bit too long

'Perfect strangers came together'**Sue Ann Jones****Honorable Mention Laclede County Record**

Nice report

Destructive winds**Chris Roden and Steve Smith****05.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Louis Business Journal****SLBJ news story Ingredients to Endure****Staff****Second Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly****Death of Prince heir prompts contested will** Jessica Shumaker**Third Place St. Louis Business Journal****SLBJ news story Buyer Despair****Nathan Rubbelke****Honorable Mention Missouri Lawyers Weekly****FEAR FACTOR: Was couple's armed****Scott Lauck****06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Park Hills Daily Journal**

Well-written, interesting story about a family who took their desire to live off the grid on a sailboat into the pandemic. Interview covered all the bases answering questions for readers, well-constructed narrative.

Sailing 6-3-20**Kevin Jenkins****Second Place Fulton Sun**

Detailed story showing readers how archeologists work and what happens after a big find.

Fossil find stuns Westminster team**Olivia Garrett**

Third Place **Sedalia Democrat**
Great story with terrific photos!

A lifetime of Chiefs memories

Nicole Cooke, Faith Bemiss

Honorable Mention **Monett Times**
Strong story, well presented.

Local COVID Survivor

Melonie Roberts

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**
What a compelling story. A great subject, both in terms of topic and person, to explore, and the fine storytelling keeps readers engaged to the end.

'I just couldn't let go' Veteran applies

Aarik Danielsen

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
The storytelling done by the author made me, as a reader, feel that I part of the story, much in the way a novel does. I was engrossed in the story even though I have no interest in organic farming.

Firmly rooted: Liz Graznak makes a name

Leanne Tippett Mosby

Third Place **Joplin Globe**

Joplin Area Catholic Schools mark 135th

Kevin McClintock

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe**

Local COVID-19 patient discharged after 45

Kimberly Barker

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Kansas City Star**

Daisy Coleman worked hard to save others.

Lisa Gutierrez

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader**

SNL Feature: Homeless in Branson

Jackie Rehwald

Third Place **The Kansas City Star**

Missouri woman is presumed dead...

Mara Rose Williams

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader**

Mountain-climbing attorney

Steve Pokin

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Maryville Forum**
Lovely writing, lovingly written. It made me ache with sadness and fill with hope. These are good people, I kept thinking, and you introduced me to them.

06 - Elmo celebrates 70

Andrew Wegley

Second Place **Maryville Forum**
A powerful story, and much more so, because two women had trust in the reporter. Hope this was read by many.

06 - Help is available

Skye Pournazari

Third Place **Maries County Advocate**
This story must have been as fun to write as it was to read. Well done.

Vichy Plane Flies again

Laura Schiermeier

Honorable Mention **Maryville Forum**
Spare writing that suits your subject. An abundance of comments from others, that shows you did the work. Great tribute to a good man.

A full service life

Skye Pournazari

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Houston Herald**

The incredible Message in a Bottle

Doug Davison

Second Place	Perry County Republic-Monitor	Zooming to the altar	Robert Cox
Third Place	Richmond News	Feeding Hundreds	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Honorable Mention	Phelps County Focus	Amanda Gann	Kaitlin Brothers

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Kansas City Northeast News	Book inspires paper route in Northeast	Abby Hoover
Second Place	Washington Missourian	Investigators Reflect On Decades-Long	Kristen Dragotto
Third Place	Courier-Tribune	Abuse survivor heals self	Amanda Lubinski
Honorable Mention	Jefferson County Leader	Doodle-do	Katelyn Mary Skaggs

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Fulton Sun	Survivor Stories	Olivia Garrett
I love that this was so detailed and localized. Questions were answered that most are not comfortable asking those who face these types of struggles. I also appreciate the timing of it...helping your community keep Relay for Life as a priority. So many communities are letting drop. Great community service done by the paper and great writing and photos.			
Second Place	Monett Times	Pasco Murder	Melonie Roberts
I cannot get past how you do an info box with each story. It is another level of letting the reader off the hook by summarizing the main points. It is almost better than the headline/photo/cutline. Great way to get your readers engaged in the process and your series of stories/investigations/follow-up.			
Third Place	Monett Times	Second COVID Case	Kyle Troutman
You had me at "ze". Seriously, I liked this twist on COVID coverage because of the followup online, with your secret sources, etc. Your strategy was convincing because you said you NEVER have done a story with an unnamed source before. I guess you can't say that anymore, but it worked.			

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian	First Pitches: Missourian sportswriting	The Missourian Staff
Great series. Refreshing change from all the covid coverage, child molesting, drugs, etc. I am sure the community enjoyed this series.			
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Washed Away: MO River Floodplains	Tynan Stewart, Caitlyn Rosen, Mikayla Easley Lillie Hegeman and Seth Bodine
Such an interesting and historical story. I can just imagine how people who were part of the move, react each time the water rises and their city is safe.			
Third Place	LakeExpo	Sex Crimes In Schools At Lake Of The Ozarks	Nathan Bechtold, Deborah Wolfe, Al Griffin and Vicki Wood
Awful subject matter, hard story to write, hard story to read, and worse for all if this goes unreported and overlooked. Great service to the community...exposing wrong doers and those who cover up for them.			
Honorable Mention	News Tribune	One year later	Joe Gamm, Jeff Haldiman, Layne Stracener, Phillip Sitter and Emily Cole
Remembering to cover the aftermath of the tornado recovery in spite of covid related issues everywhere, this deserves an honorable mention. good coverage.			

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	The Kansas City Star	Missouri Gun Violence Project	Humera Lodhi, Kaitlin Washburn, Jelani Gibson, Erin Heffernan, Joel Currier and Harrison Keegan
Wow, just wow. This story has the total package. Dynamic, flanked with good photos and video, packaged nicely, hyper-localized, and follow through was interesting.			

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader** **SNL Series: COVID-19 eviction worries** Sara Karnes and Gregory J. Holman
Such a hot topic and localized nicely. Tragic situation for the renters and frankly for the owners of the homes. National story with local tie. Nice job.

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader** **SNL Series: Amish brothers sex case** Gregory J. Holman
This story is highly readable and tragic, too. The photos take you right in and the straight news is appreciated. No need to add fluff...the story sells itself.

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader** **Jim Bakker COVID-19 claims** Gregory J. Holman
Deserves an honorable mention because the subject is well-known and of interest to many, but you have the more local angle to cover it. A follow up would be of interest.

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

First Place **South Cass Tribune** **Dickerson impeachment** Dennis Minich

Second Place **Maryville Forum** **07 - Local election previews** Skye Pournazari and Geoffrey Woehl

Third Place **Maryville Forum** **West Nodaway Administrators** Geoffrey Woehl

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

First Place **Richmond News** **COVID SERIOUS** Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Amazing job all around! Writing and layout are top notch!

Second Place **Richmond News** **Last Day Events** Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Another great series - your readers should be thankful for a paper like yours!

Third Place **Richmond News** **Medicaid** Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
You tackled a tough subject and you won! Great job all around!

Honorable Mention **Ozark County Times** **Local residents' covid stories** Sue Ann Jones
What a great job reporting the stories of COVID survivors. Very extensive and well done!

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

First Place **Courier-Tribune** **quarry conversation -news series 5 stories** Amanda Lubinski
Thorough and fair to both sides. Not being familiar with state law or local ordinances, they were provided sufficient depth to allow average folks to understand.

Second Place **Webster - Kirkwood Times** **Webster-Kirkwood Times Best News Series** Jaime Mowers
Good coverage of an uncomfortable subject involving a prominent community member. Both the case against her and providing her ample opportunity to defend herself lifted this higher.

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **SLBJ Small Business, Big Mission** Staff
The middle installment about black-owned businesses struggling to obtain loans proved especially eye-opening. The pieces about businesses affected by COVID weren't unique, but were well told.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis American** **Homer Phillips Hospital saga** **The St. Louis American Staff**
Just missed one of the top three places. Interesting story, but lacked follow-up information in cases where people/agencies weren't available at press time. Left wondering whether they still hadn't responded and how much effort for comments was made between installments.

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

First Place **Independence Examiner** **Public deserves full accounting of school** Jeff Fox
Blueprint of what an editorial should be!

Second Place Important editorial for community. Well serves readers.	News Tribune	In Jefferson City, we'll keep our city's	Gerry Tritz
Third Place Witty and entertaining while points are persuasive. Superior writing.	News Tribune	Recreational marijuana already?	Gerry Tritz
Honorable Mention Important editorial...impactful.	News Tribune	Sneaky Amendment 3 deserves defeat	Gerry Tritz

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Important, timely, intelligent and impactful.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Trump and Parson plan	
Second Place Truth is truth and you tell it well. Very well.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Trump's fraud claims	Post-Dispatch Staff
Third Place Man, if only this weren't true. Again, powerful writing.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Tragicomedy that was 2020	
Honorable Mention You have got to be kidding...defies logic. Your readership is well-served.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Suing China	

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Maryville Forum	08 - Council right to extend	
Second Place	Maryville Forum	08 - Well Deserved Praise	
Third Place	Maryville Forum	Making 2021 a year	
Honorable Mention	The Current Local	Proposition K.I.D.S.	Ryan VanWinkle

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place This was the best column I've ever read. The writer perfectly told this story, and put me inside the mind of this grandmother firefighter. This should win multiple awards.	Ozark County Times	08: A different kind of grandma	Sue Ann Jones
Second Place Mr. Schott told a great story of how he almost lost his daughter on a canoeing trip, and how because of moments like these, we should cherish our loved ones because we never know how much time we have left with them.	Wright County Journal	Extremely thankful for God's intervention	Ron Schott
Third Place This editorial clearly shows how the COVID-19 pandemic affected students, and how higher ups in government don't always understand that. It's a great column.	Ozark Christian County Headliner News	Sparta grad's bold statement	Staff
Honorable Mention I like how this writer did his research on this topic to better make his point. It only got honorable mention because of the quality of the other entries.	Laclede County Record	Masks	Fines Massey

08 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **St. Louis Business Journal**
Timely. Effective. Community-oriented. This is a first-place winner for sure.**SLBJ editorial "Voices that need to be****Erik Siemers****Second Place** **St. Louis Business Journal**
This project from the St. Louis Business Journal was exceptional, but there other one offering a chance for voices to be heard was just better. This is a top article for sure.**SLBJ editorial "It's time to listen"****Erik Siemers****Third Place** **Washington Missourian**
I found this piece on cold case justice quite interesting. I liked how the writer styled the article, basing it off of a single person's story at the beginning.**Cold Case Justice****Patricia Miller****Honorable Mention** **St. Louis Business Journal**
I feel like this story had a weird transition to its purposed after he explained how his coworker loved picking small businesses, but it was still a great editorial.**"Battle for the Soul of St. Louis Business"****Erik Siemers****09.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Dailies***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Terrific satire calling out the players in the crazy politics of 2020.**Kevin McDermott****Kevin McDermott****Second Place** **Independence Examiner**
Deft humor wielded concisely.**"Progress arrives at the doorstep"****Jeff Fox****Third Place** **Southeast Missourian**
Well-writen columns on the crazy times of 2020 from the everyman point of view.**Best humorous columns by Jon K. Rust****Jon K. Rust****09.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **South Cass Tribune**
Great take on boilerplate commencement addresses.**Dennis Minich****Dennis Minich****Second Place** **Kahoka The Media**
Brings your best friend and hunting partner to life.**HUMOR COLUMN****Kevin Fox****Third Place** **Savannah Reporter****Paws and put it in bark****Courtney Rosenauer****09.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Richmond News**
Great insight, love the artwork, too.**Miles to Go****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia****Second Place** **Versailles Leader-Statesman**
Good, solid column writing - topics readers can relate to.**Nickels and Sense, Humorous Columnist****Bryan Jones****Third Place** **Jefferson County Leader**
This writer has a unique viewpoint and lots of fans, I'll bet.**Peggy Bess****Peggy Bess****10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Monett Times**
Tackling timely topics with solid writing.**Serious Columnist Troutman****Kyle Troutman****Second Place** **Sedalia Democrat**
Great writing showing layers of meaning. Good job.**Liz Schleicher****Liz Schleicher**

Third Place **Sedalia Democrat**
Terrific columns featuring profiles of local people. Well written prose evokes caring about the subjects.

Bob Satnan

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Joplin Globe**

Kevin, you captured the joy and
the heartbreak of truly loving
our 'best friends'. Beautifully

Kevin McClintock

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Second Place **Missouri Independent**
Powerful writing. Unique voice, important message.

Jason Hancock Columns

Jason Hancock

Third Place **Independence Examiner**
You have served your readers well.

"Liberty is precious and fragile"

Jeff Fox

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe**
Thoroughly enjoyed your columns. Insightful and full of important information.

Andy Ostmeyer

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**

Serious Columns by Steve Pokin

Steve Pokin

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

Tony's Take -- Tony Messenger

Tony Messenger

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

Kevin McDermott

Kevin McDermott

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat**
Nice piece to remind readers what folks had to endure and how they coped.

Serious Columnist Troutman

Kyle Troutman

Second Place **South Cass Tribune**
Good account of a COVID 19 survivor story with out proselytizing.

Dennis Minich

Dennis Minich

Third Place **Maryville Forum**
Nice piece to remind readers the importance of being involved in community government.

A Word from Woehlk

Geoffrey Woehlk

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Phelps County Focus**
Powerful piece. Hopefully most communities will not have to endure a situation like this but the author makes a compelling plea for resolution.

Donald Dodd - columnist

Donald Dodd

Second Place **Gasconade County Republican**
This column took courage to pen and asks a reasonable question of a constituency. It may have not been popular but was necessary.

How far is too far

Dennis Warden

Third Place **Versailles Leader-Statesman**
A serious piece with a bit of humor to address what is journalism's largest challenge.

Nickels and Sense, Serious Columnist

Bryan Jones

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

Second Place	Jefferson County Leader	Gordon Bess	Gordon Bess
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	Laura Marlow	Laura Marlow
Honorable Mention	St. Louis American		Mike Jones

11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	West Plains Daily Quill Captures the intensity and tells a story. This does precisely what a newspaper photo should do.	First Day of School	Kimberly Langston
Second Place	Sedalia Democrat Great picture and would have easily won if her name would have been part of the cutline. Names and faces, that is what we are all about, especially when there is a really great capture!	Showing at the Youth Livestock Show	Faith Bemiss
Third Place	Sedalia Democrat Emotional and meaningful. Well done!	COVID-19 patient discharged from Bothwell	Nicole Cooke
Honorable Mention	Lake Sun Leader Nice connection with a really nice photo!	Remembering the Fallen	Mitch Prentice

11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian Incredible shot, depth of field.	Cason Suggs	Armond Feffer
Second Place	Columbia Missourian Terrific expressions, moment caught perfectly.	Sterling Brown 6/3/2020	Zephyrus Li
Third Place	Columbia Daily Tribune Framing gives this even more impact.	Protester Hit by Car 06-01-20	Madeline Carter
Honorable Mention	Joplin Globe Colorful and creative.	BLM in Tulsa	Laurie Sisk

11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Outstanding. Tells the story! Not much more to say, this is a fantastic piece of art.	Surrounded 05-29-20	David Carson
Second Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Wow just Wow. The right place at the right time. A wonderful shot of a disturbing event.	Throwing Punches 6-27-20	Robert Cohen
Third Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Captures the intensity of the moment.	Get off my Property	Laurie Skrivan
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Post-Dispatch How to break a heart with a picture. This is precisely the kind of reporting that should change minds and move people to take action.	Gun Violence	Robert Cohen

11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1**First Place** **Greenfield Vedette**
Very powerful photo. You can feel her pain. Good job.*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Sudden Storms Cause Damage Over****Gina Langston****Second Place** **Mexico Ledger**
Respectful tribute to a fallen hero. Our former fire chief recently died and I shot this same photo.**Honoring the fallen****Nathan Lilley****Third Place** **Maries County Advocate**
Very good fire photo. Good composition.**Side Door****Jacob Warden****Honorable Mention** **The Current Local**
Simple, yet powerful image of the Greatest Generation.**Vets in the Spotlight****Mike Grassham****11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2****First Place** **Richmond News**
Very active news photo - timing is everything and you were in the right place at the right time. Very good.*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***It Snows Every May****Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia****Second Place** **Ozark County Times**
You feel for the victims, especially at the holidays. Good work.**A Christmas Day tragedy****Jessi Dreckman****Third Place** **Laclede County Record**
Good spot news photos. Gives your readers what they need to know about an event that is currently affecting them.**Destructive winds top photo****Chris Roden****Honorable Mention** **Houston Herald**
Good fire photo. Action.**In harm's way****Doug Davison****11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3****First Place** **Washington Missourian**
This is the best - its news. It has action and is active. Very good.*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Calming The Blaze****Ethan Colbert****Second Place** **Washington Missourian**
This is being in the right place at the right time - good job catching the tension.**Carried Away 08-22-00****Julia Hansen****Third Place** **St. Louis Call Newspapers**
This photo invites you to read the story.**Teacher of the Year****Erin Achenbach****Honorable Mention** **Washington Missourian**
This photo is relevant, due to COVID 19. It displays the heroes at the frntlines.**ICU Nurse****Julia Hansen****12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 1****First Place** **Lake Sun Leader**
Great shot framed perfectly.*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***Pure Excitement and Awe****Mitch Prentice****Second Place** **Lake Sun Leader**
Painful to look at but great shot, none-the-less**Nail Through the Nose****Mitch Prentice****Third Place** **West Plains Daily Quill**
Beautiful view.**Fall Hike****Kimberly Langston**

Honorable Mention Sedalia Democrat
Perfect for an album cover.

Templeton Rose rises to meet pandemic

Faith Bemiss

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Columbia Missourian
Great technical skill - I have never seen a fireworks photo like this.

Fireworks

Brian W. Kratzer

Second Place Columbia Daily Tribune
Powerful and dramatic play of shadows in background.

Protest Tuesday Downtown 06-02-20

Don Shrubshell

Third Place News Tribune
Good technical skill to keep all elements focused and lighted.

Carnival

Liv Paggiarino

Honorable Mention Southeast Missourian
This should be an "anthem" photo for the pandemic period when church attendance was not possible.

Praying for all

Ben Matthews

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Great shot. Shows lots of action and many different expressions.

A time to Celebrate 4-24-20

Laurie Skrivan

Second Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Perfect framing, colors are great.

Jelly Bean Cleaner 5-19-20

Colter Peterson

Third Place The Kansas City Star
good angle on the shot.

Black Lives Matter Mural

Jill Toyoshiba

Honorable Mention St. Louis Post-Dispatch
captures a moment in history

Pandemic Voting

Robert Cohen

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Maryville Forum
Perfect shot that is not that easy to get...even though everyone driving past that display probably thought it would make a great photo. This photographer had the skill to do it right. The person in the photo gives perspective. Perfect illustration of the pandemic's long road to normalcy.

Class of 2020

Skye Pournazari

Second Place The Current Local
Taking pictures of nighttime, lighted Christmas parades is hard enough - but to get this shot of a float with a snow globe and get no blur...top notch job.

A Yule Tide Event

Mike Grassham

Third Place Centralia Fireside Guard
Tried several times to get a photo like this myself - this takes skill and knowing how to handle light. Hats off to this photographer.

Sturgeon graduating seniors socially

James Smith

Honorable Mention Centralia Fireside Guard
Great feature shot that really puts the pandemic in perspective. Good way to display it on the page as well.

Social Distancing, Centralia style

James Smith

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Perry County Republic-Monitor
This says it all without saying a thing. Excellent.

Homecoming surprise

Justin Hotop

Second Place Richmond News
A really fine group of story telling feature art.

Graduation

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Third Place **Wright County Journal**
Great picture, great angle, great timing!

Barber

Ron Schott

Honorable Mention **Richmond News**
Very nice collection.

ON THE PLAYGROUND

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Webster - Kirkwood Times**
Great action shot, caught at perfect moment

Webster-Kirkwood Times Best Feature

Ursula Ruhl

Second Place **St. Louis American**
great expression, very appealing

Little Drummer

Wiley Price

Third Place **Kansas City Northeast News**
clever shot and use

Cliff Drive

Elizabeth Orosco

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian**
Love the serenity and the colors

Sunset Boat Ride

Julia Hansen

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Lake Sun Leader**
Right place at the right time to get the shot. Almost dance-like.

Tiptoeing the sidelines, 10-31-2020

Michael Losch

Second Place **Lake Sun Leader**
I can almost feel the contact. Hope you got out of the way!

Tackle out of bounds, 10-10-20

Michael Losch

Third Place **Park Hills Daily Journal**
Volleyball shots are fun when the girls dive for the save. Great timing/anticipation.

Valle photo

Matt King

Honorable Mention **Lake Sun Leader**
Great expressions moved this one up. Clean look at the ball would have helped even more.

Dunk

Michael Losch

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
Her intensity makes this photo pop off the page. Combined with good action and framing, it's a great photo

Amber Smith 1/17/2020

Jeffrey Zide

Second Place **Joplin Globe**
While the action is wonderful and the close cropping ideal, the jumble of hands and arms elevates this photo.

Strip the ball

Laurie Sisk

Third Place **News Tribune**
Perfect timing to catch so much action squeezed into one millisecond. You can almost feel the movement coming toward you. Makes me want to see the conclusion of the play.

Helias basketball

Liv Paggiarino

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian**
Plenty of entries deserved honorable mention. Liked the close up. You can almost hear the water splashing.

Schools of fish - Center pic

Tony Capobianco

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Kansas City Star**
Lots of action packed into this frame. It almost moves on the screen.

Hardman upended 10-5-20

Jill Toyoshiba

Second Place **The Kansas City Star**
The epitome of a quarterback in trouble from an angle that gives it depth.

Super Bowl swarm 2-2-20

Rich Sugg

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Great timing and incredible action. Makes me want to see the whole play.

Interception

Andrew Jansen

Honorable Mention **The Kansas City Star**
Perfect example of defensive pressure and top flight athletes in action.

Texans rush

Tammy Ljungblad

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Current Local** **Struggle on the Court** **Mike Grassham**
A quick comment about placement; if you have a photo good enough to enter into a contest, don't bury it at the bottom of the page. That said, I love this photo. It shows effort - this guy has been playing hard, his hair is sweaty, you know what he's looking at, and nothing is going to stop him from getting there. It would have made such a better front page if it had replaced the package at the top.

Second Place **Shelby County Herald** **Softball** **Marlana Smith**
I like this photo because it froze the moment that was about to happen a split second later. With the diving catcher and the loose softball, even without a cutline it tells a story.

Third Place **Maryville Forum** **MHS FB Weiss** **Jon Dykstra**
Good sports photography catches not only the action, but the grit and determination behind it. You know this guy is going to break this tackle, and the body language of the opposing team on the sidelines tells you all you need to know.

Honorable Mention **Maries County Advocate** **Flying JV** **Jacob Warden**
Better than usual quality for indoor action shots - this photo also tells a story.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Odessan** **Big assist 10-29-20** **Kory Hales**
Great photo! I felt like I was right there on the play. Great lighting and focus.

Second Place **Houston Herald** **Denied** **Doug Davison**
Love the effort by the player and photographer both!

Third Place **Laclede County Record** **Lebanon wrestling top photo** **Alex Boyer**
The composition of this photo is perfect. Great job!

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald** **Serious elevation** **Doug Davison**
Volleyball is so hard to shoot. This photo is excellent.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American** **Caleb Love** **Wiley Price**
Great shot, framed well, perfect moment

Second Place **Washington Missourian** **Ouch AH** **Arron Hustead**
Great action, expression, everything in place

Third Place **Washington Missourian** **Out of the Sand** **Bill Battle**
catches the action

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian** **Max Effort** **Bill Battle**
good action shot

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Lake Sun Leader****District title win, 10-28-20****Michael Losch**

Photo captures peak joy of victory, which checks the emotion box. Photo has good composition, which checks another box. Photo is sharp and well lit, checking two more boxes. Lots of boxes checked here, making this entry the winner.

Second Place Lake Sun Leader**Hugging the state champion, 2-23-20****Michael Losch**

This image conveys some nice emotion, and its simple composition and lack of people cluttering up the background also help the photo quality. Neither of the pictured people's faces can be seen as clearly as one would like, and that detracts some from this photo's quality. Acknowledged, this is a difficult thing to control in a situation like this, but the viewer's ability to see faces remains a factor in a competition like this.

Third Place Park Hills Daily Journal**volleyball win****Matt King**

Photographer captures extreme emotion here on the part of one person in the photo, but the rest look only mildly happy, which detracts from the photo's power. Photo also looks a bit grainy. But, overall, this was a nice job of displaying the team's joy of victory.

Honorable Mention Lake Sun Leader**Earning a state medal****Michael Losch**

Photo contains good emotion, but emotional reaction photos usually are going to be stronger when more than one person is in the shot. If just one person is in the shot, the degree of emotion and body language we see needs to be absolutely off the charts, IMO. What we see here is strong emotion but not off-the-charts emotion and body language. This is a very good photo for your average edition of the paper, but it is less remarkable when compared to other contest entries.

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Daily American Republic****Joy and Pain for Mules****Scott Borkgren**

Everything comes together in this photo. Athletes are exploding with emotion. Composition is balanced. Photo's primary folks all are facing the camera, even though it clearly wasn't a posed photo. Sharp focus. Well-lit. Those are a lot of elements to pull together in one shot. Nicely done!

Second Place Columbia Missourian**Samuel Schell****Dan Shular**

Viewers of this photo feel right in the middle of a stampede of joyfully victorious football players. Composition is balanced, and photo has a clean look, with no background clutter.

Third Place Columbia Missourian**Cheerleader****Trenton Almgren-Davis**

This entry is a great example of this category. This photo also is an example of the simplicity-is-beauty axiom. We have a body flying through the air against a golden sky, with outstretched arms below. That's all you need, as far as subject matter is concerned. Photographer captured the flying human form in just such a way that we can easily discern head, hair, arms, hands, legs, feet, torso, etc. That's not always the case when shooting the human form in silhouette. If not done right, that silhouetted human form can just look like a lump. Not in this case. In this case, we know exactly what we're looking at, without even having to look at the caption. Crop is appropriate. Composition is just right. Photo has almost a spiritual feel. Good job!

Honorable Mention News Tribune**Helias basketball****Liv Paggiarino**

This photo captures a moment of extreme emotion, and it's right up in the viewer's face. Lots of impact here, as a result. A couple of the people in the background appear to be looking directly at the camera, which detracts from the power of the image. There's nothing the photographer could have done about that, but facts is facts.

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place The Kansas City Star****Celebration in Stands 1-12-20****Tammy Ljungblad**

There's so much to like about this shot. Such extreme emotion on so many people's faces. Composition is perfect. The license plate! The flying popcorn! The ecstatic fan hugging the player! The brilliant color throughout the frame! The photo simply is a joy to look at on multiple levels.

Second Place Springfield News-Leader**Celebration 3-6-2020****Andrew Jansen**

I love this photo because it contains emotion, of course, due to the player's joy, but there is a certain element of humor involved, with the player making a face and sticking his tongue out. Plus, there is the intimacy of being in the dugout. Nicely done!

Third Place The Kansas City Star**Lineman Touchdown****Jill Toyoshiba**

This is an unusual look for a celebration photo, and it works. Even without seeing the player's face, his outstretched arms say it all.

Honorable Mention St. Louis Post-Dispatch**Delayed Opening Day****Colter Peterson**

Such a creative method for shooting fans standing and watching the action from outside! This photographer plainly was thinking outside the box. Good work!

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Maryville Forum****NH Shaina****Jon Dykstra**

For quality, many entrants in this category tend to rely on the emotion seen on the faces of photos' subjects. That means your photo's emotion had better be pretty strong to beat out other entries, and this photo has done the trick. The joy we see on the face of the player in the middle of this photo is palpable. The facial expression. The hand over the mouth. And then there are the reactions evident with the other players. Photo simply has a heart-tugging feel about it. Doesn't hurt that it's lit well, sharply focused and well-composed. for sure. Good work!

Second Place Cassville Democrat**Wildcats Work****Kyle Troutman**

Emotion on the players' faces helps this photo, but there's more to the shot than that. Look at the interplay between folks in this shot. Somehow, this image imparts a sense of community amongst the people in the photo. That isn't an easy thing to achieve for a photographer. Nicely done!

Third Place Cassville Democrat**Wildcats Resiliency****Kyle Troutman**

A big hug and a face contorted by emotion always is going to get you off to a good start toward a winning photo. It's done a bit much in the world of news. feature and sports photography, but it hardly loses its power, especially for the locals picking up this issue of the paper.

Honorable Mention Maryville Forum

This photo gets points for emotion, composition and lighting (I love how the light is hitting the player's face). The photo didn't score better in this competition because this judge doesn't see a lot more happening in the photo. The subject of the photo is somewhat isolated, visually. That, of course, is not always a bad thing. But, in this case, I'm left wanting other people or even objects in the photo, too. The additional context would help.

Jon Dykstra**14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Ozark County Times**

What a wonderful set of elements exist in this photo. Older kids, cheering on their "super fan" with what appears to be sincere warmth. And look at the joy and excitement on the little guy's face! This is a photo that touches the viewer's heart, and that's saying a lot.

Dora Falcons 'Super Fan' Damon Emery**Karla Smith****Second Place Clinton County Leader**

This is a poignant moment between player and coach, captured well. Backlighting hurts the shot some. Hard to avoid, but ...

Heartbroken**Clint Dye****Third Place Gasconade County Republican**

Photos of groups of athletes celebrating sometimes are a mix of people with excitement on their faces and people with strangely neutral expressions. That tends to dilute the power of such photos. But every face in this photo is full of joy, ratcheting up the power quotient of the image. A really fun shot.

OHS VB Celebrates**Will Johnson****Honorable Mention The Odessan**

Nicely composed, well-lit, tightly focused and, above all, touching. Look at the expression on that kid's face! Wonderful!

Fist bump**Kory Hales****14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Jefferson County Leader**

The look of joy and triumph on one wrestler's face, contrasted with the look of dejection on the other wrestler's face, makes this shot the winner in this category. It sure doesn't hurt that the photo is lit just right and is well-composed. (But that nice composition would have disappeared if that dejected wrestler was any further to the right!) Well-done!

Wrestler Gavin Alexander**Ron Rigdon****Second Place Washington Missourian**

Almost every player in this photo plainly is exploding with joy, and that's what makes this shot work. The only thing that brings the shot down is the one guy who doesn't quite look that happy (probably just because he is in an in-between moment) and the other guy whose face is obscured.

School Song**Arron Husted****Third Place Washington Missourian**

Photographers don't look to sports audiences enough for good photos. This photographer saw an opportunity with this "fan coaster" exercise, however, and that's a good thing. All those bodies leaning the same way, led by the guy in front, makes for a very nice visual.

Fan Coaster**Bill Battle****Honorable Mention Washington Missourian**

This photo's impact comes not just from the emotion that is plainly evident on the players' faces; it also comes from the players' body language. They're wound up, falling down and clenched up with joy. An exciting moment, well-captured.

That's a Winner**Bill Battle****15.) Best Photo Illustration | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

Great lighting and effect. The dark background allow for light play and the colors to jump off the page.

Time for tempura 10-14-20**Christian Gooden****Second Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

Strong emotion captured.

Musical portrait 10-7-20**Laurie Skrivan****Third Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

Cute.

Friends**Laurie Skrivan****Honorable Mention Springfield News-Leader****COVID-19 fighters****Andrew Jansen****15.) Best Photo Illustration | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Columbia Daily Tribune****Mizzou 2020 in review****Gabriela Velasquez****Second Place News Tribune****Halloween makeup, Oct. 25, 2020****Liv Paggiarino**

Third Place Columbia Missourian **Gun** Hillary Tan

Honorable Mention Southeast Missourian **Until we meet again** Jacob Wiegand

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies - Class 3

First Place Courier-Tribune
Great series of illustrations that capture the emotion and heat of the moment.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Thunder and Lightning

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Mac Moore

Second Place Washington Missourian
Very moving and quality photography.

Wreaths of Remembrance

Ethan Colbert

Third Place Courier-Tribune
Great series of sports photos that show quality photography skills.

020 Year In Review Sports

Mac Moore

Honorable Mention Washington Missourian
Cool lighting effects.

Haunted House

Julia Hansen

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

First Place The Current Local
Great work. Must have been eye-opening for readers.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Look Carefully

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Mike Grassham

Second Place Clinton County Leader
Perfect symbol for 2020

Review

Brett Adkison and Autumn Barnett

Third Place Richmond News
Clever work here

Celestials

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Honorable Mention Richmond News
seamless additions to photo

Coin Story

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 1

First Place Monett Times

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Freedom and Fireworks

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Melonie Roberts

Second Place Marshall Democrat-News

Poultry Show 7-17-20

Sarah Gray

Third Place Monett Times

Sun Shines

Kyle Troutman and Melonie Roberts

Honorable Mention Sedalia Democrat

Pfizer protest

Faith Bemiss

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 2

First Place Columbia Missourian

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Democracy

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

The Missourian Staff

Second Place **Southeast Missourian** **Slices of life** **Jacob Wiegand**

Third Place **Joplin Globe** **JHS drive-thru graduation** **Roger Nomer**

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Another Step Forward** **The Missourian Staff**

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Wow. Emotional, moving, raw. Excellent work. No words needed, the photos tell the story.

A Mile of Sorrow **Robert Cohen, Gary Hairlson and Brent Fisher**

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
You can feel the emotion through each and every photo. Amazing work.

Under Pressure **Laurie Skrivan, Gary Hairlson and Wade Wilson**

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Great series of photos that take the reader through the process. Fantastic quality and great job capturing the feeling of being there. Sad day.

Final Run **Andrew Jansen**

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

Virtual Learning Struggle **Laurie Skrivan, Gary Hairlson and Wade Wilson**

16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Greenfield Vedette**
So I'm not a tractor pull guy but was impressed with the effort to get different angles (and distances) and a variety of activity beyond just the competitors. The front page package alone would have made a good entry.

Lions Truck and Tractor Pull 7.3.20 **Gina Langston and Roger Pottorff**

Second Place **Maries County Advocate**
This package was well laid with a variety of sizes and shapes as well as subject matter. You picked up on some shots other than the standard action.

Ya Yas Battle of the Bulls **Jacob Warden**

Third Place **Savannah Reporter**
Graduation is always a special time with plenty of photo ops. This one stood out for its focus on faces. I'm sure your readers appreciated the space you devoted to this. ... -

We are all savages **Brent Rosenauer**

16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News**
A complete package that made me feel like I was a part of something historic that I knew nothing about before seeing it. Makes me want to come for a visit.

Steamboat Arablia **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Second Place **Linn Unterrified Democrat**
I felt like I was alongside the first responders who had to deal with this unusual calamity. Covered from every angle.

Pentecostal Bridge Collapses **Neal Johnson and Jacob Warden**

Third Place **Gasconade County Republican**
An important historical reference to a time we may never see again. Photographer didn't just shoot the event but experienced it, judging from the photos.

Easter **Dave Marner**

Honorable Mention **Gasconade County Republican**
Ahead of the pack of great entries by showing the various sides in what became a watershed moment in American history.

BLM Rally **Dennis Warden**

16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal**

SLBJ photo package Crown Candy **Dilip Vishwanat**

Second Place **Washington Missourian** **Padding Nature's Interstate: Neal Moore** **Julia Hansen**

Third Place **St. Louis American** **Ferguson in a time of George Floyd** **Wiley Price**

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian** **Washington Pool Throwback** **The Missourian Staff**

17.) Community Service | Dailies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Monett Times**
This is what community service should be about.... highlight a problem and encourage solutions through good reporting. **School Meal Debt** **Lisa Craft**

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Excellent work showcasing those making a difference in your community. **Progress Awards** **The Missourian Staff**

Third Place **The Kansas City Star**
Tough introspection shows your dedication to try to be fair to your readers today and in the future. **The Truth in Black and White** **Staff**

Honorable Mention **News Tribune**
Nice series that serves your community well. **A Christmas Wish**

17.) Community Service | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**
This was a true community service project that was over an extended period of time. Great job helping the community with scholarships and education during a difficult time in history. **Salute to Excellence Program &** **The St. Louis American Staff**

Second Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
This is a super idea and this section made second because of the followup article going along with the section and the design of the section itself. I would like to know how this was paid for. If you did it at cost for the community and/or donated proceeds to a non profit that information would make this even more of a winner for your community. **SLBJ community service - corporate** **Staff**

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
Another great non profit guide for the community. Nice job. Design could have been more detailed and follow up articles would also add to this entry. **SLBJ community service - Giving Guide** **Staff**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat**
Great job highlighting breast cancer and raising money to help find a cure. **Breast Cancer** **Jordan Troutman and Melonie Roberts**

Second Place **Richmond News**
Good reporting on CARES act funding decisions locally and tracking what happened to the funds. **COVID GRANTS** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Third Place **Ozark County Times**
Good writing that helped your local non-profits at a critical time. **Giving Local: Ozark County** **Jessi Dreckman and Sue Ann Jones**

Honorable Mention **Phelps County Focus**
A good effort to help kids weather the pandemic. **Activities & Information for kids during** **Staff**

18.) Best Editorial Pages | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Washington Missourian**
A well-done job by this editorial staff in backing its editorials with statistics. I enjoyed this very much. **The Missourian Entry** **Patricia Miller and Ethan Colbert**

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Opinions** **Staff**
This is a fun column. I chose second place for this piece because, while it was interesting, I felt like there should have been more voices in it. I know it's only a column, but I would've liked to hear from the other couples.

Third Place **St. Louis American** **The St. Louis American Staff**
It's hard to read this because I felt like I've read it in other papers as well. It's well-written, but it's nothing I haven't read already.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Call Newspapers** **St. Louis Call's Editorial Pages** **Gloria Lloyd**
Great stories, but it wasn't very eye-catching to me. I felt like it was a bit flat.

19.) Best Sports Pages | Dailies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Monett Times**
Love this entry! Lots of photos, content and effort. Great job!

Monett Sports Pages

Staff

Second Place **Joplin Globe**
Truly enjoyed reviewing this entry. Love the layout, photos ad color!

Best Sports Pages

Staff

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**
Very nice! I was intrigued with the layout and enjoyed the content.

Columbia Daily Tribune best sports pages

Columbia Daily Tribune Staff

Honorable Mention **News Tribune**
Lots of sports! If you love sports, and I do, you will love this entry!

Tom Rackers, Greg Jackson, Jason Strickland and Colin O'Brien

19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat**
Lots and lots of great photos! You do a great job of covering your local sports!

Cassville Sports Pages

Staff

Second Place **Maryville Forum**
Love the layout, effort and photos!

19 - Best Sports Pages

Third Place **South Cass Tribune**
Very nice!

South Cass Tribune

Christopher Tenpenny and Dennis Minich

Honorable Mention **Maries County Advocate**
Great job!

Staff

19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News**
Nice large photos, great coverage of all sports.

Sports Pages

Shawn Roney, Dustin Danner and Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Second Place **Laclede County Record**
Good package - covering variety of sports with great photos as well.

LCR Best Sports Pages

Alex Boyer, Fines Massey and Shawna Bradley

Third Place **Houston Herald**
Well-balanced layouts, good coverage and photos.

Houston Herald sports pages

Doug Davison

Honorable Mention **Phelps County Focus**

Phelps County Focus Sports

Donald Dodd, Dave Roberts and Staff

19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Full coverage, great photos and lots for sports fans to pore over.	Washington Missourian	Washington Missourian Sports	Bill Battle and Arron Husted
Second Place Great package of coverage, pics layout, it's all there.	Courier-Tribune	Best Sports Pages, Courier-Tribune	Mac Moore
Third Place Professional-grade photos.	St. Louis American		Earl Austin Jr. and Alvin Reid

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place The reporter uses a nice touch to write this story, taking it out of the ordinary by connecting coach's first championship since daughter's birth 18 years earlier.	Park Hills Daily Journal	Central 10-30-20	Matt King
Second Place	Park Hills Daily Journal	Bats 10-19-20	Matt King
Third Place	Park Hills Daily Journal	Clutch	Matt King
Honorable Mention	Lake Sun Leader	Eldon reopens rebuilt McMillen Field, 5-26	Michael Losch

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place A terrific job of recapping a hall of fame coach's great success at a small college. Great graphics put a bow on this package.	Daily American Republic	The time has come	Scott Borkgren and Brian Rosener
Second Place You can bet the sports writer did not get a box of chocolates after this revelation. Good package of photos to back up the words.	Columbia Missourian	Play through pain: MU tennis players say	Liam Quinn
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Travis, Whitaker prevail for dramatic state	Jackson Stone
Honorable Mention	Joplin Globe	Payne's Valley golf course opens with	Jim Henry

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 In a strong field, the writing delivered emotion with context to raise this entry to the top.	The Kansas City Star	Derrick Thomas' mom visits his grave, 30	Sam McDowell
Second Place Hit on all possible questions about why a big-name coach would end up at a struggling, FCS school. Well-rounded and thorough.	Springfield News-Leader	SNL Sports: Bobby Petrino hired	Wyatt D. Wheeler
Third Place As an Indians fan, the broad perspectives and background of how the Chiefs are in a similar predicament was insightful.	The Kansas City Star	Debate about the Chiefs' name, and its ties	Sam McDowell

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	Maryville Forum	Titletown Milestone	Jon Dykstra

Second Place	Maryville Forum	Pointe Guard U	Jon Dykstra
Third Place	Cassville Democrat	Title/Teachable/Wildcats	Jared Lankford and Kyle Troutman
Honorable Mention	Maryville Forum	Rocket Man	Jon Dykstra

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 Wonderful tribute. Great job!	Gasconade County Republican	Local Bullrider dies	Will Johnson
Second Place Love the photos and editorial!	Laclede County Record	State championship	Alex Boyer
Third Place Love the layout, photos and effort!	Richmond News	Spartans go viral	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Honorable Mention Great job!	Gasconade County Republican	District Volleyball Champions	Will Johnson

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Absolutely loved this tribute! Great writing and use of photos!	St. Louis American	Lou Brock	Sports Team
Second Place Love it! Layout, editorial and photos are just on point!	Washington Missourian	Class 5 District Volleyball	Bill Battle
Third Place Really evoked feeling with the photos and the story!	Courier-Tribune	Liberty North sweeps	Mac Moore
Honorable Mention Excellent work!	Washington Missourian	Wildcats Win District	Bill Battle

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Kirksville Daily Express & News	Kirksville Daily - Totta	Austin Miller
Second Place	Lake Sun Leader	A Mustang in Spain	Michael Losch
Third Place	Lake Sun Leader	Rise of Girls Wrestling in Missouri	Michael Losch
Honorable Mention	Park Hills Daily Journal	Referee 3-19-21	Matt King

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	A decade later: Reliving Mizzou's triumph	Eric Blum
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	From the mountains to Missouri	Adam Cole
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Players find safe haven on farm	Adam Cole
Honorable Mention	Columbia Missourian	Missouri football's 2015 legacy lives on in	Max Baker

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Springfield News-Leader	SNL Sports Feature: Year of the Snake	Wyatt D. Wheeler
This was a tough competition because there were great entries, but I especially felt like I was behind the scenes, reliving this glory days story with the team. Well written narrative kept me reading to the end.			
Second Place	The Kansas City Star	Patrick Mahomes	Sam McDowell and Eric Adler
Third Place	The Kansas City Star	Chris Jones has emerged as a Chiefs star...	Sam McDowell
Honorable Mention	The Kansas City Star	Chiefs legend Bobby Bell is relentlessly	Vahe Gregorian

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Maryville Forum	21 - Seniors support rival's mom	Jon Dykstra
The emotional impact made this story the winner. It shows how competitors in sports can show solidarity as people.			
Second Place	South Cass Tribune	Drexel deals with MSHSAA ruling	Christopher Tenpenny
This entry shows how a coach with character can teach a team about being honest, and at the same time how unbending and how obtuse state high school sports organizations can be.			
Third Place	Maryville Forum	Buzz 4 Boston	Jon Dykstra
This was a heart-warming story. It seems like everyone had a quote, but I would like to have heard more from Boston.			
Honorable Mention	Greenfield Vedette	Rotrock Turns 104 1.16.20	James McNary
I would like to have known this lady. I'm glad the reporter told this story.			

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Houston Herald	Empty fields, shattered dreams	Doug Davison
THIS is the way to write a COVID-Sports-Canceled story. From the headline to the art to the interviews, this story gave a graphic feel to the kick in the gut senior athletes felt losing their senior season.			
Second Place	Richmond News	Aggies	Shawn Roney
It's difficult to image the heart-wrenching task of coaching a team without your son. Thank you for telling the story.			
Third Place	Laclede County Record	Community rallies	Alex Boyer
This relatively short feature does an effective job of taking the reader into the life of a Down Syndrome wrestler and the joy of overcoming life's obstacles to win.			

Honorable Mention Ozark | Christian County Headliner News
Pat Dailey provides a powerful account of a student who works to overcome the adversity of losing a parent.

Drawing motivation from Dad

Pat Dailey

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	St. Louis American	Earl Remembers Wes Unseld	Earl Austin Jr.
Second Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Ice in her veins	David Baugher
Third Place	Washington Missourian	Baby Birds	Arron Husted
Honorable Mention	Washington Missourian	Hoerstkamp Signs With Mizzou	Arron Husted

22.) Best Sports Columnist | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	West Plains Daily Quill	The Quill Remembers Sporting News Past	Chris Herbolzheimer
Second Place	Lake Sun Leader	Covering sports in this strange new era...	Michael Losch

22.) Best Sports Columnist | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	News Tribune	Tom Rackers columns	Tom Rackers
Second Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	Graeler: Reliable Rountree remains a	Kevin Graeler
Third Place	Independence Examiner	Chrisman, Truman, Van Horn to play	Bill Althaus
Honorable Mention	Joplin Globe	Jim Henry	Jim Henry

22.) Best Sports Columnist | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Springfield News-Leader	Sports columns by Wyatt Wheeler	Wyatt D. Wheeler
Second Place	The Kansas City Star	Sam Mellinger sports columns	Sam Mellinger
Third Place	The Kansas City Star	Vahe Gregorian sports columns	Vahe Gregorian

22.) Best Sports Columnist | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	St. Louis American	Alvin A. Reid sports columns	Alvin A. Reid
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Second Place	St. Louis American	Earl Austin Jr. sports columns	Earl Austin, Jr.
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	The County Line	Russell Korando
Honorable Mention	Washington Missourian	Battleline	Bill Battle

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	Houston Herald	Off the Cuff	Doug Davison
Second Place	Cassville Democrat	Sports Columnist Troutman	Kyle Troutman
Third Place	Gasconade County Republican	Will Johnson	Will Johnson

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Great job of spotlighting your community.	Marshall Democrat-News	Progress Southern Edition	Danielle Linton-Hatfield and The Marshall Democrat-News Staff
Second Place Can't go wrong with Santa letters!	Monett Times	Letters to Santa	Staff
Third Place Good job presentation-wise, but stories were too long.	Monett Times	Community Reflections	Staff
Honorable Mention	Sedalia Democrat	Veterans Day	Democrat & Star-Journal Staff

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Daily American Republic	Progress 2020: United	Daily American Republic Staff
Second Place	News Tribune	Goal Lines	News Tribune Staff
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Innovations in Agriculture	The Missourian Staff
Honorable Mention	Columbia Missourian	Boomtown 2020: How to live your best life	The Missourian Staff

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place I know nothing about trout fishing but this publication makes me want to learn!	Cassville Democrat	Trout Times	Staff

Second Place **Maryville Forum**
Great sports special section!

Fall Sports Preview

Third Place **Maryville Forum**
A well-done version of the senior section we all try to do every year.

23 - Nodaway County Graduates

Honorable Mention **Maryville Forum**
Solid entry.

Progress 2020

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Gainesville Ozark County Times**
Such a great way to celebrate festivals past and keep the spirit of the event alive amidst COVID.

Hootin an Hollarin scrapbook

Sue Ann Jones, Jenny Yarger, Regina Mozingo and Jessi Dreckman

Second Place **Laclede County Record**
Really well done all around, from a design and content standpoint, really top notch!

Helping Hands

Fines Massey, Chris Roden, Jennifer Early and Shawna Bradley

Third Place **Springfield Business Journal**
Outstanding design.

90 Ideas

Marty Goodnight, Eric Olson, Amanda Miller and McKenzie Robinson

Honorable Mention **Laclede County Record**

Welcome to Bennett Spring

Fines Massey, Chris Roden, Steve Smith Shawana Bradley and Jennifer Early

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Courier-Tribune**

Living in Clay County

Second Place **Washington Missourian**

The Bridal Showcase

The Missourian Staff

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader**

Salute to Veterans

Laura Marlow and Staff

Honorable Mention **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**

MOney 2020

Staff

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Kansas City Star**

"The Promised Land"

Judy L. Thomas and Laura Bauer

Second Place **The Kansas City Star**

KC man serving life for 1978 murders

Luke Nozicka

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**

SNL Investigative: Son's fire death unsolved

Steve Pokin

Honorable Mention **The Kansas City Star**

Racism in the KCFD: Black and women

Allie Kite, Glenn E. Rice and Mike Hendricks

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Missouri politicians get around contribution	Jordan Meier, Mawa Iqbal and Spencer Norris
Second Place	Fulton Sun	Fulton Housing Authority	Helen Wilbers
Third Place	Joplin Globe	Neighbors viewed David Ingle as a	Jeff Lehr
Honorable Mention	News Tribune	COVID-19 mental health	Joe Gamm

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis Call Newspapers	Lieutenant alleges racial discrimination	Gloria Lloyd
Second Place	St. Louis American	Minority exclusion at the makeshift morgue	Rebecca Rivas
Third Place	St. Louis American	Mike Avery Federal Case	Rebecca Rivas
Honorable Mention	St. Louis American	Librarians	Sophie Hurwitz

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Phelps County Focus What pushed this story over the top was the newspaper's tenacity to find out the truth and their search of the motorhome.	Camper Cadavers Mystery	Andrew Sheeley
Second Place	Phelps County Focus	Contractor Scam	Andrew Sheeley
Third Place	Richmond News	County Changes	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Honorable Mention	Richmond News	About Medicaid	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Dailies

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	News Tribune Good mixture of business coverage.	News Tribune local business coverage	
Second Place	Springfield News-Leader Good work keeping business news at the forefront.		News-Leader Staff
Third Place	Sedalia Democrat Individual business features help build reader interest.	Sedalia Democrat business coverage	Democrat Staff

25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **St. Louis American** **Best Business Coverage** **The St. Louis American Staff**
 Great work, focusing not only on local businesses and business people but trends and outside influences (local writer's take on the federal budget for example) as well.

Second Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **Staff**
 Very well done. Great writing, informative graphics, artistic layouts. Business coverage is this publication's main job and they do it very well - in a manner that could attract readers who might not ordinarily read business stories.

Third Place **Webster - Kirkwood Times** **Webster-Kirkwood Times Best Local** **Jamie Mowers and Melissa Wilkinson**
 Great focus on local businesses, tracking how they coped (or did not cope as in the story on businesses that closed) with the pandemic. Great service to readers and local businesses alike.

25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Springfield Business Journal** **Best Local Business Coverage**
 Great coverage from ground up.

Second Place **The Odessan** **Hannah Spaar**
 Lots on local businesses plus state and national information of local interest.

Third Place **Houston Herald** **Businesses in Houston and Texas County** **Doug Davison**
 Nice features focusing on local businesses.

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

First Place **Park Hills Daily Journal** **Trucking 4-7-20** **Sarah Haas**
 Solid, well-researched reporting covering all the bases in covering the trucking industry, including state and federal regulators.

Second Place **Sedalia Democrat** **Airbnbs find success in Sedalia, Pettis** **Emily Walton**
 Good, detailed story showing readers new business opportunities for rentals, including information that might make a reader think about trying the trend.

Third Place **Monett Times** **PlayPower Introduces** **Melonie Roberts**
 Detailed story handles technical information well, making it understandable for readers.

Honorable Mention **Marshall Democrat-News** **Established Business McDonald's** **Sarah Gray**
 Interesting story handled well. The topic of a 44-year-old McDonalds location drew my interest.

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

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **When the levee breaks: Levee failure** **Caitlyn Rosen and Seth Bodine**
 Solid story about a topic of importance that affects many readers.

Second Place **LakeExpo** **The Very Open Lake Of The Ozarks** **Nathan Bechtold**
 Great summation of how area coped with the pandemic. Excellent job of researching.

Third Place **News Tribune** **Black business owners in Jefferson City...** **Nicole Roberts**
 Well written and researched piece about black-owned businesses. Excellent use of quote to let the owners tell their story.

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian** **Rock 'N' Roll Drive-In to bring new life to** **Jay Wolz**
 Well written and entertaining news story. It really engages the readers.

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

First Place **The Kansas City Star** **Feds loan millions to Lawrence firm with** **Bryan Lowry, Kevin Hardy and Steve Vockrodt**
 Great investigative work that covers all the bases and left this reader wanting to look for follow-up stories on several topics raised. Good job!

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader** **SNL Biz: Black entrepreneurs share stories** **Katie Kull**
Insightful look at economic diversity through interviews with successful Black entrepreneurs. Thoughtful answers from subjects handled well. Great story.

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **First black female brewing director** **Colleen Schrappen**
"First Black female brewing director" draws reader but the gist of the story is so much more. Well-done interviews with not only the prime subject but background on the internship program that has helped many Black CEOs get where they are today...a very informative read.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Maritz lays off hundreds** **Jacob Barker**
Rather than another story about a business brought down by the pandemic, this is an in depth study into the history, past and present of an iconic business. Lots of first-hand accounts through a variety of interviews shows leg work. Good job.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **California Democrat** **California business community unites** **Austin Hornbostel**
Great pandemic coverage of the local business community with sidebars on specific services, such as salons. Well thought out and put together.

Second Place **Maries County Advocate** **Hilke Ice** **Neal Johnson**
Well-organized story with depth, showing a local business' impact on the community, delving into the history of the family-owned enterprise and details of the operation, illustrated with photos.

Third Place **Maryville Forum** **Leading the Charge** **Skye Pournazari**
Detailed story branching into several topics, interesting details about the brewing industry interwoven with the joys and tribulations of restoring a historic downtown building. Good layout with photos.

Honorable Mention **Kahoka The Media** **MANUFACTURER EXPANDS** **Mike Scott**
Well-written story with details, lots of quotes all handled well. Good photos help draw interest in business stories.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News** **Dari B** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
Business stories often are dry and not very exciting, even though they're an important part of our business. This story is just the opposite and fun to read. Easily the top entry. Kudos to the author.

Second Place **Laclede County Record** **Making the Most** **Chris Roden**
This is well-written throughout and held my interest. The writing style is strong and polished. Nice job.

Third Place **Laclede County Record** **Mi Casa** **Chris Roden**
I like the way the author handled telling this story. It's not your run-of-the-mill business story. It's creative and well done. Great job.

Honorable Mention **Perry County Republic-Monitor** **Hospital weighing CEO's future** **Robert Cox**
Good story on what probably was a difficult topic. Certainly the best of the rest in this category.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Washington Missourian** **Coronavirus Ramps Up Truck Driver** **Elena K. Cruz**
This is a great story that tells a great story. I enjoyed it from start to finish. It was thorough, informative and a little bit different. Very clever way to write it. Very strong effort. It gets the nod for its originality and thoroughness as well as for the way it's written.

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Sew far, sew good** **Gordon Bess**
This is well-done and a very interesting topic. Great job from beginning to end. It held my interest throughout. Keep up the good work.

Third Place **Washington Missourian** **Welding Still A Hot Industry** **Elena K. Cruz**
Kudos to Elena Cruz. The Missourian needs to make sure it hangs on to her. She is a quality reporter who knows her business and presents it in a thorough and interesting way. A first and third in the same category is tremendous. Awesome job!

Honorable Mention **Missouri Lawyers Weekly** **A decline in trusts: Drop in interest revenue** **Jessica Shumaker**
Best of the rest, but several were worthy of honorable mention consideration. Basic and straight-forward. Interesting and thorough. Nice job.

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Great coverage -everything taxpayers need to know.	Sedalia Democrat	Sedalia Democrat government coverage	Democrat Staff
Second Place Timely topic, good local coverage.	Park Hills Daily Journal	Security	Mark Marberry
Third Place Nice work.	Park Hills Daily Journal	Sheriffs	Bobby Radford

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Missouri Independent	Missouri's COVID response	Tessa Weinberg, Rudi Keller and Rebecca Rivas
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Trash, Recycling and Roll Carts	The Missourian Staff
Third Place	News Tribune	Civil War marker removal	
Honorable Mention	Southeast Missourian	Smith defends vote COVID-19 relief	Rick Fahr

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Amazing work in this explainer. Hard to imagine what it took to understand and relay this information.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Levee districts charge millions	Jacob Barker
Second Place Good, solid investigative reporting.	The Kansas City Star	Lobbyist under FBI scrutiny	Jason Hancock, Kevin Hardy and Steve Vockrodt
Third Place A well-written explainer.	Springfield News-Leader	Kids cut from Medicare	Austin Huguélet

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Great, in-depth coverage of a city's work in developing solutions for water system issues, including building new facilities...graphics, technical details and other sidebars gave taxpayers great information.	Maryville Forum	27 - Water series	
Second Place Terrific in-depth coverage of a small town board of aldermen's decision to contract out police services. Covered all the bases.	Maries County Advocate	Belle Police service contract to Maries	Roxie Murphy and Jacob Warden
Third Place Great local election coverage - very nice work. Voters had great information to use in comparing the candidates.	Cassville Democrat	Sheriff Race	Kyle Troutman
Honorable Mention Top-notch work in covering events leading up to a city official's resignation, including plans for disciplinary hearings and impeachment, backed with editorials.	South Cass Tribune	Dickerson impeachment	Dennis Minich

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place CARES Act funds- Way to dig and be persistent! Good use of graphics and illustrations to highlight what would otherwise be a list of numbers.	The Odessan	CARES Act funds	Hannah Spaar

Second Place Perry County Republic-Monitor Crematory debate Robert Cox
Crematory debate- Good job keeping up with each step of the process and covering both sides of the issue. Excellent photos after the first few articles. Well done.

Third Place Houston Herald The Texas County Sheriff's Department Doug Davison
Texas County Sheriff- Excellent writing and packaging of what would otherwise be a boring story full of stats. Way to be creative!

Honorable Mention Helps County Focus Ballot Snooping R.D. Hohenfeldt
Ballot Snooping- Good job keeping up with the issue and explaining the details. Be careful with proofing because there are some words left out. It doesn't hamper the goal of the articles but makes the reader fumble... Edit, edit, edit! Good job.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Jefferson County Leader Sheriff buys riot gear Steve Taylor
Timely and well-written piece. Uses quotes and attribution to let the principals state the facts. Also addresses potential concerns.

Second Place Kansas City Northeast News Mayor, U.S. Attorney share details of Abby Hoover
Very nice work telling readers about an important and topical initiative.

Third Place Kansas City Northeast News City budget Elizabeth Orosco
One of the most through budget pieces I've ever read. Well done.

Honorable Mention Courier-Tribune primary victories-western commissioner- Amanda Lubinski
Very complete story uses many quotes to let the subjects tell their story.

28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Columbia Missourian Levee, Floodplain, Uprooted Caitlyn Rosen, Seth Bodine, Tynan Stewart
Beautifully illustrated with remarkable photos and graphics and page design, well-written, organized copy with lots of quotes and background. Wonderful.

Second Place News Tribune News Tribune rural life/agriculture
Top notch work covering farm life and the importance of agriculture.

Third Place Southeast Missourian Put your faith in God Rick Fahr
Good coverage, organized well, good reads throughout.

Honorable Mention Springfield News-Leader Springfield News-Leader Best Coverage of Wes Johnson and Jan Peterson

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Richmond News Ag coverage Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Enjoyed your coverage of agriculture as a "big tent subject" - locally, regionally and statewide., including policy issues and politics.

Second Place Washington Missourian Fresh Face On Farming; The Ties That Bind; Laura Miserez, Julia Hansen and Kristen Dragotto
Great writing and photos in this multi-generational entry covering modern and traditional farming.

Third Place Courier-Tribune Kearney vet adds reindeer Kellie Houx
Loved the reindeer feature story, which included the information about buying and keeping non-traditional livestock.

Honorable Mention Houston Herald Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Staff
Wide variety of ag coverage shows this is an important topic central to the newspaper's coverage area.

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Monett Times** **There be Dragons** **Melonie Roberts**
 Great article about an uncommon subject. Writer left me wanting to get online and find some dragon fruit to try!

Second Place **Monett Times** **Calculating the Costs** **Melonie Roberts**
 Very well written and thorough coverage that informs the reader and gives them a better understanding of the topic.

Third Place **Sedalia Democrat** **Rural hospitals facing challenges** **Emily Walton**
 Important piece that stands out among other entries because the subject doesn't receive enough coverage.

Honorable Mention **Marshall Democrat-News** **Ag supplier adjusts** **Chris Allen**
 Good job showing how small business is coping with the pandemic.

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Southeast Missourian** **Jury awards \$15M to peach farmer for** **Jay Wolz**
 Very informative article. Writer does a good job explaining the case and the verdict.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Local farms, markets adapt to impact of** **Seth Bodine**
 In depth writing shows the impact of the pandemic on local business.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **High season for Missouri maple syrup** **Ziye Kelsey Tang**
 Very educational and well written. Concise writing.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Making the grade?** **Emily Wolf**
 Another very educational piece. Well done.

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **The Kansas City Star** **One of the biggest frauds in farm history** **Mike Hendricks**
 Story grabbed me from the start like watching an episode of Dateline. Great writing, great research, great entry.

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **COVID comes to Cuba** **Jesse Bogan**
 You captured the effect of the pandemic on rural life.

Third Place **The Kansas City Star** **Our little town is hurting right now...** **Judy L. Thomas and Laura Bauer**
 Great job highlighting ignorance during the pandemic.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **"This is not CSI"** **Jesse Bogan**
 Great story that drives home some of the barriers rural officials face with limited resources.

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **Exeter FFA Chapter** **Jordan Troutman**
 Great bee story for your community. The page design added to the overall impact of this ag feature.

Second Place **Edina Sentinel** **Knox County Farmers Bring in Sharp's** **Echo Menges**
 The basis of this story is so good...a community coming together to help someone who usually does not need help. The writing was a little soft, but the story itself is worthy of a second place finish. Good job.

Third Place **Greenfield Vedette** **Pennington Adding** **James McNary**
 Really good story about a growing ag business in your community. Nice coverage and photos.

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Houston Herald****Message in a Bottle****Doug Davison**

What a great story! Well written and truly a sign of COVID times the way it was found and why the boy was at the place where the bottle ended up.

Second Place**Laclede County Record****Chicks in the mail****Steve Smith**

Very interesting and informative. I didn't even know that chicks were shipped via USPS, I just had never thought of it before and had not seen the national article about chicks arriving DOA in New England. The headline does an excellent job of grabbing your attention and the story is very good at telling the local viewpoint of someone in the industry and the importance of the service and the chicks.

Third Place**Phelps County Focus****Cheap Cars Trash Pickup****Kaitlin Brothers**

Love this, I had never heard of the Gambler 500 before. What a great sounding group of environmentally minded guys out having fun and doing good work along the way!

Honorable Mention**Laclede County Record****Amazing Alpacas****Christy Dieman****29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Washington Missourian****Redeker Reins As Draft Horse Champion****Julie Murphy****Second Place****Washington Missourian****Mounting Memories: Taxidermy Feature****The Missourian Staff****Third Place****Washington Missourian****Fresh Face On Farming...****Kristen Dragotto****Honorable Mention****Washington Missourian****The Ties That Bind: Five Generations****Laura Miserez****30.) Best Story About Religion | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Sedalia Democrat****First United Methodist Church prepares for****Hope Lecchi**

This story effectively captures the thought that went into building the new church while also honoring its rich history. Well-written from the opening graph, enhanced by photos that capture the spirit and significance of its recreation.

Second Place**Fulton Sun****Social distancing without the distance****Olivia Garrett**

This story about a Sunday church service conducted outside in the snow was a breath of fresh air, with an intriguing lede and a light but reverent touch. Very nicely written. Imparted the spirit of that church service beautifully.

Third Place**Park Hills Daily Journal****Gesture****Victoria Kemper**

This story left me with more questions than answers about why a 140-year-old church dies. But you also show a congregation turning that tragedy into grace. Well-written, and I hope, well-read.

30.) Best Story About Religion | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Southeast Missourian****Empty on Easter****Ben Matthews**

1st - Worshipping during the pandemic calls for innovation. Great info and photos.

Second Place**Southeast Missourian****Hope and prayer****Jacob Wiegand**

2nd - Great photos of religious gatherings during the pandemic with synopsis article.

Third Place**LakeExpo****'Boaz The Comfort Dog' Bringing A Warm****Kate Robbins**

3rd - What a great service Boaz is providing for your community.

Honorable Mention**Joplin Globe****Joplin garage, opening in June, serves as****Kevin McClintock**

HM - Lovely story on a "full" service garage.

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Priest fills pews	Erin Heffernan
Second Place	Springfield News-Leader	SNL Religion:	Steve Pokin
Third Place	Springfield News-Leader	Retired priest accused of abuse	Harrison Keegan
Honorable Mention	Springfield News-Leader	SNL Religion: Faith leaders march	Sara Karnes

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Shelby County Herald His devotion and commitment is admirable. You captured it all.	VanHouten Lauded for Strong Support of	Troy Treasure
Second Place	South Cass Tribune Interesting article on barber turned pastor and how he found his calling.	Change of career leads to priesthood	Sheryl Stanley
Third Place	Maries County Advocate His devotion and commitment is admirable. You captured it all.	New Mexico Man	Laura Schiermeier
Honorable Mention	Cassville Democrat Interesting article on barber turned pastor and how he found his calling.	Local Business Owner	Jordan Troutman

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Phelps County Focus Compelling subject, nice story telling and great imagery put this entry on top. The detail makes the story - a 61-pound box of sermons, and writing like this -- At The Mission, a hot shower turned into some dignity and a warm meal provided the energy to face	Hope Reborn	Andrew Sheeley
Second Place	Laclede County Record Lovely, light hearted, original reporting on Christmas traditions, with some history of the church. This is the way to recount history -- told through interview, with historical context.	Christmas Eve	Christy Dieman
Third Place	Richmond News Short, sweet story with several sources. Gives me a sense of place and the warmth of community. Nice job painting a picture.	Volunteer	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Honorable Mention	Richmond News One of only stories in this category to interview multiple sources, a basic tenet of journalism. Story is interesting and has voices that give it context. Good job.	Church Online	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Jefferson County Leader Historical insight on one of our favorites Christmas songs.	A little night music	Laura Marlow
Second Place	Jefferson County Leader Interesting - podcast preacher carving out a niche during COVID.	Pilot of the airwaves	Steve Taylor
Third Place	Washington Missourian LaPlant-Wonderful in-depth coverage on a worthy subject	Barb LaPlant Feature	Laura Miserez

Honorable Mention Washington Missourian

Very nice feature - graphics/photos of area churches makes me want to visit. Historical insight on one of our favorites Christmas songs.

Seven Steeples A 'Showing

Laura Miserez

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Sedalia Democrat

Good topic, multiple sources. Would have loved to have seen a student interviewed, but overall a solid effort.

SCJH students reminded why ?Every

Hope Lecchi

Second Place West Plains Daily Quill

Strong lede made this entry stick out.

Onward to glory

Kimberly Langston

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Columbia Missourian

Top-notch work in this explainer. Well researched, well organized.

The stubborn achievement gap

Tran Nguyen

Second Place News Tribune

Good, solid coverage, well researched explainer.

4-day weeks gaining steam

Layne Stracener

Third Place Southeast Missourian

Good writing with a story on a difficult topic, giving both sides of an argument like this does is important in helping readers make their own decisions

Injustice or honor?

Jay Wolz

Honorable Mention Missouri Independent

Kids reported abuse at schools...

Tessa Weinberg

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch

These stories were hard to read because they were so personal to the families, and because there are families, children, in all of our communities, suffering in a similar way. Excellent storytelling lays bare the challenges of virtual learning to the disadvantaged and displaced.

A chance to talk

Blythe Bernhard and Laurie Skrivan

Second Place The Kansas City Star

Well sourced, deeply reported story that lays out the case for readers and lets them decide the strength of the allegations against a superintendent accused of harassment and racism. Well done.

"He preyed on the weak"

Sarah Ritter

Third Place The Kansas City Star

Good story about the impacts of online learning, touching on the entire K-12 experience. We are living this, we know this, but this well-sourced narrative gives answers to the "why" and the "how do we fix it?" Great read.

A lost generation? Educators and students

Mara Rose Williams and Sarah Ritter

Honorable Mention Springfield News-Leader

Good story on teacher pay that includes the essential human element and comparative data for context.

SNL Education: Teacher pay lags

Claudette Riley

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Cassville Democrat

This well-written feature provided a bit of levity in otherwise difficult times for schools. The kind of story only a community newspaper could do. And, it provides a bit of educational system history.

A Swat

Kyle Troutman

Second Place Maryville Forum

This important story is well-written and organized with great graphics providing data at a glance.

Maryville sees decline

Skye Pournazari

Third Place California Democrat

Good explainer on top of important story about local schools in the forefront.

California Elementary School unveils first

Austin Hornbostel

Honorable Mention Maries County Advocate

A good explainer, serving readers with information about how schools serve students outside the classroom during quarantine.

Over 1,500 meals

Roxie Murphy

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

First Place Best story among the entries, and a reminder that vocational and skilled labor jobs are just as important as a four-year college degree.	Richmond News	Blood and Fire	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Second Place A fun graduation story after COVID-19.	Richmond News	COVID GRADS	Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Third Place Cute feature on a young entrepreneur. The editor's note was way too long.	Ozark County Times	Welding like a girl	Jessi Dreckman
Honorable Mention Nicely done. Another reminder that a four-year college degree isn't for everyone.	Laclede County Record	Cutting class	Laura Valenti

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

First Place These scripts are made for walking ... great headline. Great writing ... makes me want to see this!	Washington Missourian	These Scripts Were Made For Walking	Laura Miserez
Second Place What came from punishment led to ownership. Great story.	Jefferson County Leader	Gleaming auditorium seats	Laura Marlow
Third Place Feeding students during a pandemic and unknown stressors at home - great reporting.	St. Louis American	Feeding students	Rebecca Rivas
Honorable Mention Students returning to classrooms - a great day for certain.	Webster - Kirkwood Times	Webster-Kirkwood Times Best Story About	Melissa Wilkinson

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

First Place Very informative and detailed piece on crafting a bow. The writer did an excellent job explaining the process from start to finish.	West Plains Daily Quill	From tree to bow	Kimberly Langston
Second Place A timely piece about turkey hunting, published the day before Thanksgiving. Interesting anecdotes and an excellent PI photo.	Monett Times	Turkey Hunting	Jordan Troutman
Third Place Bats get a bum rap, as the writer points out in this interesting piece explaining the many good qualities of this much-maligned creature.	West Plains Daily Quill	Bats good neighbors	Kimberly Langston

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

First Place	Southeast Missourian	Bringing veterans together	Jacob Wiegand
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Oh my gourd?	Abbey Tauchen
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Hobbyists' dreams take flight	Savannah Bennett
Honorable Mention	Columbia Missourian	Once a battleground, now a byway: The	Xander Negrozio

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

First Place **Springfield News-Leader** **SNL Outdoors: Morel season** **Wes Johnson**
 Interesting and engaging piece on morel hunting season in Missouri. Uses several sources and interesting quotes. Well done.

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Bat poop** **Bryce Gray**
 Well-researched piece on what scientists can learn about the climate by studying piles of bat guano. A "who knew?" kind of story.

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Cool and quirky** **Valerie Schremp Hahn**
 A comprehensive account of the parks of St. Louis and surrounding areas. Very useful during pandemic times.

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader** **SNL Outdoors: Love for the Big Tree** **Wes Johnson**
 Well-done piece on a lightning strike on a nearly four-century old tree, and worries about if it will survive.

32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Mexico Ledger** **Park for everyone** **Nathan Lilley**
 Park for all - Great information! I commend you on including the history of the park.

Second Place **Maryville Forum** **Snow Geese flock** **Skye Pournazari**
 What a great photo that accompanies this article.

Third Place **Maryville Forum** **Maryville angler breaks** **Skye Pournazari**
 Great quotes from the young angler.

Honorable Mention **The Current Local** **Bewitched by a Bull's Buge** **Mike Grassham**
 Landowner hunt/conservation program an interesting concept explained in article.

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

First Place **Richmond News** **Army Corps** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
 A good story will great visuals - this entry gives the reader a look at the often unknown but important work of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Second Place **Laclede County Record** **Accessible** **Chris Roden**
 This entry did a good job of explaining the need for accessible facilities through the eyes of those who use them.

Third Place **Ozark County Times** **Trans-Ozark Trail** **Amelia LaMair**
 The writer did a commendable job explaining the connection of two major trails. One critique would be that I was taught, and I believe with good reason, that a column shouldn't be more than about 3" wide - otherwise it tends to hamper readability on broadsheet.

Honorable Mention **Laclede County Record** **Opening Day** **Chris Roden**
 This was simply fascinating to read.

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

First Place **Washington Missourian** **Paddling Nature's Interstate: Neal Moore** **Laura Miserez**
 Loved this report with its compelling photos and interesting sidebars, each of which enhanced and informed the main story. Well-written and interesting throughout. Made me want to load up my kayak and find a river. Nice job.

Second Place **Washington Missourian** **Across The Wide Missouri: Luke Davis** **Laura Miserez**
 Another great adventure story that gets the heart beating faster from the first graph. Miserez gave readers the best chance to feel what it was like to ride the Katy Trail, short of clipping in and pedaling it themselves. Addition of a map was a nice touch.

Third Place **St. Louis American** **Billboards removed** **Sophie Hurwitz**
 This story caught me off guard. Not your typical Outdoors report, but it challenges us to think what "outdoors" means to residents of non-rural communities. It also calls attention to a poorly maintained, but historically significant, park cemetery, and shines a light on what one woman activist did to rescue it from the blight of billboards. A touching story, and an important one that needed telling.

Honorable Mention Jefferson County Leader

Nicely written. Marlow doesn't get in the way of the story, uses lots of quotes, provides interesting perspective on that rare thing: a charming and upbeat COVID story. The enticing photos sure don't hurt, either.

Uh oh... Trapped in Chile

Laura Marlow

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Monett Times

Story has me caring about what's going to happen to a 2,000-pound piece of rock. Nicely done.

History in Motion

Mike Gervais

Second Place Fulton Sun

A well written feature.

Historian: Missouri a vital resource in Civil

Helen Wilbers

Third Place West Plains Daily Quill

I like the effort comparing the Spanish flu to COVID-19. The old newspaper clippings help illustrate the historical significance.

Spanish flu

Chris Herbolzheimer

Honorable Mention Sedalia Democrat

This is interesting, but still sounds like a dry history report.

Green Ridge to mark 150th anniversary in

Hope Lecchi

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Joplin Globe

A compelling historical account about one family's struggle to survive.

Family to mark 75th anniversary of

Emily Younker

Second Place Joplin Globe

A close second. Well-written, but it's a story that's told through old interviews and historic accounts.

Veterans recalled surrender of Japan

Andy Ostmeyer

Third Place Columbia Missourian

A good reminder that recent events are also historic events.

Missouri football's 2015 legacy lives on in

Max Baker

Honorable Mention Missouri Independent

Interesting, but reads almost like a scholarly paper.

The Missouri Governor who was never

Rudi Keller

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Thoughtful, deeper look at a topic making headlines across the country. The context provided by this deeper dive helped to inform opinions beyond initial emotional responses from either side.

King Louis IV

Jane Henderson

Second Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Well done. Interesting piece about graveyards used as park space. Details people buried at each and historians' efforts to memorialize them. Historical documents and current interviews make this a good read.

What lies beneath

Valerie Schremp Hahn

Third Place The Kansas City Star

Interesting comparison of COVID-19 pandemic to the Spanish flu outbreak. Many similarities, interesting historical take.

A coronavirus lesson? How KC's response to

Eric Adler

Honorable Mention Springfield News-Leader

Entertaining read. Good mix of historical documents and interviews that added a new look to the legendary tale of Bonnie and Clyde.

SNL History: Bonnie & Clyde kidnap cop

Steve Pokin

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Maries County Advocate

Entertaining tale, well sourced, good interviews.

A Tale of Buying and Selling

Laura Schiermeier

Second Place Maries County Advocate

Lovely narrative about a family's roots in the area.

From Tennessee to Missouri

Laura Schiermeier

Third Place **Daily American Republic** **A Christmas miracle** **Donna Farley**

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Veterans connect, transition to their lives....** **Abbey Tauchen**

34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Lots of military stories told in a relaxed, conversational tone. That's what makes this entry so compelling.

SNL Military: Careful using 'H-word' **Steve Pokin**

Second Place **The Kansas City Star**
A relevant hard news story.

Despite concern, Navy gave Greitens 'red' **Tara Copp, Jason Hancock and Bryan Lowry**

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Conversational story about life and the military.

SNL Military: All God's children **Steve Pokin**

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader**

SNL History: Henry rifle donated **Wes Johnson**

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **California Democrat**
Well-written narrative.

California native takes charge of Navy unit **Austin Hornbostel**

Second Place **California Democrat**

Veteran, California native aims for **Austin Hornbostel**

Third Place **Maryville Forum**

34 - Purple Heart finds home **Skye Pournazari**

Honorable Mention **Maryville Forum**

WWII veteran turns 102 **Skye Pournazari**

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News**
Beautifully illustrated, well written story. History is well documented to underline the current issue. Publicity such as this must have had impact. Good job.

Purple Heartless **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**

Second Place **Phelps County Focus**
Oh, my! Wanted this story to be longer. Great job outlining one family's history of military service. Hope this becomes a book.

Hodge Brothers **Kaitlin Brothers**

Third Place **Ozark County Times**
Poignant stories of generations of local people's military service. Descriptive, well written narrative.

What gratitude we owe them **Sue Ann Jones**

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald**
Great article built on one of those "chance of a lifetime" encounters. Good job with research and military background.

An unlikely reunion **Doug Davison**

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**
Interesting story with enough context and background to deliver its uniqueness.

Space force **Laura Marlow**

Second Place **Washington Missourian** **Washington Vet Gets Posthumous Medal** **Geoff Folsom**
Telling the story of the marauders, which many people probably don't know, lifted this above other entries.

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Homes for the holidays** **Tony Krausz**
Showed why these homes matter, that they're not just a gift for service but allow former service members to have productive, loving civilian lives.

35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Southeast Missourian** **Pandemic Polaroids 6-14-20** **Southeast Missourian**
This idea is too good not to recognize as the first place winner. Retro done well and timely. Won't see many entries like this. Other styles are seen year after year. Nice job.

Second Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Chiefs special section** **Columbia Daily Tribune Staff**
Great photo, great subjects, great color, great typography. Well done.

Third Place **News Tribune** **Sept. 9 Flavor front** **Molly Morris**
I see POP all over this page. Nice job.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian** **Chief's reign** **The Missourian Staff**
Patrick design number two needs an honorable mention...almost made second place but I chose between the two Patrick's for the spot. Well done.

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Maryville Forum**
Nice use of a big photo/cut out to anchor the page design.

35 - Professional

Second Place **Maryville Forum**
Really nice photos help this page along.

Firefighters remember 9/11

Third Place **Maries County Advocate** **Hilke Ice** **Jacob Warden**
Layout looks clean.

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Houston Herald** **Houston's famous clown** **Doug Davison**
This wins because the photos are good and the design is decent, but the subject matter matters. We have to acknowledge that the story does play a roll in winning entries - even in design categories! This is great all around. Thank you!

Second Place **Richmond News** **Genghis Khan** **Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia**
Nice use of color. Impactful.

Third Place **Laclede County Record** **Valedictorian** **Shawna Bradley**
We have all had to do them, and this one is fresh and design is done particularly well. Good job.

Honorable Mention **The Odessan** **CARES funding page** **Hannah Spaar**
This has to be mentioned because it is an effective design for so much content. At first I thought it was a mess, then I read the entire thing...the design worked.

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Courier-Tribune**
Great picture, great color blocking, great font choices. If it is team colors, even better. If it looked good in print, even better. Great job design team.

Second Place **St. Louis American** **Business** **Mike Terhaar**
Perfect example of a picture being worth a thousand words. I was immediately drawn to finding out more about the Sysco president. Great page design.

Third Place **St. Louis American**
The photo took the stage and made this a lovely page.

Living It

Melvin Moore

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian**
Worth mentioning...any community paper can make something nice with the perfect art to go with local faces and content. Nice job on this page.

Craft Craze

Julia Hansen and Sarah Moore

36.) *Best Information Graphic | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3*

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
Lots going here, but the graphs are self-explanative and very clean. Easy to read.

Airlines struggle as COVID-19 soars

Ben Scott

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
straight to the point with very interesting information. Would have loved to have seen this info over a greater period of time though. But clean and easy to decipher.

Masks are a must

Jessica Blake

Third Place **Joplin Globe**
Simple is best when it comes to graphics as it equates to easy to decipher and read. This is basic but gets the point across very well.

When should schools consider closing amid

Nathan Mills

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader**

Infographic: Election maps

Austin Hoguelet

36.) *Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Class 2*

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Odessan**
Excellent graphic showing spike in COVID cases. Love that it wraps around the text and gives full perspective to severity of the rise in case numbers. Obviously took some time to create with available data, so nice work!

Through the roof

Hannah Spaar

Second Place **Warren County Record**
Nice use of subtlety in design and color use. Good breakdown and visual of where county cases are. Most tasteful in category. Nice work!

COVID case breakdown

Adam Rollins and Scott Dupree

Third Place **The Odessan**
Good information and collection of data, but be careful with color boxes. Easy to overdo. Also, watch white type on faint boxes. Solid effort though and visually informative.

143 businesses benefit from CARES Act

Hannah Spaar

Honorable Mention **Richmond News**
Interesting historical look at equipment! The black background is a bit heavy (hope it printed well), but a fun comparison of Spartan times. Careful with Photoshop tools - it's distracting from this neat piece.

Battle Gear

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

36.) *Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Class 3*

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**
Love the colors and the detail in the eye. Great "eye" for the meaning inside the graphic.

The eyes have it: Court rules eyewitness ID

Ryan O'Shea

Second Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**
Very clever.

Protection politics

Ryan O'Shea

Third Place **Washington Missourian**

From Baby Bumps To Baby Bust...

Sharon Pruessner

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian**

Remembering This Eventful Year

Sarah Moore, Elena K. Cruz and Kristen Dragotto

37.) *Best Editorial Cartoon | Dailies - Class 2*

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **News Tribune**
Great twist on "green deal"

Missouri's Green New Deal

Jim Dyke

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Looks like me** **John Darkow**
heartwarming

Third Place **Independence Examiner** **Cardboard cutouts** **Joe Liccar**
Great idea

Honorable Mention **News Tribune** **March Madness 2020** **Jim Dyke**
Captured the moment

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Richmond News**
Powerful use of art in support of editorial comment. Well done!

Clay Sunshine

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Second Place **Richmond News**
Clever use of art coupled with direct quote addressing a topic that affects readership.

Foot in Mouth

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Third Place **Richmond News**
Absolutely relatable in the heat of the TP grab battles. Timely AND clever!

Toilet Paper

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Honorable Mention **Monroe City Lake Gazette**
Great drawing, original and funny.

Gravel Road

Dennis Fletcher

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**
Killed it...truth in lead and ink!

Cousin Philomena

Judy Dixon

Second Place **Kansas City Northeast News**
Edgy and topical.

"They will kill millions."

Bryan Stalder

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader**
excellent supporting art that stands alone in telling story.

Must. Not. Touch.

Judy Dixon

Honorable Mention **Jefferson County Leader**
clever, clever, art

Here you go

Judy Dixon

38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Joplin Globe**
As the eighth annual writing contest, this project has history and strong support from schools. Great entries from young writers . Encouraging them by publishing their work also increases readership and shows the community the value of their local newspaper.

Globe Writing Contest

Amanda Stone

Second Place **Joplin Globe**
These programs do a lot to reward students for outstanding work while allowing the students to publicly credit a teacher who was especially inspiring. Great project for the local newspaper.

Academic Excellence Team

Amanda Stone

38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Eldon Advertiser**
Great work in keeping Veterans Day NIE program going, even though students and veterans could not meet face-to-face. Especially nice to see student work published in the newspaper - that shows cooperation from teachers.

Veterans Day project

Tammy Witherspoon

Second Place **Eldon Advertiser**
Good job getting Democracy Day done despite the onslaught of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Facilitating classroom programs and visits by various officials and encouraging students to write for publication shows tremendous partnership with teachers.

Democracy Day

Tammy Witherspoon

38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Jefferson County Leader****Leader Art and Science Challenge****Peggy Scott and Staff****Second Place** **St. Louis American****STEM****Cathy Sewell****39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Sedalia Democrat**
Very attractive, user friendly website. Easy to navigate. Great mix of photos and text.**Sedalia Democrat website****Democrat Staff****Second Place** **Monett Times**
I love how this website conveys the feeling that I'm reading a newspaper online. Excellent mix of photos and text.**Monett Best Website****Staff****Third Place** **Lake Sun Leader****Lake News Online Website****Mitch Prentice, Joyce Miller, Michael Losch and****39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian**
Most original design of websites submitted. Great balance of text and photos and advertising. Easy to navigate and fast loading.**Columbia Missourian****The Missourian Staff****Second Place** **Missouri Independent**
Good balance of photos and text. User friendly website is not overwhelming.**The Missouri Independent****Jason Hancock****Third Place** **News Tribune****Honorable Mention** **LakeExpo****The Lake Of The Ozarks' Trusted News****Brent Simpson, Nathan Bechtold, Sara Halverson, Gina Garriott, Kate Robbins and Taylor Buckley****39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Cassville Democrat**
Cleanest, most eye friendly landing page of all entries. Easy to navigate, fast loading increase appeal.**Cassville Best Website****Staff****Second Place** **Edina Sentinel**
Landing page not as eye friendly as the first place winner, but subsequent pages inside the website are nicely laid out, very user friendly. Tough choice on this one came down to landing pages.**The Edina Sentinel Best Website****Elsa Besler, Mike Scott and Echo Menges****Third Place** **Savannah Reporter****savrep****Brent Rosenauer****Honorable Mention** **Maryville Forum****MaryvilleForum.com****39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Phelps County Focus**
Excellent use of photos and text for the landing page. Very user friendly experience, and not overwhelming. Advertising seemed very organic with the news product again, not overwhelmingly screaming in your face, but more like part of the experience. Enjoyable site.**phelpscountyfocus.com****Staff****Second Place** **Houston Herald**
This website packs a lot into the landing page, almost too much, but I did enjoy the use of the timeline for latest features.**houstonherald.com****Staff**

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Washington Missourian Unique section headers at top of page. Well done video on prom. Solid local content on wide range for topics.	eMissourian.com	The Missourian Staff
Second Place	Webster - Kirkwood Times Not as well organized as others. Better organization of headers and better header graphics would have moved it to first. Great depth of content. Enjoyed Jeff Goldblum story.	Webster-Kirkwood Times Best Online	Randy Drilingas and Amanda Zarecki
Third Place	St. Louis American Good layout and colors. Solid content and images. Good video recap of weekly issue. Nice editorial calendar.	The St. Louis American Website	The St. Louis American Staff

40.) Best Video | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Bravo. Painting the pandemic in a positive light while still showing the need and concern for a better life is our	Table of Healing 5-18-20 grandest goal.	Colter Peterson
Second Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Supporting your readers while supporting a business. Nice.	Dancing away the pandemic	Colter Peterson
Third Place	The Kansas City Star	Drive-in concert helps restaurant...	Tammy Ljungblad
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Belly of the beast	Colter Peterson

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	News Tribune This is just a wonderful piece of artistry and storytelling. Stories that give us hope are a much needed commodity. Kudos to all involved.	One-year anniversary of Jefferson City	Nicole Roberts
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Unfulfilled: Documentary on the senior	The Missourian Staff
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	The Long Wait	Zephyrus Li, Grace Noteboom, Megan Oosthuizen, Minh Connors, Jacob Moscovitch and Brian Kratzer
Honorable Mention	Columbia Daily Tribune	Mizzou student-athlete social justice march	Eric Blum

40.) Best Video | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis American Using our voice as journalists is always best when used to highlight the people in our community that work to make it better. Kudos.	Awardee Dr. Punch	Rebecca Rivas
Second Place	St. Louis American	Awardee Dr. Turner	Rebecca Rivas
Third Place	Kansas City Northeast News	Distillery makes hand sanitizer	Michael Bushnell and Bryan Stalder
Honorable Mention	St. Louis American	Jim Crow Policing	Dawn Suggs

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place This was a very well done news video, covering all sides of an issue, allowing the story to speak for itself.	Phelps County Focus	COVID-19 mask meeting	Kaitlin Brothers
Second Place Who knew? I am now interested in knowing the heartbeat of those addicted to collecting vacuum cleaners. Great local twist that (maybe) only you could do.	Phelps County Focus	Vacuum Cleaner Collectors Gather at Rolla	Kaitlin Brothers
Third Place This was a nice effort with good information. I have to mention it is a struggle to be good at news or leading a department, and also good at acting...something we all need to ponder when producing videos and putting the camera on subjects.	Cassville Democrat	COVID PSA	Staff

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Springfield News-Leader	Springfield News-Leader Best Headlines	Harrison Keegan, Steve Pokin, Wes Johnson Amos Bridges and Stephen Herzog
Second Place	Missouri Independent	Missouri Independent Best Headline	Jason Hancock
Third Place	Columbia Missourian		The Missourian Staff

41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Washington Missourian	Yule Do The Driving, Wheely Big Blessing,	The Missourian Staff
Second Place	St. Louis American	The St. Louis American - Best Headlines	The St. Louis American Staff
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader		Staff

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Solid use of graphic and headline writing skills to engage the reader.	Phelps County Focus	Focus Headlines	Staff
Second Place In truth this was a tie for first, however overall the headlines were very pointed making the reader willing to give the time to to the article.	Laclede County Record	LCR Best Headlines	Fines Massey
Third Place With just a little more thought, these headlines will engage readers.	Houston Herald	Headlines in the Houston Herald	Doug Davison
Honorable Mention Fair headline writing, but obvious that more thought needs to be spent on headlines.	Cassville Democrat	Cassville Headlines	Staff

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Colorful vignettes show WHO the subject was and what he meant to others. You captured his personality and 'bigness'. Great use of quotes.	Kirkville Daily Express & News	Kirkville - Hugh Dunn	Austin Miller
Second Place Distinctive story telling, anecdotes give reader insight into the subject.	Kirkville Daily Express & News	Kirkville - Farnsworth funeral	Austin Miller

Third Place **Sedalia Democrat**
Well-written story by a reporter who will be sorely missed.

Sedalia loses beloved leader, friend with **Hope Lecchi**

Honorable Mention **Sedalia Democrat**
Hope would be honored by your writing.

Sedalia loses one of its storytellers **Nicole Cooke**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
While most entries were about famous people where long lists of achievements show their worth, this one about a community icon with mental illness was filled with heart and compassion. Beautifully done.

Edwards **Roshae Hemmings**

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Instead of as biography, this piece certainly captured the essence of the man. I wish I had been able to work for him, too.

Hinojosa **Connor Giffin**

Third Place **Joplin Globe**
Always impressive when a story can convey who a person was instead of just what they did.

Homer Cole remembered... **Jim Henry**

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**
If I were allowed to give four first places in this category, this would have been one of the four. What a compelling man, whose life achievements were demonstrated in how he affected those who followed in his path.

Dr. Gus T. Ridgel's legacy... **Roshae Hemmings**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Wonderful tribute! Great job using info from past stories.

SNL Obit: Ralph Manley **Wes Johnson**

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Great job!

SNL Obit: BJ Marsh **Austin Huguélet**

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Nice way to honor an amazing woman!

SNL Obit: Connie Bilyeu **Claudette Riley**

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Moving tribute.

Bill and Pat Olwig **Erin Heffernan**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **California Democrat**

Dianna Effner obituary **Paula Tredway**

Second Place **Cassville Democrat**

Friend Mentor Adventurer **Kyle Troutman**

Third Place **Maries County Advocate**

Legacy of Karlee Jo Hallahan **Roxie Murphy**

Honorable Mention **Cassville Democrat**

Bidding Farewell **Jordan Troutman**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Ozark County Times**
I couldn't stop reading.
You made each member
of the family real.

42: Young widow mourns a dad and **Sue Ann Jones**

Second Place Well-written, brings the reader to the story.	Ozark County Times	Two lives lived close to the land	Sue Ann Jones
Third Place Great use of personal detail and quotes.	Ozark County Times	Remembering Harley Collins...	Jessi Dreckman
Honorable Mention Touching and sweet.	Ozark County Times	Remembering Linnie	Sue Ann Jones

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Flawless writing on a fascinating artist.	St. Louis American	Chadwick Boseman	Kenya Vaughn and Chris King
Second Place A tribute, a history lesson and a cautionary message.	St. Louis American	Wayman Smith	Kenya Vaughn and Chris King
Third Place Great look inside an interesting community member as well as an important message	Jefferson County Leader	Howard Wagner	Steve Taylor
Honorable Mention Both HM stories are outstanding. This judge wishes there were more writers with the ability to show and not tell.	Jefferson County Leader	Life story: Robert E. "Bob" Smith	Laura Marlow

43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Solid in-depth reporting on the election. Wide variety of methods: print, video, slide shows. Good journalism presented effectively.	Columbia Missourian	Local Election coverage	The Missourian Staff
Second Place Very good features on the impact the the organizations have had on people's lives. Content was on the personal level and not just about the organization. An external mic would have helped the videos	News Tribune	A Christmas Wish	News Tribune
Third Place Good coverage of the impact of the fire on the restoration and the history of the building. Video of fire would have been better if more info provided and shot from different angles. Great use of the drone video.	Joplin Globe	Olivia Apartments ablaze just as plan for its	Staff

43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Weeklies

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place A very well thought out package with very good promotion leading up to the launch. Outstanding layout of print features of women. Good intros on podcasts - effective interviews with emotional answers. Very good promotion on Facebook	Springfield Business Journal	No Ceiling Podcast	Christine Temple
Second Place Solid in-depth coverage of Rep. Cori Bush's historic election to Congress. Good video recap of her path to election using previous videos. Good videos and photos of her return to Cardinal Ritter College Prep. Good follow up on the Congresswoman after the election.	St. Louis American	U.S. Rep Cori Bush (Missouri)	The St. Louis American Staff
Third Place Since there were issues with seeing the doctor, it would have been better to convert to a podcast. The transcription of the entire interview was very long. Would have been better to write a story and include a link to the full audio.	Edina Sentinel	Interview with Dr. Jeff Davis	Echo Menges

44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Joplin Globe	JMag	Kevin McClintock
Second Place	Lake Sun Leader	Lake Lifestyles magazine 2020	Charis Patires

Third Place	Monett Times	Monett Best Magazine	Staff
Honorable Mention	Southeast Missourian	Flourish: Spring, summer, winter 2020	Southeast Missourian

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly Superior design invites readers in.	Startup Missouri	Staff
Second Place	Laclede County Record Trout fishermen and this community is well-served by this publication,	Trout Talk	Fines Massey, Shawna Bradley and Chris Roden
Third Place	Washington Missourian Not up to the other entries in terms of content or design, but well done overall. Tough competition!	Senior Life Times	The Missourian Staff

45.) Best Health Story | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Sedalia Democrat Well-done story, paints a picture of hospital staff dealing with COVID hospitalizations taxing resources.	Bothwell hit hard by COVID hospitalizations	Nicole Cooke
Second Place	Monett Times Interesting, well-written story - unusual topic handled well through interviews and narrative.	All the Joy	Melonie Roberts
Third Place	West Plains Daily Quill Good story pulled out from regular county commission coverage - great way to keep county readers informed.	WIC participation down in Howell County	Nicholas Haring

45.) Best Health Story | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian Great job covering both the health benefits of wearing masks, the psychological factors in refusal to follow mandates as well as the political issues surrounding mandates. Well-researched and presented with graphics and resources.	Why won't some people wear masks?	Janae McKenzie
Second Place	News Tribune Terrific coverage of a very important issue as "defunding the police" movement sheds light on how law enforcement agencies have been forced to deal with people in mental health crises. Two sidebars on a town hall meeting and on law enforcement training add depth.	People in behavioral crisis often see police	Joe Gamm
Third Place	Southeast Missourian Interesting read about a local greenhouse working with the state health department to be the first legal marijuana growing operation in the state. Includes how the new industry will be regulated.	Cape County greenhouse growing legal	Jay Wolz
Honorable Mention	Missouri Independent Great story telling in this piece about how local hospital staff deal with increased hospitalizations during the COVID-19 crisis. Personal stories are told amid the data and statistics.	At suburban Missouri hospital...	Adam Satrya Jackson

45.) Best Health Story | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	A plea for help	Michele Munz
Second Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Mallory Goepel	Michele Munz and David Carson
Third Place	Springfield News-Leader	SNL Health: Thousands of kids taken off	Austin Huguelet

Honorable Mention St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Under pressure

Michele Munz and Laurie Skrivan

45.) Best Health Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

South Cass Tribune

Riveting account of COVID illness with bits of humor in the mix. Thoughtful writing relates the pressures health care workers were facing.

I am a COVID survivor

Dennis Minich

Second Place

Maryville Forum

Solid writing. Technical information handled well.

NCAD uses UV light

Skye Pournazari

Third Place

Cassville Democrat

Good lede, well organized, medical information handled well for layman readers.

Doctor goes on Journey

Jordan Troutman

Honorable Mention

Maryville Forum

Good use of quotes and photos.

COVID-19 Vaccine Arrives

Geoffrey Woehlk

45.) Best Health Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Richmond News

Medicaid Missouri

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Second Place

Ozark County Times

Ozark County man gets unexpected life-

Norene Prosocki

Third Place

Wright County Journal

Giving the gift of life

Ron Schott

Honorable Mention

Perry County Republic-Monitor

At the threshold

Robert Cox

45.) Best Health Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Jefferson County Leader

You first! Preemie twins born

Laura Marlow

Second Place

Courier-Tribune

Sixth-grader's kidney donation

Kellie Houx

Third Place

Jefferson County Leader

At the forefront

Laura Marlow

Honorable Mention

Jefferson County Leader

Cancer tattoo

Laura Marlow

46.) Best Coverage Of Elections | Dailies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

News Tribune

Great coverage all around - candidate profiles, election information, especially pertinent issues surrounding pandemic. Liked the FAQ referring to online resources.

News Tribune election coverage

Second Place

News Tribune

Deep coverage on local races along with regional and state races, focusing on local issues.

News Tribune election coverage

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Good, all-around election coverage, including previews and election day during pandemic.

Elections: Pre-election coverage

News-Leader Staff

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe**
Good job focusing on local elections.

School district bond issue series

Emily Younker

47.) Best COVID-19 Coverage | Dailies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Daily American Republic**

March 27, March 28, April 1, 2020

Second Place **News Tribune**

News Tribune COVID-19 coverage

Third Place **Independence Examiner**

Examiner COVID-19 coverage and

Jeff Fox and Mike Genet

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune**

Columbia Daily Tribune Staff

47.) Best COVID-19 Coverage | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **South Cass Tribune**

COVID coverage

Dennis Minich and Sheryl Stanley

Second Place **Maryville Forum**

Best COVID-19 Coverage

Third Place **Cassville Democrat**

Cassville COVID Coverage

Staff

Honorable Mention **Edina Sentinel**

Echo Menges and Emilie Rumble

47.) Best COVID-19 Coverage | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield Business Journal**

Economic Growth Survey/COVID-19

Second Place **Richmond News**

COVID

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Third Place **Ste. Genevieve Herald**

Toby Carrig and Mark Evans

Honorable Mention **Ozark County Times**

Sue Ann Jones

47.) Best COVID-19 Coverage | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Courier-Tribune**
Great in-depth local coverage with state angles, too. Great service to readers.

courier-tribune best covid-19 coverage BNC

Second Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
Excellent business coverage from all angles.

SLBJ best Covid-19 coverage

Staff

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader**
Good, solid community coverage - everything readers need to know.

Jefferson County Leader

Staff

Honorable Mention **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**

Staff