

2021 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List

Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

California Democrat, California

Former Moniteau County assessor charged with forgery, stealing

Austin Hornbostel

Best Breaking News Story

Third Place

California Democrat, California

California business community unites during pandemic

Austin Hornbostel

Best Business Story

First Place

California Democrat, California

California Elementary School unveils first STEM education...

Austin Hornbostel

Best Story About Education

Third Place

California Democrat, California

California native takes charge of Navy unit

Austin Hornbostel

Best Military Story

First Place

California Democrat, California

Veteran, California native aims for livestream world record

Austin Hornbostel

Best Military Story

Second Place

California Democrat, California

Dianna Effner obituary

Paula Tredway

Best News or Feature Obituary

First Place

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Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Staff

General Excellence
Second Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Staff

Best Overall Design
Honorable Mention

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Cassville Front Pages

Staff

Best Front Page
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

CHS Teacher

Kyle Troutman

Best Breaking News Story
Second Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

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Kyle Troutman

Best Breaking News Story
Honorable Mention

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Area Sex Trafficking

Kyle Troutman

Best News Story
Third Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Hospitals Face COVID

Kyle Troutman

Best News Story
Honorable Mention

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Serious Columnist Troutman

Kyle Troutman

Best Columnist- Serious
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Wildcats Work

Kyle Troutman

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Second Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Wildcats Resiliency

Kyle Troutman

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Third Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Breast Cancer

Jordan Troutman and Melonie Roberts

Community Service
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Cassville Sports Pages

Staff

Best Sports Pages
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Title/Teachable/Wildcats

Jared Lankford and Kyle Troutman

Best Sports News Story or Package
Third Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Sports Columnist Troutman

Kyle Troutman

Best Sports Columnist
Second Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Trout Times

Staff

Best News or Feature Special Section
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Sheriff Race

Kyle Troutman

Best Coverage of Government
Third Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Exeter FFA Chapter

Jordan Troutman

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Local Business Owner

Jordan Troutman

Best Story About Religion
Honorable Mention

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
A Swat
Kyle Troutman

Best Story About Education
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Cassville Best Website
Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
COVID PSA
Staff

Best Video
Third Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Cassville Headlines
Staff

Best Headline Writing
Honorable Mention

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Friend Mentor Adventurer
Kyle Troutman

Best News or Feature Obituary
Second Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Bidding Farewell
Jordan Troutman

Best News or Feature Obituary
Honorable Mention

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Doctor goes on Journey
Jordan Troutman

Best Health Story
Third Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Cassville COVID Coverage
Staff

Best COVID-19 Coverage
Third Place

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Centralia Fireside Guard, Centralia
Sturgeon graduating seniors socially distanced...
James Smith

Best Feature Photograph
Third Place

Centralia Fireside Guard, Centralia
Social Distancing, Centralia style
James Smith

Best Feature Photograph
Honorable Mention

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Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg

General Excellence
Honorable Mention

Brett Adkison, Autumn Barnett, Steve Tinnen Nikki Keling and Betty Dickinson

Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg

Best Front Page
Honorable Mention

Brett Adkison and Autumn Barnett

Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg

Heartbroken

Clint Dye

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Second Place

Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg

Review

Brett Adkison and Autumn Barnett

Best Photo Illustration
Second Place

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Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia

General Excellence
Honorable Mention

Columbia Daily Tribune Staff

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia

Best Front Page
Third Place

Columbia Daily Tribune Staff

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia

'I just couldn't let go' Veteran applies coping skills in caregiver's role
Aarik Danielsen

Best Feature Story
First Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia

Protester Hit by Car 06-01-20
Madeline Carter

Best News Photograph
Third Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia

Protest Tuesday Downtown 06-02-20
Don Shrubshell

Best Feature Photograph
Second Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia

Mizzou 2020 in review
Gabriela Velasquez

Best Photo Illustration
First Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia

Columbia Daily Tribune best sports pages
Columbia Daily Tribune Staff

Best Sports Pages
Third Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia

A decade later: Reliving Mizzou's triumph over top-ranked Oklahoma
Eric Blum

Best Sports Feature Story
First Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia

Graeler: Reliable Rountree remains a constant for Mizzou
Kevin Graeler

Best Sports Columnist
Second Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia

'I just couldn't let go' Veteran applies coping skills in caregiver's role
Aarik Danielsen

Best Military Story
First Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia

Chiefs special section
Columbia Daily Tribune Staff

Best Page Design
Second Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia

Mizzou student-athlete social justice march
Eric Blum

Best Video
Honorable Mention

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia

Columbia Daily Tribune Staff

Best COVID-19 Coverage
Honorable Mention

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Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Columbia Missourian
The Missouriian Staff

General Excellence
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Overall Design
The Missouriian Staff

Best Overall Design
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Solidarity, Election Turnout, Unrest
The Missouriian Staff

Best Front Page
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
MU refuses to remove Thomas Jefferson statute despite pressure from
Galen Bacharier

Best News Story
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Firmly rooted: Liz Graznak makes a name for herself in the organic
Leanne Tippett Mosby

Best Feature Story
Second Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
First Pitches: Missouriian sportswriting alums share memories of their
The Missouriian Staff

Best News or Feature Series
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Washed Away: MO River Floodplains
Tynan Stewart, Caitlyn Rosen, Mikayla Easley Lillie Hegeman and Seth Bodine

Best News or Feature Series
Second Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Cason Suggs
Armond Feffer

Best News Photograph
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Sterling Brown 6/3/2020
Zephyrus Li

Best News Photograph
Second Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Fireworks
Brian W. Kratzer

Best Feature Photograph
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Amber Smith 1/17/2020
Jeffrey Zide

Best Sports Photograph
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Samuel Schell
Dan Shular

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Second Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Cheerleader
Trenton Almgren-Davis

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Third Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Gun
Hillary Tan

Best Photo Illustration
Third Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Democracy
The Missouriian Staff

Best Photo Package
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Another Step Forward
The Missouriian Staff

Best Photo Package
Honorable Mention

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Progress Awards
The Missouriian Staff

Community Service
Second Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Play through pain: MU tennis players say coaches told them to play
Liam Quinn

Best Sports News Story or Package
Second Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia Travis, Whitaker prevail for dramatic state title defenses Jackson Stone	Best Sports News Story or Package Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia From the mountains to Missouri Adam Cole	Best Sports Feature Story Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Players find safe haven on farm Adam Cole	Best Sports Feature Story Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Missouri football's 2015 legacy lives on in 2020's athletes Max Baker	Best Sports Feature Story Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Innovations in Agriculture The Missourian Staff	Best News or Feature Special Section Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Boomtown 2020: How to live your best life in Columbia over 50 The Missourian Staff	Best News or Feature Special Section Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Missouri politicians get around contribution limits by using PACs Jordan Meier, Mawa Iqbal and Spencer Norris	Best Investigative Reporting First Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia When the levee breaks: Levee failure causes massive losses to Missouri Caitlyn Rosen and Seth Bodine	Best Business Story First Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Trash, Recycling and Roll Carts The Missourian Staff	Best Coverage of Government Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Levee, Floodplain, Uprooted Caitlyn Rosen, Seth Bodine, Tynan Stewart	Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture First Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Local farms, markets adapt to impact of COVID-19 Seth Bodine	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia High season for Missouri maple syrup makers Ziye Kelsey Tang	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Making the grade? Emily Wolf	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia The stubborn achievement gap Tran Nguyen	Best Story About Education First Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Oh my gourd? Abbey Tauchen	Best Story About the Outdoors Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Hobbyists' dreams take flight Savannah Bennett	Best Story About the Outdoors Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Once a battleground, now a byway: The Shepard-to-Rollins Trail Xander Negrozio	Best Story About the Outdoors Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Missouri football's 2015 legacy lives on in 2020's athletes Max Baker	Best Story About History Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Veterans connect, transition to their lives.... Abbey Tauchen	Best Military Story Honorable Mention

Columbia Missourian, Columbia Chief's reign The Missouriian Staff	Best Page Design Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Airlines struggle as COVID-19 soars Ben Scott	Best Information Graphic First Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Masks are a must Jessica Blake	Best Information Graphic Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Looks like me John Darkow	Best Editorial Cartoon Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Columbia Missourian The Missouriian Staff	Best Online Newspaper or Website First Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Unfulfilled: Documentary on the senior class of 2020 The Missouriian Staff	Best Video Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia The Long Wait Zephyrus Li, Grace Noteboom, Megan Oosthuizen, Minh Connors, Jacob Moscovitch and Brian Kratzer	Best Video Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia The Missouriian Staff	Best Headline Writing Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Edwards Roshae Hemmings	Best News or Feature Obituary First Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Hinojosa Connor Giffin	Best News or Feature Obituary Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Dr. Gus T. Ridgel's legacy... Roshae Hemmings	Best News or Feature Obituary Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Local Election coverage The Missouriian Staff	Multi-Media Reporting First Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Why won't some people wear masks? Janae McKenzie	Best Health Story First Place

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Courier-Tribune, Liberty

General Excellence
Honorable Mention

Courier-Tribune

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Abuse survivor heals self
Amanda Lubinski

Best Feature Story
Third Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
quarry conversation -news series 5 stories (4 in print 1 online), 1-9, 1-23,
Amanda Lubinski

Best News or Feature Series
First Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Thunder and Lightning
Mac Moore

Best Photo Illustration
First Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
020 Year In Review Sports
Mac Moore

Best Photo Illustration
Third Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Best Sports Pages, Courier-Tribune
Mac Moore

Best Sports Pages
Second Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Liberty North sweeps
Mac Moore

Best Sports News Story or Package
Third Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Living in Clay County

Best News or Feature Special Section
First Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
primary victories-western commissioner- government reporting series- 8
Amanda Lubinski

Best Coverage of Government
Honorable Mention

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Kearney vet adds reindeer
Kellie Houx

Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture
Third Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty

Best Page Design
First Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Sixth-grader's kidney donation
Kellie Houx

Best Health Story
Second Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
courier-tribune best covid-19 coverage BNC contest

Best COVID-19 Coverage
First Place

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Daily American Republic, Poplar Bluff
Joy and Pain for Mules
Scott Borkgren

Best Sports Feature Photograph
First Place

Daily American Republic, Poplar Bluff
The time has come
Scott Borkgren and Brian Rosener

Best Sports News Story or Package
First Place

Daily American Republic, Poplar Bluff
Progress 2020: United
Daily American Republic Staff

Best News or Feature Special Section
First Place

Daily American Republic, Poplar Bluff
A Christmas miracle
Donna Farley

Best Military Story
Third Place

Daily American Republic, Poplar Bluff
March 27, March 28, April 1, 2020

Best COVID-19 Coverage
First Place

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Place

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Knox County Farmers Bring in Sharp's Harvest
Echo Menges

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Second Place

Edina Sentinel, Edina
The Edina Sentinel Best Website
Elsa Besler, Mike Scott and Echo Menges

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Second Place

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Interview with Dr. Jeff Davis
Echo Menges

Multi-Media Reporting
Third Place

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Echo Menges and Emilie Rumble

Best COVID-19 Coverage
Honorable Mention

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Eldon Advertiser, Eldon
Veterans Day project
Tammy Witherspoon

Best Newspaper In Education Project
First Place

Eldon Advertiser, Eldon
Democracy Day
Tammy Witherspoon

Best Newspaper In Education Project
Second Place

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Fulton Sun, Fulton

Prosecutors seek 17.5-year sentence in DeBrodie case

Helen Wilbers

Best Breaking News Story

Third Place

Fulton Sun, Fulton

Fossil find stuns Westminster team

Olivia Garrett

Best Feature Story

Second Place

Fulton Sun, Fulton

Survivor Stories

Olivia Garrett

Best News or Feature Series

First Place

Fulton Sun, Fulton

Fulton Housing Authority

Helen Wilbers

Best Investigative Reporting

Second Place

Fulton Sun, Fulton

Social distancing without the distance

Olivia Garrett

Best Story About Religion

Second Place

Fulton Sun, Fulton

Historian: Missouri a vital resource in Civil War

Helen Wilbers

Best Story About History

Second Place

Fulton Sun, Fulton

"Mask a Vet" program takes flight in Fulton

Helen Wilbers

Best Military Story

First Place

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Place

Gainesville Ozark County Times, Gainesville

Hootin an Hollarin scrapbook

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

Best News or Feature Special Section

First Place

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Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville

Staff

General Excellence
Third Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville
How far is too far
Dennis Warden

Best Columnist- Serious
Second Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville
OHS VB Celebrates
Will Johnson

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Third Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville
Easter
Dave Marner

Best Photo Package
Third Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville
BLM Rally
Dennis Warden

Best Photo Package
Honorable Mention

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville
Local Bullrider dies
Will Johnson

Best Sports News Story or Package
First Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville
District Volleyball Champions
Will Johnson

Best Sports News Story or Package
Honorable Mention

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville
Will Johnson
Will Johnson

Best Sports Columnist
Third Place

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Place

Greenfield Vedette, Greenfield
The Vedette (Jan/Sept/Dec)
Staff

Best Overall Design
Second Place

Greenfield Vedette, Greenfield

Best Front Page
Honorable Mention

Gina Langston, Jamed McNary and Lavinia Thornhill

Greenfield Vedette, Greenfield
Blakemore Thankful
James McNary

Best News Story
Second Place

Greenfield Vedette, Greenfield
Sudden Storms Cause Damage Over Weekend
Gina Langston

Best News Photograph
First Place

Greenfield Vedette, Greenfield
Lions Truck and Tractor Pull 7.3.20
Gina Langston and Roger Pottorff

Best Photo Package
First Place

Greenfield Vedette, Greenfield
Rotrock Turns 104 1.16.20
James McNary

Best Sports Feature Story
Honorable Mention

Greenfield Vedette, Greenfield
Pennington Adding
James McNary

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Third Place

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Place

Houston Herald, Houston

Staff

Best Overall Design
Third Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Mystery solved
Doug Davison

Best News Story
Second Place

Houston Herald, Houston
The incredible Message in a Bottle
Doug Davison

Best Feature Story
First Place

Houston Herald, Houston
In harm's way
Doug Davison

Best News Photograph
Honorable Mention

Houston Herald, Houston
Denied
Doug Davison

Best Sports Photograph
Second Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Serious elevation
Doug Davison

Best Sports Photograph
Honorable Mention

Houston Herald, Houston
Houston Herald sports pages
Doug Davison

Best Sports Pages
Third Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Empty fields, shattered dreams
Doug Davison

Best Sports Feature Story
First Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Off the Cuff
Doug Davison

Best Sports Columnist
First Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Businesses in Houston and Texas County
Doug Davison

Best Local Business Coverage
Third Place

Houston Herald, Houston
The Texas County Sheriff's Department
Doug Davison

Best Coverage of Government
Third Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture
Staff

Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture
Honorable Mention

Houston Herald, Houston
Message in a Bottle
Doug Davison

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
First Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Family mystery solved
Doug Davison

Best Story About History
Honorable Mention

Houston Herald, Houston
An unlikely reunion
Doug Davison

Best Military Story
Honorable Mention

Houston Herald, Houston
Houston's famous clown
Doug Davison

Best Page Design
First Place

Houston Herald, Houston
houstonherald.com
Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Second Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Headlines in the Houston Herald
Doug Davison

Best Headline Writing
Third Place

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Place

Independence Examiner, Independence
Public deserves full accounting of school lawsuit
Jeff Fox

Best Editorial
First Place

Independence Examiner, Independence
"Progress arrives at the doorstep"
Jeff Fox

Best Columnist- Humorous
Second Place

Independence Examiner, Independence
"Liberty is precious and fragile"
Jeff Fox

Best Columnist- Serious
Third Place

Independence Examiner, Independence
Chrisman, Truman, Van Horn to play baseball
Bill Althaus

Best Sports Columnist
Third Place

Independence Examiner, Independence
Cardboard cutouts
Joe Liccar

Best Editorial Cartoon
Third Place

Independence Examiner, Independence
Examiner COVID-19 coverage and commentary
Jeff Fox and Mike Genet

Best COVID-19 Coverage
Third Place

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Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Doodle-do
Katelyn Mary Skaggs

Best Feature Story
Honorable Mention

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Peggy Bess
Peggy Bess

Best Columnist- Humorous
Third Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Peggy Bess
Peggy Bess

Best Columnist- Serious
First Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Gordon Bess
Gordon Bess

Best Columnist- Serious
Second Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Laura Marlow
Laura Marlow

Best Columnist- Serious
Third Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Wrestler Gavin Alexander
Ron Rigdon

Best Sports Feature Photograph
First Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Opinions
Staff

Best Editorial Pages
Second Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
The County Line
Russell Korando

Best Sports Columnist
Third Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Salute to Veterans
Laura Marlow and Staff

Best News or Feature Special Section
Third Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Sew far, sew good
Gordon Bess

Best Business Story
Second Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Sheriff buys riot gear
Steve Taylor

Best Coverage of Government
First Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
A little night music
Laura Marlow

Best Story About Religion
First Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Pilot of the airwaves
Steve Taylor

Best Story About Religion
Second Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Gleaming auditorium seats
Laura Marlow

Best Story About Education
Second Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Uh oh... Trapped in Chile
Laura Marlow

Best Story About the Outdoors
Honorable Mention

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
World citizen
Laura Marlow

Best Story About History
Honorable Mention

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Space force
Laura Marlow

Best Military Story
First Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Homes for the holidays
Tony Krausz

Best Military Story
Third Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus Cousin Philomena Judy Dixon	Best Editorial Cartoon First Place
Jefferson County Leader, Festus Must. Not. Touch. Judy Dixon	Best Editorial Cartoon Third Place
Jefferson County Leader, Festus Here you go Judy Dixon	Best Editorial Cartoon Honorable Mention
Jefferson County Leader, Festus Leader Art and Science Challenge Peggy Scott and Staff	Best Newspaper In Education Project First Place
Jefferson County Leader, Festus Staff	Best Headline Writing Third Place
Jefferson County Leader, Festus Howard Wagner Steve Taylor	Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place
Jefferson County Leader, Festus Life story: Robert E. "Bob" Smith Laura Marlow	Best News or Feature Obituary Honorable Mention
Jefferson County Leader, Festus You first! Preemie twins born Laura Marlow	Best Health Story First Place
Jefferson County Leader, Festus At the forefront Laura Marlow	Best Health Story Third Place
Jefferson County Leader, Festus Cancer tattoo Laura Marlow	Best Health Story Honorable Mention
Jefferson County Leader, Festus Jefferson County Leader Staff	Best COVID-19 Coverage Third Place

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Joplin Globe, Joplin

General Excellence
Second Place

Staff

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Best Overall Design
Third Place

Staff

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Best Front Page
Honorable Mention

Staff

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Olivia apartments ablaze just as plan for its restoration was unfolding
Andy Ostmeyer

Best Breaking News Story
Second Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin

UPDATED: Search for missing Welch girls comes up empty
Kimberly Barker

Best Breaking News Story
Honorable Mention

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Pros, cons of Electoral College debated...
Kevin McClintock

Best News Story
Honorable Mention

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Joplin Area Catholic Schools mark 135th anniversary today
Kevin McClintock

Best Feature Story
Third Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Local COVID-19 patient discharged after 45 days in hospital
Kimberly Barker

Best Feature Story
Honorable Mention

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Kevin McClintock
Kevin McClintock

Best Columnist- Serious
First Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Andy Ostmeyer

Best Columnist- Serious
Honorable Mention

Joplin Globe, Joplin

BLM in Tulsa
Laurie Sisk

Best News Photograph
Honorable Mention

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Strip the ball
Laurie Sisk

Best Sports Photograph
Second Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin

JHS drive-thru graduation
Roger Nomer

Best Photo Package
Third Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Best Sports Pages
Staff

Best Sports Pages
Second Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Payne's Valley golf course opens with exhibition
Jim Henry

Best Sports News Story or Package
Honorable Mention

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Jim Henry
Jim Henry

Best Sports Columnist
Honorable Mention

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Neighbors viewed David Ingle as a 'harmless' loner, but...
Jeff Lehr

Best Investigative Reporting
Third Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Joplin garage, opening in June, serves as 'automotive ministry' for people
Kevin McClintock

Best Story About Religion
Honorable Mention

Joplin Globe, Joplin Family to mark 75th anniversary of matriarch's liberation from POW Emily Younker	Best Story About History First Place
Joplin Globe, Joplin Veterans recalled surrender of Japan Andy Ostmeyer	Best Story About History Second Place
Joplin Globe, Joplin When should schools consider closing amid COVID-19 outbreaks? Nathan Mills	Best Information Graphic Third Place
Joplin Globe, Joplin Globe Writing Contest Amanda Stone	Best Newspaper In Education Project First Place
Joplin Globe, Joplin Academic Excellence Team Amanda Stone	Best Newspaper In Education Project Second Place
Joplin Globe, Joplin Homer Cole remembered... Jim Henry	Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place
Joplin Globe, Joplin Olivia Apartments ablaze just as plan for its restoration... Staff	Multi-Media Reporting Third Place
Joplin Globe, Joplin JMag Kevin McClintock	Magazine/Alternative Publication First Place
Joplin Globe, Joplin School district bond issue series Emily Younker	Best Coverage Of Elections (DAILIES) Honorable Mention

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Cat. Name

Place

Kahoka The Media, Kahoka
HUMOR COLUMN
Kevin Fox

Best Columnist- Humorous
Second Place

Kahoka The Media, Kahoka
MANUFACTURER EXPANDS
Mike Scott

Best Business Story
Honorable Mention

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Place

Kansas City Northeast News, Kansas City
Book inspires paper route in Northeast
Abby Hoover

Best Feature Story
First Place

Kansas City Northeast News, Kansas City
Cliff Drive
Elizabeth Orosco

Best Feature Photograph
Third Place

Kansas City Northeast News, Kansas City
Mayor, U.S. Attorney share details of Operation Legend
Abby Hoover

Best Coverage of Government
Second Place

Kansas City Northeast News, Kansas City
City budget
Elizabeth Orosco

Best Coverage of Government
Third Place

Kansas City Northeast News, Kansas City
"They will kill millions."
Bryan Stalder

Best Editorial Cartoon
Second Place

Kansas City Northeast News, Kansas City
Distillery makes hand sanitizer
Michael Bushnell and Bryan Stalder

Best Video
Third Place

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Kirksville Daily Express & News, Kirksville
Kirksville Daily - Totta
Austin Miller

Best Sports Feature Story
First Place

Kirksville Daily Express & News, Kirksville
Kirksville - Hugh Dunn
Austin Miller

Best News or Feature Obituary
First Place

Kirksville Daily Express & News, Kirksville
Kirksville - Farnsworth funeral
Austin Miller

Best News or Feature Obituary
Second Place

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Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon

General Excellence
First Place

Laclede County Record

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
LCR Best Overall Design
Fines Massey and Shawna Bradley

Best Overall Design
First Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Destructive winds
Chris Roden and Steve Smith

Best News Story
Honorable Mention

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Masks
Fines Massey

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
Honorable Mention

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Destructive winds top photo
Chris Roden

Best News Photograph
Third Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Lebanon wrestling top photo
Alex Boyer

Best Sports Photograph
Third Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
LCR Best Sports Pages
Alex Boyer, Fines Massey and Shawna Bradley

Best Sports Pages
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
State championship
Alex Boyer

Best Sports News Story or Package
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Community rallies
Alex Boyer

Best Sports Feature Story
Third Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Helping Hands
Fines Massey, Chris Roden, Jennifer Early and Shawna Bradley

Best News or Feature Special Section
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Welcome to Bennett Spring
Fines Massey, Chris Roden, Steve Smith Shawana Bradley and Jennifer Early

Best News or Feature Special Section
Honorable Mention

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Making the Most
Chris Roden

Best Business Story
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Mi Casa
Chris Roden

Best Business Story
Third Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Chicks in the mail
Steve Smith

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Amazing Alpacas
Christy Dieman

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Honorable Mention

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Christmas Eve
Christy Dieman

Best Story About Religion
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Cutting class
Laura Valenti

Best Story About Education
Honorable Mention

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Accessible
Chris Roden

Best Story About the Outdoors
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Opening Day
Chris Roden

Best Story About the Outdoors
Honorable Mention

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Frisco wreck
Kirk Pearce

Best Story About History
First Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Valedictorian
Shawna Bradley

Best Page Design
Third Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
LCR Best Headlines
Fines Massey

Best Headline Writing
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Trout Talk
Fines Massey, Shawna Bradley and Chris Roden

Magazine/Alternative Publication
Second Place

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Lake Sun, 2020

Mitch Prentice, Joyce Miller, Michael Losch and Charis Patires

General Excellence

Second Place

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Storm damage at King's Plaza

Michael Losch

Best Breaking News Story

Second Place

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Remembering the Fallen

Mitch Prentice

Best News Photograph

Honorable Mention

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Pure Excitement and Awe

Mitch Prentice

Best Feature Photograph

First Place

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Nail Through the Nose

Mitch Prentice

Best Feature Photograph

Second Place

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Tiptoeing the sidelines, 10-31-2020

Michael Losch

Best Sports Photograph

First Place

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Tackle out of bounds, 10-10-20

Michael Losch

Best Sports Photograph

Second Place

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Dunk

Michael Losch

Best Sports Photograph

Honorable Mention

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

District title win, 10-28-20

Michael Losch

Best Sports Feature Photograph

First Place

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Hugging the state champion, 2-23-20

Michael Losch

Best Sports Feature Photograph

Second Place

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Earning a state medal

Michael Losch

Best Sports Feature Photograph

Honorable Mention

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Eldon reopens rebuilt McMillen Field, 5-26-20

Michael Losch

Best Sports News Story or Package

Honorable Mention

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

A Mustang in Spain

Michael Losch

Best Sports Feature Story

Second Place

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Rise of Girls Wrestling in Missouri

Michael Losch

Best Sports Feature Story

Third Place

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Covering sports in this strange new era...

Michael Losch

Best Sports Columnist

Second Place

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Lake News Online Website

Mitch Prentice, Joyce Miller, Michael Losch and

Best Online Newspaper or Website

Third Place

Lake Sun Leader, Camden

Lake Lifestyles magazine 2020

Charis Patires

Magazine/Alternative Publication

Second Place

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

LakeExpo, Osage Beach

Sex Crimes In Schools At Lake Of The Ozarks

Nathan Bechtold, Deborah Wolfe, Al Griffin and Vicki Wood

Best News or Feature Series

Third Place

LakeExpo, Osage Beach

The Very Open Lake Of The Ozarks

Nathan Bechtold

Best Business Story

Second Place

LakeExpo, Osage Beach

'Boaz The Comfort Dog' Bringing A Warm Hug & Wet Nose...

Kate Robbins

Best Story About Religion

Third Place

LakeExpo, Osage Beach

The Lake Of The Ozarks' Trusted News Source

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

Best Online Newspaper or Website

Honorable Mention

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Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Linn Unterrified Democrat, Linn
Pentecostal Bridge Collapses
Neal Johnson and Jacob Warden

Best Photo Package
Second Place

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Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

Staff

General Excellence
First Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

Staff

Best Overall Design
Third Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

MCA Best Front Page

Staff

Best Front Page
Second Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

Vichy Plane Flies again

Laura Schiermeier

Best Feature Story
Third Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

Side Door

Jacob Warden

Best News Photograph
Third Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

Flying JV

Jacob Warden

Best Sports Photograph
Honorable Mention

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

Ya Yas Battle of the Bulls

Jacob Warden

Best Photo Package
Second Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

Staff

Best Sports Pages
Honorable Mention

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

Hilke Ice

Neal Johnson

Best Business Story
Second Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

Belle Police service contract to Maries County

Roxie Murphy and Jacob Warden

Best Coverage of Government
Second Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

New Mexico Man

Laura Schiermeier

Best Story About Religion
Third Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

Over 1,500 meals

Roxie Murphy

Best Story About Education
Honorable Mention

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

A Tale of Buying and Selling

Laura Schiermeier

Best Story About History
First Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

From Tennessee to Missouri

Laura Schiermeier

Best Story About History
Second Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

Hilke Ice

Jacob Warden

Best Page Design
Third Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville

Legacy of Karlee Jo Hallahan

Roxie Murphy

Best News or Feature Obituary
Third Place

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Marshall Democrat-News, Marshall
Courthouse protest
Chris Allen

Best News Story
First Place

Marshall Democrat-News, Marshall
Poultry Show 7-17-20
Sarah Gray

Best Photo Package
Second Place

Marshall Democrat-News, Marshall
Progress Southern Edition
Danielle Linton-Hatfield and The Marshall Democrat-News Staff

Best News or Feature Special Section
First Place

Marshall Democrat-News, Marshall
Established Business McDonald's
Sarah Gray

Best Business Story
Honorable Mention

Marshall Democrat-News, Marshall
Ag supplier adjusts
Chris Allen

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Honorable Mention

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Maryville Forum, Maryville	General Excellence Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 02 - Best Overall Design	Best Overall Design First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville	Best Front Page Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 06 - Elmo celebrates 70 Andrew Wegley	Best Feature Story First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 06 - Help is available Skye Pournazari	Best Feature Story Second Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville A full service life Skye Pournazari	Best Feature Story Honorable Mention
Maryville Forum, Maryville 07 - Local election previews Skye Pournazari and Geoffrey Woehlk	Best News or Feature Series Second Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville West Nodaway Administrators Geoffrey Woehlk	Best News or Feature Series Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 08 - Council right to extend	Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 08 - Well Deserved Praise	Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award Second Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Making 2021 a year	Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville A Word from Woehlk Geoffrey Woehlk	Best Columnist- Serious Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Class of 2020 Skye Pournazari	Best Feature Photograph First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville MHS FB Weiss Jon Dykstra	Best Sports Photograph Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville NH Shaina Jon Dykstra	Best Sports Feature Photograph First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Jon Dykstra	Best Sports Feature Photograph Honorable Mention
Maryville Forum, Maryville 19 - Best Sports Pages	Best Sports Pages Second Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Tiletown Milestone Jon Dykstra	Best Sports News Story or Package First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Pointe Guard U Jon Dykstra	Best Sports News Story or Package Second Place

Maryville Forum, Maryville Rocket Man Jon Dykstra	Best Sports News Story or Package Honorable Mention
Maryville Forum, Maryville 21 - Seniors support rival's mom Jon Dykstra	Best Sports Feature Story First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Buzz 4 Boston Jon Dykstra	Best Sports Feature Story Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Fall Sports Preview	Best News or Feature Special Section Second Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 23 - Nodaway County Graduates	Best News or Feature Special Section Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Progress 2020	Best News or Feature Special Section Honorable Mention
Maryville Forum, Maryville Leading the Charge Skye Pournazari	Best Business Story Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 27 - Water series	Best Coverage of Government First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Maryville sees decline Skye Pournazari	Best Story About Education Second Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Snow Geese flock Skye Pournazari	Best Story About the Outdoors Second Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Maryville angler breaks Skye Pournazari	Best Story About the Outdoors Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 34 - Purple Heart finds home Skye Pournazari	Best Military Story Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville WWII veteran turns 102 Skye Pournazari	Best Military Story Honorable Mention
Maryville Forum, Maryville 35 - Professional	Best Page Design First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Firefighters remember 9/11	Best Page Design Second Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville MaryvilleForum.com	Best Online Newspaper or Website Honorable Mention
Maryville Forum, Maryville NCAD uses UV light Skye Pournazari	Best Health Story Second Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville COVID-19 Vaccine Arrives Geoffrey Woehlk	Best Health Story Honorable Mention
Maryville Forum, Maryville Best COVID-19 Coverage	Best COVID-19 Coverage Second Place

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Mexico Ledger, Mexico
Honoring the fallen
Nathan Lilley

Best News Photograph
Second Place

Mexico Ledger, Mexico
Park for everyone
Nathan Lilley

Best Story About the Outdoors
First Place

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Kids reported abuse at schools...
Tessa Weinberg

Best Breaking News Story
First Place

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Five years after Ferguson report...
Rebecca Rivas

Best News Story
Third Place

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Jason Hancock Columns
Jason Hancock

Best Columnist- Serious
Second Place

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Missouri's COVID response
Tessa Weinberg, Rudi Keller and Rebecca Rivas

Best Coverage of Government
First Place

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Kids reported abuse at schools...
Tessa Weinberg

Best Story About Education
Honorable Mention

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
The Missouri Governor who was never governor
Rudi Keller

Best Story About History
Honorable Mention

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
The Missouri Independent
Jason Hancock

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Second Place

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Missouri Independent Best Headline Writing
Jason Hancock

Best Headline Writing
Second Place

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
At suburban Missouri hospital...
Adam Satrya Jackson

Best Health Story
Honorable Mention

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Missouri Lawyers Weekly: Jan. 13, June 8, Aug. 17, 2020
Ryan O'Shea

Best Front Page
Second Place

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Death of Prince heir prompts contested will
Jessica Shumaker

Best News Story
Second Place

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
FEAR FACTOR: Was couple's armed encounter with protestors
Scott Lauck

Best News Story
Honorable Mention

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Ice in her veins
David Baugher

Best Sports Feature Story
Second Place

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
MOney 2020
Staff

Best News or Feature Special Section
Honorable Mention

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
A decline in trusts: Drop in interest revenue cuts into IOLTA funding
Jessica Shumaker

Best Business Story
Honorable Mention

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
The eyes have it: Court rules eyewitness ID expert testimony admissible
Ryan O'Shea

Best Information Graphic
First Place

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Protection politics
Ryan O'Shea

Best Information Graphic
Second Place

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Startup Missouri
Staff

Magazine/Alternative Publication
First Place

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Staff

Best COVID-19 Coverage
Honorable Mention

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Title of Entry
Award Winner(s)**

Cat. Name

Place

Monett Times, Monett

General Excellence
First Place

Staff

Monett Times, Monett
Monett Best Design
Staff

Best Overall Design
Second Place

Monett Times, Monett
Local COVID Survivor
Melonie Roberts

Best Feature Story
Honorable Mention

Monett Times, Monett
Pasco Murder
Melonie Roberts

Best News or Feature Series
Second Place

Monett Times, Monett
Second COVID Case
Kyle Troutman

Best News or Feature Series
Third Place

Monett Times, Monett
Serious Columnist Troutman
Kyle Troutman

Best Columnist- Serious
First Place

Monett Times, Monett
Freedom and Fireworks
Melonie Roberts

Best Photo Package
First Place

Monett Times, Monett
Sun Shines
Kyle Troutman and Melonie Roberts

Best Photo Package
Third Place

Monett Times, Monett
School Meal Debt
Lisa Craft

Community Service
First Place

Monett Times, Monett
Monett Sports Pages
Staff

Best Sports Pages
First Place

Monett Times, Monett
Letters to Santa
Staff

Best News or Feature Special Section
Second Place

Monett Times, Monett
Community Reflections
Staff

Best News or Feature Special Section
Third Place

Monett Times, Monett
PlayPower Introduces
Melonie Roberts

Best Business Story
Third Place

Monett Times, Monett
There be Dragons
Melonie Roberts

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
First Place

Monett Times, Monett
Calculating the Costs
Melonie Roberts

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Second Place

Monett Times, Monett
Turkey Hunting
Jordan Troutman

Best Story About the Outdoors
Second Place

Monett Times, Monett
History in Motion
Mike Gervais

Best Story About History
First Place

Monett Times, Monett
National Guard
Melonie Roberts

Best Military Story
Third Place

Monett Times, Monett
Monett Best Website
Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Second Place

Monett Times, Monett
Monett Best Magazine
Staff

Magazine/Alternative Publication
Third Place

Monett Times, Monett
All the Joy
Melonie Roberts

Best Health Story
Second Place

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Monroe City Lake Gazette, Monroe City
Gravel Road
Dennis Fletcher

Best Editorial Cartoon
Honorable Mention

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Newspaper, City Title of Entry Award Winner(s)	Cat. Name Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City 'No justice, no peace' Jeff Haldiman and Phillip Sitter	Best Breaking News Story Third Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City One year later Joe Gamm, Jeff Haldiman, Layne Stracener, Phillip Sitter and Emily Cole	Best News or Feature Series Honorable Mention
News Tribune, Jefferson City In Jefferson City, we'll keep our city's namesake Gerry Tritz	Best Editorial Second Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City Recreational marijuana already? Gerry Tritz	Best Editorial Third Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City Sneaky Amendment 3 deserves defeat Gerry Tritz	Best Editorial Honorable Mention
News Tribune, Jefferson City Carnival Liv Paggiarino	Best Feature Photograph Third Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City Helias basketball Liv Paggiarino	Best Sports Photograph Third Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City Helias basketball Liv Paggiarino	Best Sports Feature Photograph Honorable Mention
News Tribune, Jefferson City Halloween makeup, Oct. 25, 2020 Liv Paggiarino	Best Photo Illustration Second Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City A Christmas Wish	Community Service Honorable Mention
News Tribune, Jefferson City Tom Rackers, Greg Jackson, Jason Strickland and Colin O'Brien	Best Sports Pages Honorable Mention
News Tribune, Jefferson City Tom Rackers columns Tom Rackers	Best Sports Columnist First Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City Goal Lines News Tribune Staff	Best News or Feature Special Section Second Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City COVID-19 mental health Joe Gamm	Best Investigative Reporting Honorable Mention
News Tribune, Jefferson City News Tribune local business coverage	Best Local Business Coverage First Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City Black business owners in Jefferson City... Nicole Roberts	Best Business Story Third Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City Civil War marker removal	Best Coverage of Government Third Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City News Tribune rural life/agriculture coverage	Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place

News Tribune, Jefferson City 4-day weeks gaining steam Layne Stracener	Best Story About Education Second Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City Sept. 9 Flavor front Molly Morris	Best Page Design Third Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City Missouri's Green New Deal Jim Dyke	Best Editorial Cartoon First Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City March Madness 2020 Jim Dyke	Best Editorial Cartoon Honorable Mention
News Tribune, Jefferson City	Best Online Newspaper or Website Third Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City One-year anniversary of Jefferson City tornado Nicole Roberts	Best Video First Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City A Christmas Wish News Tribune	Multi-Media Reporting Second Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City People in behavioral crisis often see police first Joe Gamm	Best Health Story Second Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City News Tribune election coverage	Best Coverage Of Elections First Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City News Tribune election coverage	Best Coverage Of Elections Second Place
News Tribune, Jefferson City News Tribune COVID-19 coverage	Best COVID-19 Coverage Second Place

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Ozark | Christian County Headliner News, Ozark
Sparta grad's bold statement
Staff

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
Third Place

Ozark | Christian County Headliner News, Ozark
Drawing motivation from Dad
Pat Dailey

Best Sports Feature Story
Honorable Mention

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Newspaper, City Title of Entry Award Winner(s)	Cat. Name Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville 'Perfect strangers came together' Sue Ann Jones	Best News Story Third Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville Local residents' covid stories Sue Ann Jones	Best News or Feature Series Honorable Mention
Ozark County Times, Gainesville 08: A different kind of grandma Sue Ann Jones	Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award First Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville A Christmas Day tragedy Jessi Dreckman	Best News Photograph Second Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville Dora Falcons 'Super Fan' Damon Emery Karla Smith	Best Sports Feature Photograph First Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville Giving Local: Ozark County Jessi Dreckman and Sue Ann Jones	Community Service Third Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville Welding like a girl Jessi Dreckman	Best Story About Education Third Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville Trans-Ozark Trail Amelia LaMair	Best Story About the Outdoors Third Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville From the 'old black phone' to enhanced 911 Sue Ann Jones	Best Story About History Second Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville Billy Buster and the Lick Creek crossing Wayne Sayles	Best Story About History Third Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville What gratitude we owe them Sue Ann Jones	Best Military Story Third Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville 42: Young widow mourns a dad and husband who was 'all about family' Sue Ann Jones	Best News or Feature Obituary First Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville Two lives lived close to the land Sue Ann Jones	Best News or Feature Obituary Second Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville Remembering Harley Collins... Jessi Dreckman	Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville Remembering Linnie Sue Ann Jones	Best News or Feature Obituary Honorable Mention
Ozark County Times, Gainesville Ozark County man gets unexpected life-saving results Norene Proski	Best Health Story Second Place
Ozark County Times, Gainesville Sue Ann Jones	Best COVID-19 Coverage Honorable Mention

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Park Hills Daily Journal, Park Hills
mandate 09-16-20
Sarah Haas

Best News Story
Second Place

Park Hills Daily Journal, Park Hills
Sailing 6-3-20
Kevin Jenkins

Best Feature Story
First Place

Park Hills Daily Journal, Park Hills
Valle photo
Matt King

Best Sports Photograph
Third Place

Park Hills Daily Journal, Park Hills
volleyball win
Matt King

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Third Place

Park Hills Daily Journal, Park Hills
Central 10-30-20
Matt King

Best Sports News Story or Package
First Place

Park Hills Daily Journal, Park Hills
Bats 10-19-20
Matt King

Best Sports News Story or Package
Second Place

Park Hills Daily Journal, Park Hills
Clutch
Matt King

Best Sports News Story or Package
Third Place

Park Hills Daily Journal, Park Hills
Referee 3-19-21
Matt King

Best Sports Feature Story
Honorable Mention

Park Hills Daily Journal, Park Hills
Trucking 4-7-20
Sarah Haas

Best Business Story
First Place

Park Hills Daily Journal, Park Hills
Security
Mark Marberry

Best Coverage of Government
Second Place

Park Hills Daily Journal, Park Hills
Sheriffs
Bobby Radford

Best Coverage of Government
Third Place

Park Hills Daily Journal, Park Hills
Gesture
Victoria Kemper

Best Story About Religion
Third Place

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville
Perry County Republic-Monitor
Robert Cox

Best Front Page
First Place

Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville
Bridge troubles return
Robert Cox

Best News Story
First Place

Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville
Zooming to the altar
Robert Cox

Best Feature Story
Second Place

Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville
Homecoming surprise
Justin Hotop

Best Feature Photograph
First Place

Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville
Hospital weighing CEO's future
Robert Cox

Best Business Story
Honorable Mention

Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville
Crematory debate
Robert Cox

Best Coverage of Government
Second Place

Perry County Republic-Monitor, Perryville
At the threshold
Robert Cox

Best Health Story
Honorable Mention

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Amanda Gann
Kaitlin Brothers

Best Feature Story
Honorable Mention

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Donald Dodd - columnist
Donald Dodd

Best Columnist- Serious
First Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Activities & Information for kids during COVID
Staff

Community Service
Honorable Mention

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Phelps County Focus Sports
Donald Dodd, Dave Roberts and Staff

Best Sports Pages
Honorable Mention

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Camper Cadavers Mystery
Andrew Sheeley

Best Investigative Reporting
First Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Contractor Scam
Andrew Sheeley

Best Investigative Reporting
Second Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Ballot Snooping
R.D. Hohenfeldt

Best Coverage of Government
Honorable Mention

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Cheap Cars Trash Pickup
Kaitlin Brothers

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Third Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Hope Reborn
Andrew Sheeley

Best Story About Religion
First Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Hodge Brothers
Kaitlin Brothers

Best Military Story
Second Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
phelpscountyfocus.com
Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website
First Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
COVID-19 mask meeting
Kaitlin Brothers

Best Video
First Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Vacuum Cleaner Collectors Gather at Rolla Convention
Kaitlin Brothers

Best Video
Second Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Focus Headlines
Staff

Best Headline Writing
First Place

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Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Richmond News, Richmond

General Excellence
Second Place

Richmond News, Richmond
2 Overall Design, Richmond News

Best Overall Design
Second Place

Richmond News, Richmond
Clay Circus
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Breaking News Story
First Place

Richmond News, Richmond
Protest at Capitol
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Breaking News Story
Second Place

Richmond News, Richmond
Intruder wild
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Breaking News Story
Honorable Mention

Richmond News, Richmond
Feeding Hundreds
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Feature Story
Third Place

Richmond News, Richmond
COVID SERIOUS
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best News or Feature Series
First Place

Richmond News, Richmond
Last Day Events
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best News or Feature Series
Second Place

Richmond News, Richmond
Medicaid
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best News or Feature Series
Third Place

Richmond News, Richmond
Miles to Go
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Columnist- Humorous
First Place

Richmond News, Richmond
It Snows Every May
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best News Photograph
First Place

Richmond News, Richmond
Graduation
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Feature Photograph
Second Place

Richmond News, Richmond
ON THE PLAYGROUND
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Feature Photograph
Honorable Mention

Richmond News, Richmond
Celestials
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Photo Illustration
Third Place

Richmond News, Richmond
Coin Story
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Photo Illustration
Honorable Mention

Richmond News, Richmond
Steamboat Arablia
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Photo Package
First Place

Richmond News, Richmond
COVID GRANTS
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Community Service
Second Place

Richmond News, Richmond
Sports Pages
Shawn Roney, Dustin Danner and Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Sports Pages
First Place

Richmond News, Richmond Spartans go viral Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Sports News Story or Package Third Place
Richmond News, Richmond Aggies Shawn Roney	Best Sports Feature Story Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond County Changes Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Investigative Reporting Third Place
Richmond News, Richmond About Medicaid Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Investigative Reporting Honorable Mention
Richmond News, Richmond Dari B Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Business Story First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Ag coverage Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Volunteer Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Story About Religion Third Place
Richmond News, Richmond Church Online Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Story About Religion Honorable Mention
Richmond News, Richmond Blood and Fire Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Story About Education First Place
Richmond News, Richmond COVID GRADS Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Story About Education Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond Army Corps Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Story About the Outdoors First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Purple Heartless Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Military Story First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Genghis Khan Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Page Design Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond Battle Gear Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Information Graphic Honorable Mention
Richmond News, Richmond Clay Sunshine Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Editorial Cartoon First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Foot in Mouth Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Editorial Cartoon Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond Toilet Paper Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Editorial Cartoon Third Place
Richmond News, Richmond Medicaid Missouri Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Health Story First Place
Richmond News, Richmond COVID Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best COVID-19 Coverage Second Place

2021 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List

Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Savannah Reporter, Savannah

General Excellence
Honorable Mention

Brent Rosenauer, Ken Rosenauer,

Savannah Reporter, Savannah

Paws and put it in bark

Courtney Rosenauer

Best Columnist- Humorous
Third Place

Savannah Reporter, Savannah

We are all savages

Brent Rosenauer

Best Photo Package
Third Place

Savannah Reporter, Savannah

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Brent Rosenauer

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Third Place

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Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
One killed when truck crashes into Wendy's
Nicole Cooke

Best Breaking News Story
First Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Protest in Sedalia demands "Justice for Hannah"
Emily Walton

Best Breaking News Story
Honorable Mention

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Health Center board approves face mask order
Hope Lecchi

Best News Story
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
A lifetime of Chiefs memories
Nicole Cooke, Faith Bemiss

Best Feature Story
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Liz Schleicher
Liz Schleicher

Best Columnist- Serious
Second Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Bob Satnan
Bob Satnan

Best Columnist- Serious
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Showing at the Youth Livestock Show
Faith Bemiss

Best News Photograph
Second Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
COVID-19 patient discharged from Bothwell after 2 months
Nicole Cooke

Best News Photograph
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Templeton Rose rises to meet pandemic challenges
Faith Bemiss

Best Feature Photograph
Honorable Mention

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Pfizer protest
Faith Bemiss

Best Photo Package
Honorable Mention

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Veterans Day
Democrat & Star-Journal Staff

Best News or Feature Special Section
Honorable Mention

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Sedalia Democrat business coverage
Democrat Staff

Best Local Business Coverage
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Airbnbs find success in Sedalia, Pettis County
Emily Walton

Best Business Story
Second Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Sedalia Democrat government coverage
Democrat Staff

Best Coverage of Government
First Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Rural hospitals facing challenges
Emily Walton

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
First United Methodist Church prepares for first service
Hope Lecchi

Best Story About Religion
First Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
SCJH students reminded why ?Every Monday Matters?
Hope Lecchi

Best Story About Education
First Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Green Ridge to mark 150th anniversary in 2020
Hope Lecchi

Best Story About History
Honorable Mention

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Murph is "Tough as Nails"
Faith Bemiss

Best Military Story
Second Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
A soldier's welcome home
Hope Lecchi

Best Military Story
Honorable Mention

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Sedalia Democrat website
Democrat Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website
First Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Sedalia loses beloved leader, friend with death of Ron Ditzfeld
Hope Lecchi

Best News or Feature Obituary
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Sedalia loses one of its storytellers
Nicole Cooke

Best News or Feature Obituary
Honorable Mention

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Bothwell hit hard by COVID hospitalizations
Nicole Cooke

Best Health Story
First Place

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Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Shelby County Herald, Shelbyville
Softball
Marlana Smith

Best Sports Photograph
Second Place

Shelby County Herald, Shelbyville
VanHouten Lauded for Strong Support of Gideons
Troy Treasure

Best Story About Religion
First Place

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Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
Dickerson impeachment
Dennis Minich

Best News or Feature Series
First Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
Dennis Minich
Dennis Minich

Best Columnist- Humorous
First Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
Dennis Minich
Dennis Minich

Best Columnist- Serious
Second Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
South Cass Tribune
Christopher Tenpenny and Dennis Minich

Best Sports Pages
Third Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
Drexel deals with MSHSAA ruling
Christopher Tenpenny

Best Sports Feature Story
Second Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
Dickerson impeachment
Dennis Minich

Best Coverage of Government
Honorable Mention

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
Change of career leads to priesthood
Sheryl Stanley

Best Story About Religion
Second Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
WWI runner
Sheryl Stanley

Best Story About History
Third Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
I am a COVID survivor
Dennis Minich

Best Health Story
First Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
COVID coverage
Dennis Minich and Sheryl Stanley

Best COVID-19 Coverage
First Place

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**Newspaper, City
Title of Entry
Award Winner(s)**

Cat. Name

Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

General Excellence
Third Place

Southeast Missourian

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Best Overall Design
Honorable Mention

Southeast Missourian

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Best Front Page
Second Place

Southeast Missourian

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Robinson, Sikeston settle case for \$8M
Jeff Long

Best News Story
Second Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Best humorous columns by Jon K. Rust
Jon K. Rust

Best Columnist- Humorous
Third Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Praying for all
Ben Matthews

Best Feature Photograph
Honorable Mention

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Schools of fish - Center pic
Tony Capobianco

Best Sports Photograph
Honorable Mention

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Until we meet again
Jacob Wiegand

Best Photo Illustration
Honorable Mention

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Slices of life
Jacob Wiegand

Best Photo Package
Second Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Rock 'N' Roll Drive-In to bring new life to old venue
Jay Wolz

Best Business Story
Honorable Mention

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Smith defends vote COVID-19 relief legislation
Rick Fahr

Best Coverage of Government
Honorable Mention

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Put your faith in God
Rick Fahr

Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture
Third Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Jury awards \$15M to peach farmer for damages
Jay Wolz

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
First Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Empty on Easter
Ben Matthews

Best Story About Religion
First Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Hope and prayer
Jacob Wiegand

Best Story About Religion
Second Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Injustice or honor?
Jay Wolz

Best Story About Education
Third Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Bringing veterans together
Jacob Wiegand

Best Story About the Outdoors
First Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Stephenson continues lifetime of service
Rick Fahr

Best Military Story
Second Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Pandemic Polaroids 6-14-20
Southeast Missourian

Best Page Design
First Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Flourish: Spring, summer, winter 2020
Southeast Missourian

Magazine/Alternative Publication
Honorable Mention

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Cape County greenhouse growing legal marijuana
Jay Wolz

Best Health Story
Third Place

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Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield

Amanda Miller, Heather Mosley and McKenzie Robinson

Best Overall Design
Honorable Mention

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield

90 Ideas

Marty Goodnight, Eric Olson, Amanda Miller and McKenzie Robinson

Best News or Feature Special Section
Third Place

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield

Best Local Business Coverage

Best Local Business Coverage
First Place

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield

No Ceiling Podcast

Christine Temple

Multi-Media Reporting
First Place

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield

Economic Growth Survey/COVID-19

Best COVID-19 Coverage
First Place

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Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

News-Leader Staff

General Excellence
First Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

SNL Best Front Page

News-Leader Staff

Best Front Page
Second Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

SNL Breaking: Officer among dead in mass shooting

Harrison Keegan

Best Breaking News Story
Second Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

SNL News: One woman fighting eviction

Gregory J. Holman

Best News Story
Third Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

SNL Feature: Homeless in Branson

Jackie Rehwald

Best Feature Story
Second Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Mountain-climbing attorney

Steve Pokin

Best Feature Story
Honorable Mention

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

SNL Series: COVID-19 eviction worries

Sara Karnes and Gregory J. Holman

Best News or Feature Series
Second Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

SNL Series: Amish brothers sex case

Gregory J. Holman

Best News or Feature Series
Third Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Jim Bakker COVID-19 claims

Gregory J. Holman

Best News or Feature Series
Honorable Mention

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Serious Columns by Steve Pokin

Steve Pokin

Best Columnist- Serious
First Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Interception

Andrew Jansen

Best Sports Photograph
Third Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Celebration 3-6-2020

Andrew Jansen

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Second Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

COVID-19 fighters

Andrew Jansen

Best Photo Illustration
Honorable Mention

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Final Run

Andrew Jansen

Best Photo Package
Third Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

SNL Sports: Bobby Petrino hired

Wyatt D. Wheeler

Best Sports News Story or Package
Second Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

SNL Sports Feature: Year of the Snake

Wyatt D. Wheeler

Best Sports Feature Story
First Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Sports columns by Wyatt Wheeler

Wyatt D. Wheeler

Best Sports Columnist
First Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

SNL Investigative: Son's fire death unsolved

Steve Pokin

Best Investigative Reporting
Third Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield News-Leader Staff	Best Local Business Coverage Second Place
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield SNL Biz: Black entrepreneurs share stories Katie Kull	Best Business Story Second Place
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield Kids cut from Medicare Austin Huguelet	Best Coverage of Government Third Place
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield Springfield News-Leader Best Coverage of Rural Life or Ag Wes Johnson and Jan Peterson	Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Honorable Mention
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield SNL Religion: Steve Pokin	Best Story About Religion Second Place
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield Retired priest accused of abuse Harrison Keegan	Best Story About Religion Third Place
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield SNL Religion: Faith leaders march Sara Karnes	Best Story About Religion Honorable Mention
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield SNL Education: Teacher pay lags Claudette Riley	Best Story About Education Honorable Mention
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield SNL Outdoors: Morel season Wes Johnson	Best Story About the Outdoors First Place
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield SNL Outdoors: Love for the Big Tree Wes Johnson	Best Story About the Outdoors Honorable Mention
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield SNL History: Bonnie & Clyde kidnap cop Steve Pokin	Best Story About History Honorable Mention
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield SNL Military: Careful using 'H-word' Steve Pokin	Best Military Story First Place
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield SNL Military: All God's children Steve Pokin	Best Military Story Third Place
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield SNL History: Henry rifle donated Wes Johnson	Best Military Story Honorable Mention
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield Infographic: Election maps Austin Huguelet	Best Information Graphic Honorable Mention
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield Springfield News-Leader Best Headlines Harrison Keegan, Steve Pokin, Wes Johnson Amos Bridges and Stephen Herzog	Best Headline Writing First Place
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield SNL Obit: Ralph Manley Wes Johnson	Best News or Feature Obituary First Place
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield SNL Obit: BJ Marsh Austin Huguelet	Best News or Feature Obituary Second Place
Springfield News-Leader, Springfield SNL Obit: Connie Bilyeu Claudette Riley	Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
SNL Health: Thousands of kids taken off Medicare
Austin Huguelet

Best Health Story
Third Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Elections: Pre-election coverage
News-Leader Staff

Best Coverage Of Elections
Third Place

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS

The St. Louis American Staff

General Excellence
First Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS

The St. Louis American Staff

Best Overall Design
Second Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS

Mike Terhaar

Best Front Page
Third Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Homer Phillips Hospital saga
The St. Louis American Staff

Best News or Feature Series
Honorable Mention

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS

Mike Jones

Best Columnist- Serious
Honorable Mention

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Little Drummer
Wiley Price

Best Feature Photograph
Second Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Caleb Love
Wiley Price

Best Sports Photograph
First Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Ferguson in a time of George Floyd
Wiley Price

Best Photo Package
Third Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Salute to Excellence Program & Scholarships
The St. Louis American Staff

Community Service
First Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS

The St. Louis American Staff

Best Editorial Pages
Third Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS

Earl Austin Jr. and Alvin Reid

Best Sports Pages
Third Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Lou Brock
Sports Team

Best Sports News Story or Package
First Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Earl Remembers Wes Unseld
Earl Austin Jr.

Best Sports Feature Story
First Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Alvin A. Reid sports columns
Alvin A. Reid

Best Sports Columnist
First Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Earl Austin Jr. sports columns
Earl Austin, Jr.

Best Sports Columnist
Second Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Minority exclusion at the makeshift morgue
Rebecca Rivas

Best Investigative Reporting
Second Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Mike Avery Federal Case
Rebecca Rivas

Best Investigative Reporting
Third Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Librarians
Sophie Hurwitz

Best Investigative Reporting
Honorable Mention

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS Best Business Coverage The St. Louis American Staff	Best Local Business Coverage First Place
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS Feeding students Rebecca Rivas	Best Story About Education Third Place
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS Billboards removed Sophie Hurwitz	Best Story About the Outdoors Third Place
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS Hyers Sisters Kenya Vaughn	Best Story About History First Place
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS Business Mike Terhaar	Best Page Design Second Place
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS Living It Melvin Moore	Best Page Design Third Place
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS STEM Cathy Sewell	Best Newspaper In Education Project Second Place
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS The St. Louis American Website The St. Louis American Staff	Best Online Newspaper or Website Third Place
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS Awardee Dr. Punch Rebecca Rivas	Best Video First Place
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS Awardee Dr. Turner Rebecca Rivas	Best Video Second Place
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS Jim Crow Policing Dawn Suggs	Best Video Honorable Mention
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS The St. Louis American - Best Headlines The St. Louis American Staff	Best Headline Writing Second Place
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS Chadwick Boseman Kenya Vaughn and Chris King	Best News or Feature Obituary First Place
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS Wayman Smith Kenya Vaughn and Chris King	Best News or Feature Obituary Second Place
St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS U.S. Rep Cori Bush (Missouri) The St. Louis American Staff	Multi-Media Reporting Second Place

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Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis

Erik Siemers and Staff

General Excellence
Second Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis

St. Louis Business Journal best front page 01/31/20, 06/05/20, 08/14/20

Erik Siemers and Michael Behrens

Best Front Page
First Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis

SLBJ news story Ingredients to Endure
Staff

Best News Story
First Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis

SLBJ news story Buyer Despair
Nathan Rubbelke

Best News Story
Third Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis

SLBJ Small Business, Big Mission
Staff

Best News or Feature Series
Third Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis

SLBJ editorial "Voices that need to be heard"
Erik Siemers

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
First Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis

SLBJ editorial "It's time to listen"
Erik Siemers

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
Second Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis

"Battle for the Soul of St. Louis Business"
Erik Siemers

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
Honorable Mention

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis

SLBJ photo package Crown Candy
Dilip Vishwanat

Best Photo Package
First Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis

SLBJ community service - corporate philanthropy
Staff

Community Service
Second Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis

SLBJ community service - Giving Guide
Staff

Community Service
Third Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis

Staff

Best Local Business Coverage
Second Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis

SLBJ best Covid-19 coverage
Staff

Best COVID-19 Coverage
Second Place

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Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

St. Louis Call Newspapers, St. Louis
Teacher of the Year
Erin Achenbach

Best News Photograph
Third Place

St. Louis Call Newspapers, St. Louis
St. Louis Call's Editorial Pages
Gloria Lloyd

Best Editorial Pages
Honorable Mention

St. Louis Call Newspapers, St. Louis
Lieutenant alleges racial discrimination
Gloria Lloyd

Best Investigative Reporting
First Place

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Newspaper, City Title of Entry Award Winner(s)	Cat. Name Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Poll worker dies Annika Merrilees	Best Breaking News Story First Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis One mile in STL Erin Heffernan and Joel Currier	Best News Story First Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis The McCloskeys Jeremy Kohler	Best News Story Second Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Trump and Parson plan	Best Editorial First Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Trump's fraud claims Post-Dispatch Staff	Best Editorial Second Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Tragicomedy that was 2020	Best Editorial Third Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Suing China	Best Editorial Honorable Mention
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Kevin McDermott Kevin McDermott	Best Columnist- Humorous First Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Tony's Take -- Tony Messenger Tony Messenger	Best Columnist- Serious Second Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Kevin McDermott Kevin McDermott	Best Columnist- Serious Third Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Surrounded 05-29-20 David Carson	Best News Photograph First Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Throwing Punches 6-27-20 Robert Cohen	Best News Photograph Second Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Get off my Property Laurie Skrivan	Best News Photograph Third Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Gun Violence Robert Cohen	Best News Photograph Honorable Mention
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis A time to Celebrate 4-24-20 Laurie Skrivan	Best Feature Photograph First Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Jelly Bean Cleaner 5-19-20 Colter Peterson	Best Feature Photograph Second Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Pandemic Voting Robert Cohen	Best Feature Photograph Honorable Mention
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Delayed Opening Day Colter Peterson	Best Sports Feature Photograph Honorable Mention

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Time for tempura 10-14-20 Christian Gooden	Best Photo Illustration First Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Musical portrait 10-7-20 Laurie Skrivan	Best Photo Illustration Second Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Friends Laurie Skrivan	Best Photo Illustration Third Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis A Mile of Sorrow Robert Cohen, Gary Hairlson and Brent Fisher	Best Photo Package First Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Under Pressure Laurie Skrivan, Gary Hairlson and Wade Wilson	Best Photo Package Second Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Virtual Learning Struggle Laurie Skrivan, Gary Hairlson and Wade Wilson	Best Photo Package Honorable Mention
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis First black female brewing director Colleen Schrappen	Best Business Story Third Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Maritz lays off hundreds Jacob Barker	Best Business Story Honorable Mention
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Levee districts charge millions Jacob Barker	Best Coverage of Government First Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis COVID comes to Cuba Jesse Bogan	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis "This is not CSI" Jesse Bogan	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Honorable Mention
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Priest fills pews Erin Heffernan	Best Story About Religion First Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis A chance to talk Blythe Bernhard and Laurie Skrivan	Best Story About Education First Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Bat poop Bryce Gray	Best Story About the Outdoors Second Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Cool and quirky Valerie Schremp Hahn	Best Story About the Outdoors Third Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis King Louis IV Jane Henderson	Best Story About History First Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis What lies beneath Valerie Schremp Hahn	Best Story About History Second Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Table of Healing 5-18-20 Colter Peterson	Best Video First Place
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Dancing away the pandemic Colter Peterson	Best Video Second Place

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis
Belly of the beast
Colter Peterson

Best Video
Honorable Mention

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis
Bill and Pat Olwig
Erin Heffernan

Best News or Feature Obituary
Honorable Mention

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis
A plea for help
Michele Munz

Best Health Story
First Place

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis
Mallory Goepel
Michele Munz and David Carson

Best Health Story
Second Place

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, St. Louis
Under pressure
Michele Munz and Laurie Skrivan

Best Health Story
Honorable Mention

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Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Ste. Genevieve Herald, Ste. Genevieve

Best COVID-19 Coverage

Third Place

Toby Carrig and Mark Evans

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Newspaper, City

Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

The Current Local, Van Buren
Help for Watercress
Mike Grassham

Best Breaking News Story
First Place

The Current Local, Van Buren
Watercress in need of partner
Mike Grassham

Best News Story
First Place

The Current Local, Van Buren
Proposition K.I.D.S.
Ryan VanWinkle

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
Honorable Mention

The Current Local, Van Buren
Vets in the Spotlight
Mike Grassham

Best News Photograph
Honorable Mention

The Current Local, Van Buren
A Yule Tide Event
Mike Grassham

Best Feature Photograph
Second Place

The Current Local, Van Buren
Struggle on the Court
Mike Grassham

Best Sports Photograph
First Place

The Current Local, Van Buren
Look Carefully
Mike Grassham

Best Photo Illustration
First Place

The Current Local, Van Buren
Bewitched by a Bull's Buge
Mike Grassham

Best Story About the Outdoors
Honorable Mention

2021 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List

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The Kansas City Star, Kansas City The Kansas City Star Staff	General Excellence	Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City The Kansas City Star Staff	Best Front Page	First Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Heartbroken and disgusted Glenn E. Rice, Andrea Klick and Katie Moore	Best Breaking News Story	Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Shouts and gunshots: Witness recalls fatal shooting... Anna Spoerre and Jill Toyoshiba	Best Breaking News Story	Honorable Mention
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City A 20-year-old Missouri woman pays her own child support... Katie Moore	Best News Story	Honorable Mention
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Daisy Coleman worked hard to save others. But in the end, she couldn't Lisa Gutierrez	Best Feature Story	First Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Missouri woman is presumed dead... Mara Rose Williams	Best Feature Story	Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Missouri Gun Violence Project Humera Lodhi, Kaitlin Washburn, Jelani Gibson, Erin Heffernan, Joel Currier and Harrison Keegan	Best News or Feature Series	First Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Black Lives Matter Mural Jill Toyoshiba	Best Feature Photograph	Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Hardman upended 10-5-20 Jill Toyoshiba	Best Sports Photograph	First Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Super Bowl swarm 2-2-20 Rich Sugg	Best Sports Photograph	Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Texans rush Tammy Ljungblad	Best Sports Photograph	Honorable Mention
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Celebration in Stands 1-12-20 Tammy Ljungblad	Best Sports Feature Photograph	First Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Lineman Touchdown Jill Toyoshiba	Best Sports Feature Photograph	Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City The Truth in Black and White Staff	Community Service	Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Derrick Thomas' mom visits his grave, 30 miles from where Chiefs are in Sam McDowell	Best Sports News Story or Package	First Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Debate about the Chiefs' name, and its ties to Native Americans... Sam McDowell	Best Sports News Story or Package	Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Patrick Mahomes Sam McDowell and Eric Adler	Best Sports Feature Story	Second Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Chris Jones has emerged as a Chiefs star... Sam McDowell	Best Sports Feature Story Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Chiefs legend Bobby Bell is relentlessly looking out for his brethren Vahe Gregorian	Best Sports Feature Story Honorable Mention
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Sam Mellinger sports columns Sam Mellinger	Best Sports Columnist Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Vahe Gregorian sports columns Vahe Gregorian	Best Sports Columnist Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City "The Promised Land" Judy L. Thomas and Laura Bauer	Best Investigative Reporting First Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City KC man serving life for 1978 murders Luke Nozicka	Best Investigative Reporting Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Racism in the KCFD: Black and women firefighters face discrimination Allie Kite, Glenn E. Rice and Mike Hendricks	Best Investigative Reporting Honorable Mention
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Feds loan millions to Lawrence firm with alleged connection to Oread Bryan Lowry, Kevin Hardy and Steve Vockrodt	Best Business Story First Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Lobbyist under FBI scrutiny Jason Hancock, Kevin Hardy and Steve Vockrodt	Best Coverage of Government Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City One of the biggest frauds in farm history Mike Hendricks	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture First Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Our little town is hurting right now... Judy L. Thomas and Laura Bauer	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City "He preyed on the weak" Sarah Ritter	Best Story About Education Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City A lost generation? Educators and students worry... Mara Rose Williams and Sarah Ritter	Best Story About Education Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City A coronavirus lesson? How KC's response to 1918... Eric Adler	Best Story About History Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Despite concern, Navy gave Greitens 'red carpet' return Tara Copp, Jason Hancock and Bryan Lowry	Best Military Story Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Drive-in concert helps restaurant... Tammy Ljungblad	Best Video Third Place

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The Odessian, Odessa
Area goes quiet in pandemic response
Hannah Spaar

Best Breaking News Story
Third Place

The Odessian, Odessa
Big assist 10-29-20
Kory Hales

Best Sports Photograph
First Place

The Odessian, Odessa
Fist bump
Kory Hales

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Honorable Mention

The Odessian, Odessa

Hannah Spaar

Best Local Business Coverage
Second Place

The Odessian, Odessa
CARES Act funds
Hannah Spaar

Best Coverage of Government
First Place

The Odessian, Odessa
CARES funding page
Hannah Spaar

Best Page Design
Honorable Mention

The Odessian, Odessa
Through the roof
Hannah Spaar

Best Information Graphic
First Place

The Odessian, Odessa
143 businesses benefit from CARES Act
Hannah Spaar

Best Information Graphic
Third Place

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Versailles Leader-Statesman, Versailles
Nickels and Sense, Humorous Columnist
Bryan Jones

Best Columnist- Humorous
Second Place

Versailles Leader-Statesman, Versailles
Nickels and Sense, Serious Columnist
Bryan Jones

Best Columnist- Serious
Third Place

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Warren County Record, Warrenton
Best Front Page
Tim Schmidt

Best Front Page
Second Place

Warren County Record, Warrenton
COVID case breakdown
Adam Rollins and Scott Dupree

Best Information Graphic
Second Place

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Place

Washington Missourian, Washington

Best Overall Design
Third Place

Sharon Pruessner, Brenda Klekamp,
Bill Battle

Washington Missourian, Washington

Best Front Page
Honorable Mention

Ethan Colbert

Washington Missourian, Washington
Hill Pleads Guilty To '17 Murder
The Missouriian Staff

Best Breaking News Story
First Place

Washington Missourian, Washington
Cold Case: Police Name Longtime Suspect As Killer
The Missouriian Staff

Best Breaking News Story
Second Place

Washington Missourian, Washington
County Issues Mask Mandate
The Missouriian Staff

Best Breaking News Story
Third Place

Washington Missourian, Washington
Cold Case: Edwards' Death First For New Cold Case Unit
Laura Miserez

Best Breaking News Story
Honorable Mention

Washington Missourian, Washington
Investigators Reflect On Decades-Long Quest For Justice For Kristen
Kristen Dragotto

Best Feature Story
Second Place

Washington Missourian, Washington
Cold Case Justice
Patricia Miller

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
Third Place

Washington Missourian, Washington
Calming The Blaze
Ethan Colbert

Best News Photograph
First Place

Washington Missourian, Washington
Carried Away 08-22-00
Julia Hansen

Best News Photograph
Second Place

Washington Missourian, Washington
ICU Nurse
Julia Hansen

Best News Photograph
Honorable Mention

Washington Missourian, Washington
Sunset Boat Ride
Julia Hansen

Best Feature Photograph
Honorable Mention

Washington Missourian, Washington
Ouch AH
Arron Hustead

Best Sports Photograph
Second Place

Washington Missourian, Washington
Out of the Sand
Bill Battle

Best Sports Photograph
Third Place

Washington Missourian, Washington
Max Effort
Bill Battle

Best Sports Photograph
Honorable Mention

Washington Missourian, Washington
School Song
Arron Hustead

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Second Place

Washington Missourian, Washington
Fan Coaster
Bill Battle

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Third Place

Washington Missourian, Washington That's a Winner Bill Battle	Best Sports Feature Photograph Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington Wreaths of Remembrance Ethan Colbert	Best Photo Illustration Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Haunted House Julia Hansen	Best Photo Illustration Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington Paddling Nature's Interstate: Neal Moore Traverses Missouri River Julia Hansen	Best Photo Package Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Washington Pool Throwback The Missourian Staff	Best Photo Package Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington The Missourian Entry Patricia Miller and Ethan Colbert	Best Editorial Pages First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Washington Missourian Sports Bill Battle and Arron Husted	Best Sports Pages First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Class 5 District Volleyball Bill Battle	Best Sports News Story or Package Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Wildcats Win District Bill Battle	Best Sports News Story or Package Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington Baby Birds Arron Husted	Best Sports Feature Story Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Hoerstkamp Signs With Mizzou Arron Husted	Best Sports Feature Story Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington Battleline Bill Battle	Best Sports Columnist Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington The Bridal Showcase The Missourian Staff	Best News or Feature Special Section Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Coronavirus Ramps Up Truck Driver Shortage Elena K. Cruz	Best Business Story First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Welding Still A Hot Industry Elena K. Cruz	Best Business Story Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Fresh Face On Farming; The Ties That Bind; Thierbach Orchard Laura Miserez, Julia Hansen and Kristen Dragotto	Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Redeker Reins As Draft Horse Champion Julie Murphy	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Mounting Memories: Taxidermy Feature The Missourian Staff	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Fresh Face On Farming... Kristen Dragotto	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place

Washington Missourian, Washington The Ties That Bind: Five Generations Celebrate Family Laura Miserez	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington Barb LaPlant Feature Laura Miserez	Best Story About Religion Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Seven Steeples A 'Showing Laura Miserez	Best Story About Religion Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington These Scripts Were Made For Walking Laura Miserez	Best Story About Education First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Paddling Nature's Interstate: Neal Moore Traverses Missouri River Laura Miserez	Best Story About the Outdoors First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Across The Wide Missouri: Luke Davis Conquers Katy Trail In One Day Laura Miserez	Best Story About the Outdoors Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Snodgrass Strikes A Chord With Washington History Laura Miserez	Best Story About History Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington History Begins At Home Laura Miserez	Best Story About History Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Washington Vet Gets Posthumous Medal Geoff Folsom	Best Military Story Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Craft Craze Julia Hansen and Sarah Moore	Best Page Design Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington From Baby Bumps To Baby Bust... Sharon Pruessner	Best Information Graphic Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Remembering This Eventful Year Sarah Moore, Elena K. Cruz and Kristen Dragotto	Best Information Graphic Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington eMissourian.com The Missourian Staff	Best Online Newspaper or Website First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Yule Do The Driving, Wheely Big Blessing, Deal Means More Bacon, The Missourian Staff	Best Headline Writing First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Senior Life Times The Missourian Staff	Magazine/Alternative Publication Third Place

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Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis

General Excellence
Third Place

Jaime Mowers, Kevin Murphy, Randy Drilingas, Melissa Wilkinson, Amanda Zarecki and Kent Tentschert

Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis

Webster-Kirkwood Times Best Overall Design

Jaime Mowers, Kevin Murphy, Melissa Wilkinson, Amanda Zarecki, Randy Drilingas and Kent Tentschert

Best Overall Design
First Place

Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis

Webster-Kirkwood Times Best News Series

Jaime Mowers

Best News or Feature Series
Second Place

Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis

Webster-Kirkwood Times Best Feature Photograph

Ursula Ruhl

Best Feature Photograph
First Place

Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis

Webster-Kirkwood Times Best Local Business Coverage

Jamie Mowers and Melissa Wilkinson

Best Local Business Coverage
Third Place

Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis

Webster-Kirkwood Times Best Story About Education

Melissa Wilkinson

Best Story About Education
Honorable Mention

Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis

Webster-Kirkwood Times Best Online Newspaper or Website

Randy Drilingas and Amanda Zarecki

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Second Place

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West Plains Daily Quill, West Plains
Judge's ruling could force sale of land
Kimberly Langston

Best News Story
Honorable Mention

West Plains Daily Quill, West Plains
First Day of School
Kimberly Langston

Best News Photograph
First Place

West Plains Daily Quill, West Plains
Fall Hike
Kimberly Langston

Best Feature Photograph
Third Place

West Plains Daily Quill, West Plains
The Quill Remembers Sporting News Past
Chris Herbolsheimer

Best Sports Columnist
First Place

West Plains Daily Quill, West Plains
Onward to glory
Kimberly Langston

Best Story About Education
Second Place

West Plains Daily Quill, West Plains
From tree to bow
Kimberly Langston

Best Story About the Outdoors
First Place

West Plains Daily Quill, West Plains
Bats good neighbors
Kimberly Langston

Best Story About the Outdoors
Third Place

West Plains Daily Quill, West Plains
Spanish flu
Chris Herbolsheimer

Best Story About History
Third Place

West Plains Daily Quill, West Plains
WIC participation down in Howell County
Nicholas Haring

Best Health Story
Third Place

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Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove

Ron Schott and Cayleb Thomas

Best Front Page
Third Place

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove

Extremely thankful for God's intervention in scary time 07-22-20 WCJ
Ron Schott

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
Second Place

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove

Barber
Ron Schott

Best Feature Photograph
Third Place

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove

Giving the gift of life
Ron Schott

Best Health Story
Third Place