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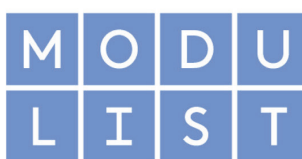
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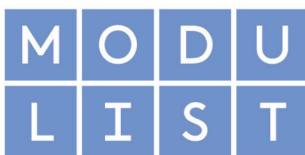
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Congratulations to Missouri Press' 2021 Better Newspaper Contest winners!

From Missouri Press Staff

Missouri Press News

Weeklies

General Excellence Class 1

Maries County Advocate — Staff

Cassville Democrat — Staff

Maryville Forum — Staff

Savannah Reporter — Brent

Rosenauer, Ken Rosenauer, Marshall

White, Duane Thies, Nicole Ruppe

General Excellence Class 2

Laclede County Record — Staff

Richmond News — Staff

Owensville Gasconade Co.

Republican — Staff

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader

— Brett Adkison, Autumn Barnett,

Steve Tinnen, Nikki Keling,

Betty Dickinson

General Excellence Class 3

St. Louis American — Staff

St. Louis Business Journal —

Erik Siemers, staff

St. Louis Webster — Kirkwood Times

— Jaime Mowers, Kevin Murphy,

Randy Drilingas, Melissa Wilkinson,

Amanda Zarecki, Kent Tentschert

Courier-Tribune, Liberty — Staff

Best Overall Design Class 1

Maryville Forum — Staff

Greenfield Vedette — Staff

Maries County Advocate — Staff

Cassville Democrat — Staff

Best Overall Design Class 2

Laclede County Record —



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

Fines Massey, Shawna Bradley

Richmond News — Staff

Houston Herald — Staff

Springfield Business Journal —

Amanda Miller, Heather Mosley,

McKenzie Robinson

Best Overall Design Class 3

St. Louis Webster — Kirkwood Times

— Jaime Mowers, Kevin Murphy,

Melissa Wilkinson, Amanda Zarecki,

Randy Drilingas, Kent Tentschert

St. Louis American — Staff

Washington Missourian —

Sharon Pruessner, Brenda Klekamp,

Patty Brinker, Lori Obermark,

Sarah Moore, Sharon Bargaen

Best Front Page Class 2

Perryville Perry County

Republic-Monitor — Robert Cox

Warrenton Warren County Record —

Tim Schmidt

Wright County Journal — Ron

Schott, Cayleb Thomas

Plattsburg Clinton County Leader —

Brett Adkison, Autumn Barnett

Best Front Page Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal —

Erik Siemers, Michael Behrens

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly —

Ryan O'Shea

St. Louis American — Mike Terhaar

Washington Missourian —

Ethan Colbert

Best Breaking News Story Class 1

Van Buren The Current Local —

Mike Grassham

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

California Democrat —

Austin Hornbostel

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

Best Breaking News Story Class 2

Richmond News —

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Richmond News —

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Odessa Odessan — Hannah Spaar

Richmond News —

Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

On the cover

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

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

Best Breaking News Story Class 3

Washington Missourian — Staff
 Washington Missourian — Staff
 Washington Missourian — Staff
 Washington Missourian — Laura Miserez

Best News Story Class 1

Van Buren The Current Local — Mike Grassham
 Greenfield Vedette — James McNary
 Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
 Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

Best News Story Class 2

Perryville Perry County Republic-Monitor — Robert Cox
 Houston Herald — Doug Davison
 Gainesville Ozark County Times — Sue Ann Jones
 Laclede County Record — Chris Roden, Steve Smith

Best News Story Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal — Staff
 St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly — Jessica Shumaker
 St. Louis Business Journal — Nathan Rubbelke
 St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly — Scott Lauck

Best Feature Story Class 1

Maryville Forum — Andrew Wegley
 Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari

Maries County Advocate — Laura Schiermeier
 Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari

Best Feature Story Class 2

Houston Herald — Doug Davison
 Perryville Perry County Republic-Monitor — Robert Cox
 Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Phelps County Focus — Kaitlin Brothers

Best Feature Story Class 3

Kansas City Northeast News — Abby Hoover
 Washington Missourian — Kristen Dragotto
 Courier-Tribune — Amanda Lubinski
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader — Katelyn Mary Skaggs

Best News or Feature Series Class 1

South Cass Tribune — Dennis Minich
 Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari, Geoffrey Woehlke
 Maryville Forum — Geoffrey Woehlke

Best News or Feature Series Class 2

Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Gainesville Ozark County Times — Sue Ann Jones

Best News or Feature Series Class 3

Courier-Tribune — Amanda Lubinski
 St. Louis Webster — Kirkwood Times — Jaime Mowers
 St. Louis Business Journal — Staff
 St. Louis American — Staff

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Class 1

The Maryville Forum
 The Maryville Forum
 The Maryville Forum

Van Buren The Current Local — Ryan VanWinkle

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Class 2

Gainesville Ozark County Times — Sue Ann Jones
 Wright County Journal — Ron Schott
 Ozark | Christian County
 Headliner News — Staff

Laclede County Record — Fines Massey

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal — Erik Siemers
 St. Louis Business Journal — Erik Siemers
 Washington Missourian — Patricia Miller, Ethan Colbert
 St. Louis Business Journal — Erik Siemers

Best Columnist — Humorous Class 1

South Cass Tribune — Dennis Minich
 Kahoka The Media — Kevin Fox

Savannah Reporter — Courtney Rosenauer

Best Columnist — Humorous Classes 2 & 3

Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Versailles Leader-Statesman — Bryan Jones
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader — Peggy Bess

Best Columnist — Serious Class 1

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
 South Cass Tribune — Dennis Minich
 Maryville Forum — Geoffrey Woehlke

Best Columnist — Serious Class 2

Phelps County Focus — Donald Dodd
 Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Dennis Warden
 Versailles Leader-Statesman — Bryan Jones



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

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

Best Columnist — Serious Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
Peggy Bess
Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
Gordon Bess
Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
Laura Marlow

St. Louis American — Mike Jones

Best News Photograph Class 1

Greenfield Vedette — Gina Langston
Mexico Ledger — Nathan Lilley
Maries County Advocate —
Jacob Warden
Van Buren The Current Local —
Mike Grassham

Best News Photograph Class 2

Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Gainesville Ozark County Times —
Jessi Dreckman
Laclede County Record — Chris Roden

Best News Photograph Class 3

Houston Herald — Doug Davison
Washington Missourian —
Ethan Colbert
Washington Missourian —
Julia Hansen

St. Louis Call Newspapers —
Erin Achenbach
Washington Missourian —
Julia Hansen

Best Feature Photograph Class 1

Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
Van Buren The Current Local —
Mike Grassham
Centralia Fireside Guard —
James Smith
Centralia Fireside Guard —
James Smith

Best Feature Photograph Class 2

Perryville Perry County
Republic-Monitor — Justin Hotop
Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Wright County Journal — Ron Schott
Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Feature Photograph Class 3

St. Louis Webster — Kirkwood Times
— Ursula Ruhl
St. Louis American — Wiley Price
Kansas City Northeast News —
Elizabeth Orosco
Washington Missourian —
Julia Hansen

Best Sports Photograph Class 1

Van Buren The Current Local —
Mike Grassham



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

Shelbyville Shelby County Herald —
Marlana Smith
Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
Maries County Advocate —
Jacob Warden

Best Sports Photograph Class 2

Odessa Odessan — Kory Hales
Houston Herald — Doug Davison
Laclede County Record — Alex Boyer
Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Best Sports Photograph Class 3

St. Louis American — Wiley Price
Washington Missourian —
Arron Hustead

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle
Washington Missourian — Bill Battle
Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 1

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 2

Gainesville Ozark County Times —
Karla Smith
Plattsburg Clinton County Leader —
Clint Dye

Owensville Gasconade Co.
Republican — Will Johnson
Odessa Odessan — Kory Hales

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 3

Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
Ron Rigdon
Washington Missourian —

Arron Hustead

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle
Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

Best Photo Illustration Classes 1 & 2

Van Buren The Current Local —
Mike Grassham
Plattsburg Clinton County Leader —
Brett Adkison, Autumn Barnett
Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia

Best Photo Illustration Class 3

Courier-Tribune — Mac Moore
Washington Missourian —
Ethan Colbert
Courier-Tribune — Mac Moore
Washington Missourian —
Julia Hansen

Best Photo Package Class 1

Greenfield Vedette —
Gina Langston, Roger Pottorff
Maries County Advocate —
Jacob Warden
Savannah Reporter —
Brent Rosenauer, Ken Rosenauer

Best Photo Package Class 2

Richmond News —
Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
Linn Unterrified Democrat —
Neal Johnson, Jacob Warden
Owensville Gasconade Co.
Republican — Dave Marner
Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican
— Dennis Warden

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

Best Photo Package Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal — Dilip Vishwanat
 Washington Missourian — Julia Hansen
 St. Louis American — Wiley Price
 Washington Missourian — Staff

Community Service Classes 1 & 2

Cassville Democrat — Jordan Troutman, Melonie Roberts
 Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Gainesville Ozark County Times — Jessi Dreckman,
 Sue Ann Jones

Phelps County Focus — Staff

Community Service Class 3

St. Louis American — Staff
 St. Louis Business Journal — Staff
 St. Louis Business Journal — Staff

Best Editorial Pages Class 3

Washington Missourian — Patricia Miller, Ethan Colbert
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader — Staff
 St. Louis American — Staff
 St. Louis Call Newspapers — Gloria Lloyd

Best Sports Pages Class 1

Cassville Democrat — Staff
 Maryville Forum — Staff
 South Cass Tribune — Christopher Tenpenny,

Dennis Minich

Maries County Advocate — Staff

Best Sports Pages Class 2

Richmond News — Shawn Roney, Dustin Danner,
 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Laclede County Record — Alex Boyer, Fines Massey,
 Shawna Bradley

Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Phelps County Focus — Donald Dodd, Dave Roberts, Staff

Best Sports Pages Class 3

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle, Arron Hustead
 Courier-Tribune — Mac Moore
 St. Louis American — Earl Austin Jr., Alvin Reid

Best Sports News Story Class 1

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
 Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
 Cassville Democrat — Jared Lankford, Kyle Troutman
 Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra

Best Sports News Story Class 2

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Will Johnson
 Laclede County Record — Alex Boyer
 Richmond News — Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia
 Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Will Johnson

Best Sports News Story Class 3

St. Louis American — Sports Team
 Washington Missourian — Bill Battle
 Courier-Tribune — Mac Moore
 Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

Best Sports Feature Story Class 1

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
 South Cass Tribune — Christopher Tenpenny
 Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
 Greenfield Vedette — James McNary

Best Sports Feature Story Class 2

Houston Herald — Doug Davison
 Richmond News — Shawn Roney
 Laclede County Record — Alex Boyer
 Ozark | Christian County Headliner News — Pat Dailey

Best Sports Feature Story Class 3

St. Louis American — Earl Austin Jr.
 St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly — David Baugher
 Washington Missourian — Arron Hustead
 Washington Missourian — Arron Hustead

Best Sports Columnist**Classes 1 & 2**

Houston Herald — Doug Davison
 Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
 Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Will Johnson

Best Sports Columnist Class 3

St. Louis American — Alvin A. Reid
 St. Louis American — Earl Austin, Jr.
 Festus- Jefferson County Leader — Russell Korando
 Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

Best News or Feature Special Section Class 1

Cassville Democrat — Staff
 Maryville Forum — Staff
 Maryville Forum — Staff
 Maryville Forum — Staff



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

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

Best News or Feature Special Section Class 2

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

Best News or Feature Special Section Class 3

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

Best Investigative Reporting Classes 1 & 2

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

Best Investigative Reporting Class 3

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

Best Local Business Coverage Classes 1 & 2

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

Best Local Business Coverage Class 3

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

Best Business Story Class 1

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

Best Business Story Class 2

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

Perryville Perry County Republic-Monitor — Robert Cox

Best Business Story Class 3

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

Best Coverage of Government Class 1

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

Best Coverage of Government Class 2

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

Best Coverage of Government Class 3

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

Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture

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

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Class 1

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

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Class 2

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

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Class 3

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

Best Story About Religion Class 1

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

Best Story About Religion Class 2

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

Best Story About Religion Class 3

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



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

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

**Best Story About Education
Class 1**

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

**Best Story About Education
Class 2**

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

**Best Story About Education
Class 3**

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

**Best Story About the Outdoors
Class 1**

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

**Best Story About the Outdoors
Class 2**

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

**Best Story About the Outdoors
Class 3**

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

Best Story About History Class 1

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

Best Story About History Class 2



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

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

Best Story About History Class 3

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

Best Military Story Class 1

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

Best Military Story Class 2

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

Best Military Story Class 3

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

Tony Krausz

Best Page Design Class 1

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

Best Page Design Class 2

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

Odessa Odessan — Hannah Spaar

Best Page Design Class 3

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

Best Information Graphic Class 2

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

Best Information Graphic Class 3

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

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

Best Editorial Cartoon Class 2

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

Best Editorial Cartoon Class 3

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

Best Newspapers in Education**Project Class 2**

Eldon Advertiser —
 Tammy Witherspoon
 Eldon Advertiser —
 Tammy Witherspoon

Best Newspapers in Education**Project Class 3**

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

Best Online Newspaper or Website Class 1

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

Best Online Newspaper or Website Class 2

Phelps County Focus — Staff
 Houston Herald — Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website Class 3

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

Best Video Classes 1 & 2

Phelps County Focus —
 Kaitlin Brothers
 Phelps County Focus —
 Kaitlin Brothers
 Cassville Democrat — Staff

Best Video Class 3

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



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

St. Louis American — Dawn Suggs

Best Headline Writing Classes 1 & 2

Phelps County Focus — Staff
 Laclede County Record —
 Fines Massey

Houston Herald — Doug Davison
 Cassville Democrat — Staff

Best Headline Writing Class 3

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

Best News or Feature Obituary Class 1

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

Best News or Feature Obituary Class 2

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

Best News or Feature Obituary Class 3

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

Steve Taylor

Festus- Jefferson County Leader —
 Laura Marlow

Multi-Media Reporting

Springfield Business Journal —
 Christine Temple

St. Louis American — Staff
 Edina Sentinel — Echo Menges

Magazine/Alternative Publication

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly
 — Staff

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

Best Health Story Class 1

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

Maryville Forum — Geoffrey Woehlk

Best Health Story Class 2

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

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

Best Health Story Class 3

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

Best COVID-19 Coverage Class 1

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

Best COVID-19 Coverage Class 2

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

Gainesville Ozark County Times —
 Sue Ann Jones

Best COVID-19 Coverage Class 3

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

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



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

Dailies

General Excellence Class 1

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

General Excellence Class 2

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

General Excellence Class 3

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

Best Overall Design

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

Best Front Page Classes 1 & 2

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

Best Front Page Class 3

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

Best Breaking News Story Class 1

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

Best Breaking News Story Class 2

Missouri Independent — Tessa Weinberg
Joplin Globe — Andy Ostmeyer
Jefferson City News Tribune — Jeff Haldiman, Phillip Sitter
Joplin Globe — Kimberly Barker

Best Breaking News Story Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Annika Merrilees
Springfield News-Leader — Harrison Keegan
The Kansas City Star — Glenn E. Rice, Andrea Klick,

Katie Moore

The Kansas City Star — Anna Spoorre, Jill Toyoshiba

Best News Story Class 1

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

Best News Story Class 2

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

Best News Story Class 3

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

Best Feature Story Class 1

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

Best Feature Story Class 2

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

Best Feature Story Class 3

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

Best News or Feature Series Class 1

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

Best News or Feature Series Class 2

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

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

Best News or Feature Series Class 3

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

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Best Editorial Class 2

Independence Examiner — Jeff Fox
Jefferson City News Tribune — Gerry Tritz
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Best Editorial Class 3

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

Best Columnist — Humorous

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

Best Columnist — Serious Class 1

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

Best Columnist — Serious Class 2

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

Best Columnist — Serious Class 3

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

Best News Photograph Class 1

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

Best News Photograph Class 2

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

Best News Photograph Class 3

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



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



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

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Laurie Skrivan

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Robert Cohen

Best Feature Photograph Class 1

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

Best Feature Photograph Class 2

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

Best Feature Photograph Class 3

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

Best Sports Photograph Class 1

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

Best Sports Photograph Class 2

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

Missourian — Tony Capobianco

Best Sports Photograph Class 3

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

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

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 1

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

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 2

Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic — Scott Borkgren
 Columbia Missourian — Dan Shular

Columbia Missourian — Trenton Almgren-Davis
 Jefferson City News Tribune — Liv Paggiarino

Best Sports Feature Photograph Class 3

The Kansas City Star — Tammy Ljungblad
 Springfield News-Leader — Andrew Jansen
 The Kansas City Star — Jill Toyoshiba
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Colter Peterson

Best Photo Illustration Classes 1 & 2

Columbia Daily Tribune — Gabriela Velasquez
 Jefferson City News Tribune — Liv Paggiarino
 Columbia Missourian — Hillary Tan

Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian — Jacob Wiegand

Best Photo Illustration Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Christian Gooden
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Laurie Skrivan
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Laurie Skrivan
 Springfield News-Leader — Andrew Jansen

Best Photo Package Class 1

Monett Times — Melonie Roberts
 Marshall Democrat-News — Sarah Gray
 Monett Times — Kyle Troutman, Melonie Roberts
 Sedalia Democrat — Faith Bemiss

Best Photo Package Class 2

Columbia Missourian — Staff
 Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian — Jacob Wiegand
 Joplin Globe — Roger Nomer
 Columbia Missourian — Staff

Best Photo Package Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Robert Cohen,
 Gary Hairlson, Brent Fisher

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Laurie Skrivan,
 Gary Hairlson, Wade Wilson
 Springfield News-Leader — Andrew Jansen
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Laurie Skrivan,
 Gary Hairlson, Wade Wilson

Community Service

Monett Times — Lisa Craft
 Columbia Missourian — Staff
 The Kansas City Star — Staff
 Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff

Best Sports Pages

Monett Times — Staff
 Joplin Globe — Staff
 Columbia Daily Tribune — Staff
 Jefferson City News Tribune — Tom Rackers, Greg Jackson,
 Jason Strickland, Colin O'Brien

Best Sports News Story Class 1

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

Best Sports News Story Class 2

Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic —
 Scott Borkgren, Brian Rosener
 Columbia Missourian — Liam Quinn
 Columbia Missourian — Jackson Stone
 Joplin Globe — Jim Henry

Best Sports News Story Class 3

The Kansas City Star — Sam McDowell
 Springfield News-Leader — Wyatt D. Wheeler
 The Kansas City Star — Sam McDowell

Best Sports Feature Story Class 1

Kirksville Daily Express & News — Austin Miller
 Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Michael Losch
 Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Michael Losch
 Park Hills Daily Journal — Matt King

Best Sports Feature Story Class 2

Columbia Daily Tribune — Eric Blum
 Columbia Missourian — Adam Cole
 Columbia Missourian — Adam Cole
 Columbia Missourian — Max Baker

Best Sports Feature Story Class 3

Springfield News-Leader — Wyatt D. Wheeler
 The Kansas City Star — Sam McDowell, Eric Adler
 The Kansas City Star — Sam McDowell
 The Kansas City Star — Vahe Gregorian

Best Sports Columnist Class 1

West Plains Daily Quill — Chris Herbolsheimer
 Camdenton Lake Sun Leader — Michael Losch

Best Sports Columnist Class 2

Jefferson City News Tribune — Tom Rackers
 Columbia Daily Tribune — Kevin Graeler
 Independence Examiner — Bill Althaus
 Joplin Globe — Jim Henry

Best Sports Columnist Class 3

Springfield News-Leader — Wyatt D. Wheeler
 The Kansas City Star — Sam Mellinger
 The Kansas City Star — Vahe Gregorian

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

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

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

Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic
— Staff

Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff
Columbia Missourian — Staff
Columbia Missourian — Staff

**Best Investigative Reporting
Classes 1 & 2**

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

**Best Investigative Reporting
Class 3**

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

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

Best Local Business Coverage
Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff
Springfield News-Leader — Staff
Sedalia Democrat — Staff

Best Business Story Class 1
Park Hills Daily Journal — Sarah Haas
Sedalia Democrat — Emily Walton
Monett Times — Melonie Roberts
Marshall Democrat-News —
Sarah Gray

Best Business Story Class 2

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

Cape Girardeau Southeast
Missourian — Jay Wolz

Best Business Story Class 3

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

Best Coverage of Government



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

Class 1

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

Best Coverage of Government

Class 2

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

Best Coverage of Government

Class 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Best Story About Religion
Class 1**

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

**Best Story About Religion
Class 2**

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

**Best Story About Religion
Class 3**

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

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Best Story About Education Class 1

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

Best Story About Education Class 2

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

Best Story About Education Class 3

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

Best Story About the Outdoors Class 1

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

West Plains Daily Quill — Kimberly Langston

Best Story About the Outdoors Class 2

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

Best Story About the Outdoors Class 3

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

Best Story About History Class 1

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

Best Story About History Class 2

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

Best Story About History Class 3

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

Best Military Story Class 1

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

Best Military Story Class 2

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

Best Military Story Class 3

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

Springfield News-Leader — Wes Johnson

Best Page Design Class 2

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

Best Information Graphic Classes 2 & 3

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

Best Editorial Cartoon Class 2

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

Best Newspapers in Education Project Class 2

Joplin Globe — Amanda Stone
Joplin Globe — Amanda Stone

Best Online Newspaper or Website Class 1

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

Best Online Newspaper or Website Classes 2 & 3

Columbia Missourian — Staff
Missouri Independent — Jason Hancock
Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff
LakeExpo — Brent Simpson, Nathan Bechtold, Sara
Halverson, Gina Garriott, Kate Robbins, Taylor Buckley

Best Video Classes 1 & 2

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

Columbia Daily Tribune — Eric Blum

Best Video Class 3

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



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

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 Tammy Ljungblad
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
 Colter Peterson

Best Headline Writing

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

Best News or Feature Obituary Class 1

Kirkville Daily Express & News —
 Austin Miller
 Kirkville Daily Express & News —
 Austin Miller

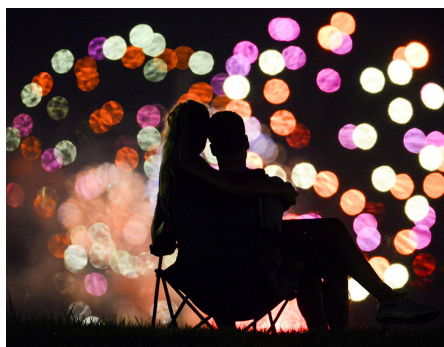
Sedalia Democrat — Hope Lecchi
 Sedalia Democrat — Nicole Cooke

Best News or Feature Obituary Class 2

Columbia Missourian —
 Roshae Hemmings
 Columbia Missourian — Connor Giffin
 Joplin Globe — Jim Henry
 Columbia Missourian —
 Roshae Hemmings

Best News or Feature Obituary Class 3

Springfield News-Leader —
 Wes Johnson
 Springfield News-Leader —
 Austin Huguelet



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

Springfield News-Leader —
 Claudette Riley
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
 Erin Heffernan

Multi-Media Reporting

Columbia Missourian — Staff
 Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff
 Joplin Globe — Staff

Magazine/Alternative Publication

Joplin Globe — Kevin McClintock
 Camdenton Lake Sun Leader —
 Charis Patires
 Monett Times — Staff
 Cape Girardeau Southeast
 Missourian — Staff

Best Health Story Class 1

Sedalia Democrat — Nicole Cooke

Monett Times — Melonie Roberts
 West Plains Daily Quill —
 Nicholas Haring

Best Health Story Class 2

Columbia Missourian —
 Janae McKenzie
 Jefferson City News Tribune —
 Joe Gamm

Cape Girardeau Southeast
 Missourian — Jay Wolz
 Missouri Independent —
 Adam Satrya Jackson

Best Health Story Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
 Michele Munz
 St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
 Michele Munz, David Carson
 Springfield News-Leader —
 Austin Huguelet

St. Louis Post-Dispatch —
 Michele Munz, Laurie Skrivan

Best Coverage of Elections

Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff
 Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff
 Springfield News-Leader — Staff
 Joplin Globe — Emily Younker

Best COVID-19 Coverage

Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic
 — Staff
 Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff
 Independence Examiner — Jeff Fox,
 Mike Genet
 Columbia Daily Tribune — Staff

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Class 3

St. Louis Post-Dispatch