

2022 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Hollister

Best Overall Design
First Place

Tim Church, Jason Wert, AJ Fahr and Mandy Farrow

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Hollister
Whistleblower
Jason Wert

Best Investigative Reporting
Second Place

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Hollister
CBCO Collects 37 Donations
Tim Church

Community Service
Third Place

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Hollister
Whistleblower
Jason Wert

Best News Story
Third Place

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Hollister

General Excellence
Third Place

Tim Church, Jason Wert, AJ Fahr and Mandy Farrow

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Hollister

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Third Place

Tim Church

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Hollister
Custodian brightens students daily routines
AJ Fahr

Best Story About Education
Third Place

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Hollister
Ozark Mountain Visitor 2021
Tim Church and Joshua Clark

Magazine/Alternative Publication
Third Place

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Hollister
A family legacy continues
AJ Fahr

Best Business Story
Third Place

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Hollister
Branson This Week 2021
Tim Church

Magazine/Alternative Publication
Honorable Mention

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Hollister
Angler's Lodge now open
Tim Church

Best Business Story
Honorable Mention

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Hollister

Best COVID-19 Coverage
Honorable Mention

AJ Fahr, Tim Church and Addie Cantrell

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California Democrat, California

General Excellence

Staff

Second Place

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Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Trout Times
Staff

Best News or Feature Special Section
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
4 Kleines a'coachin'
Kyle Troutman

Best Sports Feature Story
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Cassville Best Website
Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Cassville Best Magazine
Staff

Magazine/Alternative Publication
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Broncos Buck
Kyle Troutman

Best News Photograph
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
2021 Trout Season
Kyle Troutman

Best Story About the Outdoors
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
BarCo Sheriff's Office
Kyle Troutman

Best News Story
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Cassville Sports Pages
Staff

Best Sports Pages
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Roaring River Recovers
Kyle Troutman

Best Breaking News Story
First Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Staff

Best Editorial Pages
Second Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Staff

Best Overall Design
Second Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Broncos Buck
Kyle Troutman

Best Photo Package
Second Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Cassville Sports Columnist
Kyle Troutman

Best Sports Columnist
Second Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Boxing Back
Jordan Troutman

Best Health Story
Second Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
For Mom
Kyle Troutman

Best Sports Feature Story
Third Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Cassville BC Community Service
Staff

Community Service
Third Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Fire Destroys
Kyle Troutman

Best News Photograph
Third Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Cassville Headlines
Staff

Best Headline Writing
Third Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Kyle Troutman

Best Columnist- Humorous
Third Place

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Staff

Best Front Page
Honorable Mention

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

Make the call
Kyle Troutman

Best Sports Feature Story
Honorable Mention

Cassville Democrat, Cassville

30 Wins
Kyle Troutman

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Honorable Mention

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Centralia Fireside Guard, Centralia
Centralia's Xaden Lockett
James Smith

Best Sports Photograph
Honorable Mention

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Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg
Leader Front Pages
Brett Adkison

Best Front Page
Second Place

Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg
EBHS State Championship
Brett Adkison and Clint Dye

Best Sports News Story or Package
Second Place

Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg
State Champs
Clint Dye

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Second Place

Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg
EBHS State Champs
Brett Adkison and Clint Dye

Best News or Feature Special Section
Third Place

Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg
Born on the Fourth
Brett Adkison

Best Story About History
Third Place

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Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Colleagues recall
Aarik Danielsen

Best News or Feature Obituary
First Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
A day with Desiree Reed-Francois
Eric Blum

Best Sports Feature Story
First Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Short-handed...
Chris Kwiecinski

Best Sports News Story or Package
First Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Braggin' Fights
Madeline Carter

Best Sports Photograph
First Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Staff

Best News or Feature Special Section
Second Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Staff

Best Editorial Pages
Third Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Best of Columbia Sports
Gabriela Velasquez

Best Photo Illustration
Third Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Tiger Extra
Chris Kwiecinski

Best Sports Columnist
Third Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
'They don't cover pandemics in law school
Charles Dunlap

Best News Story
Third Place

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Road Rage Incident
Don Shrubshell

Best News Photograph
Honorable Mention

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Male student is crowned Homecoming queen
Roger McKinney

Best Story About Education
Honorable Mention

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Kids
Natalie Anderson

Best Page Design
Honorable Mention

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Columbia Daily Tribune
Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Honorable Mention

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Staff

Best Overall Design
Honorable Mention

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Battle Tipped-Pass Touchdown
J Thomas Taylor

Best Sports Photograph
Honorable Mention

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Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Grad student Patrick Luo
Olivia Anderson

Best News Photograph
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
FrankenHawley
John Darkow

Best Editorial Cartoon
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Spelling bee- Local sisters; 'Good vibes'
Jacob Mosocvitch and Hannah Barczykowski

Community Service
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Maintaining magnificence
Cory Macneil

Best Photo Package
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Under the Overpass
Ella McCarthy

Best Feature Story
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Hiking while Black
Emma Veidt

Best Story About the Outdoors
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Vaccines in rural Mo....
Jose Luis Adriano and Jonathan Jain

Best News Story
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Mayors Pledge to help the monarchs
Regan Mertz

Best Information Graphic
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Founding Farms are few, far between
Anna Watson

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Staff

Best Headline Writing
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Homecoming Royalty
Irynka Hromotska

Best Sports Feature Photograph
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Missouri Tourism
Staff

Best News or Feature Special Section
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
FROM FIERCE RIVALRY TO FRIENDSHIP
Emma Eaton, Ciara McCaskill, Kalyn Laire, Zachary Linhares, Bradford Siwak and Hunter Pendleton

Multi-Media Reporting
First Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Wally Funk- Stephens College
John Darkow

Best Editorial Cartoon
Second Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
2021 Progress Awards
Staff

Community Service
Second Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
'Always a coach'
Grace Nieland and Mae Bruce

Best News or Feature Obituary
Second Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Dribbling from dusk till dawn
Megan Matty and CARA PENQUITE

Best Photo Package
Second Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Staff

Best Editorial Pages
Second Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia Fermentation Frenzy ALESSIA TAGLIABUE	Best Photo Illustration Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Staff	Best Coverage Of Elections Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Paothong: A nature photographer's journey Regan Mertz	Best Story About the Outdoors Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Lost in the fight series Julia Garlich	Best Investigative Reporting Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia What's in a name? Owen Krucoff	Best Sports News Story or Package Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia How the vaccine really works CONNOR GIFFIN	Best Information Graphic Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia 3D printing lets Amish draft horse breathe again Charlie Drape	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Elsie Butterfield Madi Winfield	Best Sports Feature Photograph Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Staff	Best Overall Design Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Inside Booche's Irynka Hromotska (Kohut)	Best Video Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Staff	Best COVID-19 Coverage Second Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia The door of Rep. Rick Roeber... Tristen Rouse	Best News Photograph Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Staff	Best Front Page Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Ruth Ann Brandon Claudia Hope Levens	Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia 'It's a huge day' Lily Dozier	Best Photo Package Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Fanning a dying flame Janae McKenzie	Best Story About History Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Homelessness Series Staff	Best News or Feature Series Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Missouri River Relief CONNOR GIFFIN	Best Feature Story Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Disappearing Agriculture Regulations Mallory Daily	Best Investigative Reporting Third Place

Columbia Missourian, Columbia Safer than Smoking? Danielle DuClos	Best Information Graphic Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia A drawn out year Staff	Best Page Design Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Boomtown Staff	Best News or Feature Special Section Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia MU to cut pay ALEX NAUGHTON	Best Breaking News Story Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Anna Stephens attempts to pin Faith James ELIZABETH UNDERWOOD	Best Sports Photograph Third Place
Columbia Missourian, Columbia David Webber David Webber	Best Columnist- Serious Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Kate Mehan Megan Matty	Best Feature Photograph Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Talkin' trash Makalah Hardy	Best Photo Illustration Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Staff	Best Sports Pages Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Merch madness Jack Soble	Best Sports News Story or Package Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Out of the raging fire Khue Nguyen	Best Information Graphic Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Main Squeeze Skyler Laird	Best Business Story Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Zaira Zuno and junior Ataliya Bass fall Maya Bell	Best Sports Feature Photograph Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia City Manager Search series Brooke Muckerman	Best Coverage of Government Honorable Mention
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Demolition derby teams build family bonds JACOB LUEBBERT, SARA WILLIAMS and MINH CONNORS	Best Video Honorable Mention

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Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty

Best Front Page
Second Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Health story- Magic Dude
Kellie Houx

Best Health Story
Second Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Sports News Story-Smithville State Championship
Liam Keating

Best Sports News Story or Package
Third Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Clay County commission
Amanda Lubinski

Best Coverage of Government
Third Place

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Liberty North football loses
Liam Keating

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Honorable Mention

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Daily Express & News, Kirksville
Kirksville hosts first Missouri National Guard Hall of Fame induction
Austin Miller

Best Military Story
Second Place

Daily Express & News, Kirksville
Putnam County baseball comeback
Austin Miller

Best Sports News Story or Package
Second Place

Daily Express & News, Kirksville
Putnam-Pearson feature
Austin Miller

Best Sports Feature Story
Honorable Mention

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Place

Daily Journal, Park Hills
Doubted Dodd 5-22-21
Matt King

Best Sports Feature Story
First Place

Daily Journal, Park Hills
Autism 6-15-21
Kevin Jenkins

Best Story About Education
First Place

Daily Journal, Park Hills
Tornado 2 stories
Victoria Kemper

Best News Story
First Place

Daily Journal, Park Hills
Barber Bone 7-6-21
Mark Marberry

Best Business Story
First Place

Daily Journal, Park Hills
Inquest Martin 7-31-21
Bobby Radford

Best Breaking News Story
First Place

Daily Journal, Park Hills
Fritch miracle 3-5-21
Kevin Jenkins

Best Health Story
First Place

Daily Journal, Park Hills
Sale barn
Mark Marberry

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Second Place

Daily Journal, Park Hills
Central leap 4-10-21
Matt King

Best Sports Photograph
Second Place

Daily Journal, Park Hills
Cunningham 5-29-21
Matt King

Best Sports News Story or Package
Third Place

Daily Journal, Park Hills
Viral video
Sarah Haas

Best Military Story
Third Place

Daily Journal, Park Hills
Mother seeks justice 8-17-21
Bobby Radford

Best News Story
Honorable Mention

Daily Journal, Park Hills
Thailand
Mark Marberry

Best Business Story
Honorable Mention

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Place

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Copacetic Cosmetics
Echo Menges

Best Photo Illustration
First Place

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Bone Transplant
David Sharp

Best Sports Feature Story
Second Place

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Edina City Council - Live Streaming
Echo Menges

Community Service
Second Place

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Sad Dog
Echo Menges

Best News Photograph
Second Place

Edina Sentinel, Edina
WWII Veteran Funeral/Harr Funeral
Echo Menges

Best Photo Package
Third Place

Edina Sentinel, Edina

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Honorable Mention

Echo Menges, Mike Scott, Elsa Besler and Emilie Rumble

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Headhunters Series
Echo Menges

Multi-Media Reporting
Honorable Mention

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Eldon Advertiser, Eldon
Veterans Day Project
Tammy Witherspoon

Best Newspaper In Education Project
First Place

Eldon Advertiser, Eldon
Making a difference one garment at a time
Tim Flora

Best Business Story
Third Place

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Focus on Oak Grove, Oak Grove

Delivery interruption affects school meals

Ruth Ann Hafner

Best News Story

Second Place

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Place

Fredericktown Democrat-News, Fredericktown
One for road
Victoria Kemper

Best Business Story
Second Place

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Place

Fulton Sun, Fulton

Staff

Best Sports Pages

Third Place

Fulton Sun, Fulton

Weight lifter with autism

Jeremy Jacob

Best Feature Story

Honorable Mention

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville

Best COVID-19 Coverage
First Place

Dave Marner, Roxie Murphy and Buck Collier

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville

GCR Ed pages

Dave Marner

Best Editorial Pages
Second Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville

Painter reflected

Dennis Warden

Best Feature Photograph
Second Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville

Ruthie's Fire

Jacob Warden

Best News Photograph
Second Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville

Gasconade County Republican

Will Johnson

Best Sports Pages
Third Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville

Staff

General Excellence
Third Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville

Musical send-off 3-10-21

Dave Marner

Best Photo Package
Third Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville

Rock Island Feature Series

Roxie Murphy

Best News or Feature Series
Third Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville

Dutchgirl victory lap 5-19-21

Will Johnson

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Third Place

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville

Marine shot at MetroLink

Roxie Murphy

Best News or Feature Obituary
Honorable Mention

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Greenfield Vedette, Greenfield

'A Date Which Will Live in Infamy' – 80 Years Since Attack on James McNary

Best Military Story

Second Place

Greenfield Vedette, Greenfield

VIDEO/AUDIO WITH UPDATE: Miller Mayor Adamson Says He Will James McNary

Best Breaking News Story

Second Place

Greenfield Vedette, Greenfield

MFA: No Plans for Lockwood Retail Presence as Exchange Sale Nears James McNary

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture

Honorable Mention

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Place

Hannibal Courier-Post, Quincy

Hannibal State

Mike Thomas, Matthew Kirby and Kim Kirby

Best Sports News Story or Package

First Place

Hannibal Courier-Post, Quincy

hannibal.net

Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website

Second Place

Hannibal Courier-Post, Quincy

Melissa Long recognized as 2021 McDonald's Outstanding Educator

Trevor McDonald

Best Story About Education

Third Place

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Houston Herald, Houston
Best Opinion pages
Brad Gentry

Best Editorial Pages
First Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Fatal stabbing
Brad Gentry

Best News Story
First Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Catastrophe yields blessings
Doug Davison

Best Feature Story
First Place

Houston Herald, Houston
County Clerk Laura Crowley
Brad Gentry

Best Coverage of Government
First Place

Houston Herald, Houston
County clerk resigns
Brad Gentry

Best Breaking News Story
Second Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Laura Crowley, county clerk
Brad Gentry

Best Investigative Reporting
Second Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Timeline of stabbing
Brad Gentry

Best Information Graphic
Third Place

Houston Herald, Houston
SCA Champs
Amanda York

Best Photo Illustration
Third Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Police firefighters
Doug Davison

Best News Photograph
Third Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Wilburn Elmore, downtown institution, dies
Brad Gentry

Best News or Feature Obituary
Third Place

Houston Herald, Houston
Website - Houston Herald (houstonherald.com)
Isaiah Buse, Brad Gentry and Doug Davison

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Honorable Mention

Houston Herald, Houston
Houston High School Homecoming
Doug Davison

Best Photo Package
Honorable Mention

Houston Herald, Houston
Digging up the past
Doug Davison

Best Story About History
Honorable Mention

Houston Herald, Houston
Off the Cuff
Doug Davison

Best Columnist- Humorous
Honorable Mention

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Independence Examiner, Independence
The truth is out of this world
Jeff Fox

Best Columnist- Humorous
First Place

Independence Examiner, Independence
The humble heart of our greatest holiday
Jeff Fox

Best Columnist- Serious
Second Place

Independence Examiner, Independence
"Iron Curtain 75th anniversary"
Mike Genet

Best Story About History
Second Place

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Jefferson County Leader, Festus

Life story: William Mathew "Bill" Schmidt Jr.

Laura Marlow

Best News or Feature Obituary

First Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

Skyrocketing fees

Katelyn Mary Skaggs

Best Investigative Reporting

First Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

Laura Marlow

Laura Marlow

Best Columnist- Serious

First Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

It's a brave new world

Cody Taylor

Best Editorial Cartoon

First Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

Opinions

Steve Taylor

Best Editorial Pages

Second Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

Staff

General Excellence

Second Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

Generations of agriculture

Steve Taylor

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture

Second Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

Triple jumper Jonathan Carey

Russell Korando

Best Sports Photograph

Second Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

Gordon Bess

Gordon Bess

Best Columnist- Serious

Second Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

Laura Marlow

Laura Marlow

Best Columnist- Humorous

Second Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

A towering figure - Philip Hess

Steve Taylor

Best News or Feature Obituary

Third Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

Out at home

Russell Korando

Best Sports Photograph

Third Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

De Soto in Supreme Court

Steve Taylor

Best News or Feature Series

Third Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

Peggy Bess

Peggy Bess

Best Columnist- Humorous

Third Place

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

My Leader Paper

Kim Robertson and Leader Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website

Honorable Mention

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

Songbirds

Tony Krausz

Best Story About Education

Honorable Mention

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

The County Line

Russell Korando

Best Sports Columnist

Honorable Mention

Jefferson County Leader, Festus

Jefferson County Leader

Staff

Best Headline Writing

Honorable Mention

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Peggy Bess
Peggy Bess

Best Columnist- Serious
Honorable Mention

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Modern day pandora
Cody Taylor

Best Editorial Cartoon
Honorable Mention

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Joplin Globe, Joplin
Andy Ostmeyer
Andy Ostmeyer

Best Columnist- Serious
First Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin
JMag
Kevin McClintock

Magazine/Alternative Publication
First Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin
It's time for some football
Trey Vaughan

Best Page Design
First Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Staff

Best Overall Design
First Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Selling Scout camp another betrayal
Staff

Best Editorial
Second Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin
100th Anniversary of Tulsa Race Massacre
Nathan Mills

Best Page Design
Second Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Carthage rallies past Carl Junction
Laurie Sisk

Best Sports Photograph
Second Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin
All-Area Academic Excellence Team
Staff

Best Newspaper In Education Project
Third Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Philip Svitaks
Kevin McClintock

Best Military Story
Third Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Study at behest of landowners concludes reservoir won't work
Andy Ostmeyer and Kevin McClintock

Best Story About the Outdoors
Third Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Eagle-Picher celebrates successful Mars Rover landing
Kevin McClintock

Best Business Story
Third Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Joplinglobe.com
Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Third Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin

Staff

General Excellence
Third Place

Joplin Globe, Joplin
LaRussell vote
John Hacker

Best Coverage Of Elections (DAILIES)
Honorable Mention

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Tulsa's story is ours, too
Staff

Best Editorial
Honorable Mention

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Reintroduction of burying beetles continues in Southwest Missouri
Kevin McClintock

Best Story About the Outdoors
Honorable Mention

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Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Running
Christy Dieman

Best Sports Feature Story
First Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Reflections
Christy Dieman

Best Military Story
First Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Fair, 7-14-21
Christy Dieman

Best Feature Photograph
First Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Insurance denies
Fines Massey

Best Breaking News Story
First Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Fines Massey Humorous
Fines Massey

Best Columnist- Humorous
First Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
LCHD to stop
Fines Massey

Best Health Story
First Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon

General Excellence
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
An Ideal Dog's Life
Christy Dieman

Best Story About Education
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Best Magazine - Trout Talk
Fines Massey, Laura Valenti, Shawna Bradley and Daniel Foust

Magazine/Alternative Publication
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
You can't argue
Laura Valenti

Best Story About Religion
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Best Headline Writing LCR
Fines Massey

Best Headline Writing
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Game winning field goal
Alex Boyer

Best Video
Second Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
LCHD to stop
Fines Massey

Best News Story
Third Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Forgotten legacy
Fines Massey

Best Military Story
Third Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Art for Thought
Christy Dieman

Best Story About Education
Third Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Demolition
Daniel Foust

Best Page Design
Third Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
End of Watch Broadcast
Chris Roden

Best Video
Third Place

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Adrenaline Junkie
Laura Valenti

Best Military Story
Honorable Mention

Laclede County Record, Lebanon

Shawna Bradley, Fines Massey and Daniel Foust

Best Overall Design
Honorable Mention

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Making a difference
Steve Smith

Best Story About Education
Honorable Mention

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Best Front Page Laclede County Record
Fines Massey, Shawna Bradley and Daniel Foust

Best Front Page
Honorable Mention

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Place

LakeExpo, Osage Beach

Write-In Mayor Wins After LakeExpo's Expos

Nathan Bechtold and Brent Simpson

Best Coverage Of Elections

First Place

LakeExpo, Osage Beach

Time For A New Mayor: Lake Ozark Needs Leaders With A Spine & A

Nathan Bechtold and Brent Simpson

Best Editorial

First Place

LakeExpo, Osage Beach

Lake Of The Ozarks Real Estate Sales Topped \$1 BILLION In Record-

Kate Robbins

Best Business Story

Second Place

LakeExpo, Osage Beach

Irresistible Headlines From Lake Of The Ozarks

Nathan Bechtold, Brent Simpson, Kate Robbins, Kathy Brown and Stacy Johnson

Best Headline Writing

Third Place

LakeExpo, Osage Beach

Lake Ozark Mayor Exposed

Nathan Bechtold and Brent Simpson

Best Investigative Reporting

Honorable Mention

LakeExpo, Osage Beach

ATF Raids Local Gun Shop After Sting Operation

Kate Robbins and Nathan Bechtold

Best Breaking News Story

Honorable Mention

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Lexington News, Lexington
Lessons Learned From Spanish Flu
Joe Parmon

Best Story About History
First Place

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville
Schultz long Jump
Will Johnson

Best Sports Photograph
First Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville
Nap Time_9-8-21
Jacob Warden

Best Feature Photograph
First Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville
A New Adventure
Dennis Warden

Best Columnist- Humorous
First Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville
Maries County Advocate
Will Johnson

Best Sports Pages
Second Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville
Maries County Advocate
Jacob Warden

Best Front Page
Third Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville
Staff

General Excellence
Third Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville
Flying Tag_9-1-21
Jacob Warden

Best Sports Photograph
Third Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville
Belle mayor, treasurer resign unexpectedly
Roxie Murphy

Best Coverage of Government
Third Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville
Local barber has served Vienna community for over 40 years
Laura Schiermeier

Best Business Story
Third Place

Maries County Advocate, Owensville
Community remembers selfless acts of service by Kathy Stanfield
Edward Gehlert

Best News or Feature Obituary
Honorable Mention

Maries County Advocate, Owensville
Staff

Best Overall Design
Honorable Mention

Maries County Advocate, Owensville
Scenes from the 75th Maries County Fair
Jacob Warden

Best Photo Package
Honorable Mention

Maries County Advocate, Owensville
Ride Video_7-21-21
Jacob Warden

Best Feature Photograph
Honorable Mention

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Marshall Democrat-News, Marshall
Influence of Santa Fe Trail
Danielle Linton-Hatfield

Best Story About History
First Place

Marshall Democrat-News, Marshall
Governor visits schools
Danielle Linton-Hatfield and Sarah Gray

Best Story About Education
Second Place

Marshall Democrat-News, Marshall
Easter egg hunt
Danielle Linton-Hatfield

Best Photo Package
Third Place

Marshall Democrat-News, Marshall
Cyclists raise awareness
Danielle Linton-Hatfield

Best Feature Story
Honorable Mention

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Maryville Forum, Maryville School district owes explanation Staff	Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 20 - Mac-nificent Jon Dykstra	Best Sports News Story or Package First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 42 - Former sheriff Espey Ken Garner	Best News or Feature Obituary First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville The Maryville Forum	General Excellence First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 24 - Senior Center analysis Geoffrey Woehlk	Best Investigative Reporting First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville A Word from Woehlk Geoffrey Woehlk	Best Columnist- Serious First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Reflection Jon Dykstra	Best Sports Feature Photograph First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 27 - Legally Blonde The Maryville Forum	Best Coverage of Government First Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 33 - Longtime law office Skye Pournazari	Best Story About History Second Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Pickering Horse Show Skye Pournazari	Best Feature Photograph Second Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 39 - maryvilleforum.com Ken Garner	Best Online Newspaper or Website Second Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 27 - Tourism committee	Best Coverage of Government Second Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 29 - Northwest cheers opening Geoffrey Woehlk	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 20 - Perfect Jon Dykstra	Best Sports News Story or Package Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 34 - Honoring their sacrifice Geoffrey Woehlk	Best Military Story Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville City mask mandate Geoffrey Woehlk	Best News or Feature Series Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Cheering 151 years Skye Pournazari	Best Story About Religion Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Best Editorial Pages	Best Editorial Pages Third Place

Maryville Forum, Maryville 31 - R-II musical rescheduled Skye Pournazari	Best Story About Education Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 24 - R-II postpones musical Skye Pournazari	Best Investigative Reporting Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville	Best Overall Design Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 22 - Best Sports Columnist Jon Dykstra	Best Sports Columnist Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Senior Center story Geoffrey Woehlk	Best News Story Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Geiman Jon Dykstra	Best Sports Feature Photograph Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville COVID-19 data Skye Pournazari	Best Information Graphic Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville Rare Serial Derecho Skye Pournazari and Geoffrey Woehlk	Best Breaking News Story Third Place
Maryville Forum, Maryville 23 - Fall Sports Preview Jon Dykstra	Best News or Feature Special Section Honorable Mention
Maryville Forum, Maryville 20 - Statement Saturday Jon Dykstra	Best Sports News Story or Package Honorable Mention
Maryville Forum, Maryville Business Update Trinity Cobb	Best News or Feature Series Honorable Mention
Maryville Forum, Maryville 31 - Albrecht presses Hegeman Geoffrey Woehlk	Best Story About Education Honorable Mention
Maryville Forum, Maryville 35 - Get Wright Game Jon Dykstra and Skye Pournazari	Best Page Design Honorable Mention
Maryville Forum, Maryville 36 - Census Skye Pournazari	Best Information Graphic Honorable Mention

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Memphis Democrat, Memphis
WWII Sailor Laid To Rest
Echo Menges

Best Feature Story
Third Place

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Cat. Name

Place

Mexico Ledger, Mexico
Best front page
Tim Schmidt

Best Front Page
First Place

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Missouri Independent, Jefferson City Deskin's gum dispenser: 1913 ruling seen as key to Missouri illegal Rudi Keller	Best Story About History	First Place
Missouri Independent, Jefferson City 'Soooo frustrating!' Infighting, bad predictions hindered Missouri Tessa Weinberg and Betsy Ladyzhets	Best Health Story	First Place
Missouri Independent, Jefferson City Missouri governor vows criminal prosecution of reporter who found flaw Jason Hancock	Best Breaking News Story	First Place
Missouri Independent, Jefferson City Free health clinic in southern Missouri closes Rebecca Rivas	Best Video	First Place
Missouri Independent, Jefferson City Documenting COVID Rudi Keller, Tessa Weinberg, Betsy Ladyzhets and Derek Kravitz	Best COVID-19 Coverage	First Place
Missouri Independent, Jefferson City One year into pandemic, Missouri's COVID report missing 80,000 cases, Rudi Keller	Best Health Story	Second Place
Missouri Independent, Jefferson City Why police reform fails Rebecca Rivas	Multi-Media Reporting	Second Place
Missouri Independent, Jefferson City CAFOs in Missouri Allison Kite	Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture	Second Place
Missouri Independent, Jefferson City Vaccine Rollout Tessa Weinberg	Best Coverage of Government	Second Place
Missouri Independent, Jefferson City CAFOs in Missouri Allison Kite	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture	Third Place
Missouri Independent, Jefferson City Behind the curtain of a gubernatorial nomination Rudi Keller	Best News or Feature Series	Honorable Mention
Missouri Independent, Jefferson City Missouri House Democrats face criticism from staff over handling of Jason Hancock	Best News Story	Honorable Mention
Missouri Independent, Jefferson City Less than half of Missouri nursing home staff vaccinated, reviving fear of Allison Kite and Tessa Weinberg	Best Health Story	Honorable Mention
Missouri Independent, Jefferson City The Missouri Independent Jason Hancock	Best Headline Writing	Honorable Mention

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Monett Times, Monett
Monett Front Pages
Staff

Best Front Page
First Place

Monett Times, Monett
Cops, Kids
Mike Gervais

Best Photo Package
First Place

Monett Times, Monett
Semi Ahead
Kyle Troutman

Best Sports Feature Photograph
First Place

Monett Times, Monett
Lady Cubs swim
Cody Thorn

Best Sports Photograph
First Place

Monett Times, Monett
Semi Ahead
Kyle Troutman

Best Sports News Story or Package
Second Place

Monett Times, Monett
Endurance for the win
Kyle Troutman

Best Sports Feature Story
Second Place

Monett Times, Monett
Spark Tank
Melonie Roberts

Best Feature Photograph
Second Place

Monett Times, Monett
Local heroes
Mike Gervais

Best News Story
Second Place

Monett Times, Monett
Beloved business owner
Melonie Roberts

Best News or Feature Obituary
Second Place

Monett Times, Monett
Knights
Mike Gervais

Best Photo Package
Second Place

Monett Times, Monett
Flood waters again
Mike Gervais

Best Breaking News Story
Second Place

Monett Times, Monett
Groundbreaking held
Melonie Roberts

Best News Photograph
Third Place

Monett Times, Monett
9-Humorous Columnist
Kyle Troutman

Best Columnist- Humorous
Third Place

Monett Times, Monett
Monett Serious Columnist
Kyle Troutman

Best Columnist- Serious
Third Place

Monett Times, Monett
Recalling the trauma
Melonie Roberts

Best Feature Story
Third Place

Monett Times, Monett
Monett Best Magazine
Staff

Magazine/Alternative Publication
Third Place

Monett Times, Monett
Monett Sports Pages
Staff

Best Sports Pages
Third Place

Monett Times, Monett
Verona's Coach Nash
Kyle Troutman

Best News or Feature Obituary
Third Place

Monett Times, Monett Monett Best Website Staff	Best Online Newspaper or Website Third Place
Monett Times, Monett Vandals desecrate Melonie Roberts	Best Breaking News Story Third Place
Monett Times, Monett Brawl comes Kyle Troutman	Best Sports Photograph Third Place
Monett Times, Monett Collision sends Mike Gervais	Best News Photograph Honorable Mention
Monett Times, Monett Monett Editorial Pages Staff	Best Editorial Pages Honorable Mention
Monett Times, Monett Farm and Ranch Staff	Best News or Feature Special Section Honorable Mention
Monett Times, Monett Freedom and fireworks Melonie Roberts, Mike Gervais and Brad Stout	Best Photo Package Honorable Mention
Monett Times, Monett Mighty Mite Kyle Troutman	Best Sports Feature Photograph Honorable Mention
Monett Times, Monett Cubs take aim Kyle Troutman	Best Sports Photograph Honorable Mention

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Morgan County Statesman, Versailles
Nickels and Sense
Bryan Jones

Best Columnist- Humorous
Second Place

Morgan County Statesman, Versailles
Nickels and Sense
Bryan Jones

Best Columnist- Serious
Second Place

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

News Tribune, Jefferson City
News Tribune Best Editorial Pages
Staff

Best Editorial Pages
First Place

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Tom Rackers Sports Columns
Tom Rackers

Best Sports Columnist
First Place

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Salvation Army serves
Julie Smith

Best News Photograph
Second Place

News Tribune, Jefferson City
HER Magazine
Molly Morris, Nina Todea and India Garrish

Magazine/Alternative Publication
Second Place

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Greg Jackson Sports Columns
Greg Jackson

Best Sports Columnist
Second Place

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Staff

General Excellence
Second Place

News Tribune, Jefferson City
News Tribune Best Editorial Cartoon
Jim Dyke

Best Editorial Cartoon
Third Place

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Taxing weather
Julie Smith

Best Feature Photograph
Third Place

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Preschool students DIVE into differences
Anna Campbell

Best Story About Education
Third Place

News Tribune, Jefferson City
News Tribune April Election
Staff

Best Coverage Of Elections
Third Place

News Tribune, Jefferson City
News Tribune Best Front Page
Molly Morris and Valeri Pearon

Best Front Page
Honorable Mention

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Salute Moments, 7-7-21
Jason Strickland

Best Photo Package
Honorable Mention

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Northeast News, Kansas City
Fruit Loops
Bryan Stalder

Best Editorial Cartoon
Second Place

Northeast News, Kansas City
Kansas City Museum
Abby Hoover, Michael Bushnell and Bryan Stalder

Multi-Media Reporting
Third Place

Northeast News, Kansas City
The time for strong neighborhoods is now.
Michael Bushnell

Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
Third Place

Northeast News, Kansas City
St. Anthony completes restoration in preparation for centennial
Abby Hoover

Best Story About Religion
Third Place

Northeast News, Kansas City
Young PH resident requests park improvements
Abby Hoover

Best Story About the Outdoors
Third Place

Northeast News, Kansas City
Catalytic Converter Theft
Abby Hoover

Best Investigative Reporting
Third Place

Northeast News, Kansas City
KC Tenants celebrate funding of tenant advocacy office, preview
Corbin Smith

Best News Photograph
Honorable Mention

Northeast News, Kansas City
National Park postcards
Michael Bushnell, Dorri Partain and Bryan Stalder

Best News or Feature Series
Honorable Mention

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
2021 The Real Ozarks visitors' guide
Norene Prosocki, Sue Ann Jones, Regina Mozingo, Jessica Dreckman and Jenny Yarger

Best News or Feature Special Section
First Place

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
Chaney Monument: one of Ozark County's oldest businesses, continues
Sue Ann Jones

Best Business Story
First Place

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
Ozark County Ambulance EMT's young wife was 'an amazing' mom
Sue Ann Jones

Best News or Feature Obituary
First Place

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
2021 Ozark County Cookin'
Jessica Dreckman, Regina Mozingo, Jenny Yarger, Sue Ann Jones and Norene Prosocki

Best News or Feature Special Section
Second Place

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
Sometimes the heroes' graves we honor on Memorial Day are empty
Sue Ann Jones

Best Military Story
Second Place

Ozark County Times, Gainesville

Best Overall Design
Second Place

Norene Prosocki, Sue Ann Jones, Jessica Dreckman, Regina Mozingo and Jennifer Yarger

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
2021 Hootin an Hollarin festival guide
Norene Prosocki, Sue Ann Jones, Jessica Dreckman, Regina Mozingo and Jenny Yarger

Best News or Feature Special Section
Third Place

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
Remembering Dr. Hoerman: Siblings' gift to Historium is scrapbook of
Sue Ann Jones

Best Story About History
Third Place

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
Gainesville man kills Missouri elk with bow in state's second elk season
Jessica Dreckman

Best Story About the Outdoors
Third Place

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
High School ring found 1,000 miles away, returned to Gainesville woman
JESSICA DRECKMAN

Best Feature Story
Honorable Mention

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
phelpscountyfocus.com
Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website
First Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Reform at Great Circle
Andrew Sheeley

Best Investigative Reporting
First Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Rolla Native to be Memorialized
Kaitlin Brothers

Best Feature Story
Second Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Rolla by Rotoscope
Andrew Sheeley

Best Story About History
Second Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
A Season to Remember - Softball
Lori Lunceford

Best Sports Photograph
Second Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Wayne writes epitaph to fill 100 tombstones
Donald Dodd

Best News or Feature Obituary
Second Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Hobbs Twins
Dave Roberts

Best Sports Feature Story
Third Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Staff

Best Overall Design
Third Place

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Honoring His Fallen: Gold Star Father
Kaitlin Brothers

Multi-Media Reporting
Third Place

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Quincy Herald - Whig, Quincy

Farm and Field Spring 2021

Deborah Gertz Husar and Cody Bozarth

Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture

Honorable Mention

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Newspaper, City Title of Entry Award Winner(s)	Cat. Name Place
Richmond News, Richmond Chicken Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Bridge naming Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Military Story First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Jail Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best News or Feature Series First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Whitmer's bust Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Story About Religion First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Editorial Pages Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Editorial Pages First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Eat a dog Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Story About Education First Place
Richmond News, Richmond	Best Overall Design First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Playoffs photos Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Photo Package First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Pearl Harbor Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Feature Story First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Red White and Blue	Community Service First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Pearl Harbor Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Page Design First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Fired superintendent fires back Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Headline Writing First Place
Richmond News, Richmond COVID YEAR WRAP Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Health Story First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Census 2020 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Information Graphic First Place
Richmond News, Richmond Bees Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Business Story First Place
Richmond News, Richmond 9-11 Staff	Best News or Feature Special Section Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond Tractors Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond Mask Mandates Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award Second Place

Richmond News, Richmond COVID Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best News or Feature Series Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond Spirit of Ray County Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Photo Illustration Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond Freedom means Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Story About Education Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond Deadbeat Missouri Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Investigative Reporting Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond Cigar box guitar Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Feature Story Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond The jail Shawn Roney and Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Multi-Media Reporting Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond Prize buck Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Story About the Outdoors Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond All over Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Page Design Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond Auschwitz, death by COVID, trash man Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Columnist- Serious Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best COVID-19 Coverage Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond COVID deaths Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Information Graphic Second Place
Richmond News, Richmond Domestic Abuse Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award Third Place
Richmond News, Richmond Virus claims doctor's life Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place
Richmond News, Richmond Skateboarding Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Feature Photograph Third Place
Richmond News, Richmond Easter Egg Hunt Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Page Design Third Place
Richmond News, Richmond Handicapping the handicapped Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Health Story Third Place
Richmond News, Richmond Ray County Agriculture Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia and Christi Rice	Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place
Richmond News, Richmond Something extra for teachers Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Editorial Cartoon Third Place
Richmond News, Richmond New jail Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award Honorable Mention

Richmond News, Richmond Quilts of Valor Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Military Story Honorable Mention
Richmond News, Richmond Faith with works Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Story About Religion Honorable Mention
Richmond News, Richmond Tea totally Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Photo Illustration Honorable Mention
Richmond News, Richmond Staff	General Excellence Honorable Mention
Richmond News, Richmond Business Coverage Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Local Business Coverage Honorable Mention
Richmond News, Richmond Water cancels WaterFest Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best News Photograph Honorable Mention
Richmond News, Richmond Death on M-13 Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best News Story Honorable Mention
Richmond News, Richmond Water cancels WaterFest Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Breaking News Story Honorable Mention
Richmond News, Richmond Spirit of Ray County Jack "Miles" Ventimiglia	Best Business Story Honorable Mention

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Cat. Name

Place

Salem News, Salem

Love Thy Neighbor puts unity in community

Caleb Brubaker

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture

Second Place

Salem News, Salem

Beating the Heat - City Pool

Catherine Wynn

Best Photo Package

Second Place

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Martinez Shop Fire
Chris Howell

Best News Photograph
First Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Mule Barn
Skye Melcher

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
First Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Working Dogs
Skye Melcher

Best Feature Story
First Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Full Circle
Faith Bemiss

Best Military Story
First Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Lineman Veterans Day
Chris Howell

Best Feature Photograph
First Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Bicentennial Magazine
Sedalia Democrat and Phillips Media Group

Best News or Feature Special Section
First Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Sen. Mathewson
Ryan Sheehan

Best News or Feature Obituary
First Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Democrat website
Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website
First Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Pettis Fire
Chris Howell

Best News Photograph
Second Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Adopting Racehorses
Faith Bemiss

Best Feature Story
Second Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Dedicated to Batallion
Bob Satnan

Best Military Story
Second Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
20 Under 40
Staff

Best News or Feature Special Section
Second Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Kona Ice
Faith Bemiss

Best Business Story
Second Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Lady Cardinals Fourth
Alex Agueros

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Second Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Santa Fe Trail
Faith Bemiss

Best Story About History
Second Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Bowhunting HOF
Chris Howell

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Downing Retires
Faith Bemiss

Best Story About Religion
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Ali Halane
Faith Bemiss

Best Feature Photograph
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Housing Pitbulls
Chris Howell and Ryan Sheehan

Best News Story
Third Place

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

Best News or Feature Special Section
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Business Coverage

Best Local Business Coverage
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Funky Pot
Skye Melcher

Best Business Story
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Lincoln Title
Alex Agueros

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Third Place

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Nutcracker Performer
Faith Bemiss

Best Feature Photograph
Honorable Mention

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Polio Outbreak
Faith Bemiss

Best Story About History
Honorable Mention

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
Former Wildcat mentor dies
Christopher Tenpenny

Best News or Feature Obituary
Second Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
Pastor hopes helping hands end blight
Lucas Lord

Best Story About Religion
Second Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
Bulldogging
Christopher Tenpenny

Best Sports Photograph
Second Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
Dennis Minich
Dennis Minich

Best Columnist- Humorous
Second Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
Dennis Minich
Dennis Minich

Best Columnist- Serious
Third Place

South Cass Tribune, Harrisonville
Klings have been carving memorials for over 140 years
Lucas Lord

Best Story About History
Honorable Mention

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
From the military to the classroom
Rick Fahr

Best Military Story
First Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Christmas cheer: Toybox thrills children
Monica Obradovic

Best Feature Photograph
First Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Supply chain casualty -- U.S. flags
Rick Fahr

Best Business Story
First Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau

Best Online Newspaper or Website
First Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Saxony... celebrates end of school year
Tyler Graef

Best Feature Photograph
Second Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Bradley Skelton: He took someone else's place
Rick Fahr

Best Feature Story
Second Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Leap of faith
J.C. Reeves

Best Sports Feature Story
Second Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Malloy
Ryan Collingwood

Best Sports Feature Story
Third Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Health board
Jay Wolz

Best Health Story
Third Place

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Don Dickerson
Jay Wolz

Best News or Feature Obituary
Honorable Mention

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Flourish: Spring, Summer, Winter 2021
Southeast Missourian

Magazine/Alternative Publication
Honorable Mention

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Fighting the good fight of faith
Monica Obradovic

Best Story About Religion
Honorable Mention

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
High on Chaffee
Jay Wolz

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Honorable Mention

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Memorial Day
Southeast Missourian

Best News or Feature Special Section
Honorable Mention

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Cutting the line...
Southeast Missourian

Best COVID-19 Coverage
Honorable Mention

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Springfield Business Journal, Springfield Women's Workforce Participation Heather Mosley and Karen Craigo	Best Information Graphic First Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield	Best Overall Design First Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield Farmers' Rights Karen Craigo	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture First Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield No Ceiling Christine Temple	Multi-Media Reporting First Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield Mosque draws Muslim professionals Karen Craigo	Best Story About Religion First Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield In the Weed Mike Cullinan	Best News or Feature Series First Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield Truth Be Told Christine Temple	Best Columnist- Serious First Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield Made in the Ozarks Heather Mosley, McKenzie Robinson and Christine Temple	Best Page Design First Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield Funding Dreams Heather Mosley	Best Information Graphic Second Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield Springfield Business Journal	Best Online Newspaper or Website Second Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield Moving Up Christine Temple	Best Business Story Second Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield Springfield Business Journal Staff	Best Local Business Coverage Second Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield 3 New Menus on the Block Heather Mosley, McKenzie Robinson and Christine Temple	Best Page Design Second Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield Business on the Vine Christine Temple	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield The Jobs Journey Karen Craigo	Best Feature Story Third Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield Springfield Business Journal Staff	Best Front Page Third Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield Eyes & Ears Eric Olson	Best Columnist- Serious Third Place
Springfield Business Journal, Springfield COVID-19 Look Back Amanda Miller	Best Information Graphic Honorable Mention

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield

General Excellence
Honorable Mention

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Tech Training
Cynthia Reeves and McKenzie Robinson

Best Page Design
Honorable Mention

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Award Winner(s)

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Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Pokin Around: Story of country church is the story of Beulah Clay, Steve Pokin

Best Story About Religion
First Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Springfield News-Leader Front Page Design
Staff

Best Front Page
Second Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Columnist Steve Pokin
Steve Pokin

Best Columnist- Humorous
Second Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Pokin Around: The Ghost Army that used inflatable tanks, deception to Steve Pokin

Best Military Story
Second Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Catalytic converter thefts skyrocketed in 2021, and Springfieldians are Jordan Meier

Best News Story
Second Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Springfield News-Leader Best Sports Pages
Staff

Best Sports Pages
Second Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

News-Leader.com
Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Second Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Springfield News-Leader Best Headlines
Staff

Best Headline Writing
Second Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Our Voice: Parson's attempt to shift blame for faulty teacher website Amos Bridges, Stephen Herzog and Harrison Keegan

Best Editorial
Third Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Without Hammons Field upgrades soon, Springfield faces threat of Wyatt D. Wheeler

Best Sports News Story or Package
Third Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Last minute basket 3-13-21
Nathan Papes

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Third Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

'I want justice for my father': An investigation into the 1989 death of Nathan Papes, Steve Pokin and Bruce Stidham

Best Video
Third Place

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

Springfield veteran works to save thousands trapped in Afghanistan after Andrew Sullender

Best Military Story
Honorable Mention

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield

40 years after Kansas City hotel skywalk collapse: How the News-Leader Gregory Holman

Best Feature Story
Honorable Mention

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Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Mayor Tishaura Jones makes history
Staff

Multi-Media Reporting
First Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Salute to Excellence in Education
Staff

Community Service
First Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Staff

General Excellence
First Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Stlamerican.com
Dawn Suggs, James LeBine, Isaiah Peters and Jennifer Sarti

Best Online Newspaper or Website
First Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Lifetime Achiever in Health Care Award - R. Jerome Williams Jr., MD
James LeBine and Kate Daniel

Best Video
First Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Staff

Best Overall Design
Second Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
St. Louis American NIE
Cathy Sewell

Best Newspaper In Education Project
Second Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Tishaura O Jones' first 100 days in office
Dawn Suggs

Best Video
Second Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
STL Mask Mandates
Staff

Best Coverage of Government
Third Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Service til glory
Sylvester Brown, Jr.

Best Military Story
Third Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Living It: Jazz St. Louis
Melvin Moore

Best Page Design
Third Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
1917 ESL race massacre parallels Tulsa horrors
James Ingram

Best Story About History
Third Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
2021 Lifetime Achiever Arthur R. Culver
Dawn Suggs

Best Video
Third Place

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Service til glory
Wiley Price

Best Feature Photograph
Honorable Mention

St. Louis American, ST. LOUIS
Loose ball, 3-25-21
Wiley Price

Best Sports Photograph
Honorable Mention

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
SLBJ photo illustration Innovation
Jacqueline Prins

Best Photo Illustration
First Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
SLBJ best news story Empowered Workers
James Drew

Best News Story
First Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
SLBJ religion Jubilee
James Drew

Best Story About Religion
First Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
SLBJ feature Wine Collectors
Dilip Vishwanat

Best Feature Photograph
First Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
SLBJ best business Dilemma at the Dome
Jacob Kirn

Best Business Story
First Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
SLBJ feature story Jubilee
James Drew

Best Feature Story
First Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
St. Louis Business Journal Best Front Page
Erik Siemers

Best Front Page
First Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
SLBJ breaking news NFL settlement
Jacob Kirn, James Drew and Nathan Rubbelke

Best Breaking News Story
First Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
SLBJ Giving Guide
Staff

Community Service
Second Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
SLBJ photo illustration Beefing Up
Jacqueline Prins

Best Photo Illustration
Second Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
Jubilee Community Church
Dilip Vishwanat

Best Feature Photograph
Second Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
SLBJ Dome
Jacob Kirn

Best Coverage of Government
Second Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
SLBJ business story Emerson's future
Nathan Rubbelke

Best Business Story
Second Place

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
SLBJ photo illustration Giving in the Age of Covid
Jacqueline Prins

Best Photo Illustration
Honorable Mention

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
SLBJ feature Struggle is Real
Nathan Rubbelke and Maddy Simpson

Best Feature Story
Honorable Mention

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

St. Louis Call Newspapers, St. Louis
Our Call / Letters to the Editor
Gloria Lloyd, Erin Achenbach, Larry Saylor and Nathan Burrus

Best Editorial Pages
First Place

St. Louis Call Newspapers, St. Louis
Historic preservation returns as buildings are threatened
Gloria Lloyd

Best Story About History
Second Place

St. Louis Call Newspapers, St. Louis
Jan. 28, July 22, Aug. 26
Erin Achenbach, Gloria Lloyd, Larry Saylor, Nathan Burrus and Lucas Irizarry

Best Front Page
Third Place

St. Louis Call Newspapers, St. Louis
Erin Achenbach, Gloria Lloyd, Larry Saylor, Nathan Burrus and Lucas Irizarry

Best Overall Design
Honorable Mention

St. Louis Call Newspapers, St. Louis
32nd Annual Fall Sports Preview
Erin Achenbach, Larry Saylor, Nathan Burrus, Lucas Irizarry and Stephen Glover

Best News or Feature Special Section
Honorable Mention

St. Louis Call Newspapers, St. Louis
Fire destroys chemical plant, with no major injuries
Gloria Lloyd

Best Breaking News Story
Honorable Mention

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

St. Louis Community News, O'Fallon
Moore On Life
Cindy Moore

Best Columnist- Humorous
First Place

St. Louis Community News, O'Fallon
Sisters in arms
Charlotte Beard

Best News Story
Second Place

St. Louis Community News, O'Fallon
Breaking down barriers
Charlotte Beard

Best Story About Education
Second Place

St. Louis Community News, O'Fallon
Farm fresh
Charlotte Beard

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Honorable Mention

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
SLOW JUSTICE: Supreme Court Case
Scott Lauck

Best Coverage of Government
First Place

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Dee Wampler, noted defense lawyer in Springfield, dies at 81 in St. Louis
Scott Lauck

Best News or Feature Obituary
Second Place

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Filling a Missouri Supreme Court vacancy
Scott Lauck and Jessica Shumaker

Best News or Feature Series
Second Place

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Staff

Best Overall Design
Third Place

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
MOney 2021
Scott Lauck

Best News or Feature Special Section
Third Place

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
Lawyers lead remembrance project for Missouri lynching victims, July 19
Alan Zagier

Best Feature Story
Third Place

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
WAITING for JUDGMENT
Ryan O'Shea

Best Page Design
Honorable Mention

St. Louis Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis
With All Due Respect, by Spencer Farris
Spencer Farris

Best Columnist- Humorous
Honorable Mention

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
Education That Makes You Dance
Melissa Wilkinson

Best Story About Education
First Place

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
Proposal For Webster Groves Commercial & Residential Community Now
Kevin Murphy

Best News or Feature Series
First Place

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
Turkey Day Game In May
Ursula Ruhl

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Second Place

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
Sound The Bell!
Ursula Ruhl

Best Photo Package
Second Place

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
Three Spring Farms
Melissa Wilkinson

Best Story About the Outdoors
Second Place

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
Schools Open With Masks In Place
Ursula Ruhl

Best News Photograph
Second Place

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
Best Front Page - Weeklies
Kevin Murphy and Amanda Zarecki

Best Front Page
Second Place

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
A Car Parade For Kirkwood Grads!
Ursula Ruhl

Best Feature Photograph
Third Place

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
A Buzzing Love Moment
Jaime Mowers

Best Columnist- Serious
Third Place

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
Weathering The Storm
Jaime Mowers

Best News Story
Honorable Mention

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis

General Excellence
Honorable Mention

Jamie Mowers, Melissa Wilkinson, Kevin Murphy, Amanda Zarecki and Ursula Ruhl

St. Louis Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
Pooches Enjoying A Pool Party
Ursula Ruhl

Best Photo Package
Honorable Mention

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Ste. Genevieve Herald, Ste. Genevieve
Ste. Genevieve Herald Best Sports Pages
Eric Viccaro

Best Sports Pages
First Place

Ste. Genevieve Herald, Ste. Genevieve

General Excellence
First Place

Staff

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Mayor scolded by tenants
Rich Sugg

Best News Photograph
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
LC's without the man himself: Kansas City mourns loss of one of its
Kevin Hardy, Cortlynn Stark and Joyce Smith

Best News or Feature Obituary
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Melinda Henneberger columns
Melinda Henneberger

Best Columnist- Serious
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Hannah Erker has a story to tell about football and the man she loved
Sam Mellinger

Best Sports Feature Story
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
In rural Missouri, poverty, hopelessness and suicide drive high rates of
Kevin Hardy

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Editorials by Melinda Henneberger
Melinda Henneberger

Best Editorial
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
COVID deaths memorial
Jill Toyoshiba

Best Feature Photograph
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Covid prom
Chris Ochsner

Best Photo Illustration
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Like Tech N9ne before him, rising rap artist finds he can still call Kansas
Kevin Hardy

Best Feature Story
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Christian Boarding School
Laura Bauer and Judy L. Thomas

Best News or Feature Series
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Kansas City area disabled student sexually assaulted. Parents sue district,
Sarah Ritter

Best Story About Education
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
East Side Land Grab
Eric Adler, Mike Hendricks, Kevin Hardy and Cortlynn Stark

Best Investigative Reporting
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Kansas City Star: Sports Pages
Jeff Rosen, Chris Fickett, Tom Smith, Neil Nakahodo and Chris Ochsner

Best Sports Pages
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
KC Proud Boys had big role in Capitol riot and may be growing. 'It's a
Judy L. Thomas

Best News Story
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Boulevard leaders knew of sexual harassment but didn't stop it. 'They
Kevin Hardy, Allison Kite and Steve Vockrodt

Best Business Story
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
The Trump Effect: How a new era of predatory politics has reshaped the
Jonathan Shorman, Katie Bernard, Jeanne Kuang, Bryan Lowry, Steve Vockrodt and Sarah Ritter

Best Coverage of Government
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
KU vs. Baylor
Rich Sugg

Best Sports Photograph
First Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City

General Excellence
First Place

Staff

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Realistic miniature model house with electricity is a marvel Jill Toyoshiba	Best Video First Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Justice for Cameron Lamb Jill Toyoshiba	Best News Photograph Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Frank 'Iron Jaw' Oakley, blues harmonica player and unique stage Bill Lukitsch	Best News or Feature Obituary Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Dave Helling columns Dave Helling	Best Columnist- Serious Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City His family legacy is prison. KC Chiefs' L'Jarius Sneed bears a burden to Sam McDowell	Best Sports Feature Story Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Johnson County development invades their land. Their solution? Create Sarah Ritter and Kevin Hardy	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City In Netflix doc 'Procession,' KC men recreate abuse they suffered in Judy L. Thomas	Best Story About Religion Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Editorials by Dave Helling Dave Helling	Best Editorial Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Snowy quinceanera Tammy Ljungblad	Best Feature Photograph Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City You don't believe in ghosts? Kansas City woman's paranormal success is J.M. Banks	Best Feature Story Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Public health and gun violence in Missouri Humera Lodhi, Kaitlin Washburn, Hurubie Meko and Kevin Hardy	Best News or Feature Series Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City 'Never seen this kind of money': Big spending raises concern in KC school Kevin Hardy and Sarah Ritter	Best Story About Education Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City In her shoes: The Star spends 24 hours with one woman living homeless Anna Spoerre	Best News Story Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Kansas City's hot real estate market pricing out many first-time, low- Kevin Hardy	Best Business Story Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Mystery surrounds case of MO Ozarks woman seen in cage Laura Bauer and Judy L. Thomas	Best Breaking News Story Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Chiefs tight end Kelce on the fly Jill Toyoshiba	Best Sports Photograph Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City This Kansas City hair salon brings back joy and beauty to area seniors Shelly Yang	Best Video Second Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Manslaughter conviction Jill Toyoshiba	Best News Photograph Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Father and fitness trainer fatally shot in Kansas City 'left nothing but Anna Spoerre	Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Mara' Rose Williams columns Mara' Rose Williams	Best Columnist- Serious Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City A story on Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes, a Black man as the face of the NFL Sam McDowell	Best Sports Feature Story Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Want to fight climate change? Buy turkeys, beer and veggies grown with Katie Moore	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Editorials by Mara' Rose Williams Mara' Rose Williams	Best Editorial Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City HOT DAY SPLASH Rich Sugg	Best Feature Photograph Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City He loved anime, despite its racism. Now Black Kansas City creator tackles J.M. Banks	Best Feature Story Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City When Missouri repealed a key gun law, few protested. The result: More Kaitlin Washburn, Humera Lodhi and Hurubie Meko	Best News Story Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City With multiple venues closing, does live music have a future in Kansas David Hudnall, Joseph Hernandez and Allison Dikanovic	Best Business Story Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Staff	Best Overall Design Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes crunched Rich Sugg	Best Sports Photograph Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Personal trainer hopes to empower women through fitness and exercise Tammy Ljungblad	Best Video Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City How Missouri's inaction allowed delta variant to spread Jonathan Shorman, Jeanne Kuang, Lisa Gutierrez and Katie Bernard	Best COVID-19 Coverage Third Place
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Kylr Yust trial Jill Toyoshiba	Best News Photograph Honorable Mention
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Derek Donovan columns Derek Donovan	Best Columnist- Serious Honorable Mention
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Editorials by Toriano Porter Toriano Porter	Best Editorial Honorable Mention
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Fall colors from above Rich Sugg	Best Feature Photograph Honorable Mention
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City TV anchor's wife faces deadly diagnosis. Kansas City steps up with Lisa Gutierrez, Natalie Wallington and Joseph Hernandez	Best Feature Story Honorable Mention
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Sam Mellinger, Kansas City Star Sam Mellinger	Best Sports Columnist Honorable Mention
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Kansas City police made racist challenge coin with image of pimp: 'It was Glenn E. Rice	Best News Story Honorable Mention

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Real Life Rosies See B-25 Bomber They Built During World War II In
Jill Toyoshiba

Best Video
Honorable Mention

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Place

The Media, Kahoka
KAHOKA MEDIA
Mike Scott

Best Local Business Coverage
First Place

The Media, Kahoka
kahokamedia.com
Mike Scott, Elsa Scott and Sue Scott

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Third Place

The Media, Kahoka
Eagles Found Dead In Northeast Missouri
Mike Scott

Best Story About the Outdoors
Third Place

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The Odessan, Odessa Fowl Out Kory Hales	Best Photo Package First Place
The Odessan, Odessa VanLanker 3-4-21 Kory Hales	Best Sports Photograph First Place
The Odessan, Odessa The Odessa way of doing business Hannah Spaar	Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award First Place
The Odessan, Odessa R-7 faces pandemic 2021-22 school year Hannah Spaar	Best Coverage of Government Second Place
The Odessan, Odessa April 6 Voting Guide Hannah Spaar and Ruth Ann Hafner	Community Service Third Place
The Odessan, Odessa Let It Glow Hannah Spaar	Best Feature Photograph Third Place
The Odessan, Odessa Hughes Kory Hales	Best Sports Photograph Third Place
The Odessan, Odessa City gives outlet mall project 25-year tax break Hannah Spaar	Best Breaking News Story Third Place
The Odessan, Odessa Hannah's Happenings Hannah Spaar	Best Columnist- Humorous Third Place
The Odessan, Odessa County Commission vs. Health Official Hannah Spaar	Best Investigative Reporting Third Place
The Odessan, Odessa Hannah Spaar	Best COVID-19 Coverage Third Place
The Odessan, Odessa 2021 OHS Seniors Say Goodbye Staff	Best News or Feature Special Section Honorable Mention
The Odessan, Odessa Briggle 3-18-21 Kory Hales	Best Sports Photograph Honorable Mention
The Odessan, Odessa April 6 Voting Guide Hannah Spaar and Ruth Ann Hafner	Best News or Feature Series Honorable Mention
The Odessan, Odessa Most nursing home staff in county unvaccinated Hannah Spaar	Best Investigative Reporting Honorable Mention

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Unterrified Democrat, Linn

Mock crash at Chamois R-1 serves as a somber reminder about drinking,
Neal Johnson

Best Story About Education

First Place

Unterrified Democrat, Linn

Perspective - Neal Johnson
Neal Johnson

Best Sports Columnist

First Place

Unterrified Democrat, Linn

From log structure to ornate church,
Neal Johnson

Best Story About History

First Place

Unterrified Democrat, Linn

Record black carp caught at Bonnots Mill
Neal Johnson

Best Story About the Outdoors

First Place

Unterrified Democrat, Linn

Soccer Celebrate
Neal Johnson

Best Sports Feature Photograph

First Place

Unterrified Democrat, Linn

Double Homicide
Neal Johnson

Community Service

Second Place

Unterrified Democrat, Linn

Double Homicide
Neal Johnson

Best News Story

Second Place

Unterrified Democrat, Linn

Gabelsberger tops Denali in a great adventure
Neal Johnson

Best Story About the Outdoors

Second Place

Unterrified Democrat, Linn

Double Homicide
Neal Johnson

Best News or Feature Series

Second Place

Unterrified Democrat, Linn

I do not Like Spiders
Ed Gehlert

Best Feature Photograph

Honorable Mention

Unterrified Democrat, Linn

Side of House Explosion
Jacob Warden

Best News Photograph

Honorable Mention

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Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Warrensburg Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Cross Country
Joe Andrews

Best Sports News Story or Package
First Place

Warrensburg Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Soap Box Champion
Joe Andrews

Best Sports Feature Story
Second Place

Warrensburg Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Activities Complex
Joe Andrews

Best Sports News Story or Package
Second Place

Warrensburg Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Warrensburg Football
Joe Andrews

Best Sports Feature Photograph
Second Place

Warrensburg Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Website
Staff

Best Online Newspaper or Website
Third Place

Warrensburg Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Wille's Path
Joe Andrews

Best Sports Feature Story
Honorable Mention

Warrensburg Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Sports Pages
Staff

Best Sports Pages
Honorable Mention

Warrensburg Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Leeton Quarterfinal
Joe Andrews

Best Sports News Story or Package
Honorable Mention

Warrensburg Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Police in Pandemic
Sara Lawson

Best News Story
Honorable Mention

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Washington Missourian, Washington Springfield Bound Arron Husted	Best Sports Feature Photograph First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Peiricks Make New Haven Athletics Feel like Home Laura Miserez	Best Sports Feature Story First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Sending Out A USPS SOS Bill Miller, Trish Miller and Ethan Colbert	Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Holiday Light Parade Julia Hansen and Ethan Colbert	Best Photo Package First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington The Bridal Showcase Staff	Best News or Feature Special Section First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington A Walk On The Wild Side Arron Husted	Best Story About the Outdoors First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Carol Eckelkamp Finds Ways To Remember The Father She Never Met Laura Miserez	Best Military Story First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Knoernschilds Celebrate Farm's History Laura Miserez	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Vaccination Rates Lori Obermark	Best Information Graphic First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Speaking Out Julia Hansen	Best News Photograph First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Lenten Fish Fry Previews Lori Obermark	Best Page Design First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Leona's Lasting Legacy Laura Miserez	Best Story About History First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Stretching Over the Bar Bill Battle	Best Sports Photograph First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Lady 'Cats Roar Bill Battle	Best Sports News Story or Package First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington The Missourian's Entry Staff	Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Greg Kruse Feature Laura Miserez	Best Health Story First Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Washington High School prom goes on Elena K. Cruz and Julia Hansen	Multi-Media Reporting Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Vaulting Her Way Toward Tokyo Laura Miserez	Best Sports Feature Story Second Place

Washington Missourian, Washington Pathetic Voter Turnout Bill Miller, Trish Miller and Ethan Colbert	Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Washington Missourian Sports Bill Battle and Arron Husted	Best Sports Pages Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Keyed For The Soul Reid Glenn	Best Story About Religion Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington The Missourian Entry Staff	Best Online Newspaper or Website Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Saluting Our Military Staff	Best News or Feature Special Section Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington The Business of Christmas Reid Glenn and Lori Obermark	Best Information Graphic Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Leona's Lasting Legacy Laura Miserez	Best Feature Story Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Fourth of July Photos Sarah Moore	Best Page Design Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Father Charged In Son's Death Ethan Colbert	Best Breaking News Story Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Sgt. Wilson Receives Warm Welcome Home Laura Miserez	Best Health Story Second Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Lending a Hand Bill Battle	Best Sports Feature Photograph Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington A Family Adventure - Biking Across Missouri Arron Husted	Best Sports Feature Story Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington The Missourian Entry Bill Miller Jr., Trish Miller and Ethan Colbert	Best Editorial Pages Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Reflections of Route 66 Julia Hansen	Best Photo Illustration Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Scanning The Skies: Young Birders Club Makes Trek to Peers Prairie Julia Hansen	Best Photo Package Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Tomato Heaven in New Haven Aneeta Brown	Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Remembering This Eventful Year Timeline Ethan Colbert, Laura Miserez, Julia Hansen and Sarah Moore	Best Information Graphic Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Yowling for Air Ethan Colbert	Best News Photograph Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Lady Jays Win State Title Arron Husted	Best Sports News Story or Package Third Place

Washington Missourian, Washington 13-Year-Old Dies From Apparent Drug Overdose William Skipworth	Best Breaking News Story Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Paving A Road To Recovery Laura Miserez	Best Health Story Third Place
Washington Missourian, Washington Great Start Arron Husted	Best Sports Feature Photograph Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington Give E-Scooters A Test Spin Ethan Colbert, Trish Miller and Bill Miller Jr.	Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington Upon This Rock Laura Miserez	Best Story About Religion Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington Cousins Fought Together In Vietnam Geoff Folsom	Best Military Story Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington Holy Micro-Matrimony Lori Obermark	Best Information Graphic Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington Missourian Entry Sharon Pruessner	Best Front Page Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington The Heart Of The Park Laura Miserez	Best Story About History Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington State Track Bill Battle and Arron Husted	Best Sports News Story or Package Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington Pacific Mayor Resigns William Skipworth	Best Investigative Reporting Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington Little Blessings Laura Miserez	Best Health Story Honorable Mention
Washington Missourian, Washington The Last Dance Julia Hansen and Elena K. Cruz	Best Video Honorable Mention

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Title of Entry

Award Winner(s)

Cat. Name

Place

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove
Baby Diaper Drive 2021
Ron Schott

Community Service
First Place

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove
Fire on the Square (cross in smoke)
Ron Schott

Best News Photograph
First Place

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove
Best Front Page Wright County Journal
Ron Schott

Best Front Page
First Place

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove
Live reporting from fire on the square
Ron Schott

Best Video
First Place

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove
Mountain Moving Ministry blessing
Ron Schott

Best Story About Religion
Third Place

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove
Dispatchers talk caller through delivery of baby
Ron Schott

Best Health Story
Third Place

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove
Kingdom Builders owner credits true 'kingdom builder'
Ron Schott

Best Business Story
Honorable Mention