

2023 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List

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**Circulation of Newspaper

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Maries County Advocate, Belle
Best Military Story
First Place
Colin Willard

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maries County Advocate, Belle
Best News or Feature Special Section
Second Place
Staff

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maries County Advocate, Belle
General Excellence
Third Place
Staff

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maries County Advocate, Belle
Best Feature Story
Third Place
Roxie Murphy

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maries County Advocate, Belle
Best Coverage of Government
Third Place
Roxie Murphy

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maries County Advocate, Belle
Best Overall Design
Third Place
Staff

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maries County Advocate, Belle
Best Feature Photograph
Third Place
Jacob Warden

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

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Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson
Best Breaking News Story
First Place
Jason Wert

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson
Best Coverage of Government
First Place
Jason Wert

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson
Best Military Story
First Place
Jason Wert

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson
Best Story About History
First Place
Chris Carlson

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson
Best Story About Education
First Place
AJ Fahr

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson
Best Overall Design
First Place
Tim Church, Jason Wert, AJ Fahr, Chris Carlson, Jennifer Young and Mandy Farrow

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson
Best Front Page
First Place
Tim Church, Jason Wert, AJ Fahr,
Chris Carlson, Jennifer Young and Mandy Farrow

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson
Best Story About the Outdoors
First Place
Tim Church

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson
Magazine/Alternative Publication
First Place
Tim Church

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson
Best Breaking News Story
Second Place
Jason Wert

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson Best Headline Writing Second Place Tim Church, Jason Wert and AJ Fahr	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson Best Sports Feature Story Second Place Tim Church	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson Best Columnist- Serious Second Place Jason Wert	Weeklies 5,001-over Large Dailies and Weeklies
Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson Best Photo Package Second Place AJ Fahr	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson Magazine/Alternative Publication Second Place Tim Church and Misti Clark	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3
Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson Best Feature Photograph Second Place Jason Wert	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson Best Story About History Third Place Chris Carlson	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place Tim Church	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Branson Tri-Lakes News, Branson Best Feature Photograph Third Place Tim Church	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3

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California Democrat, California

Best Business Story

Third Place

Garrett Fuller

Weeklies 0-2,000

Weeklies - Class 1

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Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Best Local Business Coverage
First Place
Jeff Long

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Best News or Feature Special Section
First Place
Rust Media

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Community Service
Second Place
Rick Fahr

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Magazine/Alternative Publication
Second Place
Rust Media

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Best Front Page
Third Place
Southeast Missourian

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Best Military Story
Third Place
Michael Leifer

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Southeast Missourian, Cape Girardeau
Magazine/Alternative Publication
Third Place
Rust Media

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

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Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Best Breaking News Story
First Place
Kyle Troutman

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
General Excellence
First Place
Staff

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Best Headline Writing
First Place
Kyle Troutman

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Multi-Media Reporting
First Place
Kyle Troutman

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Best Sports Pages
Second Place
Staff

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Best Military Story
Second Place
Jordan Troutman

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Best Sports Feature Photograph
Second Place
Kyle Troutman

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Best Feature Photograph
Second Place
Kyle Troutman

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Best Editorial Pages & Opinion Pages
Third Place
Kyle Troutman

Weeklies 0-2,000
Dailies and Weeklies

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Best Online Newspaper or Website
Third Place
Kyle Troutman

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Cassville Democrat, Cassville
Best Photo Package
Third Place
Kyle Troutman

Weeklies 0-2,000

Weeklies - Class 1

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Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Best Photo Package
First Place
Madeline Carter

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Best Sports Feature Photograph
Second Place
Madeline Carter

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Best Online Newspaper or Website
Second Place
Tribune Staff

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Best Sports News Story or Package
Third Place
Matt Stahl

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Columbia Daily Tribune, Columbia
Best Sports Columnist
Third Place
Chris Kwiecinski

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

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Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best News Photograph
First Place
Margo Wagner

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best Photo Illustration
First Place
Kate Trabalka

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best Video
First Place
Anastasia Busby

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best Business Story
First Place
Skylar Laird

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best Story About the Outdoors
First Place
Jana Rose Schleis

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best Sports News Story or Package
First Place
Kortay Vincent

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best Sports Feature Story
First Place
Jack Soble

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best News Story
First Place
Eli Hoff

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best Information Graphic
First Place
Missourian Graphics Staff

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best Health Story
First Place
Eleanor McCrary

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Story About History First Place Lucas Nava	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Feature Story First Place Eli Hoff	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Multi-Media Reporting First Place	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Classes 1 and 2
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Sports Feature Photograph First Place Joel Green	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Editorial Cartoon First Place John Darkow	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture First Place	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Classes 1 and 2
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Investigative Reporting First Place	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best News or Feature Obituary First Place Elizabeth Derner	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Columnist- Serious First Place David Webber	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Page Design First Place	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Breaking News Story First Place Erik Galicia, Katie Gallaway and Adam Goldstein	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Coverage of Government First Place Emma Murphy, Jana Rose Schleis and Noelle Alviz-Gransee	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Photo Package First Place Sam Koeppel, Margo Wagner, Clayton Steward, Owen Ziliak and Lily Dozier	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Sports Photograph First Place Beatrice Bankauskaite	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Story About Education First Place Eli Hoff	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Military Story First Place Evan Lasseter	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture First Place Jessica Blake	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Story About Religion First Place Sophie Stephens	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Feature Photograph First Place Minh Connors	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best News or Feature Special Section First Place	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best News or Feature Series First Place	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best News Photograph Second Place Sam Koeppel	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Photo Illustration Second Place Kate Trabalka	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Classes 1 and 2
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Video Second Place Amy Schaffer	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Business Story Second Place Ella McCarthy	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Story About the Outdoors Second Place Jana Rose Schleis	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Sports Feature Story Second Place Mason Arneson	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best News Story Second Place Teagan King	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Information Graphic Second Place Grace Cooper, Makalah Hardy and Nick Gougas	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Classes 1 and 2
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Health Story Second Place Alex Espinda	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Story About History Second Place Olivia Sklenka and Katie Taranto	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Feature Story Second Place Ian Wesselhoff	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Sports Feature Photograph Second Place Owen Ziliak	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Editorial Cartoon Second Place John Darkow	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Online Newspaper or Website Second Place Missourian Staff	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Sports Pages Second Place Missourian Staff	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Classes 1 and 2
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Investigative Reporting Second Place Claudia Levens	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best News or Feature Obituary Second Place Charlie Drape	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Columnist- Serious Second Place David Rosman	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Page Design Second Place Missourian Staff	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Coverage of Government Second Place Komlavi Adissem	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Photo Package Second Place Minh Connors	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Sports Photograph Second Place Josh Ellenburg	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Story About Education Second Place Wicker Perlis	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Military Story Second Place Noelle Alviz-Gransee	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place Connor Giffin	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Feature Photograph Second Place Tristen Rouse	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best News or Feature Special Section Second Place Missourian Staff	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best News Photograph Third Place Margo Wagner	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Photo Illustration Third Place Maggie Lenox	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Classes 1 and 2
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Video Third Place Minh Connors and Cleo Norman	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia General Excellence Third Place Missourian Staff	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Story About the Outdoors Third Place Emma Murphy	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Sports News Story or Package Third Place Kyle Pinnell, Kenny Van Doren, and Jack Soble	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Sports Feature Story Third Place Kyle Pinnell	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Information Graphic Third Place Han Vu	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Classes 1 and 2
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Health Story Third Place Erik Galicia	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Sports Feature Photograph Third Place Owen Ziliak	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Editorial Cartoon Third Place John Darkow	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Community Service Third Place Missourian Staff	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Classes 1 and 2
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Investigative Reporting Third Place Skylar Laird	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best News or Feature Obituary Third Place John Belfonte	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Page Design Third Place Missourian Staff	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Breaking News Story Third Place Anthony Kristensen	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Photo Package Third Place Owen Ziliak	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Class 1
Columbia Missourian, Columbia Best Overall Design Third Place Missourian Staff	Dailies 0-5,000 Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best Story About Education
Third Place
Keara Shannon and Michael Howie

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best Military Story
Third Place
Mackenzie McCarty

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Third Place
Mackenzie McCarty

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best Story About Religion
Third Place
Aysia Grey

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Columbia Missourian, Columbia
Best Feature Photograph
Third Place
Beatrice Bankauskaite

Dailies 0-5,000
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Edina Sentinel, Edina
Best News Photograph
First Place
Echo Menges

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Best Photo Package
First Place
Echo Menges

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Community Service
Second Place
Echo Menges, Mike Scott, Sue Scott
and Emilie Rumble

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Best Headline Writing
Second Place
Echo Menges

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Best News Story
Second Place
Echo Menges

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Best Photo Package
Second Place
Echo Menges

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Best News Photograph
Third Place
Echo Menges

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Best Breaking News Story
Third Place
Echo Menges

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Best News Story
Third Place
Echo Menges

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Edina Sentinel, Edina
Best Front Page
Third Place
Echo Menges

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

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Eldon Advertiser, Eldon

Best Newspaper In Education Project

First Place

Tammy Witherspoon

Weeklies 2,001-5,000

Dailies and Weeklies

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Fayette Advertiser, Fayette

Best Breaking News Story

Third Place

Justin Addison

Weeklies 2,001-5,000

Weeklies - Class 2

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Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Fenton
Best Online Newspaper or Website
First Place
Scott Andera

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Fenton
Best Columnist- Humorous
First Place
Spencer Farris

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Fenton
Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Second Place
Chloe Murdock

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Fenton
Best Front Page
Second Place

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Fenton
Best Story About the Outdoors
Second Place
Scott Lauck

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Fenton
Best Coverage of Government
Third Place
Scott Lauck

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, Fenton
Best News or Feature Special Section
Third Place

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

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Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Local Business Coverage
First Place

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Investigative Reporting
First Place
Kim Robertson, Tony Krausz and Steve Taylor

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Editorial Cartoon
First Place
Cody Taylor

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Health Story
First Place
Laura Marlow

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Sports Photograph
First Place
Ron Rigdon

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Feature Story
First Place
Steve Taylor

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Business Story
First Place
Steve Taylor

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Editorial Pages & Opinion Pages
Second Place
Staff

Weeklies 5,001-over
Dailies and Weeklies

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Editorial Cartoon
Second Place
Cody Taylor

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Columnist- Humorous
Second Place
Peggy Bess

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best News or Feature Obituary
Second Place
Laura Marlow

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
General Excellence
Third Place
Leader Publications

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Military Story
Third Place
Laura Marlow

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Editorial Cartoon
Third Place
Cody Taylor

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Story About Education
Third Place
Steve Taylor

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Front Page
Third Place
Leader Publications

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Jefferson County Leader, Festus
Best Story About the Outdoors
Third Place
Laura Marlow

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Weeklies - Class 3

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Fulton Sun, Fulton
Best Coverage of Government
Second Place
Anakin Bush

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Fulton Sun, Fulton
Best Sports News Story or Package
Second Place
Robby Campbell

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

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Ozark County Times, Gainesville
Best Story About the Outdoors
First Place
Jessi Dreckman

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
Best Overall Design
First Place

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
Best News or Feature Series
First Place
Jessi Dreckman

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
Best Story About the Outdoors
Second Place
Jessi Dreckman

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
Best Story About Education
Second Place
Jessi Dreckman

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
Best News or Feature Obituary
Third Place
Sue Ann Jones

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture
Third Place
Jessi Dreckman

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies

Ozark County Times, Gainesville
Best Business Story
Third Place
Jessi Dreckman

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

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Hannibal Courier-Post, Hannibal
Best Online Newspaper or Website
Second Place
Staff

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

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Tribune and Times, Harrisonville
Best Sports Feature Story
First Place
Jimmy Gillispie

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Tribune and Times, Harrisonville
Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
First Place
Lucas Lord

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Tribune and Times, Harrisonville
Best Columnist- Humorous
First Place
Dennis Minich

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Tribune and Times, Harrisonville
Best Sports News Story or Package
First Place
Jimmy Gillispie

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Tribune and Times, Harrisonville
Best Sports Photograph
First Place
Jimmy Gillispie

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Tribune and Times, Harrisonville
Best Story About History
First Place
Dennis Minich

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Tribune and Times, Harrisonville
Best Feature Photograph
First Place
Jimmy Gillispie

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Tribune and Times, Harrisonville
Best Breaking News Story
Second Place
Dennis Minich

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Tribune and Times, Harrisonville
Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture
Second Place
Dennis Minich, Jimmy Gillispie and Lucas Lord

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies

Tribune and Times, Harrisonville
Best Health Story
Second Place
Jimmy Gillispie

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

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**Circulation of Newspaper

Circulation Group(s)**

Houston Herald, Houston
Best Headline Writing
First Place
Doug Davison

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Houston Herald, Houston
Best News Photograph
First Place
Doug Davison

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Houston Herald, Houston
Best Sports Feature Photograph
First Place
Doug Davison

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Houston Herald, Houston
Best Breaking News Story
Second Place
Brad Gentry

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Houston Herald, Houston
Best Information Graphic
Second Place
Brad Gentry

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Houston Herald, Houston
Best Health Story
Second Place
Brad Gentry

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Houston Herald, Houston
Best Feature Photograph
Second Place
Doug Davison

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Houston Herald, Houston
Best Sports Feature Photograph
Third Place
Doug Davison

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Houston Herald, Houston
Best Columnist- Humorous
Third Place
Doug Davison

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

Houston Herald, Houston
Best News or Feature Series
Third Place
Doug Davison

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

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**Circulation of Newspaper
Circulation Group(s)**

Independence Examiner, Independence
Best Sports Pages
First Place
Karl Zinke and Bill Althaus

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Independence Examiner, Independence
Best Columnist- Humorous
First Place
Jeff Fox

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Independence Examiner, Independence
Best Sports Columnist
First Place
Bill Althaus

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Independence Examiner, Independence
Best Editorial
Second Place
Jeff Fox

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Independence Examiner, Independence
Best Sports News Story or Package
Second Place
Bill Althaus

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Independence Examiner, Independence
Best Feature Story
Third Place
Bill Althaus

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

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**Circulation of Newspaper

Circulation Group(s)**

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Story About the Outdoors
First Place
Samantha Horton

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Coverage of Government
First Place
Jason Hancock, Rudi Keller, Tessa Weinberg, Rebecca Rivas and Allison Kite

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
First Place
Allison Kite

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Health Story
First Place
Rudi Keller

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Columnist- Serious
First Place
Jason Hancock

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best News Story
First Place
Rudi Keller

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Story About Religion
First Place
Clara Bates

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Video
First Place
Rudi Keller and Rebecca Rivas

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Story About Education
Second Place
Annelise Hanshaw

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Multi-Media Reporting
Second Place
Rudi Keller

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture
Second Place
Rudi Keller, Tessa Weinberg and Rebecca Rivas

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Health Story
Second Place
Clara Bates

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Breaking News Story
Second Place
Tessa Weinberg

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Columnist- Serious
Second Place
Janice Ellis

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Business Story
Second Place
Niara Savage and Samantha Horton

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Video
Second Place
Tessa Weinberg

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Investigative Reporting
Third Place
Rudi Keller

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Story About the Outdoors
Third Place
Rebecca Rivas

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Headline Writing
Third Place

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Coverage of Government
Third Place
Tessa Weinberg and Clara Bates

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Online Newspaper or Website
Third Place

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Third Place
Rebecca Rivas

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Missouri Independent, Jefferson City
Best Breaking News Story
Third Place
Rudi Keller

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

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News Tribune, Jefferson City
General Excellence
First Place
News Tribune Staff

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Best Sports News Story or Package
First Place
Greg Jackson

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Best Front Page
First Place
Tony Hawley

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Best Feature Story
First Place
Anakin Bush

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Best Feature Photograph
First Place
Julie Smith

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Best Overall Design
First Place

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Best Sports Photograph
First Place
Greg Jackson

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Best Military Story
First Place
Joe Gamm

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Best News Photograph
Second Place
Eileen Wisniowicz

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Best Page Design
Second Place
Molly Morris

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

News Tribune, Jefferson City Best Feature Story Second Place Joe Gamm	Dailies 5,001-15,000 Dailies - Class 2
News Tribune, Jefferson City Best Sports Photograph Second Place Greg Jackson	Dailies 5,001-15,000 Dailies - Class 2
News Tribune, Jefferson City Best Sports Columnist Second Place Greg Jackson	Dailies 5,001-15,000 Dailies - Class 2
News Tribune, Jefferson City Best Story About Religion Second Place Ryan Pivoney	Dailies 5,001-15,000 Dailies - Classes 2 and 3
News Tribune, Jefferson City Best News Photograph Third Place Julie Smith	Dailies 5,001-15,000 Dailies - Class 2
News Tribune, Jefferson City Best Sports Feature Story Third Place Greg Jackson	Dailies 5,001-15,000 Dailies - Classes 2 and 3
News Tribune, Jefferson City Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture Third Place Ryan Pivoney	Dailies 5,001-15,000 Dailies - Classes 1 and 2
News Tribune, Jefferson City Best Page Design Third Place News Tribune Staff	Dailies 5,001-15,000 Dailies - Class 2
News Tribune, Jefferson City Best Sports Photograph Third Place Greg Jackson	Dailies 5,001-15,000 Dailies - Class 2
News Tribune, Jefferson City Best News Story Third Place Anna Campbell	Dailies 5,001-15,000 Dailies - Class 2
News Tribune, Jefferson City Best News or Feature Series Third Place Cameron Gerber, Joe Gamm, Anna Watson, and Claudia Levens	Dailies 5,001-15,000 Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

News Tribune, Jefferson City
Best Video
Third Place
Layne Stracener

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

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**Circulation of Newspaper

Circulation Group(s)**

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best Editorial
First Place
Andy Ostmeyer

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best News or Feature Series
First Place
Kevin McClintock

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Magazine/Alternative Publication
First Place
Kevin McClintock

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best Newspaper In Education Project
Second Place
Staff

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies and Weeklies

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best Story About the Outdoors
Second Place
Andy Ostmeyer

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best Headline Writing
Second Place
Jerry Willis

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best Coverage of Government
Second Place
Debby Woodin

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best News or Feature Obituary
Second Place
Jeff Lehr and Kim Barker

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best Columnist- Humorous
Second Place
Kimberly Zerkel

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best Story About History
Second Place
Kevin McClintock

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best News or Feature Special Section
Second Place
Staff

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best Editorial
Third Place
Andy Ostmeyer

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best News or Feature Obituary
Third Place
Jeff Lehr and Kim Barker

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best Sports Feature Photograph
Third Place
Roger Nomer

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Joplin Globe, Joplin
Best Columnist- Serious
Third Place
Andy Ostmeyer

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

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Circulation of Newspaper

Circulation Group(s)

The Media, Kahoka
Best Online Newspaper or Website
First Place
Mike Scott and Elsa Besler

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

The Media, Kahoka
Best Photo Illustration
First Place
Mike Scott

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies

The Media, Kahoka
Best Overall Design
First Place
Mike Scott, Elsa Besler and Emily Redding

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

The Media, Kahoka
Best Story About History
Second Place
Emily Bontrager

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

The Media, Kahoka
Best Health Story
Third Place
Mike Scott

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

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Circulation of Newspaper
Circulation Group(s)

Northeast News, Kansas City
Best Story About Education
Second Place
Abby Hoover

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Northeast News, Kansas City
Best Information Graphic
Second Place
Bryan Stalder

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Northeast News, Kansas City
Best Local Business Coverage
Third Place
Abby Hoover

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

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**Circulation of Newspaper

Circulation Group(s)**

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best Story About Education
First Place
Matti Gellman

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best Sports Feature Story
First Place
David Hudnall

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best Feature Story
First Place
David Hudnall

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Class 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best Sports Feature Photograph
First Place
Rich Sugg

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best Columnist- Serious
First Place
Mará Rose Williams

Dailies 15,001-over
Large Dailies and Weeklies

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best Health Story
First Place
Lisa Gutierrez and Anna Spoerre

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Class 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best Breaking News Story
First Place
Jenna Thompson

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best News or Feature Obituary
First Place
Anna Spoerre

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Class 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best News Story
First Place
Laura Bauer and Judy L. Thomas

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Class 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best Story About History
First Place
Bill Lukitsch and Anna Spoerre

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Best Business Story First Place Joyce Smith	Dailies 15,001-over Dailies - Classes 2 and 3
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Best Feature Story Second Place David Hudnall	Dailies 15,001-over Dailies - Class 3
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Second Place David Hudnall	Dailies 15,001-over Dailies - Classes 2 and 3
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Best Health Story Second Place Lisa Gutierrez	Dailies 15,001-over Dailies - Class 3
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Best News or Feature Obituary Second Place Randy Covitz	Dailies 15,001-over Dailies - Class 3
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Best News Story Second Place Luke Nozicka	Dailies 15,001-over Dailies - Class 3
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Best Feature Photograph Second Place Emily Curiel	Dailies 15,001-over Dailies - Classes 2 and 3
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Best Photo Package Second Place Tammy Ljungblad	Dailies 15,001-over Dailies - Classes 2 and 3
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Best News or Feature Series Second Place Judy L. Thomas and Laura Bauer	Dailies 15,001-over Dailies - Classes 2 and 3
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Best Feature Story Third Place J.M. Banks	Dailies 15,001-over Dailies - Class 3
The Kansas City Star, Kansas City Best Health Story Third Place Lisa Gutierrez	Dailies 15,001-over Dailies - Class 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best News or Feature Obituary
Third Place
Steve Vockrodt and Katie Moore

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Class 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best News Story
Third Place
Anna Spoerre

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Class 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best Feature Photograph
Third Place
Emily Curiel

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best Story About History
Third Place
David Hudnall

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best Photo Package
Third Place
Jill Toyoshiba

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best Business Story
Third Place
Joyce Smith

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

The Kansas City Star, Kansas City
Best Story About Religion
Third Place
Judy L. Thomas

Dailies 15,001-over
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

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Circulation of Newspaper
Circulation Group(s)

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
General Excellence
First Place
LCR Staff

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Best Story About Religion
Second Place
Chris Roden

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Third Place
Laura Valenti

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Laclede County Record, Lebanon
Best Military Story
Third Place
Chris Roden

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

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Lexington News, Lexington

Best Feature Story

First Place

Joe Parmon

Weeklies 0-2,000

Weeklies - Class 1

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**Circulation of Newspaper

Circulation Group(s)**

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Best Breaking News Story
First Place
Amanda Lubinski

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Best News Story
First Place
Amanda Lubinski

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Best Sports Feature Story
First Place
Liam Keating

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Best News or Feature Special Section
First Place

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Best Military Story
Second Place
Amanda Lubinski

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Best Front Page
Second Place

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Best News Story
Third Place
Amanda Lubinski

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Courier-Tribune, Liberty
Best Photo Package
Third Place
Kellie Houx

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

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Circulation of Newspaper
Circulation Group(s)

Unterrified Democrat, Linn
Best Sports Photograph
First Place
Neal Johnson

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Unterrified Democrat, Linn
Best News Photograph
Third Place
Jacob Warden

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Unterrified Democrat, Linn
Best Feature Photograph
Third Place
Ed Gehlert

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

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Circulation of Newspaper

Circulation Group(s)

Marshall Democrat-News, Marshall
Best Story About Religion
Second Place
Sarah Gray

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Marshall Democrat-News, Marshall
Best Business Story
Third Place
Sarah Gray

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Marshall Democrat-News, Marshall
Best Story About History
Third Place
Sarah Gray

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

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**Circulation of Newspaper

Circulation Group(s)**

Maryville Forum, Maryville
Best Sports Pages
First Place
Jon Dykstra

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maryville Forum, Maryville
Best Business Story
First Place
Paxson Haws

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maryville Forum, Maryville
Best Coverage of Government
First Place
Geoffrey Woehlk and Ken Garner

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maryville Forum, Maryville
Best Investigative Reporting
First Place
Geoffrey Woehlk

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maryville Forum, Maryville
Best Story About Education
First Place
Geoffrey Woehlk

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maryville Forum, Maryville
Best News Story
First Place
Geoffrey Woehlk

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maryville Forum, Maryville
Best News or Feature Series
First Place
Geoffrey Woehlk

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maryville Forum, Maryville
Best Front Page
First Place

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maryville Forum, Maryville
Best News or Feature Special Section
First Place
Jon Dykstra

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maryville Forum, Maryville
Best Health Story
First Place
Geoffrey Woehlk

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Maryville Forum, Maryville Best Sports Feature Photograph First Place Jon Dykstra	Weeklies 0-2,000 Weeklies - Class 1
Maryville Forum, Maryville General Excellence Second Place	Weeklies 0-2,000 Weeklies - Class 1
Maryville Forum, Maryville Best Feature Story Second Place Paxson Haws	Weeklies 0-2,000 Weeklies - Class 1
Maryville Forum, Maryville Best Online Newspaper or Website Second Place Ken Garner	Weeklies 0-2,000 Weeklies - Class 1
Maryville Forum, Maryville Best Story About Education Second Place Geoffrey Woehlk	Weeklies 0-2,000 Weeklies - Class 1
Maryville Forum, Maryville Best News or Feature Series Second Place Geoffrey Woehlk and Skye Pournazari	Weeklies 0-2,000 Weeklies - Class 1
Maryville Forum, Maryville Best Overall Design Second Place	Weeklies 0-2,000 Weeklies - Class 1
Maryville Forum, Maryville Best Headline Writing Third Place Maryville Forum	Weeklies 0-2,000 Weeklies - Class 1
Maryville Forum, Maryville Best Sports Feature Story Third Place Jon Dykstra	Weeklies 0-2,000 Weeklies - Class 1
Maryville Forum, Maryville Best Story About Education Third Place Skye Pournazari	Weeklies 0-2,000 Weeklies - Class 1
Maryville Forum, Maryville Best News or Feature Special Section Third Place Skye Pournazari, Geoffrey Woehlk and Trinity Cobb	Weeklies 0-2,000 Weeklies - Class 1

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Memphis Democrat, Memphis
Best Investigative Reporting
Second Place
Echo Menges and Mike Scott

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Memphis Democrat, Memphis
Multi-Media Reporting
Second Place
Echo Menges

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Memphis Democrat, Memphis
Best News or Feature Series
Third Place
Echo Menges

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

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Circulation of Newspaper

Circulation Group(s)

Mexico Ledger, Mexico
Best Sports Feature Story
Second Place
Jeremy Jacob

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

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Circulation of Newspaper

Circulation Group(s)

Moberly Monitor-Index, Moberly
Best Business Story
Second Place
Winona Whitaker

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Moberly Monitor-Index, Moberly
Best Military Story
Third Place
Winona Whitaker

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

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**Circulation of Newspaper

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Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove
Best Sports Pages
First Place
Ron Schott

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

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

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove
General Excellence
Second Place
Ron Schott

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove
Best Local Business Coverage
Second Place
Ron Schott

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove
Community Service
Third Place
Ron Schott and Alonda Jones

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove
Best Story About Education
Third Place
Ron Schott

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

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Circulation of Newspaper

Circulation Group(s)

Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada
Best Coverage of Government
Third Place
Sarah Haney

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

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Circulation Group(s)

Focus on Oak Grove, Oak Grove

Best Sports Photograph

Second Place

Kory Hales

Weeklies 0-2,000

Weeklies - Class 1

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Circulation Group(s)

The Odessan, Odessa
Best Coverage of Government
First Place
Hannah Spaar

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

The Odessan, Odessa
Best Feature Photograph
First Place
Hannah Spaar

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

The Odessan, Odessa
Best Photo Package
Second Place
Kory Hales and John Carmody

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

The Odessan, Odessa
Best Sports Photograph
Second Place
Kory Hales

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

The Odessan, Odessa
Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
Third Place
Hannah Spaar

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

The Odessan, Odessa
Best Investigative Reporting
Third Place
Joe Spaar and Hannah Spaar

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

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Circulation of Newspaper

Circulation Group(s)

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville
Best News or Feature Obituary
Second Place
Dave Marner

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville
Best Sports News Story or Package
Second Place
Will Johnson

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville
Best News Photograph
Second Place
Dave Marner

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

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The Daily Journal, Park Hills
Best Sports News Story or Package
Second Place
MATT KING

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

The Daily Journal, Park Hills
Best Sports Photograph
Third Place
MATT KING

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

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Circulation of Newspaper

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Platte County Citizen, Platte City
Best Online Newspaper or Website
Third Place
Tanner Cobb and Jeanette Faubion

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

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Circulation of Newspaper
Circulation Group(s)

Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg
Best News Photograph
Second Place
Brett Adkison

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg
Best Front Page
Second Place
Brett Adkison

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg
Best Sports News Story or Package
Third Place
Clint Dye and Brett Adkison

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg
Best Sports Feature Photograph
Third Place
Clint Dye

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Clinton County Leader, Plattsburg
Best Sports Photograph
Third Place
Brett Adkison

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

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Daily American Republic, Poplar Bluff
Best Page Design
First Place
Donna Farley

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Daily American Republic, Poplar Bluff
Best Health Story
Third Place
Donna Farley

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Daily American Republic, Poplar Bluff
Best News or Feature Special Section
Third Place
Barbara Ann Horton, Samantha Tucker, Misty DeJournett, Donna Farley, Mike Buhler and Debra Tune

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

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Circulation of Newspaper

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Richmond News, Richmond

Best Sports Pages

Third Place

Shawn Roney, Karen Payne, Sharon Donat, Jack Ventimiglia and Brian Rice

Weeklies 0-2,000

Weeklies - Class 1

Richmond News, Richmond

Best Sports Columnist

Third Place

Shawn Roney

Weeklies 0-2,000

Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Richmond News, Richmond

Multi-Media Reporting

Third Place

Shawn Roney, Karen Payne, Jack Ventimiglia, Brian Rice and Sharon Donat

Weeklies 0-2,000

Weeklies - Class 1

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**Circulation of Newspaper

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Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Best Sports News Story or Package
First Place
Dave Roberts, Donald Dodd and Lori Lunceford

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Best Feature Story
First Place
Donald Dodd and Lori Lunceford

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Best Sports Columnist
First Place
Dave Roberts

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Best Military Story
First Place
R.D. Hohenfeldt

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Best Investigative Reporting
Second Place
Andrew Sheeley

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Best Sports Feature Story
Second Place
Dave Roberts

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Best Sports Feature Photograph
Second Place
Lori Lunceford

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Best Feature Story
Second Place
Andrew Sheeley

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Best Story About History
Second Place
Andrew Sheeley

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Best Sports Feature Story
Third Place
Dave Roberts

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Best Feature Story
Third Place
Kaitlin Brothers

Weeklies 2,001-5,000

Weeklies - Class 2

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Best Sports Photograph
Third Place
Lori Lunceford

Weeklies 2,001-5,000

Weeklies - Class 2

Phelps County Focus, Rolla
Best Story About History
Third Place
Andrew Sheeley

Weeklies 2,001-5,000

Weeklies - Class 2

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Circulation of Newspaper
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Salem News, Salem
Best Photo Package
First Place
Catherine Wynn

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Salem News, Salem
Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Second Place
Andrew Sheeley

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Salem News, Salem
Best Story About the Outdoors
Third Place
Andrew Sheeley

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

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Chariton Marquee, Salisbury

Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture

Third Place

Melanie Latamondeer

Weeklies 0-2,000

Weeklies - Class 1

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Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Best Online Newspaper or Website
First Place
Democrat Staff

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Best Local Business Coverage
Second Place
Democrat Staff

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Best Breaking News Story
Second Place
Chris Howell

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Best News or Feature Series
Second Place
Skye Melcher

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Best News Story
Third Place
Nicole Cooke, Chris Howell and Faith Bemiss

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Best Feature Story
Third Place
Faith Bemiss

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Best Columnist- Serious
Third Place
Liz Schleicher

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Best News or Feature Special Section
Third Place
Democrat Staff

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

Sedalia Democrat, Sedalia
Best News or Feature Series
Third Place
Skye Melcher and Chris Howell

Dailies 0-5,000
Dailies - Class 1

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**Circulation of Newspaper

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Webster County Citizen, Seymour
Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
First Place
Dan Wehmer

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Webster County Citizen, Seymour
Best Editorial Cartoon
First Place
Dan Wehmer

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Webster County Citizen, Seymour
Best News or Feature Obituary
First Place
Dan Wehmer

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Webster County Citizen, Seymour
Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
Second Place
Dan Wehmer

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Webster County Citizen, Seymour
Best Editorial Cartoon
Second Place
Dan Wehmer

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Webster County Citizen, Seymour
Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Second Place
Matthew McFarland

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Webster County Citizen, Seymour
Best Columnist- Serious
Second Place
Dan Wehmer

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Webster County Citizen, Seymour
Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
Third Place
Dan Wehmer

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Webster County Citizen, Seymour
Best Editorial Cartoon
Third Place
Dan Wehmer

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Webster County Citizen, Seymour
Best Information Graphic
Third Place
Dan Wehmer

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Webster County Citizen, Seymour
Best Story About History
Third Place
Delores Turner

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Webster County Citizen, Seymour
Best Story About Religion
Third Place
Matthew McFarland

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

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Shelby County Herald, Shelbyville

Best Investigative Reporting

Third Place

Marlana Smith and Echo Menges

Weeklies 0-2,000

Weeklies - Class 1

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**Circulation of Newspaper

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Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
First Place
Karen Craigo

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Information Graphic
First Place
Rebecca Green

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Local Business Coverage
First Place

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Online Newspaper or Website
First Place

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Page Design
First Place
Rebecca Green

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Business Story
First Place
Mike Cullinan

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Health Story
First Place
Karen Craigo

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Columnist- Serious
First Place
Geoff Pickle

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Story About Education
First Place
Karen Craigo

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Story About Religion
First Place
Karen Craigo

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Story About History
First Place
Karen Craigo

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Headline Writing
Second Place
Springfield Business Journal

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Coverage of Government
Second Place
Karen Craigo

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best News Story
Second Place
Mike Cullinan

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Multi-Media Reporting
Second Place
Eric Olson

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Page Design
Second Place
Heather Mosley

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Business Story
Second Place
Mike Cullinan

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Columnist- Serious
Second Place
Eric Olson

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best News or Feature Special Section
Second Place
Springfield Business Journal

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Overall Design
Second Place
Heather Mosley, Rebecca Green, Katelyn Egger, Tia Reeves and Christine Temple

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best News or Feature Series
Second Place
Karen Craigo

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
General Excellence
Third Place
Springfield Business Journal

Weeklies 2,001-5,000

Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Page Design
Third Place
Rebecca Green

Weeklies 2,001-5,000

Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Health Story
Third Place
Mike Cullinan

Weeklies 2,001-5,000

Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best Columnist- Serious
Third Place
Christine Temple

Weeklies 2,001-5,000

Weeklies - Class 2

Springfield Business Journal, Springfield
Best News or Feature Special Section
Third Place
Springfield Business Journal

Weeklies 2,001-5,000

Weeklies - Class 2

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Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Best News Photograph
First Place
Nathan Papes

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Best Investigative Reporting
First Place
Nancy French, Gregory J. Holman,
Harrison Keegan and Amos Bridges

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Best Headline Writing
First Place

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Best News or Feature Obituary
First Place
Sara Karnes

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Best Online Newspaper or Website
First Place

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Community Service
First Place
Susan Atteberry Smith and Amos Bridges

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Best Investigative Reporting
Second Place
Galen Bacharier

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
General Excellence
Second Place
News-Leader Staff

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Best Sports Feature Story
Second Place
Wyatt D. Wheeler

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Best Front Page
Second Place
News-Leader Staff

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Best Overall Design
Second Place
News-Leader Staff

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Best News Story
Second Place
Andrew Sullender

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Best Military Story
Second Place
Greta Cross

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Class 2

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Best Story About Education
Third Place
Claudette Riley

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Multi-Media Reporting
Third Place
Sara Karnes, Nathan Papes and Andrew Jansen

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Springfield News-Leader, Springfield
Best Sports Pages
Third Place
News-Leader Staff

Dailies 5,001-15,000
Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

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St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best News Photograph
First Place
Wiley Price

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Community Service
First Place

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies

St. Louis American, St. Louis
General Excellence
First Place
The St. Louis American Staff

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
First Place

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best Headline Writing
First Place

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best Editorial Pages & Opinion Pages
First Place

Weeklies 5,001-over
Dailies and Weeklies

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
First Place
Ashley Winters

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Multi-Media Reporting
First Place

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best News or Feature Series
First Place
Sylvester Brown, Jr.

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best News or Feature Obituary
First Place
Alvin Reid

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis Best News or Feature Special Section First Place	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
St. Louis American, St. Louis Best Sports Columnist First Place Alvin Reid	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
St. Louis American, St. Louis Best News Story First Place Sylvester Brown, Jr.	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
St. Louis American, St. Louis Best Video First Place Dawn Suggs	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies
St. Louis American, St. Louis Best Coverage of Government Second Place The St. Louis American Staff	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
St. Louis American, St. Louis Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award Second Place The St. Louis American Staff	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
St. Louis American, St. Louis Best Overall Design Second Place The St. Louis American Staff	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
St. Louis American, St. Louis Best Business Story Second Place Karen Robinson-Jacobs	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
St. Louis American, St. Louis Best Video Second Place Kevin Jones, James LeBine	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies
St. Louis American, St. Louis Best News Photograph Third Place Wiley Price	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
St. Louis American, St. Louis Best Newspaper In Education Project Third Place Cathy Sewell	Weeklies 5,001-over Dailies and Weeklies

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best Breaking News Story
Third Place
Ashley Winters, Alvin Reid

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best Sports News Story or Package
Third Place
Alvin Reid

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best Columnist- Serious
Third Place
Denise Hooks-Anderson, MD

Weeklies 5,001-over
Large Dailies and Weeklies

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best News or Feature Series
Third Place
The St. Louis American Staff

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best Online Newspaper or Website
Third Place
The St. Louis American Staff

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best Health Story
Third Place
Sylvester Brown, Jr.

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best Sports Columnist
Third Place
Earl Austin, Jr.

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis American, St. Louis
Best Video
Third Place
Dawn Suggs

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies

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St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
Best Photo Package
First Place
Dilip Vishwanat

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
Best Local Business Coverage
Second Place
Erik Siemers

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
General Excellence
Second Place
Robert Bobroff and Erik Siemers

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

St. Louis Business Journal, St. Louis
Best News Story
Third Place
James Drew and Maddy Simpson

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

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Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
Best Feature Photograph
First Place
Ursula Ruhl

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
Best News or Feature Series
Second Place
Jaime Mowers

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
Best News Story
Second Place
Jaime Mowers

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Webster - Kirkwood Times, St. Louis
Best Overall Design
Third Place
Webster-Kirkwood Times

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

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Ste. Genevieve Herald, Ste. Genevieve
Best Sports Columnist
Second Place
Michael Boyd, Jr.

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Ste. Genevieve Herald, Ste. Genevieve
Best Sports Pages
Third Place
Michael Boyd, Jr.

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

Ste. Genevieve Herald, Ste. Genevieve
Best Overall Design
Third Place
Mark Evans

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

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Circulation Group(s)

Morgan County Statesman, Versailles
Best Columnist- Serious
First Place
Bryan Jones

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Morgan County Statesman, Versailles
Best Columnist- Humorous
Second Place
Patrik Andrews-Ryan

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Morgan County Statesman, Versailles
Best Columnist- Humorous
Third Place
Bryan Jones

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

Morgan County Statesman, Versailles
Best Columnist- Serious
Third Place
Patrik Andrews-Ryan

Weeklies 0-2,000
Weeklies - Class 1

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Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Best Online Newspaper or Website
Second Place
Star-Journal Staff

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Best Sports News Story or Package
Third Place
Joe Andrews

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Star-Journal, Warrensburg
Best Local Business Coverage
Third Place
Star-Journal Staff

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

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Warren County Record, Warrenton

Best Front Page

Third Place

Tim Schmidt

Weeklies 2,001-5,000

Weeklies - Class 2

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Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Sports Feature Photograph
First Place
Arron Hustead

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture
First Place

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Sports News Story or Package
First Place
Bill Battle

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Sports Feature Story
First Place
Bill Battle

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Story About Religion
First Place
Ethan Colbert and Laura Miserez

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Page Design
First Place
Sarah Moore

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Information Graphic
First Place
Sarah Moore

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best News Photograph
Second Place
Julia Hansen

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Sports Feature Photograph
Second Place
Arron Hustead

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Sports News Story or Package
Second Place
Arron Hustead

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington Best Story About Religion Second Place Ethan Colbert	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Washington Missourian, Washington Best Military Story Second Place Ethan Colbert	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Washington Missourian, Washington Best Story About History Second Place Ethan Colbert	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Washington Missourian, Washington Best Page Design Second Place Lori Obermark	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Washington Missourian, Washington Best Health Story Second Place Angela Mueller	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Washington Missourian, Washington Best Sports Photograph Second Place Bill Battle	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Washington Missourian, Washington Best Sports Pages Second Place Bill Battle and Arron Hustead	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3
Washington Missourian, Washington Best News or Feature Special Section Second Place Ethan Colbert, Patty Brinker, Sarah Moore, Lori Obermark, Sharon Pruessner and Brenda Klekamp	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Washington Missourian, Washington Best Sports Columnist Second Place Arron Hustead	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Washington Missourian, Washington Best Feature Story Second Place Julie Murphy Quick	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3
Washington Missourian, Washington Best Sports Feature Photograph Third Place Arron Hustead	Weeklies 5,001-over Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
Third Place
Bill Miller Jr.

Weeklies 5,001-over

Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Headline Writing
Third Place
Missourian Staff

Weeklies 5,001-over

Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture
Third Place
Madyson Dixon

Weeklies 5,001-over

Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Sports Feature Story
Third Place
Paula Tredway

Weeklies 5,001-over

Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Story About Religion
Third Place
Reid Glenn

Weeklies 5,001-over

Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Multi-Media Reporting
Third Place
Ethan Colbert, Julia Hansen, William Skipworth, Reid Glenn and Geoff Folsom

Weeklies 5,001-over

Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Page Design
Third Place
Lori Obermark

Weeklies 5,001-over

Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Sports Photograph
Third Place
Bill Battle

Weeklies 5,001-over

Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Feature Story
Third Place
Ethan Colbert

Weeklies 5,001-over

Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Information Graphic
Third Place
Sarah Moore

Weeklies 5,001-over

Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Photo Package
Third Place
Julia Hansen, Ryan Pendleton, Ethan Colbert, William Skipworth and Reid Glenn

Weeklies 5,001-over

Weeklies - Class 3

Washington Missourian, Washington
Best Business Story
Third Place
Ethan Colbert

Weeklies 5,001-over
Weeklies - Class 3

2023 Better Newspaper Contest Awards List

Newspaper, City
Category Name
Place
Award Winner(s)

Circulation of Newspaper
Circulation Group(s)

Howell County News, Willow Springs
Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
First Place
Amanda Mendez

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Howell County News, Willow Springs
Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award
Second Place
Amanda Mendez

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2

Howell County News, Willow Springs
Best Coverage of Government
Third Place
Amanda Mendez and Laura Wagner

Weeklies 2,001-5,000
Weeklies - Class 2