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## Congratulations 2023

Better Newspaper Contest Award Winners



**2023 Photo  
of the Year**  
**Wiley Price**  
*St. Louis American*  
**Best News Photo**



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# *Congratulations*

## **2023**



**GOLD CUP WINNERS**

### **Weeklies**

Class 1

**Maryville Forum**

Class 2

**Springfield Business Journal**

Class 3

**Washington Missourian &  
St. Louis American**

### **Dailies**

Class 1

**Columbia Missourian**

Class 2

**Missouri Independent**

Class 3

**The Kansas City Star.**



# Congratulations to Missouri Press' 2023 Better Newspaper Contest winners!

From Missouri Press Staff

**General Excellence — Class 1**

*Cassville Democrat*

*Maryville Forum*

*Maries County Advocate*

**General Excellence — Class 2**

*Laclede County Record*

*Wright County Journal*

*Springfield Business Journal*

**General Excellence — Class 3**

*St. Louis American*

*St. Louis Business Journal*

*Jefferson County Leader*

**Best Overall Design — Class 1**

*Kahoka The Media* — Mike Scott,

Elsa Besler, Emily Redding

*Maryville Forum* — Staff

*Maries County Advocate* — Staff

**Best Overall Design — Class 2**

*Gainesville Ozark County Times* — Staff

*Springfield Business Journal* — Heather Mosley, Rebecca Green,

Katelyn Egger, Tia Reeves, Christine Temple

*Ste. Genevieve Herald* — Mark Evans

**Best Overall Design — Class 3**

*Branson Tri-Lakes News* —

Tim Church, Jason Wert, AJ Fahr,

Chris Carlson, Jennifer Young, Mandy Farrow

*St. Louis American* — Staff

*Webster-Kirkwood Times* — Staff

## On the cover

The 2023 Photo of the Year is Wiley Price's news photo for the *St. Louis American* of a community gathering and memorial. In picking this photo of the year, judges said the photo "stands above the rest. The photographer found light in a dark situation, making his photo coverage of the event symbolically charged and profound.

"And isn't that the beauty of great photojournalism — speaking aesthetically to the viewers' eyes in order to reach their hearts and minds."

John Dykstra won first place for small weeklies in Best Sports Feature Photo with this shot for the *Maryville Forum*.



**Best Front Page — Class 1**

*Maryville Forum* — Staff

*Plattsburg Clinton County Leader* — Brett Adkison

*Edina Sentinel* — Echo Menges

**Best Front Page — Class 2**

*Wright County Journal* — Ron Schott

*Courier-Tribune* — Staff

*Warrenton Warren County Record* — Tim Schmidt

**Best Front Page — Class 3**

*Branson Tri-Lakes News* —

Tim Church, Jason Wert, AJ Fahr, Chris Carlson, Jennifer Young,

Mandy Farrow

*Missouri Lawyers Weekly* — Staff

*Jefferson County Leader* — Staff

**Best Breaking News Story — Class 1**

*Cassville Democrat* —

Kyle Troutman

*Tribune and Times* | Harrisonville — Dennis Minich

*Edina Sentinel* — Echo Menges

**Best Breaking News Story — Class 2**

*Courier-Tribune* — Amanda Lubinski

*Houston Herald* — Brad Gentry

*Fayette Advertiser* — Justin Addison

**Best Breaking News Story — Class 3**

*Branson Tri-Lakes News* — Jason Wert

*Branson Tri-Lakes News* — Jason Wert

*St. Louis American* —

Ashley Winters, Alvin Reid

**Best News Story — Class 1**

*Maryville Forum* — Geoffrey Woehlke

*Edina Sentinel* — Echo Menges

*Edina Sentinel* — Echo Menges

**Best News Story — Class 2**

*Courier-Tribune* — Amanda Lubinski

*Springfield Business Journal* —

Mike Cullinan

*Courier-Tribune* — Amanda Lubinski

**Best News Story — Class 3**

*St. Louis American* —

Sylvester Brown, Jr.

*Webster-Kirkwood Times* —

Jaime Mowers

*St. Louis Business Journal* —

James Drew, Maddy Simpson

**Best Feature Story — Class 1**

*Lexington News* — Joe Parmon

*Maryville Forum* — Paxson Haws

*Maries County Advocate* —

Roxie Murphy

**Best Feature Story — Class 2**

*Phelps County Focus* —

Donald Dodd, Lori Lunceford

*Phelps County Focus* —

Andrew Sheeley

*Phelps County Focus* —

Kaitlin Brothers

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



Jimmy Gillispie captured this photo of one tough cowboy to win Class 1 weeklies Best Sports Photo and Best Feature Photo for the *Tribune and Times* in Harrisonville.

**Best Feature Story — Class 3**

*Jefferson County Leader* — Steve Taylor  
*Washington Missourian* — Julie Murphy Quick  
*Washington Missourian* — Ethan Colbert

**Best News or Feature Series — Class 1**

*Maryville Forum* — Geoffrey Woehlk  
*Maryville Forum* — Geoffrey Woehlk, Skye Pournazari  
*Memphis Democrat* — Echo Menges

**Best News or Feature Series — Class 2**

*Gainesville Ozark County Times* — Jessi Dreckman  
*Springfield Business Journal* — Karen Craig  
*Houston Herald* — Doug Davison

**Best News or Feature Series — Class 3**

*St. Louis American* — Sylvester Brown, Jr.  
*Webster-Kirkwood Times* — Jaime Mowers  
*St. Louis American* — Staff

**Best Columnist-Humorous — Class 1**

*Tribune and Times* | Harrisonville — Dennis Minich  
*Versailles Morgan County Statesman* —  
Patrik Andrews-Ryan

*Versailles Morgan County Statesman* — Bryan Jones

**Best Columnist-Humorous — Classes 2 & 3**

*Missouri Lawyers Weekly* — Spencer Farris  
*Jefferson County Leader* — Peggy Bess  
*Houston Herald* — Doug Davison

**Best Columnist-Serious — Class 1**

*Versailles Morgan County Statesman* — Bryan Jones  
*Seymour Webster County Citizen* — Dan Wehmer  
*Versailles Morgan County Statesman* —  
Patrik Andrews-Ryan

**Best Columnist-Serious — Class 2**

*Springfield Business Journal* — Geoff Pickle  
*Springfield Business Journal* — Eric Olson  
*Springfield Business Journal* — Christine Temple

**Best News Photograph — Class 1**

*Edina Sentinel* — Echo Menges  
*Plattsburg Clinton County Leader* — Brett Adkison  
*Edina Sentinel* — Echo Menges

**Best News Photograph — Class 2**

*Houston Herald* — Doug Davison  
*Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican* — Dave Marner  
*Linn Unterrified Democrat* — Jacob Warden

**Best News Photograph — Class 3**

*St. Louis American* — Wiley Price  
*Washington Missourian* — Julia Hansen  
*St. Louis American* — Wiley Price

**Best Feature Photograph — Class 1**

*Tribune and Times* | Harrisonville — Jimmy Gillispie  
*Cassville Democrat* — Kyle Troutman  
*Maries County Advocate* — Jacob Warden

**Best Feature Photograph — Class 2**

*The Odessan* — Hannah Spaar  
*Houston Herald* — Doug Davison  
*Linn Unterrified Democrat* — Ed Gehlert

**Best Feature Photograph — Class 3**

*Webster-Kirkwood Times* — Ursula Ruhl  
*Branson Tri-Lakes News* — Jason Wert  
*Branson Tri-Lakes News* — Tim Church

**Best Sports Photograph — Class 1**

*Tribune and Times* | Harrisonville — Jimmy Gillispie  
Focus on Oak Grove — Kory Hales  
*Plattsburg Clinton County Leader* — Brett Adkison

**Best Sports Photograph — Class 2**

*Linn Unterrified Democrat* — Neal Johnson  
*The Odessan* — Kory Hales

*Phelps County Focus* — Lori Lunceford

**Best Sports Photograph — Class 3**

*Jefferson County Leader* — Ron Rigdon  
*Washington Missourian* — Bill Battle  
*Washington Missourian* — Bill Battle

**Best Sports Feature Photograph — Class 1**

*Maryville Forum* — Jon Dykstra  
*Cassville Democrat* — Kyle Troutman  
*Plattsburg Clinton County Leader* — Clint Dye

**Best Sports Feature Photograph — Class 2**

*Houston Herald* — Doug Davison  
*Phelps County Focus* — Lori Lunceford  
*Houston Herald* — Doug Davison

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This chilling photo secured first place for Doug Davison and the *Houston Herald* in Best News Photo in mid-size weeklies.

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Ursula Ruhl captured the magic of a carnival in this Best Feature Photo for the Webster-Kirkwood Times.

### **Best Sports Feature Photograph**

#### **— Class 3**

*Washington Missourian* —  
Arron Hustead

*Washington Missourian* —  
Arron Hustead

*Washington Missourian* —  
Arron Hustead

#### **Best Photo Illustration**

*Kahoka The Media* — Mike Scott

#### **Best Photo Package — Class 1**

*Edina Sentinel* — Echo Menges

*Edina Sentinel* — Echo Menges

*Cassville Democrat* — Kyle Troutman

#### **Best Photo Package — Class 2**

*Salem News* — Catherine Wynn

*The Odessan* —

Kory Hales, John Carmody

*Courier-Tribune* — Kellie Houx

#### **Best Photo Package — Class 3**

*St. Louis Business Journal* —

Dilip Vishwanat

*Branson Tri-Lakes News* — AJ Fahr

*Washington Missourian* —

Julia Hansen, Ryan Pendleton,

Ethan Colbert, William Skipworth,

Reid Glenn

#### **Community Service**

*St. Louis American* — Staff

*Edina Sentinel* — Echo Menges,

Mike Scott, Sue Scott, Emilie Rumble

*Wright County Journal* —

Ron Schott, Alonda Jones

#### **Best Sports Pages — Class 1**

*Maryville Forum* — Jon Dykstra

*Cassville Democrat* — Staff

*Richmond News* — Shawn Roney,

Karen Payne, Sharon Donat,

Jack Ventimiglia, Brian Rice

#### **Best Sports Pages — Classes 2 & 3**

*Wright County Journal* — Ron Schott

*Washington Missourian* —

Bill Battle, Arron Hustead

*Ste. Genevieve Herald* —

Michael Boyd, Jr.

#### **Best Sports News Story or Package — Class 1**

*Tribune and Times* | Harrisonville —

Jimmy Gillispie

*Fulton Sun* — Robby Campbell

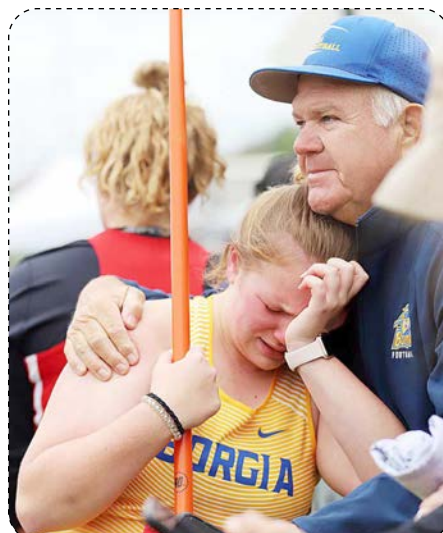
*Plattsburg Clinton County Leader* —

Clint Dye, Brett Adkison

#### **Best Sports News Story or Package — Class 2**

*Phelps County Focus* — Dave Roberts,

Donald Dodd, Lori Lunceford



Arron Hustead and the *Washington Missourian* won with this Best Sports Feature Photo for large weeklies.

*Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican*

— Will Johnson

*Warrensburg Star-Journal* —

Joe Andrews

#### **Best Sports News Story or Package — Class 3**

*Washington Missourian* — Bill Battle

*Washington Missourian* —

Arron Hustead

*St. Louis American* — Alvin Reid

#### **Best Sports Feature Story — Class 1**

*Tribune and Times* | Harrisonville —

Jimmy Gillispie

*Mexico Ledger* — Jeremy Jacob

*Maryville Forum* — Jon Dykstra

#### **Best Sports Feature Story — Class 2**

*Courier-Tribune* — Liam Keating

*Phelps County Focus* — Dave Roberts

*Phelps County Focus* — Dave Roberts

#### **Best Sports Feature Story — Class 3**

*Washington Missourian* — Bill Battle

*Branson Tri-Lakes News* — Tim Church

*Washington Missourian* —

Paula Tredway

#### **Best Sports Columnist — Classes 1 & 2**

*Phelps County Focus* — Dave Roberts

*Ste. Genevieve Herald* —

Michael Boyd, Jr.

*Richmond News* — Shawn Roney

#### **Best Sports Columnist — Class 3**

*St. Louis American* — Alvin Reid

*Washington Missourian* —

Arron Hustead

*St. Louis American* — Earl Austin, Jr.

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

*Maryville Forum* — Jon Dykstra

*Maries County Advocate* — Staff

*Maryville Forum* — Skye Pournazari,

Geoffrey Woehlke, Trinity Cobb

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

*Courier-Tribune* — Staff

*Springfield Business Journal* — Staff

*Springfield Business Journal* — Staff

#### **Best News or Feature Special Section — Class 3**

*St. Louis American* — Staff

*Washington Missourian* —

Ethan Colbert, Patty Brinker,

Sarah Moore, Lori Obermark,

Sharon Pruessner, Brenda Klekamp

*Missouri Lawyers Weekly* — Staff

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Hannah Spaar's first place Best Feature Photo for *The Odessan* perfectly shows the joy in these riders' faces.

**Best Investigative Reporting — Class 1**

*Maryville Forum* — Geoffrey Woehlke  
*Memphis Democrat* — Echo Menges, Mike Scott  
*Shelbyville Shelby County Herald* —  
 Marlana Smith, Echo Menges

**Best Investigative Reporting — Classes 2 & 3**

*Jefferson County Leader* —  
 Kim Robertson, Tony Krausz, Steve Taylor  
*Phelps County Focus* — Andrew Sheeley  
*The Odessan* — Joe Spaar, Hannah Spaar

**Best Local Business Coverage — Classes 1 & 2**

*Springfield Business Journal* — Staff  
*Wright County Journal* — Ron Schott  
*Warrensburg Star-Journal* — Staff

**Best Local Business Coverage — Class 3**

*Jefferson County Leader* — Staff  
*St. Louis Business Journal* — Erik Siemers  
*Kansas City Northeast News* — Abby Hoover

**Best Business Story — Class 1**

*Maryville Forum* — Paxson Haws  
*Moberly Monitor-Index* — Winona Whitaker  
*California Democrat* — Garrett Fuller

**Best Business Story — Class 2**

*Springfield Business Journal* — Mike Cullinan  
*Springfield Business Journal* — Mike Cullinan  
*Gainesville Ozark County Times* — Jessi Dreckman

**Best Business Story — Class 3**

*Jefferson County Leader* — Steve Taylor  
*St. Louis American* — Karen Robinson-Jacobs  
*Washington Missourian* — Ethan Colbert

**Best Coverage of Government — Class 1**

*Maryville Forum* — Geoffrey Woehlke, Ken Garner  
*Fulton Sun* — Anakin Bush  
*Maries County Advocate* — Roxie Murphy

**Best Coverage of Government — Class 2**

*The Odessan* — Hannah Spaar  
*Springfield Business Journal* — Karen Craig  
*Willow Springs Howell County News* —  
 Amanda Mendez, Laura Wagner

**Best Coverage of Government — Class 3**

*Branson Tri-Lakes News* — Jason Wert

*St. Louis American* — Staff

*Missouri Lawyers Weekly* — Scott Lauck

**Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture**

*Washington Missourian* — Staff

*Tribune and Times* | Harrisonville —

Dennis Minich, Jimmy Gillispie, Lucas Lord

*Gainesville Ozark County Times* — Jessi Dreckman

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

*Tribune and Times* | Harrisonville — Lucas Lord

*Seymour Webster County Citizen* — Matthew McFarland

Chariton Marquee — Melanie Latamondeer

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

*Springfield Business Journal* — Karen Craig

*Salem News* — Andrew Sheeley

*Laclede County Record* — Laura Valenti

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

*St. Louis American* — Ashley Winters

*Missouri Lawyers Weekly* — Chloe Murdock

*Washington Missourian* — Madysen Dixon

**Best Story About Religion — Classes 1 & 2**

*Springfield Business Journal* — Karen Craig

*Laclede County Record* — Chris Roden

*Seymour Webster County Citizen* — Matthew McFarland

**Best Story About Religion — Class 3**

*Washington Missourian* — Ethan Colbert, Laura Miserez

*Washington Missourian* — Ethan Colbert

*Washington Missourian* — Reid Glenn

**Best Story About Education — Class 1**

*Maryville Forum* — Geoffrey Woehlke

*Maryville Forum* — Geoffrey Woehlke

*Maryville Forum* — Skye Pournazari

**Best Story About Education — Class 2**

*Springfield Business Journal* — Karen Craig

*Gainesville Ozark County Times* — Jessi Dreckman

*Wright County Journal* — Ron Schott

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Doug Davison of the *Houston Herald* scored a Best Sports Feature Photo win, capturing the team and the scoreboard.

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**Best Story About Education —  
Class 3**

*Branson Tri-Lakes News* — AJ Fahr  
*Kansas City Northeast News* —  
Abby Hoover  
*Jefferson County Leader* —  
Steve Taylor

**Best Story About the Outdoors  
Classes 1 & 2**

*Gainesville Ozark County Times* —  
Jessi Dreckman  
*Gainesville Ozark County Times* —  
Jessi Dreckman  
*Salem News* — Andrew Sheeley

**Best Story About the Outdoors  
— Class 3**

*Branson Tri-Lakes News* —  
Tim Church  
*Missouri Lawyers Weekly* —  
Scott Lauck  
*Jefferson County Leader* —  
Laura Marlow

**Best Story About History —  
Class 1**

*Tribune and Times | Harrisonville* —  
Dennis Minich  
*Kahoka The Media* — Emily Bontrager  
*Seymour Webster County Citizen* —  
Delores Turner

**Best Story About History —  
Class 2**

*Springfield Business Journal* —  
Karen Craig  
*Phelps County Focus* —  
Andrew Sheeley  
*Phelps County Focus* —  
Andrew Sheeley



**Best Story About History —  
Class 3**

*Branson Tri-Lakes News* —  
Chris Carlson  
*Washington Missourian* —  
Ethan Colbert  
*Branson Tri-Lakes News* —  
Chris Carlson

**Best Military Story — Class 1**

*Maries County Advocate* —  
Colin Willard  
*Cassville Democrat* —  
Jordan Troutman  
*Moberly Monitor-Index* —  
Winona Whitaker

**Best Military Story — Class 2**

*Phelps County Focus* —  
R.D. Hohenfeldt

*Courier-Tribune* — Amanda Lubinski  
*Laclede County Record* —  
Chris Roden

**Best Military Story — Class 3**

*Branson Tri-Lakes News* — Jason Wert  
*Washington Missourian* —  
Ethan Colbert  
*Jefferson County Leader* —  
Laura Marlow

**Best Page Design — Classes 1 & 2**

*Springfield Business Journal* —  
Rebecca Green  
*Springfield Business Journal* —  
Heather Mosley  
*Springfield Business Journal* —  
Rebecca Green

**Best Page Design — Class 3**

*Washington Missourian* —  
Sarah Moore  
*Washington Missourian* —  
Lori Obermark  
*Washington Missourian* —  
Lori Obermark

**Best Information Graphic —  
Classes 1 & 2**

*Springfield Business Journal* —  
Rebecca Green  
*Houston Herald* — Brad Gentry  
*Seymour Webster County Citizen* —  
Dan Wehmer

**Best Information Graphic —  
Class 3**

*Washington Missourian* —  
Sarah Moore  
*Kansas City Northeast News* —  
Bryan Stalder  
*Washington Missourian* —  
Sarah Moore

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Neal Johnson slid into a first place win with this Best Sports Photo for the Linn  
Unterrified Democrat.

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**Best Editorial Cartoon —  
Classes 1 & 2**

*Seymour Webster County Citizen* — Dan Wehmer  
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*Seymour Webster County Citizen* — Dan Wehmer

**Best Editorial Cartoon — Class 3**

*Jefferson County Leader* — Cody Taylor  
*Jefferson County Leader* — Cody Taylor  
*Jefferson County Leader* — Cody Taylor

**Best Online Newspaper or Website — Class 1**

*Kahoka The Media* — Mike Scott, Elsa Besler  
*Maryville Forum* — Ken Garner  
*Cassville Democrat* — Kyle Troutman

**Best Online Newspaper or Website — Class 2**

*Springfield Business Journal* — Staff  
*Warrensburg Star-Journal* — Staff  
*Platte City Platte County Citizen* —  
Tanner Cobb, Jeanette Faubion

**Best Online Newspaper or Website — Class 3**

*Missouri Lawyers Weekly* — Scott Andera  
*Hannibal Courier-Post* — Staff  
*St. Louis American* — Staff

**Best Video**

*St. Louis American* — Dawn Suggs  
*St. Louis American* — Kevin Jones, James LeBine  
*St. Louis American* — Dawn Suggs

**Best Headline Writing — Class 1**

*Cassville Democrat* — Kyle Troutman  
*Edina Sentinel* — Echo Menges  
*Maryville Forum* — Staff

**Best Headline Writing — Class 2**

*Houston Herald* — Doug Davison  
*Springfield Business Journal* — Staff

**Best Headline Writing — Class 3**

*St. Louis American* — Staff  
*Branson Tri-Lakes News* —  
Tim Church, Jason Wert, AJ Fahr  
*Washington Missourian* — Staff

**Best News or Feature Obituary — Classes 1 & 2**

*Seymour Webster County Citizen* — Dan Wehmer  
*Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican* — Dave Marner  
*Gainesville Ozark County Times* — Sue Ann Jones

**Best News or Feature Obituary — Class 3**

*St. Louis American* — Alvin Reid  
*Jefferson County Leader* — Laura Marlow  
*Branson Tri-Lakes News* — Tim Church

**Multi-Media Reporting — Class 1**

*Cassville Democrat* — Kyle Troutman  
*Memphis Democrat* — Echo Menges  
*Richmond News* — Shawn Roney, Karen Payne,  
Jack Ventimiglia, Brian Rice, Sharon Donat

**Multi-Media Reporting — Classes 2 & 3**

*St. Louis American* — Staff  
*Springfield Business Journal* — Eric Olson  
*Washington Missourian* — Ethan Colbert, Julia Hansen,  
William Skipworth, Reid Glenn, Geoff Folsom  
**Magazine/Alternative Publication — Classes 2 & 3**  
*Branson Tri-Lakes News* — Tim Church



Ron Rigdon snatched a first place win for the *Jefferson County Leader* with this mid-gameplay Best Sports Photo.

*Branson Tri-Lakes News* — Tim Church, Misti Clark

**Best Health Story — Class 1**

*Maryville Forum* — Geoffrey Woehlke  
*Tribune and Times | Harrisonville* — Jimmy Gillispie  
*Kahoka The Media* — Mike Scott

**Best Health Story — Class 2**

*Springfield Business Journal* — Karen Craigo  
*Houston Herald* — Brad Gentry  
*Springfield Business Journal* — Mike Cullinan

**Best Health Story — Class 3**

*Jefferson County Leader* — Laura Marlow  
*Washington Missourian* — Angela Mueller  
*St. Louis American* — Sylvester Brown, Jr.

**Tilghman Cloud Memorial Weeklies Editorial —  
Class 1**

*Seymour Webster County Citizen* — Dan Wehmer  
*Seymour Webster County Citizen* — Dan Wehmer  
*Seymour Webster County Citizen* — Dan Wehmer

**Tilghman Cloud Memorial Weeklies Editorial —  
Class 2**

*Willow Springs Howell County News* — Amanda Mendez  
*Willow Springs Howell County News* — Amanda Mendez  
*The Odessan* — Hannah Spaar

**Tilghman Cloud Memorial Weeklies Editorial —  
Class 3**

*St. Louis American* — Staff  
*St. Louis American* — Staff  
*Washington Missourian* — Bill Miller Jr.

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## **Dailies**

### **General Excellence**

*Jefferson City News Tribune*

*Springfield News-Leader*

*Columbia Missourian*

### **Best Overall Design**

*Jefferson City News Tribune* — Staff

*Springfield News-Leader* — Staff

*Columbia Missourian* — Staff

### **Best Front Page**

*Jefferson City News Tribune* — Tony Hawley

*Springfield News-Leader* — Staff

*Cape Girardeau*

*Southeast Missourian* — Staff

### **Best Breaking News Story —**

#### **Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Erik Galicia,

Katie Gallaway, Adam Goldstein

*Sedalia Democrat* — Chris Howell

*Columbia Missourian* —

Anthony Kristensen

### **Best Breaking News Story —**

#### **Classes 2 & 3**

*The Kansas City Star* —

Jenna Thompson

*Missouri Independent* —

Tessa Weinberg

*Missouri Independent* — Rudi Keller

### **Best News Story — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Eli Hoff

*Columbia Missourian* —

Teagan King

*Sedalia Democrat* — Nicole Cooke,

Chris Howell, Faith Bemiss

### **Best News Story — Class 3**

*The Kansas City Star* —

Laura Bauer, Judy L. Thomas

*The Kansas City Star* —

Luke Nozicka

*The Kansas City Star* — Anna Sporre

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### **Best News Story — Class 2**

*Missouri Independent* — Rudi Keller

*Springfield News-Leader* —

Andrew Sullender

*Jefferson City News Tribune* —

Anna Campbell

### **Best Feature Story — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Eli Hoff

*Columbia Missourian* —

Ian Wesselhoff

*Sedalia Democrat* — Faith Bemiss

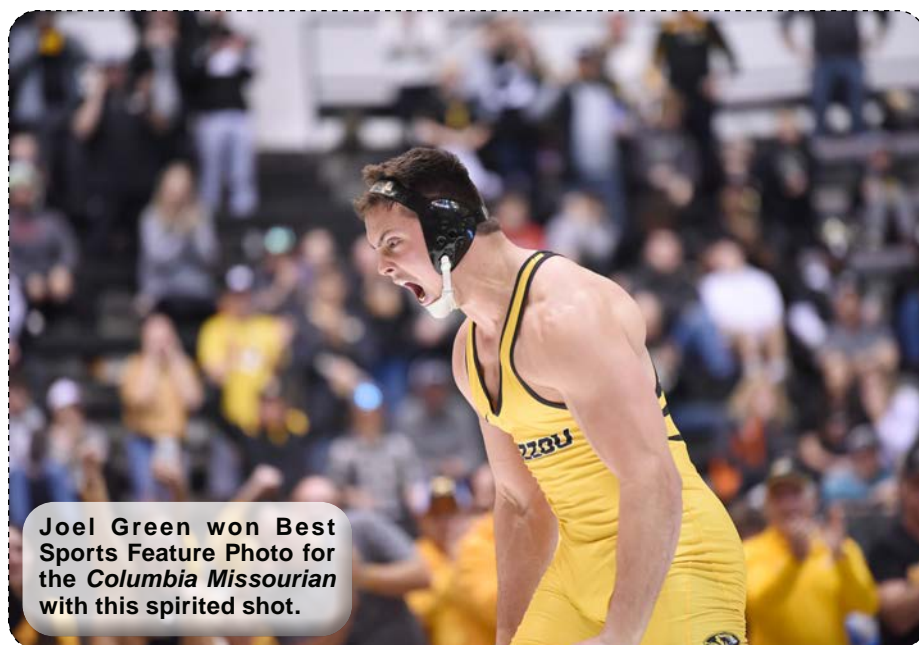
### **Best Feature Story — Class 2**

*Jefferson City News Tribune* —

Anakin Bush

*Jefferson City News Tribune* —

Joe Gamm



Joel Green won Best Sports Feature Photo for the *Columbia Missourian* with this spirited shot.

*Independence Examiner* — Bill Althaus

### **Best Feature Story — Class 3**

*The Kansas City Star* — David Hudnall

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*The Kansas City Star* — J.M. Banks

### **Best News or Feature Series —**

#### **Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Staff

*Sedalia Democrat* — Skye Melcher

*Sedalia Democrat* —

Skye Melcher, Chris Howell

### **Best News or Feature Series —**

#### **Classes 2 & 3**

*Joplin Globe* — Kevin McClintock

*The Kansas City Star* —

Judy L. Thomas, Laura Bauer

*Jefferson City News Tribune* —

Cameron Gerber, Joe Gamm,

Anna Watson, Claudia Levens

### **Best Columnist-Humorous —**

#### **Class 2**

*Independence Examiner* — Jeff Fox

*Joplin Globe* — Kimberly Zerkel

### **Best Columnist-Serious — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — David Webber

*Columbia Missourian* —

David Rosman

*Sedalia Democrat* — Liz Schleicher

### **Best Columnist-Serious — Class 2**

*Missouri Independent* —

Jason Hancock

*Missouri Independent* — Janice Ellis

*Joplin Globe* — Andy Ostmeyer

### **Best News Photograph — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* —

Margo Wagner

*Columbia Missourian* — Sam Koeppel

*Columbia Missourian* —

Margo Wagner

### **Best News Photograph — Class 2**

*Springfield News-Leader* —

Nathan Papes

*Jefferson City News Tribune* —

Eileen Wisniowicz

*Jefferson City News Tribune* —

Julie Smith

### **Best Feature Photograph —**

#### **Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* —

Minh Connors

*Columbia Missourian* —

Tristen Rouse

*Columbia Missourian* —

Beatrice Bankauskaite

### **Best Feature Photograph —**

#### **Classes 2 & 3**

*Jefferson City News Tribune* —

Julie Smith

*The Kansas City Star* — Emily Curiel

*The Kansas City Star* — Emily Curiel

### **Best Sports Photograph — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* —

Beatrice Bankauskaite

*Columbia Missourian* —

Josh Ellenburg

*Park Hills Daily Journal* — Matt King

### **Best Sports Photograph — Class 2**

*Jefferson City News Tribune* —

Greg Jackson

*Jefferson City News Tribune* —

Greg Jackson

*Jefferson City News Tribune* —

Greg Jackson

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Nathan Papes won first in Best News Photo with this emotionally charged shot for the *Springfield News-Leader*.

**Best Sports Feature Photograph — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Joel Green  
*Columbia Missourian* — Owen Ziliak  
*Columbia Missourian* — Owen Ziliak

**Best Sports Feature Photograph — Classes 2 & 3**

*The Kansas City Star* — Rich Sugg  
*Columbia Daily Tribune* — Madeline Carter  
*Joplin Globe* — Roger Nomer

**Best Photo Illustration — Classes 1 & 2**

*Columbia Missourian* — Kate Trabalka  
*Columbia Missourian* — Kate Trabalka  
*Columbia Missourian* — Maggie Lenox

**Best Photo Package — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Sam Koeppel, Margo Wagner,  
 Clayton Steward, Owen Ziliak, Lily Dozier  
*Columbia Missourian* — Minh Connors  
*Columbia Missourian* — Owen Ziliak

**Best Photo Package — Classes 2 & 3**

*Columbia Daily Tribune* — Madeline Carter  
*The Kansas City Star* — Tammy Ljungblad  
*The Kansas City Star* — Jill Toyoshiba

**Community Service**

*Springfield News-Leader* —  
 Susan Atteberry Smith, Amos Bridges  
*Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian* — Rick Fahr  
*Columbia Missourian* — Staff

**Best Sports Pages**

*Independence Examiner* — Karl Zinke, Bill Althaus  
*Columbia Missourian* — Staff  
*Springfield News-Leader* — Staff

**Best Sports News Story or Package — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Kortay Vincent  
*Park Hills Daily Journal* — Matt King  
*Columbia Missourian* —

Kyle Pinnell, Kenny Van Doren, Jack Soble

**Best Sports News Story or Package — Class 2**

*Jefferson City News Tribune* — Greg Jackson  
*Independence Examiner* — Bill Althaus  
*Columbia Daily Tribune* — Matt Stahl

**Best Sports Feature Story — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Jack Soble

*Columbia Missourian* — Mason Arneson

*Columbia Missourian* — Kyle Pinnell

**Best Sports Feature Story — Classes 2 & 3**

*The Kansas City Star* — David Hudnall  
*Springfield News-Leader* — Wyatt D. Wheeler  
*Jefferson City News Tribune* — Greg Jackson

**Best Sports Columnist — Class 2**

*Independence Examiner* — Bill Althaus  
*Jefferson City News Tribune* — Greg Jackson  
*Columbia Daily Tribune* — Chris Kwiecinski

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

*Columbia Missourian* — Staff  
*Columbia Missourian* — Staff  
*Sedalia Democrat* — Staff

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

*Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian* — Rust Media  
*Joplin Globe* — Staff

*Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic* —

Barbara Ann Horton, Samantha Tucker,  
 Misty DeJournett, Donna Farley, Mike Buhler, Debra Tune

**Best Investigative Reporting — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Staff  
*Columbia Missourian* — Claudia Levens  
*Columbia Missourian* — Skylar Laird

**Best Investigative Reporting — Classes 2 & 3**

*Springfield News-Leader* — Nancy French,  
 Gregory J. Holman, Harrison Keegan, Amos Bridges  
*Springfield News-Leader* — Galen Bacharier  
*Missouri Independent* — Rudi Keller

**Best Local Business Coverage**

*Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian* — Jeff Long  
*Sedalia Democrat* — Staff

**Best Business Story — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Skylar Laird  
*Columbia Missourian* — Ella McCarthy  
*Marshall Democrat-News* — Sarah Gray

**Best Business Story — Classes 2 & 3**

*The Kansas City Star* — Joyce Smith  
*Missouri Independent* — Niara Savage, Samantha Horton  
*The Kansas City Star* — Joyce Smith

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Minh Connors captured this tender moment to take first place in Best Feature Photo for the *Columbia Missourian*.

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**Best Coverage of Government —  
Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* —  
Emma Murphy, Jana Rose Schleis,  
Noelle Alviz-Gransee  
*Columbia Missourian* —  
Komlavi Adissem  
Nevada Daily Mail — Sarah Haney

**Best Coverage of Government —  
Class 2**

*Missouri Independent* —  
Jason Hancock, Rudi Keller, Tessa  
Weinberg, Rebecca Rivas, Allison Kite  
*Joplin Globe* — Debby Woodin  
*Missouri Independent* —  
Tessa Weinberg, Clara Bates

**Best Coverage of Rural Life or  
Agriculture — Classes 1 & 2**

*Columbia Missourian* — Staff  
*Missouri Independent* —  
Rudi Keller, Tessa Weinberg,  
Rebecca Rivas  
*Jefferson City News Tribune* —  
Ryan Pivoney

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

*Columbia Missourian* — Jessica Blake  
*Columbia Missourian* — Connor Giffin  
*Columbia Missourian* —  
Mackenzie McCarty

**Best Story About Rural Life or  
Agriculture — Classes 2 & 3**

*Missouri Independent* — Allison Kite  
*The Kansas City Star* — David Hudnall  
*Missouri Independent* —  
Rebecca Rivas

**Best Story About Religion —  
Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* —  
Sophie Stephens  
*Marshall Democrat-News* —  
Sarah Gray  
*Columbia Missourian* — Aysia Grey

**Best Story About Religion —  
Classes 2 & 3**

*Missouri Independent* — Clara Bates  
*Jefferson City News Tribune* —  
Ryan Pivoney



Julie Smith dug deep to win the *Jefferson City News Tribune* first in Best Feature Photo for combined medium and large daily newspapers.

*The Kansas City Star* —  
Judy L. Thomas

**Best Story About Education —  
Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Eli Hoff  
*Columbia Missourian* —  
Wicker Perlis  
*Columbia Missourian* —  
Keara Shannon, Michael Howie

**Best Story About Education —  
Classes 2 & 3**

*The Kansas City Star* — Matti Gellman  
*Missouri Independent* —  
Annelise Hanshaw  
*Springfield News-Leader* —  
Claudette Riley

**Best Story About the Outdoors  
— Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* —  
Jana Rose Schleis  
*Columbia Missourian* —  
Jana Rose Schleis  
*Columbia Missourian* —  
Emma Murphy

**Best Story About the Outdoors  
— Class 2**

*Missouri Independent* —  
Samantha Horton  
*Joplin Globe* — Andy Ostmeyer  
*Missouri Independent* —  
Rebecca Rivas

**Best Story About History —  
Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Lucas Nava  
*Columbia Missourian* —  
Olivia Sklenka, Katie Taranto  
*Marshall Democrat-News* —  
Sarah Gray

**Best Story About History —  
Classes 2 & 3**

*The Kansas City Star* —  
Bill Lukitsch, Anna Sporrer  
*Joplin Globe* — Kevin McClintock  
*The Kansas City Star* — David Hudnall

**Best Military Story — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Evan Lasseter  
*Columbia Missourian* —  
Noelle Alviz-Gransee  
*Columbia Missourian* —  
Mackenzie McCarty

**Best Military Story — Class 2**

*Jefferson City News Tribune* —  
Joe Gamm  
*Springfield News-Leader* —  
Greta Cross  
*Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian*  
— Michael Leifer

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**Best Page Design — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Staff

*Columbia Missourian* — Staff

*Columbia Missourian* — Staff

**Best Page Design — Class 2**

*Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic*

— Donna Farley

*Jefferson City News Tribune* —

Molly Morris

*Jefferson City News Tribune* — Staff

**Best Information Graphic —**

**Classes 1 & 2**

*Columbia Missourian* —

Missourian Graphics Staff

*Columbia Missourian* — Grace Cooper,

Makalah Hardy, Nick Gougas

*Columbia Missourian* — Han Vu

**Best Editorial Cartoon**

*Columbia Missourian* — John Darkow

*Columbia Missourian* — John Darkow

*Columbia Missourian* — John Darkow

**Best Online Newspaper or**

**Website — Class 1**

*Sedalia Democrat* — Staff

*Columbia Missourian* — Staff

**Best Online Newspaper or**

**Website — Class 2**

*Springfield News-Leader* — Staff

*Columbia Daily Tribune* — Staff



Greg Jackson of the *Jefferson City News Tribune* hit it out of the park in capturing the action of this Best Sports Photo winner for mid-sized dailies.

*Missouri Independent* — Staff

**Best Video — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* —

Anastasia Busby

*Columbia Missourian* — Amy Schaffer

*Columbia Missourian* —

Minh Connors, Cleo Norman

**Best Video — Class 2**

*Missouri Independent* — Rudi Keller

*Missouri Independent* —

Tessa Weinberg

*Jefferson City News Tribune* —

Layne Stracener

**Best Headline Writing**

*Springfield News-Leader* — Staff

*Joplin Globe* — Jerry Willis

*Missouri Independent* — Staff

**Best News or Feature Obituary**

**— Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* —

Elizabeth Derner

*Columbia Missourian* — Charlie Drape

*Columbia Missourian* — John Belfonte

**Best News or Feature Obituary**

**— Class 3**

*The Kansas City Star* — Anna Spoerre

*The Kansas City Star* — Randy Covitz

*The Kansas City Star* —

Steve Vockrodt, Katie Moore

**Best News or Feature Obituary**

**— Class 2**

*Springfield News-Leader* —

Sara Karnes

*Joplin Globe* — Jeff Lehr, Kim Barker

*Joplin Globe* — Jeff Lehr, Kim Barker

**Multi-Media Reporting —**

**Classes 1 & 2**

*Columbia Missourian* — Staff

*Missouri Independent* — Rudi Keller

*Springfield News-Leader* —

Sara Karnes, Nathan Papes,

Andrew Jansen

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Beatrice Bankauskaite of the *Columbia Missourian* captured this player's determination to win Best Sports Photo.

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Rich Sugg and *The Kansas City Star* won Best Sports Feature Photo with this shot of an incredulous player.

**Magazine/Alternative  
Publication**

*Joplin Globe* — Kevin McClintock  
*Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian* — Rust Media  
*Cape Girardeau Southeast Missourian* — Rust Media

**Best Health Story — Class 1**

*Columbia Missourian* — Eleanor McCrary

*Columbia Missourian* — Alex Espinda

*Columbia Missourian* — Erik Galicia

**Best Health Story — Class 2**

*Missouri Independent* — Rudi Keller

*Missouri Independent* — Clara Bates

*Poplar Bluff Daily American Republic* — Donna Farley

**Best Health Story — Class 3**

*The Kansas City Star* —

Lisa Gutierrez, Anna Spoerre

*The Kansas City Star* — Lisa Gutierrez

*The Kansas City Star* — Lisa Gutierrez

**Best Editorial — Class 2**

*Joplin Globe* — Andy Ostmeyer

*Independence Examiner* — Jeff Fox

*Joplin Globe* — Andy Ostmeyer

**Combined Weeklies and Dailies**

**Best Editorial Pages & Opinion Pages**

*St. Louis American* — Staff

*Festus-Jefferson County Leader* — Staff

*Cassville Democrat* — Kyle Troutman

**Best Newspaper In Education Project**

*Eldon Advertiser* — Tammy Witherspoon

*Joplin Globe* — Staff

*St. Louis American* — Cathy Sewell

**Best Columnist-Serious — Class 3**

*The Kansas City Star* — Mará Rose Williams

*Branson Tri-Lakes News* — Jason Wert

*St. Louis American* —

Denise Hooks-Anderson, MD

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