



# 2023 Missouri Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest

## Results and Judges Comments

### 01.) General Excellence | Dailies

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

#### First Place

##### News Tribune

This is a newspaper clearly created with readers in mind. The layout is welcoming, the content selection is on point, the ads are bright and attractive, the writing is fairly tight & Excellent teamwork all around here.

##### News Tribune Staff

#### Second Place

##### Springfield News-Leader

Great A1 designs and headlines serve as a critical entry point for this well-done newspaper. The reporting staff is strong with great writing, while the advertising team creates striking ads. Business reporting is always popular so don't be afraid to put the new Mexican restaurant opening on the first page and move a government story off as a more reader-centric strategy.

##### News-Leader Staff

#### Third Place

##### Columbia Missourian

Great depth of reporting with a variety of topics covered that serve different audiences, providing excellent local news coverage. Headline writing is exceptional. Design is uneven, with some examples of clear brilliance that draw the reader in while other pages are too text-heavy gray. Bringing that exceptional design across the entire product would elevate the paper as a whole.

##### Missourian Staff

### 01.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 1

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

#### First Place

##### Cassville Democrat

This is a top-notch newspaper with a reader-centric approach to it all: design, photography, reporting, content selection. Kudos are also due to the ad staff for an excellent job in design. A great team effort all around.

##### Staff

#### Second Place

##### Maryville Forum

This is a terrific newspaper with great use of design, photography and reporting for a reader-centric experience. Special kudos to the exceptional sports staff at this paper who are clearly excelling in every way.

#### Third Place

##### Maries County Advocate

This paper does an excellent job covering a wide variety of content and knowing that faces sell papers with its photography. The sports staff does a very nice job here. I'd recommend experimenting more with bolder designs on the news side to take the paper up one more notch.

##### Staff

### 01.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 2

*Title of Entry, If Applicable*

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

#### First Place

##### Laclede County Record

Clean, sharp design with a good flair of color combined with great content...a mix of enterprise and day-to-day...and significant local business support through advertising make this paper a pleasure to read. The diversity of content means something refreshingly unique is right around the corner, from historical to entertainment to parenthood. These unique "beats" help set the paper apart. A good team effort.

##### LCR Staff

#### Second Place

##### Wright County Journal

This is a newspaper that puts community in community journalism. The sheer number of people included in every issue is truly amazing. If someone isn't in the paper, surely they know someone who is. It's clear this is a newspaper that cares very much about its community. I'm serious when I say you need to charge more than 75 cents an issue. The public is getting its money worth and will pay more. Great feature stories, use of color, design. Your community is lucky to have you.

##### Ron Schott

#### Third Place

##### Springfield Business Journal

Huge kudos to the advertising staff of this publication. The ads are phenomenal and must-read. There is also great reporting content in here with a nice clean design. I'd encourage the news side to boost the design creativity up a notch, however, to match the amazing personality/vibe that comes through with the advertising. A very solid publication overall that serves its audience well.

##### Springfield Business Journal

01.) General Excellence   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	St. Louis American		The St. Louis American Staff
This newspaper is the definition of community journalism with its exceptional reader-focused strategy. Content that appeals to a wide range of interests and ages, fantastic layouts, great opinion content ... I want to subscribe to this newspaper now. The team is clearly exceptional and serving its audience -- and journalism as a whole -- extremely well.			

Second Place	St. Louis Business Journal		Robert Bobroff and Erik Siemers
The depth of reporting in this publication is exceptional and becoming all too rare across the industry. Striking front pages, a phenomenal ad staff, strong headlines. This is a great team effort.			

Third Place	Jefferson County Leader		Leader Publications
This is a newspaper that knows what readers care about. Sections for business, schools, kids ... and that wedding section was fabulous. Great human interest stories on the front page. Fabulous opinion page. I'd recommend some improvement with the sports design with bolder designs and bigger, more striking photos.			

02.) Best Overall Design   Dailies - Classes 1 and 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	News Tribune		
Very dynamic Attention grabbing Nice content variety			
Second Place	Springfield News-Leader		News-Leader Staff
Third Place	Columbia Missourian		Missourian Staff

02.) Best Overall Design   Weeklies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	The Media		Mike Scott, Elsa Besler and Emily Redding
Ad to content ratio is good Classified page layout was really good			
Second Place	Maryville Forum		
Third Place	Maries County Advocate		Staff

02.) Best Overall Design   Weeklies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Ozark County Times		
Nice layout Good consistency of content			

Second Place	Springfield Business Journal	Springfield Business Journal	Heather Mosley, Rebecca Green, Katelyn Egger, Tia Reeves and Christine Temple
Third Place	Ste. Genevieve Herald		Mark Evans

02.) Best Overall Design   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News Nice consistency of layout Not cluttered Divisions between articles		Tim Church, Jason Wert, AJ Fahr, Chris Carlson, Jennifer Young and Mandy Farrow
Second Place	St. Louis American		The St. Louis American Staff
Third Place	Webster - Kirkwood Times		Webster-Kirkwood Times

03.) Best Front Page   Dailies - Classes 1 and 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	News Tribune Easy flow from one headline to the next, the photos are bold and pulled me right into the story! Bravo!!		Tony Hawley
Second Place	Springfield News-Leader Great use of large, upclose photos that evoke bold emotions, enticing me to read the article. Great Job!		News-Leader Staff
Third Place	Southeast Missourian LOVE the use of the top image on the Weekend issues.		Southeast Missourian

03.) Best Front Page   Weeklies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Maryville Forum Your pages feel very emersive, drawing the reader into the paper like a good video game will make the player feel like he is IN the game. Bravo!		
Second Place	Clinton County Leader I appreciated the full justified paragraphs! I'm old skool, so thank you! Your layout was easy to follow and the photos really drew me into the pieces! Great Job!!!	Leader Pages	Brett Adkison

Third Place

Edina Sentinel

The Edina Sentinel

Echo Menges

Loved your use of photos. They conveyed just how horrific each situation had been. Would like to see a little more off setting of the photos, and maybe, just maybe, give full justification a chance! It really cleans up the way paragraphs look to a graphic eye. Otherwise, great job!

03.) Best Front Page   Weeklies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Wright County Journal		Ron Schott
Second Place	Courier-Tribune	Courier-Tribune front page design	
Third Place	Warren County Record		Tim Schmidt

03.) Best Front Page   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News		Tim Church, Jason Wert, AJ Fahr, Chris Carlson, Jennifer Morris and Mark DeBorja
Second Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly		
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader		Leader Publications

04.) Best Breaking News Story   Dailies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Fire devastates Wooldridge	Erik Galicia, Katie Gallaway and Adam Goldstein
Second Place	Sedalia Democrat	Man Dead After Exchanging Gunfire with	Chris Howell
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Men's Basketball Cleveland State Coach	Anthony Kristensen

04.) Best Breaking News Story   Dailies - Classes 2 and 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	The Kansas City Star	Video: Officer throws man to ground at	Jenna Thompson
Second Place	Missouri Independent	Roe Overturned	Tessa Weinberg
Third Place	Missouri Independent	After wearing overalls in the Missouri	Rudi Keller
04.) Best Breaking News Story   Weeklies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Cassville Democrat	Hall Theatre	Kyle Troutman
Second Place	Tribune and Times	Scary Surprise	Dennis Minich
Third Place	Edina Sentinel	Devastating House Fire	Echo Menges
04.) Best Breaking News Story   Weeklies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Courier-Tribune	Police ID missing mother	Amanda Lubinski
Second Place	Houston Herald	Brother-in-law charged with murder	Brad Gentry
Third Place	Fayette Advertiser	First-degree murder charge filed in shooting	Justin Addison
04.) Best Breaking News Story   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News Well written with informative detail.	Cooper family saves teen	Jason Wert

<b>Second Place</b> Well written. Tragic story.	<b>Branson Tri-Lakes News</b>	<b>Judge dismisses Duck Boat charges</b>	<b>Jason Wert</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>St. Louis American</b>	<b>St. Louis in Sorrow after School Shooting</b>	<b>Ashley Winters, Alvin Reid</b>

<i>05.) Best News Story   Dailies - Class 1</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> Well written. Good investigative detail on the subject matter.	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>MU Hospital Security</b>	<b>Eli Hoff</b>
<b>Second Place</b> Interesting subject and well written.	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Likely shipwreck site</b>	<b>Teagan King</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Sedalia Democrat</b>	<b>Heckart Community Center Grand Opening</b>	<b>Nicole Cooke, Chris Howell and Faith Bemiss</b>

<i>05.) Best News Story   Dailies - Class 2</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> This story was written in a compelling way. It made even an outsider want to see what crazy thing happened next. It also featured a nice collection of quotes from a variety of sources.	<b>Missouri Independent</b>	<b>Firings, Corruption Accusations Create</b>	<b>Rudi Keller</b>
<b>Second Place</b> This was very nicely put together and especially well sourced.	<b>Springfield News-Leader</b>	<b>SOGI ordinance protected gay, trans</b>	<b>Andrew Sullender</b>
<b>Third Place</b> I really liked the combination of personal stories along with the wider picture. I'm sure this resonated with readers, even if they do not have relationships with students with special needs.	<b>News Tribune</b>	<b>A Turbulent Transition</b>	<b>Anna Campbell</b>

<i>05.) Best News Story   Dailies - Class 3</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> Well written and researched piece on the child welfare system in Missouri. I'm always interested in the documentation that proves the point and these stories had that.	<b>The Kansas City Star</b>	<b>'We need help'</b>	<b>Laura Bauer and Judy L. Thomas</b>
<b>Second Place</b> Good story that shows how jailhouse informants can ruin lives when their stories are not corroborated by other witnesses or evidence in advance of the trial.	<b>The Kansas City Star</b>	<b>Did jailhouse snitch send innocent man to</b>	<b>Luke Nozicka</b>

**Third Place**                      **The Kansas City Star**                      **Women in MO Can't Get a Divorce while**                      **Anna Spoerre**  
It was a tough choice between two good stories for third. This story shed light on a little-known law that impacts women in Missouri and in Kansas.

<i>05.) Best News Story   Weeklies - Class 1</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> Good use of records.	<b>Maryville Forum</b>		<b>Geoffrey Woehlk</b>
<b>Second Place</b> Adds useful context to the local decision.	<b>Edina Sentinel</b>	<b>Commission NEMO Wind Project</b>	<b>Echo Menges</b>
<b>Third Place</b> Pretty comprehensive recap.	<b>Edina Sentinel</b>	<b>Buildings Collapse multiple issues</b>	<b>Echo Menges</b>

<i>05.) Best News Story   Weeklies - Class 2</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> Good heroic youth news wins with me.	<b>Courier-Tribune</b>	<b>Hero teen honored</b>	<b>Amanda Lubinski</b>
<b>Second Place</b> This article provides an excellent description of a program that will change not only the lives of former felons, but consequently of their families too.	<b>Springfield Business Journal</b>	<b>Untapped Market</b>	<b>Mike Cullinan</b>
<b>Third Place</b> This is a good example of news, sad that it is. Hopefully, no one in Missouri will ever hear of a bridge collapse again in their lifetime.	<b>Courier-Tribune</b>	<b>Bridge collapse victim</b>	<b>Amanda Lubinski</b>

<i>05.) Best News Story   Weeklies - Class 3</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> Well-written, compelling, left this reader eager to read Part II. Humanizing and illuminating. Congratulations!	<b>St. Louis American</b>	<b>Execution of Kevin Johnson - A Murder in</b>	<b>Sylvester Brown, Jr.</b>
<b>Second Place</b> Personal and engaging, a close-up view of a local tragedy and the community's reaction. Well done!	<b>Webster - Kirkwood Times</b>	<b>"It's A Total Nightmare"</b>	<b>Jaime Mowers</b>
<b>Third Place</b> A talented blend of data and stories to humanize a complicated challenge. Well done!	<b>St. Louis Business Journal</b>	<b>Global Attraction</b>	<b>James Drew and Maddy Simpson</b>

**06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1**

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> As I read your feature story about the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity hazing incident involving Danny Santulli, my heart absolutely broke for him and his family. While it was difficult to read the horrifying details of what transpired on Pledge Father Reveal Night, it was even more unsettling to learn the fraternity and defendants have failed to accept any responsibility, have instead placed the blame on Danny, and have since moved forward to kick off another year of formal fraternity recruitment at the university. As the reader of your compelling story, I find it impossible to imagine how the Santulli family is coping with this tragedy. It is my hope they will remain strong while continuing to seek accountability from those who were involved and who have since been criminally charged.	<b>Danny Santulli</b>	<b>Eli Hoff</b>
<b>Second Place</b> What an excellent feature story to spotlight Mr. Shrubshell's dedicated career! I find it so interesting how a great number of us in the world of journalism got our start as newspaper carriers! Your story takes the reader along on a journey through Mr. Shrubshell's years as a photojournalist, focusing on how he gained notoriety along the way through his commitment to documenting newsworthy happenings. How wonderful for all those years of hard work to lead to the honor of his induction into the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame!	<b>Don Shrubshell</b>	<b>Ian Wesselhoff</b>
<b>Third Place</b> Truly a touching story! While reading, I couldn't help but smile after learning Mr. McKinney enrolled in a four-week course and learned how to create stained glass after the love of his life mentioned she felt their home needed some stained-glass windows. Such an amazing act of love for Timarie. The stained-glass window created in her memory and installed at the First Baptist Church is absolutely beautiful! You did an excellent job on this story and it was very enjoyable to read!	<b>The House that Love Built</b>	<b>Faith Bemiss</b>

**06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 2**

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> What a truly touching story! I became teary-eyed while reading your story and viewing the accompanying photos of Omer fulfilling his dream of riding a horse again with the help of the Healing Horses therapeutic riding program. After I finished reading your story, I did a quick search of Healing Horses to learn more about their impactful program. I was saddened to find an obituary for Mr. Brisendine which was published only a few short weeks after what would be his last ride on a horse. Thank you for utilizing your writing talent to help share with the world the story of how this gentleman's dream became a reality thanks to the kindness of others.	<b>Former Cowboy Gets Chance to Ride Again</b>	<b>Anakin Bush</b>
<b>Second Place</b> It was such a relief to learn Dwight was finally willing to accept assistance and will be able to replace the home he has cherished for many years. His smiling face simply says it all! I would absolutely love to read an update on Dwight and his new home! You did a wonderful job on this story and I can tell you put a lot of effort into it!	<b>Tornado Recovery Likely Reaching Final</b>	<b>Joe Gamm</b>
<b>Third Place</b> Excellent feature story! As I read your story and learned more about Sandra's 54-year commitment to serving as a school crossing guard, I couldn't help but to smile as I imagined the countless lives she has touched while serving in her role as "Ms. Sandy". How incredibly fulfilling it must be for her to head out to the crosswalk every morning and afternoon to ensure each child may receive a smile and a hug before safely being led across the intersection. What an enjoyable story to read!	<b>'I do it because I like it'</b>	<b>Bill Althaus</b>

**06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 3**

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> Excellent feature story on the 75-year history of Kelly's Westport Inn! The historical content, accompanying photos, and interviews with past and present staff, regular patrons, and the Kelly family truly made this commemorative story enjoyable to read.	<b>75 years of beer, bar jokes &amp; celebrity</b>	<b>David Hudnall</b>
<b>Second Place</b> I truly enjoyed reading this feature story from start to finish! I had never heard of the St. John Catholic Club before, so I found it incredibly interesting to learn all about the club's rich history through your interviews with the Tomasic family, Mr. Yarnevich, and the club's many loyal members.	<b>Old World church club in KCK has a new</b>	<b>David Hudnall</b>
<b>Third Place</b> After reading your inspiring story about Diamond's life and her determination to overcome adversity, I was reminded that anything is possible if we simply believe in ourselves and strive to reach our highest potential. Diamond's story is an important reminder that it is never too late to choose to change your life. You did an incredible job telling her story! As a writer, I realize it's difficult to know how far one of your stories may reach. However, I hope your story about Diamond's life reaches area high schools, colleges, or women's detention centers so other young women who may be struggling or experiencing hardships in their own lives may find hope and encouragement.	<b>From Ex-con to Entrepreneur</b>	<b>J.M. Banks</b>

**06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 1**

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> While the story doesn't really have a conclusion, the rest of the story is complete and concise. Probably the story with the best written body.	<b>Bigfoot Sighting</b>	<b>Joe Parmon</b>

Second Place

Maryville Forum

One horse and 300 sleighs

Paxson Haws

Personally my favorite story, this story had the right balance of details, quotes from multiple sources and story-telling. Would have been first place if not for the critical comments I made.

Third Place

Maries County Advocate

Polish Border

Roxie Murphy

This story arguable has the most important and timely topic. While not the best written, the stories inside are fascinating and compelling regardless.

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Phelps County Focus

Man v Beast

Donald Dodd and Lori Lunceford

Fun, entertaining read ... and educational to boot. Appreciate the creative flair in writing.

Second Place

Phelps County Focus

Rolla native escapes Ukraine War

Andrew Sheeley

Fascinating read on a couple's separation due to war in Ukraine. Nice, creative touches throughout.

Third Place

Phelps County Focus

Welcome to the Internet

Kaitlin Brothers

Interesting look at a timely issue. Good use of sources in showcasing how a social media problem has evolved.

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Jefferson County Leader

Yuki

Steve Taylor

A fascinating read that bridges a historical figure with family history. We need more stories that discuss Japanese internment camps and those experiences before those individuals are lost.

Second Place

Washington Missourian

Wordology Feature

Julie Murphy Quick

What's in a word? I really enjoyed this package. Interesting looks at regional differences.

Third Place

Washington Missourian

Stateswoman of Washington

Ethan Colbert

07.) Best News or Feature Series | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Columbia Missourian

Show-Me Shelter: Homelessness

Second Place

Sedalia Democrat

A look Inside Sedalia

Skye Melcher

Third Place

Sedalia Democrat

Marijuana in Missouri

Skye Melcher and Chris Howell

07.) Best News or Feature Series   Dailies - Classes 2 and 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Joplin Globe	Student from Ukraine recalls Russian attack	Kevin McClintock
Beautiful storytelling by the reporter and great localization of an international story. Fantastic use of quotes, too.			

Second Place

The Kansas City Star

Abuse at Missouri Christian boarding

Judy L. Thomas and Laura Bauer

This was a good, in-depth look at a serious issue. I appreciate how this story followed the various subjects as they moved around. Definitely in the public interest that this is going on in readers' own backyard.

Third Place

News Tribune

Absence of Affordable Housing

Cameron Gerber, Joe Gamm, Anna Watson, and Claudia Levens

This was quite the ride through the conversation between the community and the council. Explained well, sourced well, and definitely a high-impact story.

07.) Best News or Feature Series   Weeklies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Maryville Forum	Mental Health Board	Geoffrey Woehl

Second Place

Maryville Forum

4-day school weeks

Geoffrey Woehl and Skye Pournazari

Third Place

Memphis Democrat

NURSING HOME CLOSURE

Echo Menges

07.) Best News or Feature Series   Weeklies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Ozark County Times	Running, Dustin Johnson	Jessi Dreckman

Second Place

Springfield Business Journal

Unpacking the Plan: Forward SGF

Karen Craigo

Third Place

Houston Herald

Local law enforcement

Doug Davison

<b>07.) Best News or Feature Series   Weeklies - Class 3</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis American	Kevin Johnson Series	Sylvester Brown, Jr.
Second Place	Webster - Kirkwood Times	Flooding	Jaime Mowers
Third Place	St. Louis American	Alderman Scandal Series	The St. Louis American Staff
<b>08 - D.) Best Editorial   Dailies - Class 2</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Joplin Globe	Thoughts and Prayers	Andy Ostmeyer
Second Place	Independence Examiner	Crisis of the spirit, crisis of citizenship	Jeff Fox
Third Place	Joplin Globe	Opponents, not enemies	Andy Ostmeyer
<b>08 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award   Weeklies - Class 1</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Webster County Citizen	Real Representation?	Dan Wehmer
Second Place	Webster County Citizen	Yes on Question 1	Dan Wehmer
Third Place	Webster County Citizen	Perspective from Cabool	Dan Wehmer
<b>08 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award   Weeklies - Class 2</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Howell County News	No clear expectations for Main Street	Amanda Mendez

Second Place	Howell County News	Avoiding another circus	Amanda Mendez
Third Place	The Odessan	The Cost of Neglect	Hannah Spaar

08 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award   Weeklies - Class 3			
		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	St. Louis American	Shining Light on a Historically Dark Day	
Second Place	St. Louis American	Coming Together as Community in Wake of	The St. Louis American Staff
Third Place	Washington Missourian	Scenic Regional Pushes Back	Bill Miller Jr.

09.) Best Columnist- Humorous   Dailies - Class 2			
		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Independence Examiner	Jeff Fox	Jeff Fox
Second Place	Joplin Globe	Kimberly Zerkel	Kimberly Zerkel

09.) Best Columnist- Humorous   Weeklies - Class 1			
		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Tribune and Times	Dennis Minich	Dennis Minich
Second Place	Morgan County Statesman	Hometown Corner	Patrik Andrews-Ryan
Third Place	Morgan County Statesman	Nickels and Sense	Bryan Jones

09.) Best Columnist- Humorous   Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly I am not a lawyer, but I found each column engaging and entertaining.	With All Due Respect	Spencer Farris
Second Place	Jefferson County Leader	Peggy Bess	Peggy Bess
Third Place	Houston Herald	Off the Cuff	Doug Davison
10.) Best Columnist- Serious   Dailies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Missourian Thought provoking topics brought forward, pinpointing issues of significance. I appreciate this writers style and he left me wanting to read more.	David Webber	David Webber
Second Place	Columbia Missourian Interesting columns. I appreciated reading this writers points of view.	David Rosman	David Rosman
Third Place	Sedalia Democrat These writings are a little quirky and different, perhaps not very refined, but they make their point to readers.	Schleicher Columns	Liz Schleicher
10.) Best Columnist- Serious   Dailies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Missouri Independent Well written pieces on significant topics. I enjoyed your style of writing as it was informative and supported well. I specifically enjoyed the detailed information you offered on your paper. Newspapers do not often enough share what goes on behind the scenes to bring people investigative and daily news.	Jason Hancock	Jason Hancock
Second Place	Missouri Independent Great topics of importance to readers nationally and in the state. Your style was a welcome read, being educational and informative.	Janice Ellis Columns	Janice Ellis
Third Place	Joplin Globe These are great columns for readers pertaining to what affects them. Your style of writing is enjoyable and the topics of your pieces open the doors for conversation.	Andy Ostmeyer	Andy Ostmeyer
10.) Best Columnist- Serious   Large Dailies and Weeklies		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	The Kansas City Star	Rose Williams	Mará Rose Williams

Second Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News	Columnist Jason Wert	Jason Wert
Third Place	St. Louis American	Dr. Denise Hooks-Anderson	Denise Hooks-Anderson, MD

10.) Best Columnist- Serious   Weeklies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Morgan County Statesman	Nickels and Sense	Bryan Jones
The writing style was engaging and entertaining. The tribute to his long-time friend and reader was probably my favorite column in the field.			
Second Place	Webster County Citizen	Publisher's Pen	Dan Wehmer
Third Place	Morgan County Statesman	Hometown Corner	Patrik Andrews-Ryan

10.) Best Columnist- Serious   Weeklies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Springfield Business Journal	Geoff Pickle, From the Web	Geoff Pickle
All three columns were very engaging and interesting. I am positive the ghost kitchen column was popular with readers.			
Second Place	Springfield Business Journal	Eric Olson, Eyes & Ears	Eric Olson
Third Place	Springfield Business Journal	Christine Temple, Truth be Told	Christine Temple

11.) Best News Photograph   Dailies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Wooldridge Fire Tire Swing	Margo Wagner
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Wooldridge Fire Cries	Sam Koeppel

Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Roe Jeff City	Margo Wagner
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**11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 2**

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Springfield News-Leader	"Defend Roe" Rally in Downtown	Nathan Papes

Second Place	News Tribune	Bobby Bostick	Eileen Wisniowicz
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Third Place	News Tribune	Fire March 30	Julie Smith
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**11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1**

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Edina Sentinel	Dive Training	Echo Menges

Second Place	Clinton County Leader	Flag Carrier	Brett Adkison
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Third Place	Edina Sentinel	Fiery Crash	Echo Menges
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**11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2**

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Houston Herald	Postal Diligence	Doug Davison

Second Place	Gasconade County Republican	Firemen Rest	Dave Marner
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Third Place	Unterrified Democrat	BigFoot Flys	Jacob Warden
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**11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3**

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis American	Kevin Johnson Supporter	Wiley Price
Second Place	Washington Missourian	Flowers to Remember	Julia Hansen
Third Place	St. Louis American	Grim reminder	Wiley Price

**12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 1**

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian This photo offers great impact to the story and gives it emotion that words can't create.	Milan Prom	Minh Connors
Second Place	Columbia Missourian Photo tells it all with the worker looking for cutomers and the snow helping defining why she sees none.	Snow 2-2-2022	Tristen Rouse
Third Place	Columbia Missourian Great capture of the couple.	Warming Shelters	Beatrice Bankauskaite

**12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3**

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	News Tribune Very creative use of camera angles! Love the colors and the perspective. Great job!	Garden	Julie Smith
Second Place	The Kansas City Star Great job capturing the emotions and the crisp color!	WORLD CUP WATCH	Emily Curiel
Third Place	The Kansas City Star Loved the camera angle and the way the colors were captured.	DAY OF THE DEAD	Emily Curiel

**12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1**

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Tribune and Times Excellent photo! Such tremendous work in capturing this moment and the particular angles of both horse and rider. The facial expressions of rider, horse and crowd make it all the more better.	Cowboy tough	Jimmy Gillispie

<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Cassville Democrat</b>	<b>Exeter Corn Maze</b>	<b>Kyle Troutman</b>
Terrific framing and the literal definition of a picture tells a thousand words.			
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Maries County Advocate</b>	<b>Help Lift Pig</b>	<b>Jacob Warden</b>
Excellent photo! Such tremendous work in capturing this moment and the particular angles of both horse and rider. The facial expressions of rider, horse and crowd make it all the more better.			

<i>12.) Best Feature Photograph   Weeklies - Class 2</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>The Odessan</b>	<b>Joy of the Fair</b>	<b>Hannah Spaar</b>
Kids in fromt remain focus of image and yet remainder of photo shows motion of the ride. Great capture in both areas. Excellent timing.			
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Houston Herald</b>	<b>Goat Love</b>	<b>Doug Davison</b>
Photo shows the innocence of the child and the patience of the goat. Great shot.			
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Unterrified Democrat</b>	<b>Spider on Head</b>	<b>Ed Gehlert</b>
Grat capture with the reaction of the woman.			

<i>12.) Best Feature Photograph   Weeklies - Class 3</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Webster - Kirkwood Times</b>	<b>A Hot, Steam July 4 Weekend In Webster</b>	<b>Ursula Ruhl</b>
Beautiful capture of the colors of the wheel along with the sky! Fantastic shot!			
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Branson Tri-Lakes News</b>	<b>Soldier Memorial Flag Row</b>	<b>Jason Wert</b>
Riveting and emotional shot of this memorial with the flags.			
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Branson Tri-Lakes News</b>	<b>Pink Jeep Christmas Tour Sunset</b>	<b>Tim Church</b>
Soothing, beautiful shot. Makes the viewer want to be there!			

<i>13.) Best Sports Photograph   Dailies - Class 1</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Tony Burks charges</b>	<b>Beatrice Bankauskaite</b>
Excellent lighting, perfect timing, great expression and interesting arrangement of faces and limbs in an anticipated play that allowed the photographer to be in just the right place at the right time.			
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Missouri Shortstop</b>	<b>Josh Ellenburg</b>
Photographer was in the perfect location to get this shot. A little less foreground and more head room would have improved the framing of the subject.			

Third Place

The Daily Journal

HANG AND HIT

MATT KING

Crisp focus and great timing to capture this bizarre-looking, athletic shot. Shooting from a different perspective and a cleaner background would have improved, but sometimes those things cannot be helped.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

News Tribune

Safe at Home

Greg Jackson

There were several well-done entries similar to this one. This one ranked higher because of the photographer's position level with the action, sharp focus, great expression on the player, catcher held midair and clear view of plate and hand positions.

Second Place

News Tribune

Avoiding the Tag

Greg Jackson

A bizarre and interesting capture with necessary and appreciated information explaining action in the cutline.

Third Place

News Tribune

Luke Northweather Dunk

Greg Jackson

Great exposure, timing and expression. Vertical rather than square crop would have improved the image.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Tribune and Times

Cowboy tough

Jimmy Gillispie

What a wreck! Fascinating photo shot at just the right moment with great expression on horse, cowboy and audience. The viewer cannot help but worry, along with the gasping audience, about the horse and cowboy in this finely captured image.

Second Place

Focus on Oak Grove

Dayton Garrison

Kory Hales

Crisp shot capturing the player's expression and athleticism, with complete and appreciated details in the cutline.

Third Place

Clinton County Leader

Firing to First

Brett Adkison

Perfect positioning of the ball against the background and excellent capture of the player midair.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Unterrified Democrat

Sliding In

Neal Johnson

Wonderful execution of timing, exposure and capturing excitement.

Second Place

The Odessan

Boston Sanders

Kory Hales

Sharp, well-timed and well-framed photo with net included (important!) for perfect combination to make this a great shot.

Third Place

Phelps County Focus

Man v Beast

Lori Lunceford

Crisp and well-framed capture of moment at the height of the buck, with dirt and bull slobber flying.

<b>13.) Best Sports Photograph   Weeklies - Class 3</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> Great clear shot. I like how the focus is completely on both players. Great Job!	<b>Jefferson County Leader</b>	<b>'Eli Frimml (Lancers fall)</b>	<b>Ron Rigdon</b>
<b>Second Place</b> Very clear, crisp image. Not blurry and that had to have been a hard picture to capture!	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Spectacular Out</b>	<b>Bill Battle</b>
<b>Third Place</b> Very crisp, clear image.	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Blind Shot</b>	<b>Bill Battle</b>
<b>14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph   Dailies - Class 1</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> Great reaction shot. These are hard to get. So many things have to be just right. Success starts with good preparation and anticipation. Nice job!	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Men's Wrestling</b>	<b>Joel Green</b>
<b>Second Place</b> Nice photo! A different kind of celebration. Lots to look at, and it really captures the joy of the moment. Nice!	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Helias Basketball</b>	<b>Owen Ziliak</b>
<b>Third Place</b> A nice celebration photo! Focus is on the players, where it should be. Well-framed, good lighting. Nice work getting yourself in position and being ready for the moment.	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Blair Oaks Win</b>	<b>Owen Ziliak</b>
<b>14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph   Dailies - Classes 2 and 3</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> Clear winner in this category. Fantastic reaction shot. It is a technically strong photo, and great content as well.	<b>The Kansas City Star</b>	<b>Lightfoot reaction</b>	<b>Rich Sugg</b>
<b>Second Place</b> Very nice photo, a unique shot in a category where we tend to take a lot of similar reaction shots.	<b>Columbia Daily Tribune</b>	<b>Points to the crowd</b>	<b>Madeline Carter</b>
<b>Third Place</b> Another nice reaction. Photographer was ready for the moment and captured a nice image.	<b>Joplin Globe</b>	<b>Roaring back</b>	<b>Roger Nomer</b>
<b>14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph   Weeklies - Class 1</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> Great timing on the photo. Strong framing, good light. Good anticipation paid off with this photo.	<b>Maryville Forum</b>	<b>Bernard Yell</b>	<b>Jon Dykstra</b>

<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Cassville Democrat</b>	<b>Lady Tigers</b>	<b>Kyle Troutman</b>
Nice job capturing the moment. Well-cropped, perfect angle capturing the reaction of the teammates rather than the baserunner.			
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Clinton County Leader</b>	<b>Town Celebration</b>	<b>Clint Dye</b>
Some of the other photos were technically stronger, but I'm sure this photo was well-received by the community. It captures the joy and togetherness of a victory.			

<b>14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph   Weeklies - Class 2</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Houston Herald</b>	<b>Win Streak</b>	<b>Doug Davison</b>
Love that the focus is on the team, but the scoreboard is still able to be read. Very creative!			
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Phelps County Focus</b>	<b>Final Four</b>	<b>Lori Lunceford</b>
Very crisp, clear color. Very good job on capturing the emotion.			
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Houston Herald</b>	<b>Victory</b>	<b>Doug Davison</b>
Crisp, clear color and focus.			

<b>14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph   Weeklies - Class 3</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>So Close</b>	<b>Arron Hustead</b>
This photo really makes you feel for the athlete. The photo really captures the side of sports people don't usually think about or see in the newspaper: heartbreak. I really love the emotion in this photo. Great photo.			
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Shamrock Stomp</b>	<b>Arron Hustead</b>
Love the coach's positioning and emotion in this photo. You can feel the heat of the game by seeing the coach's reaction in this photo. Very nice.			
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Hoist It High</b>	<b>Arron Hustead</b>
My eyes are drawn right to the smile of the player holding the trophy. I can hear the cheers and screams of the players as they celebrate their big win from this photo. Really well done.			

<b>15.) Best Photo Illustration   Dailies - Classes 1 and 2</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Euphoria Fashion Zippers</b>	<b>Kate Trabalka</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Euphoria Fashion Eye</b>	<b>Kate Trabalka</b>

Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Vox Food Popsicles	Maggie Lenox
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15.) Best Photo Illustration   Weeklies		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	The Media	Teacher Shortage	Mike Scott
Great photo and excellent representation of the category. Note: rules outline that the date of publication should appear in the photo title.			

16.) Best Photo Package   Dailies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Wooldridge Fire	Sam Koeppel, Margo Wagner, Clayton Steward, Owen Ziliak and Lily Dozier
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Milan Prom	Minh Connors
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Blair Oaks	Owen Ziliak

16.) Best Photo Package   Dailies - Classes 2 and 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	Wooldridge fire	Madeline Carter
Second Place	The Kansas City Star	Alzheimers	Tammy Ljungblad
Third Place	The Kansas City Star	Refugees	Jill Toyoshiba

16.) Best Photo Package   Weeklies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Edina Sentinel	Facades Collapse	Echo Menges
Second Place	Edina Sentinel	Patrol Dive Team	Echo Menges

Third Place	Cassville Democrat	TroutFest	Kyle Troutman
<b>16.) Best Photo Package   Weeklies - Class 2</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Salem News	Memorial Day	Catherine Wynn
Second Place	The Odessan	Odessa Rodeo	Kory Hales and John Carmody
Third Place	Courier-Tribune	Smithville sea of green	Kellie Houx
<b>16.) Best Photo Package   Weeklies - Class 3</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis Business Journal	Opening Doors	Dilip Vishwanat
Second Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News	Area residents take the plunge for good	AJ Fahr
Third Place	Washington Missourian	Washington Town & Country Fair	Julia Hansen, Ryan Pendleton, Ethan Colbert, William Skipworth and Reid Glenn
<b>17.) Community Service   Dailies - Classes 1 and 2</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Springfield News-Leader	Share Your Christmas 2022	Susan Atteberry Smith and Amos Bridges
Second Place	Southeast Missourian	Spirit of America	Rick Fahr
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	2022 Progress Awards	Missourian Staff

<b>17.) Community Service   Weeklies</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>St. Louis American</b>	<b>Substance and Style</b>	
This entry was amazing and should have been in a category by itself, given its scale. I cannot begin to imagine the good a program like this does.			
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Edina Sentinel</b>	<b>NEMO Sunshine Law Training</b>	<b>Echo Menges, Mike Scott, Sue Scott and Emily Rumble</b>
Bravo. Every newspaper should embrace programs that shed light on all levels of government.			
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Wright County Journal</b>	<b>Recovery Program</b>	<b>Ron Schott and Alonda Jones</b>
An important issue and one that needs to be addressed in many communities. Congratulations for taking the time and resoures to train a spotlight on recovery efforts.			

<b>18.) Best Editorial Pages &amp; Opinion Pages   Dailies and Weeklies</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>St. Louis American</b>		
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Jefferson County Leader</b>		<b>Staff</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Cassville Democrat</b>	<b>Cassville Editorial Pages</b>	<b>Kyle Troutman</b>

<b>19.) Best Sports Pages   Dailies - Classes 1 and 2</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Independence Examiner</b>		<b>Karl Zinke and Bill Althaus</b>
Layout is good. Good action photos. Eye catching headlines			
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Best Sports Pages</b>	<b>Missourian Staff</b>
Headlines draw you to want to read the articles. Good action photos.			
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Springfield News-Leader</b>		<b>News-Leader Staff</b>

<b>19.) Best Sports Pages   Weeklies - Class 1</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Maryville Forum</b>	<b>Best Sports Pages</b>	<b>Jon Dykstra</b>
The design stands out for all sorts of reasons. The photos are chosen for their eye-catching moments and displayed to their benefit. The typography shines for its variation in weight and other tools of emphasis. The use of icons and bugs helps to brighten the pages. Together, they make the story hierarchy easy to navigate.			

Second Place	Cassville Democrat	Cassville Sports Pages	Staff
It's great to see strong photos played well. The design is not afraid of making a statement with engaging photos of action.			
Third Place	Richmond News	Shawn Roney, Karen Payne, Sharon Donat, Jack Ventimiglia and Brian Rice	
A belief in the strength of photography to communicate with readers is clear in these pages. The typography, in both the headlines and body copy, serves as a complementary frame for the action.			

<i>19.) Best Sports Pages   Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Wright County Journal</b>		<b>Ron Schott</b>
Strong entries at the top of this category, especially the top two. Good layout, impressive photos, strong story choices and writing. This one gets the edge for its layout.			
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Bill Battle and Arron Hustead</b>
Very good entry. Photography is very strong. Nice layout, good selection of stories and strong writing.			
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Ste. Genevieve Herald</b>		<b>Michael Boyd, Jr.</b>
Another good sports section. Good performance in all areas - layout, writing, stories, photography.			

<i>20.) Best Sports News Story or Package   Dailies - Class 1</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Tolton's Audrey Rischer</b>	<b>Kortay Vincent</b>
Great storytelling! Very well written. I enjoyed the pace of this article and the way you presented the information.			
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>The Daily Journal</b>	<b>STATE TRACK CHAMPION</b>	<b>MATT KING</b>
Great job! All three of your submissions were excellent, but your track article drew me in from the beginning and continued to pull me in. Wonderful writing style.			
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Football Oct. 2</b>	<b>Kyle Pinnell, Kenny Van Doren, and Jack Soble</b>
Great package. All the articles worked well together and were well written. They tied into each other without overlapping information.			

<i>20.) Best Sports News Story or Package   Dailies - Class 2</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>News Tribune</b>	<b>Fatima State Title</b>	<b>Greg Jackson</b>
Great sports package. I really enjoyed your column and the input from the players. Everything went together really well. All your submissions were wonderfully written.			
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Independence Examiner</b>	<b>2,000!</b>	<b>Bill Althaus</b>
Great story telling. This piece pulled me in and the quotes you used flowed well in the article.			

Third Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	'I just hate Kansas'	Matt Stahl
This was well researched on an interesting topic. Loved the lead. It pulled me in. Good job.			

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package   Weeklies - Class 1			
		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Tribune and Times	Walking off to Springfield	Jimmy Gillispie
Second Place	Fulton Sun	Determined coach, big heart: Celebrating	Robby Campbell
Third Place	Clinton County Leader	State Champions	Clint Dye and Brett Adkison

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package   Weeklies - Class 2			
		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Phelps County Focus	St. James Girls at the Final Four	Dave Roberts, Donald Dodd and Lori Lunceford
Great sports package. All the articles worked well together. They were all well written and didn't overlap information. Great work!			
Second Place	Gasconade County Republican	State bound Bailee Dare	Will Johnson
Great start to the article and well written. Good use of quotes and good flow.			
Third Place	Star-Journal	Warrensburg Activities Complex Baseball	Joe Andrews
Well written. I'm glad you included background information on how this was phase one of the project. Very informative.			

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package   Weeklies - Class 3			
		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Washington Missourian	Borgia State Soccer	Bill Battle
Great sports package. Everything connected nicely without overlapping information. The editorial column was well written and added additional insight.			
Second Place	Washington Missourian	Eagles Edge	Arron Hustead
Great job. Captured me from the beginning. Great use of quotes and good flow to the article.			
Third Place	St. Louis American		Alvin Reid
Nice package of three articles. They all tied nicely together but didn't overlap information. Good use of quotes.			

21.) Best Sports Feature Story   Dailies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Missourian	'He's freaking unbelievable': Luther Burden	Jack Soble
Fantastic story. I love the great details given about Burden's visit to the hospital to see the two girls. I think the deep dive into his childhood and life from his family members is done really well. Then, the writer does a good job connecting Burden's life to his NIL deal. I think this story does an overall great job at telling Burden's story while also showing the reader who he is as a person. Really well done.			
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Osborne's personality tests	Mason Arneson
A lot of great details in this story. The reader gets a great look at not only the coach, but also the team as a whole. Personally, I love the stories told by a few of the players. These stories were a really great way to show off the coach's personality and also give good detail on the team.			
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Before he became Eli	Kyle Pinnell
Really well done. Love the details about the G-jobs Drinkwitz did at Auburn. The lede with these similar details is fantastic as well. The reader can really see Drinkwitz's work ethic and personality from the details and stories told in this article. The reader gets a good feel for the coach's love for football.			
21.) Best Sports Feature Story   Dailies - Classes 2 and 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	The Kansas City Star	What happened to Junior Siavii?	David Hudnall
Wonderful extensive reporting and well researched. The article drew me in from the beginning and kept me interested.			
Second Place	Springfield News-Leader	Nixa's 6-foot-8 freshman Jackson	Wyatt D. Wheeler
Fantastic reporting. Well structured and good quotes.			
Third Place	News Tribune	Decade of Hairs	Greg Jackson
Great topic and well reported. The piece was structured well and drew me in.			
21.) Best Sports Feature Story   Weeklies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Tribune and Times	'02 State Title Team Recall Blackhawks'	Jimmy Gillispie
What a fun story! I can imagine sitting with Smith and Saathoff and just listening to them reminisce about their state championship in 2002. The writer does a great job at capturing the players' memories from the game and giving the reader the feel of going back in time with the players. Then the writer does a great job of connecting it all back to this year's state championship team. Really well done overall.			
Second Place	Mexico Ledger	Mexico made	Jeremy Jacob
I really enjoyed this story. There are so many fantastic details about who and what has inspired Coach Costley throughout her life/career. The quotes from her father and from herself are great as well. I like how the story ends with what her goals are for herself and for her team are. Overall, great story.			
Third Place	Maryville Forum	Ware Fires Up	Jon Dykstra
Really great story. I really like all the details and quotes from the players and coaches about what Brody means to them and to the team. The quotes from Brody's mother are a sweet addition as well, especially the one where she says tears are brought to her eyes when the team includes Brody in things like the handshake line. The lede is good as well. Really nice story overall.			
21.) Best Sports Feature Story   Weeklies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Courier-Tribune	Jewell honors Larry Holley	Liam Keating
Fantastic story. The reader can truly feel the emotion of the teams and the crowd before the game. I love the story about how the teams placed the ball on the coach's name and let the shot clock expire. That was a moment that was captured and detailed perfectly by the writer. The details about the game itself are great too.			

<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Phelps County Focus</b>	<b>Janke - Hometown</b>	<b>Dave Roberts</b>
Really great story! The writer does a really good job at capturing all of Janke's accomplishments and significant moments in his career. The story about him almost playing football is interesting while also somewhat humorous. The quotes from Janke are great as well. Overall, just a well-written piece and enjoyable read.			
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Phelps County Focus</b>	<b>Bob Willis - Fly Fisherman</b>	<b>Dave Roberts</b>
Great story. There is tons of fantastic information about Willis' life, his love for fishing, his books and just fish in general. In the part about his books, it was fun to read about his travels and some of the countries he has been to. I feel like I learned some new things about fish and fishing from this story. However, I'm not a big fan of the ending to this story. It feels like the story just ends abruptly. Overall though, a nice story.			

21.) Best Sports Feature Story   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Tom Henke</b>	<b>Bill Battle</b>
What a wonderful story! This story does a really nice job at capturing Terminator Tom's baseball career. The depth and information on his career is outstanding and never becomes overwhelming. There are great little stories within the story from the one about building the dugouts at ECC to him signing with the Cardinals after the strike. And what a fitting way to end his career with the Cardinals. This is a very well written story that actually tells a story about Henke's career.			
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Branson Tri-Lakes News</b>	<b>The disc golf course that killed cancer</b>	<b>Tim Church</b>
Great story! Love the details about how building the course helped Rosencrans face the challenges of battling cancer. The writer does a really good job taking the reader through the building of the course and his battle with cancer. The information about the course being a top-ranked course, not only in Missouri, but in the world (!!!) is tremendously done. The quotes from Rosencrans are great as well. Really well done overall.			
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Haylee Makes History</b>	<b>Paula Tredway</b>
Great story. I love all the little stories from Haylee's football season, including when she made her first kick and got tackled for the first time. There are a lot of great quotes from Haylee and her family as well.			

22.) Best Sports Columnist   Dailies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Independence Examiner</b>	<b>Bill Althaus</b>	<b>Bill Althaus</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>News Tribune</b>	<b>Greg Jackson Columns</b>	<b>Greg Jackson</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Columbia Daily Tribune</b>	<b>Chris Kwiecinski</b>	<b>Chris Kwiecinski</b>

22.) Best Sports Columnist   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
<b>First Place</b>	<b>St. Louis American</b>		<b>Alvin Reid</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Arron's Assessment</b>	<b>Arron Hustead</b>

Third Place	St. Louis American		Earl Austin, Jr.
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22.) Best Sports Columnist | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Phelps County Focus	Dave Roberts	Dave Roberts
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Second Place	Ste. Genevieve Herald		Michael Boyd, Jr.
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Third Place	Richmond News	Great Times on Golf Course Without	Shawn Roney
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23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Columbia Missourian	Missouri Tourism	
In a very strong and balanced class, this entry stood out for strong writing, great photos and a wide variety of stories, It was fun to read and I'd read it again. Ad design is super. Attractive ads can make or break a special section. I'll bet it is a great resources for tourism organizations and chambers. Kudos for fine work!			

Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Made in Missouri	Missourian Staff
I liked this theme and how it was executed. Stories were a treat to read and the photos are great. i liked the layout and how the edition flowed. Great work!			

Third Place	Sedalia Democrat	20 Under 40	Democrat Staff
I really liked this and like the idea and in another competition this might have placed first. (This was a very small but strong competition.) The stories were fun to read and the pictures were quite good. I really enjoyed the variety of people featured. Good work!			

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Southeast Missourian	The Best Years	Rust Media
Great, clean layout, great writing and articles!			

Second Place	Joplin Globe	2022 Joplin Area Health Guide	Staff
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Third Place	Daily American Republic	Difference Makers 2023	Barbara Ann Horton, Samantha Tucker, Mike Salmons, Dana Padon
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23.) Best News or Feature Special Section   Weeklies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Maryville Forum	Title Town Edition	Jon Dykstra
Second Place	Maries County Advocate	MCA - Ag Times	Staff
Third Place	Maryville Forum	Nodaway County Business Insider	Skye Pournazari, Geoffrey Woehlk and Trinity Cobb

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section   Weeklies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Courier-Tribune	Clay County Visitor's Guide	I loved this visitor's guide. I thought it was well done from an art perspective, and the breakouts made it super easy for readers. The section fronts helped folks navigate. Overall, I felt this was the best quality section to read through.
Second Place	Springfield Business Journal	Office NV	Springfield Business Journal
Third Place	Springfield Business Journal	Economic Growth Series: Destination	Springfield Business Journal

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	St. Louis American	Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - A Business	I simply loved this section from a design and layout standpoint, the great feature photography and excellent writing. This was easy to read and look at.
Second Place	Washington Missourian	Bridal Showcase	Ethan Colbert, Patty Brinker, Sarah Moore, Lori Obermark, Sharon Pruessner and Brenda Klekamp
Third Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Women's Justice Awards	

24.) Best Investigative Reporting   Dailies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Elected coroners	What an interesting story. Well written and very informative.

<b>Second Place</b> Well written and good interviews.	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Continued housing crisis</b>	<b>Claudia Levens</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Sheltered Workshops</b>	<b>Skylar Laird</b>

24.) Best Investigative Reporting   <i>Dailies - Classes 2 and 3</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> Springfield News-Leader		<b>Decades of Unreported Abuse, Multiple</b>	<b>Nancy French, Gregory J. Holman, Matthew Keenan and Anna Bridger</b>
<b>Second Place</b> Springfield News-Leader		<b>'Poop in the water'</b>	<b>Galen Bacharier</b>
<b>Third Place</b> Missouri Independent		<b>Scotland County Hospital</b>	<b>Rudi Keller</b>

24.) Best Investigative Reporting   <i>Weeklies - Class 1</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> The in-depth reporting and amazing design that helped the reader keep all of the details straight put this entry over the top in a crowded field. A great example of solutions journalism!	<b>Maryville Forum</b>	<b>Silence and Secrecy</b>	<b>Geoffrey Woehlk</b>
<b>Second Place</b> Great watchdog reporting on tax payer dollars and the implications of misuse. Great job!	<b>Memphis Democrat</b>	<b>Turmoil At Scotland County Hospital</b>	<b>Echo Menges and Mike Scott</b>
<b>Third Place</b> Difficult but necessary reporting. Great job.	<b>Shelby County Herald</b>	<b>Sodomy Alleged at Shelbyville Daycare</b>	<b>Marlana Smith and Echo Menges</b>

24.) Best Investigative Reporting   <i>Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3</i>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> What a mess that you played a key role in fixing. Great job and journalistic grit!	<b>Jefferson County Leader</b>	<b>'Bartels, problem judge, is out'</b>	<b>Kim Robertson, Tony Krausz and Steve Taylor</b>
<b>Second Place</b> Great piece on an epidemic that is affecting so many communities. It is heartbreaking.	<b>Phelps County Focus</b>	<b>Everyday Hell</b>	<b>Andrew Sheeley</b>

<b>Third Place</b> Solid reporting!	<b>The Odessan</b>	<b>Reservoir Closed Meeting</b>	<b>Joe Spaar and Hannah Spaar</b>
<b>25.) Best Local Business Coverage   Dailies</b>			
		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Southeast Missourian</b>		<b>Jeff Long</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Sedalia Democrat</b>		<b>Democrat Staff</b>
<b>25.) Best Local Business Coverage   Weeklies - Class 3</b>			
		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> Really liked the port expansion story. Felt like the publication covered a variety of business topics.	<b>Jefferson County Leader</b>		
<b>Second Place</b> Good resource for the business community.	<b>St. Louis Business Journal</b>		<b>Erik Siemers</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Northeast News</b>		<b>Abby Hoover</b>
<b>25.) Best Local Business Coverage   Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2</b>			
		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> Great design and fantastic writing put this entry over the top! Great job.	<b>Springfield Business Journal</b>		
<b>Second Place</b> Clean design and solid reporting put this entry in second place. Great job!	<b>Wright County Journal</b>		<b>Ron Schott</b>
<b>Third Place</b> Great local stories on local businesses. Keep up the good work!	<b>Star-Journal</b>		<b>Star-Journal Staff</b>
<b>26.) Best Business Story   Dailies - Class 1</b>			
		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Sheltered Workshops</b>	<b>Skylar Laird</b>

Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Processing a transformation - Milan	Ella McCarthy
Third Place	Marshall Democrat-News	Saline County Ambulance Looks for	Sarah Gray

26.) Best Business Story   Dailies - Classes 2 and 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	The Kansas City Star	How Kansas City's oldest restaurants have	Joyce Smith
Excellent package that not only takes the reader on a tour of interesting dining options, but also weaves in the ups and downs of the business, giving the reader an appreciation for the work and impact of such a diverse range of culinary delights. Well done!			
Second Place	Missouri Independent	Items with Lead are Easy to Find at Antique	Niara Savage and Samantha Horton
Important reporting on a problem that could impact many without their knowledge. Clear, concise writing, and a fine example of outstanding journalism readers still depend on.			
Third Place	The Kansas City Star	Country Club Plaza is hurting. Is there	Joyce Smith
Really good report on the future of an important shopping center. Nice job incorporating relevant data and thoughts of industry pros, recent setbacks and opportunities ahead, while honing in on key details of retail outlets local readers know and love.			

26.) Best Business Story   Weeklies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Maryville Forum	Field to Finish	Paxson Haws
I liked that you made this about more than the just the distillery, and also how it was a strategy to save a farm. And now, how it helps educate people about agriculture.			
Second Place	Moberly Monitor-Index	Orscheln selling to Tractor Supply	Winona Whitaker
Third Place	California Democrat	California barber celebrates 70 years of	Garrett Fuller

26.) Best Business Story   Weeklies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Springfield Business Journal	Fitness Companies Build Growth Online	Mike Cullinan
This story was exceptionally well written and informative, giving insight into the history, the companies and how they operate.			
Second Place	Springfield Business Journal	Game Time	Mike Cullinan
The story had a great lead and was very informative. One didn't have to be into gaming to gain insight into this business and how it is developing across the nation.			

**Third Place**                      **Ozark County Times**                      **First Call Family Medical**                      **Jessi Dreckman**  
I especially liked this story. It's lead let me instantly know these women were committed to their community. This story was informative and touching at the same time. Great read on a business.

26.) Best Business Story   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Jefferson County Leader	Port gets \$25 million	Steve Taylor
Second Place	St. Louis American	Millions of dollars are set to pour into St.	Karen Robinson-Jacobs
Third Place	Washington Missourian	Hoffmanns Ready For Missouri Wines To	Ethan Colbert

27.) Best Coverage of Government   Dailies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Rock Island Trail series	Emma Murphy, Jana Rose Schleis and Amelia Alda-Correa
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Police Review Board series	Komlavi Adissem
Third Place	Nevada Daily Mail	Citizens Voice Concerns with Long-Term	Sarah Haney

27.) Best Coverage of Government   Dailies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Missouri Independent The coverage seemed very thorough and made a lot of information very accessible.	2022 U.S. Senate Race	Jason Hancock, Rudi Keller, Tessa Weinberg, Rebecca Rivas and Allison Kite
Second Place	Joplin Globe The story simplified an issue that may be complex for some readers.	Joplin property tax question	Debby Woodin
Third Place	Missouri Independent I felt like I was getting the "inside scoop" while reading this. The Independent does a good job of making information that may fly below the radar very accessible.	Staffing crisis in state government	Tessa Weinberg and Clara Bates

27.) Best Coverage of Government   Weeklies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Maryville Forum The research and investigation was impressive.	Silence and Secrecy	Geoffrey Woehlke and Ken Garner
Second Place	Fulton Sun The contrast used between candidates must have proved useful to readers.	Candidate elaborates on views at House 49	Anakin Bush
Third Place	Maries County Advocate The story was thorough and concise.	Belle Police Contract	Roxie Murphy

27.) Best Coverage of Government   Weeklies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	The Odessan	Bates City Investigation Report	Hannah Spaar
Second Place	Springfield Business Journal	Unpacking the Plan: Forward SGF	Karen Craigo
Third Place	Howell County News	Collector Contention - Collins v. Crow et al	Amanda Mendez and Laura Wagner

27.) Best Coverage of Government   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News The story was accessible and easy to understand for readers.	Branson P&Z Fiasco	Jason Wert
Second Place	St. Louis American The series was very thorough and detailed.	Alderman Scandal Series	The St. Louis American Staff
Third Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly The lede was very attention-grabbing, and engaged me for the rest of the story.	Parson shapes the bench	Scott Lauck

28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture   Dailies - Classes 1 and 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Missourian	2,500 Below series	

Second Place	Missouri Independent	Rural Health Crisis	Rudi Keller, Tessa Weinberg and Rebecca Rivas
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Third Place	News Tribune	Shear Demand	Ryan Pivoney
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28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture   Weeklies	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
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First Place	Washington Missourian
Great coverage - I feel like I was there.	

Second Place	Tribune and Times	Tribune and Times	Dennis Minich, Jimmy Gillispie and Lucas Lord
Great article.			

Third Place	Ozark County Times	Cordwood and Cob Home	Jessi Dreckman
I really like this story. So heartwarming.			

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture   Dailies - Class 1	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
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First Place	Columbia Missourian	A Wicked Problem	Jessica Blake
Well-written and researched piece that sheds light on a complex and ever-evolving field; graphics nicely amplified key points			

Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Milan was dying	Connor Giffin
Engaging and interesting; well-written			

Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Bootheel farms turn to peanuts	Mackenzie McCarty
Excellent look at the steps to introduce a new commodity; illustrative and accessible to non-ag readers			

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture   Dailies - Classes 2 and 3	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
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First Place	Missouri Independent	'Time bomb'	Allison Kite
An important issue that multiple states face and it is affecting generations of citizens. Thank you for bringing attention to this vital issue. It is important work - keep it up.			

Second Place	The Kansas City Star	Small Kansas town became a top travel	David Hudnall
Great piece on rural redevelopment and the work it takes. Also, great job using multimedia in this piece.			

Third Place

Missouri Independent

COVID surge forced rural Missouri hospital

Rebecca Rivas

Great job on highlighting the impact that COVID had on rural hospitals and they obstacles they face due to underfunding.

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture   Weeklies - Class 1			
		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Tribune and Times	Rusty Relic 'Goliath' Saved by 'David'	Lucas Lord
So good. I really liked this story.			
Second Place	Webster County Citizen	"Jeepers" loved Seymour	Matthew McFarland
Nice.			
Third Place	Chariton Marquee	The next generation	Melanie Latamondeer
Facinating.			

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture   Weeklies - Class 2			
		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Springfield Business Journal	Heat Rises	Karen Craigo
Interesting topic, well presented.			
Second Place	Salem News	Civil War Mystery	Andrew Sheeley
Civil War Mystery - always a winner. Well written and researched.			
Third Place	Laclede County Record	Farm Famlies	Laura Valenti
Loved this story. Showed the bond between farmers and their livestock.			

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture   Weeklies - Class 3			
		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	St. Louis American	The Root Cause - Rustic Roots Marks a	Ashley Winters
This is a phenomenal story. Good subject. Well written. Especially liked the effort Winters took to paint a picture of Rustic Roots versus "The Arch."			
Second Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Eight Missouri counties have no candidates	Chloe Murdock
This is an important issue and certainly not on confined to rural Missouri.			
Third Place	Washington Missourian	WANTED: Tomatoes (and Rain)	Madyson Dixon
This was one of two drought stories in this category. This drilled down a bit deeper into the subject by finding an example or a business that has been impacted and what that means to readers.			

30.) Best Story About Religion   Dailies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Change comes to church	Sophie Stephens
Engaging and detailed, well-written			
Second Place	Marshall Democrat-News	Coming Together for the Harvest	Sarah Gray
Well-written piece about a community effort			
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Beth Shalom Rabbi	Aysia Grey
Engaging and educational			
30.) Best Story About Religion   Dailies - Classes 2 and 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Missouri Independent	Lawsuits Against Unlicensed Missouri	Clara Bates
Excellent, detailed reporting on a complex situation; humanizing and informative			
Second Place	News Tribune	Out of the Dark	Ryan Pivoney
Well-written and informative			
Third Place	The Kansas City Star	'Slap in the face.'	Judy L. Thomas
Straight-forward and direct; examines a difficult subject matter with skill			
30.) Best Story About Religion   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Washington Missourian	Words of Faith	Ethan Colbert and Laura Miserez
I did not expect to enjoy this story, but found myself being pulled in. interesting.Well written. And the examples were especially informative.			
Second Place	Washington Missourian	Talking About Their Faith	Ethan Colbert
Interesting subject.			
Third Place	Washington Missourian	Rev. Steve Robeson Feature	Reid Glenn
This pastor is a true servant.			
30.) Best Story About Religion   Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Springfield Business Journal	Expertise to the Test	Karen Craigo
Excellent story of a local connection to a global challenge; showed the complexity of the situation in an engaging piece			

**Second Place      Laclede County Record**  
Good blend of history and modern day information; interesting and well-written

**New Horizons 55th Year** **Chris Roden**

**Third Place**                      **Webster County Citizen**  
Well-written and engaging

Presenting Preach's Purpose Matthew McFarland

**31.) Best Story About Education | Dailies - Class 1**

**First Place**                      **Columbia Missourian**  
Well researched, well written. Good use of graphics.

<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>UM curators campaign donations</b>	<b>Eli Hoff</b>

**Second Place**      **Columbia Missourian**  
Great use of records requests to dig into a money trail.

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**Third Place**                      **Columbia Missourian**

**Black educators** Keara Shannon and Michael Howie

**31.) Best Story About Education | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3**

**First Place**                      **The Kansas City Star**  
Approached a sensitive topic with grace and clarity.

**'Left alone'** **Matti Gellman**

**Second Place**                      **Missouri Independent**  
The story was timely and concise.

Missouri GOP renews push to limit Annelise Hanshaw

**Third Place**      **Springfield News-Leader**  
The investigative work done here was impressive.

**Springfield School Board Rejected Two** Claudette Riley

**31.) Best Story About Education | Weeklies - Class 1**

**First Place** **Maryville Forum**

**West Nodaway Looks at Countywide**      **Geoffrey Woehlke**

**Second Place**                      **Maryville Forum**

Silence and Secrecy Geoffrey Woehlke

31.) Best Story About Education | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First PlaceSpringfield Business Journal

Rethinking Their Careers

Karen Craigo

This was a well-sourced piece that got to the heart of a real problem in education. It not only looked at the local issue but the statewide and nationwide impacts, as well.

Second PlaceOzark County Times

Creative Writing Class

Jessi Dreckman

I liked the multiple angles the reporter took to cover this story and appreciated the subheads to break up the action. This had a lot of heart, and it was an especially nice touch to include the students' work with the story.

Third PlaceWright County Journal

Birthday Balloons

Ron Schott

This is a cute one--a very nice, heartfelt story that I'm sure attracted plenty of readers.

31.) Best Story About Education | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First PlaceBranson Tri-Lakes News

Local School districts discuss AMI days

AJ Fahr

Well written. Great interviews and getting all aspects of the subject matter.

Second PlaceNortheast News

Lincoln Prep

Abby Hoover

Well written interview. Could feel the kids enthusiasm about the project.

Third PlaceJefferson County Leader

Get tough or die

Steve Taylor

32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First PlaceColumbia Missourian

Belle goes at it alone

Jana Rose Schleis

Great descriptive writing and strong use of sources. Great job getting small facts to add important detail.

Second PlaceColumbia Missourian

On the beaten path

Jana Rose Schleis

Great human interest piece that I'm sure increased demand for these cabins. Great use of quotes to engage readers throughout the piece.

Third PlaceColumbia Missourian

Rock Island trail expansion

Emma Murphy

Solid reporting on the human impact of government.

32.) Best Story About the Outdoors   Dailies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Missouri Independent	Midwest states vary in how they handle	Samantha Horton
Second Place	Joplin Globe	Test driving life in my 60s	Andy Ostmeyer
Third Place	Missouri Independent	Milestone in Effort to save Missouri's	Rebecca Rivas
32.) Best Story About the Outdoors   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News	An Authentic Cowboy Experience	Tim Church
Second Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Court says new park won't conflict with	Scott Lauck
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	Sad day, happy day	Laura Marlow
32.) Best Story About the Outdoors   Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Ozark County Times The story had a personal touch and was engaging.	The Journey Is the Destination	Jessi Dreckman
Second Place	Ozark County Times The way it was written made me feel connected to the subject and his life story.	Dylan Funk	Jessi Dreckman
Third Place	Salem News The story was engaging and provided succinct information.	Civil War Mystery	Andrew Sheeley
33.) Best Story About History   Dailies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Missourian I found this story interesting and one that needs to be told and not just in Missouri.	Down on the farm	Lucas Nava

Second Place

Columbia Missourian

A man who contributed to his community and deserves to be recognized.

Ray Beck

Olivia Sklenka and Katie Taranto

Third Place

Marshall Democrat-News

This was an interesting, well written story. The significant part here is that I am not from Missouri and still found the story worth my time to read.

Trustees polish up 1869 Arrow Rock

Sarah Gray

33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

The Kansas City Star

Something that began as a promise of a better life turns into a disaster for many of the tenant owners of Parade Park because of broken promises and neglect. Great story, rich in detail.

Second Place

Joplin Globe

Great story of Mr. Lines and his journey to California for answers and its unhappy end.

The Journey of Jess Claude Lines

Kevin McClintock

Third Place

The Kansas City Star

Enjoyed reading the details from historic sources and court documents on these Kansas City families and a dispute that continues to today.

Battle over art, money, a 'cult' and Legacies

David Hudnall

33.) Best Story About History | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Tribune and Times

I liked the story generally. I hesitated to give it first but it was clearly the better story based on content and context. I only wish there was more detail about what happened to the shooter, how many were injured, etc.

Second Place

The Media

Good story on renovating gravestones. I think it lacked a little detail in project scope.

Historical Restoration At St. Patrick

Emily Bontrager

Third Place

Webster County Citizen

Interesting look at the history of a park tied to the wars and their impact at home.

Gold Star Memorial Park

Delores Turner

33.) Best Story About History | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Springfield Business Journal

Well written; good retrospective on the Ozark Mountain Daredevils. Solid read.

Stuck in a Jam

Karen Craigo

Second Place

Phelps County Focus

Really enjoyed this story. It was well researched and a good read.

Iron Riders

Andrew Sheeley

<b>Third Place</b> Phelps County Focus Story involved a lot of research. It was well done and very interesting.		<b>Phelps County's Most Notorious Criminal</b>	<b>Andrew Sheeley</b>
<b>33.) Best Story About History   Weeklies - Class 3</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Branson Tri-Lakes News</b>	<b>Jim Owen King of the Ozarks Float Trip</b>	<b>Chris Carlson</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Civil War Veteran</b>	<b>Ethan Colbert</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Branson Tri-Lakes News</b>	<b>Gale Windy Wade from Melva to the</b>	<b>Chris Carlson</b>
<b>34.) Best Military Story   Dailies - Class 1</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b> This story dives in to the veteran suicide issue and offers the reader some insight. Good job.	<b>Veterans' suicides</b>	<b>Evan Lasseter</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b> Good job at telling the story of how a law that could help veterans never got implemented so it could benefit them.	<b>State drags heels on mentors</b>	<b>Noelle Alviz-Gransee</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b> Two good stories of the Tuskegee Airmen who died at age 99. Well written, but I would like to have known more about him.	<b>A Life Well Lived</b>	<b>Mackenzie McCarty</b>
<b>34.) Best Military Story   Dailies - Class 2</b>		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>News Tribune</b> I appreciated the reporter taking an example of one family to help frame the rest of the conversation of a very important topic. It was well-written, had some great quotes and most certainly had great impact on readers.	<b>Heart-Wrenching Testimony</b>	<b>Joe Gamm</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Springfield News-Leader</b> I'm sure this was a well-read piece. It was touching and was a very nice interview with these folks.	<b>Springfield man gets to know father killed</b>	<b>Greta Cross</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Southeast Missourian</b> The use of the tree as kind of a metaphor throughout this story is lovely. This was a very nice tribute from this young man's family.	<b>Lt.'s Path Included Band of Brothers</b>	<b>Michael Leifer</b>

34.) Best Military Story   Weeklies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Maries County Advocate	Veterans Honored	Colin Willard
Second Place	Cassville Democrat	A Veteran Family	Jordan Troutman
Third Place	Moberly Monitor-Index	Not the First to Die	Winona Whitaker
34.) Best Military Story   Weeklies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Phelps County Focus Excellent story with historical facts for support. The veteran appeared to have a good memory of these events that impacted the rest of his life. Great job.	Remembering the Battle of Chosin	R.D. Hohenfeldt
Second Place	Courier-Tribune I enjoyed reading this story and learning about this veteran's military service. Very well written piece.	Veterans Day Salute	Amanda Lubinski
Third Place	Laclede County Record I had trouble reading this story but it had more detail about an agency that helps veterans and a staff member dedicated to this cause.	Helping Veterans	Chris Roden
34.) Best Military Story   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News	Soldier Missing 79 Years Coming Home	Jason Wert
Second Place	Washington Missourian	Civil War Veteran	Ethan Colbert
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	'Close to home'	Laura Marlow
35.) Best Page Design   Dailies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Missourian I love the range of emotion conveyed in this spread! The pictures really took me from being safe at home with mama to getting out there to have fun at prom. Bravo!		

<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Missourian Staff</b>
This is an amazing spread! The only thing, and I mean the ONLY thing that kept this from winning first place was the layout of the last 2 lines of the first page. I would have kept all of Friday Night Sights on one line.			
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>		<b>Missourian Staff</b>
A great range of photos showing all that goes into a winning team from the local fan support to the cheerleaders... it takes MORE than just the players themselves to bring home the big W! Great Job!			

35.) Best Page Design   Dailies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Daily American Republic</b>	<b>Butler County Remembers</b>	<b>Donna Farley</b>
I like what you did with this visually. In regards to page one: I would have liked to see the style of the bottom of the page align more with the top. Your photos are great; I love that you merged the historical photos with the new. Layout is appealing. Great visual interest.			
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>News Tribune</b>	<b>I Scream, You Scream!</b>	<b>Molly Morris</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>News Tribune</b>	<b>To Grill or Not to Grill</b>	<b>News Tribune Staff</b>

35.) Best Page Design   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>The Goodness of Honeybees</b>	<b>Sarah Moore</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Talking About Their Faith</b>	<b>Lori Obermark</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>The Zither King Returns</b>	<b>Lori Obermark</b>

35.) Best Page Design   Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Springfield Business Journal</b>	<b>Focus: Ramping Up</b>	<b>Rebecca Green</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Springfield Business Journal</b>	<b>If You Build It...</b>	<b>Heather Mosley</b>

Third Place	Springfield Business Journal	Always on Watch	Rebecca Green
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### 36.) Best Information Graphic | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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<b>First Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>School bond issue</b>	<b>Missourian Graphics Staff</b>
Important information for voters. Bond issues can be very confusing and this graphic helped sort out exactly what has happened in the past and what a new bond would mean going forward. Outstanding work!			

<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>Campus Buildings</b>	<b>Grace Cooper, Makalah Hardy and Nick Gougas</b>
A beautiful tribute to the history of beautiful old buildngs. Great information for those wondering "what's going on in there!" as they drive by! Great Job!			

<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b>	<b>50 years</b>	<b>Han Vu</b>
Useful information that was presented in a clear format. Easy to find the exact bit of data that a business owner might need when making business decisions. Great topic to choose to submit!			

### 36.) Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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<b>First Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Washington Mayoral Race Recap</b>	<b>Sarah Moore</b>
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<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Northeast News</b>	<b>Summer Pool locations, hours, and closures</b>	<b>Bryan Stalder</b>
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<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Every Dollar Counts: United Way Campaign</b>	<b>Sarah Moore</b>
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### 36.) Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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<b>First Place</b>	<b>Springfield Business Journal</b>	<b>Rethinking their Careers</b>	<b>Rebecca Green</b>
Very nice piece. I was instantly drawn in by the graphics. When I looked at each closely, I was given enough information to move on to another article, OR I could choose to read more and possibly learn even more, if it were a topic I was truly interested in. Love the use of pencils!! Great topic choice to cover and a perfect choice to submit for a well deserved award! Brava!			

<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Houston Herald</b>	<b>Texas County Sheriff's Department cases</b>	<b>Brad Gentry</b>
Very nice detail on the badge enbroidery. The information was boldly displayed, instantly drawing me in to read the entire piece! Kudos!			

<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Webster County Citizen</b>	<b>Student Signs</b>	<b>Dan Wehmer</b>
A graph that is easy to understand! Well Done! I personally would like to have seen a bar graph or a line graph, but at least I can quickly understand the information it is trying to convey! Great Job!			

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon   Dailies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
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First Place	Columbia Missourian	Identified by her shoes	John Darkow
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	I felt threatened	John Darkow
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Criminalizing homelessness	John Darkow

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
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First Place	Jefferson County Leader	'Banning books'	Cody Taylor
Second Place	Jefferson County Leader	'These colors don't run'	Cody Taylor
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	'Dunce Schmitt'	Cody Taylor

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon   Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
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First Place	Webster County Citizen	PhoToad from March 30	Dan Wehmer
Second Place	Webster County Citizen	PhoToad	Dan Wehmer
Third Place	Webster County Citizen	PhoToad	Dan Wehmer

38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project   Dailies and Weeklies		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
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First Place	Eldon Advertiser	Veterans Project	Tammy Witherspoon
Getting the young studentsâ reporting and writing in the paper really makes this entry stand out. The students get bylines, but the local veterans get to share their experiences and get their photos speaking to classes. Lots of advertiser support with this â and itâs easy to see why. Probably took a lot of work to edit the kidsâ copy, but the result is a strong package.			

## Joplin Globe

Nice recognition for the graduating students. The formatted Q&A, along with their portraits, makes them a quick and easy read, and an obvious way for advertisers to show their support.

### All-Area Academic Excellence Team

## Staff

## St. Louis American

Lots of photos of the students, which will be of great interest to teachers and the students's parents. Some captions would help explain the activities, and including names would go a long way.

### 39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Class 1

## Title of Entry, If Applicable

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**                      **Sedalia Democrat**

Democrat Staff

**Second Place**                      **Columbia Missourian**

Columbia Missourian

Missourian Staff

**39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Class 2**

## Title of Entry, If Applicable

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place**                      **Springfield News-Leader**

Springfield News-Leader/News-Leader.com

**Second Place**      **Columbia Daily Tribune**

[www.columbiatribune.com](http://www.columbiatribune.com)

**Tribune Staff**

**Third Place**                      **Missouri Independent**

### 39.) *Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Class 1*

## Title of Entry, If Applicable

*Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

**First Place                      The Media**

**Mike Scott and Elsa Besler**

**Second Place**                      **Maryville Forum**

**Maryvilleforum.com**

**Ken Garner**

**Third Place**                      **Cassville Democrat**

## Cassville Best Website

**Kyle Troutman**

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website   Weeklies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Springfield Business Journal	Springfield Business Journal	
Second Place	Star-Journal		Star-Journal Staff
Third Place	Platte County Citizen		Tanner Cobb and Jeanette Faubion

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	<a href="https://molawyersmedia.com">https://molawyersmedia.com</a>	Scott Andera
Second Place	Hannibal Courier-Post	<a href="http://hannibal.net">hannibal.net</a>	Staff
Third Place	St. Louis American		The St. Louis American Staff

40.) Best Video   Dailies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Finding Your Starpower	Anastasia Busby
The action in the videos of the girls in their activities really moves the story along. The use of voiceovers with b-roll keeps the viewersâ interest.			
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Everything on the line	Amy Schaffer
Showing the variety of challenges the young musician & producer faces adds depth to his story. The detail shots stand out, along with the fly-on-the-wall video of him at home with his mother.			
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Violin	Minh Connors and Cleo Norman
Seeing him teaching lessons, rehearsing, and preparing for the concert help show the ways a musician makes a living. Some of the b-roll goes on a bit long considering the nat sound in it conveys minimal information; perhaps some of his SOT could be used as voice-over in those portions?			

40.) Best Video   Dailies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Missouri Independent	'A piece of history for your house'	Rudi Keller and Rebecca Rivas
Very good video and good explanation of what was happening at the auction. Good visuals of the auction itself.			

**Second Place**                      **Missouri Independent**                      **Abortion is now illegal in Missouri in wake**                      Tessa Weinberg  
Good video showing the impact of the moment the Supreme Court ruled on the abortion issue.

**Third Place**                      **News Tribune**                      **A Christmas Wish-Special Learning Center**                      Layne Stracener  
Interesting video that showed daughter's advancement. Wished there was a little bit more of an introduction to the video.

40.) Best Video   Weeklies		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	St. Louis American	2022 Stellar Performer in Education Dr.	Dawn Suggs
Great story telling. Complete video that told the story of Dr. LaTonia Collins Smith.			
Second Place	St. Louis American	Photojournalist Wiley Price	Kevin Jones, James LeBine
Enjoyed a great story on a noted St. Louis photojournalist, Wiley Price.			
Third Place	St. Louis American	Yolanda Rodgers-Garvin	Dawn Suggs
Enjoyed the profile of Yolanda Rodgers-Garvin.			

41.) Best Headline Writing   Dailies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Springfield News-Leader	Joe and Mary Jane/Beauty and	
Each headline was accurate enough to understand clearly what the story was about while not being bland			
Second Place	Joplin Globe		Jerry Willis
Leaned heavily on cliches and alliteration. Most creative headlines of the group			
Third Place	Missouri Independent		
While on the dryer side, each headline gave a clear vision of what their stories covered.			

41.) Best Headline Writing   Weeklies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Cassville Democrat		Kyle Troutman
Best group of headlines by far			
Second Place	Edina Sentinel	The Edina Sentinel	Echo Menges

Third Place		Maryville Forum	
Shouldn't have made the top three			
41.) Best Headline Writing   Weeklies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Houston Herald	Houston Herald headlines	Doug Davison
Second Place	Springfield Business Journal	Springfield Business Journal	Springfield Business Journal
41.) Best Headline Writing   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	St. Louis American		
Despite a slightly misleading headline, The American had the most creative and well-constructed headlines			
Second Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News		Tim Church, Jason Wert and AJ Fahr
Branson edged out second due to having a couple headlines that were higher quality			
Third Place	Washington Missourian		Missourian Staff
Consistently good headlines, but none stood out			
42.) Best News or Feature Obituary   Dailies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Columbia Missourian	A light at night	Elizabeth Derner
I like the way you tell this person's story. You made me wish I had known this young man. Quality feature obituary, sharing his story through those whose live's he touched.			
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Kent Collins	Charlie Drape
Well written feature obituary. Clear concise overall story of his professional career and those he touched.			
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Community remembers Knight	John Belfonte
Well written, informative. Gives reader a good glimpse into the personâs life. Perhaps, a more combined lead of first and third paragraphs would benefit the reader, reaching the point of whom you are speaking of sooner.			
42.) Best News or Feature Obituary   Dailies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Springfield News-Leader	'I Believe in Good'	Sara Karnes
Very good			

Second Place tears	Joplin Globe	Remembering a 'good-natured,' 'quick-	Jeff Lehr and Kim Barker
Third Place more tears	Joplin Globe	Thousands turn out to honor Cpl. Ben	Jeff Lehr and Kim Barker

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary   Dailies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	The Kansas City Star	Starting quarterback at KC school. A year	Anna Spoerre
Very well written story that drew me into the life of this young man, as well as his death. You were able to arouse emotion and interest from how others spoke of him. Excellent flow. Great details.			
Second Place	The Kansas City Star	Len Dawson, Chiefs' Hall of Fame	Randy Covitz
Well written feature on the entire life of this coach. Great accompanying photos and video helping to tell his story.			
Third Place	The Kansas City Star	'The most visionary Mayor'	Steve Vockrodt and Katie Moore
Well written history of this politician and visionary. Insightful and educational to those who did and didn't know him.			

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary   Weeklies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	St. Louis American	Christopher W. Newman, heroic Tuskegee	Alvin Reid
I really enjoyed this article.			
Second Place	Jefferson County Leader	'Life Story: Meagan Welsh'	Laura Marlow
So sad, but a good article.			
Third Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News	Country Music Legend Mickey Gilley dies at	Tim Church
Good job.			

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary   Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Webster County Citizen	Farewell, My Friend	Dan Wehmer
Second Place	Gasconade County Republican	Bob McKee	Dave Marner

Third Place	Ozark County Times	Diane Woodring	Sue Ann Jones
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**43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b> The great work on this breaking news topic put this entry on top. Great job using all of your multimedia skills on breaking news!	<b>Columbia Missourian</b> <b>Multimedia-Wooldridge Fire</b>
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<b>Second Place</b> Great job and solid reporting!	<b>Missouri Independent</b> 'A piece of history for your house'	Rudi Keller
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<b>Third Place</b> Great job!	<b>Springfield News-Leader</b> 65 Years of History Gone in Mere Seconds	Sara Karnes, Nathan Papes and Andrew Jansen
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**43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b> great stories. I liked the photo gallery -- very dramatic; good onsite video.	<b>Cassville Democrat</b> Hall Theatre
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**Kyle Troutman**

<b>Second Place</b> Interesting story and supporting info.	<b>Memphis Democrat</b> Turmoil At Scotland County Hospital	Echo Menges
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<b>Third Place</b> Good pics and story on graduation. Enjoyed the podcast	<b>Richmond News</b> Ray County Graduation May 2022	Shawn Roney, Karen Payne, Jack Ventimiglia, Brian Rice and Sharon Donat
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**43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

<b>First Place</b> The thoroughness of the reporting put this entry over the top! You never strayed from the mission. Great job!	<b>St. Louis American</b> 35th Annual Salute to Excellence in Ed.
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<b>Second Place</b> This entry was a close second. The reporting is engaging and well-done. Great job!	<b>Springfield Business Journal</b> Citizen Inc. by SBJ Podcasts	Eric Olson
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<b>Third Place</b> Great job and solid reporting!	<b>Washington Missourian</b> Missouri Book Festival	Ethan Colbert, Julia Hansen, William Skipworth, Reid Glenn and Geoff Folsom
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**44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Dailies - Class 2**

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Joplin Globe</b> Interesting stories on community people. Well designed with good layout.	<b>Joplin Magazine</b>	<b>Kevin McClintock</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Southeast Missourian</b>	<b>B Magazine</b>	<b>Rust Media</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Southeast Missourian</b>	<b>Flourish: Spring, Summer, Fall 2022</b>	<b>Rust Media</b>

**44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3**

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Branson Tri-Lakes News</b> The top two entries were largely undistinguishable with some similar layouts, same writers, and same advertising. This entry had a wider variety of content, including more original photos.	<b>Branson This Week 2022</b>	<b>Tim Church</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Branson Tri-Lakes News</b> Like the first place winner, this publication does a nice job of reporting entertainment style features from the local area. Easy-to-follow layout, good writing, colorful photos.	<b>Ozark Mountain Visitor 2022</b>	<b>Tim Church and Misti Clark</b>

**45.) Best Health Story | Dailies - Class 1**

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b> Great job of framing issue with a real-life account at the start. Examples throughout do a good job of helping the reader better understand significant health care challenges of the LGBTQ community.	<b>LGBTQ students</b>	<b>Eleanor McCrary</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b> Good report on the challenges of a long COVID sufferer. It would have been even more powerful to bring in another source suffering from the illness, especially as a way to show varying symptoms. Good job of including resources for people facing the same.	<b>Long COVID</b>	<b>Alex Espinda</b>
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>Columbia Missourian</b> Good read on the issue of infertility in a way that's not too technical and easy for the reader to comprehend. Strong sources in the couple trying to get pregnant would have served as a great lede.	<b>MU students bridge gap</b>	<b>Erik Galicia</b>

**45.) Best Health Story | Dailies - Class 2**

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b>	<b>Missouri Independent</b> Holy cow - this may have been an article I read more than once and shared. The work you are doing is vital and necessary. No ways to improve except maybe to include a graphic to help the readers keep all of the key players straight.	<b>Firings, Corruption Accusations Create</b>	<b>Rudi Keller</b>
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>Missouri Independent</b> Great article about where exactly some COVID money went. I'm sure there will be many more to come.	<b>Federal government steps in to help pull</b>	<b>Clara Bates</b>

Third Place	Daily American Republic	You are not alone	Donna Farley
Great use of your platform for the good of your community. I'm sure lives were saved. Amazing work.			

45.) Best Health Story   Dailies - Class 3		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	The Kansas City Star	MO is one of the worst places to have a	Lisa Gutierrez and Anna Spoerre
Possibly a perfect story, as I donâ€™t have anything to add to improve the piece			
Second Place	The Kansas City Star	KS Citizens Died by Suicide: Web Site	Lisa Gutierrez
Arguably the most important topic covered in the entire group that was handled very well. Could have been first place if not for the conclusion			
Third Place	The Kansas City Star	Fentanyl Killed Their Boys	Lisa Gutierrez

45.) Best Health Story   Weeklies - Class 1		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Maryville Forum	Mental Health Board Meets	Geoffrey Woehlk
Second Place	Tribune and Times	Goat Yoga Helps During Difficult Times	Jimmy Gillispie
Third Place	The Media	Keokuk Hospital to Close	Mike Scott

45.) Best Health Story   Weeklies - Class 2		Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
First Place	Springfield Business Journal	Ready, Willing and Able	Karen Craigo
Second Place	Houston Herald	TCMH Clinic	Brad Gentry
Third Place	Springfield Business Journal	'From Hot Dog Buns to CEO'	Mike Cullinan

45.) *Best Health Story | Weeklies - Class 3*

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
<b>First Place</b> What a great story. I pray she continues to do well.	<b>Jefferson County Leader</b>	<b>'Emma strong'</b>	<b>Laura Marlow</b>
<b>Second Place</b> Love it.	<b>Washington Missourian</b>	<b>Ben Hellebusch Reunited With Nurse</b>	<b>Angela Mueller</b>
<b>Third Place</b> So. True.	<b>St. Louis American</b>	<b>Republicans Don't Mask Intention to</b>	<b>Sylvester Brown, Jr.</b>