



2014 Missouri Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest

Results and Judges Comments

1.) General Excellence	Dailies - Class 1	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1	Rolla Daily News Nice, attractive little packages of local news, features, sports. Good, useful calendar listings. Design and layout very good; open and clean. Nice display of advertising. (Page heading a big too big.) Would like to see more photos of local happenings, people. Also could use a local editorial.	Rolla Daily News General Excellence	
2	The Daily Star-Journal Plenty of local news, features, photos. Good writing. Design/layout begs for all-around updating, including the nameplate. (With color on page 1, you could incorporate color into a fresh flag.) Classifieds clean and inviting. Some of the created graphics are pretty good, others distracting clutter.	Warrensburg Star-Journal General	Staff
3	Kirkville Daily Express & News A few more local photos and voices puts this above the rest. Design and layout generally clean and inviting, but some areas could use updating, id the nameplate and the teasers above it. The big "Around the State" graphic of the state takes much too much room. Writing is good; nice calendar listings. Work to get more readers to send letters with their thoughts.	Kirkville Express General Excellence	Staff
4	Fulton Sun Good local news and sports; more photos of local people would add some appeal. Some national, general interest news and features are nice elements of small daily, but they could be edited for length. Try to get some local names/faces/voices on the Opinion page.		Staff
1.) General Excellence	Dailies - Class 2	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1	Southeast Missourian Good packages of local and area news with important stories of nation and world thrown in, sometimes as briefs, but they are present. Good display of top local stories; plenty of sports, local to national. Lots and lots of local briefs and events, calendar listings, social items, area obits and sports. Good local features and photos add breadth to package. Good local editorials and mix of voices from the community. Not as deep or attractive as 2nd place, but a more comprehensive package of the day's news from down the street and around the world. Much more advertising, too!	March 29, June 7, Nov. 19, 2013	
2	Columbia Missourian High marks in: local news and features - nice variety, interesting mix; writing very good across the board; use of photos and artwork excellent; layout and design. Not so high marks in: Advertising there isn't any; national and international news there isn't any. Average marks: Editorial page could use more voices from the community. Community news - where are the organization activities, social doings	General Excellence	Staff
3	Independence Examiner Nice packages of local news, features, sports and photos with some national and international briefs plugged in. Generally well designed and laid out. A local voice or two in editorials, letters and columns, but heavy dependence on service for features and opinions. Local editorial would be a good addition, as would more letters. Advertising handled well; clean and attractive.	Independence Examiner General	Staff
4	Sedalia Democrat A good local news product with some state, national and international briefs. Section fronts are attractive; inside layout falls off. Encourage readers to write letters to editor; more community voices would add interest.		Staff
1.) General Excellence	Dailies - Class 3	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1	The Kansas City Star All superb, bulky packages of news, features, (fantastic) photos and comment. Sports - no fair, ie: Chiefs, Royals, MU, KU, KSU, other pro sports a half dozen small colleges and a long list of high schools to write about and photograph. Excellent coverage of things going on and things to do in the region. Loads of letters, many columns, good editorials. Writing throughout top notch. Good advertising sections. Design/layouts interesting, clean and inviting. Front pages dominated by big local stories, well reported, written and presented. Eclectic, unpredictable play with the nameplate, incorporating graphics and teasers. Entertaining newspaper, informative, interesting newspaper.	General Excellence	
2	Springfield News-Leader With all that said about 1st place, the News-Leader comes on strong with its terrific bundles of local and regional news, features and photos. Also offers USA Today's content and other national and international coverage. Very good in-depth reporting on local issues, like the "Ready to Learn" series of stories. Nice use of and promotion of online content in the newspaper. Excellent auto, real estate and jobs ad sections ad classifieds. Lots of good, interesting local photos. Nice job covering local and regional sports. Plenty of diverse voices and local editorials on opinion pages. Another entertaining, informative, interesting newspaper.	Springfield News Leader General	Staff
3	Jefferson City News Tribune Here it got tougher. The News Tribune slightly edged out the other entries in the class - The Joplin Globe, St. Joseph News-Press and Columbia Daily Tribune, all fine newspapers. Plenty of good local news, features, photos and opinion in all of the papers. News Tribune took 3rd on strength of its fine design, fresh, clean layouts and appealing look throughout.	Jefferson City News Tribune General	Staff

1.) General Excellence	Weeklies - Class 1	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1	Nixa Xpress	Nixa Xpress General Excellence	
Totally well done, excellent community newspaper. Good color, unique layout. Good writing, good editorial pages, covers lots of interest in Nixa Aara. Not your Father's weekly newspaper!			
2	Richmond News	General Excellence	Staff
Very strong local newspaper. Fin news, features, sports writing. Good design for tabloid newspaper. Lots of ads and good classifieds, legals.			
3	Smithville Herald	Smithville Herald General Excellence	Staff
Good looking community newspaper. Lots of ads, good editorial pages. Strong classified, legal pages. Nice layout, lots of stories.			
4	Clinton County Leader		
Overall a good solid community newspaper.			
4	North Stoddard Countian	General Excellence	Staff

1.) General Excellence	Weeklies - Class 2	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1	Christian County Headliner-News	Christian Co. General Excellence	
Excellent section fronts. "Backyard Brawl" top notch, terrific idea and result. Great mix of local news, features, comments, color photos -- Great mix of local news, features, comments, color photos -- good ones! Plenty of voices, letters, columns, some well-done localization of state, national issues - good work! Tons of sports and news briefs. Although sections are common to several papers, classifies and other ad sections very good.			
2	Warren County Record	Warren Co. Record General Excellence	Staff
Great mix of local news, photos, sports, features, lots of very good photos; fine mix of editorials, voices, columns. Excellent design, layouts. Clean, well-organized classified section. Many fine papers in this category. Very little difference in quality from 1st place down through the entire group of entries.			
3	Gasconade Co. Republican	Gasconade Co. General Excellence	Staff
Massive amount of good local content; News, features, photos, commentary. Lots and lots of local names and faces. Section front designs could use a bit of updating. Nice, clean inviting classified section.			
4	Cass County Democrat Missourian		
Another great package of local news, features and photos. Competition in this class very tough, top to bottom. On a different day, any of the entries could be #1. Excellent classified section.			
4	Lawrence County Record		Staff

1.) General Excellence	Weeklies - Class 3	Title of Entry, If Applicable	Award Winner(s), If Applicable
1	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Washington Missourian Wed. General	
The breadth of news coverage is what pushes the Missourian to no. 1. Terrific newspaper that covers a wide area it serves lots of people and proves it each week with 100% of local faces in the newspaper. It does everything well including news, editorial, typography, headings, ads, classified, etc., etc....			
2	St. Louis American	St. Louis American General Excellence	Staff
Everything you would want in a superior newspaper. From the appearance to the excellence in writing, wonderful ads and lots of them and the editorial page showed a great diversity section. A very close second place!			
3	St. Louis Business Journal	St. Louis Business Journal General	Staff
A beautiful newspaper. Great color, layout, design, terrific writing and excellent photos. Good editorial page and op-ed page. Lots of ads although it seems that classified could be stronger - but not being fully general circulation, that might explain that.			

4 Jefferson County Leader

A very fine looking newspaper with strong photos, good color, good layout and design and excellent news coverage of the area. Ads are well designed and lots of them. Obits are especially well done.

4 Missouri Lawyers Weekly

A fascinating publication with excellent writing. Good design, color, grabber headlines, and strong photos.

2.) Best Overall Design

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 The Kansas City Star

Best Overall Design

The Star has it all! Good photography, good template and a willingness to blow it all out for the day's display package. Generous use of heads and decks to tell and sell the stories. Section fonts are also strong, and sports, built around photos is excellent. The paper has a consistent design personality: It's exciting in places, efficient in others.

2 Joplin Globe

Joplin Globe Overall Design

Staff

The Globe sells head of the front page with black type and photos. The packages have motion. Inside the designers continue to push the stories with large heads. Pages are organized and easy to read.

3 Springfield News-Leader

Springfield News Leader Overall Design Staff

Front page packages use ample white space to highlight the content, good use of pullouts. Photos with better content could lift those pages. Inside pages are cleanly packaged and the paper is organized well.

4 Columbia Daily Tribune

Staff

This paper is low-key most days on the front, but designers are willing. To bust out for a big story, such as 10/20. Inside section fronts have more impact because of photo usage. Inside organization is clean and pages are easy to read.

2.) Best Overall Design

Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 Columbia Missourian

Best Overall Design

Excellent photos that are displayed for impact. The pages reflect excitement about the content. Good color in the typography. Pages are organized throughout.

2 Southeast Missourian

May 31, Aug. 2, Nov. 17, 2013

Staff

Strong front pages that feature strong typography. Good use of extended decks. Inside and feature pages feature good pictures and display.

3 Fulton Sun

Fulton Overall Design

Staff

Good organization and hierarchy. Front and sports pages show good activity. Better content in photos and stronger display - takes you to the next level.

2.) Best Overall Design

Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 Nixa Xpress

Nixa Xpress Overall Design

Outstanding design throughout, excellent use of pictures and graphics. Font selection throughout is consistent.

2 Smithville Herald

Smithville Herald Overall Design

Staff

Nice color work, like the big headline use in doc. 4 (June 19) issue.

3 The Home Press

Staff

Like the way you use the nameplate each week. Pictures could be placed 1 column bigger. Classified section needs work.

2.) Best Overall Design

Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 Springfield Business Journal

Springfield Business Jour. Overall Design

The clear winner. Excellent use of color graphics. Clean, effective nameplate. Picture is very effective. Mix of headline fonts works well.

2 **Houston Herald** Houston Herald Overall Design Staff
 Redesign of nameplate a big improvement. Design at individual page headings very effective and used well. Nice display of public notices. Picture use on January 24 issue outstanding.

3 **Gasconade Co. Republican** Gasconade Co. Overall Design Staff
 Outstanding use of pictures and color in ads. Nice page headings. Better than average public notice and classified pages remarkable for size of community. Font selection is consistent throughout publication. Nice publication!

2.) Best Overall Design *Weeklies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **St. Louis American**
 The ample white space creates a serious, quiet design personality. The typography features excellent color contrast so pages are never flat. Good use of pullouts and decks to attract scanners. Inside pages use the same design philosophy.

2 **St. Louis Business Journal** St. Louis Business Journal Overall Design Staff
 The Business Journal offers a consistent design platform throughout. It features excellent use of color on most of the pages with color available even inside pages with no photos attract attention. Modular layout creates clean, organized pages.

3 **Missouri Lawyers Weekly** Missouri Lawyers Weekly Staff
 Fonts are built around lead packages that feature special type display and photos. Inside pages are standard, but clean.

4 **Jefferson County Leader**
 This tabloid uses color on most pages to create movement. Stories are displayed in modules, which creates organization and makes reading easy.

3.) Best Front Page *Dailies - Class 1* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Hannibal Courier-Post** Hannibal Courier-Post Mary Lou Montgomery

2 **The Daily Star-Journal** Front Pages Jack Miles Ventimiglia

3 **Fulton Sun** Fulton Sun - Best Front Pages Fulton Sun

3.) Best Front Page *Dailies - Class 2* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Southeast Missourian** June 5, 7, 30, 2013
 Nice use of multiple visual storytelling techniques.

2 **Columbia Missourian** Best front page
 Profiles invited reader to get know the people whose stories were being told.

3 **Camdenton Lake Sun Leader** June 12, 13, 19 Staff

4 **Independence Examiner** Best Front Page Staff

3.) Best Front Page		Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	The Kansas City Star Sophisticated, varied and compelling visuals. The illustrations were well executed and felt fully integrated with the design.		Front pages	
2	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Clean design with an easy to navigate hierarchy.		St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Staff
3	Springfield News-Leader Interesting risks with documents and photos that seemed to really work out well. The pages stand out for their daring and execution.		Front Page	Staff
4	St. Joseph News-Press The promos on these pages really stood out.			Kelsey Saythany, Emily Morrison and Skye Cobb

3.) Best Front Page		Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Clinton County Leader Clean pages that were easy to navigate.		Leader Front Page	Becky Black and Brett Adkison
2	Ash Grove Commonwealth		Best front page, Jan., June, Aug.	Staff
3	Smithville Herald		FP Design	Mark Johnson

3.) Best Front Page		Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Houston Herald Took chances with different storytelling techniques and altered page architecture to allow a really interesting photo to run larger than usual.		Houston Herald front pages	Jeff McNiell
2	Christian County Headliner-News		Front Page	Staff
3	Lee's Summit Journal		Best Front Page Lee's Summit Journal	Ashlee Hendrix

3.) Best Front Page		Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Missouri Lawyers Weekly Design is crisp, with easily recognizable hierarchy. Some interesting conceptual thing and use of topography.		Best front page	Ryan O'Shea
2	St. Louis Business Journal Nicely developed displays and clean page architecture.		Best Front Page: St. Louis Business	Michael Behrens
3	South County Times Compelling photography presented well.		Best front pages	Kevin Murphy

4.) Best Breaking News Story	Dailies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 Multiple sources from multiple parts of the flood-affected region made this the clear winner in this category.	Rolla Daily News	Impassable Interstate	Paul Hackbarth and Eddie O'Neill
2 The interview with the shooting victim's wife gave insight rarely seen in such news accounts.	The Daily Star-Journal	Police shooting	Jack Miles Ventimiglia
3 The interview with the occupant who lost his home is heartbreaking, and good reporting.	Hannibal Courier-Post	Man escapes from burning house	Mary Lou Montgomery
4 Readers were well-served by the many updates on a story that affected their children's schools.	Fulton Sun	Fulton PD seeks bomb threat suspect	Dean Asher

4.) Best Breaking News Story	Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 In an edition filled with breaking news, this story stood out for its depth, history and reporting.	Southeast Missourian	Waller's remains found	Erin Ragan and Emily Priddy
2 Superb storytelling in a breaking news environment, showing many of the events of a chaotic day.	Columbia Missourian	Ryan Ferguson is a free man again	Dani Kass
3 The effort to land more sources for the story gives readers who don't know the family involved more context.	Southeast Missourian	Shooting leaves 2 dead	Emily Priddy
4 This receives an honorable mention for being in an alternative story form, a question-and-answer piece, to tell a complex story.	Columbia Missourian	Ryan Ferguson appeals court ruling	Tracey Goldner

4.) Best Breaking News Story	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 This story had an intricate level of reporting, coupled with compelling storytelling to weave together a complex story.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Drug judge arrested	Robert Patrick, Paul Hampel and Jesse Bogen
2 This story gives the key details of a significant event in the city while also telling readers of the human cost.	The Kansas City Star	Like an Earthquake	Staff
3 A tight, well-crafted lede brings readers into a story filled with lots of voices and many answers to pertinent questions.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Student shoots official	Joel Currier, Joe Holleman and Christine Byers
4 A complete staff effort to tell the story of Mr. Hammons gave readers insights into the life of a key figure in the city's history.	Springfield News-Leader	4- Breaking- Hammons	Staff

4.) Best Breaking News Story	Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 Chilling story; complete; well written. Sidebar adds helpful background.	North Stoddard Countian	Mangum charged w/ Sidebar	Corey Noles

2 Nixa Xpress Nixa runner OK after Boston Marathon Ryan Bowling
Good use of quotes; puts reader at the scene and tells the story. With an active lead this would have been the winner.

3 Bethany Republican-Clipper Fighting dogs rescued; two K.C. men Philip Conger
Story tells readers what happened; chronicled well; could have used additional quotes.

4 North Stoddard Countian Fugitive Captured Corey Noles
Well written and to the point.

4.) Best Breaking News Story Weeklies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 Christian County Headliner-News Paula Hall Amelia Wigton
Emotion of what transpired brought out clearly. Good use of quotes. Readers could not help but continue reading.

2 Cass County Democrat Missourian Missing Harrisonville children Bethany Bashioum
Good coverage on sequence of events leading to arrest. Readers get the full picture of what happened.

3 Branson Tri-Lakes News Crane tips Kris Collins
Dangers noted and details of the cause noted; tells story in interesting manner.

4 Houston Herald Rain recovery Brad Gentry, Jeff McNiell and Doug Davison
Gives a broad overview of flooding story, impacts and actions taken.

4.) Best Breaking News Story Weeklies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 Washington Missourian, Weekend Trooper, Dutzow Bank Robber Shot Ed Pruneau
Writer gives a great sense of pace in story, what breaking news is about. Fast action; good description.

2 Jefferson County Leader Pilots summon help after Monday night Steve Taylor
Good detail on crash and explanation of how those aboard may have averted more serious consequences.

3 Washington Missourian, Weekend Suspects Arrested in Ming Ed Pruneau
Story follows incident, describes what led to arrests.

4 St. Louis American Northside TIF moves forward Rebecca Rivas
Readers get what happened and background; good use of quotes.

5.) Best News Story Dailies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 Kirksville Daily Express & News Silver bullet; retailers restock Jason Hunsicker and Taylor Muller
Smart, well-sourced looks at the issues surrounding guns and schools. The reporter made the extra effort to gather a rich array of voices for this story.

2 Kirksville Daily Express & News Slashed start Jason Hunsicker
Excellent effort to get a broad range of voices and sources, including families who use Head Start.

3 **Fulton Sun** State auditor rates Callaway courts Dean Asher
Nice job making a financial audit extremely engaging.

4 **Kirkville Daily Express & News** The Alzheimer's crisis Taylor Muller
Terrific story, but it would have been bumped to a higher level with voices from families affected by Alzheimer's.

5.) Best News Story **Dailies - Class 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Southeast Missourian** Tarrillion documents... Erin Ragan
Strong stuff here. Gritty watchdog journalism at its best.

2 **Columbia Missourian** Accessibility issues Elise Schmelzer
Excellent public-service journalism. Good voices, strong reporting.

3 **Columbia Missourian** Task force battles Seth Klamann
Solid reporting, compelling writing that stays out of the way of the story.

4 **Southeast Missourian** 8th District local panels... Bob Miller and Erin Ragan
Sophisticated work, thorough understanding of the topic.

5.) Best News Story **Dailies - Class 3** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **The Kansas City Star** A Question of Homicide Christine Vendel
Impressive work and a shining example of public service journalism at its best. This is the way to weave together records and interviews. Well done!

2 **The Kansas City Star** New Heritage of Frustrations Mike Hendricks
Fascinating tale told with real authority. Smooth writing, strong use of quotes and historical detail. A terrific read

3 **The Kansas City Star** Nightmare in Maryville Dugan Arnett
A terrific read and a shocking story. Masterful job of reporting and writing.

4 **The Kansas City Star** Questions Raised in Timing of Evacuation Judy L. Thomas, Steve Everly, Mike McGraw, Lynn Horsley, Eric Adler and Laura Bauer
Great follow to a tragic spot story with a compelling reconstruction of events. Nice use of public records.

5.) Best News Story **Weeklies - Class 1** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Richmond News** Blaze takes two young lives David Knopf
Excellent job of both breaking and follow-up news angles on a tragic story of a fire and lost children. Information from official contacts and sides blend into a concise article that sets up the next chapter in this story.

2 **Republic Monitor** Landfill Lowdown Katie Barton
Great approach of pro/con format to separate the various arguments in this important community problem. Lets the two sides make their cases, while the voices make a dry subject much more human.

3 **Richmond News** H-C senior get probation in role in David Knopf
Lengthy descriptive tale of disturbing trend among young people, treated with a good news eye for detail. Good lead, good flow, good organization to lead the reader through a long story, while still being very mindful of the victim and his family. No questions left unanswered.

4 Cedar County Republican One Man's Mission Becky Groff
Lots of good digging into facts and opinions surrounding a local, controversial building project. Well-organized, the article presents many factors the community will need to shape more-informed opinions

5.) Best News Story Weeklies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 Platte County Landmark 5 CHANGE OF CULTURE Ivan Foley
Too bad there are still stories such as this to be investigated, but good thing that this newspaper was here to do the job. Covers all the bases, names all the names, lists all the facts. The public asked for this information, and the newspaper responded. Needed information for the public prior to the next election. Great job!

2 Christian County Headliner-News Shutdown Brady Brite
Good job of explaining in great detail the facts of the government shutdown scenario, and its local and wider implications. Love the lead, drew me in to an article well-organized and easy to read and comprehend.

3 Christian County Headliner-News Virtual playground Amelia Wigton
Lead sets the stage for informative and well-presented explanation of a current concern for every community. Background material and examples make the story more real. Love the inclusion of law enforcement showing the process.

4 Cass County Democrat Missourian Justice for Cara Bethany Bashioum
Sensitive and comprehensive coverage of final chapter of a murder trial. Added bonus of detailing the suspect's actions over a period of years prior to conviction. Non-exploitative, this article covers all the needed facts of the event, before and after.

5.) Best News Story Weeklies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 Missouri Lawyers Weekly Disciplinary Disconnect Scott Lauck
A very nice job here of getting across the dichotomy of treatment. Yet the author maintained fairness. This is a difficult arena to mine.

2 St. Louis American Police under fire for harassment - June 27 Rebecca Rivas
A difficult time at an extremely troubling time for the victim's family, this is handled well. Yet the author was fair to all. Good job!

3 St. Louis Business Journal Sparks Fly Brian Feldt
This is a nice job of explaining a big chapter in Missouri's labor history.

4 Green Park Call County must pay trash haulers Gloria Lloyd
Simply a good hard-news story. The reporter well explained the issue without legalese. It reads well.

6.) Best Feature Story Dailies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 Rolla Daily News The fight of her life Lynn Brennan
Head and shoulders the best entry. Fine sense of structure, and there's a good balance between the voices. such stories can easily turn maudlin. This one didn't.

2 Fulton Sun Some glad morning Dean Asher
A snappy lede that puts you into the scene. Also a well-informed sense of history that places what this group is doing within the context of the hill-country gospel genre.

3 Kirksville Daily Express & News Learning to fly Jason Hunsicker
Nicely structured and some care was spent on the lede. Story conveyed a sense of the younger singer's talent while letting you know that, hey, she's still a kid.

4 The Daily Star-Journal Resident serves with Kennedy in Pacific Jack Miles Ventimiglia
A lot of fascinating information that history buffs would eat up, but without the headline, many people under 40 won't know that PT109 was the boat JFK served on until the 10th graf. You have to avoid those assumptions. Could have used some tighter editing.

6.) Best Feature Story	Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Columbia Missourian	Columbia elementary school teacher	Ben Walton
This is a well-written story with an unexpected ending; well-paced, the right amount of detail. I sped through it.			
2	Columbia Missourian	MU veterinary hosp., dogs help test	Richard Webner
This writer did a great job of telling the story of the incredible bond some owners have with their dogs. The technical part of the story was well-woven into the article.			
3	Columbia Missourian	Transitions in flight: Marvin Chapman	Sam Gause
Grief isn't an easy thing to write about without getting bogged down in the tragedy. This writer kept me interested, but didn't sugarcoat the subject's journey. This is a difficult subject for certain but is handled well here.			
4	Columbia Missourian	Local letter carriers stick together	Lizzie Johnson
This writer did a very nice job of illustrating the bonds between workers in a difficult time. I could relate to the voices in the story and understand their angst.			

6.) Best Feature Story	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	American first	Doug Moore and Laurie Skrivan
This is an excellent example of what good newspapers continue to do well: examine and report on their communities. By taking a historic and cultural look at the Bosnian refugees in the city, this story, sidebar and timelines both illuminated and explained how the immigrant experience continues to shape American life.			
2	The Kansas City Star	Life of the Party	Eric Adler
Writing about life and death in a compelling but unsentimental way isn't easy, but this writer nailed it. If you can make it through this piece without shedding tears, good for you, but the reader is also rewarded with a renewed sense of humanity and affirmation for life after reading about Shannon Ayala.			
3	The Kansas City Star	Lost for Years	Donald Bradley
This story was compelling because of its combination of mystery, madness (or just slight insanity) and family drama. The writer pulls readers in and keeps us engaged until we learn the whole tale of Edward Deeds.			
4	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Triumph of spirit	Stephen Deere
In telling the story of a semipro football team comprised of players who frequent the fringes of society and its coach with a mission, the reader roots for a win but knows the score doesn't always reflect the way the game is played. Well-constructed and researched.			

6.) Best Feature Story	Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Press-News Journal	Escort to History	Rita Cox
A great read! Cox blends history and biography in this fascinating account of a local man's brush with history, and subsequent career in the military. The richly detailed and well-researched story was an easy choice for first place.			
2	Raymore Journal	Belton and Raymore: a 'sibling rivalry'	Melissa Howard
This story of inter-regional conflict made an interesting read. It's an important story - just the kind of thing that local newspapers do best, given time, resources, and a gifted reporter.			
3	Chariton Valley News Press	Miracle on Hwy24	Melanie Latamondeer
This was a lovely and inspiring story about an tragic accident and a good Samaritan. It has the tension and drama of breaking news. Well composed and vividly written!			
4	Cedar County Republican	Summit with God	Becky Groff
A good feature piece that would draw any reader's attention - and a great walk-off line!			

6.) Best Feature Story	Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Houston Herald	The Frogman	Doug Davison
An affectionate take on collectors and collecting, with some memorable quotes and a lighthearted touch. Well written and constructed - a pleasure to read!			

2 **Houston Herald** Home delivery Doug Davison
A thorough, professional account of a local midwife, and the joys and challenges of her life and career. The richly detailed story was moving, informative, and illuminating.

3 **Eldon Advertiser** Overcoming obstacles, earning Tammy Witherspoon
A great portrait of the luckiest man in Missouri, the winner of a \$300 million powerball jackpot. Most impressive: this was the first interview he gave to any media. The first rule of reporting is to get the story, and that couldn't have been easy! Well done.

4 **Salem News** Hope and Healing:Story of Kim Case Donald Dodd
With a subject as inspirational as Kim Case, it's difficult to write a story worthy of the subject. This was well-crafted and powerful, bringing the terrible events of 1990 into the present.

6.) Best Feature Story

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 **Jefferson County Leader** Born twice Laura Marlow
Touching, factual, well-organized example of storytelling while still delivering pertinent, current information. Exceptionally well-documented and supported with above-average photography. Good lead, great flow, bolstered by factual sidebar.

2 **Riverfront Times** Life for Pot Ray Downs
This is just good storytelling. Begins well with a lead that launches right into it. It takes a while to get to our main character, but worth the read. Good job of working in the background detail and first-person interview. Offers a lot of insight and a few lessons.

3 **Riverfront Times** The Long Arm of the Law Jessica Lussenhop
Good lead that draws the reader in, and the story just gets better from there. Easy, very informative narrative style with plenty of details and quotes. Every side is told in this credible, sad-but-true tale.

4 **St. Louis Business Journal** Whistleblower windfall E.B. Solomont
Well-done business feature with first-person treatment not usually available. Good lead with style carrying throughout a great insider story. Sidebars really add to the mix. Good personal and business relationship coverage.

7.) Best News or Feature Series

Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 **Rolla Daily News** Record Flooding Impact and Aftermath
Excellent boots-on-the-street coverage with on-site details, compelling photos, analysis and aftermath.

2 **Hannibal Courier-Post** Korean conflicts daughter 'comes home' Mary Lou Montgomery
Wonderful example of how a newspaper can change people's lives for the better. Thorough and conscientious, the reporter earned the trust of the family and that access enriched the narrative.

3 **Hannibal Courier-Post** Historic marker missing Mary Lou Montgomery
Well-written and presented, this is a mystery solved through the diligence of the reporter. Good use of historical archives in this full and educational package.

4 **Kirkville Daily Express & News** Paul Potter series Jason Hunsicker and Taylor Muller
What starts as a fairly straight-forward homicide is revealed as a grisly attack through police reports and the reporter's interviews of friends and neighbors. I imagine the community being transfixed as these details unfolded.

7.) Best News or Feature Series

Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 **Southeast Missourian** 8th District Congressional race Erin Ragan, Matt Sanders, Bob Miller and Beth Lewis

2 **Columbia Missourian** Dental care Abbey Sussell

3	Columbia Missourian	Battle High Rising	Staff
4	Southeast Missourian	'Gone Girl' filming	Keith Lewis, Bob Miller and Ruth Campbell

7.) Best News or Feature Series **Dailies - Class 3** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Columbia Daily Tribune	Diagnosis Confusion	Jodie Jackson Jr., Jacob Barker and Jason Tyler
Making policy personal, "Diagnosis Confusion" mastered the difficult assignment of explaining how Obamacare would play out with individuals. Masterfully executed.			
2	The Kansas City Star	Nightmare in Maryville	Dugan Arnett
Poignantly written. Brutal and honest, "Nightmare in Maryville" artfully tells the sad story that could be any family's nightmare.			
3	The Kansas City Star	State Falls Silent in Children's Deaths	Laura Bauer and Judy L. Thomas
Excellent researched. Puts faces to the failures of bureaucracy.			
4	The Kansas City Star	Denise's Decision	Eric Adler
Personal, heartfelt and relatable, "Denise's Decision" benefits from the trust and access developed by the reporter.			

7.) Best News or Feature Series **Weeklies - Class 1** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Cedar County Republican	Turbine	Becky Groff
Solid news series that was interesting and completely followed through with subject.			
2	Clinton County Leader	Tell Us Your Story	Brett Adkison and Becky Black
Great series bringing unique individuals into the spotlight. Well written and concise stories made it easy to read and kept my interest.			
3	Cedar County Republican	Businesses	Becky Groff
Interesting style and well written and specific to each individual story.			
4	Weston Chronicle	Roberts & Waddell Quit West Platte	Beth McPherson and Jim McPherson
Love the lede and language used to paint picture in reader's mind.			

7.) Best News or Feature Series **Weeklies - Class 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Salem News	The Saga of Phineas	Allyssa D. Dudley
2	Cass County Democrat Missourian	Moreland trial	Bethany Bashioum
3	Springfield Business Journal	Day in the Life	Emily Letterman, Wes Hamilton, Eric Olson, Geoff Pickle and Brian Brown

4	Marshfield Mail	Common Core	Missy Pickel
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7.) <i>Best News or Feature Series</i>	<i>Weeklies - Class 3</i>	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	St. Louis Business Journal	River City Empire	E.B. Solomont and Angela Mueller
2	St. Louis Business Journal	St. Louis Characters	Angela Mueller
3	St. Louis Business Journal	Out of order: Too many lawyers	Greg Edwards
4	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Behind closed doors: Hais coverage	Melissa Meinzer

8.) <i>Best Editorial</i>	<i>Dailies - Class 1</i>	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	The Daily Star-Journal Strong, crisp, logical editorial on an issue of local importance.	Hospital board	Jack Miles Ventimiglia
2	The Daily Star-Journal Editorial effectively exposes hypocrisy of some states' rights advocates. The comparison with the Rebel Legislature may be an overreach, but it sure keeps the reader's attention.	Secession feelings	Jack Miles Ventimiglia
3	The Daily Star-Journal This one might have been toned down a tad (the jihadist references, for example) but it offers a vigorous argument against lowering taxes in Missouri.	Does Missouri want war for tax bottom?	Jack Miles Ventimiglia
4	Moberly Monitor-Index An easy-going, discursive dissection of congressional inanity.	Repetition is key for a government	Drew Van Dyke

8.) <i>Best Editorial</i>	<i>Dailies - Class 2</i>	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Sedalia Democrat This editorial respectfully but forcefully and relentlessly exposes contemptible behavior by a city councilman.	Stevenson Out of Line	Dennis Rich
2	Southeast Missourian Nicely cadenced editorial that evokes powerful sympathy for a murderer's victims while explaining how and why he got such a light sentence.	The Waller case	Staff
3	Independence Examiner It would be hard to support the school board's position on residency after reading this editorial, which is both well-reasoned and succinct.	Reconsider Residency Requirement	Jeff Fox
4	West Plains Daily Quill Good job of pointing out grandstanding by members of Congress at a local hearing -- as well as their contempt for public input.	Blueways	Frank Martin

8.) Best Editorial	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Hang Tough	
An effective use of an imaginary speech to make a devastating case against routine ethical lapses of Missouri lawmakers. A long editorial, but it never bores.			
2	The Kansas City Star	KC is taking the lead	Staff
Editorial demonstrates in-depth reporting and research that it deploys to good effect in unmasking an industry of questionable ethics.			
3	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Boeing Bribe	St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Among the impressive achievements of this editorial is that it makes a powerful case against economic incentives for Boeing without stooping to corporate bashing.			
4	The Kansas City Star	Nixon must protect Missouri	Staff
A highly readable account of bad legislation complete with flashes of sarcasm and indignation. Might want to use hare instead of hair-brained, though.			

8.) Best Editorial	Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Kearney Courier	Adding officers a fair price	
Persuasive, good reasoning. Topic significant to community.			
2	Weston Chronicle	Weston Chronicle Editorial	Beth McPherson
Significant and important topic for community. Good discussion of what closed meetings are. Somewhat confusing in places--how did board use community members and teachers for cover and what is "the proposal" that was requested.			
3	Grant City Times Tribune	One Shot, One Deer	Bridget Gibson
Good points made. Could have been edited better--a little meandering and repetitive.			
4	Vandalia Leader	Getting more difficult to watch TV	Ron Schott
Significant topic. Mainly a complaint and no suggestion for change.			

8.) Best Editorial	Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Christian County Headliner-News	Lawmakers	
Persuasive by juxtaposing First and Second Amendments. Strong writing style, efficient use of language.			
2	Lee's Summit Journal	Time to recall the recall	John Beaudoin
Way to call out those who are caught up in polarization of politics -- the all or nothing crowd. Good, persuasive reasoning.			
3	Christian County Headliner-News	Pseudoephedrine	Staff
Brings up issues not generally considered in pseudo ephedrine discussions. Persuasive.			
4	Christian County Headliner-News	No one is coming	Staff
Gutsy to take strong stance against irrational fears.			

8.) Best Editorial	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	St. Louis American	Slay, Nixon take defeat differently	Donald M. Suggs and Chris King
Good contrast between the two officials' actions; clear position; clear writing.			

2 **Washington Missourian, Weekend** Fears Overblown Bill Miller Sr.
Strong position, clear writing, persuasive

3 **Washington Missourian, Weekend** Free Speech Isn't Free Bill Miller Sr.
Good example of what First Amendment is and isn't; persuasive, clear writing. Somewhat confusing to someone who doesn't know circumstances of shooting.

4 **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** BMS Waste of Time Bill Miller Sr.
Persuasive on point commission should have seen it coming; bit rambling.

9.) Best Columnist - Humorous Dailies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Hannibal Courier-Post** Welcome to the land of 'leakin' Danny Henley

2 **Hannibal Courier-Post** Only three more to go Danny Henley

9.) Best Columnist - Humorous Dailies - Classes 2 and 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **St. Joseph News-Press** Steve Booher
A column that allows itself to be funny based on the reporting on a quirky law rather than leaning too heavily on quips. Nice job.

2 **Columbia Missourian** Humor columns David Rosman
Almost out of place, as these don't seem to be funny as much as they are well-reported and informative, but in a weak category, that was more than enough for second place. Good work.

3 **St. Joseph News-Press** Alonzo Weston
There's no doubt us older folk can relate to our smartphone struggles. This column leaned a little heavily on clichés, i.e. old guy and his technology woes, but the average reader could relate to it enough to warrant some recognition.

9.) Best Columnist - Humorous Weeklies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Republic Monitor** Katie Barton, Best Humorous Columnist Katie Barton
Katie doesn't have to try to be funny in this column. She manages it by presenting a well-rounded argument about why goats should be allowed in city limits. Good job.

9.) Best Columnist - Humorous Weeklies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Bolivar Herald-Free Press** Matthew Barba humorous columns Matthew Barba
I didn't know about Take A Chance day, but the column was a nice way to talk about it.

2 **Lee's Summit Journal** It's news to me John Beaudoin
Cute stories about kids are always good.

9.) Best Columnist - Humorous Weeklies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Jefferson County Leader** Patrick Martin Patrick Martin
Rather than rely on quips and everyday situations that aren't as funny as people think they are, Martin relies on old-fashioned reporting to put the heat on the city council and lets the story be funny because of the facts he presents. Nice job.

2	St. Louis American	Some good reporting on a subject I have zero knowledge about but enjoyed reading.	Black & Single	Kenya Vaughn
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10.) Best Columnist- Serious	Dailies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Kirkville Daily Express & News	Well-argued, rational columns about national and local issues that made the points without hitting readers in the mouth with a 2x4.	Hunsicker columns	Jason Hunsicker
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2	Hannibal Courier-Post	Very personal columns that read as though the writer was having a conversation. They did a good job of personalizing everyday events.	Solace for the soul	Danny Henley
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3	Macon Chronicle-Herald	Not sure these qualify as adventures, but they were entertaining reads nonetheless. Well done.	Adventures with Alecia	Alecia Lassing
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10.) Best Columnist - Serious	Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Sedalia Democrat	This was a really good local effort at serious commentary on state and national issues. Thoughtfully argued and clearly stated.	Stevenson, Smoking, State	Bob Satnan
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2	Independence Examiner		Headed for Trouble	Jeff Fox
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3	Camdenton Lake Sun Leader	Taking on the Boy Scouts in a small town takes some courage. Well done.	My view: Eric Dundon	Eric Dundon
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4	Columbia Missourian		Serious columnist	George Kennedy
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10.) Best Columnist- Serious	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	The Kansas City Star	Barbara Shelly has an eye for finding BS and then exposing it, as demonstrated in her two political columns, and for personal storytelling, which is the essence of good column writing.	Barbara Shelly columns	Barbara Shelly
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2	St. Joseph News-Press	Alonzo Weston's take the George Zimmerman stalking verdict brought home to his readers the meaning of this landmark decision on African Americans in the U.S.		Alonzo Weston
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3	The Kansas City Star	Another poignant take on the George Zimmerman verdict. Very well done.	Jenee' Osterheldt columns	Jenee' Osterheldt
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4	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Nicklaus' column should be judged against other business columnists, but he's worthy of honorable mention in this category for his clear writing style.	David Nicklaus	David Nicklaus
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10.) Best Columnist- Serious	Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	King City Tri-County News		"Pearls"	Matt Pearl
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2	Nixa Xpress	Ryan Bowling	Ryan Bowling
3	Weston Chronicle	No Comment	Beth McPherson

10.) Best Columnist - Serious	Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Christian County Headliner-News Donna Osborn's columns are fine examples of how local newspapers can influence local thinking. Her column on the media adviser should be an anthem for community journalism.	Donna Osborn	Donna Osborn
2	Platte County Citizen It's one thing to take a critical view of pro-gun views when you're writing in the city; Another thing entirely in a market that is largely suburban and rural. It takes courage to do that and this entry shows it.		Lee Stubbs
3	Salem News Dodd's columns bring a personal perspective to political events.	Dodd columns	Donald Dodd
4	Springfield Business Journal	Eyes & Ears column by Eric Olson	Eric Olson

10.) Best Columnist- Serious	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Jefferson County Leader Patrick Martin takes tough positions on issues that matter to his readers and lays them out with plain language that is impossible to be ambivalent about	Patrick Martin	Patrick Martin
2	Green Park Call Taking on influential people and publications is the essence of local newspaper commentary and this entry delivers. Well done.	Best Serious Columnist	Mike Anthony
3	Webster - Kirkwood Times Great personal remembrances about pivotal moments in our history.	Editor's Desk	Don Corrigan

11.) Best News Photograph	Dailies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Rolla Daily News Great work getting to the scene while the fire was still very intense. This was the best news photograph of the group. It is a very strong image.	Semi Fire 10-31-13	Paul Hackbarth
2	Hannibal Courier-Post Very powerful and telling image. A different way of looking at the aftermath of this fire. Great photo.	Son/fire chief recovers family photo	Mary Lou Montgomery
3	The Daily Star-Journal A fun photo and a good moment captured.	The Final Day	Jack Miles Ventimiglia
4	Rolla Daily News This was a strong photo of the storm aftermath. I wouldn't want to be the owner of this car.	Tree on Car 3-19-13	Lynn Brennan

11.) Best News Photograph	Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 Dramatic and powerful image of this fire at night. Great work getting on scene while the flames were still big.	Southeast Missourian	Four-alarm fire	Laura Simon
2 This photo made us laugh because of this man and his impossible task of clearing all this snow. Great work.	Sedalia Democrat	Snow Dig, 2-27-13	Sydney Brink
3 This was a unique and eye catching silhouette.	Columbia Missourian	After tragedy, Southern Boone marching	Fareeha Amir
4 Looks like my last intern.	West Plains Daily Quill	Chipmunk with camera 11.15.13	Frank Martin

11.) Best News Photograph	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 This has powerful emotion and does a fantastic job of putting you there at the scene. It is a very telling photo. The photographer did a great job in an emotionally charged situation.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	PD New Shot 070113	Robert Cohen
2 The photographer had very good eye for emotion. This is a very rare glimpse at a Marine grieving.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	PD News Marine 040113	J.B. Forbes
3 This is very creative. The image has a very scary and erie feel to it, while also being very telling.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	PD News Bullet 04 022013	Robert Cohen
4 We laughed at this photo because of the strange circumstance. It was probably easier to get it on the ledge than it was to get it off.	The Kansas City Star	SUV ON WALL 7-10-13	David Eulitt

11.) Best News Photograph	Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 The photographer did a good job getting on scene of this very newsworthy story. The dramatic lighting added to the photo.	Richmond News	Blaze claims two young lives	David Knopf
2 The photographer chose exceptional placement of the elements in this photo.	Republic Monitor	Semi Crash, April 3	Katie Barton
3 Boom! Nice work by the photographer to capture the peak action.	Vandalia Leader	MFA ELEVATOR COLLAPSE 8-14-13	Ron Schott
4 The photographer had creative use of the lighting scenario.	Bethany Republican-Clipper	Lighting up the park, 12-11-13	Philip Conger

11.) Best News Photograph	Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 Fantastic job getting to the scene quickly and capturing the action. Was far above the rest in this category.	Warren County Record	11 DF Calm During Chaos	Derrick Forsythe

2 **Houston Herald**
Photographer had great composition. The photographer chose a good angle to shoot from.

House fire

Jeff McNiell

3 **Lawrence County Record**
A good spot news photo to see. The image was very telling.

Inferno

Shawnya Wethington

4 **Platte County Citizen**
This was a nice photo would of liked to see the picture without a headline on it.

Best News Photo - Raging Fire

Jason Lawrence

11.) Best News Photograph

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 **St. Louis American**
This was a very tragic but telling photograph. The photographer did a good job of getting to the scene and getting the shot.

Shot on his block, 06-27-13

Wiley Price

2 **Washington Missourian, Wednesday**
This is a very dramatic image. It's always better to see news photos as they're happening and not the aftermath, good work.

11 Wd JMW Fiery Crash

Jeanne Miller Wood

4 **St. Clair Missourian**
This was a funny moment, and a good capture by the photographer.

Feeds Bear

Keith Domke

11.) Best News Photo

Weeklies -Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

3 **Webster - Kirkwood Times**
This photo captured a good moment, it shows good emotion.

Students Mourn 6-21-13

Diana Linsley

12.) Best Feature Photograph

Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 **The Daily Star-Journal**

Touch the Sky

Jack Miles Ventimiglia

2 **Fulton Sun**

Exotic animals amaze

Brittany Ruess

3 **The Daily Star-Journal**

Bubble Boy

Jack Miles Ventimiglia

4 **Dexter Daily Statesman**

Deer Swim

Noreen Hyslop

12.) Best Feature Photo

Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 **Columbia Missourian**

Nene Rwenyaguza prays - July 18, 2013

Marysa Greenawalt

2 **Columbia Missourian**

Belle Hughes, 7 reads - May 30. 3013

Greg Kendall-Ball

3	Columbia Missourian	Centralia students hide in the tall grass	Peter Marek
4	Lebanon Daily Record	Saddle up cowpokes! ? Sept. 23	Julie Turner-Crawford

12.) Best Feature Photograph	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	The Kansas City Star Fantastic photo, made me laugh out loud. The photographer captured a fantastic moment. Nice work.	REAR VIEW 12-29-13	Keith Myers
2	Springfield News-Leader Interesting and unique photo. Great color, great expression. Very nicely done.	Color Run 11-22-13	Nathan Papes
3	Columbia Daily Tribune Fantastic idea, loved the photo.	Frank Stack 06-16-13	Don Shrubshell
4	Columbia Daily Tribune The photographer did a great job capturing the moment.	Hartsburg Pumpkin Festival 10-13-13	Nick Schnelle

12.) Best Feature Photo	Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Clinton County Leader	Dodgeball, 4-11-13	Brett Adkison
2	Richmond News	Eye to eye	JoEllen Black
3	Clinton County Leader	Frosty Leaf, 12-19-13	Becky Black
4	Raymore Journal	School Road, 5-9-13	Jeremy Howard

12.) Best Feature Photograph	Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Lawrence County Record The photographer did excellent work capturing the excitement and fun of the moment as well as using a an interesting angle to do so.	Water Slide 7-10-13	Ryan Squibb
2	Platte County Landmark Photographer did nice work isolating the subject with the background. Well done.	Mutton bustin	Doug Baldwin
3	Platte County Landmark	Sword Play	Doug Baldwin

4	Houston Herald	Pageant winner	Jeff McNiell
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12.) Best Feature Photograph	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Twists, turns at Polsinelli, 11-18-13	Karen Elshout
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2	Washington Missourian, Weekend	JMW Closer Look	Jeanne Miller Wood
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3	South County Times	Cubmobile 7-19-13	Diana Linsley
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4	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	JMW Scrambled	Jeanne Miller Wood
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13.) Best Sports Photograph	Dailies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Dexter Daily Statesman This image really had peak action. Very nice framing by the photographer.	Hang Time	Dustin Ward
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2	Rolla Daily News Great celebration in the face of the player and cropped nicely.	Lady Tigers Celebrate 3-7-13	Dave Roberts
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3	The Daily Star-Journal This sports image had great emotion in the face of the player. It showed the photographer was really looking for that special moment.	It's all over	Jack Miles Ventimiglia
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4	Fulton Sun This image was a nice action image that also had excellent composition.	Hornet wrestlers punish Boonville in	Brittany Ruess
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13.) Best Sports Photograph	Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Southeast Missourian A winning sports image with all the right ingredients. It's very cleanly shot and peak action.	Notre Dame soccer	Fred Lynch
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2	Columbia Missourian A really nice collection of images, each with great light and emotion.	Michael Jackson rests - Nov. 21, 2013	Kevin Cook
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3	Sedalia Democrat Nice job by the photographer getting peak action.	Who Called It, 8-15-13	Sydney Brink
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4	Southeast Missourian This image showed the photographer was really looking to come away with a different image than we've seen before.	Freestyle at the fair: Motocross	Fred Lynch
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13.) Best Sports Photograph	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 Nice emotion and a nice job by the photographer gaining access to a place the reader can't go.	The Kansas City Star	KSU LOSS 3-23-13	Rich Sugg
2 Nice clean image and peak action made this a strong sports action image.	Columbia Daily Tribune	SEC track 05-11-13	Ryan Henriksen
3 Nice faces placed this image in the top three.	Joplin Globe	CJ Baseball 041013	Roger Nomer
4 Great emotion and composition by the photographer. They were in just the right place to get a winning image.	The Kansas City Star	ROYALS CELEBRATE 9-23-13	John Sleezer

13.) Best Sports Photo	Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 Nice work being at right place with the right lens at just the right time, paying attention to expression, emotion, and the power of photos.	Clinton County Leader	Racing Rivals, 4-18-13	Brett Adkison
2 This photo tells a story, as good sports photos should always. Good job.	Fayette Advertiser	Max's finish line, 4-17-13	Greg Jackson
3 Capturing the moment and expression, which is not easy in photographing football. Very solid work.	Clinton County Leader	Diving through, 10-10-13	Brett Adkison
4 Action, action, action. Strong photo.	Clinton County Leader	Stealing Second, 10-10-13	Brett Adkison

13.) Best Sports Photograph	Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 All faces forward. Great expressions, Obvious action. Technically correct. Well composed. Really a great sports photo.	Gasconade Co. Republican	Drew Baumbach dives 12-18-13	Will Johnson
2 Great display of action, sport and effort. Technically very strong. hard to shoot and get just right. Nice shot.	Platte County Landmark	Jumper, 5_1_13#EED1	Doug Baldwin
3 Right place at the right time. Great action.	Gasconade Co. Republican	Play at the plate	Dave Marner
4 Nice work.	Platte County Landmark	Record 100 fly, 2_6_13#6998	Doug Baldwin

13.) Best Sports Photograph	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 Sports photography is a story-telling exercise and this really brings reader attention to this story. Right place, right time, technically strong to show the action.	Jefferson County Leader	Fumble! 12-5-13	Ted Howell

2	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	13 Wd BB GuardGeiger	Bill Battle
	Enjoyed the work to illustrate what was going on in this game. Great shot.		
3	Jefferson County Leader	Safe at second 7-18-13	Ted Howell
	Action, the play, expression. Very nice.		
4	Jefferson County Leader	So close 11-21-13	Matt O'Harver
	Technically very strong and balanced.		

14.) Best Photo Illustration

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Joplin Globe	Zombie 100413	Roger Nomer
	This entry is humorous and well executed.		
2	The Kansas City Star	VET WIDOW 3-17-13	Jill Toyoshiba
	A touching portrait done in an interesting way.		
3	The Kansas City Star	BARGUIDE 4-24-13	David Eulitt
	Love the rich, vibrant colors the photographer brought out in this illustration.		

14.) Best Photo Illustration

Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Columbia Missourian	Concussions 5-3-13	Greg Kendall-Ball
	This entry is the clear winner in the category. The photographic technique is done well and the fact that the subject of the photo is the subject of the story makes the whole package have more meaning. The photo is played well and there wasn't need for extra PhotoShop trickery.		
2	West Plains Daily Quill	Football Preview 8.29.13	Allison Wilson
	This entry could use at least one less gimmick -- maybe the grass-filled typography or the use of many different fonts -- but it's eye-catching and well executed.		

14.) Best Photo Illustration

Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Clinton County Leader	Record-Breaking Jump, 5-2-13	Brett Adkison
	It's an interesting photographic technique that has shown up a lot more recently, but the photograph is composed well and the trick is used correctly -- to show the form of the jumper.		
2	Clinton County Leader	JFK Anniversary, 11-21-13	Becky Black
	This is a very simple photo illustration but it works very well with the subject matter, proving that illustrations do not have to be full of wizardry if the concept is strong and it is played well.		
3	Vandalia Leader	The real family photo	Ron Schott
	This, technically has a few issues related to resolution, but the concept is simple and powerful. I would have liked to see the supporting type and story on the page.		

14.) Best Photo Illustration

Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Houston Herald	I Spy	Jeff McNiell
	Nice concept and execution. It pays homage to the I Spy books and drills home a good concept. I bet readers (especially those with children) spent a lot of time on this page.		
2	Springfield Business Journal	"Tackling the White Elephant"	Wes Hamilton, Brian Brown and Eric Olson
	Good use of what could be a dreary building photo into something with information.		

3 **Springfield Business Journal** Carnahan White Wes Hamilton
 A nice, simple concept to use the source of the controversy; I would have suggested a cleaner crop of the fence line so the type would fit the slats.

14.) Best Photo Illustration *Weeklies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **St. Louis Business Journal** Broken GOP, 10-4-2013 Michael Behrens
 I honestly can't tell if this is a photo or a photo illustration, which I think is one of the reasons I like it so much. It's a quick read, cleanly executed and striking.

2 **Missouri Lawyers Weekly** Mixed signals, 11-11-13 Ryan O'Shea
 It's a clever concept and gets the message across quickly. It's a great example of illustrations not needing a lot of PhotoShop trickery to be "special."

3 **St. Louis Business Journal** Dog at table 11-29-2013 Michael Behrens
 The photo was caught at just the right moment to perfectly illustrate the concept.

4 **St. Louis Business Journal** Code breakers 9-27-2013 Michael Behrens
 A great illustrative concept that was executed well.

15.) Best Photograph Package *Dailies - Class 1* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Dexter Daily Statesman** Mingo Noreen Hyslop
 Nice collection of pictorial images with great color.

2 **Fulton Sun** Fighting fire Brittany Ruess
 Nice composition and framing by the photographer in the fire images.

3 **The Daily Star-Journal** The Nutracker Jack Miles Ventimiglia
 The photographer tried to tell the story of a play in a complete set of still images.

15.) Best Photo Package *Dailies - Class 2* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Columbia Missourian** Harrisburg football - Nov. 21, 2013 Kevin Cook
 Really nice seeing by the photographer in this picture story. Excellent light, composition and emotion really make it stand out above the other entries.

2 **Columbia Missourian** Route 66 - March 21, 2013 Stuart Palley
 This was another package with very nice composition and light. Nice use of color by the photographer as well.

3 **Columbia Missourian** A place for solitude - May 7, 2013 Sam Gause
 Nice subtle storytelling by the photographer in this story.

4 **Columbia Missourian** Modest menageries - May 23, 2013 Rachel English
 Some nice relief in the category, excellent framing and composition by the photographer.

15.) Best Photo Package *Dailies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Columbia Daily Tribune** Unsung Hero (12-15-13) Ryan Henriksen
 This story had fewer images than some of the other stories like it but each image was really great. The photographer found really nice moments within the story.

2	The Kansas City Star The photographer obviously invested a great deal of time in the telling of this story.	DEMENTIA STORY	Tammy Ljungblad
3	The Kansas City Star For this story the photographer worked hard to gain complete access, not an easy thing to do within a hospital setting. Nice work with this story.	KIDNEY TRANSPLANT STORY	David Eulitt
4	The Kansas City Star I applaud the creativity of the photographer who chose a very stylized use of light and technique to make great portraits.	SENIOR BOXER STORY	David Eulitt

15.) Best Photo Package

Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Concordia Concordian	Veterans camaraderie	Sarah Reed
2	Clinton County Leader	Living History, 10-17-13	Brett Adkison
3	Cedar County Republican	Tornado	Staff
4	Cedar County Republican	Memorial Day	Becky Groff

15.) Best Photograph Package

Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Warren County Record Great spot news photography and a nice job by the photographer to capture this incredible moment.	15 DF Horse Rescue	Derrick Forsythe
2	Gasconade Co. Republican Nice picture story on the church and nice seeing by the photographer.	Final service at Zoar Church	Dave Marner
3	Lawrence County Record Very nice light and use of color.	Panes of beauty 6-12-13	Steve Fairchild
4	Warren County Record Peak action and nice emotional moments in this wrestling story.	15 DF State Wrestling	Derrick Forsythe

15.) Best Photo Package

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Webster - Kirkwood Times	Homeless Father & Son 1-25-13	Diana Linsley
2	Kansas City Northeast News	Chalk Walk 2013	Leslie Collins and Bryan Jordan

3	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	BB State VB Photos	Bill Battle
4	St. Louis Business Journal	Tom Stillman of the St. Louis Blues, 8-16	Dilip Vishwanat

16.) Community Service *Dailies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	The Kansas City Star The tragic stories of child abuse and neglect leading to death and critical injuries has been documented by the Kansas City Star in its series headlined "State Falls Silent In Children's Deaths". Improvements in the operations of the Missouri Department of Social Services must come quickly to save lives that are at risk. The significant amount of work to research, write, photograph and produce these stories should make child abuse a top priority for lawmakers and all officials. in the state.	State Falls Silent in Children's Deaths	Laura Bauer and Judy L. Thomas
2	Joplin Globe Persistence, journalistic determination and a valuable historical perspective all combined to offer readers a valuable look at the backgrounds and decisions of the officials in charge of Joplin and how they related to one another. Citizens were in a better position to make sound decisions because of this reporting.	Bad Blood?	Carol Stark and Debby Woodin
3	The Kansas City Star The Star's extensive reporting followed the aftermath of poor decisions by young people and the resulting actions of law enforcement, prosecutors, defense council and the courts. Decisions were ultimately reached by the court system in this sad story but probably few people were satisfied because lives were changed and not in positive way.	Nightmare in Maryville	Dugan Arnett
4	Jefferson City News Tribune The newspaper provided a helpful look at transportation issues in its area. By posing a question in its headline, readers were likely engaged to think of their own solutions. The newspaper called attention to a previous transit study that was largely being ignored. This provided a valuable perspective on the topic.	A new route for transit?	Madeleine Leroux
4	Jefferson City News Tribune Animal Shelter story by Jefferson City provided a rare look into the way many animals are dealt with in the sometimes secretive world of animal shelters.	Animal Shelter	Olivia Ingle

16.) Community Service *Dailies - Classes 1 and 2* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Sedalia Democrat The Sedalia Democrat's multi-part series on metham-phetamine was a remarkable effort that explained the damage caused by the use of this drug These stories provided real insight to the reading public into this serious and costly problem.	Meth at the Crossroads	Emily Jarrett and Dennis Rich
2	Columbia Missourian The Columbia Missourian's extensive project--"100 Ages, A Century of Views", is an outstanding example of newspaper teamwork and creativity. The series showed the strength of print and video to explain interesting aspects of the lives of dozens of local residents.	100 Ages: A century of voices	Staff
3	Hannibal Courier-Post The Hannibal Courier-Post told a story about an important historical sign that went missing after a storm. The sign marked the jail in Mark Twain's book, Tom Sawyer. The newspaper provided readers with historic photos of the sign and successfully appealed to the public for its return. This led to the sign's eventual repair. Background was provided to readers about the importance of the sign to the community.	Historic marker missing, found, repaired	Mary Lou Montgomery
4	Columbia Missourian The Columbia Missourian looked into the low reporting of rape and sexual assault on campus. The newspaper reminded readers that a recent study at one university found 16 of every 100 college students were victims of unwanted sexual contact in an academic year but that only 2 percent of victims told police or a sexual assault center. The Missourian explained the various aspects of the problem and it encouraged conversation about the problem by readers.	Sexual assault	Staff

16.) Community Service *Weeklies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Arnold-Imperial Leader Outstanding pre-event and after event coverage for this 24 hour relay that was instrumental in raising between \$70,000 and \$80,000 to fight cancer. The compelling presentation of the pre-event stories was critical to the success of the effort.	Arnold Relay for Life	Kim Robertson
2	St. Louis American Attractive and inspiring coverage of the 2013 Salute to Education with reporting on \$300,000 in scholarships, and grants for students. With almost 1,500 at the Education Salute, the newspaper's coverage matched the success of the event.	St. Louis American Foundation	Staff

3	Washington Missourian, Weekend	Book Buzz: A Youth Literacy Project	Dawn Kitchell, Chris Stuckenschneider and Staff
A well-planned and ongoing project to emphasize the importance of books and reading for children with special emphasis on books for young children. Book Buzz included a feature on a children's author and graphics were used to show the fun of reading. The newspaper reports that more than 11,300 quality hard cover books have been added to area schools and library shelves.			
4	Washington Missourian, Weekend	Family Reading Night Event	Dawn Kitchell, Chris Stuckenschneider and Staff
A continuation of the newspaper's efforts to promote reading for all family members and to encourage the availability of books.			
4	St. Louis Business Journal	Giving Guide	Patricia Miller

16.) Community Service

Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Houston Herald	Houston Herald community service	Brad Gentry and Kathy Richardson
The Herald, working with others in the community, has provided real leadership on several projects to make a better community. The newspapers dedication and understanding of the needs of its community were vital in these important projects.			
2	Clinton County Leader	Papers for Pantries	Steve Tinnen, Becky Black and Brett Adkison
The Leader led the way for a program of community compassion to help feed the hungry by raising money and replenishing food in area pantries. A well organized effort.			
3	Houston Herald	Constitution Project	Jeff McNiell
Encouraging members of the community--including young people-- to expand their knowledge and understanding of important principles was at the heart of this well organized project.			
4	Lee's Summit Tribune	Autism Outreach	Wendy Hayworth and Lee's Summit Tribune Staff
The Autism Outreach project focused on a subject of great importance to growing numbers of Americans but one that is not always well understood by the general public. This coverage was done with sensitivity and encouragement to those who have this condition and the families who care for them.			
4	Lee's Summit Tribune	Prairie Township	Stephen Wagner

17.) Best Editorial Pages

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	The Kansas City Star	Editorial Pages	
Appealing design, good use of art and organization. Clear, diverse points of view and a good use of public input.			
2	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Staff
Very good design; strong points of view, very well-balanced. Good use of public input and great art elements. A lot of variety.			
3	Columbia Daily Tribune	Columbia Daily Tribune editorial pages	Staff
Engaging design; good use of art elements and pull quotes. Variety of views presented clearly and well.			
4	Springfield News-Leader	Editorial pages	Staff

17.) Best Editorial Pages

Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Independence Examiner	Best Editorial Pages	
Well written editorials; good use of art. Great use of public submissions. Good presentation of different points of view.			

2	Dexter Daily Statesman Good use of art elements; good variety and Informative.	Best Editorial Pages	Staff
3	Southeast Missourian	May 19, Sept. 1, Oct. 20, 2013	Staff
4	The Daily Star-Journal	Editorial Pages	Staff

17.) Best Editorial Pages

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Washington Missourian, Wednesday Strong design. A good presentation of a variety of views and good use of columnists, public submission.	17 Wd BMS April 10 Pgs. 8-10C	Bill Miller, Sr.
2	St. Louis American Topical and informative. Concise presentation.	Dorsey, McKee and Biondi	Staff
3	Jefferson County Leader Good mix of a variety of opinions. Clear design and good use of art elements.	Opinions	Patrick Martin
4	Green Park Call	Best Editorial Pages	Mike Anthony

17.) Best Editorial Pages

Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Gasconade Co. Republican Clear points of view, well-presented. Good use of art and public comment.	Republican	
2	Cass County Democrat Missourian Well organized, and good use of a variety of viewpoints. Good use of arg.	Best Editorial pages	Bethany Bashioum
3	Lee's Summit Journal Engaging design and clear points of view.	Best Editorial Pages	John Beaudoin
4	Platte County Landmark	17 BEST EDITORIAL PAGES	Ivan Foley, James Thomas, Chris Kamler and Brian Kubicki

18.) Best Sports Pages

Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	The Daily Star-Journal	Sports Pages	
2	Dexter Daily Statesman Good mixture of photos, graphics and written content. Agate, a sports section staple, is week-designed and easy to read	Best Sports Pages	Staff

3	Boonville Daily News	Three different papers with sports	Chris Bowie
4	Rolla Daily News	Rolla Daily News Sports Pages	Dave Roberts

18.) Best Sports Pages	Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Columbia Missourian	Jan. 31, Nov. 28, Oct. 13-14, 2013	
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Excellent variety on all pages not just covers. Creative use of photos and graphics and easy to read agate. Good content on lots of different topics. Really nice effort.

2	Southeast Missourian	Jan. 18, May 30, Nov. 17, 2013	Staff
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Nice variety of visual elements. Bio capsules on athletes looks and reads well—a good way to handle this type of content. Interesting section in all read.

3	Independence Examiner	Best Sports Pages	Staff
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Good use of photos, graphics and typographical elements. Not wild about color type blocks.

18.) Best Sports Pages	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Columbia Daily Tribune	Columbia Daily Tribune Sports	
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Strong category but this entry used a combination of photos, stories, including columns, graphics and layout to produce a first place entry.

2	The Kansas City Star	Sports Pages	Staff
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Great combination of local and state and national photo and story content with good graphics, age boxes and highly readable agate.

3	Jefferson City News Tribune	News Tribune Sports Pages	Tom Rackers, Tony Hawley, Adam Stillman, Brent Foster and Josh Hall
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4	Joplin Globe	Best Sports Pages	Staff
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18.) Best Sports Pages	Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Smithville Herald	Smithville Sports Pages	Andy Meyer
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Best entry in this category by far. Great coverage of local sports both in photos and stories. And good graphics makes this a first place entry.

2	Fayette Advertiser	Fayette Advertiser Sports	Greg Jackson
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3	Ash Grove Commonwealth	Best Sports Page, Oct., Jan., Nov.	Staff
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Lots of local photos and stories covering many events and athletes is always a plus for a local paper. Would like to see a little more creative layout and use of more graphics.

4	Lee's Summit Tribune	Best Sport Pages	Ron Wight
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18.) Best Sports Pages		Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Liberty Tribune		Jan. 24, March 7, Oct. 17	
2	Houston Herald		Houston Herald sports pages	Jeff McNiell
3	Platte County Citizen		Best Sports Pages- 1/23/13; 5/22/13;	Staff
4	Bolivar Herald-Free Press Clean layouts, good use of photos, pages tend to be a little gray and headlines a little small		Oct. 23 sports coverage	Bill Breshears

18.) Best Sports Pages		Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	St. Louis American Pages are clean, good use of photos with a dominant element and secondary photos clearly defined, a little more white space than necessary, but since it is used throughout it gives the layouts continuity.		St. Louis American Sports	
2	Washington Missourian, Wednesday Clean layout but photos tend to be too similar in size, Would prefer one dominant element and other clearly secondary. But in general good use of skyboxes and graphic elements.		Wednesday Missourian	Bill Battle, Craig Vonder Haar and Erin Unerstall
3	Washington Missourian, Weekend Photos tended to be too small and use of color type blocks is somewhat outdated but layouts were clean and photo usage decent.		Wk Weekend Missourian Best Sports	Staff

19.) Best Sports News Story or Package		Dailies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Fulton Sun Felt like I learned a lot about the life of Tony Galbreath, and I liked how it was broken down from high school to college to the NFL. I would have liked to read more on what happened to his money -- talking to the guys who lost his money, if possible, or talking to someone from the NFL on how often this happens.		Tony Galbreath	Josh Mosley
2	Hannibal Courier-Post Although coming from a straight-forward news conference, I thought the writer did a good job putting together a clean, interesting story.		Mark McGwire returns to St. Louis	Jason Farmer
3	Fulton Sun Nice indepth look at the two wrestlers. Liked how it wasn't just about the final matches, but who they were and how they got there.		MSHSAA Wrestling Championships	Ryan Boland
4	The Daily Star-Journal Nice look at the final game, and showing how the season was a great success, despite the final blowout loss.		It's all over	Jack Miles Ventimiglia

19.) Best Sports News Story or Package		Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Columbia Missourian Loved the lede. Nice investigative report and getting local statistics to go with national ones. Also a good job of getting so many different voices.		Concussion worries cause tension in	Andrew Wagaman
2	Columbia Missourian Made me feel like I was at the news conference. Good job showing the angst of a coach in trouble.		Missouri basketball coach Frank Haith	Brendan Meyer

3 Independence Examiner All for Joey Bill Althaus
Good job relaying the emotion of the night.

4 Independence Examiner Double dominance Bill Althaus
Thought the game story was well-written and the sidebar was a good complement to the package.

19.) Best Sports News Story or Package Dailies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 St. Louis Post-Dispatch Lost legend Tim Logan, Cynthia Billhartz Gregorian, Steven Perlberg, Marlon Walker, Rick Hummel and Bernie Miklasz
Wow! Awesome coverage of a huge event. Great read.

2 St. Louis Post-Dispatch 'I can't pitch' Joe Strauss, Rick Hummel and Derrick Goold
Nice job of packaging news story, with a column and reaction to the news story.

3 The Kansas City Star Tragic death stuns high school Sam McDowell
Good story and quick reaction to get national statistics.

4 The Kansas City Star Belcher's body exhumed Sam Mellinger
Nice scoop. And well-written.

19.) Best Sports News Story or Package Weeklies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 Fayette Advertiser Jeff Sherman Greg Jackson
Great use of a large photo, and great writing and stories, with multiple voices from players, coaches, families. Appreciated the extra chart that showed all of his major career moments and the archive photos. I would have liked to see more photos from the game better laid out. The use of a single story on the front page was appropriate.

2 Smithville Herald Playoff Basketball Package Andy Meyer
Dramatic writing, great to have the game-winning photo on the front page -- a perfect anchor for the story. Be wary of falling into cliché when writing (which is easy when you're writing so much). Stating the obvious: "Smithfield hopes for a similar result" -- well, of course they want to win. That's obvious.

3 Smithville Herald State Wrestling Package Andy Meyer
Profiles on so many kids and their accomplishments. Good variety of stories and storylines. Photos on the front were a bit repetitive (would have liked to see other scenes from the tournament), but the pictures general complement each other.

4 Smithville Herald State Track Package Andy Meyer
A solid package. Again, be wary of cliché and vague language: "They're seen highs and lows." What does that mean? What highs and lows? "Run countless miles, side-by-side." They're runners, so that's obvious. I want to get to know these girls more. Was there a moment in the season when they really came together? It's better to show than tell.

19.) Best Sports News Story or Package Weeklies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 Liberty Tribune Boston Marathon Chris Geinosky
A comprehensive package of a feature story, then a news story with local reaction on the Boston Marathon bombing, plus two pieces of commentary. The feature, even before the bombing, was interesting. The commentary pulled together and brought an understanding of how the community was affected, even though it was hundreds of miles removed.

2 Houston Herald Track or Field Jeff McNiell
By far the most original entry in the bunch. Not a game-after or game story; just a public service story about an overgrown track. A few grammatical errors here and there, but the pictures tell the story. I wish it were a bit longer. Finally, terrific quote here: "When you have to mow the track, that's not a good thing."

3 Brentwood Spirit Eagles Score 6 TDs...Beat Rival for First Steve Bowman
Awards for comprehensiveness of coverage. All of the season coverage of the Brentwood Eagles football team and their magical season, chronicled in great photos and superb story-telling. Steve, you don't easily fall into cliché, and you captured small moments in this story that make this so much different from a lot of other sports writing I've written. Bravo. Next time, even if it seems like a good photo, I wouldn't include it if it's out of focus. Force yourself to be that harsh in your photo editing. It'll make you a better shooter.

4 Christian County Headliner-News Sparta wins emotional game Steve Casson
 Heartwrenching story about the teammates of a boy who endured his sudden death. The photo spread inside was good. I wish this could have taken up more space on the front. The writing was superb and the story powerful. The pictures completed the package.

19.) Best Sports News Story or Package Weeklies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 St. Louis Business Journal What's the score? Sports Commission Samantha Liss
 In-depth thorough examination of the troubles the St. Louis Sports Commission has endured. Good context in the chart for what they've endured over the last few years. I would have liked to see a lawmaker quoted as well.

2 St. Louis Business Journal How this Blues ownership... Samantha Liss
 Felt like this story needed to be a bit longer. Good front-page portrait, but the second picture is a bit strange with his facial expression. Good use of a graphic -- creatively -- to show value of team and compare that in relation to other teams. The graphic about the other key players in the organization was good. would have liked to see more voices from businesses themselves talking about the effect of the new ownership.

3 Washington Missourian, Weekend Wk BB Miller Shot Bill Battle
 Glad that the winning shot was include. Bill Battle: I commend you for being a photographer good at capturing key moments, who also writes. That's a tough balance. I'd like to see less cliched leads, focusing more on small moments in games. But a great story about a winning shot in a playoff game. "Playoff basketball heats up" is again a cliché, but a good package with good quotes.

4 Washington Missourian, Weekend CVH Wildcats Stun Craig Vonder Haar
 "Thrill of Victory" and "Agony of Defeat" falls into cliché. Good photos... but solid action photos and good stories about local prep sports.

20.) Best Sports Feature Story Dailies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 Dexter Daily Statesman Swing for the Fences Corey Noles
 Great material to work with. Nice detailed description of process. Gave readers a sense of how the finished product starts.

2 Rolla Daily News End of an era Dave Roberts
 Loved the lede. The author was able to convey how hard it was for the subject to retire.

3 Fulton Sun Father's memory drives MSD's Jones to Josh Mosley
 This had enough material to be a first-place winner, but it was just too vague. I wanted to know more about everyone involved.

4 Dexter Daily Statesman Holden Golf Dustin Ward
 I just wanted to know more about the kid... Too many AP Style and other mistakes.

20.) Best Sports Feature Story Dailies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 Columbia Missourian After tragedy, Southern Boone marching Seth Boster
 Great reporting on a tough subject. The author didn't hesitate to talk to friends and family. Well written and clean.

2 Columbia Missourian Former MO FB player overcomes injury Mike Vorel
 Strong visualization and detail. The author brought texture to the recounting of the incident.

3 Columbia Missourian Martial arts provides physical, mental Anne Dankelson
 A well-written piece

4 Southeast Missourian Central senior Mikey Jones Jeff Breer
 Not a bad story at all, but it a tough category with strong pieces.

20.) Best Sports Feature Story	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 Great reporting and excellent writing. Was hooked on every word, wanting to see how it ended.	The Kansas City Star	Spreading his wings	Rustin Dodd
2 Not your typical football player feature (and thank you for that!). Loved the professor's comments. Well done.	Columbia Daily Tribune	"Living Life to the Max"	David Morrison
3 Interesting subject. Wanted to know more about everything and everyone involved.	The Kansas City Star	Island life shaped Chiefs lineman	Vahe Gregorian
4 This is a story about a wallet. A wallet! Great stuff.	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Musial Minutiae	Todd C. Frankel

20.) Best Sports Feature Story	Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 Great story. I love the fact that it's an advance for the state tournament. Rather than just a boring list of who's going and when, it draws the reader into the story. It makes me want to come back later and see how Ashton did. Very well done.	Clinton County Leader	A Sister's Gift	Brett Adkison
2 I love the fact that this was done as a package. Well written, lots of different sources and all bases covered. A great package about a community supporting one of its own.	Smithville Herald	Mighty Kacey	Andy Meyer
3 Really well written story. To me there's one glaring issue, and that's the buried lede. A young Missouri boy getting a chance to meet his hero, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., is really cool. That said, I love the lede that was chosen and it was really well written, but just because Derek had to wait until the banquet to find out the good news doesn't mean the reader should have to wait until the jump. Seriously though, this is a solid feature and well written.	Clinton County Leader	Racing for a Dream	Brett Adkison
4 Solid story on a new coach. I'm a little curious where he came from and what success he had previously. I also think senior Jacob Gideon's comments could have been a little higher in the story, but that's minor. Well done.	Republic Monitor	Beacher's Boys	Tyler Thompson

20.) Best Sports Feature Story	Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 Great story. This proves no matter how small the paper, you can still get a big interview. Quotes from Montee as well as both his folks complete the story. The only thing I may have tried to do is get a quote from his former coach in your area, but overall this was a very well done story.	Warren County Record	20 DF Field of Dreams	Derrick Forsythe
2 Good story. I think hinting at his tough life and "dirtiest football player" honor could have been teased a little higher, but overall a very well written and interesting story.	Christian County Headliner-News	Living is giving	Steve Casson
3 A solid feature with a great lead in. A couple lines (but not too many) and then a nice reveal (it's his house). And another reveal (it's his parent's course) was a great draw into the story. After that a solid feature follows. Well done.	Warren County Record	20 DF Right On Course	Derrick Forsythe
4 Well written, solid feature. Good quotes. My only addition would be information on how to donate. Is there a fund set up? Otherwise solid work.	Lawrence County Record	LCR - Red, White and Bailey (Jacob Bailey)	James McNary

20.) Best Sports Feature Story	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 What a great story. I think I would have tried to put L.D.'s story a little higher, but mentioning it earlier kept me coming back. Getting these guys to talk, especially L.D., turned this story from a really good feature into an obvious award winner.	Riverfront Times	Pros and Cons	Jessica Lussenhop

2 **St. Louis Business Journal** St. Louis sports agents score... Greg Edwards
Really neat package. Rather than one big, intimidating pile of information, this is presented as a number of separate entries, all very interesting. The amount of information here is staggering, and the different stories keep the reader interested.

3 **Jefferson County Leader** Ex-cheerleader Fischer ran...
I like the subheads and the overall feel of this story. It covers all the bases and has some flair and gives the reader some insight into the personality of this student athlete.

4 **St. Louis American** John Burroughs School Peter Baugh
Really nice feature on an impressive kid. I like the addition of quotes from his father and one of his teachers.

21.) Best Sports Columnist *Dailies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **The Kansas City Star** Vahe Gregorian columns Vahe Gregorian
Outstanding detail, reporting; in depth takes on huge topics of interest; extremely well written and thoughtful.

2 **The Kansas City Star** Sam Mellinger columns Sam Mellinger
Best deadline columns in the contest; really letting readers get to know the person behind the story.

3 **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** Bryan Burwell Bryan Burwell
Good topical takes on the big news of the day; columns could use more pacing, and shorter sentences, particularly in the ledes.

4 **Columbia Daily Tribune** Walljasper Columns Joe Walljasper
Excellent reporting, would like to see tighter writing and less background at top of the columns, get right after where you are going.

21.) Best Sports Columnist *Dailies - Classes 1 and 2* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Southeast Missourian** April 17, May 10, Nov. 27, 2013 Rachel Crader
Outstanding job; by far the best of the competition; writing was excellent, as were the insight and analysis. Good topic selection. Taking on the AD in a small town can also be tough, but she did it. Very nice work!

2 **Independence Examiner** Best Sports Columnist Bill Althaus
Good writing, reporting and detail. Would have liked to see more variation in the topic selection/issues in the community.

3 **Independence Examiner** Best Sports Columnist Shawn Garrison
Overall, writing was among the best. Would like to see a little tighter overall construction and getting right to the point, and then pacing the arguments/body of the story. Less is more, tighter is better, at times. Would also suggest finding topics where you can offer a stronger take.

21.) Best Sports Columnist *Weeklies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Jefferson County Leader** The Inside Track Gordon Bess
Would like to see more opinion as a "column" but best job of detailing issues. Two read more like features than columns. Sharpen the column knife.

2 **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** Craigs Corner Craig Vonder Haar
Very straightforward approach. Try different styles and make sure to get your opinion up high and carry it through.

3 **St. Louis American** In the Clutch Ishmael Sistrunk
Most creative writing of the entries. Would like to see more focus and tightening of the column vs. length and airing everything out about the subject. A case where 20 inches can be better than 30 inches.

21.) Best Sports Columnist		Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Warren County Record By far the best work of the entires. The writing was the cleanest. The writer moved from point to point and his columns had good pacing and overall structure. His topics were varied. Would have liked to see more reporting on the troubles of the local schools vs. disappointment of living there and competition isn't very good. Column on fans' poor behavior contained some generalizations and overstatements. Overall, by far best of the group.		Best Sports Columnist	Derrick Forsythe
2	Republic Monitor Strongest column was on Lance Armstrong, calling him "a bully, liar, cheater..." Column on visiting Wrigley Field was interesting but included many clichés. Also, most fans know the history of Wrigley. Trick is bringing new information to your visit. Overall, columns can use tighter structure, more focused points of view. Determine what it is you want to say, then just get after it vs. a featurish approach. In this case, shorter can be better. Tighter.		Tyler Thompson	Tyler Thompson
3	Gasconade Co. Republican Biggest issue is that the columns were more feature stories than columns. There are good local topic to address in a column format, and could have been done here with the subject matter, but there were written more in feature vein. There were grammatical issues and structural issues. Big thing would be to decide what exactly you're saying, and lay it out in a straightforward manner.		Republican	Will Johnson
22.) Best News or Feature Special Section		Dailies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Rolla Daily News Admirable job of writing for the most part, especially in devising different, appealing leads for so many similar stories. Diverse pieces and photography covered the topic well.		Football Mania 2013	
2	Rolla Daily News Well-selected stories give a broad but focused view of the topic.		St James Tigers Final Four	Staff
3	The Daily Star-Journal Stories were well selected; many were interesting enough to have run in the main section.		Veterans	Staff
22.) Best News or Feature Special Section		Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Columbia Missourian Radical approach to the classic "progress edition": news stories that are actually interesting and informative, not simply retail/governmental puff pieces. The lead story isn't positive and shouldn't be. Sterling photography (especially the cover), story choice, design and writing.		Years of Progress	
2	Columbia Missourian Not the usual back-to-school edition. Excellent design and by-the-numbers theme, attractive, informative, helpful.		Welcome Back	Staff
3	Columbia Missourian Great spin on the usual sports preview section. All the need-to-haves, but also some great stories that would be interesting to non-sports fans		Tiger Kickoff September 27-28	Staff
4	Columbia Missourian Not quite the zing of the September 27-28 football preview issue, perhaps because it looks a lot like that one, but still very well done.		Tiger Kickoff October 18-19	Staff
22.) Best News or Feature Special Section		Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	The Kansas City Star Creative and spot-on story selection, beautiful photography, dynamic design and very readable and tantalizing writing.		The Food Issue	Jill Silva, Cindy Hoedel, Tammy Ljungblad, Mary G. Pepitone, Barbara Hill-Meyer
2	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Succeeds admirably in illuminating a very complex, controversial topic with a stimulating and well-written mix of factual pieces and personal touches.		Navigating health care	Staff
3	St. Joseph News-Press Very practical but well-written stories, great photography and design, and leads that don't all say the same thing.			Staff

4 St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Broad selection of stories, good art and a little bit of attitude make this section both helpful and readable.

St. Louis Summer Fun

Staff

22.) Best News or Feature Special Section

Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 Richmond News
Great special section. It made me want to visit Ray County.

Show Me Ray County Magazine

JoEllen Black, David Knopf, Sara Seidel, Russ Green,
Liz Johnson and Karen Payne

2 Nixa Xpress
Colorful, well designed section.

The Nest

Staff

3 Nixa Xpress
Great read and lots of life in this special section.

Fall N the Zone

Staff

4 Richmond News
Super cute and fun for kids at Christmas time.

North Pole News

Sara Seidel and JoEllen Black

22.) Best News or Feature Special Section

Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 Lawrence County Record
Fantastic agriculture information and pictures. Loved the design.

LCR - Fall Ag Edition

2 California Democrat
A wonderful special section chronicling history.

Russellville 175th Anniversary

Michelle Brooks, Beverly Pace, Denise McMillan, Sam Dudenhoeffer and Jim Dyke

3 Bolivar Herald-Free Press
Relevant health information, stories and photos.

December Health Check

Staff

4 Lawrence County Record
Interesting information and accolades for the town.

LCR - FFA Edition 2013

Staff

22.) Best News or Feature Special Section

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 St. Louis American
Amazing special section. Well designed and reported.

Diversity

2 Jefferson County Leader
Excellent special section.

Jefferson County Leader Football 2013

Gordon Bess and Peggy Scott

3 St. Louis Business Journal
Super creative section. Excitement bursts out of every page.

40 Under 40 02-01-2013

Staff

4 Jefferson County Leader

Veterans Day

Laura Marlow and Peggy Scott

23.) Best Investigative Reporting	Dailies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Moberly Monitor-Index	GRAVE PROBLEMS	Drew Van Dyke
Well-paced, reported and written account of a conflict between the city and a nonprofit association over care of a cemetery, including use of public documents to show officials saying one thing and doing another.			
2	Dexter Daily Statesman	FSD Changes	Corey Noles
Good use of public records to show the impact of cuts to the state Family Services Division including statewide consolidation of offices and potential staff reductions.			

23.) Best Investigative Reporting	Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Columbia Missourian	A system in shambles	Elizabeth Pearl
outstanding work. captivating opening, great job of illuminating a social problem through one woman's life. congratulations.			
2	Columbia Missourian	Radium game	Brendan Gibbons
great research, well told. left me wondering how many people he exposed to the "miracle" element. One big math error, I think. \$216,000 in 1931 would not be worth \$3 billion today.			
3	Columbia Missourian	Columbia traffic stops	Jon McClure and Joseph Vozzelli Jr.
impressive use of data, good explanation of the debate over disparity stats. needed some interviews with drivers who were stopped.			
4	Columbia Missourian	MU's Office of Student Conduct	Samantha Sunne
shocking lack of action on a violent crime. I hope the university takes action. story needed voices of women who were sexually assaulted, even anonymous voices.			

23.) Best Investigative Reporting	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Aurora shooter	Todd C. Frankel
This entry wins based on the originality of the idea, the persistence of the reporting and the quality of the storytelling. There was a lot written about the Aurora shooting but this reporter found a fresh angle and executed brilliantly. Putting the reader in the reporter's shoes and making the story revolve around the search really worked. The focus on how laws and regulations have eased to allow these bulk sales gave the story power.			
2	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Northwest Plaza	Jeremy Kohler
This is a fine example of investigative journalism uncovering misdeeds in a large public works project. It's hard to think of a stone unturned here. How many stories will it take for the state to boot this company and reform its ways?			
3	The Kansas City Star	State Falls Silent in Children's Deaths	Laura Bauer and Judy L. Thomas
A tenacious effort that combines beat reporting, investigation and public service. These reporters pushed hard and they got results that matter to readers and children.			
4	The Kansas City Star	A Question of Homicide	Christine Vendel
Way to put the heat on a local official falling down on the job. A thorough investigation.			
4	Joplin Globe	Bad Blood	
An additional honorable mention to the Joplin Globe for its "Bad Blood" coverage that appears to have city officials scrambling.			

23.) Best Investigative Reporting	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Last words	Heather Cole and Scott Lauck
Fascinating and fun read. You truly captured the grasp of the last moments of these men's lives.			
2	St. Louis Business Journal	Funeral Procession 6-14-2013	E.B. Solomont
Truly fascinating case. You reported and wrote with an excellent style to unravel this complex issue. Excellent job.			

3 **St. Louis Business Journal** Code breakers E.B. Solomont
 Interesting read.

4 **St. Louis Business Journal** River City Empire E.B. Solomont and Angela Mueller
 Interesting read. You bring us into the business.

23.) Best Investigative Reporting *Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Springfield Business Journal** "Manufacturer wooed by 'Mr. Wu'" Brian Brown

2 **Springfield Business Journal** Cavner civil charges Brian Brown

3 **Gasconade Co. Republican** DNR halts demolition project Dave Marner

4 **Lee's Summit Tribune** Construction Accident / Fire Stephen Wagner and Linda Ahern

24.) Best Local Business Coverage *Dailies* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Columbia Daily Tribune** Columbia Daily Tribune Business
 Good breadth of coverage an a variety of economic issues that affect consumers. Plus lots of extras to keep readers interested with columns, following stocks and small businesses. Very well rounded, great visuals and interesting explanatory stories.

2 **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** St. Louis Post-Dispatch Staff
 Loved the series on the river, especially diving into the history. Great visuals on this entry, as well. Very reader friendly. Plus, great use of local columnists.

3 **The Kansas City Star** Business Coverage Staff
 Star Business Weekly is a great standout amid daily business coverage. Good breadth of coverage, nice focus on local reporting, and very reader friendly.

24.) Best Local Business Coverage *Weeklies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Washington Missourian, Weekend** Local Business Coverage

2 **St. Louis American** Staff

3 **Jefferson County Leader** Business coverage Staff

24.) Best Local Business Coverage *Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Springfield Business Journal** Local Business Coverage Eric Olson, Emily Letterman and Brian Brown
 Clear winner

2	Clinton County Leader Good local focus on business	Leader Business	Becky Black and Brett Adkison
3	Lee's Summit Journal	Best Local Business Coverage	Toriano Porter

25.) Best Business Story	Dailies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Dexter Daily Statesman I liked this story a lot. It gave me a good lesson in batmaking. The art was especially strong. Would have been nice to have a graf on the type or types of wood used.	Swing for the Fences	Corey Noles
2	Fulton Sun Very solid business profile. Good writing; good lead. Would have been nice to have the range of prices for the wines in the story.	Local vintner carries success...	Katherine Cummins
3	Rolla Daily News Nice nostalgia piece. Good lead, good writing and a nice selection of photos. I liked the touch of quoting from the guest book.	Missouri Route 66's oldest trading post	Eddie O'Neill
4	Dexter Daily Statesman Important story for the community -- going digital in the local cinema. Good writing, but it looked to me as if "project" should have been "projector" in one place.	Twin Cinema	Mike McCoy
4	Dexter Daily Statesman This story had good color and good quotes. Would have been nice to have a graf on the smell of the donut shop, to really put us there as readers. And Noreen needs to review the rule when referring to Mr. Parks in the possessive.	One Donut at a Time	Noreen Hyslop

25.) Best Business Story	Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Columbia Missourian Good analysis of the real estate market. I appreciated that there were dissenting voices, that we understood the rent situation. Nice writing, too.	Residents divided	Harrison McLean
2	Southeast Missourian Great story could have been the winner with a stronger nut graf and moving up the conclusions of Stapleton higher -- that's the point, right? These incentives are very important in the short-term.	Are incentives worth it?	Erin Ragan
3	West Plains Daily Quill Really fun business story that gave me information about the real estate landscape in your community in the context of the national debate about guns. Love to know how it turned out!	Gunmakers 5.8.13	Terry Hampton
4	Columbia Missourian Really interesting look at the fight over raw milk. Good job getting the numbers and the multiple voices in there. I appreciated the way you used the Dixon's struggle as the spine of this complex story.	Raw milk	Abigail Eisenberg

25.) Best Business Story	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	The Kansas City Star Really solid reporting writing. Excellent graphics supporting all of the words. Completely compelling data, human stories and context.	Doctors Inc.	Alan Bavley
2	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Great use of public documents. Really interesting and colorful writing and narrative.	Going. Going. Gone	Tim Logan

3	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Return to greatness	Tim Logan
	Wonderful explanatory business reporting -- what needs to be done, what the river means. Just great		
4	Columbia Daily Tribune	Nearing the Tipping Point?	Jacob Barker
	Seriously well reported. I liked the historic context, great use of numbers without too much wonk, and a good sense of the "neighborhood" woven in		

25.) Best Business Story

Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Clinton County Leader	Windy Wine	Becky Black
	Good approach and quotes, organized well.		
2	Nixa Xpress	It just makes scents	Ryan Bowling
3	North Stoddard Countian	Business Recycling	Corey Noles
4	Lee's Summit Tribune	Cyber Protection	Wendy Hayworth

25.) Best Business Story

Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Springfield Business Journal	"The Next Justice Generation"	Brian Brown
	Excellent reporting, sensitivity and use of quotes without over-dramatizing.		
2	Lee's Summit Journal	Mr. Olson's Neighborhood	Toriano Porter
	Good job of telling the personal side of this story and describing the extent of his work.		
3	Springfield Business Journal	"Tackling the White Elephant"	Brian Brown
	Thorough job of explaining the background needed for this story without boring the reader.		
4	Houston Herald	Finely finished	Doug Davison

25.) Best Business Story

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	St. Louis Business Journal	River City Empire	E.B. Solomont and Angela Mueller
	Superior in every way, setting up the purpose and making many convincing points along the way, holding the reader throughout.		
2	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Bank Like Family	Karen Cernich
	Excellent work in elevating an anniversary story to a higher level, enhanced by the visuals.		
3	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Insurers rarely sure of victory	Scott Lauck
	Solid research and detail, with a well-chosen anecdote lead to grab the reader.		

4 **St. Louis Business Journal** Jobs boom: E.B. Solomont
 Good job of pulling together the many different elements of this story as they developed over time.

26.) Best Coverage of Government		Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	The Kansas City Star	Taker Nation	Dave Helling and Steve Kraske	Very good use of data and descriptive, accessible writing to paint a clear picture of federal spending in one conservative rural county. A clear and comprehensive job of explaining all the ways that federal spending influences the lives of these people, turning on its head (for a lot of people) the notion that Washington isn't good for much.
2	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Police board	Christine Byers, Steve Giegerich, Robert Patrick, Paul Hampel and Jeremy Kohler	Solid, dogged reporting. The paper does exactly what it should do when a public official resigns over an unspecified conflict of interest. It keeps asking questions, and those questions eventually lead to the resignation of another public official -- and this time we understand exactly what the conflict involves.
3	The Kansas City Star	Political Industrial Complex	Dave Helling and Steve Kraske	Thorough explainer on the consultants who "flourish at the intersection of democracy and capitalism" and how their influence extends beyond the campaign. We learn what's behind the massive amounts of money and mostly negative ads that make Americans cynical about politics.
4	Columbia Daily Tribune	Conceal-Carry permit controversy	Rudi Keller	Solid, ongoing coverage of a complicated controversy, though a little confusing to follow at times. Maybe that couldn't be helped, given the twists and turns.

26.) Best Coverage of Government		Dailies - Classes 1 and 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Southeast Missourian	8th District Congressional race	Erin Ragan, Matt Sanders, Bob Miller and Beth Lewis	A very good and thorough job of explaining a complicated process for replacing a member of Congress mid-term. You helped make the process more transparent for readers via enterprise reporting such as the survey that correctly identified one of the GOP front-runners and eventual winner. Also insightful was your analysis showing which counties carried the most weight. Pleased to see that the editor who worked on stories told readers he had abstained from participating in the editorial endorsement.
2	Columbia Missourian	911 Sales tax ballot issue	Staff	All the information on the ballot proposal that a voter would need. You clearly explained the proposal, its cost and impact. The Q & A format was appropriate and informative, and a nice descriptive narrative explained the need in human terms- under staffing, equipment problems, how the current situation doesn't meet national standards. Good job bringing out other angles including the tax's possible effect on the poor and how county officials were ready to go upon passage.
3	Columbia Missourian	2013 Columbia City Council Elections	Staff	Good, comprehensive coverage of a city election with solid candidate profiles and useful breakouts on major topics.
4	The Daily Star-Journal	THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY	Jack Miles Ventimiglia	The writer gets a mention for marathon coverage of the last day of the legislative session. Never seen so many bylines from the same writer on one day!

26.) Best Coverage of Government		Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Jefferson County Leader	Flush with hope	and graphics how the situation developed and possible solutions.	Outstanding, comprehensive series on an obviously pervasive problem. It explains in well-thought-out stories
2	Green Park Call	2013 MFPD Board of Directors election	Mike Anthony	he reporter followed the money, dug through records and continued to ask questions. The writing and editing could have been a bit smoother but readers understood what was happening in their community.
3	St. Louis Business Journal	Tishaura Jones rehabs...	Angela Mueller	Interesting interview with Jones highlighting the many changes she's made and may make. It doesn't shy away from her father's history but seemed short on detractors -- surely there are some?
4	St. Louis American	Water Fight	Staff	It's "only" \$250,000 but the issues raised speak volumes. The mayor's insistence raised more questions. The reporter needed a sit-down with the mayor so he could explain his reasoning.

26.) Best Coverage of Government		Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Eldon Advertiser This has drama, animals, Facebook rumors; coverage is even-handed and has good follow-through.		Eldon Animal Shelter	Tammy Witherspoon and Tim Flora
2	Liberty Tribune The newspaper knew the constitution was a potentially dull but vital story. No citizen could say they were surprised when the proposal was on the ballot, and the coverage through lawsuits and the final vote was thorough and balanced.		Clay County constitution proposal	Staff
3	Christian County Headliner-News Shining the light on governmental shenanigans is the hallmark of a good newspaper. The county allowed procedures to be ignored, rules to be bent and potential conflicts of interest to be brushed off.		Gray lowers taxes	Donna Osborn
4	Cass County Democrat Missourian Good coverage of a local controversy.		Boot block troubles	Bethany Bashioum

27.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture		Dailies	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	The Kansas City Star The Kansas City Star showed all-around excellence with compelling writing and in-depth reporting, packaged with stand-out photography.			
2	Columbia Missourian Versatility was a hallmark of the Columbia Missourian's coverage, making for engaging stories matched by striking photographs.		June 11, September 5, October 31	Staff

27.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture		Weeklies	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
2	Houston Herald The Houston Herald successfully highlighted unique aspects of the local community with its thoughtful coverage. Please note, I meant for this entry to be for second place as I did not feel there were any first place submissions for this category.		Bunnies and birds / fair style / Still	Doug Davison
4	Washington Missourian, Wednesday The Washington Missourian's thorough coverage set it apart from other papers. It would have placed higher with more creative approaches to storytelling.		Best Rural Life Ag	Staff

28.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture		Dailies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	The Daily Star-Journal I read this story first out of all the entries because the headline caught my attention. Great job personalizing the story - you can feel the pain of the people that rely on the senior center for meals and still you give good nut and bolts details about the legislative process. Good job of personalizing what could be a generic national story.		Milk and Cookies Cliff	Jack Miles Ventimiglia
2	The Daily Star-Journal Good story about how a small winery started and good detail about the business and wine grapes. Could use more than just the one source.		From Good to Grapeness	Jack Miles Ventimiglia
3	Daily Dunklin Democrat Love this story and the personal message this farmer is sharing. We can feel the pain of his loss. Could use more than just the one source.		Pink Cotton Bales	Michelle Rasberry and Donnie Shelton
4	Dexter Daily Statesman This story could have placed higher if you had a couple of quotes from the students. Save boring details like the classes the instructor teaches for the end. Most important information first. Try to keep the lead to one sentence and following paragraphs to two sentences.		Laying Foundation	Noreen Hyslop

28.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture		Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Columbia Missourian	Jam packed with info and personal stories. Very good. Really long article for a newspaper.	Raw milk	Abigail Eisenberg
2	Southeast Missourian	Love this story lots of good info, color and good stories. All angles touched upon.	Harvesting big bucks	Amity Shedd
3	Columbia Missourian	Great story, lots of history that tells how the farmers were forced to give up the lands because of flooding and how they still have a purpose today.	Overton Bottoms	Brendan Gibbons
4	Lebanon Daily Record	I really, really wanted to place this story higher because it is such a unique topic and has some really interesting details. It came down to structure and the writing on the first three finishers had better structure. I would put the interesting information up top - how the pink pumpkins are obtained and how they look blue before they ripen before details about the event. Keep up the good work I think you are doing a great job.	Pink at the Patch	Julie Turner-Crawford

28.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture		Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	The Kansas City Star	Love this story. Very cool. Lots of great quotes. Informative and interesting.	Home of the Peach Nehi float	Donald Bradley
2	The Kansas City Star	This story makes the reader feel like they are there right along with you. Very good. Awesome stuff.	Against the odds, our towns endure	Rick Montgomery
3	Joplin Globe	Very interesting, very thorough. Interesting topic. Pulls the reader in.	Cattle rustling	Wally Kennedy
4	The Kansas City Star	Educational and heartbreaking at the same time. Very well written. Kansas City Star entries are giving each other too much competition.	Grains of Doubt	Mike McGraw

28.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture		Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Richmond News	Excellent job capturing small town life.	At Wilson's, everyone's got a first name	David Knopf
2	Concordia Concordian	Well-written	Hasselbrings peaceful lifestyle	Sarah Reed
3	Republic Monitor	Nice story.	Local garden includes peanuts, cotton	Katie Barton
4	Weston Chronicle	Interesting details.	Alpacas Find Home at Weston	Beth McPherson

28.) Best Story About Rural Life or Ag		Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Lawrence County Record	Good job covering a contentious topic.	Wrestling with rustling (By Ryan Squibb)	Ryan Squibb

2	Houston Herald	Bunnies and birds ? fair style	Doug Davison
Interesting and easy to read.			
3	Christian County Headliner-News	Molasses	Amelia Wigton
Good story and quotes.			
4	California Democrat	Greg Holtgrewe continues farming legacy	Michelle Brooks
Telling story.			

28.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	28 Wed Champion Cowgirl	Karen Cernich
Well done. Interesting and an easy read.			
2	Jefferson County Leader	Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Local couple...	Laura Marlow
Interesting throughout.			
3	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	We Take Hit	
Great quotes.			

29.) Best Story About Religion Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Dexter Daily Statesman	Smiles	Noreen Hyslop
You grabbed me with your lead, and you kept me engaged with vivid descriptions of what goes on during the morning clinic. You did an excellent job of speaking to so many people there. I'll offer one criticism: With a little editing, you probably could have trimmed 10 to 15 percent of this story.			
2	Rolla Daily News	Ancient church seeking a presence in	R.D. Hohenfeldt
I learned something today by reading your article. This was well written and interesting. In every way, it fit the standard for an excellent story about religion -- except one. I had to subtract one point because you had only one source, Deacon Wilson.			
3	Hannibal Courier-Post	Dedicated to God, family, community	Danny Henley
I like your simple lead and the way it lead into the heart of the story, about his being honored by the American Legion. His clear memories of his distant past kept my attention. I only wish the story hadn't ended so abruptly.			
4	Dexter Daily Statesman	Musically Inclined	Noreen Hyslop
You found a good subject, and you did a great job of finding multiple sources for your story. A couple of criticisms: You tried to squeeze too much detail into your lead, and you missed an opportunity to write more about the challenges this commute represents and how he uses that time.			

29.) Best Story About Religion Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Columbia Missourian	Humanist minister performs services...	Blake Ursch
An engaging story about one man's journey, which began with curiosity about what he believed and why.			
2	Columbia Missourian	Matters of Faith	Staff
Second place goes to Defining Grace. Good job of capturing how LySaundra Campbell overcame struggles to become a helper to others.			

29.) Best Story About Religion Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	The Kansas City Star	God's Next Assignment	Lee Hill Kavanaugh
Wow. It's not often a story makes me cry, but this one did. Exceptional storytelling that took me deep into who Joey Butler is and into God's calling in his life; how his encounters with others have changed lives; and how he dedicated his living and his dying to God. Unforgettable.			

2 **The Kansas City Star** Where fruitcake is everlasting Donald Bradley
 If this had published without photos, I still could have envisioned these men who have dedicated their lives to prayer and to service. You spent hours getting to know these men and the abbey, then took the reader there. This was such a close second, I had to call in another editor to read my two finalists.

3 **Springfield News-Leader** Feature writing- Religion Christine Temple
 Straightforward and well-sourced reporting that gets to the heart of an issue that divides the church. Vallery Williams was the perfect lead, and you wisely allowed her the time to tell her story. A well-rounded, fair look at the issue of women in the ministry.

4 **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** Memorizing the Quran Tim Townsend
 An excellent introduction to the world of the huffaz and to their value in the Islamic community. Well explained

29.) Best Story About Religion Weeklies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Clinton County Leader** Heavenly Voices Becky Black
 This is a nice feature story with a nice leading paragraph that draws you into the story. The background information on the lives of the nuns before they entered and how they live their life is informative and helpful to understanding the context of their music and their success. `

2 **Vandalia Leader** David Ray and daughter... Ron Schott
 This is a great story, although the writing needs work. I was disappointed that it wasn't more polished. It reads like a long blog post. It could have lost half its word count. That said, if you stick it out, it grows on you.

3 **Republic Monitor** Republic resident publishes book of Katie Barton
 This is a very solid story on religion. The article captures the personal motivations and intentions of the author in publishing the book. I thought it lacked a little depth, and I wish there were just a few quotes from the actual prayers.

4 **Clinton County Leader** Rev. Elliott Retires Brett Adkison
 Nice going away story on a long-serving pastor. Nothing earth shattering, but very solid.

29.) Best Story About Religion Weeklies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Cass County Democrat Missourian** Old church celebrates new life... Bethany Bashioum
 Great story and wonderfully written. One is taken in by the youth and energy of this pastor, and can feel the renewal happening in his community. The writing was smooth and engaging.

2 **Warren County Record** 29 DF Fueled by Passion Derrick Forsythe
 This was also a very well-written story that took a pretty run-of-the-mill Church program (after-Church basketball) and made it interesting with a human interest angle. Nicely done.

3 **Bolivar Herald-Free Press** A hope and a future Jessica Drews
 Solid story about a wonderful apostolate. I would have liked more information on those who are helped, as well as more personal information of motivations and inspirations. Seems one-dimensional and typical of Christmas gift-giving charities.

4 **California Democrat** Cedron to host noon Mass Sunday Michelle Brooks
 This gets an honorable mention because there is such a good story here underneath unfocused and wandering writing. I wanted more context and more history of this building, and a better introduction to the Friends of Cedron. Why was the Church closed? How did they get a blessing from Pope Francis? Why do they celebrate Christmas Mass closer to New Year's. So many questions, but at least it piqued my interest!

29.) Best Story About Religion Weeklies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Washington Missourian, Weekend** St Paul UCC Karen Cernich
 This is a great story about a Church marking an anniversary that both recounts the history, but also looks forward. Well-written and engaging.

2 **St. Louis American** Gently bringing change Wendy Todd
 A great new pastor profile that goes beyond just his resume. Nice quotes and a nice leading paragraph.

3 **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** Its a Vocation Karen Cernich
I love that this story didn't just report on the award, but linked together the tradition of great teachers in the school. The story was long and could have been more focused.

4 **Washington Missourian, Wednesday** Holy Trinity Lutheran Karen Cernich
Nice story on an anniversary of a Church community.

30.) Best Story About Education Dailies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Kirkville Daily Express & News** Class DoJo Taylor Muller
A well-written and solidly reported reported story with an interesting focus

2 **Fulton Sun** I survived Katherine Cummins
This is a well structured look at a sensitive topic, deftly handled. I found it curious that the issue of sexual preference wasn't even mentioned.

3 **Rolla Daily News** At home ... and back in school Eddie O'Neill
This can be a hot-button topic for some people. The reporter approached it in a dispassionate manner and did a solid job.

4 **Fulton Sun** Bush School utilizes whole brain teaching Katherine Cummins

30.) Best Story About Education Dailies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Southeast Missourian** OMG: Why can't Johnny write? Ruth Campbell
Good, solidly reported and well written enterprise piece.

2 **Lebanon Daily Record** A step back in time Fines Massey
A humorous look at a project that didn't exactly end up as the participants had hoped. A fun read.

3 **Columbia Missourian** 'Balanced literacy' approach wins Shaina Cavazos
A solid, thoroughly reported and well written explainer. While long, it held this reader's interest and clearly explained a topic that in less able hands could have been dull

4 **Sedalia Democrat** Common Core Nicole Cooke
Nice job explaining in a clear manner a complex and controversial topic. Accurate reporting on a subject it's easy to misunderstand.

30.) Best Story About Education Dailies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **The Kansas City Star** Making college work Mará Rose Williams and Eric Adler
Top-notch work. The reporting, writing, organization and topic work together to engage the reader.

2 **The Kansas City Star** Emails detail hidden plan Joe Robertson
A strong piece of shoe-leather reporting that reveals hidden facts readers and taxpayers will want to know. Marred only by the fact that another organization rather than the paper obtained the emails.

3 **Springfield News-Leader** Education- third grade Claudette Riley, Steve Pokin, Jackie Rehwald and Valerie Mosley
His special series is comprehensive and well researched, reported and written. While it may be so comprehensive as to be overwhelming to some readers, it provides a real public service in taking people inside schools and classrooms in their community.

4	Jefferson City News Tribune A sad story about a bad decision and a misunderstanding with tragic consequences.	No one wanted	Kris Hildgedick
4	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Juxtaposing the perspectives of the sending urban district and the receiving suburban district made for compelling reading.	Fear and Distrust	Jessica Bock and Elisa Crouch

30.) Best Story About Education **Weeklies - Class 1** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Kearney Courier The only entry deserving of a chance to win. It was a great topic with a good lead that grabbed my attention.	Student phones put to work as teaching	Ryne Dittmer
2	Republic Monitor More could have been done with this topic, but the topic itself was not gripping.	Serving up an education	Katie Barton
3	Kearney Courier Great topic, but poor execution.	Through the Google Glass	Ryne Dittmer
4	Ash Grove Commonwealth Good topic, mediocre execution.	Small schools, big technology for Ash	James McNary

30.) Best Story About Education **Weeklies - Class 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Brentwood Spirit Clearly the best entry. This story had the potential to teach teachers about what works in a successful classroom and was clearly told.	Math Scores Help Drive District's Success	Steve Bowman
2	Christian County Headliner-News It was refreshing to read a story that actually dealt with education principles, rather than personalities, test scores or nuts and bolts.	Early bloomers	Amelia Wigton
3	Liberty Tribune Good insight into what actually goes on in a classroom.	Hour of Code introduces students...	Ryne Dittmer
4	Gasconade Co. Republican A very good story on a dedicated teacher.	Kendra	Roxie Murphy

30.) Best Story About Education **Weeklies - Class 3** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	St. Louis Business Journal Best of show. A great piece of investigation and interpretation	Tuition High: Higher tuition...	Greg Edwards and Nicholas Ledden
2	Washington Missourian, Wednesday This writer has a a wonderful style that takes the reader inside everything she writes about.	Girls on Run	Karen Cernich
3	St. Louis American A very important story about an education pioneer.	Fighting for social justice at Parkway	Chris King

4 **Washington Missourian, Weekend** **Cooking Collaboration** **Karen Cernich**
 This is a fun story on an unexpected topic.

31.) Best Story About the Outdoors **Dailies - Class 1** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **The Daily Star-Journal** **Butterflies** **Jack Miles Ventimiglia**
 Excellent article with multiple, interesting angles. Particularly liked the inclusion of nanotechnology information. Detailed, educational and informative. Hits all the bases and gorgeous photos on top of that.

2 **Dexter Daily Statesman** **Disabled Vets** **Noreen Hyslop**
 Great intersection of outdoors and human interest story. Well constructed.

3 **The Daily Star-Journal** **Menu of bugs, weeds** **Jack Miles Ventimiglia**
 Felt like more a history + dining story, but good information about the relationship between outdoors and humans.

4 **Dexter Daily Statesman** **Mingo** **Noreen Hyslop**
 Begins very well - great descriptions of the environment - but I would have liked more information about any preservation efforts, as well as perhaps quotes from visitors about how they liked their experience.

31.) Best Story About the Outdoors **Dailies - Class 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Columbia Missourian** **White oak decline** **Caroline Murray**
 A very nice look at a serious issue that could affect the state's economy as well as its environment. Nicely combines experts, information and a nuanced look at all the implications of white oak decline.

2 **Columbia Missourian** **Captive deer farms** **Andrew Brown**
 This was a very difficult decision between first and second place, but this is another excellent look at an issue that impacts Missouri - and areas beyond state boundaries. This did a nice job of examining the shortcomings of the law and the impacts that could have.

3 **Southeast Missourian** **A rare breed** **Amity Shedd**
 A nice multilayered story. I particularly liked the ending, which presented the dilemma of hunters gathering an unique specimen or leaving it for the public to enjoy.

4 **Columbia Missourian** **Changing weather** **Brendan Gibbons**
 Nice story that combines science and government and places the state within a historical context of climate change.

31.) Best Story About the Outdoors **Dailies - Class 3** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **The Kansas City Star** **Troubled waters** **Brent Frazee**
 A very nice look at this issue. Nicely constructed story and package.

2 **Joplin Globe** **Below surface** **Andra Stefanoni**
 A very serious contender for first place. Nice look at the science behind an issue and its impact on readership - informative.

3 **Joplin Globe** **Rock snot** **Andra Stefanoni**
 Well constructed and well written look at a pressing issue. Informative and thorough.

4 **St. Joseph News-Press** **Most basic of instincts** **Bryce Mereness**

31.) Best Story About the Outdoors		Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Washington Missourian, Wednesday Truly an excellent package, very well written and fascinating story and great photographs.		31 Wed Master Falconer	Karen Cernich and Jeanne Miller Wood
2	Webster - Kirkwood Times Very nice, nuanced, informative story.		Ozark Hellbender	Don Corrigan
3	South County Times Good look at an off-beat angle that I would not have thought of. Good inclusion of interviews with young girl archers too.		Girls Turning To Archery	Don Corrigan
4	Webster - Kirkwood Times I liked this look at hummingbirds and two people's special relationships with the birds, and the inclusion of the issue of declining numbers - would just have liked to see some hard numbers to back that up.		Hummingbirds	Don Corrigan

31.) Best Story About the Outdoors		Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Houston Herald Nicely written, but I would have liked to see quotes from the wounded warriors who participated in the hunt.		'Wounded warriors' on the hunt	Doug Davison
2	Houston Herald Informative and hits all the bases, but the sloppy writing was hard to look past.		Forest restoration project...	Doug Davison
3	Lee's Summit Tribune This entry did not have the jump, so I could not review the whole story.		Heights Made Men	Staff

32.) Best Story About History		Dailies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	The Daily Star-Journal What a fascinating character Carl Foster is - and that comes through because he's allowed to be the story. Excellent quotes with solid narrative support and a great lede. I think this would have been just as effective at half the length ... then again, I wouldn't have wanted to make the decisions about which of Foster's quotes to omit. Good work.		Resident serves with Kennedy in Pacific	Jack Miles Ventimiglia
2	Hannibal Courier-Post Well done. I was particularly intrigued by the research about the relationship between Missouri slaves and their owners. That information provided very interesting details. As a reader, I'd like to have known if Mr. Dixon's was an exceptional case: Did other former slaves own land during this time? Was it common to buy one's freedom?		A free man of color	Mary Lou Montgomery
3	Hannibal Courier-Post As a resident of a city that, like Hannibal, features many historic homes, I know how much our readers enjoy stories such as this. It's a solid, interesting piece about local history - particularly the family history.		Inside these walls	Mary Lou Montgomery
4	Dexter Daily Statesman This is a quiet story, but an important one. Mr. Hart's efforts in establishing the Dexter genealogical society and his work with the library are important factors in the town's history. Well done.		MA Hart Genealogy	Corey Noles

32.) Best Story About History		Dailies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Columbia Missourian This is an exceptionally interesting - and disturbing - account of Schlundt's accomplishments and fractured legacy. The photos and timeline provide solid enhancements.		Radium game: Herman Schlundt	Brendan Gibbons
2	Sedalia Democrat I thought this was a wonderful slice of local history, particularly the focus on Truman's civil rights stance, something I never knew. Excellent - well written with strong quotes.		Truman and Sedalia	Dennis Rich

3 **Sedalia Democrat** Journey of Remembrance Latisha Koetting
This was a wonderful job of communicating the personal story behind a local history footnote. Well done.

4 **Southeast Missourian** 20 years later: The '93 flood Erin Ragan
I thought this was a focused, well-explained look at the flood itself and what has (and hasn't) transpired in the 20 years since.

32.) Best Story About History **Dailies - Class 3** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **The Kansas City Star** Sins of the father Mike McGraw
Where to begin? This piece has superb, clear writing; many voices; extensive background; a compelling central character; and the amount of space needed to tell the story properly. It was a pleasure to read and the illustrations provided a perfect complement.

2 **The Kansas City Star** 50 years later, tale of train Donald Bradley
What an interesting piece of local history, compellingly told. It's a nice juxtaposition of then and now. Well done.

3 **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** Jesus in the maison Paul Hampel
It's always nice to read about the things that make a city and its organizations unique. The story is well written and conveys a lot of information without ever feeling dry. It makes me want to take a road trip to St. Louis to see the church.

4 **Springfield News-Leader** Pythian Castle Juliana Goodwin
A castle in Missouri? I'm glad the reporter acted on her own curiosity. What a fun, informative story.

4 **The Kansas City Star** In KC, The Show Went On Donald Bradley
I'd like to add a second honorable mention for "In KC, the show went on" by Donald Bradley of the Kansas City Star. It offered a unique perspective - the attempt to find a morsel of normalcy in the midst of an overwhelming national tragedy. The lede was dynamic and immediately drew me into the story.

32.) Best Story About History **Weeklies - Class 1** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Richmond News** Grave mistake draws notice David Knopf
Excellent lead. Nice look at a local historical mistake. Good photographs.

2 **Press-News Journal** Escort to History Rita Cox
Good articles, lots of details, nice to see three-part article. Proofreading, however, was atrocious. This could have been a first-place entry if there weren't so many grammatical and copy errors.

3 **Cedar County Republican** Tornado Staff
Excellent photographs tell the story, but it needs more story. Quotes? Who else rebuilt? Still, a good look at modern history.

4 **Concordia Concordian** Concordia lifestyles transition Sarah Reed
Good piece on the importance of railroads in a small town. Photo doesn't have anything to do with railroads, however.

4 **Clinton County Leader** Profile on Graham Becky Black
Could have used more development and front-page placement.

32.) Best Story About History **Weeklies - Class 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Christian County Headliner-News** Molasses Amelia Wigton
Excellent combination of photography and storytelling. Good interviews and quotes. Youtube and photo gallery were nice touches, along with the explanation of what molasses and sorghum are. Not much I would change!

2	Christian County Headliner-News	Rose O'Neill	Amelia Wigton
	Great layout, reporting and photographs explained why the subject was important to Missouri, as well as ahead of her time.		
3	Lawrence County Record	Getting Steamed up (By Ryan Squibb)	Ryan Squibb
	An interesting look at something totally behind-the-scenes: a boiler! Interviews with the guy who operated it adds a lot to the story.		
4	Christian County Headliner-News	A final salute	Brady Brite
	Good subject, could have used a little more development.		
4	Lee's Summit Journal	Pryor Road Named for Pendergrast Crony	Russ Pulley
	Good look at the old KC political machine. Story and interview subjects didn't mince words that he was a crook - nice!		

32.) *Best Story About History*

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Hazelwood Reverberates	Melissa Meinzer
	Good piece explaining why a bad decision is, unfortunately, still laying the groundwork for bad decisions. Needed more photos.		
2	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	Friends of Boone	Karen Cernich
	Good example of photos-story working together to tell history.		
3	Arnold-Imperial Leader	Another look at the Arnold Boosters	Steve Taylor
	It was great reading comments from the last surviving team member. A short piece, but it captured a lost time well.		
4	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	History Hollywood	Karen Cernich
	Good profile, photos work well to highlight the story.		
4	St. Louis American	Breaking the Bubble of Exclusion	Sylvester Brown, Jr.
	Couldn't read entire entry, but wish I could. It was not in the same format as the other submissions, making it difficult-impossible to navigate.		

33.) *Best Coverage of Community/People/Lifestyles Dailies - Class 3*

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1	The Kansas City Star		
	Comprehensive, well-packaged selection of articles, schedules, etc. Almost overwhelming!		
2	Joplin Globe		Staff
	Nice layout and presentation throughout. Makes it easy for the reader to navigate.		
3	Columbia Daily Tribune	Columbia Daily Tribune	Staff
	Nice features and nice layout. Some of the inside pages need more attention as the layout drops off a bit.		
4	Springfield News-Leader	Community Coverage	Staff

33.) Best Coverage of Community/People/Lifestyles Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 Columbia Missourian Clever idea. Nice writing and presentation. A really nice package.	Vox Magazine, October 3, 10, 17, 2013	
2 Dexter Daily Statesman Solid, comprehensive coverage. The only real criticism I have is that the stories are too long and the jump pages too gray.	Best Coverage	Staff
3 Boonville Daily News This is a nice package, and the lead article on the deceased community leader was very nice.	'The legacy of Pam Davis'	Edward Lang

33.) Best Coverage of Community/People/Lifestyles Weeklies - Class 3

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 Washington Missourian, Wednesday Strong mix of articles and fixtures. I like the bold headlines and presentation.	33 Wed Coverage People	
2 Washington Missourian, Weekend Nice mix of stories, photos and fixtures. Paper obviously is tied into the community.	Coverage People Missourian Weekend	Staff
3 St. Louis American I like the variety of items. I would recommend that you shorten some articles, though. There's some over-writing taking place here.	Best Community Coverage	Staff

33.) Best Coverage of Community/People/Lifestyles Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 California Democrat This was a good package of reporting. Nice job! However, I think it also was overwritten, and that the inside pages were too gray. Makes it tough for readers to plow through that much type.	California Democrat	
2 Cedar County Republican Nice mix of community news. Gave me a good feel for the community.	Comm/People/Life	Becky Groff
3 Vandalia Leader Solid range of news and community events, with photos of community people. Paper seems very connected to its readers.	Best Coverage September 4, October 2,	Ron Schott and Jeremy Lile

34.) Best Page Design**Dailies - Class 3**

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1 Columbia Daily Tribune I really enjoyed this design. The creative tear, with a headline that captures the story well. Font choices and colors that blend with the artwork itself. And then the continuation of that design choice to the next page. A great way to keep the reader on the journey with you as you go across pages with the same story.	"The Naked Truth"	Jason Tyler
2 The Kansas City Star Way to take an idea and adapt it. The Gatsby's style was well-known and frequently seen around the film's release. So to work that in so well to this page was a nice touch. Perhaps overdone at the time, but still clean and well presented. I also like the balance of art and the headline capturing what their story is about.	Pretty Good Gatsby	Neil Nakahodo
3 Springfield News-Leader I always enjoy a layout like this. The use of art and headline in one element on the page. Their separation here of the art with corresponding words works well, though I'd have loved to see fancier headlines or something that left the black feeling less bold. But Overall, it's a creative way to tell a story, using local art and parts of the story hand-in-hand with headlines.	Page Design	Ginger Garrison
4 The Kansas City Star Now this is clever. I really enjoyed this twist on an illustration. It actually took me a moment to see the intricacy of the artwork and design. And while the headline is a little ... blah comparatively, it is a great cover.	Age of the Artisan	Barbara Hill-Meyer

4 Joplin Globe A Very Bloody Brunch Brent Fisher
While the headline may not be the most appetizing (which is what you want for a food page), the cutout and main art play well with each other in creating a bold design.

34.) Best Page Design

Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 Columbia Missourian Deatons
This page has what a good double truck should: Dominant art and no large blocks of grey. It has elements that give the reader quick hits, while supplementing the story in an accessible way. While the headline could have been more catchy, it serves its purpose. The timeline's art is also a bit questionable, looking like clip art in some ways, it's very informative and catches your eye. A very strong page, and a lot of good design elements at play.

2 Southeast Missourian Solved, unsolved Collin Smith
I loved the idea here. There are a lot of ways to approach this story visually, and here they do well in mapping out the crimes. Folks find that type of thing interesting, proximity and trends, and especially with a historical look it does a good service. I also love that, since there was no dominant art, they allow the map to play that role with mug shots adding the art you want. The headline, while a bit cliché, tells the story. And while I wasn't sold on the art faded into the background at first, I came around to what it adds. A photo from an investigation fits nicely, and fills the void that would have been left otherwise.

3 Columbia Missourian MLK's dream Staff
While I would have loved for this to be local content, I think the design more than makes up for that. The dominant photo catches your eye and keeps it. Talk about a great way to tell that story through an image. I also love that the quotes break the text and the story, allowing the reader to get a quick break and yet still stay connected to the entire point of the story. They do well breaking the grey, adding art that helps the story along. It's a solid layout. I wish, however, that the headline had a bit more punch, but it certainly works in the design.

4 Hannibal Courier-Post Lieberman and Greene had local ties... Mary Lou Montgomery
So I wasn't sold on the border at first. It's the only element that still has me wary. But when you realize the purpose, you see the intention behind it. The art is somewhat balanced, though I would have liked to see the text broken better in both the quote and the story. The art is also clustered oddly, but does well in keeping the page from being blocky. I think the headline, while simple in presentation, is solid in telling the story.

34.) Best Page Design

Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 Nixa Xpress Remember the 80s Adam Letterman
While the headline style isn't something most newspapers would use, it fits the content of the story well. The art is big and attractive to the eye, with a well-done cutout, if that's what was used. I like that the photo got good play here. The subhead/breakout text are a bit competing, but neither detracts from the main headline, which is good. Overall, a good feature page.

2 Vandalia Leader Saluting Our Veterans Jeremy Lile and Ron Schott
I think this collection, while lacking in a dominant photo, captures many views of the event. So often, we forget in photo spreads to make sure we're getting different views or unique parts of each event, rather than just the main event. It does well to honor the veterans up top, while still including images from what else was happening. The headline's are lacking, and there needs to be a dominant photo, but they have good shape variation, especially on the bottom of the page.

3 Nixa Xpress Mudslingers Amanda Hess
There's a good marriage of art and headline here. Muddy football players with a mudslinging headline. That pairing works well, even if the photo isn't ideal. The cutout is very well done, but the art itself probably wasn't a strong choice for a cutout. There are too many people either out of focus, looking away or cut off. But I can see why they chose it, and it does what it needs to: catches your eye. I'd have loved to see a snazzier headline, but the words chosen are good ones.

4 Clinton County Leader Tiger Times Becky Black
So it's not a classic feature or cover design, but it has some great elements to it. I like that the student of the month box has some flair involved in it. There's no grey blocks, and plenty of art spread throughout the page. I'd hope in the future they'd try for a bit more fun in their headlines - it helps to have fun with typography or wording when you've got a series of

34.) Best Page Design

Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 Springfield Business Journal 'Til Debt Do Us Part Emily Letterman and Wes Hamilton
A very cool way to illustrate this concept of marital debt. You'd like to think you'd come up with this, but it's actually a very clever way to add art to this story. While their horizontal placement was a bit jarring, I see why that choice was made. And the headline's pairing with this illustration makes it all the more effective. The pieces of this play well with each other. I would have liked to see the text given more air around the illustration - you don't want to crowd cool elements! - but overall, it's a good page.

2 Houston Herald It's just about time Jeff McNiell
So I've seen things like this before, but I think their use here was very appropriate. It's so hard to come up with art elements for schedule stories, and so their use of a stopwatch (sporty in itself) and the helmets of what I assume are competing teams is very clever. It gets your attention, where a photo of kids playing may not have. And it actually almost corresponds right with the text - a cool plus. Nice work.

3 Springfield Business Journal Internet Sales Tax Emily Letterman and Wes Hamilton
So this page has some solid bones. The concept is very cool, placing the laptop on the map, asking if the state is next. And the headline, while designed in a way that isn't immediately related, is clean. But I think the presentation could have been a bit cleaner. I think the yellow background is what gets me. I'd have preferred the text to remain on a same color all the way down. Otherwise, talk about out-of-the-box thinking. Cool page.

4 Houston Herald Good Tigers or Bad Tigers? Jeff McNiell
Bold. That's what this design is, a bold approach (and what I assume is a work around for a lack of art). Very cool. However, I'm not sure the masks are sports-related enough for this. When you glance at it, you aren't going to think sports or Tigers. You're going to think drama, inevitably. So it may have served them well to consider adding more sports ... something to this design. That said, I really enjoy how outside the box this is. Takes a cool team to take this idea and make it work. Just be sure to air out the text and you've got a solid page.

4 **Lee's Summit Journal** Winter Photos Ashlee Hendrix
Great dominant art and creative twists that allow the headline to be another artistic element, rather than just words on the page.

34.) Best Page Design

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

- 1** **St. Louis Business Journal** Battle Grounds Michael Behrens
Love this. I love the dominance of the art, the breakout pieces of information spread throughout. The headline is clever, and yet doesn't overwhelm the design or layout. I probably would have lost the coffee ring (seems a little cliché), but it also doesn't hurt the page. There's a consistency to this design, with fonts and colors and style. Always important to keep the design as a whole in mind.
- 2** **Missouri Lawyers Weekly** Last words Ryan O'Shea
This design is simple and really ... elegant. It's letting the words do the real communicating, fitting well with the tone of the story. This isn't about flashy design or art, but about the words these men said. So the design got out of the way, and in doing so worked perfectly. I would have liked to see a bit more white space here and there, but otherwise I love this. Sometimes it's the simple ones that work the best.
- 3** **Missouri Lawyers Weekly** Buttoned up Ryan O'Shea
A cool service to a reader, and very cleanly done. This was clearly a story that relied heavily on design. You need those percentages to get their play, as you need the illustrations to help explain the topic. And I think what they did here was inform a reader about a basic topic in a very clean way. The main portion of the design, with the suit cutout, is very clean. I love when a cutout plays well with the next and headline. I do think the headline gets a bit lost. The portion along the bottom, too, was very nicely done.
- 4** **Jefferson County Leader** Fan food Steve Taylor
From what I can tell, there wasn't a great option for art. So by using a consistent font choice and style, they were able to create a layout that you still want to dig into. You can find what you want specifically, or you can float around and check out highlights from other areas. There's a lot to get out of this page.

35.) Best Information Graphic

Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

- 1** **The Daily Star-Journal** UCM graphic Jack Miles Ventimiglia
The information in the graphic is useful and explained well. There is some low resolution on the images related to, I assume, pulling the images off of the web -- If you can't get high-resolution images, find a way to recreate the feel without copying.
- 2** **The Daily Star-Journal** Racial Disparity Index Jack Miles Ventimiglia
There is a LOT of information in this graphic; that is both good and bad. Good in that people can see all the data, but it borders on information overload. As an editor, you can choose which categories to use that will best tell the story, and not use them all.

35.) Best Information Graphic

Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

- 1** **Southeast Missourian** Trail of evidence Collin Smith
Good use of the space to tell a complete story. The use of photographs and images were well placed and made the map easy to follow.
- 2** **Columbia Missourian** Sexual assault Evan Townsend
Good use of data visualization to bring a statistic to life. The addition of questions helped add depth to a serious campus issue.
- 3** **Southeast Missourian** Solved, unsolved Collin Smith
While I commend the use of the maps to locate the victims, the photo in the background of one map seems extraneous.

35.) Best Information Graphic

Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

- 1** **The Kansas City Star** Rise and Fall Dave Eames
Sports graphics, by their very nature, give the journalist a lot of data to work with; the key is to use the information in a clear and easy to understand manner that doesn't overwhelm the reader. This entry accomplishes that beautifully.
- 2** **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** Wrongful arrest Tom Borgman
The "flow chart" style of this graphic very clearly shows what could go wrong at the many stages of the process. Very smartly illustrated and displayed.
- 3** **The Kansas City Star** 75 Years of Superman David Frese and Neil Nakahodo
This is more a triumph of clean design than data journalism, but I appreciate the thoughtfulness of the elements in the timeline.

4 **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** What's where Tom Borgman and Diane Toroian Keaggy
The intelligent way the blurbs about the rooms worked with the graphic were helpful and easy to follow.

35.) Best Information Graphic

Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 **Clinton County Leader**

Simple to read and understand. Nice visual and really allows you to know where county money is being spent.

County Tax Dollar

Brett Adkison

2 **Clinton County Leader**

Love the graphic but the words are hard to read.

Turney Depot

Becky Black

3 **Nixa Xpress**

While this is a good graphic I would not consider it an information graphic as it does not really give information or data in a visual easy-to-read format.

Backyard Brawl depth chart

Adam Letterman

35.) Best Information Graphic

Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 **Houston Herald**

Great graphic. Easy to read visual aid that educates you.

Packin' Heat

Jeff McNiell

2 **Houston Herald**

interesting graphic that provides information well.

Safe or not?

Jeff McNiell

3 **Springfield Business Journal**

Nice visual image.

"Nixa digs deep for broadband"

Wes Hamilton

4 **Cass County Democrat Missourian**

nice graphic but more of a simple graph than an information graphic.

Snow

Ashlee Hendrix

35.) Best Information Graphic

Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**

Exactly what an information graphic should be. Interesting, informative, and very visual.

Buttoned up

Lora Wegman

2 **St. Louis Business Journal**

This information graphic is easy to read and has a superb layout.

Visits and Admissions

Alison Green

3 **Jefferson County Leader**

very informative and easy to read, but this is missing more of the visual aspect of an information graphic.

Who makes what in our schools

Steve Taylor

4 **St. Louis Business Journal**

Very visual but the graphic itself is not as easy to follow. One sees the connections to the center but there is not a clear point coming across.

Connecting the Dots

Alison Green

36.) Best Editorial Cartoon

Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

1 **The Daily Star-Journal**

A strong condemnation of texting while driving done with simplicity, impact and humor. The message is clear and unequivocal.

Texting and Driving

Jack Miles Ventimiglia

2	The Daily Star-Journal	Teacher quits	Jack Miles Ventimiglia
3	The Daily Star-Journal	Buzz Bros.	Jack Miles Ventimiglia
4	The Daily Star-Journal	Hungry for Lawn	Jack Miles Ventimiglia

36.) Best Editorial Cartoon **Dailies - Class 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Independence Examiner	Rip Van Winkle - Liccar 1016	Joe Liccar
2	Southeast Missourian	Groundhog, Feb. 7, 2013	Taylor Crowe
3	Independence Examiner	Drug Scandal - Liccar 060813	Joe Liccar
4	Southeast Missourian	Cardinals, Oct 3, 2013	Taylor Crowe

36.) Best Editorial Cartoon **Dailies - Class 3** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	The Kansas City Star	Gay marriage	Lee Judge
A powerful indictment of social intolerance couched in a greater historical context. The use of a strong, distinct graphic style helps deliver the message with impact.			
2	Columbia Daily Tribune	King and Zimmerman	John Darkow
3	Columbia Daily Tribune	Missouri Guns	John Darkow
4	The Kansas City Star	Following me on Twitter	Lee Judge

36.) Best Editorial Cartoon **Weeklies - Class 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Houston Herald	Major League Baseball	Kathy Richardson
The iconic emblem of Major League Baseball is defaced metaphorically to denounce the defacement of the sport by performance-enhancing drug use. Simple, eye-catching graphic.			
2	Houston Herald	Getting personal	Kathy Richardson

3	Houston Herald	Intact soul	Kathy Richardson
4	Houston Herald	Budget cuts	Kathy Richardson

36.) Best Editorial Cartoon *Weeklies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Kansas City Northeast News	Streetcar Cartoon	Bryan Stalder
The high cost of a streetcar project is put into perspective by a metaphor from a popular TV series. The message comes across with humor and a simple, complementary cartoon style			
2	Jefferson County Leader	If Missouri really wants term limits...	Judy Dixon
3	Arnold-Imperial Leader	A good tan is not worth your life	Judy Dixon
4	Kansas City Northeast News	Big Lebowski Cartoon	Bryan Stalder

37.) Best Newspaper In Education Project *Dailies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	The Kansas City Star	Newspaper in Education	
Many programs use email to communicate with their teachers and to encourage them to use all the resources available. But going the extra mile to personalize the emails sets this project apart. Great job!			

37.) Best Newspaper In Education Project *Weeklies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	St. Louis American	St. Louis American NIE: STEM	Cathy Sewell
This project is a huge investment in in-paper space and other resources. Kudos to quality writing to fulfill an important educational need in the community.			
2	Washington Missourian, Weekend	Missourian In Education's Summer	Dawn Kitchell, Chris Stuckenschneider and Staff
Interesting to do international stories with a local perspective. Great graphics, imparting a lot of information in a pleasing way. Home delivery subs are a new wrinkle in a traditional summer reading program.			
3	St. Louis American	St. Louis American NIE: Healthy Kids	Cathy Sewell
Great community service! Practical solutions to difficult problem. Entertaining graphics.			
4	Washington Missourian, Wednesday	NIE Annual Spelling Bee Event	Dawn Kitchell, Chris Stuckenschneider and Staff
The study guide is what sets this apart from other spelling bees.			

37.) Best Newspaper In Education Project *Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Eldon Advertiser	Newspapers in Education Democracy Day	
What an incredibly impactful project with long lasting effects throughout the community... inside and outside the classroom!			
2	Chariton Valley News Press	BestNewspaperinEducationProject.CVNP	Melanie Latamondeer, Karla Britt, Emily Boss and Patrick Roll
Great idea and a successful involvement of students and teachers. Special sections turned out cute with the advertising also done by kids.			

3 Odessan Lafayette County History Renee Spaar
 The youth content is well done and includes a nice variety of topics.

4 Eldon Advertiser NIE Mustang Memo Eldon Advertiser
 Sounds like a very interesting project, but there are no samples attached to this entry. I cannot judge what I cannot see. Sorry!

38.) Best Online Newspaper or Website Weeklies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Website	
2	Riverfront Times	www.riverfronttimes.com	Staff
3	Green Park Call	Best Website	Mike Anthony, Gloria Lloyd and Megan Zimmerman
4	St. Louis American	Stlamerican.com	Ishmael Sistrunk and Kenya Vaughn

38.) Best Online Newspaper or Website Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Brentwood Spirit	The Brentwood Spirit	Steve Bowman and Toni Bowman
The Brentwood Spirit was the clear winner. Judges found it well designed, with a clean, user-friendly interface. Content was newsy and incorporated excellent photography. Advertising didn't overpower the pages.			
2	Houston Herald	Houston Herald website	Houston Herald
The Houston Herald is the newsiest of the sites I visited. It's great to see fresh content daily from a weekly. Other highlights include staff-produced video and a focus on community journalism. The site also does a good job balancing editorial and advertising.			
3	Salem News	thesalemnews.com	Staff
Nice use of photo galleries and video on the site. Salem News Online was easy to navigate and offered good utility with obituaries, gas prices, stocks, community calendar, etc. Could use more news between editions though.			

39.) Best Video Dailies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1	Columbia Missourian	Transitions in flight	Sam Gause
Terrific light and photography direction. I see still images in the video. Good scenes. Good sound and sound editing. Great facial expressions. I found myself wanting to hear more of his story at the end of the video.			
2	Columbia Missourian	Spook light accident	Varvara Fomina and Viktorija Mickute
Solid sound and quotes. The story itself, in a way, inhibited how powerful it could be visually. It relied more on explanation and telling than showing. Good sound editing, and an interesting story.			
3	Columbia Missourian	Making my daughter stronger	Sarah Hoffman
A powerful story driven more by still images and audio than video. I would have liked to see more video of the surroundings and more voices in the story, but it's well shot and well told.			
4	Columbia Missourian	Trailer: 100 Ages: A century of voices	Jason Redmond, Alyssa Goodman and Katie Alaimo
Creative story and idea. Would actually like to see the full video. Great moments in this, especially the young girl and young boy.			

39.) Best Video	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Sand mandala	Huy Mach
A great story with good color. But it needed more voices. They needed to talk to people there witnessing it (even just one). Need a bit more variety in shots -- more mid-range and wide. It took a bit long to get to the one monk describing it. But a good story and well shot with great color describing a simple, unique process.			
2	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Nostalgiaville closing	Huy Mach
Needed a few more wide shots in the store. Maybe a shot of actually walking through the door as video to get a sense of what it was like to go through here. Good use of details to show the kinds of knick-knacks and stuff in the store. A few strange cuts (including the slow-mo of the couple posing for a portrait). But a solid story.			
3	The Kansas City Star	Artist welds Pakistani tradition	Rich Sugg
This video and story had a lot of potential that it didn't live up to. The narrator on this story just killed it, and most of his lines could have been coaxed out of the story's participants without requiring a TV news voice. It was badly placed at so many moments. The music seemed overly dramatic at times. This story could have been a lot better at 5-7 minutes, not 13. Most people won't sit through that. Great visuals and photos. In some instances, you sat on photos too long when using the Ken Burns effect. Get out of there and get more video. Two welding photos were on the screen for too long.			
4	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Refueling	Huy Mach
Simple, and effective. Interesting with good explanation. Great to get a photographer in that space. Needed a bit more audio editing when the two co-pilots were talking (it was way louder than it needed to be). It wasn't necessary for characters to verbally introduce themselves *and* include a lower third. Lower third only is fine.			

39.) Best Video	Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	Warren County Record	Teens Transitioning from Foster Care...	Kathleen Berger
Compelling quotes and stories from teen. His story was sad and inspiring. Great B-roll content to tell the story. Camera movement at beginning was distracting. Staying in one spot or use of a tripod would have been fine.			
2	Lawrence County Record	County Cattlemen Meeting on Cattle	Staff
Gripping. I didn't want to stop watching at all. Interesting look behind the scenes of the cattle industry. Part about whether or not to shoot perps was breathtaking. Dragged a bit at first.			
3	Lawrence County Record	Concealed Carry Training Class VIDEO	Jameson Ryan Squibb
Excellent video quality and lighting. We all love us some Johnny Cash but Cash's singing at the end distracted from what the officer was saying.			
4	Lawrence County Record	Mt. Vernon Business Expo 2013	Staff
Nice overview of the event. Really captured all that offered that day.			

39.) Best Video	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	St. Louis American	Family questions police shooting	Rebecca Rivas
Rendered me speechless. Story presented in such a way that I, a non-local, even wanted answers. Presented both sides--Ball's trouble with the law and fleeing the police, but also his lifetime of achievements (certificates). Presents the trauma and confusion of the community. The end quote brought me to tears.			
2	St. Louis American	Tiffany Anderson returns...	Rebecca Rivas
Nice complete feature with good quotes and footage of Anderson's involvement and passion for her position. Nice bit on the tennis shoes.Gives the audience a background of what's been accomplished in just six months.			
3	St. Louis American	Unaccredited schools to lose \$35 million	Rebecca Rivas
Credible story with quotes from higher-ups including the superintendent, an attorney, a parent and the student mentors. Would have like to hear from a transfer student in response to the "outrage" that parents at the school were feeling.			
4	St. Louis American	Anchor in the community	Rebecca Rivas
Nice opening with her childhood dream. Really captured her personality and validated it with the executive producer's comments. Good end quote of her wanting people to come up and say hi. she "likes that interaction," is a nice quote--she's approachable.			

40.) Best Headline Writing	Dailies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
1	The Kansas City Star	Headlines - see comments	
"Gear up" was subtly ingenious - a way to play with the amazing illo without being strained or obvious. "Need a ramp?" was deft - could have been crisper if it was tighter. "KC makes mostest" was a sweet delight. "Vampire Weakened" was a tad strained and "A brief splash" was an odd play on a crime story. But overall, Hostess put the Star over the top. Nicely done.			

2 **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** St. Louis Post-Dispatch Staff
"Skip the bang" and "Men in heels" nearly closed the gap with KC, and "Museums' numbers" was deft in a tight count. "Path of Faith" had a rather clunky dek, and "Verdict" seemed a bit obvious to me.

3 **Joplin Globe** Best headline Brent Fisher
"Under a spell," Joplin? Way to dance with some strong art. "If Walls Could Talk" tells and sells. The heavy, heavy hammer font almost becomes hard to read and undermines the dual meaning of "Camping Out."

4 **Columbia Daily Tribune** Columbia Daily Tribune headlines Staff
"Nice day for a Knap" and "thin-skins" were the gems. "Wrath of Khan" was the rather disturbing wordplay that alluded to an unrelated movie and imputed anger to a minority student. Bravo for the first two ... think harder on the third.

40.) Best Headline Writing *Dailies - Classes 1 and 2* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Lebanon Daily Record** Headlines
The lights are on and somebody's home at the Lebanon Daily Record's copy desk. Even though I thought "How Tweet" was a bit cheerleadery, I was looking forward to reading it. These are all correct and captured the story; the only room for improvement is a little better use of some long deks. When the heads dive into metaphor, it's usually earned.

2 **Columbia Missourian** Thunderland, Eggs..., Opera..., unnerving Staff
WINTER THUNDERLAND! Bravo! And "Eggs over-rainy" was cute, too, and made me look forward to the story. "Deaf ears" was a little too expected. And "Little fish/big list" made great use of the contrast trick, but then the deck went awry with a tense error (dek says fish WAS listed, lede says it will be.)

3 **Camdenton Lake Sun Leader** Lake Sun headlines Eric Dundon
Someone here wants to be creative and give their headlines a twist. They're not quite there yet, but the effort is going in the right direction.

4 **Fulton Sun** Best headlines Fulton Sun
There's an effort being made here to give headlines some jazz and offer something fresh on one ... more... state... fair... story. Breaking away from the cliches is half the battle.

40.) Best Headline Writing *Weeklies - Class 1* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Kearney Courier** Page 1 Headlines
"Big Helping," Spark", and others were better than some daily paper's entries.

2 **Clinton County Leader** Leader Headlines Becky Black and Brett Adkison
"Pouring it all into the business" aptly captured the risk and adrenaline of family business owners.

40.) Best Headline Writing *Weeklies - Class 2* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Lee's Summit Journal** Best Headline Writing Russ Pulley, Toriano Porter and John Beaudoin
In my browser, the headlines to be judged weren't highlighted in any way. No matter. When I could guess at which one it was, I judged that one; when I couldn't, I judged them ALL, and the Journal still won. The wordplay was mostly fresh, the concepts crisp, and the well-designed labels, where used, helped ease the burden on headline writer and headline reader. You even got me past the acronym "EEZ," which normally I would fault, as I judge heads on whether a newcomer to town would know what's being talked about. That headline got me into the story. I also very much liked the car headline - good twist on the expected, and the dek makes it clear. Somebody at the Journal is out-headlining

2 **Bolivar Herald-Free Press** BHFP best headlines Sarah Hilton and Matthew Barba
VERY nice aquatics hed! You could have overdone the wordplay but stopped just short of that. "Mind the gap" made me say "what's the Brit connection," but then you managed to get "long-awaited in there to clue the irony." "Cat" was nice, though ital for emphasis always looks a little clunky and the dek had some split problems. "Floatin'" seemed too informal for its topic, otherwise, you'd have been a contender for first. But good job all around.

3 **Lawrence County Record** LCR - Best Headline Writ Staff
Part of my judging criteria is, would a visitor to your town know enough about the story from your headline? Many of these didn't quite get there, though there were some clever hammer treatments. "Art hed" fonts on them made these headlines look dated and overdone, though. "Clean up on aisle 6" would have been great if you'd used the noun form, which is one word - cleanup.

40.) Best Headline Writing *Weeklies - Class 3* *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **St. Clair Missourian** St. Clair Missourian Keith Domke
Hurray for a paper that lets VERBS do the heavy lifting. Flu bugs nibble, funds flow, and somehow, y'all work in a massage. The Google Glass headline, with its terse and savvy dek, could have appeared in a major-metro biz section. And the only thing I don't love about "Bow and Wow" is that there's no actual dog in the story. St. Clair, you've got a bright light in the house.

2 **Missouri Lawyers Weekly** Ryan O'Shea and Richard Gard
Some blazing wordplay taking place here, helped by design that lets it happen: Feminine Critique, #benchslap, and wild green yonder were keepers.

3 **St. Louis American** Best Headline Writing Staff
Buckeye with a backup. Spurs of the moment. Technical knockout. There's savvy, intelligent and consistent work going on here, with flashes of genius.

41.) Best News or Feature Obituary **Dailies - Class 1** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **The Daily Star-Journal**
Strong writing, good details Sandra Russell Jack Miles Ventimiglia

2 **Moberly Monitor-Index**
Good writing, telling anecdotes Goodbye, Buddy Drew Van Dyke

3 **Daily Dunklin Democrat**
Nice writing establishes what the subject meant to his community. Good job of allowing the story to show, not tell. Community and state come together... Michelle Rasberry and Donnie Shelton

4 **Daily Dunklin Democrat**
Good anecdotes Redman laid to rest Michelle Rasberry

41.) Best News or Feature Obituary **Dailies - Class 2** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **Columbia Missourian**
Nice writing, good eye for detail. Almeta Crayton Jackie Trahan and Sky Chadde

2 **Columbia Missourian**
Good anecdotes that show the subject's personality Naoma Powell Sarah Dettmer

3 **Columbia Missourian**
Thoughtful, careful to note this subject's place in local history Arvarh Strickland Jacob Kirn, Mackenzie Bruce and Allissa Fisher

4 **Columbia Missourian**
Eliot Battle Shaina Cavazos

41.) Best News or Feature Obituary **Dailies - Class 3** *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

1 **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Excellent details, brilliant storytelling Bobbie Billups Jesse Bogan

2 **The Kansas City Star**
Research and time invested is evident, telling anecdotes make this article almost like a written wake Life of the Party Eric Adler

3 **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Terrific example of celebrating the extraordinary things in an ordinary life Karen McKay Paul Hampel

4	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Historic, telling and powerful details	Dr. Les Bond	Michael D. Sorkin
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41.) Best News or Feature Obituary	Weeklies - Class 1	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Clinton County Leader Good painting of a picture of a person's whole life. "Brought forth four sons" was a little clunky.	Gengelbach	Steve Tinnen
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2	Clinton County Leader Good piece, I liked the photo, but a picture of the deceased was needed.	John Huffman	Steve Tinnen
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41.) Best News or Feature Obituary	Weeklies - Class 2	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Bolivar Herald-Free Press Excellent lead.	Charlie Flett obit	Sarah Hilton
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2	Springfield Business Journal Nice piece, excellent layout. Too bad CEO wouldn't call you back - jerk! But it wasn't needed for the piece.	"The Classic Entrepreneur"	Brian Brown
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3	Bolivar Herald-Free Press Lots of details make this an excellent piece.	Feat Obit Don Woods	Matthew Barba
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4	Bolivar Herald-Free Press Lots of quotes - reporter had good research.	Libby Elliott obit	Sarah Hilton
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41.) Best News or Feature Obituary	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Jefferson County Leader Wow. What a compelling look at a short life, and suggesting to readers how to handle a hard situation. Excellent work.	Life Story: Ephriam Michael Dunn, infant	Laura Marlow
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2	Jefferson County Leader This paper doesn't back away from tough issues! Really proud of the mom, writer and newspaper for tackling a tough issue and saying "Yes, this could be your kid." A tough but excellent piece. A second photo would have been good, as well as front page placement.	Life Story: Leslie Marie Cathey	Laura Marlow
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3	St. Louis American Interesting life brought to life by the reporting from her previous students. Very good piece.	Final bow to Pelagie Green Wren	Kenya Vaughn
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4	Webster - Kirkwood Times Excellent photos of his work brought this man to life. Glad you could dig up the file art!	Brother Mel Meyer Dies	Kevin Murphy
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4	St. Louis American Another good portrait of an interesting life, but also how he came to be that way, taking it beyond the standard obit. Good reporting.		Rahn Ramsy
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42.) Best Reporting Based on a Public Notice	Weeklies - Class 3	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
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1	Green Park Call		Staff
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