



2018 Missouri Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest

Results and Judges Comments

01.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Daily Express & News**
 Strong, consistent presentation from section to section. Good writing that works with, instead of competing against, visuals. Clear focus in all areas (editorial and advertising) on its local readership.

Staff

Second Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**
 Clean and straightforward with good balance in its editorial flow and good integration with advertising.

Hannibal Courier-Post Staff

01.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Southeast Missourian**
 Solid telling of stories through both visuals and words throughout, which helped separate it from other entries in a tight field. Clean and impacting headlines and consistent design. Attractive appearance from layout to flow of pages.

Southeast Missourian Staff

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
 Relatively traditional design, but effective. Writing is strong and has good depth to it in both the day to day and special reports. Stronger visuals would elevate the paper as a first-place contender.

Missourian Staff and VOX Staff

Third Place **News Tribune**
 Strong writing and a design that is clean and concise, not overly flashy. A good range in its reporting and commentary pieces. Well-packaged and easy to navigate.

Jefferson City News Tribune

News Tribune Staff

01.) General Excellence | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
 Breadth of news coverage helps set paper apart from others in a well-represented category. Even clearly breaking news is handled with a depth that goes beyond the headlines and devotes the space and the efforts of photographers, graphic artists, writers and designers to present a complete look at all sides of the issues. The mission of telling the reader why he/she should care is consistent and clear from section to section.

Shannon Keller, Erica Mills and Lauren Anderson Koelker

Second Place **Quincy Herald - Whig**
 Good blend of hard-hitting news, issues and softer slice of life features that capture the community well. Clean presentation. Fairly traditional appearance, but eye-catching and interesting.

Staff

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**
 Energetic and meaty enterprise pieces combined with solid news coverage. Shows a willingness to try new approaches in both news and advertising.

Springfield News-Leader General Excellence

Staff

01.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat**
 Very unique design with consistency but still changes to fit that week's theme

Staff

Second Place **Maries County Advocate**
Maries County Advocate Staff

Third Place **Clinton County Leader**
General Excellence **The Clinton County Leader Staff**

Honorable Mention	Focus on Oak Grove	Focus on Oak Grove	Staff
01.) General Excellence Weeklies - Class 2			
		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Christian County Headliner News		Staff
Second Place	Platte County Landmark		Platte County Landmark Staff
Third Place	Ozark County Times	General Excellence	Ozark County Times Staff
Honorable Mention	Platte County Citizen	General Excellence	Nick Ingram and Ross Martin

01.) General Excellence Weeklies - Class 3			
		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Courier-Tribune		Courier-Tribune Staff
First and second place were so close - both do a phenomenal job of serving their communities. Courier-Tribune design was generally more reader-friendly. Use of photos was very strong in both, but C-T put together better photo and feature packages overall. Suggestion: Work on your opinion page; consider adding an op-ed or at least more space for local commentary that reflects the breadth of your news coverage.			
Second Place	St. Louis American		St. Louis American Staff
American is always solid, but its photo report, especially, has improved markedly over the past decade. Very strong opinion pages. Suggestion: Work on design - helping readers access and navigate all this excellent content.			
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	Jefferson County Leader	Staff
As indicated in the design comments but applying to content as well, the Leader is lively without being sloppy or sensational. Its hallmarks are high story count and great variety, from hard news to features to community service. Suggestion: Work on how you plan, shoot and edit your photo report. Concentrate on making images strong enough that a single picture can carry a page, package or spread. Posed photos are probably a given, to some extent, but try to find ways to limit them or creative ways to shoot them so they actually help tell the story of what they're representing.			

02.) Best Overall Design Dailies - Class 3			
		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Joplin Globe	Best Overall Design	Staff
The Globe is almost literally a breath of fresh air. Great use of white space, an amazing blend of classic and contemporary typography. Bold/ultrabold sans serifs are used masterfully to identify points of entry and help readers navigate the publication; variety and hierarchy of headlines helps readers as well. Opinion pages are visually livelier than the norm. Feature packages/centerpieces are effective, but would like to see stronger commitment to and use of conventional news and feature photos throughout the paper.			
Second Place	Quincy Herald - Whig		Staff
Quality and use of photos set the Herald-Whig above its very tight competition. Like the first-place winner, opinion pages are better-than-average visually. Headline hierarchy/schedule not quite as clear as the Globe's, occasionally causing a story to get lost or disrupting the flow for the reader. But many kudos to your photo staff and their editors.			
Third Place	Kansas City Star	The Kansas City Star	Staff
The Star and P-D are almost applies and oranges in terms of design and visual approach, so are difficult to compare and judge between. The Star is a prime example of state-of-the-art metro daily design over the past couple of decades - consistent, visually clear, plenty of points of entry.			
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Staff
The only factor differentiating the P-D's entry is that there are some AWFULLY long stories - even wire or other news-service stories that don't necessarily justify the length. Consequently, there are really too many awfully gray and visually intimidating pages. There are ways to break this stuff up, and readers would be grateful.			

02.) Best Overall Design | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Southeast Missourian****July 16, Aug. 22, Nov. 20****Southeast Missourian Staff**

Consistently strong visuals provide a vigor to the stories that helps propel the packages, not just on Page One but throughout the sections. It is clear there is an established vision for design, from photography to typography, and that creates a compelling experience for the reader.

Second Place **News Tribune****News Tribune Staff**

A well-designed and well-edited newspaper that clearly involves strong communication to accomplish a common goal. Photos and graphics blend well with words, headlines and flow from page to page.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian****May 4, August 22, November 19****Missourian Staff**

Strong organization and consistent treatment of photos, headlines and stories. An inviting design.

02.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Cassville Democrat****W1-Cassville Democrat Overall Design****Staff****Second Place** **Maries County Advocate****Maries County Advocate Staff****Third Place** **Clinton County Leader****Best Overall Design****The Clinton County Leader Staff****Honorable Mention** **Pleasant Hill Times****Staff****02.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Platte County Citizen****Platte County Citizen Best Overall Design****Ross Martin and Nick Ingram****Second Place** **Houston Herald****Houston Herald Staff****Third Place** **Christian County Headliner News****Best overall design****Staff****Honorable Mention** **Gasconade County Republican****Gasconade County Republican****Staff****02.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Jefferson County Leader****Jefferson County Leader****Staff**

The Leader is very lively, while remaining careful and consistent. Generally very good use of spot color, especially in elements such as "news briefs" and "school notes" bars. Excellent story count and length, subheads used when needed. Would like to see stronger photography - too many posed photos, and too many that are too small to "read." Maybe consider facing pages more as spreads and commit to a strong photo on at least one of them, with the other page having minimal art. Also have photogs do more planning, when possible, on what kind of images they want to make on a particular assignment.

Second Place St. Louis Business Journal

Patricia Miller

Not much to complain about here - best characteristics are great use of infographics and generally very strong photography. Otherwise, very clean, good use of white space and color. Could use more variety in headline size and formats - this sometimes lets design drift into "newsletter" mode.

Third Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly

Missouri Lawyers Weekly - Jan. 9, Feb. 13

Staff

This is a good job of making a specialized publication look, feel and read more like a newspaper than a newsletter - which is a good thing. Photography and photo editing could be stronger; see notes on first-place entry.

03.) Best Front Page | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Springfield News-Leader

Springfield News-Leader - Best Front Page

Staff

Nice blend of news and feature stories, laid out in a smart and pleasing manner. The headlines are a nice mixture of fonts and sizes. Good symmetry and expression on these pages, pleasing to the eye. Nice use of artwork, too. Even in the digital age, these pages show why print still matters.

Second Place Joplin Globe

Best front page

Staff

Very pleasing designs. Plenty going on, but the pages don't feel crowded or busy. Nice use of artwork and photos.

Third Place Quincy Herald - Whig

Herald-Whig front pages

Staff

Like the others in this category, these designs draw you in. Good use of headlines and photos.

03.) Best Front Page | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Columbia Missourian

June 6, June 7, June 13 issues

Missourian Staff

Second Place Lebanon Daily Record

Best Front Pages

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Third Place News Tribune

News Tribune front pages

News Tribune Staff

Honorable Mention Southeast Missourian

Southeast Missourian Staff

03.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Cassville Democrat

W1 Cassville Democrat Front Pages

Staff

Great photos with local interest. Good use of blurbs and photos at top of page. "When I grow up" is a great feature.

Second Place Clinton County Leader

Leader Front Pages

Brett Adkison and Becky Black

Strong photos. Good local interest stories with very strong ledes.

Third Place Maries County Advocate

Maries County Advocate Staff

Local interest stories with strong writing. Eclipse coverage very strong.

03.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Ozark County Times**
STRONG photography, great use of white space.**Ozark County Times best front page****Jessi Dreckman and Sue Ann Jones****Second Place** **Christian County Headliner News**
Some solid front pages here.**Front page****Staff****Third Place** **Gasconade County Republican**
Very good front pages.**Gasconade County Republican****Dave Marner****03.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Webster - Kirkwood Times**
Great mix of local photography and graphics. Smart font choices (Formata is always a winner). GREAT!**03 Best Front Page****Kevin Murphy****Second Place** **St. Louis Business Journal**
Graphically very strong. Photo illustrations brought me in.**Best Front Page****Michael Behrens****Third Place** **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**
Smart use of engaging graphics. The chalk board especially got my attention.**Missouri Lawyers Weekly****Staff****Honorable Mention** **St. Louis American**
Good layouts, engaging stories.**Best Front Page****Mike Terhaar****04.) Best Breaking News Story | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **West Plains Daily Quill**
Comprehensive coverage of an event with tremendous impact on the community. Good sourcing; coverage goes beyond the obvious. Good sidebars with human interest and pics.**Historic flood hits home****Staff****Second Place** **Hannibal Courier-Post**
Excellent job. Story made complicated by so many players/sources, but reporter did a good job of explaining the from all angles and avenues.**Major drug bust****Forrest Gossett****Third Place** **Monett Times**
Hard story to report, but clear and concise. Does not sensationalize.**D1 Murder-Suicide Ruled****Melonie Roberts****Honorable Mention** **West Plains Daily Quill**
This story was important to the community. Overnight reporting alerted residents to the resignation of the town's primary development operator and suggests more of the story is coming. Good background and overview of his accomplishments.**Economic Development Director Bob Case****Abby Hess****04.) Best Breaking News Story | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Southeast Missourian****Tornado ravages Perry County: Recovery****Tyler Graef**

Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Van Buren already bouncing back	Shane Sanderson
Third Place	Sedalia Democrat	PCAD official charged with forgery	Nicole Cooke
Honorable Mention	Columbia Missourian	Bullying seen as cause in the suicide of 17-	Shane Sanderson

04.) Best Breaking News Story | Dailies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Stockley not guilty	Staff
Second Place	Kansas City Star	Austins Bar & Grill Shooting	Staff
Third Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Tank explosion	Kim Bell, Christine Byers and Jeremy Kohler
Honorable Mention	Kansas City Star	Kansas City lawyer gunned down at home	Glenn E. Rice, Andy Marso, Toriano Porter, Ian Cummings, Tony Rizzo and Donald Bradley

04.) Best Breaking News Story | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Focus on Oak Grove	Tornado hits city - Monday storm causes	Hannah Spaar and Linda Ighoyivwi
	Creative and interesting lede on front page story. Excellent use of quotes from public officials and homeowners, especially considering very short deadline. Strong supplementary stories fill out the coverage. Good photos help tell the story.		
Second Place	Cassville Democrat	Flood Coverage	Kyle Troutman
	Front page sidebar highlights need-to-know information. Dramatic front page photo contributes to the telling of the story. Scammers article on page 3A clear and to the point.		
Third Place	Maries County Advocate	Monday night storm damages Hilkemeyer's	Laura Schiermeier
	Good photo shows extent of damage. Human interest focus brings home the effect of the incident on one family.		
Honorable Mention	St. Clair Missourian	Blaze Destroys St. Clair Home Saturday...	Elizabeth Barmeier
	Good photo of firefighters on the scene.		

04.) Best Breaking News Story | Weeklies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Bowling Green Times	Prison On Lockdown: Inmate Stabs Guard	Ethan Colbert
Second Place	Christian County Headliner News	Life-changing post	Amelia Wigton

Third Place	Houston Herald	Prisoner escapes	Jeff McNiell and Brad Gentry
Honorable Mention	Springfield Business Journal	Breaking News	Geoff Pickle

04.) Best Breaking News Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Jefferson County Leader	Flooding: "Not Again"	Staff
In an area that floods often, the staff did not take this one lightly. Comprehensive report, with lots of detail about damage, road closings and useful information for residents.			

Second Place	Washington Missourian - Weekend	Revive Three in String of Overdoses	Gregg Jones
I combined this with three other stories about heroin opioid overdoses to make one entry. Reporter Gregg Jones did a good job of covering this issue from all angles, which is not common in a small community. Good reporting.			

Third Place	Courier-Tribune	After the storm	Amanda Lubinski
Tornadoes always make for good breaking news stories. The reporter did a good job of gathering and reporting the information.			

Honorable Mention	Branson Tri-Lakes News	Village residents displaced	Sara Karnes
This story was aided largely by some great photos. Good report.			

05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Daily Express & News	Lobbying	Jason Hunsicker
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Second Place	Daily Express & News	Chickens	Jason Hunsicker
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Third Place	Hannibal Courier-Post	Grain Belt case exposes disparity	Eric Dundon
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05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Columbia Missourian	City testing system not focused on highest	Jennifer Lu
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Second Place	Independence Examiner	Cancer: the other fire danger	Mike Genet
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Third Place	News Tribune	Shake it out	Phillip Sitter
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Honorable Mention	Columbia Missourian	Bill targets state crisis pregnancy centers'	Claire Mitzel
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05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Car break-ins** **Jesse Bogan and Walker Moskop**
 Solid use of data bolstered by interviews with victims build a narrative that's helpful to residents and visitors alike as they navigate St. Louis. Nice interactive graphic.

Second Place **Kansas City Star** **Murder of 3-year-old boy...** **Tony Rizzo and Glenn E. Rice**
 The reporters collected court files and testimony, other documents and personal interviews to tell a horrifying tale of violence centered on one house. It's a unique approach and a well-told story.

Third Place **Kansas City Star** **NAACP issues first-ever travel advisory for a** **Ian Cummings**
 The reporter's expertise shows in an account that pulls from a wide variety of sources to build off the NAACP advisory and explore issues of concern for minorities in the state of Missouri.

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader** **Fatal fentanyl overdoses on rise in Greene** **Jackie Rehwald**
 A well-sourced story that's of use to members of the community during a time of grave danger for drug users.

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

First Place **Clinton County Leader** **March Tornado** **Brett Adkison and Becky Black**
 Very strong introduction, makes the story into a page-turner. Graphic descriptions of the damage throughout the area makes the extent of the storm clear. Excellent use of quotes from victims.

Second Place **Cassville Democrat** **Parents Find Needle** **Julia Kilmer**
 Well-constructed story, with the essential details in the lead and lots of interesting background information, including good quotes from the people who found the needle and context from law enforcement sources.

Third Place **Focus on Oak Grove** **Neighbors helping Neighbors** **Ruth Ann Hafner**
 Good human interest story that brings home the human cost of a disaster and the efforts of members of the community to deal with it. Excellent use of quotes.

Honorable Mention **Cassville Democrat** **State Cuts Funding** **Kyle Troutman**
 Story covers a topic of interest to many people with a good presentation of both sides of the issue. A reader would have a good understanding of the pros and cons of both positions.

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

First Place **Belle Banner** **Christeson Executed** **Nichoel Snodgrass**
 First place: "Christeson executed"
 In her quietly riveting story, Nichoel Snodgrass takes readers where many of them would be reluctant to go themselves: immediately outside a prison death chamber as an execution is about to take place. Then she methodically describes the condemned man's final minutes, words and actions as the death sentence is carried out. This contest judge suspects Snodgrass had not written this type of article before, but she admirably rose to the occasion and, through

Second Place **Salem News** **Hours in the Dent County Jail** **Andrew Sheeley**
 Second place: "24 hours in the Dent County Jail"
 After finishing Andrew Sheeley's story, readers feel like they've been locked up in the Dent County Jail themselves, with all the hazards, discomforts, smells, noise, frustration and unpleasantness associated with an understaffed, out-of-date facility. Sheeley provided Dent County voters with plenty of food for thought, at considerable effort and sacrifice on his own part. The public's right to know was well served by this story.

Third Place **Christian County Headliner News** **Suicide** **Hanna Smith**
 Third place: "Suicide in vogue"
 Hanna Smith takes readers into the mind of someone bent on committing suicide and shows how that person turned the corner and was saved. Plenty of good reporting here, written in an engaging fashion. Lots of emotion; lots of facts, too. Photos and information boxes complete an impressive package that arms readers with potentially life-saving knowledge.

Honorable Mention **Christian County Headliner News** **Linden lurid** **Amelia Wigton**
 Honorable mention: "Linden Lurid"
 This is a good example of a reporter following up on a problem brought up at a government meeting. Things are getting way out of hand at a popular local river swimming hole, and Amelia Wigton gives readers the full story. Nice use of a narrative lead to draw readers into the tale of a frightened neighbor's concerns that thoughtless rowdies are ruining an otherwise idyllic natural location.

05.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **St. Louis Business Journal****Amazon: Friend or foe****Brian Feldt**

Comprehensive report that flows perfectly. Nice job of breaking down the numbers with graphics instead of bogging down story. Multiple sources, effective use of quotes and expansive look at the impact Amazon having throughout the region. Excellent work.

Second Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly****Schlitterbahn wrongful death claims settle****Jessica Shumaker**

Persistence paid off with a revealing report. Detailed story about a public venue that could have been buried in out of court settlement. Thank you for reinforcing the public's right to know.

Third Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News****Girl recounts dog attack****Sara Karnes**

Riveting story of young girl that's both concise and emotional. Good interview skills got the victim to tell her tale. Facts on other attacks took us beyond the interview, good extra effort.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Call Newspapers****Mehlville Fire Protection District candidate****Gloria Lloyd**

Balanced coverage between fiery candidates. Nice job

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Hannibal Courier-Post****When war comes home****Forrest Gossett**

This was a well-told story about a Vietnam veterans who still experiences PTSD, flashbacks and other complications 50 years later. The writer told the story with sensitivity and flare, and held my interest throughout.

Second Place **LakeExpo****Giant Bones In The Ozarks?****Al Griffin, Connye Griffin and Nathan Bechtold**

This was a treat to read: a mystery in the Ozarks. Just the right amount of detail that answers questions but leaves you wanting to know more. The photos and layout were sophisticated and a real plus.

Third Place **Monett Times****Ragtime****Murray Bishoff**

This was a very comprehensive piece on an American art form: ragtime music. Loved all the history blended with the present. The Scott Joplin Festival is a gem.

Honorable Mention **Hannibal Courier-Post****Uncovering history in the walls****Trevor McDonald**

This story was just fun to read. If you like history, and Mark Twain, you would be entertained.

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Southeast Missourian****Life Without****Bob Miller and Tyler Graef**

Wow.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian****Interracial couples reflect on life after Loving****Gabriela Velasquez**

What makes this story is the wide swath of interracial couples profiled - old, young, gay, straight. By framing it through the reporter's personal story, it is a reminder to journalists we cannot pretend we're not affected by the issues we cover.

Third Place **Sedalia Democrat****Giving back to one who gives all****Faith Bemiss**

Community journalism at its finest. This puts an interesting story about interesting people in context of the trends that affect them. The story has justice, religion, redemption and a touching news hook. A great piece.

Honorable Mention **Independence Examiner****"Tarnished jewel"**

Solid work nicely done. It made me care, which is the essence of what journalism should be.

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Kansas City Star** **Grandmother agonizes over videos that** **Laura Bauer**
 A heartbreaking story delivered via an expertly crafted narrative. The empathy is evident in the author's writing. It was the clear choice for first place.

Second Place **Kansas City Star** **My wife gave her boss the gift of life: her** **David Frese**
 A strong narrative about a selfless act. Read like a novel at times, in a good way. And little infusions of humor kept it from feeling too heavy.

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Breaking stereotypes** **Benjamin Hochman**
 The emotions this story evoked were strong, especially when the consequences of Jake's decision to come out were revealed. Excellent storytelling.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune** **'American mindset': Ana Garcia is an** **Waverly Colville**
 It can be difficult to comprehend the impact of a program such as DACA if you don't know anyone actually affected by it. This story helped bridge that gap. Powerful.

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Jackson County Advocate** **Woman receives certificate of life thanks to** **Mary Wilson**

Second Place **Clinton County Leader** **Birthday Visit** **Brett Adkison**

Third Place **Cole Camp Courier** **Haza performs for President Trump in Miami** **Dianne Peck**

Honorable Mention **Lexington News** **Pastor an astronomy buff** **Joe Parmon**

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Christian County Headliner News** **Take a Chance** **Amelia Wigton**
 Lively, energetic writing in short, simple sentences matches the subject and sets this story apart. It also was one of the few with more than one person interviewed.

Second Place **Houston Herald** **Surreal strength** **Doug Davison**
 The writer had a little fun with the subject but could have had more. The lead would have been better with a specific visual than with some general statements about the subject. The story cries out for more description and could have been first place with it.

Third Place **Bowling Green Times** **Eva's Story** **Ethan Colbert**
 A compelling personal story packs the punch here. The writer didn't get in the way of that story, but he also didn't do anything to enhance it with a sense of the person. It's an effective telling but lacks description that would make the reader feel he or she was in the room with the subject.

Honorable Mention **Ozark County Times** **Rooftop Rescue** **Sue Ann Jones**
 As with the third place story, a compelling personal story packs the punch here. Powerful quotes, but dryly conveyed.

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Jefferson County Leader****A miracle- Times two****Laura Marlow**

This was a thorough, endearing piece. Looking beyond the family's perspective and speaking with medical staff was a brilliant move by the reporter, and it really added another dimension to the story. Overall, this story was the ultimate feel-good story, a hallmark of classic feature writing.

Second Place **Courier-Tribune****Birthday Princess****Amanda Lubinski**

Typically features have to choose between heartwarming and heart-wrenching, but this story was able to encapsulate both. The writer seamlessly navigated between a community coming together and and the tragedy of a little girl who is struggling to live. Well done!

Third Place **St. Louis American****Ban the Box****Sandra Jordan**

This story captured the journey of a man trying to reclaim his life, while simultaneously calling attention to the larger flaws of society which have had far greater reaching implications. That is everything I look for in a feature, and is finished third only due to the strength of a couple other entries this year.

Honorable Mention **Missouri Lawyers Weekly****Going Public****Catherine Martin**

A compelling story told well. This story highlighted the transition of an attorney from the defense to the prosecution, and was able to do so through strong usage of quotes and informational content.

07.) Best News or Feature Series | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Hannibal Courier-Post****The beast beneath****Danny Henley**

The writing is outstanding, but before you read a single word, the illustration pulls you in.

Second Place **Hannibal Courier-Post****An earned reputation?****Eric Dundon**

Boy, these folks know how to engage the reader with visuals. Exceptional use of graphic elements and public records.

Third Place **Lake Sun Leader****Homeless Students****Amy Wilson, Natalie Sanders, Cody Mroczka, Corbin Kottmann and Dan Field**

An important topic, and this series was clearly well-planned and executed. Great sourcing.

Honorable Mention **Hannibal Courier-Post****Grown in NEMO****Trevor McDonald**

A 10-part series requires a lot of planning and ambition. Well-executed. Some don't care for such long-term series, but I think it gives readers something to look forward to. One thing I wonder is whether there was a refer on the front page of each edition the day before the series installment, reminding readers the next part was coming the next day.

07.) Best News or Feature Series | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian****Labor intensive fight: The state of abortion****VOX Magazine Staff**

Very complete series of stories on the state of reproductive health in Missouri. The story of Robin and Jim Utz was particularly gripping. Clearly the strongest piece in a strong category.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian****Life after Loving: Five interracial couples****Gabriela Velasquez**

This entry was a simple series of features, but it felt like it was written by a veteran reporter. Ms. Velasquez does an excellent job describing the relationships--some decades long, others just a year or so in--and briefly touching on the challenges and successes they face. Very human, very beautiful.

Third Place **News Tribune****Jefferson City discusses diversity****Phillip Sitter and Nicole Roberts**

What really put this over the top was the final story in the selection. The reporter spoke to each member of the commission, and presented their thoughts, goals, etc., in a very reader-friendly way that serves to move the community forward. Very comprehensive coverage of the aftermath of a viral photo of students next to a racial slur. This paper handled the issue well.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian****White space: an essay series examining****VOX Magazine Staff**

Tackling white privilege and race issues in several impressive stories, front many different vantage points.

07.) Best News or Feature Series | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Springfield News-Leader****Filed & Forgotten: The Case of Ronnie White** **Claudette Riley and Giacomo Bologna****Second Place** **St. Louis Post-Dispatch****Mission accomplished?** **Kevin McDermott, Kurt Erickson and Jack Suntrup****Third Place** **Springfield News-Leader****The Man Who Reinvented Meth** **Thomas Gounley****Honorable Mention** **Columbia Daily Tribune****World War I Centennial Series** **Rudi Keller****07.) Best News or Feature Series | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Cassville Democrat**

Story which takes a different approach to breast cancer than what most do. Very well written and the packaging doesn't hurt matters. That is probably what sold me on this one being first.

W1 Breast Cancer Series **Julia Kilmer and Kyle Troutman****Second Place** **Cassville Democrat**

Great photos to supplement a well written story. Any other time that the first place story would not be in competition with this one, this entry would take first.

Flood Coverage **Kyle Troutman****Third Place** **Lexington News**

Overall decent packaging and story.

Wentworth closes **Joe Parmon****Honorable Mention** **Focus on Oak Grove**

Important coverage of an important topic. Seemed to be a little long for my tastes. Possibly breaking this story up into smaller, separated sub-sections would have helped.

Suicide awareness **Ruth Ann Hafner****07.) Best News or Feature Series | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Christian County Headliner News**

A multi-faceted approach made this series stand out in a very competitive category. A local domestic violence shelter was examined from various angles and, at every turn, the reader was invited to learn more through fact boxes and sidebars. An important topic handled professionally and thoroughly.

Freedom's Rest **Amelia Wigton****Second Place** **Springfield Business Journal**

The writers used a direct and uncluttered writing style to clearly lay out a complex economic system involving area agriculture, making it both accessible and understandable for the reader.

Coverage on the changing food industry **Jana Bounds and Eric Olson****Third Place** **Ozark County Times**

The most comprehensive of several flood coverage entries. The use of "before and after" photos was a gut punch for readers and showed the enterprise of the news team in digging up the "before" images.

Historic Devastation **Staff****Honorable Mention** **Bowling Green Times**

The time spent hearing the stories of war immigrants was well worth it and paid off as readers were given a new perspective on a slice of local history.

My American Story Series: Eva's Story; **Ethan Colbert**

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

First Place **St. Louis American**
 Excellent coverage of an often to familiar occurrence.

Stockley verdict**Staff**

Second Place **Washington Missourian - Wednesday**
 Interesting stories -Excellently written articles that were concisely written

Turpin Series**Gregg Jones**

Third Place **Courier-Tribune**
 Great use of graphics and art. It told the story of those with disabilities and what they face

Americans with Disabilities Act**Kellie Houx**

Honorable Mention **Courier-Tribune**
 Nicely done series giving insight into a horrible topic.

Breaking the Silence**Amanda Lubinski****08 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Lebanon Daily Record**

High fees restrict**Steve Smith**

Second Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**

Schools shouldn't bear burden of policing**Eric Dundon**

Third Place **Daily Express & News**

Air, train service crucial to this region**Jason Hunsicker****08 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **News Tribune**

State should adequately fund public**Gerry Tritz**

Second Place **News Tribune**

Deserving state workers might get raises ...**Gerry Tritz**

Third Place **Southeast Missourian**

Appreciating the floodwall, and leaders who**Southeast Missourian Staff**

Honorable Mention **News Tribune**

Greitens political maneuvers an insult to**Gerry Tritz****08 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
 The editorial, from December 2017, succinctly exposes Gov. Greitens' hypocrisy in promising transparency, then delivering exactly the opposite. It presaged more self-inflicted trouble for the governor in 2018, which to readers of this editorial would have been no surprise. "This is not leadership" is a warning to elected officials such as the governor who mistakenly believe they are not accountable to the people. The Post-Dispatch staunchly did its job speaking truth to power and alerting the public to a leader whose actions would give justifiable pause to any believer in democracy. Best editorial in a very strong field.

This is not leadership**St. Louis Post-Dispatch Staff**

Second Place **Kansas City Star** **Secretive Sly James is threatening leakers,** **The Kansas City Star Staff**
 The public has every right to be suspicious of elected officials who prefer to operate in secrecy. The Star’s editorial details activities by Kansas City Mayor Sly James that would make even the most cynical old-time political boss blush. With heavy-handedness, the mayor desperately tries to control the narrative regarding the proposed airport, but as this editorial points out, his penchant for secrecy appears to serve only his own ends, not the public’s, and that’s wrong. The Star rightly notes, “Open discussion is always preferable to backroom dealmaking.” That phrase should be emblazoned on a sign in front of City Hall, in council chambers, and anywhere else where elected officials meet.

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader** **Drury, lead the fight to eliminate hazing** **Staff**
 Taking the side of the downtrodden is what editorial boards are supposed to do, and the News-Leader does that commendably with its call for Drury University to do much more than it had previously done to make things right for a swimming team member who was hazed. The editorial explains the offense and recounts the university’s somewhat mixed messages in response. By challenging the university to become a leader in anti-hazing efforts, the editorial proposes a path by which something positive could result from the uncomfortable, humiliating and frightening experiences forced upon the victim. Let’s hope university leaders listened and acted accordingly.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Confederate leaders deserve a place in** **Charles Westmoreland, Matt Sanders and Rustan Burton**
 The Daily Tribune’s editorial, “Confederate leaders deserve a place in history, without honor,” is the most cogent argument this contest judge has ever read on the subject. It offers a clear-headed analysis of what the Confederacy really stood for, and why while Confederate leaders should be remembered, they should not be honored now, and never should have been in the first place. The editorial effectively stops pro-Confederate apologists dead in their tracks with a recounting of the victims of the antebellum South’s slave culture, the Confederacy that defended it, and the war its leaders provoked that killed and maimed hundreds of thousands of people. Well done.

08 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Voting no on drug monitoring not just dumb** **Staff**

Second Place **Northeast News** **Michael Bushnell**

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader** **As Grandview shows, candor is best in** **Staff**

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian - Wednesday** **She Should Resign!** **Bill Miller, Sr.**

08d W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award | Weeklies - Classes 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Bowling Green Times** **Change Is Coming, Bowling Green. Embrace** **Ethan Colbert**
 Loved the references to the past. Great job reminding of some of the negatives the city faces too.

Second Place **Lee's Summit Tribune** **Just the Truth, Please** **Steve Wagner**
 Very smart smackdown - written with restraint and class.

Third Place **Bowling Green Times** **Disappointed By State's Response To** **Ethan Colbert**
 Loved the Well, like mold.... line.
 Didn't have a Second. You had a First, but you didn't have a Second. Wish you would have addressed the problem of the remaining 2,000 veterans that would still waiting for a home after the new home was built.

Honorable Mention **Ozark County Times** **Thankful** **Norene Proski**
 Thoughtful Thanksgiving column. Liked how you gave the reader insight to the day to day operations of the newspaper.

09.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Dailies *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Best Humor Columnist: Doug Pugh** **Doug Pugh**
 Dan Pugh's easy, conversational style works because he doesn't try too hard to be funny. It happens anyway.

Second Place **St. Joseph News-Press** **Just enjoy the day after doomsday** **Ken Newton**
 What Ken Newton does is not quite stand-up comedy, but his witty observations are close to that.

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Aisha Sultan's columns** **Aisha Sultan**
Aisha Sultan has a wry sense of humor that is comfortably amusing even if it doesn't elicit guffaws.

09.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Patrick Martin** **Patrick Martin**
Hands down the best of the bunch. This columnist is obviously comfortable telling a story, and it shows in the easy flow of his columns. Worldly observations.

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Peggy Bess**
Readers can certainly relate to this columnist's choice of topic. Could tighten copy up just a little bit.

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader** **"Trivia Two Ways"** **Kevin Carbery**
Good job partnering current events and personal experiences with relevant trivia, which was very compelling to read.

Honorable Mention **Union Missourian** **From the Desk of Karen Butterfield** **Karen Butterfield**
An encouraging beginning- you're on your way to finding your voice as a columnist. Don't put so much story detail in your column that it hides the humor.

09.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor** **Writing on the wall** **Robert Cox**
Good writing on finding humor in everyday life

Second Place **Santa Fe Times** **Letter From The Editor Klarissa Olvera** **Klarissa Olvera**
Well-written pieces finding humor in things we all experience such as vending machines and lost phones.

Third Place **Christian County Headliner News** **Amelia humorous** **Amelia Wigton**
Interesting family stories, well-told.

10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Tony Messenger columns** **Tony Messenger**

Second Place **Kansas City Star** **Mary Sanchez**

Third Place **Kansas City Star** **Melinda Henneberger** **Melinda Henneberger**

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Aisha Sultan columns** **Aisha Sultan**

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

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **George Kennedy** **George Kennedy**
 With a measured, sober approach to using his editorial voice, George Kennedy writes a column that consistently makes you smarter. A clear winner.

Second Place **Monett Times** **Monett Times Serious columnist** **Murray Bischoff**
 Something must be said about a columnist who is not afraid to get out of his office. Murray Bischoff offers observations as well as opinions that recognize shades of gray.

Third Place **Independence Examiner** **Cyberfailures have human roots** **Jeff Fox**
 Jeff Fox offers an steady-hand approach in a column of readable length.

Honorable Mention **Hannibal Courier-Post** **A Little Salt** **Danny Henley**
 Danny Henley puts the "personal" in a personal column with writing that is highly relatable.

10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Cole Camp Courier** **Dianne Peck Serious Columns** **Dianne Peck**
 Words were like poetry. In the greatest sound, I heard every sound described in my head as I was reading. That is talent.

Second Place **Grant City Times Tribune** **Scenic Route** **Matt Pearl**
 Unique take on the negativity in the world today. Appreciated how you didn't shy away from debatable topics. Clear voice and words chosen very carefully.

Third Place **Maries County Advocate** **Best Serious Columnist: A New Adventure** **Dennis Warden**
 Very effective in explaining corporate taxes. On the darkness column, you would have been more effective if you would have given an example of the right side being negative too. On the freedom of speech column, not really sure the background of which team you like better is really necessary. Would have liked to see more on your views of freedom of speech instead. Strong writer and very clear and easy to understand.

10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor** **Writing on the wall** **Robert Cox**
 All the elements of an excellent column: personal, emotional, connected, easy to read, with purpose. Very nice job

Second Place **Christian County Headliner News** **Amelia Wigton**
 Just as deserving as first. Relevant observations about community and life.

Third Place **Platte County Citizen** **Ross Martin Columns** **Ross Martin**
 Another fine column would look forward to reading every week. Flows nicely, life lessons included.

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald** **Off the Cuff** **Doug Davison**

10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **St. Louis American** **Best Serious Column** **Mike Jones**
 Mike Jones doesn't shy away from tackling the sensitive issues facing America and his community. His honest and straight-forward writing gives the reader pause to reflect on the importance of what he is writing. He doesn't pull any punches.

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Patrick Martin** **Patrick Martin**
Patrick Martin does a very good job of highlighting important issues facing the community in a witty, engaging way.

Third Place **St. Louis Call Newspapers** **Mike Anthony's Columns** **Mike Anthony**
Mike Anthony is good at keeping an eye on those in public service and calling out those politicians and government employees who are not doing their jobs.

11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **West Plains Daily Quill**
Great composition, colors and detail of a horrific event.

Fiery crash, 7-6-17

Cody Sanders

Second Place **Monett Times**
Nice cropping and shots. Maximizes impact of images.

Fire Destroys Barn

Murray Bishoff

Third Place **West Plains Daily Quill**
Good action photo. Looks like I am standing there watching this as it happened. Nice cropping too.

Surround and drown

Kim Langston

11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
Extremely strong home moment on the front lines. Photographer got in close and took some risks to tell the story.

Mell Moffitt shouts at a line of St. Louis riot

Davis Winborne

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Excellent composition and use of lights in smoke. Amazing the fire department let the photographer in the building. Good job making the photo op.

Columbia firefighters file into a dark, smoke-

Davis Winborne

Third Place **Southeast Missourian**
Nice moment of tornado survivor surveying damage. Use of fill light helps illuminate subject.

Perry County tornado aftermath

Fred Lynch

Honorable Mention **Columbia Missourian**
Excellent composition that tells the story of how department effected by loss.

Some of the Missouri State Patrol stand

Evan Cobb

11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kansas City Star**
"Tragic and hopeful. Beautifully composed and exposed. A very unique scene."

Fire Salvage 3-21-17

David Eulitt

Second Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**
"Lots of tension in this photo, kudos to the photog for getting there."

Spot News 1

Timothy Tai

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**
"When you can put the pieces together in one frame (raw emotion, gunshot marks, paramedics) without reading the details, that makes for powerful image."

Two badly hurt in shooting near Highway 63

Timothy Tai

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
"This is THE image of caring in a ugly situation."

Consoling A Mother

David Carson

11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Focus on Oak Grove** **The Helpers 3-9-17** **Hannah Spaar**
Photojournalism at its best. Credit photographer for letting boys be the focus among the disaster. Good composition showing half the house and cropped right. Nice job.

Second Place **Clinton County Leader** **Ranch Sorting** **Brett Adkison**
All the right elements for a terrific action photo...dirt flying, face of cowboy straining, cropped tight. Love to see photographer who knows camera with aperture priority with wide open f-stop.

Third Place **Clinton County Leader** **Eclipse** **Brett Adkison**
Viewed plenty of eclipse photos but this one stood out as a winner. Great photo!

Honorable Mention **Cassville Democrat** **L.J Jenkins Brings Second Bull Riding Tour** **Kyle Troutman**
Good action photo that would have ranked higher had tilt been corrected.

11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Gasconade Co. Republican** **ABC fire - Published Aug. 2, 2017** **Jacob Warden**
This is a great photo that shows all the work that goes into putting out a structure fire. Showing the entire scene was a nice touch.

Second Place **Houston Herald** **Flood at Boiling Springs** **Doug Davison**
It's rare for a photo to show loss and devastation that also feels personal. Even though you don't see the people's faces, which would have been a slight improvement, you can still sense that the level of loss they feel.

Third Place **Platte County Citizen** **Mud Volleyball** **Nick Ingram**
Anytime a photo can capture mud or water droplets in the air, I'm a fan. This photo is what an action shot should be.

Honorable Mention **Hermitage Index** **Up In Smoke** **Aleia Ream**
Getting to the scene of fire like this isn't always the easiest thing to do. The firefighter silhouetted by the blaze makes this a nice touch, it shows the amount of work expected from a firefighter.

11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Webster - Kirkwood Times** **11 House fire in Tuxedo Park Aug. 11, 2017** **Diana Linsley**
You can almost feel the sigh of despair from the firefighter. Great job of getting a clear shot of the house plaque showing the age of the house.

Second Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly** **Stockley protest** **Allyssa Dudley**
Powerful shot of protesters facing off against the police in a very emotionally charged verdict. Great job of capturing the angered expressions of protesters. The white line crossing the police officer is a little distracting. But overall a moving photo.

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader** **"Eclipse"** **Ron Rigdon**
Incredible shot of a rare event in the United States, captured at just the right time.

Honorable Mention **Bolivar Herald-Free Press** **Red flag firefighting** **Jill Way**

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Chillicothe Constitution Tribune**
“Nice use of the silhouette and the colorful evening sky.”**Hay Bale Toss****Catherine Stortz Ripley****Second Place** **Lebanon Daily Record**
“Well composed and a fun look on the runners face.”**Color 5K****Chris Roden****Third Place** **West Plains Daily Quill**
“You can practically hear the boom, hiss, pop in this photo!”**Fireworks****Allison Wilson****Honorable Mention** **West Plains Daily Quill**
“Great portrait of vet at work.”**New life****Cody Sanders****12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Southeast Missourian**
The photographer takes a fairly mundane event and turns into something majestic. Eliminating the diving board and using only the sky as the backdrop, paired with the diver’s Superman-ish pose, makes it appear the swimmer is flying. The clear winner here.**High diver****Fred Lynch****Second Place** **Columbia Missourian**
A great moment here. Trailer in the background, shirtless boy in jeans, grassy lot - all the elements add to this frame. The boy’s expression of concentration is a strong focal point and rope provides a nice line that adds depth. A good find. Needed a little more caption information for context.**Harper Webb, 7, practices roping a mock****Ellie Cherryhomes****Third Place** **Columbia Missourian**
Strong photo with good lighting and repeating shapes. Nicely done. Sparks provide a strong focal point.**Michael Welker welds on a switch gear deck****Nate Compton****Honorable Mention** **News Tribune**
An artistic frame with good composition and lighting. Close between this and the third place entry.**Festival of Lights****Emil Lippe****12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Springfield News-Leader**
The photographer finds the perfect position from which to make the photograph.**Dog Swim - 9-5-2017****Nathan Papes****Second Place** **Kansas City Star**
The impromptu dance is a winner. And the mood of the subjects in the background add to the overall effectiveness.**Superman Mural****Jill Toyoshiba****Third Place** **Kansas City Star**
A very compelling position for the subject. The lighting and composition make this stand out.**Cyclone Actress****Allison Long****Honorable Mention** **Joplin Globe**
Just a fun romp in the mud. The joy of the participants shines through.**Mudstock****Laurie Sisk**

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Maries County Advocate****Wave Ride****Roxie Murphy**

This photo definitely makes you look twice. Colorful images. Makes the reader want to know more. Composition is good. Only criticism is that it looks like it might be posed. But nicely cropped and presented.

Second Place **St. Clair Missourian****Splashing in the Sun****Elizabeth Barmeier**

A tighter crop using the rule of thirds would have put this photo in first place. Nice capture of the rainbow effect.

Third Place **St. Clair Missourian****Lanterns Flourish****Elizabeth Barmeier**

Really well executed. Tells a story. The lighted bags in the air add a lot. Composition is good. Tough photo to pull off. Solid photo.

Honorable Mention **St. Clair Missourian****Minute to Win It****Elizabeth Barmeier**

Right place, right time. Would have liked to see more creativity on the part of the photographer. What makes this photo is entirely on the expressions and actions of the subjects.

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Houston Herald****Underwater swimmer****Jeff McNiell**

Eye-catching and fun photo with all the right elements.

Second Place **Houston Herald****Chicken girl****Doug Davison**

Takes the "cute kid photo" to a higher level.

Third Place **Platte County Citizen****Eagle flying high**

Caught the eagle in a really unique position that makes this photo memorable

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald****Student center opens****Jeff McNiell**

Fun photo definitely worth an honorable mention.

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Webster - Kirkwood Times****12 July 4 Webster Groves Carnival****Ursula Ruhl**

Talk about a spectacular moment. Kudos to photographer for being aware of lighting challenges, composing the shot well, and being patient. A memorable photograph.

Second Place **St. Louis Business Journal****Dawn Hui****Dilip Vishwanat**

Great control over some dramatic lighting. That alone draws the reader in to learn more about a unique subject. Well done.

Third Place **Webster - Kirkwood Times****Hummingbird****Diana Linsley**

Perfectly timed, solid use of zoom. Well composed. Pleasant to look at.

Honorable Mention **Union Missourian****Bubble Reflection****Karen Butterfield**

Good attention to detail by photographer. A photo worth a closer look.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Lake Sun Leader**
 Best in the category, this photo is memorable for capturing the a moment of action in silhouette.

Pole vault at dusk **Michael Losch**

Second Place **Lake Sun Leader**
 Nice job catching the tackler in mid-air; good crop.

Making a tackle **Michael Losch**

Third Place **Lake Sun Leader**
 Action photo captures the hitter's face, the outstretched hands of the block – a good image.

Play at the net **Michael Losch**

Honorable Mention **Lake Sun Leader**
 Love a mid-air basketball shot.

Taking a shot **Michael Losch**

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
 Peak action with many elements coming together in this frame. The timing is perfect, the high-flying action is well framed and the background helps tell the story. The component that puts this over the top is the receiver's focus on the ball. All if it captured in the split second.

Missouri tight end Kendall Blanton catches a **Emily Nevils**

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
 Photo stops the action as the ball seems suspended between the receiver's hands. Great timing! The blurred background really brings the play into focus.

JMon Moore catches a pass **Jessi Dodge**

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
 Love the expression here. This picture's tight crop really brings out the player's emotion. The fingers on the face add to the frame.

Kirkwood High School player attempts to **Davis Winborne**

Honorable Mention **Sedalia Democrat**
 Good action photo of an important point in the game. The vertical horizontal defender and the jumping ball carrier make this a compelling image.

Young leaps into endzone **Bob Satnan**

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Kansas City Star**
 This photo is stunning. From the action on the field to the lighting, I just get lost in everything there is to look at. Fantastic!

Passing Light **David Eulitt**

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
 Really captures the job of the play, from the "safe" call to the fans in the stands who are celebrating it. A nice moment, well captures and well framed.

Safe at Home **Chris Lee**

Third Place **Joplin Globe**
 I love how this photo turned out. The frame is crystal clear, which is what puts it over the top for me from many of the other ones competing for this spot. Nice work.

Out at second **Laurie Sisk**

Honorable Mention **Kansas City Star**
 Very cool. Love the guy flying through the air — like he's coming right out of the screen.

Diving Pressure **John Sleezer**

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Jackson County Advocate****Flying Touchdown****Brent Kalwei**

Good, solid photo. Being in the right place at the right time doesn't usually happen by accident in football. Good anticipation of where the play would be. Sharp image well composed.

Second Place **Maries County Advocate****Harker Dives****Jacob Warden**

The expressions on the faces makes this photo. Looks like it could be a comedy routine. I'm struck by how all three of the main characters seem to be disconnected to each other.

Third Place **Maries County Advocate****Little Soccer Players****Jacob Warden**

Too cute. Nice angle by getting down to the kids' level. One reason this placed above others is because it's not just a cute photo; it's clear that the photographer made choices that made this a better photo.

Honorable Mention **Pleasant Hill Times****ATV races at Cass County Fair****Scott Lavelock**

Tighter cropping would have improved this image. Nice color. Catching the dust/smoke in the air really adds to the impact.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **The Odessan****Big play****Kory Hales**

It's rare enough to get one person in the air about to make a catch, let alone two. The photo conveys a sense of urgency and desperation.

Second Place **The Odessan****Hunter Hansken****Kory Hales**

I can almost hear the mat crunch as the wrestler in white hits it. This photo tells a full story by itself, and that story hurts.

Third Place **The Odessan****Airborne****Beth Fox**

A mid-air catch is always noteworthy, but when the person is horizontal it makes for a particularly interesting moment.

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald****Tackle****Jeff McNiell**

I've never seen emotion come out quite as strongly in a sports photo before. The viewer can definitely read the urgency in the one player's face.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Washington Missourian - Wednesday****Going for the Ball****Bill Battle**

Impressive. This is great work! Shows a unique perspective on a blocked shot!

Second Place **Washington Missourian - Weekend****Kackley Dives****Bill Battle**

Now this is a diving catch. Very nicely done.

Third Place **Washington Missourian - Weekend****Shot Stopper****Bill Battle**

Lot of action going on here. Photo really captures the moment!

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian - Wednesday****Pickens Reaches****Bill Battle**

Nicely cropped. A great shot of a key play.

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 1

First Place **Lake Sun Leader**
“Wonderful reaction image.”

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Celebrating district championship

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Michael Losch

Second Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**
“Nice lighting and lots of faces.”

Championship celebration

Mathew Kirby

Third Place **Lake Sun Leader**
“Good work by the photog to get up close to the subject.”

Celebrating win at state tournament

Michael Losch

Honorable Mention **Lake Sun Leader**
“A joyful moment captured perfectly.”

Reaction to first state title

Michael Losch

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 2

First Place **Southeast Missourian**
“The lighting is flawless and composition perfect.”

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Basketball preview: Nothing but net

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Andrew J. Whitaker

Second Place **Southeast Missourian**
“Just a cool photo of a sport that has it’s limits. I’m borrowing this for my next golf feature”

State golf qualifier

Andrew J.. Whitaker

Third Place **News Tribune**
“The inclusion of the sad outfield in the space of all joy sets it apart.”

Jays win state

Jason Strickland

Honorable Mention **Sedalia Democrat**
“All the emotions captured in one frame.”

Eduardo scores

Alex Agueros

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 3

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**
THIS is the face of VICTORY! Great photo, great moment.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Lily Johnson

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Andrew Jansen

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Perfectly framed, great words on wall in background. Well done!

Keeping Fit

Cristina Fletes

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
As silhouettes box in the foreground, this 18-year-old woman boxes in the background in focus. Most impressive. GREAT WORK!

Punching the bag

Robert Cohen

Honorable Mention **Kansas City Star**
Great moment, captured perfectly. That. . .looks very cold.

Royal Splash

John Sleezer

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Maries County Advocate****Walk-off Championship****Jacob Warden**

The angle of the lead guy's head helps this photo. Can't tell if he's walking or being carried; makes me want to know more. The dust kicked up around the feet shows action. There were several similar entries of post game celebration; this was the best among them.

Second Place **Clinton County Leader****Team Photo****Brett Adkison**

This photo gets points for creativity, but unless the story is about using cell phones to take team photos, I'm not sure how this helps tell the story.

Third Place **Clinton County Leader****Back In Command****Clint Dye**

Good use of stark contrast. I would have liked to have seen more faces. The huddle shot is tried and true; the crop with the coach taking command in the center and the starkness help.

Honorable Mention **Pleasant Hill Times****Baseball celebration****Scott Lavelock**

This was the best photo for capturing a moment with jubilation but it slips in the rankings due to the technical camera issues that reduce its clarity. A fill flash would have helped. Tough shooting into the sun, but the camera settings were off. Better editing might have moved this photo into first place. Adjust the curves, desaturate the magentas and sharpen it up a bit.

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Christian County Headliner News****Bigger Than A Game****Jeff Kessinger**

Well composed, bolstered by nice, bright lighting. Photographer obviously noticed the moment and was in the right spot at the right time.

Second Place **Houston Herald****Celebrating on sidelines****Jeff McNiell**

Nice job by photographer to be quick on the shutter. A lighter moment in, probably, an otherwise tense affair.

Third Place **Christian County Headliner News****Past, Present and Future****Jeff Kessinger**

Different, which is always good especially when it comes to a "first pitch" photo. Photographer was heads up enough to be in a unique spot, which made for a unique photo.

Honorable Mention **Gasconade County Republican****Dad kisses****Dennis Warden**

One of those tender moments that's good to capture. Well done by photographer to notice the moment.

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Jefferson County Leader****Windsor reacts after pinning****Ron Rigdon**

Great isolation that focuses on the comparison between winner and loser.

Second Place **Washington Missourian - Wednesday****We're the Champions****Bill Battle**

Image captures the pure joy of the winner.

Third Place **Washington Missourian - Wednesday****Hot Run****Bill Battle**

Grit of race car driver comes through despite the loss of his car.

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian - Weekend****District Stunner****Bill Battle**

Pure joy for the winners of this game. The focus is drawn to the central player and her great reaction.

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

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Dexter Fowlers' swing** **Chris Lee**
 This image is not only visually stunning but also communicates a the physics of when Dexter Fowler swings the bat. Very cool!

Second Place **Kansas City Star** **Tiki Culture** **Tammy Ljungblad**
 The atmosphere perfectly captures the ambience of the tiki craze with the background, subject and beverage all integrated.

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader** **Tall Player** **Andrew Jansen**
 A crafty way to show readers just how tall this player is.

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Hannibal Courier-Post** **Getting a fresh start** **Eric Dundon**
 This is a clever idea for a tough-to-illustrate story. The concept is taken further by the integration of the story on the sheet of paper. Nice work!

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Seasonal beers for newbies and** **Jessi Dodge**
 Nice lighting to highlight the leaves and beer. Definitely evokes the right feeling.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **A misfit red bell pepper looms over a lemon** **Luke Brodarick**
 Funny how vegetables can emote.

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

First Place **Washington Missourian - Weekend** **Eclipse Phases & Viewers Photo Illustration** **Ethan Busse and Jeanne Miller-Wood**
 I have seen a ton of illustrations from the solar eclipse, and this is by far my favorite. I love how you combined the eclipse view with the photo of people looking at it. I wish the half moon photos of the moon were a bit better, but they are better than many I have seen (and of course, I assume it's pretty difficult to get those shots)

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Ted Nugent** **Ron Rigdon**
 Great combination of photos! I don't even like Ted Nugent, but it caught my attention and I'm tempted to read, especially with the great facial expressions you caught in the crowd.

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **Panera** **Michael Behrens**
 You went with a very literal translation of the headline, but it works. Caught my attention and I would read the article. Details of design look good.

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Business Journal** **Monsanto merger** **Michael Behrens**
 It's hard to judge without the article, but I'm guessing much of this was hidden from the public? Attractive colors and textures, but could have gone a step further to make it really stand out.

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **W1 Attraction of Addiction** **Staff**
 Eye-catching photo illustration changes appropriately from the first story of the series to the second, exposing the reader to a drug addict's world, and later, how addiction can be overcome. These graphics, while not complicated, took some thought to design and execute and are the best of this year's entries.

Third Place **Houston Herald** **Many sides of Tigers** **Jeff McNiell**
 Here's a good example of what can be done with three football photos and a little imagination. Simply arrange them within a Rubik's Cube-style graphic outline, and Voila! -- an effective photo illustration.

Honorable Mention Perry County Republic-Monitor

Who doesn't like whimsy? The photo illustration of Superman's super-easy tug-of-war triumph over numerous challengers, even with other super heroes among them, was lots of fun.

Tug of war

Robert Cox and Stephanie Vandeven

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies- Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Second Place Maries County Advocate

Visitation Front

Dennis Warden

Nice, even inspirational, special section cover that juxtaposes photo of historic church with the image of a statue of the Blessed Virgin. This was a crowd-pleaser, to be sure.

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place West Plains Daily Quill

Historic flood hits home

Lillie Lundry, Cody Sanders, Ron Woolman and Katie Dudden

Good use of multiple photos to contrast the nature of the disaster with the determination of the people effected to deal with their tragedy.

Second Place Nevada Daily Mail

Nevada Police hold training at Cottey

Nick Wright

Images display the serious nature of the officer training and the variety of activities they prepare for.

Third Place Nevada Daily Mail

One a penny, two a penny, Hot Cross Buns

Nick Wright

A simple story that gives the reader a taste of home.

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Southeast Missourian

Foster-ing the youth

Andrew J. Whitaker

"Outstanding work! Each image is a winner all it's own."

Second Place Southeast Missourian

Kinslee's journey

Andrew J. Whitaker

"Well told story of not only the young girl's fight but her families as well."

Third Place Columbia Missourian

Homespun moments

Missourian Staff

"The photographer did a great job finding a whole array of emotions at the event."

Honorable Mention Columbia Missourian

Opening act

Monique Woo

"A fun way to show the different personalities of people."

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Stockley Protests Continue

St. Louis Post-Dispatch Staff

So many great, eye-catching photos make this a must-see package. But more than just the quality of the photos, the layouts are truly wonderful.

Second Place Columbia Daily Tribune

Butterfly child: Son's rare illness helps

Timothy Tai

These photos are heart-wrenching. I'm nearly brought to tears for this poor boy and his parents. Would have loved to have seen how these photos were played on the pages.

Third Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch

A Mass Killer

David Carson

The photos almost cause a guttural reaction from me in that they are so striking of what we are seeing. Love how the photos are played large to enhance the story. Well done.

Honorable Mention St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The eye-catching photos are great in taking me into the middle of the protests after the verdict. This could easily have been a winner if not for the quality of the other entries.

Stockley Verdict**Staff****16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Clinton County Leader**

Faces! And good ones! Nice variety with a dominant image and good supporting characters.

Clinton County Eclipse

Brett Adkison, Steve Tinnen and Autumn Barnett

Second Place Maries County Advocate

Well used dominant photo with some faces to support the package.

Rodeo

Jacob Warden

Third Place St. Clair Missourian

Only three photos, but a nice variety of sizes (with a detail shot!), and a fun portrait.

Share the Harvest

Elizabeth Barmeier

Honorable Mention Clinton County Leader

Second image a very good picture in a package that suffers from too many like-sized photos. Good faces.

Water Fight

Brett Adkison

16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Perry County Republic-Monitor**

Loved the layout on this entry, which was far and beyond its competition. If there was one thing I would have done different was not use the numbering system for photos. Loved the variety of photos and the way this captured the event. Wish I would have attended.

Pinup Contest

Stephanie Vandeven and Staff

Second Place Platte County Citizen

This entry embodies the idea of a variety of photos for a spread. There are individuals, overall shots, variety of events, everything I would look for. I feel a little bit more creativeness could have been used on the layout. Although there are more than one criteria to judge this category, I loved these photos best out of all entries.

Platte County Fair

Ross Martin and Nick Ingram

Third Place Gasconade County Republican

Nice spread. Like it when local people are involved, especially studnets and small children. Combine that with the subject matter, and that makes for a strong entry. Probably used one or two more explosion photos than I would have, but overall, a good variety in the photos chosen to illustrate the story.

OHS science classes experience Newtons

Dave Marner

Honorable Mention Gasconade County Republican

I particularly liked the photos here as well. You can tell the photographer went out of his way to get different shots, which is what captured my eye on this entry. Although I cannot pinpoint it, there was something lacking to "pull" me into this story, like the others. But still, great overall technique and creativity on the photos.

I-beams, decking set for new Second Creek

Dave Marner

16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Union Missourian**

Some great action photos that told the story of the rodeo. The contrast of angles and closeups give the reader something to spend time with.

Franklin County Fair Photos

Karen Butterfield

Second Place Washington Missourian - Wednesday

Some very nice moments made during the eclipse. Lots of faces engage readers.

Aug. 23 Eclipse

Staff

Third Place Union Missourian

Very nice images from the circus high flying act. Photographer did a good job isolating action.

At The Circus

Karen Butterfield

Honorable Mention Northeast News

The images of the ride and character of the riders fit together to tell a cohesive story. Photographic style was important in telling the story.

Kansas City Tweed Ride

Bryan Stalder

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

First Place	Columbia Daily Tribune	Left Behind Series	Brittany Ruess, Alan Burdziak and Jodie Jackson Jr.
Second Place	Springfield News-Leader	More to the Story	Staff
Third Place	Quincy Herald - Whig	Good News of Christmas	Staff

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

First Place	Columbia Missourian	Progress Awards	Missourian Staff
. This award booklet did a good job explaining the history behind the project and the staff's motivations to start it. I liked including statements from those who nominated community members. Some of the staff interviews were a little more colorful and in-depth than others, but it's a strong overall package.			
Second Place	News Tribune	A Christmas Wish	News Tribune Staff
Great feature writing in this series, with a great call to action for a community partner.			
Third Place	Southeast Missourian	Semoball Awards, 2017	Southeast Missourian Staff
Really nice website design and solid, objective coverage in the sports section. Some of the articles could have benefited from stronger ledes, but the news angles were there and it seems like the community has bought into the meaning and prestige behind this award.			

17.) Community Service | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Maries County Advocate	Wildfire assistance heading to Kansas	Staff
The community reached out to help others and the paper jumped right on board with this - from multiple stories, editorials, photos, and advertising.			
Second Place	Greene County Commonwealth	EXCEL Community and Leadership	Ryan Squibb and David Burton
This program embodies the community services category. Would have liked to see stories and pictures - not just the columns - from the newspaper about the changes that occurred because of the EXCEL program and the editorials. That would have qualified the depth of research and reporting aspect of the judging criteria.			
Third Place	Clinton County Leader	Stacy on the Streets	Becky Black
Thoughtful project and liked how the businesses go involved too - that is wasn't just a man on the street type of interview. Based on the judging criteria - not sure where the depth of research and reporting was.			
Honorable Mention	Cassville Democrat	Community Service - Breast Cancer	Julia Kilmer and Kyle Troutman
Good variety of informative stories on breast cancer. Since it was a Breast Cancer Awareness Special Edition, I would have liked to see the entire thing be its own 4-page special section instead of intertwined with normal newspaper content.			

17.) Community Service | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Houston Herald	Community service	Brad Gentry
The project is certainly valuable to the community, and the coverage does an excellent job conveying that to readers.			
Second Place	Lee's Summit Tribune	Project Awareness	Linda Ahern, Wendy Hayworth and David Reed
Suicide is becoming more and more of a problem. The coverage here is sensitive and does a good job explaining it to readers.			

Third Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor**
Good coverage of an interesting project.

Pamp'er program

Staff

17.) Community Service | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**
The St. Louis American and its Foundation clearly take community service seriously with involvement in this impressive program.

The St. Louis American Foundation

Staff

Second Place **St. Louis Call Newspapers**
Congratulations on a successful inaugural USO food drive. As you prepare for year two, you might want to consider adding some news stories promoting the effort, particularly comments from some of last year's recipients.

Call Newspapers and USO of Missouri

Gloria Lloyd, Debbie Baker, Pat Dillon, Taylor Kelly and Mandi Gummels

18.) Best Editorial Pages | Dailies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Editorials soared above the others and give this newspaper the edge. Editorials provided extensive reporting and efforts to gather information to arrive at informed positions. Comprehensive editorial on the governor's first year is the best of the bunch and not afraid to upset the apple cart. Supporting content is solid as well.

Post-Dispatch editorial pages

St. Louis Post-Dispatch Staff

Second Place **Kansas City Star**
These editorial pages are loaded with local content, including two editorials per edition and local columns and plenty of letters to the editor. Editorials are insightful and presentation is good.

The Kansas City Star

The Kansas City Star

Third Place **News Tribune**
Good, consistent editorial pages. Really like the Check the Facts segment to respond to readers' questions. Editorials not quite as strong as the first two finishers in this group, but stances are clear and strong. Good mix of supporting content.

News Tribune opinion pages

News Tribune Staff

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe**
Hyperlocal editorials with good reporting push these pages in with the winners. Lots of letters and contributing columnists.

Best Editorial Pages

Staff

18.) Best Editorial Pages | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**
This paper's opinion section entails everything I look for on an editorial page. There are great local anecdotes and personal connection pieces with the columnists, as well as hard-hitting, bold opinion pieces on local government. This entry stuck out above all others.

Jefferson County Leader

Patrick Martin and Peggy Bess

Second Place **St. Louis American**
I really enjoyed this entry. It was refreshing to read columnists opinions on both local and federal happenings. All of the columns were strong and well-written, and the layout was solid as well. This came very close to being the first place winner.

St. Louis American Editorial

St. Louis American Editorial Board

Third Place **Courier-Tribune**
This was a very personable editorial section, and the columnists offered great community advice and viewpoints. However, I would have liked to have seen some columns on local happenings included on the pages submitted, such as the actions of local governing bodies or other newsworthy occurrences from the area. The pieces were good, but the ties to the community the paper serves could have been stronger.

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Courier-Tribune Staff

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Call Newspapers**
This was a solid entry, and it hit hard an issue that linked the editorial section with the front page. I also enjoyed the amount of space that was allotted toward letters to the editor. I would have liked to have seen more content from the section generated from the staff, however. Also, this entry only included one opinion section, while other entries produced several to evaluate. I would encourage this entrant to give the judges more to evaluate in future years, as I feel a larger sample size would have likely helped them improve their standing.

The Call Newspapers Front Page and

Gloria Lloyd and Mike Anthony

18.) Best Editorial Pages | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Christian County Headliner News**
Great to have local editorial every page(s) in addition to local columnists. A lot of opinions here that give readers plenty on which to chew. Design could be less cluttered, but hard to criticize here.

Editorial pages

Staff

Second Place **Platte County Landmark** **BEST EDITORIAL PAGES** **Brian Kubicki, Chris Kamler and Ivan Foley**
More local editorials would be beneficial. One less cartoon might work better, and more local pieces than the "other views," but overall well done.

Third Place **Gasconade County Republican** **Gasconade County Republican** **Dave Marner**
Appreciate local columns and opinions offered. More local editorials would be appreciated for more hyper-local topics.

Honorable Mention **Maries County Advocate** **Best Editorial Pages - Advocate** **Maries County Advocate Staff**
Solid local columnists but wondering if state updates are as good as more hyper-local copy would be.

19.) Best Sports Pages | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kansas City Star** **The Kansas City Star** **Staff**

Second Place **Joplin Globe** **Best sports pages** **Staff**

Third Place **Quincy Herald - Whig** **Herald-Whig Sports** **Staff**

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader** **Springfield News-Leader Best Sports Pages** **Staff**

19.) Best Sports Pages | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Southeast Missourian** **Southeast Missourian Staff**
Great local section. Outstanding photographer and design, good ideas for content and an outstanding complete package.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Best Sports Pages** **Missourian Staff**
Impressed by the writing and combination of local/wire

Third Place **Hannibal Courier-Post** **Courier-Post sports pages** **Staff**
Clearly a hard-working local staff who cares about the community. Impressive section.

19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Clinton County Leader** **Leader Sports** **Brett Adkison**
LOVED the Lady Mule special section, great local photos, GREAT WORK!

Second Place **Cassville Democrat** **Cassville Sports Pages** **Staff**
Very clean pages with smart, engaging layouts and strong stories.

Third Place **Maries County Advocate** **Best Sports Pages - Advocate** **Maries County Advocate Staff**
Strong photos of A LOT of players really set this paper apart. Great work! You are truly THE place for sports news in Maries County.

Honorable Mention Pleasant Hill Times
Great stories. Wish the photos had been given more prominence.

Pleasant Hill Times - Best Sports Pages

Scott Lavelock

19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Platte County Citizen
Good, clean layout with lots of white space framing stories and photos. Would like to see more effort to get closer shots on athletes' faces. Well-written stories in each issue are enjoyable to read.

Platte County Citizen Best Sports Pages

Ross Martin

Second Place Christian County Headliner News
Lots of good attempts to focus on faces, even if not every execution works out. Stories are well-written and interesting to read with more than just the coach's perspective. Lots of content throughout each issue but there's very little white space, making pages feel cluttered. 7

Sports pages

Jeff Kessinger

Third Place Houston Herald
Lots of graphics and use of color makes tracking game information easy. Some fun use of graphics with stories gives them a different look. The number of elements on some pages makes them feel cluttered and a little overwhelming. Stories are written well and are easy to follow. Story writing falls into the trap so much other sports reporting does: quote coach, report stats, give some play-by-play. These stories get the job done but they are also king of boring – give us the kids' thoughts!

Best sports pages

Jeff McNiell

Honorable Mention Gasconade County Republican
Good page design that is easy to follow. Stories are separated nicely, but nothing looks overly cluttered. Team mascot logos with game scores is a nice touch and provides a quick reference to readers who just want to see how the final score. Lots of athletes' faces! Kerning in some places is too tight, making for stories that are difficult to read. Story writing is a little repetitive; particularly with ledes.

Gasconade County Republican

Will Johnson

19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Courier-Tribune
Very strong entry--great stories, great community coverage.

Courier-Tribune Staff

Second Place Jefferson County Leader
Very detailed stories that go beyond just re-capping the game. Great photos.

Jefferson County Leader

Russell Korando and Staff

Third Place St. Louis American
Lots of national sports tied in to local coverage.

St. Louis American Sports

Earl Austin Jr., Ishmael Sistrunk, Alvin Reid and Maurice Scott

Honorable Mention Washington Missourian - Weekend
Layouts felt like they needed a bit more space to breathe. Great writing, and strong photography.

Washington Weekend Missourian

Bill Battle, Arron Husted and Michael Alvey

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Nevada Daily Mail
Wonderful story on a very talented golfer. It takes a special skill to get good quotes from a 10-year-old. When most sports coverage in weeklies tends to be high school sports, this writer did a wonderful job of sharing this girl's story, and he probably will have more to write about soon!

Cameron's Quest

Matt Resnick

Second Place Hannibal Courier-Post
The disappointment of a second place showing doesn't seem to come through...and that's a big compliment. The golfers and coach both appeared very grateful for the opportunity to get to State, and the writer does a nice job of conveying that.

Tiebreak on the links

Travis David

Third Place Lake Sun Leader
Excellent photos and article on the state champs.

State Champs! Camdenton girls bring home

Michael Losch

Honorable Mention Lake Sun Leader
Great preview coverage for the gridiron season. Goes above and beyond the typical game recap story!

Game Night- Flashbacks

Michael Losch

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

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **Cuonzo** **Ron Davis, Jason Lowenthal and Rick Morgan**
A comprehensive, 360-degree look at the new coach's track record, back story and pedigree that Mizzou fans must have devoured eagerly. Well done.

Second Place **Independence Examiner** **Bill Althaus**
A well written story with a strong lede that shows that stories of the home team losing can be just as poignant as when they win. As a Cubs fan, I appreciate this.

Third Place **Independence Examiner** **Mugeche, Cats claim state titles** **Michael Smith**
Great use of detail to set the scene and power quotes from the coach. Good writing.

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian** **Three-peat** **Phillip Suitts**
Writer did a great job of taking the reader to the game in the early grafs. An enjoyable read.

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

First Place **Kansas City Star** **The death of Yordano Ventura** **Staff**
Outstanding coverage. Quality writing beyond compare. Felt like we were given an inside look at the Royals' organization and their tragedy. Leads enticing, effective quotes, lots of emotional. Excellent

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader** **Ruddick finds new team after dog abuse** **Wyatt D. Wheeler**
Powerful story thanks to genuine reporter who wanted to tell the other side of the story. Subject obviously trusted the reporter to tell it right and it was presented perfectly.

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **In a class by herself** **Cameron Teague Robinson**
Thanks for taking us there to live the moment and feel the joy of winning state medals. Great observations by reporter. Feel good story.

Honorable Mention **Kansas City Star** **Yordano Ventura funeral** **Vahe Gregorian, John Sleezer, Maria Torres, Pete Grathoff and Monty Davis**

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

First Place **Clinton County Leader** **Lathrop Softball** **Brett Adkison**

Second Place **Press-News Journal** **Canton R-V Tigers Baseball Champions** **Rita Cox, Karin Althoff, Vicki Stiffey, Austin Will, Kaylynn Cox and Maxine Hark**

Third Place **Press-News Journal** **Softball State Champions** **Rita Cox, Karin Althoff, Vicki Stiffey, Austin Will, Kaylynn Cox and Maxine Hark**

Honorable Mention **Cassville Democrat** **Barry County Brawl** **Jared Lankford**

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Platte County Citizen****State Track Coverage****Ross Martin**

This package of stories covering the state track & field finals is remarkable for two reasons: first, the comprehensive reporting and good writing from a broad range of angles of the event; and second, the photos, taken by the reporter/writer, are among the better track & field photos I've seen anywhere recently. Good work -- and my compliments to the publication for giving this event the space and coverage it did -- too often, track & field is one of the forgotten sports.

Second Place**Platte County Citizen****State Wrestling****Ross Martin**

Wrestling is normally not a sport I seek out on the sports page, but this writer/reporter has provide a human focus to this story that's first-rate: a medalist who is disappointed that he's just won his final match because of his opponent's forfeit -- so he won't have a memory of that "last win." The angle could have come off as self-centered and pretentious, but instead, the writer gave us a feel for this wrestler's disappointment at the end of his career. Good work.

Third Place**Jackson Cash-Book Journal****Caleb Cornelius becomes first-ever Saxony****Nick McNeal**

This story starts as if it's going to be simply the story of the meet, but there's a great deal of detail about this runner's training regimen, his thought process, and the coaching that got him there -- all of which make for fascinating reading. Good details and good writing. .

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Bolivar Herald-Free Press****One for the ages: Bolivar's 2017 basketball****Staff**

Sports is huge in a small town and the Herald-Free Press delivered a nice package on Bolivar's memorable run to state. John Harvey is a jack-of-all-trades with his exhaustive writing plus excellent celebration photo.

Second Place**St. Louis American****Jayson Tatum****Earl Austin Jr., Alvin Reid and Kenya Vaughn**

The American was all over local guy makes good coverage of Jayson Tatum. Nice job.

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Hannibal Courier-Post****Battling more than opponents****Travis David**

The level of detail in this story is amazing along with the way it's able to relate how the hearing disability has been able to be turned into an advantage for this football player.

Second Place**Hannibal Courier-Post****How sweet the sound****Kevin Graeler**

A great story told well by a skilled reporter and writer. The excellence is in the details.

Third Place**Trenton Republican-Times****Coach Brian Upton****Seth Herrold**

Great lead-in on a feature that fully explains why the coach does what he does, what drove him to do the job and how he has related that to his players.

Honorable Mention**Trenton Republican-Times****After The Ball Quits Dribbling****Seth Herrold**

Well written and detailed story completed in a relatable way for all. The story of knowing this is your last time doing something and grappling with that reality.

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Columbia Missourian****Finis Stribling the Science Guy is in a world****Anne Rogers**

So much packed into this feature, which does an outstanding job of telling me about the person, and how his unusual interests tie into football. More than any other entry in this category, the writer really makes us feel like we know the subject at the end of the story, and that's the purpose. Well done!

Second Place**Columbia Missourian****J'den Cox****Tyler Kraft**

A very, very close call on 1/2 in this category. Like the winning entry, this series focuses as much on the human element of the subject as the athletics. Loved, loved, loved the entry into the series with the snippet about Cox's encounter with the girl who had suffered the unfortunate arm injury at Scottrade Center.

Third Place**Southeast Missourian****In her honor****Phillip Suitts**

Touching story of loss and compassion between students and coach.

Honorable Mention Columbia Missourian

Beneath Brick, Haley's impact on players...

Peter Baugh

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Kansas City Star

War. Murder. Orphanhood. This is the story

Sam McDowell

Great writing. By not going overboard and appealing to cheap emotional tricks, the story packs that much more of a punch. Excellent.

Second Place Kansas City Star

The teacher who flunked Frank Mason: a person.

Sam Mellinger

Nice, human story, with an atypical point of entry. Well done on showing a player's evolution as a person.

Third Place Columbia Daily Tribune

The smile that never fades

Cameron Teague Robinson

Also a great personal tale, and impressive to find such a quotable teen.

Honorable Mention Springfield News-Leader

Mannequin, Myth, Legend

Wyatt D. Wheeler

Funny. And just the right length.

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Jackson County Advocate

Legend of Boy Boyd

Brent Kalwei

Solid story with lots of good quotes. Enjoyed the history and the lead up to what the wrestler accomplished after high school too.

Second Place Pleasant Hill Times

Wheelin' it Forward

Scott Lavelock

Nice lead and appropriate reference to Carmen SanDiego. Very close to first place story. Organization could be improved a bit.

Third Place Cassville Democrat

Letting His Stick Do the Talking

Jared Lankford

Enjoyable portrait of a young player. Could be fleshed out more, perhaps with more about player's youth in baseball, what led him to where he is now.

Honorable Mention Cassville Democrat

Leader of the Pack

Jared Lankford

Good job painting picture of steady young golfer. Could have used info from his fellow team members to give more perspective.

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Platte County Landmark

PROOF BAD KIDS

Greg Hall

Well-sourced, well-written feature -- real feature writing that uses reporter observation of the subject and not just a transition-quote narrative. Good story well told.

Second Place Bowling Green Times

A League of Her Own

Ethan Colbert

Focus on dancer's personality made this story work.

Third Place Christian County Headliner News

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Jeff Kessinger

Good story of an athlete refocusing her energy to helping teammates after a medical issue prevents her from competing.

Honorable Mention Houston Herald

Master Blaster

Doug Davison

Especially good background of skeet shooter offered context to help readers get into a story they might otherwise skip.

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

First Place **Webster - Kirkwood Times**
 Well written. Nice job conveying how hard the couple worked and the challenges they faced.

Couple Completes Six Marathons**Jaime Mowers**

Second Place **Washington Missourian - Weekend**
 Fun story. Colorful way of showing how far some football teams will go to get an edge.

New Ice Bucket Challenge**Bill Battle**

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader**
 Well written and solid quotes back up how big of an impact the keeper has made.

She's a Keeper**Gordon Bess**

Honorable Mention **Jefferson County Leader**
 Interesting, off the beaten path feature. Does a good job conveying the relationship between son and mother.

A hard-knock life**Russell Korando****22.) Best Sports Columnist | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Kansas City Star**
 Great storyteller that excels at mingling facts and emotions as well as offering some thoughts and opinions.

Vahe Gregorian, The Kansas City Star**Vahe Gregorian**

Second Place **Kansas City Star**
 I appreciated that the writer offered some insight and some background, not just a one-sided story.

Sam Mellinger, The Kansas City Star**Sam Mellinger**

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
 He seems deeply committed to the topics he writes about but failed to keep me interested. Perhaps if the writing was more focused the emotional side would shine.

Benjamin Hochman columns**Benjamin Hochman**

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune**
 He has an enjoyable, conversational style.

Best Sports Columnist: Joe Walljasper**Joe Walljasper****22.) Best Sports Columnist | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Independence Examiner**
 A veteran writer offers perspective and insight on the KC Royals in a conversational and compelling submission.

Bill Althaus**Bill Althaus**

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
 Very creative approaches to columns. Choose-your-own-adventure and screenplay treatments were a lot of fun. But ran a bit long at times.

Brooks Holton**Brooks Holton**

Third Place **News Tribune**
 Columns written with a mastery of the Mizzou athletics beat that give the reader an understanding of what's going on in the big picture.

Press Box**Tom Rackers****22.) Best Sports Columnist | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**
 Readers with older parents can identify with Russell Korando's first person perspective of a relationship with an aging parent and decisions.

The County Line**Russell Korando**

Second Place **Washington Missourian - Wednesday** **Battleline** **Bill Battle**
Bill Battle takes on a perceived lack of respect in sports and society. He calls on kids to help led the way back.

Third Place **Washington Missourian - Wednesday** **Arron's Assessment** **Arron Husted**
Aaron Husted's took interest in a "rally cat" and offered examples of excesses among schools with animal mascots.

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

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **Cassville Democrat Sports Columnist** **Jared Lankford**
This column takes the over-long fish story to an art form. I was riveted the entire way even though the story took unexpected jaunts.

Second Place **Christian County Headliner News** **Jeff Kessinger The Bottom Line** **Jeff Kessinger**
A thoroughly entertaining and humorous read that entertains as it educates. It would have been interesting to hear why these rules were made in the first place.

Third Place **Pleasant Hill Times** **Sound and Fury** **Scott Lavelock**
I never expect a politics lesson when I read a sports column, but I greatly enjoyed it. What could have made this goal is more of a local tie-in.

Honorable Mention **Tri-County News** **Local Sports Scene** **Matt Pearl**
It's nice to see something from the coach's point of view. But it is all told generalities. I'd like some clear examples to help illustrate the story.

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Dailies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Hannibal Courier-Post** **The march to perfection** **Staff**
Solid coverage. Good graphic element to help reader follow along with season. Some good story ideas, including the sick kid who grew up to become a champ and the coach who was on the 1994 championship team. Watch the sports cliches. Lose the boring superintendent column, or stick it near the back.

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Dailies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Southeast Missourian** **Bridge, Fall 2017** **Southeast Missourian Staff**
Great use of typography to create inviting pages. Clean and crisp throughout.

Second Place **News Tribune** **#jcmo Inside Business** **News Tribune Staff**
Nice continuity throughout with inviting profiles, which is hard to accomplish.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **2017 Homecoming Guide** **Missourian Staff**
I loved the graphics and range of content. The typography, especially the gold italics, is hard to read.

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian** **TBY (The Best Years), July 2017** **Southeast Missourian Staff**
Try to embrace white space a bit more. The text seems quite crowded and the headlines are more like a label than an invitation.

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Dailies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Quincy Herald - Whig** **Heroes** **Staff**
Unexpected, full of personality and fun to read. Strong combo of engaging stories and photo/design.

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Well-executed spin on a standard section topic.

Cards preview

Staff

Third Place **Quincy Herald - Whig**
Not to make a bad pun, but this covers a lot of ground. Lead writer is clearly very knowledgeable on the beat.

Farm & Field Spring Edition

Staff

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Memphis Democrat**
It's clear from the finished product that a lot of time and effort went into creating this special section. Great job!

Final Four Tab

Karri Feeney and Chris Feeney

Second Place **Maries County Advocate**
Really nice section. Great layout, photography and writing.

Visitation Sesquicentennial Celebration

Maries County Advocate Staff

Third Place **Clinton County Leader**

Lathrop Softball

Brett Adkison and Autumn Barnett

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor**
I loved the concept for this special section. Great stories, photography and layout really made it stand out among the competition.

15 Under 15

Stephanie Vandeven, Heather Cook and Justin Hotop

Second Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor**
This was a strong second place section. Great concept. I enjoyed the stories and the pictures. Perfect way to highlight a lot of different people at once.

Veterans Day - Women

Staff

Third Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor**
This section is a fine example of a way to highlight economic development in the community. Great idea, wonderful storytelling and great information.

TGMO 30 Year Anniversary Magazine

Heather Cook, Stephanie Vandeven, Kim Allen, Sandy Schnurbusch and Beth Durreman

23.) Best News or Feature Special Section | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**
This superb section is A+ in all ways, from the thought-provoking, awareness-raising, well-reported articles to the superb layout and design.

Diversity: A Business Imperative

Staff

Second Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**
Impressive section with diverse coverage of women, their jobs, and challenges. Great photos, layout and design.

Today's Woman: Beyond boundaries

Staff

Third Place **St. Louis American**
I would have liked to have read more about any challenges and disappointments, along with the achievements, these individuals have encountered and how they dealt with them. Great photos, layout and design.

Salute to Excellence in Education

St. Louis American Staff

Honorable Mention **Jefferson County Leader**
This was fun to read and informative--accepted by eye-catching graphic design.

Eclipse Section

Laura Marlow, Tony Krausz, Peggy Scott and Staff

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Hannibal Courier-Post****An earned reputation?****Eric Dundon****Second Place Daily Express & News****Lobbying****Jason Hunsicker****Third Place Monett Times****Yellow House****Melonie Roberts and Kyle Troutman****24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Southeast Missourian****Life Without****Bob Miller and Tyler Graef****Second Place News Tribune****Lincoln University travel budget****Bob Watson****Third Place Columbia Missourian****When evidence goes untested, sex offenders****Anna Brett****Honorable Mention Columbia Missourian****Recent arrests bring a north Columbia****Brittany Crocker and Marisa Anz****24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Springfield News-Leader****Convicted by Blood: The Case of Brad****Steve Pokin**

“The evidence is lying,” says the man convicted of murdering his wife. In this impressive and very complete series, the Leader delves deeply into his story, and his wife. Was it a suicide? Was it murder? Was an innocent man wrongly convicted? This is a must-read, and excellent on all counts.

Second Place Columbia Daily Tribune**Left Behind Series****Brittany Ruess, Alan Burdziak and Jodie Jackson Jr.**

From former felons trying to make an honest living, to people stuck in a “medical black hole nightmare,” this engaging series covers a lot of ground. GREAT.

Third Place Kansas City Star**Party buses promise a good time, but...****Donna McGuire and Judy L. Thomas**

Dangerous and possibly illegal party buses—great work by reporters for this issue who talked to drivers waiting in an idling bus. Video enhances the stories. Spotlighting the men and women who died on these buses was frosting on the cake.

Honorable Mention Springfield News-Leader**The Man Who Reinvented Meth****Thomas Gounley**

Detailed, all-encompassing series telling the gripping story of a meth kingpin. Photo illustrations make this stand out.

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Cassville Democrat****W1 Attraction of Addiction****Melonie Roberts**

Nicely written profiles of meth addicts and their paths to recovery. Good emphasis on recovery strategies.

Second Place **Cassville Democrat**
Interesting survey of school district policies on "alternative" lunches.

Alternative Lunch Options

Kyle Troutman

Third Place **Cassville Democrat**
Comprehensive coverage of flooding, though it lacked an investigative angle.

Flood Coverage

Kyle Troutman

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Christian County Headliner News**
Good story to lead and then dive into a bigger issue. Very nice work.

Basic human rights

Hanna Smith

Second Place **Bowling Green Times**
You illustrate very well that the police department keeps changing what they are saying and that they are not doing quality work.

What Happened To Clinton Collins?

Ethan Colbert

Third Place **Bowling Green Times**
Good opening. I'd like to see you disprove some of the claims made, but it's also fairly obvious that they aren't true.

BGHS Coach Announces Resignation

Ethan Colbert

Honorable Mention **Lee's Summit Tribune**
You really drove it home that they HAD to know.

City Manager and Council member Claim to

Wendy Hayworth, Linda Ahern and Stephanie Edwards

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
Great reporting. Thorough. Answered all the questions I had about where Ferguson is now. Outstanding.

Ferguson businesses still struggle

Steph Kukuljan

Second Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
Strong reporting with lots of facts and good use of outside experts.

Amazon: Friend or foe

Brian Feldt

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
St. Louis Business did a thorough job of investigating the salaries of the regional chamber CEO and the use of outside experts was outstanding. I wish more reporting was this thorough.

Embattled regional chamber CEO leads in

Jacob Kirn and Katlyn Keller

Honorable Mention **St. Louis American**
Good read.

Hellish conditions prompt widespread

Sophie Hurwitz

25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
Lots of context to story about a business start-up that got me into economics and politics of immigration. Timely. Well-told without verging into advocacy. Good research, cleanly and clearly told. Would have liked a graphic rather than oversized portrait of subject. Overall, very nicely done.

Best Local Business Coverage Columbia

Missourian Staff

Second Place **Sedalia Democrat**
Good variety of coverage. Farm sign business stood out, with character and motive and insight into the business on display. The NYSE listing of a local company took a people-centered view with decent access allowed by company. Good handle on the facets of local business coverage.

Local business coverage

Staff

Third Place **Southeast Missourian**
Decent business features. Worked at getting to the personalities behind the businesses. Writing style was engaging. Nothing flashy, but reporter also didn't get in the way of the stories.

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Southeast Missourian Staff

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

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
 Strong, lively presentation, good range of topics, deep reporting. A lot to like here.

Post-Dispatch business coverage**Staff**

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader**
 Covers a lot of ground.

Springfield News-Leader Best Local Business**Staff**

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**
 Good story. Would probably have fared well in a category focusing on a single story vs competing against a multi-issue package.

Rural hospitals on life support in Missouri**Brittany Ruess****25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Weeklies***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Houston Herald**
 The story on a local "barn saver" who repurposes wood and features from old structures was a standout. Entries also included solid local business stories on a golf course saved and opening of a downtown health foods/services store in refurbished space.

Texas County businesses**Doug Davison**

Second Place **Cassville Democrat**
 Old school barbershops are a recent trend, but there's nothing like an original -- a profiled in a Democrat feature. There were also conventional reports on a new coffee shop in town and a bank coming in.

Cassville Democrat Local Business Coverage**Staff**

Third Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press**
 Exhaustive coverage of CMH anniversary -- covered all the angles.

Staff

Honorable Mention **St. Louis American**
 Some positive business news out of Ferguson, site of a controversial 2014 shooting and subsequent protests. Stories profiled a new empowerment center and People's Clinic.

Best Local Business Coverage**St. Louis American Staff****26.) Best Business Story | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**
 Important local story with great reporting on how local business can succeed as times change and industry of meat processing has changed. Explained process coherently and had a ton of detail organized well.

A tradition alive**Trevor McDonald**

Second Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**
 Finding a great backstory is what makes a story like this interesting. Reporting did a great job of telling the story behind the business.

Downtown's family**Trevor McDonald**

Third Place **Daily Express & News**
 What makes a man pass up finishing his degree to run a bar? Now I know. Great reporting and storytelling.

Maxwell's**Jason Hunsicker**

Honorable Mention **Lebanon Daily Record**
 Cool small-town story on a local business that has survived for generations and great tidbits on how it continues to adjust.

Sweet entrepreneur**Chris Roden****26.) Best Business Story | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
 Compelling localization of a story — ugly produce — that was trending a while back. Clever wordplay in the lede — cosmetically challenged. Fun, brisk read — perfect business story for a general interest publication, very definition of a pocketbook issue. Got to the heart of it when source observed: stuff comes out of the ground, it's going to have imperfections. Only drawback: For a story that is consumer focused, it seemed lean on shopper observations, except for the end, which while being valid, wasn't really on point.

Grocers hoping shoppers will embrace**Lauren Pike**

Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Intellectual property about striking a	Rachel McKee Taylor
Intriguing look at researchers, the ground rules they operate under, and the potential for profit sharing for their intellectual properties. Covers the angle of publishing vs. patenting and how universities generally are a more favorable environment than private industry. While being a good overview on this subject, this is just the tip of this particular iceberg. I can envision a lot of stories coming out of this issue. Many of the factors that complicate research, innovation and product marketing are not static.			
Third Place	News Tribune	Prevailing sentiment	Philip Joens
I thought this was a fairly comprehensive look at contracting wage law; callout boxes on min wage by job and glance questions were both informative. Rural vs. Urban angle was a recurring theme well-executed. Story has a heavy legislative tact. Question whether “sucker punch” is editorializing; would prefer a quoted person deliver that. Does a study from 2001 remain relevant—if so, explain within the text or point out the fact the information might be most recent available but still dated, given the change in the economic landscape since then.			
Honorable Mention	Columbia Missourian	Katy Trail's Meriwether Cafe revamps an old	Megan Schaltegger
Nifty story of a new sort of mom and pop store, trailhead cafe and bike shop. Really feel you get to know the patrons and the shop owners after reading this.			

26.) Best Business Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Kansas City Star	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of KC is pulling	Andy Marso and Bryan Lowery
This work excels at blending the human side, the medical side and the business side of this decision together, and retains its ability to be a good read throughout. Excellent work!			

Second Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Craft brewers	Lisa Brown
Great job adding some nuance and detail to what -- for many media, at least -- has been unrelentingly positive coverage of the greatness of the explosion in craft breweries. I learned a good deal.			

Third Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Economic toll	Lisa Brown and Jacob Barker
Good angle that too often gets lost after a major event like this. Well reported.			

Honorable Mention	Springfield News-Leader	Record Growth and Discontent	Gregory J. Holman
A very thorough look at the issue -- almost overly thorough.			

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Maries County Advocate	The legacy of the ABC Store	Roxie Murphy
This in-depth story does a great job documenting what was a pillar in a small-town community. The story has two sides -- the timely hard-news element with the fire, and the emotional, feature story of the business. The quotes are strong and bring Terry and Doris Abel to life. My only suggestion is that the story could use quotes from community bystanders -- not just the owners.			

Second Place	Cassville Democrat	60-Year-Old Downtown Barbershop	Julia Kilmer
A nice, in-depth feature. With the trend of old-styled barbershops, the story has a larger, newsy purpose. The quotes, from plenty of sources, are all interesting. One suggestion: I think hearing from the Cassville Main Street Association about the barbershop's choice not to update itself would be interesting, considering the group had been pushing other businesses to do so.			

Third Place	Cassville Democrat	Bailey-Grey's Coffee Lounge	Julia Kilmer
Good story about a new local option for residents. It does a good job previewing the business for readers.			

Honorable Mention	Jackson County Advocate	Local Caterer Ties the Knot	Mary Wilson
Although I liked the thorough reporting, the lede lacks a news angle. Did the business recently get featured in a big magazine, win an award, ect.?			

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Christian County Headliner News	Count your blessings	Amelia Wigton
Good story not only about an important ministry in a community but why the women operating it are involved.			

Second Place	Springfield Business Journal	When a lawsuit threat arrives in the mail	Sydni Moore and Eric Olson
An informative story from a business owner's point of view.			

Third Place **Vandalia Leader** **Spiced Apple Cafe** **Ron Schott**
Although I wish the treatment of the story was better, a well-written story about a new restaurant with strong community ties.

Honorable Mention **Ste. Genevieve Herald** **Chamber Gala** **Toby Carrig**
Not the easiest stories to write, but good coverage of a chamber meeting making it interesting with strong quotes.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **Mexico trade war** **Jacob Kirn**
A timely, well-detailed examination of the potential local impact of national policies. Strong research, good organization and thorough detail. Accessible, interesting handling of a complex story

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Plastic men** **Tracey Bruce**
Good historical research. Excellent descriptive lead. Good overall writing and good use of quotes. A nicely detailed profile of the company, featuring lots of research and diverse interviews.

Third Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly** **Sharing Spaces: Coworking offers attorneys** **Jessica Shumaker**
Very interesting, slightly quirky story. Excellent lead. Good research, nice detail, thorough reporting. Well organized story. A thoughtful piece that fits well for the publication's audience.

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian - Wednesday** **Thriving On the Vine** **Karen Cernich**
Very detailed, nicely written story about a company's origins and growth. Does a good job of explaining the challenges, market approaches for developing a winery in Missouri.

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Lake Sun Leader** **Transparency, just another election catch** **Lake Sun Editorial Staff**

Second Place **Daily Express & News** **Lobbying** **Jason Hunsicker**

Third Place **Lake Sun Leader** **Camden County Clerk's Office Investigation** **Joyce Miller and Amy Wilson**

Honorable Mention **Hannibal Courier-Post** **Grain Belt takes on PSC** **Eric Dundon**

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **News Tribune** **Jefferson City stormwater infrastructure** **News Tribune Staff**
Solid explanations of history, city geography, budgeting and political minefields over the year.

Second Place **Sedalia Democrat** **Recycling in Sedalia** **Nuria Martinez-Keel**
The topic was trash, but the reporting was solid. Made otherwise mundane bureaucratic happenings something meaningful for readers.

Third Place **News Tribune** **JCPS two-high school bond issue** **News Tribune Staff**
Good breakdown of the issues and how they intersected with an election season.

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Greitens first year	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Staff
Second Place	Kansas City Star	Questions about Kansas City International	Steve Vockrodt, Lynn Horsley, Joe Robertson, Mark Davis and Kelsey Ryan
Third Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Police conduct	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Staff
Honorable Mention	Kansas City Star	Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens' administration	Jason Hancock

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Maries County Advocate	Belle Marshal Decommissions Officer	Roxie Murphy
Continuously follows up on the original story. Strong reporting, displayed by the use of documents, a Q&A format, and plenty of interviews with sources who may have been defensive or combative.			
Second Place	Cassville Democrat	Cassville Mayoral Election	Kyle Troutman
A couple of in-depth profiles that give readers a nice look at who they'll be voting for. Does a nice job of digging into issues and policy.			
Third Place	Jackson County Advocate	Clash between City and Fire Union	Mary Wilson
The stories provide descriptive, balanced coverage of controversial meetings. A suggestion: An interview with the fire chief would possibly provide better context.			
Honorable Mention	Cassville Democrat	Municipal Election Coverage	Julia Kilmer, Kyle Troutman and Murray Bishoff
Solid coverage of the community's most important election results. The referendum story is, in my opinion, too technical and could be simplified for readers.			

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Houston Herald	United States Forest Service	Doug Davison
Enjoyed reading this informative story. Might have considered a different lede.			
Second Place	Christian County Headliner News	Budget	Amelia Wigton and Hanna Smith
This was a soap opera! Informative and kept the public up on what was going on.			
Third Place	Christian County Headliner News	Auditor removed	Amelia Wigton and Hanna Smith
Good coverage of a government official not doing her job. Organization was a little weak but overall a good job.			
Honorable Mention	The Odessan	Missouri American Water	Hannah Spaar
Well written.			

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Washington Missourian - Wednesday** **Coverage of Prop P** **Joe Barker, Gregg Jones and Monte Miller**
 Truly in-depth coverage that best represented the essence of the category. A 10 part series that went well beyond routine government reporting.

Second Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News** **Reeds Spring school reaches \$500,000** **Sara Karnes**
 Fantastic reporting about a topic that is notoriously secret and difficult to expose. Great job explaining the issue and settlement details.

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal** **St. Louisans cash in with historic tax credits** **Jacob Kirn**
 Who knew reading about tax credits could be this interesting? Great work by the SBJ, the presentation and graphics were wonderful.

Honorable Mention **Missouri Lawyers Weekly** **Missouri Lawyers Weekly - Tort Laws** **Scott Lauck**
 Insightful coverage about an important statehouse issue. Incorporation of the "Tort Tracker" is a really great visual for the reader.

28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **Best Coverage of Rural Life of Agriculture** **Lucille Sherman, Shauna Reanne Yates and Jared Ridgeway**
 Despite being some loaded topics, the stories were easy to read and informative.

Second Place **Southeast Missourian** **Agriculture coverage** **Southeast Missourian Staff**
 A nice variety of stories thanks to the special sections filled with profiles and such.

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Rural hospitals on life support in Missouri** **Brittany Ruess**
 An informative look at rural hospitals, wish there had been more articles included.

Honorable Mention **Quincy Herald - Whig** **Herald-Whig rural life coverage** **Staff**
 An interesting collection but did not follow the contest rules.

28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **St. Louis American** **Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture** **Staff**
 The candid photos sent this entry to the top. And interesting tidbits in stories. In the McSpadden plants seeds story, I would have brought up the point about working together after Ferguson earlier.

Second Place **Washington Missourian - Weekend** **Wednesday Missourian Rural Life /** **Staff**
 Need more candid fair photos, which your next entry did much better. Nice opening to story about Gerling's first steer. In other articles, sentences should not end with a preposition. This entry had more interesting stories than your other entry.

Third Place **Washington Missourian - Wednesday** **Wednesday Missourian Best Rural** **Staff**
 Better use of candid photos than your other entry.

28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Bowling Green Times** **Bowling Green Times Entry** **Ethan Colbert**
 Most complete coverage of rural life. It has hard news, but the editions also cover light subjects like retirements, school events, church news, and so on.

Second Place **Cassville Democrat**
Strong coverage. The "Community" page does a good job of showing rural life.

Cassville Democrat Rural Life or Ag Coverage **Staff**

Third Place **Houston Herald**
Has a good breadth of rural topics covered -- from 4-H to shooting.

Rural life in Texas County **Doug Davison**

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Lebanon Daily Record**
Unique story, a perspective rarely shared...very interesting read.

Death **Kelly Morgan**

Second Place **Daily Express & News**
Shedding light on an important issue...who will run the farms as the population ages?

Farmers **Jason Hunsicker**

Third Place **Lebanon Daily Record**
Year-round gardening is a rare thing in the Midwest. This is a nice story about hoop houses and the love of gardening...As John Wilson says "Gotta do something."

Gardening **Chris Roden**

Honorable Mention **Hannibal Courier-Post**
Everyone is taking advantage of technology. Was nice to learn about how farmers are dealing with this.

Farms taking on tech **Trevor McDonald**

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Southeast Missourian**
Admirable work. Covered a lot of territory concisely so story did not meander. Liked how the honest young neighbor was handled. Lead tied in throughout the story, even after insurance covered some loss. The guy still lost 4 years. Good job!

Four years lost: Vineyard destroyed by **Tyler Graef**

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Presented both sides of the issue well. Good research on manure spill and fine.

Battle over 'local control' of farms brews in **Lucille Sherman**

Third Place **News Tribune**
Lengthy but covered the big picture well for grain farmers. Good lead and opening. Story tied together well.

Bushels of worry **Philip Joens**

Honorable Mention **Sedalia Democrat**
Good lead with metaphor on sunshine and sunflowers. Interesting comparison on planting sunflowers instead of soybeans. Could develop the difference in inputs and profitability in a follow-up story. Also liked how the length made this story more consumable, including readers who do not farm.

Sunflowers brighten Burkhalter Farms **Faith Bemiss**

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Excellent job in boiling down and humanizing a complex issue

Dicamba **Bryce Gray**

Second Place **Kansas City Star**
Great reporting that captures scope of issue

After the Kansas fires, a time to be thankful **Judy L. Thomas**

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
Fresh angle on a often-tackled topic

Conservative Liberal Mo. **Jesse Bogan**

Honorable Mention **Kansas City Star**
A rollicking read, but perhaps placed in the wrong category

Bullets in Belton...

Mike Hendricks

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Maries County Advocate**

Convoy delivers relief to Kansas wildfire

Roxie Murphy and Jacob Warden

While other entries covered local responses to the wildfire outbreak in Kansas, this newspaper blows them away with the extensiveness of its reporting. Plenty of photos and interviews back that up.

Second Place **Cassville Democrat**

Extension Shares Outcomes

Julia Kilmer

This story is interesting because it brings up a healthy food program and gets a response from the local district about why they aren't using it.

Third Place **Cole Camp Courier**

Local farmers and ranchers providing aid to

Dianne Peck

The real intrigue in this story is Bower's remembrances. My suggestion would be to start the story with her.

Honorable Mention **Santa Fe Times**

Kansas Wildfires

Klarissa Olvera

This story does a good job at showing how volunteer efforts got underway. I'd suggest less detail about who contacted who and more about why it's needed and why they felt compelled to help.

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Salem News**

Tiger on the Prowl

Andrew Sheeley

Great story, beautiful writing. Great use of descriptive words and good storytelling.

Second Place **Houston Herald**

Mule Mania

Doug Davison

A solid lead for a story that was both entertaining and educational. The sidebar was a good addition..

Third Place **Bowling Green Times**

In Plaintiff Sight

Ethan Colbert

Fascinating topic and very thorough coverage of the Pike County Amish community. Lovely photos, too.

Honorable Mention **California Democrat**

Pedal hard, advice from winning pullers

Michelle Brooks

This was a cute subject, done well. And, a real reader pleaser!

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**

No bull

Mary McKinstry

Reading this made me hungry. Where can I get a longhorn steak that was slow cooked and from an animal that was fed right?

Lean and less cholesterol than chicken to boot! Good story!

Second Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News**

Blueberry season in full swing at Permission

Sara Karnes

Upbeat story. Interesting how the owners improved their fertilizer schedule and did other things to become better growers.

I liked the ice cream recipe the owners enjoy at night. Glad you included it. Nice story.

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader**

Down on the farm

Mary McKinstry

Good lead! Johnny Appleseed who planted seedlings, not seeds, and the critters who took all the apples were interesting and fun to read about. Good story flow.

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

First Place **Lebanon Daily Record** **Winning souls** **Steve Smith**
 A unique story about street preachers and the people they impact. Great quotes show the personality of the preachers.

Second Place **Daily Express & News** **Trinity** **Danielle Brown**
 Nice look at a century-old church through the eyes of its pastor and some of its members.

Third Place **Hannibal Courier-Post** **More united than divided** **Trevor McDonald**
 Nice look at an interfaith presentation, featuring members from a reform Jewish temple at an Episcopal church.

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

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **Supreme Court will interpret religious** **Claire Mitzel**
 Nicely done -- lays the issues out quite clearly and with context.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Columbia pastor will leave behind a rich** **Katelyn Metzger**
 Good details and storytelling. More sources would have made it even stronger.

Third Place **News Tribune** **Division in the diocese** **Phillip Sitter**

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

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Love by the load** **Doug Moore**
 Nicely done story on an interesting ministry, written with strong descriptions of the scene (such as the humidity in the laundry room). Good work talking to people using the laundry mat and seeing its impact. It also gives the history of church's offering free laundry service and talks to other churches in region doing the same thing.

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Catholic schools** **Kristen Taketa**
 This is an important trend in religious education. It is well-reported with lots of stats to show overall trend.

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader** **Graduating seniors call for apology over** **Claudette Riley**
 Story was next to the weather map, but a solid news story involving religion. Good job talking to superintendent. You found one student who agreed the superintendent was out of line, but not offended. Might have been good to find a couple who disagreed.

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe** **Ozark Christian College to honor 75th** **Emily Younker**
 The history of this school is interesting and well written.

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

First Place **Focus on Oak Grove** **Paradise Outfitter Ministries expands** **Ruth Ann Hafner**
 A mark of an exceptional feature story is if the reader feels as if she or he visited the same places and talked with the same people the reporter did. That's how this informative, descriptive and well-written story makes one feel. Excellent job!

Second Place **Cassville Democrat** **Baby's Continued Progress** **Julia Kilmer**
 Sensitive, nuanced and professional job writing about the parents, their daughter, and faith. Adept explanation of health terms and good balance of quotes and examples.

Third Place **Maries County Advocate** **Church "old Timer" has seen much change at** **Laura Schiermeier**
Colorful, insightful, and enjoyable to read. Fine use of "then" and "now" perspectives and nice balance of quotes and background information.

Honorable Mention **Maries County Advocate** **Visitation prepares for June 17 Celebration** **Laura Schiermeier**
An interesting behind-the-scenes human interest look at what goes into preparing a church celebration.

30.) Best Story About Religion | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Bowling Green Times** **Journey of Faith** **Ethan Colbert**
An interesting and informative description of a pastor's spiritual journey and mission.

Second Place **Lee's Summit Tribune** **Lee's Summit Lawyers Bring Religious** **Wendy Hayworth**
Thoughtful, well-detailed description of an important church-state separation case. Doesn't delve much into the state's side of the case, but generally describes the issues well.

Third Place **Bowling Green Times** **In Plain Sight** **Ethan Colbert**
Well-detailed portrait of a faith community and its origins. Nicely written.

Honorable Mention **Bowling Green Times** **My American Story Series: Eva's Story** **Ethan Colbert**
Touching, informative description of Eva's migration. The involvement of religion seemed a bit tenuous, but the story is well told

30.) Best Story About Religion | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Washington Missourian - Wednesday** **It Was a Vision of Growth** **Karen Cernich**
It is so easy to write a church anniversary story as a dry history report. The writer here, however, opens with an interesting turn the current-day church has taken. There's plenty of history here, too, but it's interwoven with personality and modern-day developments. Nice mix.

Second Place **St. Louis American** **Friendly Temple opens bank branch** **Chris King**
"It was something you don't see every day." Which is exactly what the reader thinks when they read a headline about a bank branch opening on a church campus. But the writer here is referring to a banker praying on the pavement in front of the church. Well-crafted and interesting story about a topic that could have been handled much more straightforward manner. Thankfully, it wasn't.

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Faith behind bars** **Gordon Bess**
Features about jail ministries aren't that unusual. But the writer takes the extra steps of detailing the financing and procedures that make the ministry work. Nicely done.

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian - Wednesday** **Finding Her True Self** **Karen Cernich**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Monett Times** **New Credit Recovery** **Murray Bishoff**
Great report on program designed to enhance student achievement. Sources provided solid material.

Second Place **Lebanon Daily Record** **Freshmen grades** **Kelly Morgan**
Intriguing report on a problem that the school clearly does not want to address. Many questions are raised, but school officials' reluctance to discuss them does not shed light on them

Third Place **Monett Times** **Monett Schools Adopt** **Murray Bishoff**
Good report in issue that needs to be covered. Additional sources about impact on school would help.

Honorable Mention Daily Express & News
Good look at issue and funding and attempts to resolve it.

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Danielle Brown

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Columbia Missourian

Amid falling enrollment, MU expands

Ruth Serven

Second Place News Tribune

Kinship over diversity

Phillip Sitter

Third Place Sedalia Democrat

Designing the future

Hope Lecchi

Honorable Mention Columbia Missourian

Lincoln University fights for survival amid

Bennito Kelty

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Sex education

Michele Munz

Second Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Riverview Gardens attendance

Kristen Taketa

Third Place Springfield News-Leader

Filed & Forgotten: The Case of Ronnie White

Claudette Riley and Giacomo Bologna

Honorable Mention St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Schooling at home

Christine Byers

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Cassville Democrat

Schools Wary of Funding Cuts

Julia Kilmer

Second Place St. Clair Missourian

ICU Program Helps Boost SCHS Grades For

Elizabeth Barmeier

Third Place Maries County Advocate

Students leaning from weekly Eagles Elite

Laura Schiermeier

31.) Best Story About Education | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Bowling Green Times****Running On Fumes: State's Transportation** **Ethan Colbert**

"Running on Fumes" is a well-reported story on the state's cuts to transportation funding for school districts. The reporter has cast an exceptionally wide net in sourcing, speaking with superintendents from a number of districts and establishing the extent of the problem, particularly as it affects rural areas. This is a good issue, one that's often overlooked as big cities and rural areas compete for ever-scarcer state dollars. Good story.

Second Place **Christian County Headliner News****Who we are** **Amber Duran**

"This Is Who We Are" takes a wide-ranging look at special education in the 21st century – not a new topic, but definitely one that always needs telling. The reporter leads with Benji, a high school student with Down's syndrome who is homecoming king. The trick with a story of this kind is to avoid emphasizing the feel-good material that can feel condescending, and the writer/reporter has effectively walked that fine line. The articles touches on other specific student experiences, and sources include special education folks from a variety of areas, including a woman who herself has a learning disability. Good work.

Third Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor****Fiscal Education** **Robert Cox**

"Fiscal Education" is a highly detailed story about a school district tax proposal that's intended to address capacity and structural issues. The story provides a great deal of anecdotal material about shortcomings as well as good explanations of the proposal's effect on taxpayers. The story could have been improved with more information from opponents, and I assume they exist, and from taxpayers themselves. This is an ambitious effort, though, and well-executed.

31.) Best Story About Education | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Washington Missourian - Wednesday****48 Years and More Than 1,000 Students** **Karen Cernich**

What a wonderful, well written story. I truly enjoyed hearing about her career as well as the multi-generational connection.

Second Place **Washington Missourian - Weekend****We Bring the Party** **Karen Cernich**

What an inspirational story. It was great to hear from all of the various points of view.

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal****Education building boom** **Brian Feldt**

This was a very well written piece with so much information. The graphics included with the story made it wasier to understand and visualize what is on the horizon.

Honorable Mention **Union Missourian****Therapy Dog Brings Joy to Clark-Vitt** **Kavahn Mansouri**

This is such a feel good story. It brought a smile to my face.

32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Springfield News-Leader****At Echo Bluff, wild horses have a human** **Wes Johnson**

Well written, clear and concise story about a matter that many readers wouldn't think poses any sort of danger. But Johnson does a good job of pointing out the threats the horses would cause. Very interesting read.

Second Place **Quincy Herald - Whig****Success Patterns** **Matt Schuckman**

Schuckman writes this for both those who will laugh at the naiveté of the shopper, and those who can relate to having no idea how complex shopping for camouflage apparel can be. That's a tough task that the writer handles with ease.

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader****New Bridge Will Help Rare Trout** **Wes Johnson**

Telling this story about infrastructure and wildlife through someone who fishes is a really nice touch on this easy-to-read and informative piece.

Honorable Mention **Springfield News-Leader****Rogersville girl, 9, takes 1st deer with** **Wes Johnson**

I appreciate the writer's – and subject's – willingness to be frank about the law violation that occurred in this big life event for the 9-year-old. Lesser writers would have glossed over it, or not mentioned it at all.

32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian****Glenn Chambers' commitment to** **Daphne Psaledakis**

A fascinating look at the evolution and career of a renowned conservationist and photographer.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Enjoyed the scene described by the writer in the lede. Good action, events I could picture.

Mid-Missouri rock climbers hooked on the **Andrew Withers**

Third Place **Lebanon Daily Record**
When I think of stories about the outdoors, I think hunting & fishing. This piece hits the subject matter right, though I'd have liked to read more about fish being caught.

Opening day **Kelly Morgan**

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian**
I liked that the piece contained actionable info – places the reader could visit.

Taking to the trails: County featured in **Marybeth Niederkorn**

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat**
An interesting story about the start of fishing season. The story brings in a lot of elements.

Families Share Memories **Murray Bishoff**

Second Place **Maries County Advocate**

Trophy Deer in Missouri **Roxie Murphy**

Third Place **Cassville Democrat**

515 Barry County Deer **Julia Kilmer**

32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Ozark County Times**
I thought this story was a great public service to community members who utilize the river.

Access Answers **Jessi Dreckman**

Second Place **Bowling Green Times**
A story of local interest that includes a story of national interest.

A Business Worth Buzzing About **Ethan Colbert**

Third Place **Salem News**
A great human interest story connecting a man to the outdoors and the land he loves.

A man and his lake, Dr. Ted Ziske **Andrew Sheeley**

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald**
Interesting story about fire and nature.

Flame On **Doug Davison**

32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
A well detailed account of a good investment gone bad. Writer has a good command of the material and the story flows smoothly from causes of the fall to through the investors and who were caught in the wringer. It's weakness is a lack of direct quotes, although not for lack of trying. A strong leader in this class.

Over \$74 million was bet on bankrupt **Diana Barr**

Second Place **Washington Missourian - Weekend**
An appreciable introduction to an underappreciated inhabitant of the wetland. Compels the reader to get outdoors.

Its All About Listening **Karen Cernich**

Third Place **Washington Missourian - Wednesday**
A good angle on the plight of the monarch butterfly. Good depth of detail.

Watching, Waiting, Tagging **Karen Cernich**

Honorable Mention St. Louis Call Newspapers

Good job of simplifying the legal language of the court decree and explaining the underlying complaint. Would have been stronger with quotes from the three residents who were fighting the improvements - the story is always in the loser's corner.

Suit filed by neighbors of trail extension in Gloria Lloyd**33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Lebanon Daily Record****Landmark****Chris Roden**

Good job of not taking sides on a building preservationists want to save and some in government do not want to save. This was a good opportunity to weave history into a news story. Worthwhile piece. Good reason for writing. Watch for redundancies (twice we mention someone hopping and windows shaking).

Second Place Hannibal Courier-Post**Mystery of boys' disappearance lingers****Eric Dundon**

A news story that provided a perfect opportunity to do a history/mystery piece that must have been well-received.

Third Place Daily Express & News**Truman education****Danielle Brown**

A history story with good sources, well-organized. Succinctly shows how the "Normal" teacher's college has evolved into what it is today.

Honorable Mention Daily Express & News**Still****Jason Hunsicker**

This is pretty weird and some of the main character's experiences in the 1800s cast light on attitudes in pre-Civil War northern Missouri.

33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Columbia Missourian****More's Lake might return to its former glory****Jeremy Turley****Second Place News Tribune****Remembering the dead in a forgotten****Michelle Brooks****Third Place Columbia Missourian****Volunteers salvage history from Bull Pen****Jeremy Turley****Honorable Mention Columbia Missourian****New data on an old disgrace...****Quinn Malloy****33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Springfield News-Leader****Pending Execution Hits Close to Home****Jackie Rehwald**

Too often we don't go back and do these followup reports. How did an incident affect all of those involved? What became of them? Well done

Second Place Joplin Globe**Legacy of Fort Crowder mustard gas tests****Jordan Larimore**

These are important stories that need to be told.

Third Place Columbia Daily Tribune**70 years later: The execution of Floyd****Caitlin Campbell and Rudi Keller**

Fascinating read

Honorable Mention Joplin Globe**World War I draft resistance****Andy Ostmeyer**

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

First Place **Maries County Advocate** **Historic conservationists bring movement to** **Roxie Murphy**
 This is how history comes alive. You did a good job bringing participants and observers into the story.

Second Place **Cassville Democrat** **4-H Birdhouses** **Julia Kilmer**
 A great way to honor the initial efforts of one individual and to see the legacy continued for the betterment of the natural environment.

Third Place **Jackson County Advocate** **A Community in Ruins** **Mary Wilson**

Honorable Mention **Cassville Democrat** **30 Years Later** **Kyle Troutman**

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

First Place **Salem News** **Kiss of Death** **Andrew Sheeley**
 This is a really well-written story that which draws the attention of the ready. Well researched, as well.

Second Place **Christian County Headliner News** **Memory lane** **Amelia Wigton**
 Another well written story. This type of story shows the importance of newspapers.

Third Place **Bowling Green Times** **An Uncertain Future** **Ethan Colbert**
 An interesting story on an important piece of local history.

Honorable Mention **Christian County Headliner News** **On the road** **Hanna Smith**
 Teenagers and their cars...this story shows the power of friendship and memories.

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

First Place **St. Louis American** **New City fifth-graders ponder the past and** **Chris King**
 Good quotes. Good job of taking the readers along with the students and showing how an upscale private school has changed. Hot topic. Solid historical background.

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Americas biggest nickels worth** **Tracey Bruce**
 An interesting story about community, family and neighborhood.

Third Place **Washington Missourian - Weekend** **From Utah Beach to Germany** **Karen Cernich**
 Lively quotes, well placed throughout the story. The writer was wise to get out of the way and let a great source do the talking.

Honorable Mention **Washington Missourian - Weekend** **Brinker Wants Statue in County** **Monte Miller**
 Good job finding the source who was hiding the Confederate monument that was removed. Hot topic. Bizarre position taken by a public official.

34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Monett Times** **True Local Hero** **Melonie Roberts**
 Exceptional research and reporting make this story top of the class. Reporter dug deep to tell daughter's story of her father's death during Viet Nam. Insightful and impactful reporting.

Second Place **Hannibal Courier-Post** **When war comes home** **Forrest Gossett**
 Compelling story of Viet Nam vet and his struggles with PTSD. Reporter balances his story with a discussion of PTSD.

Third Place **Monett Times** **Local Veteran** **Melonie Roberts**
 Nice job reporting on a vet who recalls deployment to Somalia. Story is more than a "vet remembers..."

Honorable Mention **Hannibal Courier-Post** **Memory and honor** **Eric Dundon**
 Good story about a vet given an honor at Arlington National Cemetery. Nice connections between his honor and military service.

34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Southeast Missourian** **'Give it my all': Invictus Games** **Marybeth Niederkorn**
 EXCELLENT story on woman entering Invictus Games. Though her physical challenges didn't come through service, it was medical personnel who helped diagnose her. Her discipline set her on her current path. Wonderful piece.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Welcome Home opens new house for** **Gina Balstad**
 Piece on homeless veteran house shares story of men who know when to ask for help. Very life-affirming story.

Third Place **News Tribune** **2017 graduates reflect on military decision** **Phillip Sitter**
 Compelling piece on several graduates entering the military, and worldview of the post-9/11 second generation.

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian** **Haunting memories of D-Day** **Tyler Graef**
 This soldier is still haunted by his experiences decades later. Very gripping writing.

34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Kansas City Star** **A hospital discharged Olathe moms addicted** **Andy Marso**
 Great story telling and putting a face on a bigger problem.

Second Place **Joplin Globe** **Legacy of Fort Crowder mustard gas tests** **Jordan Larimore**
 Nice! Theses stories need to be told.

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **World War I Centennial Series** **Rudi Keller**
 Story told through a series of interesting vignettes. I'm sure it involved some challenging reporting.

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe** **World War I draft resistance** **Andy Ostmeyer**
 Interesting historical piece well written. I wonder if a map might not have better illustrated some of the things the author tried to explain in text.

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **Seligman Man Awarded** **Kyle Troutman**
 Thorough story with several viewpoints, beyond just talking to the veteran. Good use of quotes. Can't forget his comment of "wash my insides out." Well done.

Second Place **Cassville Democrat** **WWII Veteran Recalls** **Kyle Troutman**
 Nice portrait of veteran and insight into his service. Good description of his duties during the war.

Third Place **Maries County Advocate** **Local veterans honored, emotional about** **Laura Schiermeier**
 Story does well in conveying the emotions of the veterans on their special trip. Lead and first graphs could be stronger to segue into that emotion.

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Salem News** **Kid Hofer, the last daredevil of the sky** **Andrew Sheeley**
 EXCELLENT story on "Screwball Ace" Salem pilot who became a WWII legend. Perfect.

Second Place **Christian County Headliner News** **Private Gibson** **Hanna Smith**
 Great writing brings the reader in and tells the story of Pvt. Rex Gibson.

Third Place **Christian County Headliner News** **POW** **Amelia Wigton**
 Earnestly-written story about a prisoner of war.

Honorable Mention **Christian County Headliner News** **Palomares** **Amelia Wigton**
 Palomares: Europe's most radioactive village. Good story!

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Washington Missourian - Weekend** **From Utah Beach to Germany** **Karen Cernich**
 Great piece on Othmar Jasper, with detailed stories of his service as a tank gunner.

Second Place **Washington Missourian - Wednesday** **It Brought Back Some Memories** **Karen Cernich**
 Solid story on a police officer who returned an old soldier's dog tag.

Third Place **Bolivar Herald-Free Press** **To the shores of Tarawa** **Jill Way**
 Pitch-perfect tale of a Marine remembering WWII.

Honorable Mention **Northeast News** **B-17 Madras Maiden visits Kansas City** **Abby Cambiano**
 Good, straightforward story of bomber and POW.

35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Hannibal Courier-Post** **Time to trout** **Eric Dundon**
 What sets this page apart is all the extras — the maps, the images of the parks, the images of the fish. A lot of good information that is well organized. Nice job.

Second Place **Hannibal Courier-Post** **On the walls of history** **Eric Dundon**
Love the treatment given to the photos, which make it look like they are hanging on the wall. The drop shadow on the words is heavy and makes it a little difficult to read.

Third Place **Hannibal Courier-Post** **Camp on** **Eric Dundon**
A nice page. Like the photo choice and the cutout of the marshmallow — instantly reminds me of camping.

35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **November 12, 2017** **Missourian Staff**
Strong photo play and integration of page architecture. Supporting elements are cleanly put together.

Second Place **News Tribune** **Style** **Molly Skyles**
Good effort to tie together information and illustration. The typeface is perhaps one step too many.

Third Place **News Tribune** **Style** **Molly Skyles**
Nice try to combine close and far photographs. Could have simplified by only using one.

35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Over the moon** **Wade Wilson, Chris Lee, Laurie Skrivan, David Carson and Hillary Levin**
This spread by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch wins because it deftly combines impactful photography, infographics and traditional narrative storytelling. Linking the story to the map, which showed the path of the eclipse was smart and useful. The photo illustration combining the eclipse as it happened let the printed page tell the story in a way that wasn't easy the day of. Solid edit on photography. No other entry in this category attempted as well to use information as part of the design. The far-and-away winner.

Second Place **Quincy Herald - Whig** **Act the Fool** **Cody Bozarth**
The is a fun concept delivered to the extreme. Energetic and well executed. It could have just as easily been a total disaster but the designer pulled it off.

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **Lifestyle spring trends** **Norma Klingsick**
A very fun idea that could have been stunning if not for a few details. The cutlines needed more even treatment and the headline seemed misplaced. Also, an informational element would have been better in the center of the flower. Good effort, though.

Honorable Mention **Joplin Globe** **Weekend: Empire state of mind** **Nathan Mills**
Spirited designs from the Joplin paper. However, each of the entries could have used a stronger edit: Make sure the concept matches the story and that extraneous elements are edited out. Each entry needed one more step.

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **Cassville Democrat Page Design 2** **Staff**
Clean design that creates an interesting look.

Second Place **Cassville Democrat** **Cassville Democrat Page Design 1** **Staff**
Clean design and good use of pictures.

Third Place **Pleasant Hill Times** **Congratulations Roosters** **Sara Kitchell, Scott Lavelock and Tiffany Bouchard**
And interesting way to honor a successful team.

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Springfield Business Journal**
 Beautiful presentation makes it easy for the reader to enter the main story on the page.

When a lawsuit threat arrives**Wes Hamilton**

Second Place **Perry County Republic-Monitor**
 I love the big cutout of the turkey and how it works with the page. It makes a story that's difficult to illustrate and beautiful centerpiece.

Plenty to strut about**Robert Cox**

Third Place **Springfield Business Journal**
 For having little room to work with because of the ad stack, this is an eye-catching presentation that really serves the reader.

It's an App World**Wes Hamilton**

Honorable Mention **Houston Herald**
 Year in review stories can be difficult to present, but this layout using circular images leads to an excellent, reader-friendly presentation.

Year in review**Jeff McNiell****35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
 Inside pages can be difficult to do, trying to create a reader-friendly presentation while dealing with the constraints of ads. This design does an amazing job, with terrific presentation of interesting pictures while keeping the text manageable for the reader.

Digging for dollars**Michael Behrens**

Second Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
 Solid, clean design and great use of art makes this an incredibly reader-friendly page.

Real estate page**Michael Behrens**

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
 Great use of art and typography to convey an important story.

Businesses react to Stockley verdict**Michael Behrens**

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Business Journal**
 Illustrations and cutouts that take up the middle of the page can often create difficult wraps, but this is done in a way that the cutout feels as though it was planned to be a part of the packages rather than dropped in because of a lack of art.

Fast food frenzy**Michael Behrens****36.) Best Information Graphic | Dailies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**
 This is a brilliant way to convey information in a bar chart. I've never seen anyone incorporate a picture into a bar chart as successfully as this.

Robberies Declining**Staff**

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader**
 Informational graphics are supposed to convey information in a easy-to-grasp way for readers. This graphic does just that, breaking down a long and detailed email into its important parts so readers can quickly learn the details.

Email Explained**Staff**

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**
 This graphic does a terrific job of breaking down some complicated science into an easy-to-understand way.

Greatest show on Earth**Evan Hill**

Honorable Mention **Quincy Herald - Whig**
 A beautiful illustration combined with good information. This really serves the reader.

Mind for Money**Cody Bozarth**

36.) Best Information Graphic | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Hannibal Courier-Post****Reliant at a glance****Eric Dundon**

Really appreciate all the effort that went into gathering information for this. While there is a LOT going on, you give it space to breathe on the page. Really like the thumbnail photos.

Second Place Columbia Missourian**Turnover in university leadership****Jiwon Choi**

With all the names and titles in play here, I think readers would have a hard time following this turnover story if not for the graphic. This visual presentation clearly allows a reader to see what's going on at a glance so that they can understand the story better.

Third Place Columbia Missourian**HPV statistics****Lauren Langdon**

Just the right amount of color and relevant information. Having multiple charts in the same graphic makes for a dynamic presentation.

Honorable Mention Columbia Missourian**Missouri complies with Real ID Act, 10 years****Lauren Wrigley**

Nice use of the thumbnail graphics, and a good, clear presentation overall.

36.) Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place St. Louis Business Journal****What jobs pay****Michael Behrens**

A lot of good information being presented in a visually impressive way.

Second Place St. Louis Business Journal**Money in America****Michael Behrens**

This graphic conveys a lot of complicated information in a way the reader can easily understand.

Third Place St. Louis Business Journal**Corporate debt balloon****Jaime Garner**

This graphic was clearly made with the reader in mind as the information is easy to understand.

Honorable Mention St. Louis Business Journal**Amazon effect local graphic****Jaime Garner**

A good use of a map to present information.

36.) Best Information Graphic | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Clinton County Leader****Shelter From The Storm****Autumn Barnett**

Clean graphic that was perfect for this front page story.

Second Place Memphis Democrat**Coast to Coast****Karri Feeney**

Eye-catching and fun graphic that helped tell the story.

Third Place Houston Herald**Gun permits****Jeff McNiell**

This really caught my attention and was a great front page informational graphic.

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Hannibal Courier-Post****Mayflower landing****Jeff Niffen**

Well-drawn, thought-provoking idea that definitely catches your eye and makes you laugh, regardless of your stance on immigration.

Second Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**
Thought-provoking idea. Well-drawn.

Satan's mask

Jeff Niffen

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
Biting commentary on important issues.

John Darkow

John Darkow

Second Place **News Tribune**
A message many companies certainly need to consider today.

Wash hands

Jim Dyke

Third Place **News Tribune**
That probably would be one of the gifts today. Funny.

Three wise men

Jim Dyke

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

Immigration inspector

Dan Martin

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

Time out

Dan Martin

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

At the White House

Dan Martin

Honorable Mention **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

Death tax

Dan Martin

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Salem News**
Thought-provoking and interesting way of looking at the long- and short-term effects of the tax law changes.

National Debt

Athena Tivnan

Second Place **Platte County Landmark**
An interesting way to look at taxation. Nicely drawn.

TAXING, April 5

Mathew Silber

Third Place **Lee's Summit Tribune**
Nicely drawn. Moody reflection on election results and nature of the campaign.

Post Election Clean Up

Mike Gempeler

Honorable Mention **Platte County Landmark**
Well-drawn, detailed and thought-provoking examination of what's happening to a police department.

POLICESTATE

Mathew Silber

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

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**
 Great message, in glorious black and white. Every reader can get it without any knowledge of the issue.

Judy Dixon

Second Place **Northeast News**
 Good use of "perception" vs. "reality."

Health Insurance**Bryan Stalder**

Third Place **Jefferson County Leader**
 Easy enough for everyone to get.

Pevely's piggy bank**Judy Dixon**

Honorable Mention **Northeast News**
 Nice. Also, ew.

Johnson County Waste Water**Bryan Stalder****38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Eldon Advertiser**
 What an amazing program, which is a tremendous learning experience for both the kids and the adults involved. The pages are beautiful, and I especially like the ones that the kids made.

Democracy Day**Tammy Witherspoon**

Second Place **Eldon Advertiser**
 Any opportunity to bring kids and veterans together is wonderful. This program did so in a way that, I'm sure, positively affected all who participated.

Veterans Day project**Tammy Witherspoon**

Third Place **Washington Missourian - Weekend**
 Reading is near and dear to my heart, and I think this program, as well as the pages put together here, has such a positive influence on the kids involved!

Family Reading Night**Dawn Kitchell**

Honorable Mention **St. Louis American**
 This page is a great way to showcase STEM and the influences of various programs in the classrooms.

Best Newspaper in Education Project**Cathy Sewell****39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **LakeExpo**
 Liked the trending stories feature! The real estate ads also really popped. Best website in its class.

LakeExpo.com: The Lake's Trusted News**Brent Simpson, Nathan Bechtold, Sara Halverson, Janet Dabbs, Connye Griffin and Al Griffin**

Second Place **Daily Express & News**
 Very nice! User-friendly. Quite a few local ads, and that helped set this apart from the other Gatehouse entry.

Kirkville Daily Express**Staff**

Third Place **Hannibal Courier-Post**
 Very nice! User-friendly.

hannibal.net**Staff****39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Southeast Missourian**
 Great local columnists! Clear winner in its category!!!

semissourian.com**Southeast Missourian Staff**

Second Place Great local website!	Sedalia Democrat	Democrat website	Staff
Third Place Impressive photo gallery--some good work being done here.	Columbia Missourian	Columbia Missourian	Missourian Staff
Honorable Mention Good use of local ads.	News Tribune	News Tribune website	News Tribune Staff

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Clean not cluttered site full of great content. Easy to navigate.	Kansas City Star	The Kansas City Star	Staff
Second Place Great site - loved the photo galleries.	Columbia Daily Tribune	Columbia Tribune	Staff
Third Place Good site, clean. Loaded with content. Like the "most read" feature.	Quincy Herald - Whig	Whig.com	Kelly Wilson
Honorable Mention Lots of content but not enough content available on the top of page. Too uncluttered	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	stltoday.com	Staff

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Excellent website for legal publication. Useful items, thoughtful writing, timely stories on diverse and important topics. Very clean look	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	http://molawyersmedia.com/	Allyssa Dudley
Second Place Very clean look. Strong writing on variety of timely and interesting business topics as well as breaking news. Should consider how "sponsored content" is blended in with regular items.	St. Louis Business Journal	St. Louis Business Journal online	Jacob Kirn
Third Place Clean, easy-to-read and easy-to-navigate site. Diverse coverage, good writing on local stories. Strong community feel on a very locally focused site.	St. Louis Call Newspapers	CallNewspapers.com	Gloria Lloyd, Mike Anthony and Taylor Kelly
Honorable Mention Very local website. Lots of variety in topics.	Jefferson County Leader	Jefferson County Leader	Staff

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Warren County Record	Warren County Record Website	Staff
Second Place	Cassville Democrat	Cassville Democrat Best Website	Staff

Third Place **Bowling Green Times** **Bowling Green Times Entry** **Ethan Colbert and Linda Luebrecht**

Honorable Mention **Salem News** **thesalemnewsonline.com** **Staff**

40.) Best Video | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Kansas City Star**

Giving the gift of life: Teacher donates a

Jill Toyoshiba

Beautiful video that shines in the capture of intimate moments throughout the process. Interviews were compelling. Cutting between the waiting room and OR during the surgery was a nice touch — really conveyed the purgatory feel of a hospital waiting room.

Second Place **Kansas City Star**

His son was failed in Kansas says father of

Jill Toyoshiba

So compelling that I had to read the story immediately. Clips of audio from the 911 call and from Clint Blansett's conversation with DCF were a strong addition. Nicely done.

Third Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

Something to smile about

Cristina Fletes

Jessica McDaniels' personality really shines through in this video. The footage of her at home adds a lot to that. Before & after was a nice touch.

Honorable Mention **Columbia Daily Tribune**

Interview with DACA recipient Ana Garcia

Waverly Colville

Really nice interview that provides an important human perspective on a national policy debate.

40.) Best Video | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**

The power of football in Eldon

Emil Lippe and Jared Koller

I really enjoyed this. This video did a great job of showing, rather than telling, about the strong sense of community and the magic of Friday nights in autumn.

Second Place **Southeast Missourian**

Rock steady boxing

Laura Simon

Nice story, told succinctly but with plenty of good shots and interviews.

Third Place **Southeast Missourian**

Total solar eclipse over Houck Stadium

Ben Matthews

Cool effects with this one.

Honorable Mention **Southeast Missourian**

2017 Semoball Awards Intro Video - Every

Jeff Rawson

Nice editing; the pacing of this is on point.

40.) Best Video | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**

Dr. Norman White: A 'developmental

Rebecca Rivas

Kept my attention throughout this important effort to get kids who live with trauma through their school day. Beautiful videography with well-chosen shots and angles. Solid editing that kept the pace moving. Important news topic. Would have liked to hear from a student, but understand the subject matter and school issues that would have prevented that. Did show me the kids and the black eye and the silent anger that were heart of the story. Well done.

Second Place **St. Louis American**

The SPOT: 2017 Health Advocacy

Rebecca Rivas

Same qualities as the American's first-place winning video. Heard from the parties, showed me something I haven't seen before. Good access, and again, beautifully and intimately shot. Very high production value.

Third Place **St. Louis American**

Karat Hair and Makeup Magic for 2017

Rebecca Rivas

Slick, glamor piece on gold leaf used in beauty. I learned a few things, was engaged with the subjects in a how-to, biz feature, glamor mash up that worked well.

Honorable Mention Washington Missourian - Wednesday

Nicely shot. Liked the aerial footage. Would have liked it more had I learned something about "ice pancakes" and how they formed.

Ice Pancakes**Travis Meier****40.) Best Video | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Cassville Democrat****Cassville Flooding Video****Kyle Troutman****Second Place Vandalia Leader****Oktoberfest****Ben Marshall****Third Place Vandalia Leader****Van-Far boys track****Ben Marshall****41.) Best Headline Writing | Dailies***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Columbia Missourian****Changing Lanes, History, Smoke, Solar, Cock-****Missourian Staff**

All five headlines demonstrated a strong ability to grab a reader's attention with witty wordplay without dipping into cliché. This was the clear pick for first place.

Second Place Springfield News-Leader**Springfield News-Leader - Best Headlines****Staff**

"Nobody stole cattle like Howard did" was one of the strongest individual headlines in the category; "Nazi Dope" was also a great attention-grabber.

Third Place Hannibal Courier-Post**Courier-Post headlines****Staff**

It can be tough to make century-old clocks and grant money interesting, and the headlines on those articles made them feel accessible.

Honorable Mention News Tribune**News Tribune headline writing****News Tribune Staff**

"Snake rattles Legislature" was worthy of an honorable mention all on its own, and the other headlines were also solid.

41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Jefferson County Leader****Jefferson County Leader****Staff**

Heds do a great job of bringing readers into stories without overly using puns or cliches. "Hooked for Life" does a great job of grabbing readers and telling them what the story is about.

Second Place Missouri Lawyers Weekly**Missouri Lawyers Weekly - headlines****Scott Lauck and Jessica Shumaker**

Overall, solid heads that avoid alienating readers with excessive legal jargon. Pro Bone-o is a classic example of this.

Third Place Perry County Republic-Monitor**Fiscal, elephant, 1998, gamblers, command****Justin Hotop, Heather Cook and Robert Cox**

Generally solid heads with some interesting twists -- "Fiscal Education" catches the reader's eye and draws them into the story.

Honorable Mention Cassville Democrat**Cassville Democrat Headlines****Staff**

Solid headlines that bring reader in. "Cleaning up the Meth" is a nice subtle play on words.

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

First Place	Monett Times	Finding The Neighborly Path	Murray Bishoff
Second Place	Lebanon Daily Record	Remembering Red	Steve Smith
Third Place	West Plains Daily Quill	Earl 'Buddy' Rogers	Cody Sanders
Honorable Mention	West Plains Daily Quill	JoAn Bailey Russell	Abby Hess

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

First Place	Columbia Missourian	Brian Simpson left a strong, positive legacy	Virginia Ward
From the first sentence, you get a sense of the type of person Mr. Simpson was. Due to the sad nature of his too-early death, this story easily could have become maudlin and corny. Instead, the writer focused on the person and the ones left behind who loved him. This is an obit the family should recall fondly for years.			
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Pat Shay was a dedicated volunteer and	Brendan Crowley
An interesting read that captured a man's long life, wisely focusing on the moments that illustrated the type of person he was and what he valued.			
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Brian Cottle was a problem solver, an ardent	Katherine Herrick
The story had some slight structural issues that, if rectified, would have made this my top pick. Some of the more touching, telling moments were buried lower in the story, and there were some opportunities for details missed - what type of rock 'n' roll did he and his wife listen to, how did she find the strength to keep loving someone as much as she clearly does while watching him slip away. This is a very strong piece, but I think it had the potential to be quite powerful.			
Honorable Mention	Sedalia Democrat	Courthouse mural artist painted with heart	Faith Bemiss
I loved this story. I feel some editing could have put it up to the top - with obituaries, it's important that the focus be on the person, not the writer's skill with words. But it was a wonderful look at a person who saw beauty and potential around her.			

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

First Place	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Chuck Berry	Staff
Great story, well told and well presented. I couldn't get videos to run but I'm sure by the subject matter they added to the local appeal			
Second Place	Springfield News-Leader	'I'm Proud of Her. She Fought'	Jackie Rehwald
Love the way this death was put into the context of a bigger issue. Well reported and great storytelling.			
Third Place	Kansas City Star	Owner of Clint's Comics dies	David Frese
Story brings the victim to life, including his flaws; video is an additional nice touch. Good storytelling.			
Honorable Mention	St. Louis Post-Dispatch	Sister of Selma	Erin Heffernan
Well told story put into context well too. Story started slowly, leaving me wondering why I cared especially with only 2 inches before the jump, but grew after that.			

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

First Place **Clinton County Leader** **Jim Crenshaw** **Steve Tinnen**
This is a very well organized and informative obituary, clearly written, with a good combination of public and personal details.

Second Place **Press-News Journal** **A Tribute To Mrs. Paula Wallace** **Rita Cox, Karin Althoff, Vicki Stiffey, Austin Will and Kaylynn Cox**
This is a very thoughtful and attractive way to honor a teacher. While not appropriate for most obituaries, and perfect matching of layout and text.

Third Place **Clinton County Leader** **Ted Moore** **Steve Tinnen**
While the prose is a little bit homespun, the story is well told and engaging, and a very good use of previous interview.

Honorable Mention **Cassville Democrat** **Cassville Storm Chasers** **Julia Kilmer**
This balances drama and specific, daily details very well.

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

First Place **Bowling Green Times** **Colleagues Pay Tribute To Keith Barnhart** **Ethan Colbert**
Nice range of sources

Second Place **Salem News** **Fiebelman Legacy** **Donald Dodd**

Third Place **Bowling Green Times** **Former BGHS Principal Dead At 92** **Ethan Colbert**

Honorable Mention **Salem News** **The Chief and The Man** **Andrew Sheeley**
Entertaining column

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

First Place **St. Louis American** **He was a quiet giant for change** **Rebecca Rivas**
This story very thoroughly sets out this man's life and his place in an important movement. Very good use of interviews to clarify complex issues, and a fine, engaging narrative flow.

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader** **Nick Ittzes** **Laura Marlow**
Each of Ms. Marlow's pieces is very well written, and could stand on its own as a feature story. Her balance of personal detail with societal and historical matters, and most notably, specific medical information stands out.

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43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Columbia Missourian** **Eclipse** **Missourian Staff**
 GREAT USE OF A DRONE, very complete work here with video, a special section and stories you don't typically see. Wonderful use of multi-media.

Second Place **St. Louis Post-Dispatch** **East St. Louis race riots** **Staff**
 An exceptionally well-written piece that delves deeply into a shocking chapter of history. It left me unnerved--as learning about this piece of the past should. I am in awe of this story. Well done!

43.) Multi-Media Reporting | Weeklies*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **St. Louis American** **He was a quiet giant for change** **Rebecca Rivas**
 Good, journeyman coverage of sudden death of juvenile crime expert. Story hit everything it should have, with many voices. Video was the star of the show.

Second Place **Northeast News** **Kansas City's Northeast Newscast** **Paul Thompson**
 Interesting podcast with a local dog catcher just after his department got a critical audit. Intreresting stuff that put me somewhere I haven't been before and showed me the officer's world, including dealing with people.

Third Place **Maries County Advocate** **Kansas Convoy** **Maries County Advocate Staff**
 Reporter used a lot of tools to cover convoy of feed to Kansas wildfire areas. Covered the beginning and middle well, but end of story was pretty lacking. Facebook live, some videos that were decent, but the stories of this event would have made me care more. Why were these folks doing this, on video. I was told a loit, wasn't necessarily shown a lot.

Honorable Mention **Cassville Democrat** **Flood Coverage** **Kyle Troutman**
 Good reporting for print, with the small picture and larger issues presented. Video was broad, but needed to be edited down. Solid stills.

44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Dailies*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Joplin Globe** **JMag Joplin Metro Magazine** **Kevin McClintock**
 This was the best overall package of all the submitted entries. The page design for inside pages was sharp and some risks that were taken paid off with engaging presentation. Having similar features each issue built reader expectation of what they would find within the pages. Writing was engaging and draws the reader in. Only quibble: The covers are a little too busy, but not enough to keep a reader from diving into the issue.

Second Place **News Tribune** **HER Magazine** **News Tribune Staff**
 The design was good, and the writing was solid on all stories. All of the cover stories in-particular were engaging.

Third Place **Quincy Herald - Whig** **Hannibal Magazine** **Staff**
 This entry had the most eye-catching covers. There was a lot of good, useful information, and events in particular were packaged well. I would have liked to have seen more articles with staff bylines.

Honorable Mention **Lebanon Daily Record** **Trout Talk** **Fines Massey**
 The design is simple, but clean and easy to follow. Love the Lunkers feature of submitted photos. Writing was done so someone who doesn't trout fish can easily follow along.

44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Weeklies*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Cassville Democrat** **Cassville Democrat Magazine** **Staff**

Second Place **Washington Missourian - Wednesday** **Senior LifeTimes** **Staff**

45.) Great American Eclipse | Dailies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Kansas City Star****Total solar eclipse awes KC region****Eric Adler and Staff**

Strong online and print elements combined to make a strong entry. The pre-event coverage articles were thorough, well-written, helpful and enjoyable to read (especially the one about the edges of the eclipse and the couple who planned to wed as the eclipse took place). Videos online were informative. The day-of coverage was fantastic: good stories, videos (loved the jet crossing it!) and photos. A solid, engaging entry.

Second Place St. Louis Post-Dispatch**Post-Dispatch eclipse coverage****Staff**

The online video series was fantastic; the map of where to find events was handy. I loved the playlist feature; what a way to have fun with this event. The pre-eclipse coverage was fantastic; every angle was covered well. The day-of coverage was fantastic too.

Third Place Springfield News-Leader**Springfield News-Leader - Eclipse Coverage****Staff**

Solid print edition with great layout, stories and photos. This entry really shone online; the time-lapse video was great. The piece about the behavior of the apes at the zoo was a nice sidebar on this piece.

45.) Great American Eclipse | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Columbia Missourian****Great American Eclipse****Missourian Staff**

I loved everything about this entry. The special section previewing the eclipse was thorough. I LOVED the video by the publication's staff on how to make a pin-hole camera; it was slick and easy to follow. The day-of coverage was fantastic; there isn't an angle or source that wasn't covered here, and the writing was sharp and poignant. Photo gallery was fantastic. The whole entry was just wonderful.

Second Place Southeast Missourian**Eclipse arrives****Southeast Missourian Staff**

The stories and photos were solid and gave readers an engaging package. The photo page in the print edition was excellent, and the online photo gallery was top-notch (and appeared to include some breaking news at one of the events) and the time-lapse video was fantastic.

45.) Great American Eclipse | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Pleasant Hill Times****Great American Eclipse - Times****Lizz Talbot, Sara Kitchell and Scott Lavelock****Second Place St. Clair Missourian****St. Clair Missourian Eclipse Coverage****Elizabeth Barmeier****Third Place Maries County Advocate****Total solar eclipse blankets Maries County****Maries County Advocate Staff****45.) Great American Eclipse | Weeklies - Class 2***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Gasconade Co. Republican****Gasconade County Republican****Staff**

Great breadth of coverage!

Second Place Perry County Republic-Monitor**Great American Eclipse****Staff****Third Place Bowling Green Times****Awestruck****Ethan Colbert****45.) Great American Eclipse | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place Courier-Tribune****EYES TO THE SKY**

Impressive all the way round. Excellent stories, superb layout and design, wonderful photos, eye-catching info boxes and graphics.

Second Place	Jefferson County Leader	Jefferson County Leader	Staff
Third Place	St. Louis Call Newspapers	Call Newspapers Eclipse Guide 2017	Gloria Lloyd
Honorable Mention	St. Louis American	The Great American Eclipse	St. Louis American Staff