

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION



2014

Better Newspaper Editorial Contest

WINNERS

(Winners listed A-Z by newspaper).

Note: Winners must remain members in good standing with NNA through Oct. 2014 to remain eligible for this year's awards.

The Alamance News, Graham, North Carolina

First Place, *Best Local News Coverage, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Best Local News Coverage. Judges' Comments: "How much more local can you get when a newspaper exercises its right to obtain information for readers through a legal challenge? From start to finish, this publication demonstrates why the local newspaper is the heartbeat of a community. Solid combination of story topics and photographs."

Third Place, *Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999*. Entry Title: What are DOJ's cases against sheriff?. Credit(s): Tom Boney, Jr., Tomas Murawski, Janice Crisp, Kristy Bailey. Judges' Comments: "When government agencies square off against each other, it takes the newspaper to stand in the middle to seek to find out what's going on. This collection of stories offers a glimpse into who's saying what, and what might not be true, in complicated issues related to sensitive topics."

Honorable Mention, *Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Loaves & Fishes. Credit(s): Kristy Bailey.

The Allegan County News, Allegan, Michigan

First Place, *Best Use of Photographs, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Use of Photographs. Judges' Comments: "Makes the other contestants pale in comparison. Very talented staff."

First Place, *Excellence in Typography, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Typography. Judges' Comments: "Easily a first place winner leaves the competition in the proverbial dust. Excellent!"

Honorable Mention, *Best Feature Series, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: Long history, proud roots. Credit(s): Virginia Ransbottom.

Antelope Valley Press, Palmdale, California

Second Place, *Best Humorous Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 8,000 or more*. Entry Title: Riding in the elevator, scared of Roger Ebert. Credit(s): Aaron Campbell. Judges' Comments: "Amusing with a pointed punchline. The writer does an interesting job of putting a finger on an interesting incident. Reader gets the point of the young man's fear. Touch of suspense at the beginning, but reader has the feeling something amusing is coming. Thumbs up on this one; two thumbs up if it were a bit shorter."

Second Place, *Best Review, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: The year in television: Season of the rich. Credit(s): Aaron Campbell. Judges' Comments: "Great way to review what is being called "A second golden age" of television. Easy read, eye-catching to the reader."

Second Place, *Best Weekend Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: AV Parks, Av community Concerts. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Too tight need a little more air between stories and pics. More dominant pics would make this a top placer."

Third Place, *Best Agricultural Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Fresh farm crops. Credit(s): Julie Drake. Judges' Comments: "This is a well written story."

Third Place, *Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more*. Entry Title: Fire threatens homes. Credit(s): Ruby Alvarado. Judges' Comments: "Ruby Alvarado's photo depicts the danger of wildfires, and the heroism of public safety personnel who much reach residents to get them out of harm's way."

Third Place, *Best Sports Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Houston, AV's George has arrived. Credit(s): Brian Golden. Judges' Comments: "Story-telling at its best. Good description, use of quotes. Ending is superb."

Third Place, *Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more.* Entry Title: Never-say-tie attitude.

Credit(s): Christina Ramos. Judges' Comments: "You can feel the impact on her face."

Honorable Mention, *Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more.* Entry Title: Powerhouse Fire. Credit(s): Claudia Lopez, Chuck Bostwick, Samantha MacConnell.

Honorable Mention, *Best Editorial Page(s), Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more.* Entry Title: Opinion pages. Credit(s): Aaron Campbell.

Honorable Mention, *Best Performing Arts Story, Daily & Non-daily Division.* Entry Title: Party with Marty. Credit(s): Brittany McShea.

Honorable Mention, *Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more.* Entry Title: Welcome. Credit(s): Staff.

Honorable Mention, *Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more.* Entry Title: Two different directions. Credit(s): Christina Ramos.

Arizona Capitol Times, Phoenix, Arizona

First Place, *Best Health Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000.* Entry Title: AZ Capitol Times -- best health. Credit(s): Luige del Puerto, Jeremy Duda. Judges' Comments: "Excellent article on a complicated, emotional issue. This article breaks down Medicaid funding and the Affordable Care Act, and puts it into manageable pieces for readers."

Second Place, *Best Education/Literacy Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000.* Entry Title: AZ Capitol Times -- best education. Credit(s): Ben Giles. Judges' Comments: "This is an excellent story on a proposed bill to arm teachers in rural schools. The story sought out a variety of sources and told both sides of the debate very well. The use of a real-life example with differing opinions on how it would be handled in a school setting added a dimension to the story that might otherwise be missing."

Second Place, *Freedom of Information, Daily & Non-daily Division.* Entry Title: AZ Capitol Times -- FOI. Credit(s): Evan Wyloge and Hank Stephenson. Judges' Comments: "The staff of the Capitol Times should be commended for the depth of the reporting put into this series and the use of public records to gather information about lobbying activities in the state of Arizona."

Third Place, *Best Education/Literacy Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000.* Entry Title: AZ Capitol Times - - best education. Credit(s): Gary Grado, Josh Coddington. Judges' Comments: "This story is very well done. It explains the advantages and disadvantages of implementing the new education standard in a very clear manner. It defines the fiscal and operational challenges of the new standards. The sidebars with the stories of district's of varying sizes and their views on the standards was very helpful."

Honorable Mention, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000.* Entry Title: AZ Capitol Times -- best feature. Credit(s): Gary Grado.

Honorable Mention, *Best Use of Color, Daily & Non-daily Division.* Entry Title: AZ Capitol Times -- best use of color.

The Ark, Tiburon, California

Second Place, *Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000.* Entry Title: Blackie's Pasture blast rocks Southern Marin. Credit(s): Teri Roney and Kevin Hessel. Judges' Comments: "I loved the lead! You did a really nice job of tying in a significant local event from the past, which made this story even better."

The Ark, Tiburon, California

Second Place, *Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000.* Entry Title: Home Sept. 25, 2013. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Well-done overall package of copy, photos, graphics and ads. Nice use of color, too. Likely was used by many people looking to remodel. Congrats to whole staff."

Honorable Mention, *Best Family Life/Living Section/Pages, Daily & Non-daily Division.* Entry Title: Home 4/13 & Home 9/25. Credit(s): Staff.

Honorable Mention, *Best Sports Feature Story or Series, Non-daily Division.* Entry Title: Revved up for the cup. Credit(s): Lidia Wasowicz Pringle.

Azle News, Azle, Texas

Honorable Mention, *Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999.* Entry Title: A new Mom's Day. Credit(s): Mark K. Campbell.

The Bernardsville News, Bernardsville, New Jersey

Second Place, *Best Sports Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 9,000*. Entry Title: Better than perfect/Ridge High football team undefeated. Credit(s): Kelly Fenton. Judges' Comments: "Comprehensive story with a supporting sidebar story. Winning a state championship carries with it natural reader appeal and human interest. This story achieves more than being an exciting account of winning the title game; the writer does a commendable job of providing information on how and why the team was undefeated and winner of the state title. Well written with insight from both players and coaches. Adding to the presentation is the sidebar providing an interesting look at a part of the team that often does not receive as much attention or credit as it probably should—the offensive line. Good work. Sometimes, stories just end, but this one has a memorable quote as the story wrap-up: "We kept our heads small, but our dreams big.""

Third Place, *Best Sports Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: Perfect storm of ingredients produces once-in-a-generation football team. Credit(s): Kelly Fenton. Judges' Comments: "Nice season retrospective in a column rather than a sports story."

The Blackshear Times, Blackshear, Georgia

First Place, *Best Humorous Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-7,999*. Entry Title: Why are women so touchy about age?. Credit(s): Robert M. Williams, Jr.. Judges' Comments: "Very witty!"

Honorable Mention, *Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Spirit of Liberty. Credit(s): Wayne Hardy and Jason Deal.

Brentwood Press, Brentwood, California

Third Place, *Best Humorous Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 8,000 or more*. Entry Title: A reflection in selfies. Credit(s): Samie Hartley. Judges' Comments: "Amusing take on a current cultural phenomenon, the selfie. Presented and written well. Aside from poking a little fun, the writer is also making a cultural statement. Nice to see writer taking amusing look at both herself and a cultural fade enveloping such a large segment of society. It's her selfie in print, not a cell phone snapshot."

The Brunswick Beacon, Shallotte, North Carolina

Honorable Mention, *Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999*. Entry Title: Justice for Jaronn. Credit(s): Jackie Torok and Renee Sloan.

Buffalo Bulletin, Buffalo, Wyoming

First Place, *Best Business Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: Waiting for a boom. Credit(s): Holly Kays. Judges' Comments: "This is an excellent story - well-organized, researched and connected to the sources. The story told through the eyes of those who have lived through the boom and the bust of Wyoming's mineral-based economy was very effective from beginning to end. The explanation of the drilling process and other technical information was targeted and not overwhelming. The story was easy to understand as an outsider, but contained important information that local residents would find useful and compelling."

Second Place, *Best Sports Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: For Tommy. Credit(s): Tom Milstead. Judges' Comments: "Bittersweet story that's about sports and more. Didn't feel as though I got to know Tommy as well as I should, however."

Third Place, *Best Agricultural Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: Planners, Game and Fish give thumbs up to reservoir concept. Credit(s): Holly Kays. Judges' Comments: "Solid reporting. The potential economic effects of this proposed project give significant newsworthiness to the story. The reporter recognizes this and does a fine job of sourcing the story and compiling and presenting data to explain the depth and breadth of the issue. Issue is presented so that the reader can understand it. Good presentation of an important story. Story is well researched, and information presented is clearly tied to its source, which helps reader in evaluating the information."

Honorable Mention, *Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Bulletin viewpoint, "We missed the list".

Honorable Mention, *Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Climbing out of the darkness. Credit(s): Jen Sieve-Hicks.

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Delaware

Third Place, *Best Local News Coverage, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more.* Entry Title: Cape Gazette Mar 8; Cape Gazette Sept 27. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Comprehensive mix of local stories reflects attention to detail. Solid reporting on all levels."

Cedar County News, Hartington, Nebraska

Third Place, *Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000.* Entry Title: Some Things In Our Lives Are Just Out of Our Control. Credit(s): Rob Dump. Judges' Comments: "Write a good column about a beloved pet, and you've got a winner."

The Chaffee County Times, Buena Vista, Colorado

Honorable Mention, *Best Environmental Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 9,000.* Entry Title: Scar near Pine Creek. Credit(s): Maisie Ramsey.

Chino Champion, Chino, California

Third Place, *Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more.* Entry Title: Demolition drama in Chino Hills. Credit(s): Marianne Napoles. Judges' Comments: "Talk about being in the right place at the right time! For the reporter to just happen to be there and get this story is remarkable. Love the front picture - it completely tells the story! Well-written; good story."

Honorable Mention, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more.* Entry Title: African girl holds key to Chino Hills family's heart. Credit(s): Brenda Dunkle.

The Chronicle, Chester, New York

Second Place, *Best Health Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more.* Entry Title: Maternity ward's closure divides community. Credit(s): Ginny Privitar. Judges' Comments: "Very detailed, but clear identity of the dispute surrounding the closure of the maternity ward. Nice use of statistics and solid interviews to inform the community about the status and background."

Claremont Courier, Claremont, California

Second Place, *Best Obituary, Daily & Non-daily Division.* Entry Title: Ray Collins; From doo-wop to Zappa, 'Village Greeter' had venerable music past. Credit(s): Sarah Torribio. Judges' Comments: "Sarah Torribio blended excellent interviews with a thrilling chronology. By doing so, she captured a life lived so individually and unapologetically that all readers, whether they're fans of rock 'n' roll or classical music, will have at least a few moments that will cause them to say, 'I wish I could have done that.'" All the anecdotes were vivid, but the one that sticks out was Scott Feemster's recalling the time he met Collins in a record store and asked Collins to wait "so (Feemster) could get a Zappa-enthused coworker who would love to meet him. When he returned, Mr. Collins had wandered away." That so perfectly illustrated both Collins' antipathy toward Frank Zappa and his "wander(ing)" nature. Every reader found himself or herself looking forward to the next paragraph."

Third Place, *Best Humorous Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-7,999.* Entry Title: Lex in the City (Claremont Courier). Credit(s): Mellissa Martinez. Judges' Comments: "Enjoyed reading this column... very true."

Third Place, *Best Use of Photographs, Daily & Non-daily Division.* Entry Title: Claremont Courier newspaper. Credit(s): Kathryn Dunn, Steven Felschundneff. Judges' Comments: "Love the portraiture shots! Color shots are good when used and black and white shots add charm. Obvious grasp of a camera and layout!"

Honorable Mention, *Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999.* Entry Title: CHS Thespians. Credit(s): Steven Felschundneff.

The Clarendon Enterprise, Clarendon, Texas

Third Place, *Best Editorial Page(s), Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000.* Entry Title: Clarendon Enterprise Opinion Page - April 18 and 25. Credit(s): Roger Estlack and Fred Gray with letter writers Chris Moore and Tom Stauder. Judges' Comments: "Nice variety on a single page, and I like the placement on P. 2. Disclaimer over the editorial is a nice touch, but the name of Fred Gray's column is a turn-off."

Honorable Mention, *Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000.* Entry Title: HISD should keep focus on town's future. Credit(s): Roger Estlack.

Honorable Mention, Freedom of Information, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Clarendon Enterprise FOI Contest Entry. Credit(s): Roger Estlack.

Cody Enterprise, Cody, Wyoming

First Place, Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999. Entry Title: Rep's rude response not 'Wyoming values'. Credit(s): Bruce McCormack. Judges' Comments: "Good editorial! What a way to call out a state representative and inform readers of what the representative is doing in state government."

First Place, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999. Entry Title: Finding peace 45 years later. Credit(s): Corey Morris. Judges' Comments: "I was instantly drawn into this story, and then thrown a twist that made me want to read on. Great combination of writing skills, storytelling and reporting to tell a compelling story."

Third Place, Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999. Entry Title: 'Nothing short of cold-blooded'. Credit(s): Heidi Hansen. Judges' Comments: "What an awful tragedy! The story had all the basics covered, but I would have liked a little more raw emotion."

Colby Free Press, Colby, Kansas

Honorable Mention, Best Breaking News Photo, Daily Division. Entry Title: Fire strikes trailer park. Credit(s): Tony Pacelli.

Honorable Mention, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Fire strikes trailer park. Credit(s): Tony Pacelli and Sam Dieter.

Honorable Mention, Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Stop debating health insurance - fix it. Credit(s): Heather Alwin.

The Commercial Record, Saugatuck, Michigan

First Place, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Drew sets school records in shot, discus. Credit(s): Scott Sullivan. Judges' Comments: "Great action photo - you caught the runner's and their endurance and determination is clear on their faces. Nice job!"

Second Place, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Beauty free. Credit(s): Scott Sullivan. Judges' Comments: "What a clever idea for a photo essay. I had to read the description to know what the beauty was that I was looking at and smiled to know I had been pulled in with great art. This is thinking outside the box, for sure; lucky readers."

Honorable Mention, Best Business Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000. Entry Title: Charter fishing: old sport, new friends. Credit(s): Scott Sullivan.

Honorable Mention, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000. Entry Title: South Manitou/Saugatuck: keepers of the light. Credit(s): Scott Sullivan.

Community Impact Newspaper - Leander/ Cedar Park Edition, Pflugerville,, Texas

Honorable Mention, Best Agricultural Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more. Entry Title: Lower basin suffers during drought. Credit(s): Joe Lanane.

Community Impact Newspaper - Round Rock | Pflugerville | Hutto, Pflugerville, Texas

First Place, Best Business Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more. Entry Title: Pflugerville makes a splash. Credit(s): JP Eichmiller. Judges' Comments: "Excellent."

Community Impact Newspaper - San Marcos | Buda | Kyle Edition, San Marcos, Texas

First Place, Best Business Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more. Entry Title: Little America Miniature Horses. Credit(s): Wes Ferguson. Judges' Comments: "Very good lede, easy to read, and unusual subject."

Community Impact Newspaper - Southwest Austin Edition, Pflugerville, Texas

Third Place, Best Performing Arts Story, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: The Austin Harmony Project, Inc.. Credit(s): Kelli Weldon. Judges' Comments: "The writer did a super job on explaining this project, which helps adults with developmental disabilities. Except for the head, reading the first few paragraphs don't show the disability, only the talent. The background is there and so is the fact a new program has been added. The

sidebars are helpful as they give the meaning of developmental disabilities plus the funding for the program and a map. These help the reader understand the project."

Community Impact Newspaper - Sugar Land/Missouri City Edition, Houston, Texas

Honorable Mention, Best Environmental Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 9,000 or more. Entry Title: Cities make plans to limit groundwater use. Credit(s): John Rigg-writer, Melenie Yuen-designer.

Community Impact Newspaper / Frisco Edition, Grapevine, Texas

Honorable Mention, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: Deal will bring 91 acres of development. Credit(s): Krista Wadsworth.

Daily Times Herald, Carroll, Iowa

First Place, Best Feature Photo, Daily Division. Entry Title: Relay for Life luminarias. Credit(s): Jeff Storjohann. Judges' Comments: "Nice image with beautiful lighting and strong composition."

First Place, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: Kenzie's Crash: Senior Year. Credit(s): Jared Strong. Judges' Comments: "Good photos that show the inner beauty and strength on one young girl's battle to get back her life. Photographer spent an inordinate amount of time and energy worthy of first place."

Second Place, Best Feature Series, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000. Entry Title: Kenzie's Crash. Credit(s): Jared Strong. Judges' Comments: "A lot of time and effort spent. Good series, a good read."

Second Place, Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999. Entry Title: Born to Kill?. Credit(s): Jared Strong. Judges' Comments: "Good work done in a hurry on a killer who fell through the system's cracks."

Third Place, Best Sports Feature Story or Series, Daily Division. Entry Title: Learning to kick. Credit(s): Jared Strong. Judges' Comments: "Good start but did she win? Reader left wondering. Gripping article with reader wanting her to be able to walk and swim again."

Honorable Mention, Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: 'We truly believe we saved her life'. Credit(s): Jared Strong.

The Decorah Journal, Decorah, Iowa

Honorable Mention, Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: Running took Johanna where she needed to go. Credit(s): Rick Fromm.

Dillon Tribune, Dillon, Montana

Second Place, Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Meeting closure violates principles of open government. Credit(s): Dick Crockford. Judges' Comments: "Good topic. Good conclusions."

Door County Advocate, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

Second Place, Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999. Entry Title: How Keta Steeb changed my life. Credit(s): Heidi Hodges. Judges' Comments: "A lovely tribute with a light, humorous touch, beneath which lie the quiet depths of a long friendship."

Honorable Mention, Best Obituary, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: On her own terms. Credit(s): Warren Bluhm, Ramelle Bintz, and Samantha Hernandez.

Douglas Budget, Douglas, Wyoming

First Place, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: OH, WOW, LISTEN TO THAT. Credit(s): David J. Olender. Judges' Comments: "It's all in the eyes! What a fantastic photo, you grab the moment at the perfect moment."

First Place, Best Feature Series, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000. Entry Title: Finding Beauty. Credit(s): By JEN KOCHER Photos By ADAM HERRERA. Judges' Comments: "Three stories worth reading. Series was good topic to explore and well-written, made you want more."

First Place, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-4,999. Entry Title: Cinderella going to the ball. Credit(s): Kasey M. Orr. Judges' Comments: "Facial expressions are great. It's an unusual photo. Photographer showed unusual talent."

The Eatonton Messenger, Eatonton, Georgia

Honorable Mention, Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: Serious column - 'Bad,' good news always part of paper. Credit(s): Ron Bridgeman.

Eden Valley-Watkins Voice, Eden Valley, Minnesota

Honorable Mention, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000. Entry Title: Plantenberg Served with Famous "Kissing" Sailor. Credit(s): Laurie Schultz.

Honorable Mention, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: The Last Game. Credit(s): Michael Jacobson.

The Edgerton Reporter, Edgerton, Wisconsin

Third Place, Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: Editorials-03-06-2013-GunsY iPadsNo. Credit(s): Diane Everson. Judges' Comments: "A well-reasoned defense of the public's right to know."

Honorable Mention, Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: Editorials-02-13-13--13For2013. Credit(s): Diane Everson.

Honorable Mention, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: Olson's Mud Run offers up first-gear mud fun. Credit(s): Rachel Wittrock.

Honorable Mention, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: Rock County Fair coverage. Credit(s): Jeff Brown.

Honorable Mention, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-4,999. Entry Title: Boy airborne to hoop. Credit(s): Scott Converse.

The Ellsworth American, Ellsworth, Maine

First Place, Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: Ellsworth 250. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "This was one of the best entries in a very strong category. But the overall presentation of text, ads, and graphics won out. I especially liked the timeline run throughout the section, providing a valuable historical perspective for readers and the archives. Nice job by everyone."

Second Place, Community Service Award, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Ellsworth 250. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "The 68-page section celebrating Ellsworth's 250th anniversary is a historical document members of the community will treasure for generations. The newspaper went above and beyond to celebrate not just the anniversary, but 250 years leading up to it. Well done."

Honorable Mention, Best Editorial Page(s), Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more. Entry Title: Editorial Pages. Credit(s): Staff.

Honorable Mention, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000-14,999. Entry Title: Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition. Credit(s): Steve Fuller.

Honorable Mention, Best Sports Section/Page, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Best Sports Section. Credit(s): Staff.

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas

First Place, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more. Entry Title: The high price of addiction. Credit(s): Sharon Brooks. Judges' Comments: "This is a powerful story with a terrific lede that immediately sets the tone for what is expensive about this addiction. The reader learns a lot about the progression, the disease of addiction and this crippling drug through meaningful quotes and the voice of a user who still maintains he has scary days. Hats off to a well executed message in a feature story."

Second Place, Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more. Entry Title: DWI killer transferred. Credit(s): Clay Thorp. Judges' Comments: "What a great investigative story! Fantastic reporting!"

Second Place, Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: BISD money man on spending spree. Credit(s): Jennifer Johnson. Judges' Comments: "Dogged reporting led to

indictments and news of millions wasted and stolen by local school district employees, where district management hated to see the paper come out and taxpayers loved it."

Second Place, *Best Performing Arts Story, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Theatre of War. Credit(s): Kevin King. Judges' Comments: "Well written article Writer gives the background of the book used plus he tells what the medal is and does an outstanding interview with the actor. The article has a good flow."

Third Place, *Best Education/Literacy Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Attendance fraud at BISD. Credit(s): Jennifer Johnson. Judges' Comments: "Good investigative stuff, well written."

Honorable Mention, *Best Environmental Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 9,000 or more*. Entry Title: Cattail Marsh. Credit(s): Clay Thorp.

Honorable Mention, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more*. Entry Title: Gang activity in Southeast Texas. Credit(s): Sharon Brooks.

Honorable Mention, *Best Performing Arts Story, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Teen plays harp with heart. Credit(s): Sharon Brooks.

Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio

First Place, *Best Agricultural Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Out of sight, out of mind: Solar power makes sense on some farms. Credit(s): Chris Kick. Judges' Comments: "This is a both a great story for other farmers but also for the general public. It was well told and very interesting."

First Place, *Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more*. Entry Title: I aim to be my mother's daughter. Credit(s): Susan Crowell. Judges' Comments: "Lovely, thoughtful from the opening sentence to the powerful closing one. A great touch on a topic that is profoundly personal but which shares a universal theme. We can all identify. A wonderful tribute to family in general, and to your mother in particular."

Honorable Mention, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more*. Entry Title: Finding forgiveness: Abused as child, local man says only way forward is to forgive, let go of past. Credit(s): Chris Kick.

Honorable Mention, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more*. Entry Title: More than s'mores: Teens turn off technology during forestry and wildlife camp. Credit(s): Susan Crowell.

The Fayette County Record, La Grange, Texas

First Place, *Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999*. Entry Title: High Wire Act. Credit(s): Jeff Wick. Judges' Comments: "Fantastic crash photo caught at the right moment. This has all the makings of suspense and wondering if something could go drastically wrong. One of the most unusual crash photos I've ever seen. Kudos to the photographer for catching such dramatic action!"

First Place, *Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Purple Reign, Gold Rush. Credit(s): Tom Wood. Judges' Comments: "Tom Wood's wide shot positions the reader as an exuberant member of a newly-titled state champion baseball team converging on the pitcher's mound. One hat flies off a head, one player leaps for joy—and the reader is right there in the middle of it all, mid-stride and heart pounding with pride."

Third Place, *Best Localized National Story, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Local Doctor Recalls Seeing JFK The Day Before He Died. Credit(s): H.H. Howze. Judges' Comments: "Outstanding report of a local tie to a national event. Not only did you tell Dr. Bailey's story of seeing JFK the day before he was assassinated--you reflected superbly on the political climate of the '60s through Bailey's story. Nice job!"

Fountain Hills Times, Fountain Hills, Arizona

Second Place, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Wounded Walk. Credit(s): Ryan Winslett. Judges' Comments: "Good job drawing the reader in from the start, making the reader want to know more about the pair's story."

Second Place, *Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-4,999*. Entry Title: Boys soccer flip pass. Credit(s): Ryan Winslett. Judges' Comments: "Photographer had to be in the right place at the right time to get this one ... Unusual photo."

The Galena Gazette, Galena, Illinois

Honorable Mention, *Community Service Award, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Honor Flight. Credit(s): Hillary Dickerson and Paul Gothard.

Gasconade County Republican, Owensville, Missouri

Honorable Mention, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: WWII POW funeral. Credit(s): Dave Marner.

Glenrock Independent, Douglas, Wyoming

First Place, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: American girl. Credit(s): Jesse Bishop, Kasey M. Orr. Judges' Comments: "This piece entitled "American Girl" has a lede photo that just grabs the reader and moves them to the inside pages that are just as powerfully presented in a story form that is the true photo essay. People still make great subjects and reflect a community in the way this piece comes across with closeups and distance photos capturing all the celebration. It stands out among the entries as a winner."

Second Place, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000. Entry Title: 'You can't say no to God, can you?'. Credit(s): Jesse Bishop. Judges' Comments: "Good human interest feature. Volunteers have a good story to tell and this lady is good."

Third Place, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000. Entry Title: I'll carry you home Credit(s): Kasey M. Orr. Judges' Comments: "Sometimes good stories just come to people as this one did. It was a good read. Thought lede could have been stronger and more anecdotes about the boy."

Hendersonville Lightning, Hendersonville, North Carolina

First Place, Best Business Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000. Entry Title: Big Forest. Credit(s): Bill Moss. Judges' Comments: "Absolutely phenomenal piece of work from start to finish. This entry truly embodies what a business feature story should be. Rich and full of details, this story grabs the reader and leads them through until the end."

First Place, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000. Entry Title: Storm of the Century. Credit(s): Bill Moss. Judges' Comments: "Making history come alive is sometimes an inundating task, but you made it look easy. Great amount of time and effort is shown in this story. Great read."

First Place, Best Newspaper Web Site, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: HendersonvilleLightning.com. Judges' Comments: "All of the elements of a great site are right here. Easy navigation, excellent integration of ads - which don't distract from the copy. Excellent use of photos at the top of the stories. You've used a nice balance of color and white space. The color doesn't distract, but there isn't so much white space to make it like many "clean" sites today. This gives it life. Excellent integration of social icons in the comment area. The breakout boxes look very nice with each story. Poll questions are a great way to get readers involved. Very nice photo slider in the Lightning Photos section. The top navigation featuring communities is an excellent breakout. People can easily go to the section they need, then look at what's happening around them. They don't have to look for it. Readers can also get local daily weather on any page they visit. The advertisements are not distracting and do not overshadow your content the way they do on other websites. Your mobile site is excellent - extremely easy to navigate, easy to read. Every element is clean and responsive to mobile devices. One suggestion: Increase the font on stories. It looks OK on mobile, but is a bit small and not quite dark enough on desktops or laptops."

Second Place, Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: McCrory to farmers: Drop dead. Credit(s): Bill Moss. Judges' Comments: "Good emotion. Strong opinions. Nice."

Honorable Mention, Best Business Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000. Entry Title: Investors deciding bank's fate. Credit(s): Bill Moss.

Honorable Mention, Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Legal fights imperil restitution promises. Credit(s): Bill Moss.

Honorable Mention, Best Obituary, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: A mountain original passes away. Credit(s): Bill Moss.

Honorable Mention, Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Other towns would welcome such problems. Credit(s): Bill Moss.

Hennessey Clipper, Hennessey, Oklahoma

Second Place, Best Humorous Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Rubber gloves are in style at our house. Credit(s): Barb Walter. Judges' Comments: "Loved your story telling techniques and how you used description. The first part definitely hooks the reader."

Hickman County Times, Centerville, Tennessee

Third Place, *Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Tornado rips up Coble. Credit(s): Bradley A. Martin. Judges' Comments: "Good job in highlighting eyewitness accounts to a terrible tornado. The writing is solid with a nice job of working in personal reaction from various sources. Interesting and impactful quotes used throughout the story to share the human emotion of what happened."

Honorable Mention, *Best Health Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: Wrestling with war's impact. Credit(s): Bradley A. Martin.

The Hinsdalean, Hinsdale, Illinois

Third Place, *Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: My name is Pam, I have a therapist. Credit(s): Pamela Lannom. Judges' Comments: "Really straightforward exposition of why therapy can be a great idea, and took some courage to write it. Nice going!"

Honorable Mention, *Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Madison kids honor classmates' mom. Credit(s): Jim Slonoff.

Honorable Mention, *Best Sports Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 9,000*. Entry Title: Seventh-grader makes an altruistic assist. Credit(s): Ken Knutson.

The Holyoke Enterprise, Holyoke, Colorado

Third Place, *Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Holyoke's 125th anniversary edition. Credit(s): Brenda Brandt, Darci Tomky, Kyle Arnoldy, Becca Brandt, Ashley Sullivan, Jes-c Brandt, Cheryl Bryan, Joe Hall. Judges' Comments: "Out of a number of entries in a competitive category, you earned one of the top three with your historical section. Good mix of copy, ads, and graphics. Wish you had used color, too. I especially liked that you worked history into the individual ads. Great idea. A deep bow to your entire team."

The Homer Horizon, Orland Park, Illinois

Second Place, *Best Feature Series, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Getting past the preconceptions. Credit(s): Bill Jones. Judges' Comments: "What a unique idea to write a feature on the different churches that make up your community. It was educational, descriptive and interesting to read about each of the churches. Of particular appeal was how you went behind the walls of the church, so to speak, to give the reader a flavor for the church and the leaders."

Hood County News, Granbury, Texas

First Place, *Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999*. Entry Title: I saw the tornado coming for us. Credit(s): Kathy Cruz. Judges' Comments: "What an amazing story! I got goose bumps reading the first paragraph, and they continued throughout the entire story. Great job of making me feel like I was right there - seeing and hearing the action. Absolutely terrific!"

First Place, *Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-12,000*. Entry Title: Miracles and mayhem. Credit(s): Mary Vinson. Judges' Comments: "This special section deserves all the praise it gets. As a photo essay, it is a thorough summation of the aftermath of what must have been a grueling experience. It's not just pictures of the tornado damage. It's also shots of the recovering-injured on crutches and in line; it's paramedics busy with triage and escorting survivors to safety; it's family happily reunited with their pet. The photographer went well above and beyond and really captured this event. Her pictures tell a stunning story."

Second Place, *Best Sports Feature Story or Series, Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Pirate football royalty. Credit(s): Rick Mauch. Judges' Comments: "A very fine story. Well-written and interesting all the way through."

Honorable Mention, *Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999*. Entry Title: Imperial carp and flying monkeys. Credit(s): Kathy Cruz.

Hutchinson Leader, Hutchinson, Minnesota

First Place, *Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: County has gone gun crazy. Credit(s): Doug Hanneman. Judges' Comments: "A well-argued editorial with just the right dash of emotion. Well done."

Third Place, Best Headline Writing, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Hutchinson Leader - Best Headline Writing. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Crisp, clear headlines provide multiple access points for the reader. Subheads are properly integrated as needed."

Third Place, Best Obituary, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: 'Tenacious, respectful' leader dies at 92. Credit(s): Terry Davis. Judges' Comments: "What makes this stand out is that Elaine Black is a neighbor, not an elected official or otherwise titled person in the community; rather, she is a woman who made her mark by never accepting the status quo. The mention of her hometown, Sleepy Eye, in the lead was inspired, because her eyes were anything but sleepy. The specifics of her work – saving the cupola, her AFS activism, the penultimate paragraph's description of her Gibraltar-like certainty that her small club could host the district convention – capture that "Tenacious" streak the headline refers to. Thus, the obituary is not all platitudes, but includes real-life examples of how she pushed forward. And writer Terry Davis deserves great credit for spotting a charming oddity. Elaine, from Minnesota, and DJ, from Oklahoma, met in California, inspiring this amusing sentence: "The northerner and southerner who met out West completed their points of the compass link by getting married Dec. 21, 1943, out East at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland." (I'll give Terry a pass on labeling an Oklahoman a "southerner," but only because Minnesotans deserve some leeway, considering the weather they uncomplainingly endure.) "

Honorable Mention, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: One big night out. Credit(s): Doug Hanneman.

Hyattsville Life & Times, Hyattsville, Maryland

Honorable Mention, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999. Entry Title: A Hyattsville Fish Story. Credit(s): Chris Currie.

Idyllwild Town Crier, Idyllwild, California

Honorable Mention, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-4,999. Entry Title: Soccer. Credit(s): Jenny Kirchner.

The Imperial Republican, Imperial, Nebraska

First Place, Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Julie Hanes safe, her captor dead in kidnapping ordeal; Hanes already had protection order. Credit(s): Jan Schultz/Russ Pankonin. Judges' Comments: "Great in-depth story. Nice job of covering all perspectives, and giving good details and history leading up to this incident. Riveting story - I couldn't stop reading!"

Third Place, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000. Entry Title: High speed chase ends in arrest of two on multiple charges. Credit(s): Jan Schultz. Judges' Comments: "Wish I could have seen this in color, but love the drama of the action in combination with the rain falling."

Honorable Mention, Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: New graduation requirement a positive step. Credit(s): Jan Schultz.

Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Iowa Falls, Iowa

First Place, Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: Buried Alive. Credit(s): Sara Konrad Baranowski and Corey Meints. Judges' Comments: "This is a gripping story that keeps you on the edge of your seat wondering what will happen next. The headline immediately caught my attention and kept me reading until the end. Writers did a fantastic job of providing quotes and details of a dramatic rescue effort. I love that the story is broken up into sections (may want to consider using sub heads at the top of those sections). Great sidebar story about training, etc. Wonderful team effort by solid writers!"

Second Place, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000. Entry Title: Buried Alive. Credit(s): Roger Lugo. Judges' Comments: "This could have easily have been first place had it not been for the type oversight on the photo (something I usually save for feature photos, and even then, rarely...) Gives me the feel of a NY gossip tabloid. BUT, it is a fantastic photo, great job, Roger."

Honorable Mention, Best Editorial Page(s), Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000. Entry Title: Best Editorial Pages. Credit(s): Times Citizen Staff.

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming

First Place, Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999. Entry Title: Airport leaders fly high in Maui. Credit(s): Mike Koshmrl. Judges' Comments: "While other government agencies stay home or travel on the cheap, this reporter showed how all five members of the airport board spent big money traveling to Hawaii's big island each year for a conference. After the stories came out, the trips slowed considerably."

First Place, Best Performing Arts Story, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Shimabukuro. Credit(s): Rich Anderson. Judges' Comments: "Loved this well-written article. The reporter did his homework and did background information on not only the person he interviewed but the ukulele, too. And, he told his readers where to go on YouTube to find a video of the performer. It was great and deserved to be the leader of the pack!"

Second Place, Best Environmental Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 9,000. Entry Title: Park bombs litter slopes. Credit(s): Mike Koshmrl. Judges' Comments: "Good in-depth look into how the Yellowstone area has traded one potential safety hazard for another. Good background, as well as what's being done currently to address the issue."

Second Place, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999. Entry Title: High Hoops. Credit(s): Brad Boner. Judges' Comments: "Outstanding photograph with really good composition. The most unique entry in the field. Photographer clearly went "the extra mile" for the shot, which captures the essence of the climate and the community served by the newspaper. Good job."

Second Place, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-12,000. Entry Title: Butcher of Hog Island. Credit(s): Price Chambers. Judges' Comments: "Close second. This collection of pictures benefits greatly from subject matter, but captures this family-owned slaughterhouse in such an unflinching way it is immediately arresting, captivating. The moments in time are powerful--just after a slaughter and an instant before--and they are well-composed, excellent photography. Juxtaposed with the wife, slicing meet while casually phoning a customer? Excellent work."

Third Place, Best Family Life/Living Section/Pages, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Valley. Credit(s): Staff / Johanna Love, editor. Judges' Comments: "Lively and readable newspaper with a sense of fun and bouyant creativity. This staff is clearly in touch with the community."

Honorable Mention, Best Sports Feature Story or Series, Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Man month. Credit(s): Clark Forster.

Honorable Mention, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999. Entry Title: Juggernauts. Credit(s): Brad Boner.

The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota

First Place, Best Agricultural Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000. Entry Title: Pipeline to Prosperity -- Spaghetti Western. Credit(s): Sydney Glasoe Carabello. Judges' Comments: "Clearly, this has high newsworthiness. A strong presentation of local aspects of a key national story with strong economic and environmental components. Several interviews and inclusion of data from multiple sources demonstrate solid research for the story. Grabs reader's attention immediately and compels reader to stay with the story. Overall picture not quite as rosy as early part of the story seems to imply, though it does delve into some of the negative or problem areas. A strong aspect of story is that it makes clear and understandable to the reader unfamiliar with the issue and what many of the problems and relationships are. I found this to be compelling reading."

First Place, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999. Entry Title: Last Blast for old arena. Credit(s): Cecile Krimm. Judges' Comments: "Anyone with an affinity for youth or high school sports will love this story. It's less about hockey than it is about an old friend, a building that has outlived its useful life, but is beloved for the very things that make it a candidate for replacement. Well told. And save me a rink burger."

Honorable Mention, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Ridin', Ropin' and Livestockin'. Credit(s): Cecile Krimm.

Honorable Mention, Best Humorous Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Whines & Roses -- I have a sleeveless bone to pick with you, Mrs. Obama. Credit(s): Cecile Krimm.

Journal-Courier, Jacksonville, Illinois

First Place, Best Breaking News Story, Daily Division. Entry Title: Five murdered in Manchester. Credit(s): Journal-Courier staff. Judges' Comments: "I could picture the news staff of scrambling to get the facts of and responses to this horrific shooting in a small town. More than any other entry this one conveyed the urgency of breaking

news. The writing was perhaps not as polished in other entries, but obviously completed with a true newsroom spirit to hit the streets with as much as possible as quickly as possible."

Lahontan Valley News, Fallon, Nevada

Second Place - Tie, *Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Cuteness at the Country Fair. Credit(s): Steve Ranson. Judges' Comments: "Just a wonderful, wonderful photo. You caught both children perfectly and framed it just right."

Third Place, *Best Business Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: Sequestration/military budget cuts. Credit(s): Steve Ranson. Judges' Comments: "Excellent coverage of the potential impact of lost wages due to federal sequestration on local community."

Lake Country Sun, Graford, Texas

Third Place, *Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: Fire School offers training. Credit(s): Mark Engebretson. Judges' Comments: "Good job of backlighting. Photo of the hazy blaze looks like the moon's corona. Nice work."

Honorable Mention, *Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: Working tirelessly. Credit(s): Mark Engebretson.

Lakota Country Times, Martin, South Dakota

Third Place - Tie, *Best Newspaper Web Site, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: www.lakotacountrytimes.com. Judges' Comments: "Excellent site! Full of information important to the community, including news, features, employment and more. Nice, clean design doesn't sacrifice color - which many do today. Very easy to navigate. Those who are not logged in still get good information from the site. Mobile and tablet versions are a must in this digital age. Great job!"

Lamesa Press-Reporter, Lamesa, Texas

First Place, *Best Humorous Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: Six on a plane certainly bests three in a row. Credit(s): Russel Skiles. Judges' Comments: "This column is well done. It is a topic many of us can discuss first-hand. The narrative was well done, and compared to other entries, this did not sound like a paper written about "What I did last summer." Mr. Skiles, excellent."

The LaRue County Herald News, Hodgenville, Kentucky

Honorable Mention, *Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Five years later, my friends help me remember. Credit(s): Linda Ireland.

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan

Second Place, *Best Business Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Home Sale Blitz. Credit(s): Alan Campbell. Judges' Comments: "The writer took a dry subject and gave readers a chance to see it from a different angle - good job."

Second Place, *Best Editorial Page(s), Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Editorial pages. Credit(s): Enterprise editorial staff. Judges' Comments: "Super local edits and columns. The Call and Comment is a great read, but I wonder if it doesn't cut down on the letters to editor because they are slim in the editions submitted. Your layout is clean, and it works. I noticed no masthead, but thankfully you did let the reader know who wrote and what their job title is at the newspaper."

Second Place, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Hometown Hero. Credit(s): Patti Brandt. Judges' Comments: "Great work at drawing the reader into the story."

Third Place, *Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Mike O'Brien, Glen Lake basketball. Credit(s): Mike Spencer. Judges' Comments: "Mike Spencer's over-the-shoulder, tightly framed shot puts the reader in the smell-the-sweat middle of the action—but on which side? The central player clearly controls the ball for the moment, but both of his opponents' hands reach above the ball. Will they knock it free, or will he make the shot despite their attempts to stymie his aim? Oh, the suspense!"

Third Place, *Best Sports Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 9,000*. Entry Title: A night to remember...Lakers rally. Credit(s): Mike Spencer. Judges' Comments: "The writer nabs the readers' attention immediately and then leads them through the final seven seconds of drama that led to an overtime victory. Nice

use of mingling quotes in with second-by-second account of the closing action. Remainder of story holds together well and the thrill-of-victory theme clearly has strong reader appeal and human interest. Last-second victory is one of the attractive elements of sports, and this story does a good job of capturing that moment." **Honorable Mention**, *Best Business Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Wine makes a tasty profession. Credit(s): Alan Campbell.
Honorable Mention, *Best Sports Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 9,000*. Entry Title: Suttons Bay girls softball. Credit(s): Mike Spencer.

Litchfield Independent Review, Litchfield, Minnesota

First Place, *Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000*. Entry Title: Buddy's rescue turns into a search. Credit(s): Jenny Berg. Judges' Comments: "I love the "Ying and Yang" of this photo - a group of big, manly fireman taking care of a small dog that clearly looks like it needed rescuing from the fire, it's panting and out of breath. Great photo, Jenny!"

Second Place, *Best Agricultural Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: Sparboe undeterred by regulatory headwinds. Credit(s): Andrew Broman. Judges' Comments: "With the national attention given to animal cruelty issues and this company having been spotlighted for mistreatment of its hens, the fact that the local plant is expanding and is making changes reportedly to include improved conditions is certainly news worthy. Obviously, this is a major business in the area—a paragraph or two on this would help the story—and that adds to the newsworthiness. The story is presented well and shows evidence of good research, both in backgrounding the company's problems and in interviewing sources for the key focus of the story, the company's expansion plans. The sidebar about public comment opportunity adds to the coverage."

Second Place, *Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: A lifetime of love recaptured. Credit(s): Jenny Berg. Judges' Comments: "Wonderful job of capturing expression and a very touching moment. If it's true that a picture is worth 1,000 words, then this one is worth 10,000. Very nice work."

Honorable Mention, *Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000*. Entry Title: Bus crashes into Litchfield house. Credit(s): Jenny Berg.

The Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana

First Place, *Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more*. Entry Title: Sheriff's Valentine surprise. Credit(s): David Normand. Judges' Comments: "Photographer David Normand was in the right place at the right time to capture this image. A K-9 unit did its job, and Normand was there to show it to his readers. The public often hears of roundups of criminal suspect, but the story is best told when a newspaper photographer is there to get photos."

Second Place, *Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more*. Entry Title: Mudders. Credit(s): John Dupont. Judges' Comments: "This is a nice feature moment of people on a slip and slide coming right at you while their "wake" nails a bystander. Great faces and water action. Nice moment well played on page one."

Third Place, *Best Use of Color, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: March 21, September 26. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Dynamic color provides multiple entry points for the reader. Overall effect is crisp and clean with color providing just the right touch."

Honorable Mention, *Best Education/Literacy Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Reading by touch. Credit(s): Jamie Webb.

Honorable Mention, *Best Local News Coverage, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: March 10, September 1.

Malibu Surfside News, Malibu, California

Third Place, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Malibu musical savant finds voice through music. Credit(s): Ashleigh Fryer. Judges' Comments: "Good job drawing us into the subject's world."

Honorable Mention, *Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Gifts of Song. Credit(s): Chris Bashaw.

The Manhattan Mercury, Manhattan, Kansas

First Place, *Best Feature Series, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Seizure service dog. Credit(s): Megan Moser. Judges' Comments: "Great series! Loved the flow of the writing and how you

chronicled every step of how the dog responded to Ashley. Nice job explaining epileptic seizures. It's definitely a heart-warming story and you conveyed a side to therapy dogs that most may not be aware of. Thanks for bringing this to the attention of your community."

First Place, *Best Health Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: The choice. Credit(s): Megan Moser. Judges' Comments: "Story well-told. Very informative piece that could affect many in the same situation."

Third Place, *Best Sports Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 9,000 or more*. Entry Title: Wildcats edge Sooners 6-5 in 9th for league title. Credit(s): Grant Guggisberg. Judges' Comments: "Love your lede and how you take the reader through what is happening. Crisp writing with enough detail to make this more than just a story about a game."

Honorable Mention, *Best Sports Feature Story or Series, Daily Division*. Entry Title: Dick understands how fragile life is. Credit(s): Joshua Kinder.

McAlester News-Capital, McAlester, Oklahoma

First Place, *Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Daily Division*. Entry Title: Prison riot anniversary. Credit(s): James Beaty, Kandra Wells, Kevin Harvison, Brandy Jeffreys. Judges' Comments: "Nice piece of work. The numerous connections of current DOC staff who were resident children/teens at the time of the 1973 riot are portrayed well. Nice tie-in to current Big Mac status and changes that have been made to ensure a higher level of safety. A great peek into the political picture of it all, as well. Very thorough and informative edition on a topic that has to be near and dear to the hearts of your community members."

Honorable Mention, *Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Why I do this. Credit(s): MJ Brickey.

Honorable Mention, *Best Sports Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: Okla. State report flawed. Credit(s): Matt Goisman.

Miami Today, Miami, Florida

Third Place, *Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more*. Entry Title: Stephen Ross, welcome to the Independence Day festivities. Credit(s): Michael Lewis. Judges' Comments: "Shines the stadium lights on this opportunistic and vengeful baseball team owner, while serving up an Independence Day object lesson: don't let the billionaires buy our freedom and make taxpayers pay for their projects. Hope your readers left the game and flocked to the polls."

Honorable Mention, *Best Business Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: New terminal shows dredging could restore Miami River. Credit(s): Marilyn Bowden.

Milton Times, Milton, Massachusetts

Honorable Mention, *Best Feature Series, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: On Patrol with Milton's Finest/Human Element Key. Credit(s): Kathy Kurtz Ferrari.

Missouri Lawyers Weekly, St. Louis, Missouri

First Place, *Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: Women's Justice Awards. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Overall good balance of copy, photos, graphics, and ads. Nice commemorative section saluting women attorneys. Good inspiration and recognition, well packaged."

Second Place, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999*. Entry Title: The Gun Divide. Credit(s): Scott Lauck. Judges' Comments: "Well-researched and well-reported piece that exposes the deep emotions on both sides of the gun issue."

Second Place, *Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: Hais coverage (Series). Credit(s): Melissa Meinzer. Judges' Comments: "Excellent work in bringing light to the purposely darkened business of lawyer discipline hearings. The paper and reporter deserve commendation for spending the time, effort and legal fees to fight what ought to be open to the public."

Third Place, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999*. Entry Title: The Feminine Critique. Credit(s): Melissa Meinzer. Judges' Comments: "Any good story idea is worth stealing, and I'm assigning this one to my courts reporter today. Well done, great approach to a topic that everyone in the courthouse will talk about for days."

Honorable Mention, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Bell ring, 08-28.

Credit(s): Karen Elshout.

Honorable Mention, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Twists, turns at Polsinelli. Credit(s): Karen Elshout.

Honorable Mention, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: SLU Law turns the page. Credit(s): Karen Elshout.

Moonshine Ink, Truckee, California

First Place, Best Environmental Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 9,000. Entry Title: Saga of the Quagga. Credit(s): David Bunker. Judges' Comments: "Very nice overview of an issue that is clearly very important to Lake Tahoe area residents. Includes both the science involved and the personalities who are key players in the problem and the research behind it. Good work!"

First Place, Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Wandering Natives: Return of the Light. Credit(s): Eric Perlman. Judges' Comments: "Great handling, facts, and story of a complex culture and consequences of civic-cultural collapse."

Third Place, Best Business Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000. Entry Title: Shifting Into High Gear. Credit(s): Kara Fox. Judges' Comments: "Excellent approach to an unusual topic. Writing is clear and concise, while providing plenty of details for the reader."

Mount Desert Islander, Bar Harbor, Maine

First Place, Best Editorial Page(s), Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000. Entry Title: Editorial Pages. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Wonderful blend of opinion items ranging from national issues to hyperlocal ones. I love the triple-editorial format as well as their content. If I were in charge, I'd swap the layout of the pages because the lead editorial page is very gray, and I'd try to limit the length of letters, possibly converting longer ones to columns, but that's quibbling."

Second Place, Best Family Life/Living Section/Pages, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Living Pages. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "What a creative and inviting section. Great use of art. Strong design and story selection."

Second Place, Best Health Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000. Entry Title: Unfit To Drink. Credit(s): Mark Good. Judges' Comments: "Excellent article on an important issue. In this community, the problem of contaminated wells was around for decades. Good examples from the community of how contaminated wells impacted families, as well as great details from the EPA and DEP about the dangers of this water."

Second Place, Best Local News Coverage, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: Local News Coverage. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Good combination of local coverage representing wide variety of interests. I especially noted the mix of in-depth stories and news briefs, both of which help to engage readers."

Third Place, Best Business Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more. Entry Title: Acadia Corp. Credit(s): Rob Levin, Dick Broom. Judges' Comments: "Even though I am not from the area, I was able to pick up on the emotional as well as financial impact being felt by Acadia Corp and the community. Fine reporting."

Myrtle Beach Herald, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

First Place, Best Sports Feature Story or Series, Non-daily Division. Entry Title: For the love of a fan. Credit(s): Charles D. Perry. Judges' Comments: "This is exactly what a great sports feature should be: readable, touching, and memorable. Great job!"

Second Place, Best Business Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000. Entry Title: Carolina Forest lands call center, 670 jobs. Credit(s): Charles D. Perry and Tom O'Dare. Judges' Comments: "These stories are well constructed. The newspaper's role as a watchdog for the people is fulfilled by investigating the past of such call centers in other locations. It is a cautionary tale for journalists who might otherwise think only of celebrating the arrival of a new corporation in their community."

News Letter Journal, Newcastle, Wyoming

Third Place, Best Humorous Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Have gun, will get lost. Credit(s): Amy Menerey. Judges' Comments: "This is a good piece of writing and amusing."

Third Place, *Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: Scenic Byway. Credit(s): Amy Menerey. Judges' Comments: "This photo essay makes a reader want to see all 78 miles and just couldn't be a better sell on the Scenic Byway. The layout worked beautifully and this is a great example of good art, writing and graphic designer help in putting across a beautiful piece."

The News-Gazette, Lexington, Virginia

Third Place, *Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999*. Entry Title: "Responding To Tragedy With Needed Reforms". Credit(s): Ed Smith. Judges' Comments: "This is a good editorial on a tough subject. It's a little too long and wordy, but it sheds some light on an issue that needs to be discussed."

News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon

Third Place, *Best Business Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Savage Apps. Credit(s): Molly Walker. Judges' Comments: "Would have been stronger with better lede, but story was an easy read and current timely topic"

Third Place, *Best Feature Series, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Stopping By. Credit(s): Starla Pointer. Judges' Comments: "Terrific idea to spotlight local people, places or activities in a series like this one. It is impressive that Starla has told nearly 600 stories in 11.5 years. Her writing is solid and this certainly gives anyone who picks up the News Register a flavor of the community and the people who live there. Nice job!"

Third Place, *Best Health Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Seeking Justice. Credit(s): Starla Pointer. Judges' Comments: "Nice detailed story. Good background info and detail."

Third Place - Tie, *Best Newspaper Web Site, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: NewsRegister.com. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Your site is well-organized and aesthetically pleasing. It is difficult to have that much information in a design that doesn't become too crowded. The Open Source blog - where readers submit news - is a great way to keep readers engaged, while getting fresh content and tips on big stories. Your digital archives works beautifully."

Honorable Mention, *Best Performing Arts Story, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Works and Plays. Credit(s): Starla Pointer.

Honorable Mention, *Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Discover Yamhill Valley. Credit(s): Staff.

Honorable Mention, *Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Tiger on the Mat. Credit(s): Marcus Larson.

The North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa

First Place, *Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: People like Charlie made King's 'dream' real. Credit(s): Bill Tubbs. Judges' Comments: "This is a great column about a great man, a couple of them, and a great subject. Really a worthy reminiscence."

First Place, *Best Sports Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: Winners in the game of life. Credit(s): Bill Tubbs. Judges' Comments: "Excellent package presentation of a column all readers could both enjoy and learn something from. Would have liked to hear about the basketball team's success, though, as long as it was worth mentioning."

Second Place, *Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: She's Gone. Credit(s): Scott Campbell. Judges' Comments: "Great job with working the personal angle into the lead of the story. I love how the story weaves together quotes from residents, eyewitnesses, fire officials, etc. Good use of drop quotes, sidebar stories. Excellent overall package of a horrible breaking news story that impacted many people."

Second Place, *Best Use of Photographs, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Best Use of Photos. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Good fire photos."

Third Place, *Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Time for a little lunch. Credit(s): Jim Turley. Judges' Comments: "Oh what detail! What wonderful color! just a fantastic shot!"

Third Place, *Best Local News Coverage, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Best Local News Coverage. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "This publication has packed plenty of news coverage within its pages. This thorough coverage is demonstrated by a solid mixture of in-depth news and feature stories, as well as photos and news briefs. Of special note is the diversity of topics covered."

Honorable Mention, Best Agricultural Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000. Entry Title: Inside Cinnamon Ridge. Credit(s): Scott Campbell.

The Northbrook Tower, Orland Park, Illinois

First Place, Best Humorous Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 8,000 or more. Entry Title: Getting back in the saddle at spin class. Credit(s): Dayna Fields. Judges' Comments: "Yes, this is humorous. Painful, but amusing. Humorous way of pulling reader into the column to share your agony and your self-admitted, not-so-bright decision to do the spinning. You have spun a tale the reader can enjoy and empathize with; plus, you also provided the reader some insight into the decisions that are part of your work week. Well done."

Northside Sun, Jackson, Mississippi

First Place, Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999. Entry Title: Kemper power plant. Credit(s): Wyatt Emmerich. Judges' Comments: "A lot of work went into this series of columns, condemning the Public Service Commission and the Southern Company for sticking a segment of Mississippi's residents with the \$4.5 billion tab for building a new experimental lignite plant that may well price a lot of customers right out of the market. We do not know if Mr. Emmerich's efforts to expose these shenanigans were successful in stirring the public to take action, but they darn sure should have been. Though the columns became somewhat repetitive in the information presented, sometimes you just have to pound the same nail over and over to make the point stick. Emmerich nailed these bad boys to the wall. A great public service in the true sense of those words."

The N'West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa

Second Place, Best Headline Writing, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Best Headline Writing. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Good clean approach to headline usage. Style is consistent throughout publication."

Second Place, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: "Bushels of Fun at the Clay County Fair". Credit(s): Rylan Howe. Judges' Comments: "A picture page plus ... that captured the essence of the good old county fair. Time at the fair well spent."

Second Place, Best Use of Color, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Best Use of Color. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Crisp and clear color provides an immediate draw for the reader. Good use of balance for a professional effect."

Third Place, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999. Entry Title: Best Breaking News Photo - White Wolf Web fire. Credit(s): Josh Harrell. Judges' Comments: "The lighting in this photo sets it apart from most fire photos. The framing and lighting combine to make this a top-notch fire photo. Great work!"

Third Place, Best Sports Section/Page, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Best Sports Section. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Thorough coverage of local scholastic sports. Excellent writing and terrific page composition with strong photo elements."

The Observer, Dundee, New York

Honorable Mention, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: A weekend of racing action at Watkins Glen International. Credit(s): Brandon Lawson.

The Orland Park Prairie, Orland Park, Illinois

Third Place, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more. Entry Title: Whole lotta filmmakin' going on. Credit(s): Heather Warthen. Judges' Comments: "This story is a delight to read. The writer uses clear short paragraphs, right from the beginning, to bring a reader into the enthusiasm and passion the subject has for both Elvis and film making. The human side of an early Elvis Presley is something a reader feels will be revealed in the film being made and the enthusiasm for the project is contagious because of this writer's enthusiasm. Very good job."

The Ozona Stockman, Ozona, Texas

Second Place, Best Local News Coverage, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: The Ozona Stockman local news coverage. Judges' Comments: "In a category dominated by exceptional local papers, none embodied the character of the traditional hometown paper better than the Ozona Stockman, where headline

local news really is a sheep show champion. It just strikes me as a paper doing a great job of serving its community with the news they want and need."

Third Place, *Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: Hey umpire, I'm safe.

Credit(s): Joe Hernandez. Judges' Comments: "Nice job catching the emotion as they all wonder if he is safe or not."

Honorable Mention, *Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: Hunting Guide. Credit(s): Susan Calloway.

Palatka Daily News, Palatka, Florida

First Place, *Best Breaking News Photo, Daily Division*. Entry Title: School Bus Crash. Credit(s): Chris DeVitto.

Judges' Comments: "With this photo, Chris DeVitto captured the trauma of this tragedy along against the background of the toppled bus. The two secondary photos added context. Superb job!"

Honorable Mention, *Best Family Life/Living Section/Pages, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Current! Palatka Daily News. Credit(s): Trisha Murphy.

Honorable Mention, *Best Sports Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: I Think I Got Shot.. Credit(s): Mark Blumenthal.

The Paynesville Press, Paynesville, Minnesota

Third Place, *Best Health Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: 250-Pound Weight Loss Journey. Credit(s): Ellarry Prentice. Judges' Comments: "Many people can relate to Evans in this story. They struggle with weight loss, diabetes, lack of exercise and more. Writer deftly included statistics that show Evans is the face for many in the nation."

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina

Honorable Mention, *Best Newspaper Web Site, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: The Pilot.com. Credit(s): Pilot Staff.

The Plainwell & Otsego Union Enterprise, Allegan, Michigan

Honorable Mention, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000*. Entry Title: For the love of the game and each other. Credit(s): Virginia Ransbottom.

Point Reyes Light, Inverness, California

Third Place, *Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: Ranchers say survival hinges on elk relocation. Credit(s): Tess Elliott. Judges' Comments: "Good explanation. Could use a dose of emotion."

Honorable Mention, *Best Agricultural Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: Ranchers in crisis over tule elk. Credit(s): Samantha Kimmey.

Polk County Itemizer-Observer, Dallas, Oregon

First Place, *Best Sports Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 9,000*. Entry Title: Nicole Watkins, "School of hard knocks". Credit(s): Nicole Watkins. Judges' Comments: "What a compelling story! Excellent writing, well researched, solid data, and wide variety of sources, both document and interviews. Quotes used well to keep flow of story going. This really brings home the national issue of concussions in sports, especially youth sports, and shows that the impact is in your community, not just on the college or pro playing fields. Tremendous human interest and reader appeal to this story. The graphics and sidebar information add greatly to the presentation and comprehension of the large amount of information contained in the story. Outstanding."

Second Place, *Best Sports Section/Page, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Polk County Itemizer-Observer (Feb. 27, Oct. 30). Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Exemplary sports section for a community newspaper. Major league coverage of scholastic sports. Eye-popping 4c front page, and wonderful b&w layouts complete section. Good, strong writing. Great photo accompaniment to stories. Championship work."

Honorable Mention, *Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000*. Entry Title: Pete Strong, "Fire on the farm". Credit(s): Pete Strong.

Honorable Mention, *Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Explore Polk County 2013. Credit(s): Staff.

Port Aransas South Jetty, Port Aransas, Texas

Second Place, Best Business Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000. Entry Title: Schlitterbahn: Inside look at effort to build new water park. Credit(s): Dan Parker. Judges' Comments: "This is an in-depth look at a subject of interest to a wide variety of readers. What makes it stand out it is the richness of the details as the writer dives deep into the subject rather than providing a surface glance."

Second Place, Best Localized National Story, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Life or death: Native Port Aransas describes terror attack in Algeria. Credit(s): Jim Dubois. Judges' Comments: "Cobb's account of being at the center of a terrorist attack was relayed with great clarity and detail. Nice job."

Rochester Business Journal, Rochester, New York

First Place, Best Sports Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more. Entry Title: Wilson convinced peers to do right thing. Credit(s): Scott Pitoniak. Judges' Comments: "Superior. Column moves well and combine the sad, historic time of Pres. Kennedy's death, and how the football world did and did not handle the tragedy that weekend. Good use of quotes, and historic info."

Third Place, Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999. Entry Title: Dufner's double bogey. Credit(s): Paul Ericson. Judges' Comments: "Covered a PGA Championship and brought it all home in a column that shared the experience with readers, made us feel a little bit of what it was like to be there, and handed us a few applicable life lessons on the takeaway. Not a bad day's work."

Honorable Mention, Best Business Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more. Entry Title: Appetite for risk. Credit(s): Smriti Jacob.

The Roslyn News, Mineola, New York

Honorable Mention, Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999. Entry Title: You'd Better Smile When You Call Us That. Credit(s): John Owens.

Sangre de Cristo Chronicle, Angel Fire, New Mexico

First Place, Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Red River is not above the law. Credit(s): Jesse Chaney. Judges' Comments: "Proper outrage at abuse of official authority. Nice."

First Place, Best Local News Coverage, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Sangre de Cristo Chronicle: Best Local News Coverage. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "By far my favorite, with page-after-page of local articles in a clean, well designed package. Abundance of local photos and almost (if not completely) devoid of any canned articles. A beautiful publication representative of the Cimarron River area it serves."

Honorable Mention, Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Angel Fire plane crash kills four Texans. Credit(s): Eric Heinz.

Honorable Mention, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999. Entry Title: Landowner takes cattle problem into his own hands. Credit(s): Jesse Chaney.

Santa Clarita Valley Signal, Santa Clarita, California

First Place, Best Feature Story, Daily Division. Entry Title: Lingering struggles. Credit(s): Luke Money. Judges' Comments: "Crisp writing. You have given the reader a flavor for the lead character in the story and taken us through some of the emotional journey he has faced. It feels as though the reader is there with him. You also used just enough quotes to make it flow smoothly. Nice job!"

Second Place, Best Breaking News Story, Daily Division. Entry Title: Actor dies in SCV crash. Credit(s): Cary Osborne. Judges' Comments: "The first of two consecutive days' coverage of the Paul Walker crash by the Signal, this entry provides excellent "what we know now" information — again, a good example of breaking news, complemented by Monday's follow-up coverage."

Second Place, Best Newspaper Web Site, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: www.signalscv.com. Credit(s): Signal staff. Judges' Comments: "Sleek site for a small community that offers an excellent array of news in print, photos and video. The ads integrated into the stories aren't terribly distracting - which can be difficult. Social share buttons blend nicely into the design, which is easy to navigate. I like the 2014 election section, but it would be better to make the videos the top of the section, and the lovely interactive candidate menu below it, or in the sidebar. The video will be more meaningful to readers."

Third Place, Best Breaking News Photo, Daily Division. Entry Title: Actor dies in SCV crash. Credit(s): Dan Watson. Judges' Comments: "Dan Watson's photo of the wreckage explains the danger of high speed that no words can describe."

Honorable Mention, Best Family Life/Living Section/Pages, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Our Community. Credit(s): Jana Adkins.

Honorable Mention, Best Sports Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 9,000. Entry Title: Hitting Home. Credit(s): Dan Agnew.

Sierra Vista Herald, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Third Place, Best Environmental Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 9,000 or more. Entry Title: Where has all the water gone?. Judges' Comments: "Great writing, tons of info presented in clear graphics and sidebars, good organization. Excellent and vital work."

Sioux City Journal, Sioux City, Iowa

First Place, Best Business Feature Story, Daily Division. Entry Title: Year after uproar, BPI still struggles. Credit(s): Dave Dreeszen. Judges' Comments: "Well-constructed, well-written, good graphic -- can't miss topic that touches everyone, regardless of where they live."

First Place, Best Business Story, Daily Division. Entry Title: Casino plans have public funding in play. Credit(s): Dave Dreeszen. Judges' Comments: "Article is very well written. Writer took a complicated subject (TIF) and was able to explain it in a very understandable way. Good job."

First Place, Best Family Life/Living Section/Pages, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Siouxland Life magazine Jan. 2013. Credit(s): Journal staff. Judges' Comments: "Bright, fresh content. Exceptional photos, especially the food shots. A pleasure to read. This section is planned and executed at a very high level. Bravo."

First Place, Best Weekend Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Best weekend edition. Credit(s): Journal staff. Judges' Comments: "Easily a top choice. Other people need to take lessons from you!"

Second Place, Best Breaking News Photo, Daily Division. Entry Title: Rosemarie LaFleur holds granddaughter Sophie Nelson, 1, in her Sioux City yard Monday.. Credit(s): Dawn J. Sagert. Judges' Comments: "Dawn Sagert's photo of this worried woman says it all. When a manhunt is underway, everyone's on edge."

Second Place, Best Business Feature Story, Daily Division. Entry Title: Will this bubble burst?. Credit(s): Dave Dreeszen. Judges' Comments: "Subheads would have reinforced structure. The reporter puts lots of legwork into his story, giving context and background to the event."

Second Place, Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: What's the deal on these city issues?. Credit(s): Michael Gors. Judges' Comments: "A very unique way to address city issues. Eye-catching and to the point makes this easy for readers to see and understand what is going on in the community."

Second Place, Best Feature Story, Daily Division. Entry Title: 'That's not our town'. Credit(s): Molly Montag. Judges' Comments: "Nice lede. Writing gives you a feeling for the town and the horrible crimes that have occurred. Nice flow."

Second Place, Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Daily Division. Entry Title: THE MYSTERY IN BRULE CREEK. Credit(s): Nick Hytrek. Judges' Comments: "Extremely interesting and very thorough. Nice resource comparison for looking at how investigations were conducted over 40 years ago. The current contact/interviews with family members of the missing girls was very effective. This was nicely broken up with subheads to ease readability, and gave a clear picture of the mystery disappearance. Great job."

Third Place, Best Feature Photo, Daily Division. Entry Title: The day after. Credit(s): Jim Lee. Judges' Comments: "Nice moment on the porch after a tornado ravaged this house. A storytelling image."

Third Place, Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Daily Division. Entry Title: A SENTENCE NOT SERVED. Credit(s): Nick Hytrek. Judges' Comments: "Nice specific personal story to draw the reader's attention. Great follow-through and research of sentencing structure in the state to make a good, valid fact-based point."

Third Place, Excellence in Typography, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Excellence in Typography. Credit(s): Journal staff. Judges' Comments: "Very dynamic, good layout"

Honorable Mention, Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more. Entry Title: Soldier's family presses on after death. Credit(s): Tim Gallagher.

Honorable Mention, Best Sports Photo, Daily Division. Entry Title: Diving catch. Credit(s): Tim Hynds.

Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California

First Place, Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999. Entry Title: La Frontera's Disposable People. Credit(s): Southwestern College Sun Staff. Judges' Comments: "First place goes to some student journalists who have MADE A DIFFERENCE. You have used your talents and skills to help others, to right wrongs, to save lives, to effect change. This is journalism at its best, and should be rewarded and awarded. Congratulations to all concerned -- students and teachers alike. Now go and change the world!"

Springtown Epigraph, Azle, Texas

Second Place, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: football pass breakup. Credit(s): Mark K. Campbell. Judges' Comments: "Great shot at just the right time. Amazing detail and energy caught in action."

The St. Louis American, Saint Louis, Missouri

First Place, Best Obituary, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Final bow to Pelagie Green Wren. Credit(s): By Kenya Vaughn. Judges' Comments: "Brevity doesn't always equate to brilliance, but when a writer has a wealth of material from which to choose, and chooses only the very best, then brevity really pays off. Here, no reader could walk away from these 15 paragraphs and fail to know dance teacher Pelagie Green Wren, the life she led and the people whose lives she made better. Kenya Vaughn attended the service at the funeral uncovered nothing but gems, including these quotations from those who knew Pelagie best: (1) "She was a queen to little black girls and boys with two feet and a dream"; (2) "We sat there with bloody toes, hair in a bun, tattered shoes, holes in your leg warmers, smiles from ear to ear"; (3) "There were performers in the Muny chorus who didn't want to perform with her because she was black. But along with the death threats, she got letters international letters of support -- including a telegram from Leontyne Price"; (4) and this imitation of Pelagie's demands, delivered by a former student: "Make the mirror sweat, or you're not dancing hard enough. If you can't keep up, miss girl, someone else will have your job." Finally, the last two paragraphs are perfect. I won't quote them. Please read them. Please read the whole thing."

First Place, Community Service Award, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: St. Louis American Foundation. Judges' Comments: "This is a really tough category because civic-minded newspapers are involved in worthy community causes from coast to coast. Newspapers by definition provide community service with diligent coverage of events in their communities. Certainly every entrant in this category went well above the norm for its community, so I had to look for something apart from a newspaper just doing a really great job. With that in mind, I could not ignore the \$300,000 in scholarships provided by the St. Louis American. Not content to just build newspapers, the American is obviously dedicated to investing in the future of its community and journalism for generations to come."

Second Place, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: Shot on his block. Credit(s): Wiley Price. Judges' Comments: "Paramedics are the heroes in this photo as they valiantly try to save Anthony Clark's life. Some papers wouldn't have run this photo of Mr. Clark, who died later at a hospital. We're glad the St. Louis American did, to show readers the tragedy of such shootings in a way that only a photo can."

Third Place, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000-14,999. Entry Title: Family of opportunity. Credit(s): Story by Rebecca S. Rivas, Photo(s) by Wiley Price. Judges' Comments: "The lead sets the scene and draws me in, then the story keeps me interested through to the end. Nicely written!"

Third Place, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more. Entry Title: Back-to-school. Credit(s): Lawrence Bryant. Judges' Comments: "Adorable and useful content in these back-to-school fashion scenes pulls this essay to the winners' circle. It's not always easy to work with younger models and still capture the context of the scene. These photos definitely convey students ready to be up-to-date and fashionable for school, but definitely doesn't pander to the topic either. The designer wisely let the photos stand as is without resorting to gimmicks. Nicely done."

Honorable Mention, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: Welcome to first grade, Mr. Jones. Credit(s): Wiley Price.

Honorable Mention, Best Newspaper Web Site, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Stlamerican.com. Credit(s): Ishmael H. Sistrunk and Kenya Vaughn.

The Standard Banner, Jefferson City, Tennessee

First Place, Best Education/Literacy Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more. Entry Title: Reach for Reading. Credit(s): Steve Marion and Ronnie Housley. Judges' Comments: "it isn't long, but full of good writing, especially the lede, which set up the story's relevance. Congrats."

First Place, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999. Entry Title: Could it be sibling rivalry?. Credit(s): Dale Gentry. Judges' Comments: "Wonderful job of capturing a moment in time with great expression. It's obvious the photographer invested a good amount of time into the assignment and also performed the due diligence to get the background story for the cutline. Entry stands out in a solid field. Kudos!"

Second Place, Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999. Entry Title: Talbott man saved from burning home. Credit(s): Steve Marion. Judges' Comments: "What a great story! The lead immediately drew me in and you never lost my attention. The quotes were the perfect compliment to the story - nice job!"

Second Place, Best Local News Coverage, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more. Entry Title: Standard Banner news coverage. Credit(s): Various. Judges' Comments: "Whether it is community politics or a round-up of local school events, this publication has clearly demonstrated a commitment to local news. Not only do the stories provide information, but they provide a basis for the reader to understand why the stories matter to the community as a whole."

Honorable Mention, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-12,000. Entry Title: Old Time Saturday. Credit(s): Steve Marion and Ronnie Housley.

Stone County Enterprise, Wiggins, Mississippi

Third Place, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-4,999. Entry Title: Kolby Krohn chips the ball/soccer. Credit(s): Jody O'Hara. Judges' Comments: "Excellent action photo."

The Sun, Santa Maria, California

First Place, Best Original Editorial Cartoon, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Mayfield: Moonlight panga cruise. Credit(s): Ross Mayfield. Judges' Comments: "Detail, detail, detail. Everything here works beautifully together: the menacing crew at the back of the boat, the bales (clearly of marijuana), the name of the boat, the promotional-looking text with the punch line at the end, even the clouds that accent the moon. There is a reason we call them "cartoons": They're drawn like the funnies, but they deliver a message that is savagely fun. What also makes this entry stand out is that the color and detail refuse to allow a reader to look away. Once you're hooked, you're going to digest the message."

Second Place, Best Environmental Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 9,000 or more. Entry Title: Don't eat the fish. Credit(s): Camillia Lanham. Judges' Comments: "Close, close second. This article brings important information home with excellent writing, tone and clarity. Where others in this category resorted to complex sidebars, this piece used concise, accessible writing."

Third Place, Best Sports Feature Story or Series, Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Legend of the deep. Credit(s): Kristina Sewell. Judges' Comments: "There's some purple prose here, but the story is fascinating. What an interesting life -- just what a feature should be."

Honorable Mention, Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: Start by believing. Credit(s): Amy Asman.

The Taos News, Taos, New Mexico

First Place, Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: Let's talk about openness and transparency in government. Credit(s): Joan Livingston. Judges' Comments: "Great editorial! What a way to be the watchdog of open government and what the local officials are doing."

The Transylvania Times, Brevard, North Carolina

Honorable Mention, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999. Entry Title: Electrical Fire Guts Rental Home. Credit(s): Jeremiah Reed.

The Times - Blooming Prairie, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota

Third Place, Best Environmental Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 9,000. Entry Title: Best Environmental Story. Credit(s): Rick Bussler. Judges' Comments: "Although this may seem like a very basic story on the surface, it's one that we all should do -- and more than once! Good job taking an issue the community should care a lot about and dedicating the space and effort to highlighting how much more needs to be done."

Third Place, Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Best Special Section. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "One of the top three in this division of Special Sections. Nice balance of copy, photos, and ads, saluting guardians of the community. All the mug shots brought lots of readers. Good inspiration to the community. Congrats on all the hard work."

Honorable Mention, Excellence in Typography, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Excellence in Typography. Credit(s): Staff.

The Times Leader, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

First Place, Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more. Entry Title: Wilkes-Barre's deadliest year. Credit(s): Roger DuPuis/Edward Lewis. Judges' Comments: "Lots of research - great use of graphics and photos! Layout is fantastic; story is well-written. I just can't say anything negative about this entry. Superb!"

Second Place, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more. Entry Title: Wyoming Valley Riverfest. Credit(s): Bill Tarutis. Judges' Comments: "Strong mix of photos here in a pleasing design/layout -- each photo is "readable" for both content and context. The photos definitely convey the story, and the layout shows a strong hand at editing."

Second Place, Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more. Entry Title: How did this become a bridge too far gone?. Credit(s): Mark Guydish. Judges' Comments: "In well-drawn words that waste no time making his point, the writer calls attention to a crumbling bridge that could have been saved by timely action. He asks good questions that deserve answers. The accompanying photo lends greater weight to the urgency that now exists because those who could, and should, have acted were asleep at the wheel. "It is triple testimony"---a perfect summary of the evolution from landmark to looming disaster."

Second Place, Best Sports Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 9,000 or more. Entry Title: Grand Finale. Credit(s): Derek Levarse. Judges' Comments: "Nice lede. The writer's style makes you feel like you are at the game witnessing everything as it unfolds. Also like the conversational style throughout."

Third Place, Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: Violent crime calls for wide response. Credit(s): Mark Jones. Judges' Comments: "Good editorial about a major issue in the local community. Nice pullout box with solutions to the problem. Might have put more emphasis on community help higher in the editorial, but overall good job."

Honorable Mention, Best Newspaper Web Site, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: www.timesleader.com. Credit(s): Staff.

Tioga Tribune, Tioga, North Dakota

First Place, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Liquid sunshine. Credit(s): Resa Haukedahl. Judges' Comments: "Outstanding composition. Beautiful expression and very clean stop of action. This photo is no doubt attached to a fridge door somewhere. The best entry in the field. Kudos to the photographer."

Third Place, Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Law & Oil. Credit(s): Amy R. Sisk and Resa Haukedahl. Judges' Comments: "Nice work by an overworked news staff to chronicle the booming need for more law enforcement in this oil-boom town. The combination of well-told stories, with both humans and data, and strong images make it a winner."

Honorable Mention, Best Local News Coverage, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000. Entry Title: Tioga Tribune. Credit(s): Cecile Krimm, publisher.

The Transylvania Times, Brevard, North Carolina

Second Place, Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999. Entry Title: Keep Public Notices In Newspapers. Credit(s): John Lanier. Judges' Comments: "A great editorial about an issue all newspapers are facing right now. What makes this editorial great is the local spin on the issue. It shows how people are affected if public notices are not in newspapers."

Honorable Mention, Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999. Entry Title: The Education Disconnection. Credit(s): John Lanier.

Honorable Mention, Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999. Entry Title: Autumn 2013. Credit(s): Leigh Trapp, Derek McKissock, Skip Hirsh, Randy Rowe.

The Tribeca Trib, New York, New York

First Place, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: Stepping Back in Time. Credit(s): Carl Glassman. Judges' Comments: "This is a beautiful moment -- actually several beautiful moments -- of dancers at a senior center And I love the quote: "I can't walk, but I can dance. Isn't that amazing?" Boy, that's a winner! A crop (on the left) to bring me in a little closer probably would have helped make this image even strong. A memorable shot."

First Place, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more. Entry Title: Practicing to Make Perfect: The Gelsey Kirkland Ballet Academy. Credit(s): Carl Glassman. Judges' Comments: "This essay is done to perfection -- kudos to the photographer and the page designer. Wonderful variety in size and content of photos; layout tells a real story and gives each photo room to breathe."

Second Place, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000-14,999. Entry Title: History Goes Packing. Credit(s): April Koral. Judges' Comments: "Good description of the flood waters coming into the museum and the impact that water had on the museum and its exhibits. Very readable feature!"

Third Place, Best Review, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Marie Antoinette Theater Review. Credit(s): Juliet Hindell. Judges' Comments: "Good review on a what looks like a fun show. Made me want to go see it."

Honorable Mention, Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more. Entry Title: Inspiring: Giant Sections of WTC Antenna Arrive. Credit(s): Carl Glassman.

The Union, Grass Valley, California

First Place, Best Environmental Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 9,000 or more. Entry Title: To restore & protect: SYRCL celebrates three decades of Yuba River stewardship (Multi-story report). Credit(s): Matthew Renda/John Hart (photographer). Judges' Comments: "Timeliness, research and reader interest--those are all present here in spades. This category had at least 10 entries deserving recognition for solid environmental reporting, and this coverage stood out for its depth of detail, clarity of writing and accessible structure. Great, great job."

Second Place, Best Feature Photo, Daily Division. Entry Title: Feast your eyes on fall. Credit(s): John Hart. Judges' Comments: "Love the lighting and setting the subject and the airborne leaves with the trunk of the tree. Excellent composition. Without this composition, it's a so-so shot. The photographer helped make it something more."

Second Place, Best Original Editorial Cartoon, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: It takes a village idiot. Credit(s): R.L. Crabb. Judges' Comments: "Funny, nostalgic, sarcastic. Some people too young to know the "Burma-Shave" tale won't get it, but that's OK, not everyone has to get every attempt at commentary. Furthermore, the message shines through even if a 10-year-old sees it. The art is simple, clear and fun, no wasted effort, but nothing left out."

Second Place, Best Sports Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more. Entry Title: Walter Ford: Leadership is not based on anatomy. Credit(s): Walter Ford/John Hart (photographer). Judges' Comments: "Well stated in a conversational tone, an you set out the problem, then came up with solutions. Easy read. Enjoyed it."

Third Place, Best Business Story, Daily Division. Entry Title: The Road Ahead: What's in store for South County? (Multi-story report). Credit(s): Matthew Renda/Jennifer Terman/John Hart (photographer). Judges' Comments: "You lost me in the first paragraph. Watch being too descriptive and "cute.""

Third Place, Best Education/Literacy Story, Daily Division. Entry Title: Charting a new course?/(Multiple story report). Credit(s): Jennifer Terman/John Hart. Judges' Comments: "This story would have benefited from a review of charter school performance. Statistics on the number of charter schools and the dwindling number of traditional public schools are interesting, but are the charter schools benefiting students by giving them better instruction with regard to test scores or placement in post secondary education/careers?"

Honorable Mention, Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: Our View: Here we go again Credit(s): The Union Editorial Board.

The Universe, Provo, Utah

Honorable Mention, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more. Entry Title: Technology and realtionships. Credit(s): Brooke Weenig.

Honorable Mention, Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: Two. Credit(s): Staff.

Vilas County News-Review, Eagle River, Wisconsin

Third Place, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999. Entry Title: Frigid Fundraiser. Credit(s): Anthony Drew. Judges' Comments: "Good action and timing on the shot. Expression tells it all on this one, as the reader can almost feel the impact of the icy water. Very good entry."

Third Place, Community Service Award, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Warm The Children-Community service. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "I can think of no better community service than to clothe children, a cause this newspaper staff undertakes with minimal fanfare for their publication, raising \$65,000 helping to warm 550 youth."

Honorable Mention, Best Use of Photographs, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Best Use of Photos/two full papers. Credit(s): staff.

The Villager, Greenwood Village, Colorado

Second Place, Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999. Entry Title: What to do when your child disappears?. Credit(s): Stacie Chadwick. Judges' Comments: "Scary column about almost losing a beloved child."

Vineyard Gazette, Edgartown, Massachusetts

First Place, Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: Story/Series - Best In-Depth Series - Coastal Erosion. Credit(s): Tom Dunlop & Sara Brown, principal writers; Ray Ewing, principal photographer. Judges' Comments: "The combination of solid stories, lovely photography, strong design and useful online components made this the clear winner."

Honorable Mention, Best Newspaper Web Site, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Best Newspaper Web Site.

The Washington Missourian, Washington, Missouri

First Place, Best Local News Coverage, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more. Entry Title: Missourian Best Local News Coverage Category. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "From politics to community events, this publication clearly reflects the news happening in its coverage area. There is a balanced mix of in-depth and briefs to appeal to a wide variety of readers. Stories are thoroughly researched and professionally presented with all the necessary angles covered."

First Place, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: Kearney Pretzel. Credit(s): Bill Battle. Judges' Comments: "Oh my, that had to be painful! Excellent shot, excellent photo and color contrast."

First Place, Best Sports Section/Page, Daily & Non-daily Division. Entry Title: Washington Missourian Sports. Credit(s): Sports Staff. Judges' Comments: "Two-man staff puts metro dailies' much larger staffs to shame. This duo covers everything in sight and does it well, not hurrying it into print. Every story is flush with quotes from players and/or coaches. Strong photo accompaniment to the major stories. They knock each story out of the park."

Second Place, Best Education/Literacy Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more. Entry Title: Collaborative Learning Takes on a Whole New Meaning'. Credit(s): Karen Cernich. Judges' Comments: "Thought the use of modern technology was unique. well written and tantalizing lede."

Second Place, Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more. Entry Title: Goats for Hire. Credit(s): Karen Cernich. Judges' Comments: "The headline is simple and direct and at first, a reader might pass by this story, having missed so much. The writing is crisp and the story content is interesting in a time when the simplicity of this age-old remedy for unique problems still works. The writer covered lots of questions that a reader might begin to wonder about and the business angle is fascinating. This story writes itself to 1A."

Second Place, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more. Entry Title: Winning Moment. Credit(s): Bill Battle. Judges' Comments: "What a great shot! You captured to moment for these champions."

Third Place, Best Editorial Page(s), Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more. Entry Title: Washington Missourian Best Editorial Pages. Credit(s): Bill Miller Sr. Judges' Comments: "Well-written and to-the-point editorials. Layout is a bit heavy, but it works for you. Plenty of letters editor. I hate the column jumps, but your edits make up for it somehow."

West Point News, West Point, Nebraska

Second Place, *Best Editorial Page(s), Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: editorial pages. Credit(s): Wilis Mahannah. Judges' Comments: "Broad mix of items. Excellent and gutsy editorial on school prayer. Nice layout."

Third Place, *Best Local News Coverage, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: Local news coverage. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Another great example of a traditional hometown newspaper packed with local news. Too bad the nun won't get to go bear hunting."

The Westbury Times, Westbury, New York

Honorable Mention, *Best Education/Literacy Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: BOE Talks Illegal Residents. Credit(s): Betsy Abraham.

The Western News, Libby, Montana

First Place, *Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: Overtaxation in Lincoln County. Credit(s): Phil Johnson. Judges' Comments: "Taxpayers were paying millions more in taxes than they should have been, and it took the newspaper to figure it out. This paper literally stood up for taxpayers with the sort of oversight that makes newspapers an indefensible check on the power of government. A fine collection of stories that stayed on top of the issue."

Westmore News, Port Chester, New York

First Place, *Best Education/Literacy Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: Bullied student slits her wrists, distraught parents speak out. Credit(s): Claire K. Racine. Judges' Comments: "This story is well constructed. It is a moving account. The reporters did a thorough job in verifying in the information. It could have offered more context offering up survey data about bullying and possibly information about attempted suicides among youths."

Third Place, *Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Kindergarteners mix and mingle. Credit(s): Claire K. Racine. Judges' Comments: "Great colorful photos that captured the moment."

The Wilmette Beacon, Orland Park, Illinois

First Place, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000-14,999*. Entry Title: Starry night. Credit(s): Joe Coughlin. Judges' Comments: "Engaging feature from start to finish. Nice turns of phrase throughout and very solid scene setting make this the best feature story in the competition. Nicely done!"

Third Place, *Best Photo Essay, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-12,000*. Entry Title: Skylights. Credit(s): Joe Coughlin. Judges' Comments: "Very creative, colorful work. Fireworks are tough to get--let alone with people in the same frame. Love the popcorn in mid-air, the smiles, the moments frozen. A joy to admire."

Wilson County News, Floresville, Texas

Second Place, *Best Business Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Best Business Feature Story. Credit(s): Robert McDonald. Judges' Comments: "Liked the idea, well written, easy to read."

Winters Express, Winters, California

Third Place, *Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: Utter shock and horror. Credit(s): Debra DeAngelo. Judges' Comments: "While as reporters we always like it when stories come to us, this isn't exactly the way any of us would want it! You did a really nice job of covering the details of this case - though I would have liked just a little bit more information about just "who" she was."

Honorable Mention, *Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000*. Entry Title: Too soon to mourn the death of print journalism — weeklies still have a pulse. Credit(s): Debra DeAngelo.

Wise County Messenger, Decatur, Texas

First Place, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999*. Entry Title: What might be in there.... Credit(s): Bob Buckel, Joe Duty. Judges' Comments: "Great job at truly telling a story; the essence of any great feature. The author took a rather mundane topic and crafted an interesting story that draws the reader in, keeping them turning the page to read the entire story. This entry stood out above the rest."

First Place, *Best Localized National Story, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Chase Ends Here. Credit(s): Brandon Evans, Joe Duty, Jimmy Alford, Brian Know, Todd Griffith, Kristen Tribe. Judges' Comments: "Fantastic

reporting with thorough follow-through and clear details. The "Anatomy of the Chase" was a great visual of the action. The follow-up stories represented solid investigation; and editorials shared the impact of the story that came to your front door. Extremely well done."

Second Place, *Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Long Walk. Credit(s): Joe Duty. Judges' Comments: "Excellent human emotion captured as sheriff escorts suspect away. The intensity of the case jumps out from all aspects of this photo. Photographer caught the action just at the right time."

Second Place, *Best Editorial, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: No enemies behind these lines. Credit(s): Wise County Messenger staff. Judges' Comments: "Great tone. Does good job of explaining what a newspaper does -- and why."

Second Place - Tie, *Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Good Book. Credit(s): Joe Duty. Judges' Comments: "Each of the 900 crosses can be seen in his worn hands. What excellent detail, your lighting was perfect!"

Second Place, *Best Humorous Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-7,999*. Entry Title: Words that are starting to bug me. Credit(s): Bob Buckel. Judges' Comments: "Wonderful read"

Second Place, *Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Welcome to Wise 2013. Credit(s): Wise County Messenger Staff. Judges' Comments: "Out of a number of entries in this division, your entry rose to near the top. A super job in all aspects -- copy, photos, graphics, ads, and use of color. A topnotch effort by all members of the team, and it shows. Congratulations for setting such a high standard."

Second Place, *Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Slipping Away. Credit(s): Joe Duty. Judges' Comments: "Joe Duty's crisp, tightly framed shot captures a three-on-three battle for the ball. The fluid folds of the uniforms, the swirl of arms and of one player's hair, and the expanding ring of players suggest this composition would make an impressive bronze sculpture."

Second Place, *Excellence in Typography, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: April 27 and October 16. Credit(s): Wise County Messenger Staff. Judges' Comments: "Very graphically appealing. Makes me want to buy the paper, jump right in and read the article"

Third Place, *Best Feature Series, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000*. Entry Title: Cross Roads. Credit(s): Brandon Evans, Joe Duty. Judges' Comments: "Good stories, well-written."

Third Place, *Best Feature Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Ashlie lives on. Credit(s): Erika Pedroza, Joe Duty. Judges' Comments: "Good work telling a compelling story."

Honorable Mention, *Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999*. Entry Title: Fiery Finish. Credit(s): Jimmy Alford.

Honorable Mention, *Best Breaking News Story, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: Chase Ends Here. Credit(s): Jimmy Alford, Joe Duty, Brandon Evans, Todd Griffith.

Honorable Mention, *Best Headline Writing, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: July 10 and September 11 Headlines. Credit(s): Wise County Messenger Editorial Staff.

Honorable Mention, *Best Local News Coverage, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999*. Entry Title: March 23 and September 7 Local News Coverage. Credit(s): Wise County Messenger Editorial Staff.

Honorable Mention, *Best Weekend Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: March 23 and October 19. Credit(s): Wise County Messenger Staff.

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

First Place, *Best Editorial Page(s), Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Wyoming Tribune Eagle sets of editorial pages - Feb 2 & 3. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "I had a tough time between first, second and third places, and I'm not an indecisive person. Love, love, love the way you get to the point by listing The Issue, We Believe, and the fact that you ask for their opinions, but I wish your edits were shorter. Excellent personal column. Layout and design is excellent, as are the cartoons. Good amount of letters to editor. These are well-rounded op/ed pages. Congrats!"

First Place, *Best Education/Literacy Story, Daily Division*. Entry Title: Teachers will soon get graded. Credit(s): Aerin Curtis. Judges' Comments: "This is a comprehensive look at the effect new teacher evaluation standards will have on the local school district. The newspaper went in depth to interview a wide range of sources, looking at the issue from a variety of angles. The story was well organized, thoughtful and compelling."

First Place, *Best Headline Writing, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Wyoming Tribune Eagle - July 20 & Sept. 14. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Powerful headlines utilize wide variety of techniques for drawing

the readers into the stories. Good use of space and fonts to grab attention. This attention to creativity enhances the reader experience and makes it easier to turn skimmers into readers."

First Place, *Best Review, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Book turns myth on its head. Credit(s): D. Reed Eckhardt. Judges' Comments: "A good honest review. The writer tells the good and the bad about a book that deals with a tough subject."

First Place, *Best Sports Feature Story or Series, Daily Division*. Entry Title: Absolute power. Credit(s): Josh Rhoten. Judges' Comments: "Good job of both writing and holding the reader's attention. He describes what bull riding is like, interviews bull riders, writes about physics and bull riding, then adds comments from college physics professors. In the end he writes about a former rider who holds an engineering degree and now does TV. This was a very good read."

First Place, *Best Sports Photo, Daily Division*. Entry Title: Let 'er buck. Credit(s): Miranda Grubbs. Judges' Comments: "Amazing moment, great color, great composition--everything kind of blows you away in this shot. Sucks you into cringing. Superb shot."

First Place, *Best Sports Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 9,000 or more*. Entry Title: Demise of a franchise. Credit(s): Alex Riley. Judges' Comments: "Great lede. Enjoyed the flow of the story and how you lead into it from the beginning. Pictures accentuate the story and you chose a good way to illustrate details of the story with a sidebar."

First Place, *Best Use of Color, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Wyoming Tribune Eagle June 8 & Aug. 21. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "This entry demonstrates how to use color effectively, even when there is a lot of it. Color is represented in photos, headlines and text boxes. The overall effect draws the reader into the publication."

First Place, *Freedom of Information, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Series of stories/editorials on UW public openness. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "This was a difficult category judge, as all of the entries showed a commitment to the public's right to know about the public's business. Each newspaper should be acknowledged for its efforts to shine a light on the public process and to stand up for the public's right to information. The Eagle did an exceptional job in reporting this egregious violation of the open meeting laws, and should be held up as an example to publications of any size to stand up for the public's right to public information despite the unfavorable response from fellow newspapers and efforts to thwart the public's rights by the state legislature. This is a fight that is far from over."

Second Place, *Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more*. Entry Title: 2013 UW Football Preview: Winds of Change. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "In a very tough and competitive division, to finish in the top three is commendable. My personal checklist was checked strong for copy, photos, question-and-answer feature, coverage of the league, etc. A complete, thorough job. Sports nuts loved this, I'm sure. One of the best football preview sections I've ever seen. Congrats to all those who worked their butts off on this."

Second Place, *Best Sports Feature Story or Series, Daily Division*. Entry Title: Okie Blanchard series. Credit(s): Jeremiah Johnke. Judges' Comments: "Excellent article about an old stadium that's about to be replaced. Author gives some of its history and writes about a number of people who coached and played there. A second article tells about the new complex and a third tells about Okie. The series is good but a bit long."

Second Place, *Best Sports Photo, Daily Division*. Entry Title: Color me charitable. Credit(s): Miranda Grubbs. Judges' Comments: "Can't stop looking at this one. A very memorable shot with energy and color. Composition is ever so slightly off, but otherwise it's a brilliant and wonderful picture."

Third Place, *Best Breaking News Story, Daily Division*. Entry Title: Charges dismissed after DNA clears man. Credit(s): Kelsey Bray. Judges' Comments: "It's obvious a great deal of time and research went into covering Mr. Johnson's release. This is a well-crafted, comprehensive review of the case, including comments from multiple sources. Really a great story in a tough category. Had five people not been killed in Manchester, subsequent placings of entries might have been altogether different."

Third Place, *Best Feature Story, Daily Division*. Entry Title: Dark family secret unravels. Credit(s): James Chilton. Judges' Comments: "Like the lede. Keeps you reading on. Story holds your interest and keeps reader with it to learn more about this sad story. You did a nice job telling a somber story in a way that kept the reader involved and interested until the very end."

Third Place, *Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more*. Entry Title: Frontier Days souvenir edition. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "In a very competitive division, this terrific souvenir program rose to the top three. It is solid in every category -- copy, ads, photos,

graphics, etc. I doubt if ANYTHING worthwhile to say about Frontier Days was left out. When completing my first read-through, I wrote -- "Good everything." Two other entries eventually bumped you to third, but the top three were neck-and-neck. Congrats to everyone who worked on this section."

Third Place, *Best Sports Photo, Daily Division*. Entry Title: Pregame hug. Credit(s): Michael Smith. Judges' Comments: "The emotion and timing and photojournalistic instinct that produced this picture are all wonderfully on display. Perfect composition. Love this picture."

Third Place, *Best Weekend Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: Wyoming Tribune Eagle - March 10 & October 6. Credit(s): Staff. Judges' Comments: "Do not like blue and red headlines, but places third in good color photographs and very unique layout."

Honorable Mention, *Best Review, Daily & Non-daily Division*. Entry Title: The book of Mormon: This musical is a lot of fun. Credit(s): Josh Rhoten.

Honorable Mention, *Best Sports Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: McCart puts Burns in Motion. Credit(s): Alex Riley.

Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, Yankton, South Dakota

Second Place, *Best Business Story, Daily Division*. Entry Title: Freeman Welding Course Sparks Interest. Credit(s): Randy Dockendorf. Judges' Comments: "Well written."

Second Place, *Best Education/Literacy Story, Daily Division*. Entry Title: The Passages of Life. Credit(s): Randy Dockendorf. Judges' Comments: "Compelling topic well explained in this story that breathes life into the experiences of inmates through their own writing."

Honorable Mention, *Best Breaking News Story, Daily Division*. Entry Title: Santee Sioux Honors Code Talker. Credit(s): Randy Dockendorf.

Honorable Mention, *Best Business Feature Story, Daily Division*. Entry Title: A Special Serving. Credit(s): Randy Dockendorf.

Honorable Mention, *Best Health Story, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more*. Entry Title: Healthy Discussion In Viborg. Credit(s): Randy Dockendorf.