Brooks Koepka is the winner of the 118th U.S Open Championship at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club.
Jeff Leger, aka Dr. Huckinstuff, takes a leap of faith into Corbet’s Couloir during the inaugural Kings and Queens of Corbet’s event Thursday at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. Leger was unable to stick the landing but came away unscathed.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Daily & Non-daily Division

1st Place — The Galena (Illinois) Gazette, Staff. “The Gazette brought history into the present as it used its influence and publishing expertise to educate a community about the severity of Influenza and the positive effect of vaccinations. This resulted in increased levels of vaccinations and fewer flu patients.”

2nd Place — Waco County News-Review, Eagle River, Wisconsin, staff. “This newspaper makes a big difference in its community through its Warm the Children program. Not only does the publication support the initiative, but spearheads it.”

3rd Place — Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin, Floyd Whiting. “This newspaper used its voice to speak out on an important issue and bring attention to the need for a position that could have been eliminated.”

Honorable Mention — The Valierian, Cut Bank, Montana, LeAnne Kavanagh. “This newspaper helped draw attention to a fundraiser to help wounded veterans through service dogs.”

BEST HUMOROUS COLUMN
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-7,999

1st Place — Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Tom Henderson. “Everyone loves a good Christmas story — especially one that makes a person smile, and then out-right laugh. This was a very well crafted piece. Great word choice. Solid editing. The author takes the reader with him all the way through the parade.”

2nd Place — Port Aransas (Texas) South Jitty, Mary Henkel, Judson. “An excellent piece. Every reporter is familiar with the Law Log, but not many of them are able to turn their own lives into one in such an amusing way. Great word usage. This piece is edited well and has great flow, making it easy for any reader to follow along.”

3rd Place — Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin, Jen Steve-Hicks. “This piece is very easy to read. Excellent use of description without going into overkill mode. The author makes it very easy to grasp her point. The only thing that would have made this piece better would have been tighter editing to shorten it a bit. In today’s Soundbite Society, we have to think about how much time a reader is willing to invest in our writing.”

Honorable Mention — Key West (Florida) Citizen, J.K. Cooke. “Very clever. A great idea and presented very well.”

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

1st Place — Ozona (Texas) Stockman, Melissa Perner. “Humor isn’t an easy class. A humorous column must, at the very least, make us smile. This writer kept it brief and gave us several smiles as well. You nailed it, tired mama.”

2nd Place — Tuscola (Illinois) Review, David Porter. “This piece is very easy to read. Excellent use of description without going into overkill mode. The author makes it very easy to grasp her point. The only thing that would have made this piece better would have been tighter editing to shorten it a bit. In today’s Soundbite Society, we have to think about how much time a reader is willing to invest in our writing.”

Honorable Mention — Tuscola (Illinois) Review, David Porter. “I have a feeling your readers look forward to this column. Solid writing, and yes, funny! An enjoyable read from start to finish.”

3rd Place — Cimarron County News, Hartington, Nebraska, Rob Dung. “Such a nice column! I think it would have had a higher placing in another division. It was heartfelt.”

Honorable Mention — Tuscola (Illinois) Review, Luna Hill. “This one gets a bonus point for the self-drawn cartoon.”
A fire truck from La Grange Volunteer Fire Department fights a section of the large grass fire that burned 40 acres in Freyburg Tuesday morning. Dec. 4. Firefighters from three departments battled the fire, which began when a bearing overheated in a hay baler.


Honorable Mention — Port Aransas (Texas) South-Jetty, Mary Henkel Judson. "An excellent job! Interesting and well put together."

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999

1st Place — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Tim Gallagher. "Tim Gallagher's column was moving in its writing and storytelling about a high-school wrestler whose season came to a premature end."

2nd Place — The Orland Park (Illinois) Prairie, Jeff Vornk. "Jeff gets breezy pieces here for a piece that gets extra power from its efficient language; writing a strong column in just 165 words is not easy to do, but he did it."

3rd Place — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, William Weathers. "Football dominates the sports conversation in William Weathers' home state of Louisiana, and his column reflects an ability to help shape those exchanges with well-argued, confident and stimulating writing."

Honorable Mention — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Rob DeAdair. "Rob's sports column commentary is surely a delight for his readers in a state with an especially keen interest in football."

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

1st Place — Cedar County News, Hartington, Nebraska, Bob Damp. "This is a very well written column. Very little separates first through third place in this category, if I could give a three-way tie for first, I would. The anecdotes on the former governor, the quotes, the reflective style of writing make this a warming account of time spend with his father."

2nd Place — Shelter Island (New York) Reporter, Ambrose Boner. "Great use of comments from the volleyball team to along like a family."

3rd Place — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Brad Bonor, Ryan Dorgan, Andy Edwards, Samantha Nock. "Year every after the Jackson Hole News & Guide produces an attractive publication with outstanding photos throughout."

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999

1st Place — The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York, Brian PJ Cronin. "What a great column! It's funny and informative — especially considering it's about a subject that few would even consider; Fantastic job!"

2nd Place — The Morgan Messenger, Berkley Springs, West Virginia, Wade Shamburg. "A superior personal remi- nick column that certainly rang true with many — not only hunters, Good job."

3rd Place — The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York, Brian PJ Cronin. "A solid column that's vivid and entertaining. Good job!"

Honorable Mention — The Key West (Florida) Citizen, J.W. Cooke. "A fine example of a personal column that's effective because so many can relate. A good job!"

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000

1st Place — Walla-Duranti (Iowa) Advocate News, Derek Sawell. "The columnist provides a nice, local perspective on an issue that received national attention."


EDITIONS - BEST HEADLINE WRITING

Daily & Non-daily Division

1st Place — The Sheldon (Iowa) Mail-Gazette, Ty Rushing, Jeff Grant. "Straightforward, clean headlines. The sports hed "Stranded runners haunt Sheldon in home defeat" in the July issue and "Fair offers fairly good eats" in the Sept. issue stand out. And, of course, "Trash talk on agenda for council city." Keep up the good work!"

2nd Place — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, WTE copy desk team. "Good front pages with attractive heds, especially for the movie reviews in both issues. I also liked the "Big impact" sports hed with subhed explaining small footing changes in Sept. issue."

3rd Place — The Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City, Utah. "Good news writing is thorough, compelling and detailed. The reporters involved clearly interviewed a variety of sources."

Honorable Mention — Iowa Falls (Iowa) Times-Citizen, Steve. "There's a solid variety of news in these pieces."

BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Daily & Non-daily Division

1st Place — The N’West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa, Staff. “It hard to compete with the quality photos and first-rate design of The N’West Iowa Review. Page after page, on every community, the quality is maintained."


3rd Place — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, "The Wyoming Tribune Eagle makes good use of attractive photos throughout its publication."

BEST EDITORIAL

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

1st Place — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Brian Martin. "The quote at beginning together with the headlines brought the piece together even before I read it. Solid information to back the stance."

2nd Place — The Orland Park (Illinois) Prairie, Bill Jones. "Creative take on the same also, same old give and vote stance. Liked it and think it may have been effective."

3rd Place — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Michael Goro. "This one may have won the hearts of your conservative area, but when it needs to be well, well said it. Solid backing of each point."

Honorable Mention — The Orland Park (Illinois) Prairie, Bill Jones. "Well written with several good points. Just think it could have been said in fewer words."

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999

1st Place — The N’West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa, Staff. "The editorial possesses everything a good editorial requires. The author does more than point out a problem, but also comments the entity for..."
I have a T-shirt that basically sums up my life at this moment: “To be honest I’m just winging it. Life, motherhood, my outfit, everything.”

Yes, that’s me. I’m just winging it. Let’s face it, Moms, we’re all just winging it.

Like most moms when a problem arises, illness strikes, temper tantrums hit, where do I go…to Google. Yes, in this day and age we moms take to the internet in search of hope, an answer, “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

As I told my friend, I’ve done sleep research. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

Yes, dear, there are the joyous moments. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

When the owies and boo-boos happen, where do I go…to Google. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

But I’m not the only one asleep on the floor under the internet in search of hope, an answer. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

Somehow, someone else has been through this. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

We aren’t losing our minds and that is the truth. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

I want my daddy." “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

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See, even the royals do it. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

We’ve also been hit with driving to San Angelo on a Sunday night with a sick little one in the backseat who has another ear infection. This will test your patience and your marriage. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

Thanks goodness for grandparents keeping the other one. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

Hang in there Mom. This too shall pass. At least that’s what I keep saying to myself as I hear my son recite every verse of “Wheels on the Bus” from his room as he tries to go to sleep. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

People ask me, as a mother of two 14 months apart, how do you do it? “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

First of all, yes I’m permanently tired. Don’t ask me if I’m tired. Don’t ask any mother if they are tired all the time. Yes we are. It’s part of the job. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

Second, when it comes to all those internet websites we all like to read. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

I firmly believe the majority of these so-called “exporters” have never had children. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

You tell my daughter she has to have her sippy cup instead of her bottle as she is sitting on the kitchen floor screaming her head off. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

I’ll let you come to my house when my son decides to throw a fit in the middle of my bedroom floor because I told him no. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

I don’t even remember why I told him no, but with a two-year-old you never know what to expect. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

Yes, there are the joyous moments and we treasure those every day. We enjoy the funny sayings, the giggles, the tickles and the laughs. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

When the owies and boo-boos happen, when they are scared, happy or just need a hug, here they come running to mom. That’s what we are there for, no matter how old they are. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

So, how do I do it? I’m just winging it. Life, motherhood, my outfit, everything. “This is a great editorial. It’s well researched.”

Melissa Pernier is an editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman, and mother of Christian, 2, and Elizabeth, 1.
ALL newspapers would get NIE activities even close to this level. Congratulations to all who make it happen.

2nd Place — The St. Louis (Missouri) American, Cathy Swick. “You folks are doing a FANTASTIC job. This almost was the first-place winner, but the first-place winner also was fantastic. Good job. Keep up the good work.”

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Daily & Non-daily Division

1st Place — Tampa Bay Times, St. Petersburg, Florida, Jodi Puschnik, Stacy Rector: “An interesting tale on something that initially seems sort of dull. This tackles the ‘why it’s so important’ and breaks it down for readers. I likely wouldn’t read it all at once, but would come back to it a few times.”

2nd Place — Tampa Bay Times, St. Petersburg, Florida, Jodi Puschnik, Linda Schilling: “Summer Reading program. A great way to get kids into libraries and involved in the community. This is well designed, clean and easy to follow.”

3rd Place — Tampa Bay Times, St. Petersburg, Florida, Sue Bedky, Jodi Puschnik, Stacy Rector: “Valuable information, but several of the points are duplicated throughout.”

BEST OBITUARY TRIBUTE

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Daily & Non-daily Division

1st Place — The Alton Post (Illinois) Daily & Non-daily Division, Melissa Holas-Spencer: “This is a wonderful, best-in-class obit: the story of a fascinating and well-appreciated — but not famous — 98-year-old whose lifelong local history as a farmer is told in a way that compellingly illustrates the person and what he cared about even as it documents his intersections with a number of powerful social issues. From entrepreneurship to domestic abuse to depression to sustainable agriculture. Also, the thoughtful pre-need reporting illustrates the value of interviewing remarkable seniors in the community and documenting their lives while they’re still among us.”

2nd Place — Jackson (Mississippi) Home News, Mark Huffman: “A beautifully written obit that begins with the poignant interviewing remarkable seniors in the community and documenting their lives while they’re still among us.”

3rd Place — The Orland Park (Illinois) Prairie, Meredith Dobes: “A comprehensive life story documenting an all-American life through historic WWII service, the struggles of segregation, and family & community life as a solid rock for his children and neighbors. The family’s respect and admiration for their patriarch’s lifelong drive for excellence shines through the efficiently told chronological narrative. An honestly inspirational obituary on the simple merit of the facts as reported.”

Honorable Mention — The Key West (Florida) Citizen, Mandy Miles: “The tribute to “Mr. Key West” is well reported, interesting, and newsworthy. The reporter closed down a number of sources as well as taking advantage of recent developments in documenting Vonnegut’s historical significance. Illustrates how the subject’s character reflected the character of his home.”

BEST BREAKING NEWS PHOTO

Daily and Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more Division (combined)

1st Place — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Tim Hynds: “What a photo! I can’t say I’ve ever seen the aftermath of an elevator explosion up close. Great job on the photographer being in the right place at the right time, with the smoke still billowing from the building.”

2nd Place — Brentwood (California) Press, Tony Kukulich: “Good photo of an unfortunate situation. It has everything a good fire photo should have: Black, charred areas, heavy smoke and flames. The green vegetation among the charred areas makes for an interesting photo.”

3rd Place — Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News, Scott A. Drake: “Good mix of protesters, buildings and flags. The viewer gets an idea of how many were present.”

Honorable Mention — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, John Dupont. “Good photo”

Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-3,399

1st Place — Fayette County Record, Lu Grange, Texas, Andy Behlen. “The photographer did an excellent job of capturing this fire and those who fight them. I love that the firefighter is in action instead of just a truck driving near the fire. I like that this photo appears to be taken from higher ground compared to the same level, because you can see the lines where the fire meets the field. And the smoke billowing around the firefighters ties everything together. Fantastic job!”

2nd Place — Myrtle Beach (South Carolina) Herald, Janet Morgan. “This photo is both heartbreaking and incredible. A great shot of what happens when flooding occurs. What makes this photo a great shot, other than the flooding and the piles of home items being stacked on top of the house, are the people. I love that it’s not just a person’s home items piled on their roof, but shows the people trying to save what they can from their home. Amazing job at capturing this moment!”

3rd Place — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Morgan Timms. “This photo is the definition of the phrase, “a photo is worth a thousand words.” The photographer did a fantastic job capturing a terrible incident. I love the s-line the people create. Sometimes photos of people simply being in any kind of line can be boring, but this photo is anything but. The people and where they’re standing draws the eyes in and makes you want to know what happened. Nice job!”

Honorable Mention — Vlas County News-Review, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Doug Ehren. “I like how the firefighters are not just standing around, and how even the police officer in the background is doing something. This is a great shot of the accident and clearly shows how bad it was. I like the pop of color from the fireman’s vest and the fire truck adds another reason why reader’s eyes would go to this photo quickly. Great job!”

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

1st Place — Port Aransas (Texas) South Jetty, Zach Perkins. “It’s not every day that you see an image like this in a newspaper. Unique and unusual, it commands a great deal of reader interest.”

2nd Place — Lamesa (Texas) Press-Reporter, Russell Skiles. “We’ve seen many photographs of animals rescued from fires, but this one is certainly among the better ones. The image of the obviously terrified dog is a tear-jerker. The photographer did a great job of capturing the emotion of the animal. The firefighters in the background add another dimension. Nicely composed and well executed.”

3rd Place — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Scott Campbell. “Nicely done spot news photo. The photographer was really on top of the coverage with excellent timing. Readers really felt like they were on the scene.”

Honorable Mention — Port Aransas (Texas) South Jetty, Zach Perkins. “Photographer Zach Perkins made a great image that captured the intensity of this arrest.”

BEST FEATURE PHOTO

Daily Division

1st Place — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Jacob Byk. “This photo captures the innocence of young friends with a breathtaking background. Nicely framed.”

2nd Place — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Blaine McCarty. “All photos were really good for various reasons, but with so much said these days about singing the national anthem, this one was positive with this young boy giving it everything he had to sing this song.”

3rd Place — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Justin Wan. “Loved the expression on this kid’s face!”

Honorable Mention — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakota, Randy Dondertman. “A different type of photo for soldiers packing up to leave. Appreciate the creativity!”

Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

1st Place — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Morgan Prewitt. “This photo rose out against the night sky and the blur of the ride was dazzling. This judge only had to take a quick look before he knew it had separated itself from the rest. A brilliant photo.”

2nd Place — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs,
Louisiana, Morgan Prewitt. “This picture was lovely and definitely a treat as a feature photo. The expression on the boy’s face is priceless and shows the best qualities of photojournalism.”

3rd Place — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Morgan Prewitt. “The look on the girls face is priceless as she looks at her goat and its priceless as her goat looks at her.”

Honorable Mention — Brentwood (California) Press, Tony Kukulich. “A compelling photo and a lucky find. It’s not everyday you find a flock of bald eagles up in a tree.”

Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999

1st Place — The Highlands Current, Cold Springs, New York, Michael Tartor. “This is an incredible photo! It’s also not something many would see and want to capture through the lens. Only being able to see the top of the tug and barge, mixed in with the large amount of fog, easily draws a reader’s eye to the page. The pop of red and blue also adds to this photo. Fantastic shot!”

2nd Place — The Fountain Hills (Arizona) Times, Barb Churczak. “Wow! The color popping off this photo is amazing! Not to mention the facial bruises and scrapes certainly define the action implied. Good composition.”


BEST PHOTO ESSAY

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more

1st Place — Wiggins, Mississippi, The Stone County Enterprise. “The expressions on the faces of the riders and the dirt flying in the air.”

2nd Place — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Rick Roman; Photographers: Nancy Holliday & Jim Picker. “All of the pictures add value to the essay, especially the picture of the dad tossing his daughter into the air.”

Honor Mention — The Ark, Tiburon, California, Elliot Karlan. “Well photographed and well edited essay with solid captions. This photographer did a good job of taking newspaper viewers to places the audience at the event couldn’t go. The front page lead photo from atop a parade float and the second page lead photo from behind the band, looking from backstage to see both the audience and the band, are both good examples of finding a different point of view. The secondary photos all added value to the essay, especially the picture of the dad tossing his daughter into the air.”

2nd Place — The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota, Brad Higbyard. “Nice moments and good captions show viewers what happened and why it was important to people celebrating the Memorial Day weekend. Each picture is good enough to stand on its own, edited together they provide a solid view of the events.”

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Honorable Mention — Nogales (Arizona) International, Jonathan Clark. “Lots of strong images in this essay, but they are few in a sea of more average pictures. The lead photo is the fourth strongest picture. It’s very descriptive, but lacks the emotion and impact of the tighter photos of people grieving. Great idea to make a panoramic image, it really shows the scale of the crowd.”

Honor Mention — Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Marcus Larson. “It’s interesting to see the reflection of the artwork in the side of the car.”

Blair receiver Quincy Nichols tries to come up with a one-handed catch Thursday during the Athletes’ Training Center 7v7 Gridiron Classic at Bellevue East.
**First Place, Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999**
The Southampton (New York) Press-Eastern Edition

Blaire McCartney. “Photo of the horse running back and appearing, even, to look at the reader excellently illustrates the point of the story.”

2nd Place — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Jacob Byl. “Photographer caught excellent detail and drama of the event and the contrast between man and animal.”

3rd Place — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Justin Wan. “Beautiful moment captured with precision.”

**First Place, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more**
The St. Louis American

Blaine McCartney. “Photo of the horse rearing back and appearing, even, to look at the reader excellently illustrates the point of the story.”

2nd Place — Washington (Missouri) Missourian, Bill Battle. “A lot of good images in this category but this image jumped out from the rest. This is a great photo — well composed, technically strong, peak action, well cropped and played on the page. It captured all the emotion of winning the big game and you could see almost every player’s face. Great job!”

3rd Place — Washington (Missouri) Missourian, Arron Kavanagh. “Nice change of pace in sports photography. I love the angle of the bowler and the movement caught in the bowling ball. Excellent shot!”

**Honorable Mention** — Brentwood (California) Press, Brentwood, CA, Tony Kukulich. “Really beautiful shot, great light and composition. All the bright colors helped. But it is also great timing and high quality technically.”

**First Place, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999**

1st Place — Benavidez (Texas) Bee-Picayune, Kevin J. Keller. “Classic game action photo. The right light, focus and framing. It’s all about the Bregoni’s. And Kevin J. Keller goes up and collects a First Place Award!”

2nd Place — The Fountain Hills (Arizona) Times, Bob Burns. “Tight crop, mid-air action, and in focus. Color reproduction is sharp. Those of us who know Rods understand it’s not as easy to photograph as it may seem. Nice work, Bob Burns!”

3rd Place — Blair (Nebraska) Pilot-Tribune, Grant Eggert. “A great photo! In focus, well framed and played LARGE on the page, as it should be. Great job, Grant Eggert!”

**Honorable Mention** — The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, NY, Lisa Kellner. “What an excellent book review! It contains the proper amount of detailed coverage while teasing juicier parts. This is well done!”

**First Place, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000**

1st Place — The Wickenburg (Arizona) Sun, Janie Hannins, Publisher. “Wow! Incredible shot of not only the action taking place but the emotion on the rider’s face. Fantastic job in capturing this moment!”

2nd Place — The Chronicle, Medicine Park, Oklahoma, Steve Booker. “Great job in capturing this moment! It’s nice to see a different view of a basketball game in a photo. Great emotion, action, and all-around cropping of the photo.”

3rd Place — Cut Bank (Montana) Pioneer Press, Brian Kazunagh. “A nice change of pace in sports photography. I love the angle of the bowler and the movement caught in the bowling ball. Nice shot!”

**Honorable Mention** — The Ozona (Texas) Stockman, Melissa Perner. “It’s difficult to shoot in the rain but this photographer did great at capturing this moment!”

Emergency workers respond to the scene of a grain elevator explosion and fire near the intersection of 4th Avenue and West 24th Street in South Sioux City on Tuesday.
and red-white-and-blue bunting throughout. Readers can’t help but pause, read, and then enter the eight-page LIVING section of the Livingston Parish News. Once inside, readers find wedding/engagement announcement updates; organization activities; lively, staff-written articles about local people, gardening, and events; a Games Up page, a crossword puzzle, a church directory page, and an Arts & Entertainment page. Each page neatly packages community information, colorful action shots, and unobtrusive touches of color."

2nd Place — Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan, Enterprise Staff. “The long-haired, green-eyed, tasseled-air pockets kind of guy, the community control officer, and more. Another edition offers in-depth profiles of communities, those who target women and minorities, an internship program in the city, a construction industry apprenticeship program in St. Louis, a construction industry apprenticeship program in St. Louis, as well as more public collections-themed edition, for example, feature a “super inventor” the new edition. Inside, readers find articles and photos about herding dogs, guinea hens and peacocks, pets without borders (local and global), pet portrait artists, pet healthcare, the local animal control officer, and more. Another edition offers in-depth profiles in words and images, of every person in the community, “The Biologist,” “The Mechanic,” “The Soul Sister” those who, for the most part, are seldom in the spotlight but whose untold stories and everyday actions impact our world in myriad ways. Both editions feature creative and lively takes on the ordinary.”

3rd Place — Sioux City Journal, Sioux City Journal staff. “Each 40+-page edition of Siouxland Life includes, at the beginning, a profile of a recently remodeled home and, at the end, an article or two on healthy living and a reflective column. In between, a plethora of articles and images focuses on the theme of the edition. The collections-themed edition, for example, features private collectors (Star Wars characters, comics, all things pig, and more) as well as public collections (the library’s special collections, the city’s archives, an old theatre) and information about how to preserve items from the past. The summer-themed edition covers everything from wedding venues to science summer camps to the author of a book on drones. The eye-catching images draw the reader in, but it is the personable voice in the writing that keeps the reader turning the pages.”

HONORABLE MENTION — Best Sports Photos, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

1st Place — Mabry Peimer | The Ozona (Texas) Stockman

Aiden Fuentes (#5) grabs hold of an Iraan Brave as Zachary Talamantez (#24) assists during Friday’s rainy game at Lion Stadium. Also pictured is Abraham Rodriguez (#2). Ozona lost 35-15.
Several functional adults have asked what possessed me Friday night to encase my head in a furry green couch cushion that blocked 75 percent of the oxygen supply to my brain. The simple answer: it’s Christmas time, and one is not supposed to think quite straight, but rather be overcome by the jocularity of the moment.

As one of many participants in the McMinnville Downtown Association’s Santa Parade, I dressed as a combination of the Grinch and an old-school newspaperman. I know what you’re thinking, and, yes, there is a difference.

No child wants to brave the cold and drizzle of a Friday night in November to attend Santa’s Parade in downtown McMinnville only for the chance to exclaim, “Look, Mommy! It’s a middle-aged man in a trench coat and fedora!”

This is one of many reasons why there is not a middle-aged newspaperman balloon in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade — although goodness knows I have been mistaken for one. It was a lovely parade, I must say. I truly hope all who attended enjoyed it and were not close enough to the News-Register’s entry to hear me gasping and muttering “Air! Air!” inside that green couch cushion. Seriously, mask makers, install some proper air holes.

The real problem was that I threw out my right arm with all my hammy gestures. It had gone out earlier in the week and was healing until Friday’s bit of performance art ripped it right out of its socket.

I think it fell out around Evans Street in case you happen to run across it. Not complaining, mind you. I am a parade veteran. I was a giant eyeball in McMinnville’s UFO Parade and an even more giant rolled-up newspaper in Dallas’ Summerfest Parade.

I have also played Santa Claus countless times over the 40 years (thanks to that Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade physique of mine). The show must go on. I am always pleased to help it do so.

That’s because being a functional adult is only a hobby with me this time of year. No matter how I am dressed, I am a giant Christmas ham.
HONORABLE MENTION — The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas, Jennifer Johnson, “SHOCKING story about a murder—captured on video.”

BEST BREAKING NEWS STORY
Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999
1st Place — Mount Desert Islander, Bar Harbor, Maine, Liz Graves. “This is easily the best I’ve read so far. It is a detailed, suspenseful account of a dangerous rescue.”
2nd Place — Riverhead News-Review, Mattyck, New York, Joe Wieckins, Tim Gannon. “This is a well written profile of a young man who died fighting for his country.”
3rd Place — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Scott Campbell. “This is a detailed, well written account of the tragic death of a high school student. The reporter interviewed multiple sources, including friends of the deceased, and focused on the student’s life, rather than his death.”
Honorable Mention — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Scott Campbell and Mark Raddi. “This isn’t exactly breaking news, but it’s one of the better written articles that I’ve seen.”

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999
1st Place — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News-Guide, Talm Hallberg, Emily Meurer. “Two well-written series on major fires appeared in this category. One was won out due to the quality of the writing and the different angles covered, including the perspectives of homeowners, the explanations of firefighting teams, weather factors and more. Nicely done.”
2nd Place — Malia (California) Surlsce News, Lauren Couglin, Joe Coughlin, Bill Jones, Barbara Burke. “Another of two series on major fires entered in this category. This was well written, timely and obviously of great community importance, and fit the category due to the continual updates needed to keep the public informed. Well written and engaging work.”
3rd Place — Lenawee Enterprise, Lake Lenawee, Michigan, Eric Carlson. “What I liked about this story was the quality of the writing, particularly the opener. It grabbed attention by including engaging details that kept the reader interested.”
Honorable Mention — The Taco (New Mexico) News, John Miller. “Quality writing and good use of graphics to help the reader visualize the situation. Use of quotes from those involved helped bring the reader into the story.”

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000
1st Place — Negocios (Arizona) International, Jonathan Clark, Ariel Zoltsa. “Well-done reporting and writing (and photography) by the managing editor Jonathan Clark on this horrible occurrence. Clear got to see of the multiple scenes quickly, and had a couple of days to put facts together. His and reporter Ariel Zoltsa made the most of their time by tracking down and interviewing eye-witnesses, gathering addition photos and information, and trying to put together a clear timeline on a complex series of events that involved multiple agencies. Excellent job.”
2nd Place — The Daily Universe, Provo, Utah, John Deaton, Michael Jacobson. “Small staff deserves congratulations for its fine coverage of a heinous crime. The reporter could tell the editor was weighing the merits of publishing some details of the crime, but put in enough to explain what happened. The editor’s column was a nice addition to the coverage.”
3rd Place — Carson Daily Chronicle, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Virgil Naik, Edison Nadeau, Charles D. Perry. “Nice job covering an apartment complex fire. The small staff pooled its resources to track down some good stories in the time between the fire and the publication.”

BEST BUSINESS FEATURE STORY
Daily Division
1st Place — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. “First-rate explanation of the process for getting a failed ballot measure another try.”
2nd Place — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Mason Dockter. “Good explanatory piece — now I know how eyewarden is made!”
3rd Place — The Key West (Florida) Citizen, Navye Miles. “Good story about a local company finding a niche.”
Honorable Mention — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. “I need to try some chislic.”

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more
1st Place — The Daily Universe, Provo, Utah, Katie Maltese. “Thoroughly researched, smartly written, and accompanied by compelling photos and charts, this business feature package is clearly the best.”
2nd Place — New Times, San Luis Obispo, California, Peter Johnson. “Extremely well-researched article about a subject most of us take for granted: the fast internet download speeds. But this story shows the difficulties that rural residents have in trying to get online. Thorough. Well written. Good graphics.”
3rd Place — Northside Sun, Jackson, Mississippi, Nikki Roli.

Honorable Mention — Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Tom Henderson. “Journalism 101 instructs that he purpose of a newspaper is to ‘educate, entertain, and inform.’ A wise professor tells students that the purpose of a newspaper is to ‘make money’. This story gets to the heart of the local paper.”

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000
1st Place — Moonshine Ink, Truckee, California, Alexandra Spychalsky. “A good business feature will also tell why the business exists and how it interacts with society — while provoking readers’ reactions. The story also didn’t have to be lengthy, saturated with numbers or read like a press release. The author nailed the right combination of ingredients for this story.”
2nd Place — Uinta County Herald, Evanston, Wyoming, Bryan Shulte. “Author deftly shows the human side of business — in this case, the local pharmacy where staff go out of their way to help ease the pain and worries of customers who are also their friends and neighbors. Well done!”
3rd Place — Cut Bank (Montana) Ponder News, Linda Bruch. “Again, another excellent story that shows the connection — often long-term — of businesses and communities. I would have, however, started with a stronger lead, e.g. putting that explosion first and then pick up on the family histories. But the structural flaw doesn’t keep you from cheering on the subjects. Like I like to tell my interns, the story’s good AND now we’ll make it better. Hopefully, the suggestion is considered going-forward. Still, nice job!”
Honorable Mention — News Letter Journal, Newcastle, Wyoming, Akioi Barber. “Again, another interesting story but one that would have better benefited with a stronger lead, in this case, how they almost lost the factory to miles.”

Daily Division
1st Place — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Mason Dockter. “Good story explaining a troubleshooting situation.”
2nd Place — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. “Very good story — lots of sources and a good mix of material.”
Honorable Mention — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. “Important story for a lot of people.”

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more
1st Place — Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum, Idaho, Mark Det. “This is simply a great story. It’s the only one of the business stories that made me smile and gave me a bit of a chuckle, as well as describing how the business has not only survived but thrived for 40 years, nicely done.”
2nd Place — Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon, David Bates. “Appreciated this in-depth look at an increasingly common dilemma. Well researched and well written, engaging business story.”
3rd Place — The Sun, Santa Maria, California, Joe Payne, Rebecca Ross, Spencer Cole, Kawayn Bubnoss. “This was really well done, looking at development issues from multiple perspectives and angles, digging into the various sides of an ongoing debate in communities across America. Well-written local story with broader implications.”
Honorable Mention — New Times, San Luis Obispo, California, Camila Lamm. “There were multiple entries that took an in-depth look at growth and development struggles. This one not only looked at housing development, but also politics and local

FIRST PLACE, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000
By Zach Perkins | Port Aransas (Texas) South Jetty

Attracting attention — A 12-foot alligator was captured in a water-filled ditch near the Dollar General Store on State Highway 361 on Monday, Oct. 1. Above: Bystanders help Texas Parks and Wildlife Department employees hold the gator down while the beast’s jaws are tied shut. From left are Jose Hernandez, Jeremiah Rodriguez and Diego Aracon, all of the parks and wildlife department; and good Samaritans Mirko Lativich of Port Aransas, Kyle Jenkins of Houston and Artem Artemevich of Corpus Christi.

SECOND PLACE, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 0-9,999
By Marcus Larson | The Times (New Mexico) News

Rescuers form lines to probe for people buried in an avalanche at the bottom of Kachina Peak on Thursday (Jan. 17). Volunteers and Taos Ski Valley employees continued the search until just after 2 p.m.

THIRD PLACE, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999
By Morgan Times | The Taos (New Mexico) News

Bryce VanDyke tries to get his frog Garfield, the most stubborn amphibian at the Yamhill Derby Days frog jumping contest, to jump from the start circle.
control issues, in a nuanced way, exploring the middle angles people may not be aware of. Nice work.

Non-Daily Division, circ. less than 6,000

1st Place — Cut Bank (Montana) Pioneer Press, LaVonne Kounsung. “Wonderful. Good writing, good leads, good enter- prise putting this story together: Good work putting some human faces and stories on an economic and business story. The story was put together in a logical, easy-to-follow, dynamic way and all the answers one might have about the logistics and challeng- es were addressed. I really appreciate the time and thought that was clearly put into this story. Great work.”

2nd Place — The Ark, Tulare, California, Derrin McCro- han. “Excellent stories on a very important community issues. I feel like I know more of the represented side of the story from the planning meetings and feel the excitement and buzz of the community. On that note, the second story seemed overall unnecessary. Not much was added to the original story other than quotes from people who, from a professional standpoint, are mostly unqualified experts. It was fun, but not necessary. Your leads are engaging and your writing style is clean and easy to read. Overall, good work.”

3rd Place — Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin, Stephen Dow. "Good use of quotes/subject in a very local story. It’s evident that the commissioner really wants the hospital. Great job putting the event in context of the overall issue and providing numbers and facts from the sources to explain the need. Overall, good writing, easy to follow, easy to read. Great work.”

Honorable Mention — Hutchinson (Minnesota) Leader, Kay Johnson. “Excellent writing. Good lead. Easy to follow and enjoy- able to read. Perhaps the article needs to be trimmed, starts to lag in the middle with the SBCDC services — also, starts to read like an advertisement to some degree. But overall, good work.”

BEST EDUCATION/LITERACY STORY Daily Division

1st Place — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Kristine Gallaway. “Good in-depth coverage of state education. Well-documented and good quotes.”

2nd Place — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Brian Hayworth. “Nice job of Explaining opportunities for career help. Well explained.”

3rd Place — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randi Dockendorf. “Good job of localizing a national story. Good focus on children’s safety.”

Honorable Mention — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randi Dockendorf. “Good explanation of a popular human-animal-interest story.”

Non-Daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more

1st Place — Preston Hollow People, Dallas, Texas, Rian Motes. “Absolutely wonderful. Engaging and delightful!”

2nd Place — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Mark Gervais. “Another fantastic article as well as a heartwarming story.”

3rd Place — The Northbrook (Illinois) Towar, Martin Carline. “While I didn’t agree with the subject matter, it was well written in a very deliberate and unbiased way. I could connect with the passion and desire of the students to do what they felt was right.”


BEST EDUCATION/LITERACY STORY Non-Daily Division, circ. less than 6,000

1st Place — Huron (Iowa) News-Advetiser, Bob Bijan. “Outstanding piece of investigative journalism. Kudos for tackling what undoubtedly was a tough topic.”

2nd Place — The Ark, Tulare, California, Emily Lavin. “Excellent combination of fact and storytelling. Important les- sons learned by students. Well-written and thorough.”

3rd Place — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Mark Ridolfi. “Absolutely love this idea. I may implement it myself. Well written and a good look at behind the scenes at school.”

Honorable Mention — Mount Desert Islander, Bar Harbor, Maine, Dick Brown. “Good article focusing on a common prob- lem: brain drain.”

BEST ENVIRONMENTAL STORY Daily & Non-Daily Division, circ. 5,000 or more

1st Place — The San, Santa Maria, California, Camilla Lamian. “Ran out of good things to say. These entries were head and shoulders above everything else. Very well done!”

2nd Place — New Times, San Luis Obispo, California, Camilla Lamian. “Like her other entry, editor Camilla Lamian is a pleasure to read. The work put into these two stories was in-depth and solid. Far beyond meeting coverage. Her read- ing is spot-on and are clearly treated well with the quality of her writing and reporting.”

3rd Place — New Times, San Luis Obispo, California, Camilla Lamian. “Best so far. Great reporting and getting all the information. Textbook on doing the research and just settling for quick answers. Writing was a pleasure to read.”

Daily & Non-Daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

1st Place — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Mike Koshmrl. “I really like the informative, but conversational style of writing in this piece. It’s not so, as I’m in just reporting the facts here.” The writer was thorough and did the details and turned it into an interesting read.”

2nd Place — The Southampton (New York) Press-Eastern Edition, Amanda Berencone. “Great! I feel I made me want to know what the news was that everyone knew. I like the way the writer put human faces on what could be just a tedious, fact-filled, textbook subject.”

3rd Place — The Ark, Tulare, California, Gretchen Lang. “Very interesting and a clear, concise writing style. Writer introduces the reader to a person involved in the project that, as a reader; I felt like I was right there with her. Easy to read on a topic that’s not common knowledge.”

Honorable Mention — Mount Desert Islander, Bar Har- bor, Maine, Dwayne Brown. “Nice read on a topic involving the importance of Native traditions and the challenges of trying to maintain a cultural heritage.”

Daily & Non-Daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more

1st Place — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Nick Hytcky. “This was a great series with several different angles — from the veterans and Navy stories, to the commanding officer and the technology of the ship, all the way up to the commissioning. No stone was left unturned Great series, great photos, Good job informing the public.”

2nd Place — Cody (Wyoming) Enterprise, Lew Freedman. “The first-hand hear encounter accounts were interesting. The series was informative and presented both of the side’s debate, but didn’t lean one way or the other.”

3rd Place — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randi Dockendorf. “Great writing style and pace. Some tough topics were covered here and done well. Strong are easy to follow and engaging.”

Honorable Mention — Mont Desert Islander, Bar Har- bor, Maine. “Great piece putting this story together. Good work putting some human-interest into it.”

BEST FEATURE SERIES Daily & Non-Daily Division, less than 6,000

1st Place — Dalton (Ohio) Gazette & The Kidron News, Sarah Johnson. “I like how the writer follows the stories of these girls being bullied and how they find their place, makes friends and over- come the trauma of being bullied through Ju-Jitsu. I think any person who’s been bullied or any parent of a child who’s been bullied at school would be interested in reading this extremely interesting and informative story.”

2nd Place — The San, Santa Maria, California, Rebecca Ross. “ Inspiring story about how the love of art can help those stricken with disease to still enjoy life and not necessarily accept a physician’s diagnosis and treatment.”

3rd Place — New Times, San Luis Obispo, California, Peter Johnson. “I like how the writer explains the viewpoints of each candidate on different issues, so it helps the voter decide which candidate best reflects what they want.”


Non-Daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999

1st Place — Uinta County Herald, Evanston, Wyoming, Sheila McGinn. “Couldn’t stop reading this one. The reality of an unreal set of circumstances presented in a manner sure to nab reader interest. No more human interest or information on many other stories, but writer weaves together in a clever manner the details and spices the story with great quotes. A compelling read.”

2nd Place — Carolinas Forest Chronicle, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Charlie D. Perry. “An emotional account of an emotional event. A mother’s journal becomes truly special when her children discover it after her murder in a bank robbery. Writer provides readers an interesting picture of the fam- ily’s response to reading the journal and its effect on their lives. A sure popular to readers.”

3rd Place — The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota, Brad Nygaard. “Interesting and informational story. Not necessary to be a dog lover to be drawn into this story. Writer has easy- to-read style and weaves in a variety of information about the dog and use of the therapy dog. Just a doggie interest- ing story.”

Honorable Mention — Archbold (Ohio) Buckeye, Mary Carnic, “Karen Carnic’s story perfectly captured the community’s embrace of leukemia patient Paige Babbie. Fine piece of storytelling.”

Non-Daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more

1st Place — The San, Santa Maria, California, Kacey Bob- bock. “I like how the writer follows the stories of these girls being bullied and how they find their place, makes friends and over- come the trauma of being bullied through Ju-Jitsu. I think any person who’s been bullied or any parent of a child who’s been bullied at school would be interested in reading this extremely interesting and informative story.”

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From left, Dakota Wesleyan’s Riley Guthaus and Chesney Nagel celebrate their win against Concordia at the 2018 NAIA Division II Women’s Basketball Championship on Tuesday at the Tyson Events Center.

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SECOND PLACE, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000
By Steve Booker | The Chronicles, Medicine Park, Oklahoma

NOT IN OUR HOUSE! Elgin’s Yannik Gruenwald rises high above the crowd and blocks the Anadarko shot attempt in Friday night’s win.

THIRD PLACE, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000
By Brian Kavanagh | Cut Bank (Montana) Pioneer Press

Talented bowler Jeremy Gallagher credits his skill at the sport to the incredible support of J.W. and Lynn Eaton of Glacier Lanes and that of his family as well.

SECOND PLACE, Best Sports Photo, Daily Division
By Jacob Byk | Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Josh Clark of Warner, Okla., brings down his steer in the steer wrestling event during the eighth performance of the 122nd annual Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo on Saturday at Frontier Park Arena.

SECOND PLACE, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-4,999
By Bob Burns | Fountain Hills (Arizona) Times

A cowboy prepares to wrestle a steer to the ground during the Orme Dam Victory Days Pow Wow and Rodeo at Fort McDowell this past weekend.
FIRST PLACE, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more
By Bill Battle | Washington (Missouri) Missourian
Hermann players rush the floor after beating Arcadia Valley Saturday in Cape Girardeau for the school’s 13th state volleyball championship. Hermann won in three games over Arcadia Valley to claim the MSHSAA Class 2 state title, 25-21, 21-25, 25-17.

SECOND PLACE, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more
By Arron Hustead | Washington (Missouri) Missourian
Breaking Into the Win Column — Washington running back Cole Nahlik fights his way into the end zone for a rushing touchdown in the first quarter Friday against Pacific defenders Jacob Batchelor (right) and Jackson Roloff (left). Nahlik ran for 42 yards on eight carries as Washington ended a 12-game losing streak with a 35-0 shutout victory.

HONORABLE MENTION, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more
By Tony Kukulich | Brentwood (California) Press
SP HHS v DLSHS semifinal baseball (web) 5-29-2018 -d: Senior Aidan Quinn makes a leaping catch against the right field fence during the Heritage Patriots’ 10-0 loss to De La Salle in the semifinal round of the North Coast Section Division 1 Championships in Concord, Calif., on Tuesday, May 28, 2018.

FIRST PLACE, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000
By Jeanie Hankins | The Wickenburg (Arizona) Sun
Shane Morin, of San Tan Valley is known for being a happy guy behind the chutes, and by the looks of the smile on his face, he also loves a good bareback riding challenge as he struggles to stay on Brown Bomber, a three-time New Mexico Rodeo Association Bareback Bronc of the Year. Brown Bomber won this round on Saturday during the Gold Rush Days rodeo.
FIRST PLACE, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-4,999
By Ross Corsair | The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York

The Fishkill-Philipstown Little League team for players ages 11 and younger defeated LaGrange, 4-2, on July 7 to win the championship of District 17, which includes Dutchess and western Putnam counties. In the double-elimination sectorals, the team, which adopted the nickname “Fishtown,” lost its first game to Tri-Village (Delmar), 6-1. But it won its next two, traveling to Shokan to defeat Mountain Valley (Woodstock), 15-0, on July 12, and defeating Saugerties, 12-3, the next day at North Highlands field in Philipstown. The run ended on July 14 with a 13-2 loss at home to Twin Town (Troy).

HONORABLE MENTION, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-4,999
By Kevin J. Keller | Beeville (Texas) Bee-Picayune

A horse rears back and falls on its back at the start of the wild horse race Monday during the third performance of the 122nd annual Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo at Frontier Park Arena. Even though the horse was carted off, CFD officials said the horse was just stunned and recovered fully.

THIRD PLACE, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999
By Morgan Timms | The Taos (New Mexico) News

Wyatt Terrazas is flung off Lil Bill as he competes in the Junior Bull Riding event Sunday (June 24) during the 2018 Rodeo de Taos at Taos County Sheriff’s Posse Arena.

HONORABLE MENTION, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more
By Bill Battle | Washington (Missouri) Missourian

Flying to the Title — Casie Cullinane of the Pacific track team flies over the bar during the pole vault Tuesday at the Don Oszowki Invitational at Union High School. Cullinane cleared 9-6 to win the event title.
Karlee Shumway, 7, of Cheyenne while picking flowers on a hill overlooking the Class 4A state soccer championships Friday in Jackson.

Seth Rosebrook of the Port Aransas Police Department instructs a woman to put her hands in the air while he grips his gun on Friday, Dec. 7. Rosebrook believed the woman possibly was reaching for a weapon. It turned out she wasn’t carrying a weapon, but she allegedly did have two small packets and one capsule of methamphetamine and a small amount of marijuana. After her arrest, she led police to her RV, parked in the 400 block of Avenue C, where police confiscated more meth, heroin, THC oil and marijuana.

HONORABLE MENTION, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

By Zach Perkins | Port Aransas (Texas) South Jetty

Louisiana Congressman Garret Graves, R-Baton Rouge, on behalf of President Donald Trump, presents a wall frame “Prayer for Miracles” to Nick Tullier, who continues to undergo treatment after he was shot along with five other officers in July 2016.

HONORABLE MENTION, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

By John Dupont | Livingston (Louisiana) Parish News

On top of the world — Sierra Brenchley, 5, left, of Cheyenne holds hands with her friend Karlee Shumway, 7, of Cheyenne while picking flowers on a hill overlooking the Class 4A state soccer championships Friday in Jackson.

HONORABLE MENTION, Best Feature Photo, Daily Division

By Jacob Byk | Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Jennifer Varvel. “This is an exceptionally well-written, well-sourced story told with depth and sensitivity.”

1st Place — Oakland (Illinois) Independent, Janice Hunt. “A compelling story, well-told, about a good soldier, his family and his struggles.”

2nd Place — Granby (Colorado) Daily, Jessica Lee Wilson. “A really nice balance of objectivity, explaining what this unusual phenomenon means to both the faithful and to those disinclined to explain it religiously.”

3rd Place — The Texas Star ( NCAA Division II), Tyler, Texas, Stephen Cook. “A fascinating little piece of history, and a good explanation of the reasons to believe that this parking lot in Hyattsville might have historical significance.”

Honorable Mention — Malibu (California) Surfside News, Lauren Coughlin. “A lovely and respectful tribute, while the hours behind the case make the story both a tragedy and a mystery.”

Honorable Mention — The Lancaster (South Carolina) News, Kayla Vaughn. “Interesting profile!”

First Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999

By Michael Turton | The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York

Hudson Haze — A tug and barge navigate the river on Friday, Jan. 12, while partially shrouded in fog.

2nd Place — The Daily Universe, Provo, Utah, Jenna Crowther. “Incredibly well written. Took a complex subject and humanized it by letting the sources tell the story. Backed it up with expert opinions and credible statistics. Well done!”

3rd Place — The Sun, Santa Maria, California, Joe Payne. “Solid. Good sources, interesting quotes. Backed up facts well.”


First Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000

By John Dupont | Livingston (Louisiana) Parish News

“On top of the world” by Jacob Byk with clipping from Wyoming Tribune Eagle. Cheyenne, Wyoming.

First Feature Photo, Daily Division

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“The lining for this baby is amazing. This is a great human interest story. I would have liked to have read more of what the family went through. Overall it was a great story.”

Honororable Mention – Cate Bulb (Montana) Pioneer Press, Linda Druch. “The story was a little repetitious making it hard to stay focused on reading.”

BEST INVESTIGATIVE OR IN-DEPTH STORY OR SERIES

Daily Division
1st Place – Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Sioux City Journal staff. “Well planned and carried out, this five-day series covers every aspect of homelessness in the community, including the possibility of solutions and hope for the people who are suffering most. The writers, reporters, page makeup artists and editors should be commended. Lots of great stories are told inside the bigger picture, and much to be learned by reading.”
2nd Place – Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Kristine Galloway. “Lots of problems but is a lot of good ideas for making things better. Good job!”

Non-Daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more
1st Place – The Daily Universe, Provo, Utah, Kafrian Bar- croft, Riley Waldman, Jillian Argento, Dani Jardine. “Compre- hensive, engaging, well-written. The photos added greatly to the piece also. No question this is the best entry in this category, and impressive that it’s from a college newspaper.”
2nd Place – Northside Sun, Jackson, Mississippi, Anthony Warren. “This paper is keeping its readers up to date on a continuing issue with the city’s water system. Pieces are well- written and each one gives context to the roots of the issue in each story.”
3rd Place – New Times, San Luis Obispo, California, Peter Johnson. “Well-written series looking at a dispute between a large corporation and a city’s affordable housing agency.”

Honorable Mention – The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas, Jennifer Johnson. “This paper is doing a light on local cor- ruption - doing what good community newspapers ought to be doing. Writer was careful to document sources obtained through FOI requests.”

BEST INVESTIGATIVE OR IN-DEPTH STORY OR SERIES

Daily Division
1st Place – The Horizon, Ord Park, Illinois, Max Luthorse, Thomas Caspi, Joe Coughlin. “It wasn’t hard for this judge to decide on first place for this story after thinking on it for a few days. Out of all the entries in this category, this story haunt- ed me for days. It was well written, well reported and impactful. The research through interviews and records was exceptional. It is definitely relevant in today’s climate and shows the impact that newspapers across the country can have.”
2nd Place – The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York, Staff. “As soon as I started reading, I was hooked. The writing is exceptional and the package put together was excellent. It was a series that combined everything which I felt was particularly helpful to readers. A well thought out piece with exceptional reporting, photos and layout.”
3rd Place – The Tans (New Mexico) News, John Miller. “The published story owned this childhood from beginning to end in a tale of a horrendous story that included good reporting and solid record reporting. It’s an example of how a publication and a reporter should own their beat.”

Honorable Mention – Harlan (Iowa) News-Advertiser, Bob Bjorn, Managing Editor. “This is investigative and community reporting at its finest. The reporting was brilliant as the newspa- per dug deep into a community issue that broke open corruption at the top.”

Non-Daily Division, circ. less than 3,000
1st Place – The Wickenburg (Arizona) Sun, Jeanie Hawkins, Publisher. “Amazingly thorough and exactly the kind of groundwork reporting that keeps local democracy healthy!”
2nd Place – Moonshine Ink, Truckee, California, Sage Sauerbrei. “Affordable housing may not be sexy, but you man- aged to make the topic plenty interesting with three distinct, but relevant topics taken on the subject.”

Honorable Mention – The Pineshineville (Illinois) Press, Ian Karbul. “Very detailed and thorough look at an issue that could easily be off the community’s radar without such reporting.”

BEST INVESTIGATIVE OR IN-DEPTH STORY OR SERIES

Daily & Non-Daily Division
1st Place – Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News/Guide, Melissa Cassutt, Alix Gross, Emily Mauren, Kylee Mohr. “A very well done specialist section that sadly hits people close to home. The intent of it is well framed going in, and the stories are powerful.”
2nd Place – Times, San Luis Obispo, California, Rayh Cooley. “The quality of the writing elevated this to second place. The writer’s personal connection with the topic makes the overall story feel more raw and vulnerable.”
3rd Place – Lebanon Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan, Amy Hallock. “Well written stories, the overall package puts a human face on an illustration and also shows the consequences.”

Honorable Mention – The Taos (New Mexico) News, Colly Hooks. “This Cross to Bear stands out and elevates the entry. It’s powerful and personal, a great story.”

Ev Rau mourned

A farmer with deep roots and broad branches

By Melissa Hale-Spencer

The Altamont (New York) Enterprise & Albany County Post

First place, Best Article, Tribune, Daily & Non-daily Division

ALTIMONT — Everett Rau, who lived and died on the farm his family had tended for more than two centuries, did more make do with what he had. He transcended it.

As he prepared for his death, he shared some of what he called the “fine points” of his life in an Enterprise podcast. Chief among them was a story about rescuing the discarded and refashioning it for a noble purpose, which acted as a meta- phor for his life.

“My son Ernest was remodeling an old antiquated building on County Line Road,” Mr. Rau said. “It was built with round roof rafters, not acceptable for modern code.”

The rafters once had been “tall proud pine trees,” he said, “and served for years to protect an old ancient family in a little house on County Line Road.” But they were now considered worthless.

“Like many of us, they were ready to be successful for a long life of honest work … Someone comes along and tosses us to the ground. We’re not needed any longer.”

He continues his story, “Someone came along — his name was Ev Rau — and picked up the timbers and said, ‘You’ve served a hundred years or more. I’ve another service for you.’ Mr. Rau fashioned crossfies from the discarded timbers that are used annu- ally in an Easter procession to St. John’s Church in Altimont, the church he raised in and returned to and where his memorial service will be held. One of his crosses is also used for a sunrise Easter service at the farm on Lainhart Road.

He concluded his story, “When Easter dawn comes and I’m no longer here, my spirit will be here in the cross at Easter service.”

Mr. Rau died a week before Easter, on Sunday, March 25, 2018, in the Pleasant View farmhouse where he was raised, where he had brought his wife, and where they raised their four children. He was 98.

He was well-known locally for his knowledge of traditional agricultural practices, from the building of Dutch barns to the restoration of antique farm machinery. He loved sharing his knowl- edge and was a fixture at the Altimont Fair, helping to restore new-antique equipment and teaching others how to use it. Mr. Rau once not only grew appro- priate grain to thatch an Elizabethan- style theatre but even harvested it with period tools.

He was born on Aug. 22, 1919, the son of Margaret Van Valkenburg Osbsey Rau and Prank Emil Rau. He was the youngest of seven children, all boys; two died in infancy and two more — Clayton and Edward — died in childhood. Ernest Rau died in his 20s, in 1928. Raymond Rau lived into his sixties, dying in 1973. Raymond was 15 years older than Everett Rau. He lived at Pleasant View Farm with his wife, Barbara, for many years, working the land with a tractor he bought in 1929, which is still on the farm today.

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FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY: Thousands of students, educators and supporters march past Independence Hall March 24 to protest a lack of gun control nationwide. As a satellite march to the primary one in Washington, D.C., it was one of more than 800 demonstrations nationwide. Whoseover MCC pastor Rev. Jeffery Jordan organized an LGBTQ contingency to march in unity with the demonstrators and carried peace and rainbow flags. The march ended at Lombard Circle on South Columbus Boulevard, where a couple-dozen speakers addressed a crowd of thousands.

B16 2019 BNEC & BNAC WINNERS

PUBLISHERS' AUXILIARY NOVEMBER 2019
PINES TUG OF WAR — Northland Pines High School students celebrated Homecoming last week. The festivities included a tug of war contest during a pep rally in the field house Friday afternoon. Football players Mason Birchbauer, left, and Gunnar Schiffmann, right, led the junior class to victory in the contest.

HONORABLE MENTION, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000
By Matthew Hose, The Ark, Tiburon, California

Joyce Nicholas (far right) and Carole Ellison stretch their legs with other members of Megan Scott’s chair yoga class at an Aug. 23 session. Nicholas said the class, offered by Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation, helps her with agility and balance. Ellison, who was injured in a major car accident a few years ago, says the class has helped her heal both physically and emotionally.

KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLOR — Dusty Weston of Lubbock checks out the inside of his hot-air balloon while it is being inflated this past Saturday morning for the Crossroads Balloon Rally in conjunction with Lamesa’s big Chicken Fried Steak Festival. With winds aloft at the marginal level for flying, Weston was among only four balloonists to take flight, drifting northward over Lamesa. Several more balloons were inflated, giving appreciative spectators a visible treat. High wind on Sunday morning kept all of the balloons grounded.

HOW DO YOU STEER THIS THING? — Relatively warm temperatures (the mercury hit 41 degrees) put a damper on ice skating at the annual Philipstown Winter Carnival on Feb. 10, but the slushy conditions didn’t stop sledgers at Winter Hill.
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pursue his passion.”

2nd Place — Malibu (California) Surfside News, Chris Megginson. “I could definitely sense and feel the excitement of winning an Olympic medal come through this feature story. Well written - action led me get right into the article.”

3rd Place — The Tans (New Mexico) News, Araceli Trujillo. “Nice read on someone testing themselves on a unique playing field. I enjoyed the descriptive lead that told me who she was right up front and what she wanted to accomplish. Details well written.”


Daily & Non-daily Division cir. less than 2,000

1st Place — Moonshine Ink, Truckee, California, Emily Harrington. “This one nudged past several other great contenders for first place. Emily Harrington produced a fascinating, fun read, capturing the feel and culture and camaraderie of her sport. The first-rate descriptive writing put readers on the wall in Malforca with her and her friends. What an adventure!”

2nd Place — Carolina Forest Chronicle, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Charles D. Perry. “Great job by Charles Perry connecting sports to real-life struggles. He made me care about the 75-year-old Parkinson’s patient and the trainer who is helping him maintain his quality of life as long as possible.”

3rd Place — Iowa Falls (Iowa) Times-Citizen, Justin Res. “Excellent read, tracing the basketball life of this town’s best athlete ever. Writer Justin Res held my attention through a long story, diving into meaningful career moments at every level and letting the player speak about what it all meant to him. Very good work.”

Honorable Mention — The Yankton (South Dakota) County Observer, Brian Hurhuff. “Interesting in-depth look at a sports specialty that doesn’t get a lot of attention. I especially enjoyed the technical description of the skills involved.”

Daily & Non-daily Division cir. more than 10,000

1st Place — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Bob DeMond. “Writer got straight to the point. A solid story with a great subject. I loved reading the history of Bobby Oul — the man with the loudest whistle.”

2nd Place — The Northfork (Illinois) Tower, Martin Carlino. “Oh, yes. Very close to first place. There is a ton of information packed into this sports story — but it does not lose momentum half way through. Your newspaper is lucky to have a writer of your caliber.”

3rd Place — The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas, Chad Cooper. “Interesting read all the way through. Wrestling dentist gave a good interview — and the writer made the most of the information.”

Honorable Mention — Twin Falls (Idaho) Times-News, Jeff Verro. “This was a good story … but it took too long to get to the point. Once I got there, I found it to be an enjoyable read about Doc Mahoney’s willpower.”

BEST SPORTS STORY

Daily & Non-daily Division, cir. 9,000 or more

1st Place — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Jeremiah Almire. “More detailed in his reporting than any other entry in the field, this profile of a soccer coach’s 26 years helming the team has the comprehensive history and context to which all local sports journalism should aspire.”

2nd Place — The Northfork (Illinois) Tower, Michel Daigle. “Michel Daigle’s reporting and writing are paired to great effect in this profile of a legendary local basketball coach whose impact has reached some major colleges and future All-American players.”

3rd Place — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Tim Gallagher. “Tim Gallagher’s reporting on the death of a high school cheerleader four days before a homecoming football game captures the community’s emotions and tells the devastating story with great writing and tremendous heart.”

Honorable Mention — The Lockport Legend, Orland Park, Illinois, Max Laphonte. “Mike Laphonte deserves credit in his writing for teasing into the weirdness of the baseball tournament championship game he is covering here, which included a title-clinching triple play and even the use of bloopers.”

Daily & Non-daily Division, cir. less than 9,000

1st Place — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Deckendorf. “A great telling of this team winning a title for the first time in four decades. The writer makes you feel as if you’re there courting.”

2nd Place — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Clark Forster. “You don’t know the athlete but the writer does a great job in describing the situation, allowing the reader to feel sympathetic.”

3rd Place — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Scott Campbell. “The writer does well in showing the magnitude of the event and describing the team’s fall while also highlighting the overall picture of the season.”

Honorable Mention — The Key West (Florida) Citizen, J.W. Cooke. “A nice documentation following a real event that isn’t considered mainstream with everything else going on.”

VIDEO JOURNALISM

Daily & Non-daily Division, cir. 12,000 or more

1st Place — The St. Louis (Missouri) American, Rebecca Rivas. “The combination of testimonials, an interview with the main character and a 3-roll of him on the job combine to make this a solid story. I like the production value from desaturating the testimonials so they stand apart from the video of Clark at work.”

2nd Place — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Ian Richardson, Justin Wan. “This story does a good job of taking viewers somewhere they probably haven’t been before. I liked the impact of the reveal when viewers discover that Hokkins sleeps on the floor of a public restroom.”

3rd Place — Washington (Missouri) Missourian, Staff. “Nice smartphone video showing the emotional impact of a soldier being reunited with his kids does the job.”

Honorable Mention — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Staff. “Competent job of combining an interview with a fire chief and b-roll of a house fire.”

Daily & Non-daily Division, cir. 3,000-5,999

1st Place — The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York, Mark Westin. “Unique topic and an interesting ‘how it happens behind the scenes video.’ Narration is very good and tells a good story.”

2nd Place — Douglas (Wyoming) Budget, Mike Moore. “Informative video about a syndrome not widely known about.”

WEBSITE - BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

Daily & Non-daily Division

1st Place — The Tans (New Mexico) News, The Tans News staff. “LOVED the Dogs of Tans photo feature! The kind of thing you can best online. Solid hierarchy. It’s clear what’s most important on the site. GREAT LOCAL CONTENT!”

2nd Place — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide. “EXCELLENT site, with crisp layout and great local photography.”

3rd Place — Mount Desert Islander, Bar Harbor, Maine, Staff. “The “what do you mean, I have to subscribe?” landing site was what put this over the top. This page delivers a clear and common-sense message that shows the value and strength of local journalism. The site itself is a smartly laid out, with clear local content and user-friendly Yellow Pages at the bottom of the site.”

Honorable Mention — Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Staff. “The incredibly user-friendly special sections set your site apart. Excellent layout, great site.”

FIRST PLACE, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, cir. less than 3,000

By Brandy J. Bonner, Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide

Charlie Peet, 85, looks at a propeller blade from the small airplane he crashed at his Grumpy Moose Ranch east of Hoback last Wednesday. Peet, who also crashed the plane almost five years ago, escaped with only minor injuries. “I have 65 years of flying,” he said. “That’s enough.”

JAMES GUNNER (front) and Jamie Poll, both veterans of U.S. military service, are living in squallor at a trailer located on Lynell Lee Road in western Stone County. Chief Deputy Phyliss Odle of the Stone County Sheriff’s Department is seeking assistance from the Veterans Administration to get the men clean and sanitary living conditions and medical care.
HONORABLE MENTION, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999
By Kara Koether, Fayette County Record, La Grange, Texas
Frankie Srubar and Jeff Rost assist Benjamin Garlick, 3, with blasting the fire hose, draining the fire engine’s 750-gallon water tank. Srubar and Rost taught the kids at the library’s Summer Reading Program about tools and equipment used by firefighters. Rost even donned his uniform to demonstrate how their protective gear works.

THIRD PLACE, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000
By Carissa Hoekstra | Wilton-Durant (Iowa) Advocate News
The Wilton Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Founders Day activities Aug. 17-18, featuring several new events, such as added inflatable attractions and duck races (won by Oliver Grings). There were several new and modified events.

THIRD PLACE, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more
By Morgan Prewitt | Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana
Maggie Kimble pets her goat, Buddy, while brushing her goat, Gracie, before the start of the goat competition before the start of the Livingston Parish 4-H/FFA Livestock Show on Friday, Jan. 19.

SECOND PLACE, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999
By Barb Charzuk | The Fountain Hills (Arizona) Times
Native Spirit shares culture — Five-time world champion hoop dancer, Brian Hammill of Native Spirit Family, created a circular hoop design during a performance at the three-day Magic Bird Festival, held Friday through Sunday, Jan. 26-28. The free event celebrated Native American culture through art, crafts, music and dance on the Avenue of the Fountains.

HONORABLE MENTION, Best Feature Photo, Daily Division
By Randy Dockendorf | Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan
A Bravo Battery soldier checks out duffel bags and other supplies Friday afternoon at the Yankton armory. The unit and others are making final preparations for transporting troops and equipment to both Texas and Europe for a 10-month mission as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve. The activation ceremony is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Yankton High School gymnasium at the Summit Activities Center.

FIRST PLACE, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more
By Morgan Prewitt | Livingston Parish News, Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana
Lights on a ride blur during sunset on the Livingston Parish Fair’s final night on Saturday, October 13.
2019 Better Newspaper Advertising Contest

BEST ADVERTISING IDEA
Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000
1st Place — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Jeff Martens, Scott Cooper. "Attention getter!
2nd Place — Moonshine Ink, Truckee, California, Nina Miller, Mary Streight. "Simple, clean and good newspaper promotion.

Non-daily Division, circ. more than 5,000
2nd Place — The St. Louis (Missouri) American, Staff. "A package that is well done on a very important topic. It's clear that the advertisements in the section clearly supported the subject and in fact enhanced the editorial content.
2nd Place — Preston Hollow People, Dallas, Texas, Preston Hollow People. "Well designed and executed section. Clean and easy to read.

BEST MULTIPLE ADVERTISER SECTION
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000-19,999
1st Place — The Galena (Illinois) Gazette, Staff, "Love these ideas for keepsake.
2nd Place — LeeAnn Enterprises, Lake Leelanau, Michigan, Deb Campbell, "This is a great presentation of local product production.
3rd Place — The Galena (Illinois) Gazette, Staff, "Great presentation and great idea.

Honororable Mention — West Essex Tribune, Livingston, New Jersey, Jennifer Chilcik, Nancy Puttmany, Garry drillings, Great content throughout, as well as a great color palette and thoughtful design. Love it!

BETTER MULTIPLE ADVERTISER SECTION
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000
1st Place — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Isabel Israel, "Provoking series of ads, all leading to what I can only imagine as much as I dislike "gimmick"ads, this one works for getting reader attention. In this case, "good use of white space."
2nd Place — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Jeff Martens. "Overall a good small-space ad and great. Includes lots of good information. Better to show a real photo of the new chef.
3rd Place — Douglas (Wyoming) Budget, Lisa Adelman. "The idea itself is just okay. Don't ask that anyone can provide with a "no."

BEST SINGLE AD IDEA, COLOR
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. more than 5,000 (combined)
1st Place — Was County News-Review, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Ben Bouldin, Kurt Krager, Gary Ridderbusch, Doug Etten. "Picture made you wish you were there. There wasn't too much clutter and the layout was simple and eye catching.
2nd Place — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Israel Isabel, "Provoking series of ads, all leading to what I can only imagine as much as I dislike "gimmick"ads, this one works for getting reader attention. In this case, "good use of white space."
3rd Place — Casa Grande (Arizona) Dispatch, Jeff Schaefer, Byron McConnell. "This is a great ad. The colors and contrast is great. It was a very close one between this and 2nd."

BEST SALES PROMOTION SECTION OR EDITION
Daily Division
2nd Place — Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas, Park Cities People. "Great design - nice packaging and design of ads, along with football winning theme.
3rd Place — Bronwood (California) Press, Eric Kiniry, Sherrie Hamilton, Arne Roy, Lorraine Topia, "Nice packaging with ads, as well as auto themed stories.

Honororable Mention — Preston Hollow People, Dallas, TX, Preston Hollow People. "Nice ads, especially the Briggs Freeman 2 page gag.

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 10,000
1st Place — The Ark, Tiburon, California, Ark staff. "Nice layout and advertiser support."n
2nd Place — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Jeff Martens, Eric Gents, Theresa Blackledge. "Nice use of space for small ads.

Honororable Mention — The Holyoke (Colorado) Enterprise, Dusty Tomky, Brenda Brandt. "Always a good idea.

BEST SERIES AD IDEA, BLACK & WHITE
Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000
1st Place — Williston (North Dakota) Advocate, Advocate News staff. "’Style’ was a simple idea, executed brilliantly."
2nd Place — Williston (North Dakota) Advocate, Advocate News staff, " ’Connected” campaign works for me!
3rd Place — Port Aransas (Texas) South Jetty, Keith Peters. "Good concept that worked very well.

BEST SERIES AD IDEA, COLOR
Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000
1st Place — Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin, Stacy Bronson. "Clean, simple, to the point"
3rd Place — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Jeff Martens, Eric Gents, Theresa Blackledge. "I like the layout less busy, to the point"n
Honororable Mention — Port Aransas (Texas) South Jetty, Keith Peters, Murray W. Judson. "I like the visual of the storm; it shows you have options.

Non-daily Division, circ. more than 5,000
1st Place — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Nicole Romere. “This was tough. First or second could have gone either way. This campaign is colorful and consistent. What’s that makes this ad stand out.
2nd Place — West Essex Tribune, Livingston, New Jersey, Jennifer Chilcik, Karen Trachtenberg, Griel Cardino. "This was tough. First or second could have gone either way. This campaign is consistent, clean and colorful. Excellent work."
3rd Place — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Nicole Romere. "Simple, consistent campaign. Colorful, Really like the "cheek" next to the agent’s photo. Caught my attention.


Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000
1st Place — Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin, Stacy Bronson. "Great concept that worked very well.
2nd Place — St. Thomas (Virgin Islands) Chronicle, Maria Rodriguez. "On target."

BEST SMALL-PAGE AD
Daily Division, circ. less than 10,000
2nd Place — Casa Grande (Arizona) Dispatch, Joe Cooper, Melo Bekus, Byron McConnell. "Nice small-space ad, good balance, stands out on busy page. I usually don’t like reverse type since it is harder to read, but it works okay here.


Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000
1st Place — The Chronicle, Medicine Park, Oklahoma, JJ Francis. "The ad works perfectly in the wide, shallow layout. Eye catching and interesting."
2nd Place — Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin, Stacy Bronson. "Simple but effective! The photo of the boy really works to tell the story. Nicely done!"
3rd Place — The Chronicle, Medicine Park, Oklahoma, JJ Francis. "Love this ad – 4 made it laugh! Great working along with the photo. Great idea!"

Honororable Mention — Moonshine Ink, Truckee, California, Sara Smith, Nina Miller. "This ad proves that a small ad can be effective. Nice layout and placement of the art."
Non-daily Division, circ. more than 5,000

1st Place — The N’West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa, Kristen Oldenkamp. “I liked the ad for its being so different and size drawn to your eye.”

2nd Place — Cody (Wyoming) Enterprise, Megan Barton, Cassie Capellen. “Nice and clean ad”

3rd Place — The Daily Universe, Provo, Utah, Joan Phillips, Jacob Bader. “only one entry in this division so bumped down a division. It is clever with use of board game theme. The colors are bright.”

BEST USE OF AD COLOR

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. more than 8,000

1st Place — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Paul Hatton. “Great photos to represent the business.”

2nd Place — The Daily Universe, Provo, Utah, Joan Phillips, Jacob Bader. “like the use of color. Use of photos that are not stock and bright and varied and tying in color that matches and emboldens summer fun. All the text is easy to read and not lost by the use of white on a lighter background. Great job!”

3rd Place — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Creative services team. “Love the colors in this ad so much. Really ties in with the photo. Also getting that many logos into an ad is very difficult so props on that. Had a hard time deciding if this one would get my first place rating, but the white color on some of the greens at the bottom make the text hard to read but overall very beautiful.”

Honorable Mention — Vilas County News-Review, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Betsy Boulden, Kurt Krueger. ““Like how this ad pops. Love the incorporation of photos (getting enough matching food photos for restaurants is always hard to achieve) and the pops of color. I do wish there were a few more pops of brighter colors to make it feel less of just being a brown area. Love the think font and the balance between text and photos.”

BEST USE OF LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHY IN ADS

Daily & Non-daily Division

1st Place — Port Aransas (Texas) South Jetty, Elizabeth Weaver, Dan Parker. “great photos to represent the business.”

2nd Place — Vilas County News-Review, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Betsy Boulden, Kurt Krueger, Gary Skidderhus, Doug Etten. “Good action and still photos which appear to involve all parties.”

3rd Place — Archbold (Ohio) Buckeye, Mary Huber. “Only one of the ads involved the students.”

Honorable Mention — The N’West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa, Kristen Oldenkamp. “Photos are more construction than electrical themed.”

The National Newspaper Association thanks the following individuals for their time and talent in judging the 2019 Better Newspaper Editorial Contest & the Better Newspaper Advertising Contest:

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Ranch dressing is great on salads, all kinds of sandwiches, and even the ranch but hey, cowboy, there’s hardly any place you can go where it looks good on your suit.

We understand stains.
GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Daily Division

1st Place — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming. “Excellent work. Overall good design and use of photos throughout paper, including sports and special pages. Strong writing and good use of reader interaction on editorial pages. Stylistic areas are well used. Nice ad design throughout.”

2nd Place — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Sioux City Journal staff. “Good work with writing and photos. Design is a little overwhelming with color on everything, including headlines, etc. Seems a little too packed throughout.”

Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

1st Place — Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas. “This is an excellent publication. Great design, readable stories that are enjoyable and a focus on community. It rose to the top of the pack for this judge and was well worth its second place finish.”

3rd Place — The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas. “This is a very enjoyable paper that is well designed and easy to read. I found the story selection enjoyable and impartial.”

Honorable Mention — Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News, PGN Staff. “I found this publication to be quite enjoyable and very much devoted to its readership. The stories and design are particularly impacted to its readership and overall to an outstanding publication.”

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999


2nd Place — The Taos (New Mexico) News. “Great subjects that beg great writing; strong narratives draw readers to subjects (relate to me, not the reporter). Subjective writing sometimes detracts from the focus subject. Presentation (design/layout) further inspires readers. Brilliant color. Grand ads throughout. Editorial/opinion columns tackle critical community issues with national consequences. Excellent editorials . . . whether you agree or disagree. Provides thoughtful, reactive responses from readers. The Spanish Language page assumes inclusiveness among subscribers. There are many other focus-pages throughout dealing with issues of community importance. Wonderful graphics/photos enhance news/feature content. Hiccups: incomplete sentence; wrong word in ad . . . and a news story; legal notices you can read without magnification.”

Honorable Mention — The Chronicle, Medicine Park, Oklahoma, The Chronicle Staff. “Nice use of color throughout the paper.”

3rd Place — Shelter Island (New York) Reporter. “I’m impressed with the amount of pages and advertising support for this weekly.”

Honorable Mention — The Chronicle, Medicine Park, Oklahoma, The Chronicle Staff. “Nice use of color throughout the paper.”

GENERAL EXCELLENCE, COLLEGE DIVISION

Daily & Non-daily Division

1st Place — The Daily Universe, Provo, Utah, Daily Universe Staff. “I am beyond blown away that this is a student publication. It is so professional looking. Beyond being a very attractive publication [great consistency and use of design styles, good use of AP style] it is packed full of thought-provoking articles. Great job. Daily Universe staff!”

First-grade student Carlos Rodriguez looks into a liquid timer used for mindfulness during a class at Morningside Elementary School in Sioux City.
FIRST PLACE, General Excellence, Non-daily Division, circulation 3,000 - 5,999
Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin

FIRST PLACE, General Excellence, Non-daily Division, circulation less than 3,000
The Ark, Tiburon, CA

FIRST PLACE, General Excellence, College Division, Daily & Non-daily
The Daily Universe, Provo, Utah

SECOND PLACE, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more
By Morgan Prewitt | Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana
Toby, a dog up for adoption through Swampy Paws, gives 18-month-old Neil Pardue a kiss during the Livingston Parish Pet Fest at Tractor Supply Company in Denham Springs on Saturday, Feb. 17.

HONORABLE MENTION, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more
By Tony Kukulich | Brentwood (California) Press
A pair of bald eagles in Brentwood Ca quickly found out what it was like to be up a tree.

Taysom Hill proves versatile weapon for Saints

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SECOND PLACE, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more
By Tony Kukulich | Brentwood (California) Press

A vehicle fire spread to a home and then surrounding vegetation in the vicinity of Deer Hill Lane in Antioch, Calif., on Saturday, June 23, 2018. The fire destroyed at least four structures and dozens of vehicles. Firefighters were hampered by a lack of hydrants, low humidity and high temperatures.

SECOND PLACE, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999
By Janet Morgan | Myrtle Beach (South Carolina) Herald

The Everett house is inside out with the Waccamaw River flowing through every room. The family puts clothes, toys and anything else they can stack on the roof of their home near Lees Landing on Saturday. Debbie Everett said the river has come up so fast she hasn't had much time to prepare.

THIRD PLACE, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000
By Scott Campbell | North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa

Davenport and Eldridge police join Scott County Sheriff’s deputies breaking down a door at 119 N. Eighth St., Eldridge, Nov. 13. Police detained three suspects and arrested a 19-year-old man.