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# 2019 BNEC & BNAC



**SECOND PLACE**, best sports photo, Daily division  
By Dana Shaw | The Southampton (New York) Press-Eastern Edition

Brooks Koepka is the winner of the 118th U.S Open Championship at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club.

**NNA's 2019  
Better Newspaper Editorial Contest  
and Better Newspaper  
Advertising Contest**  
A supplement to Publishers' Auxiliary

**BNEC & BNAC OVERVIEW**  
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Entries came from 36 states.  
A total of 485 awards were won by 97 member newspapers in 36 states.  
Awards were presented Oct. 5, 2019, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**EDUCATIONAL  
SUPPORT**  
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The Newspaper And Education Contest became part of the Better Newspaper Contest in 2018. Entries came from five newspapers with five awards given.

**BNEC FUN FACTS**  
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1,303 entries were received.  
**BNAC FUN FACTS**  
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207 entries were received.







**FIRST PLACE**, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999  
By Bradley J. Boner | Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide

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.

**NNA’s 2019 Better Newspaper Contest,  
Better Newspaper Advertising Contest &  
Newspapers And Education Winners**

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**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** — Vilas 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 Valerian, 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 Jetty, 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 Sieve-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.W. 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. “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** — Cedar County News, Hartington, Nebraska, Rob Dump. “Such a nice column. I think it would have had a higher placing in another division. It was heartfelt.”

**Honorable Mention** — Tuscola (Illinois) Review, Lana Hill. “This one gets a bonus point for the self-drawn cartoon.”

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

**1st Place** — Washington (Missouri) Missourian, Elizabeth Barmeier. “Absolutely timely, certainly of significance to the community, handled suitably and with originality. Rather than an in-your-face, emotional outburst, you chose a strong argument based on facts. A reasoned presentation of your opinion.”

**2nd Place** — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Tim Gallagher. “Definitely timely and significant to the community. Suitably handled with some originality. If you wanted reader involvement, you got it. Column is a great reminder of the goodness in so many people. Thanks.”

**3rd Place** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, McHugh David. “Writer shows originality in his approach to a timely and relevant topic to the community. Written to make the reader think.”

**Honorable Mention** — The Daily Universe, Provo, Utah, Arianna Davidson. “An interesting first-person account of being a member of a minority group. It is timely, significant and offers insight into what individuals may be experiencing and feeling. Something for thoughtful readers.”

**BEST SERIOUS COLUMN**

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

**1st Place** — Uinta County Herald, Evanston, Wyoming, Sheila McGuire. “Ms. McGuire is an excellent writer, which is why she’s sweeping first through third places. This piece is thoughtful and intelligent and very well written.”





**FIRST PLACE**, best breaking news photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999  
By Andy Behlen, Fayette County Record, La Grange, Texas

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.

- 2nd Place** — Uinta County Herald, Evanston, Wyoming, Sheila McGuire. “Another great column. Ms. McGuire turns personal grief into a universal lesson for all of us. Good job!”
- 3rd Place** — Uinta County Herald, Evanston, Wyoming, Sheila McGuire. “Another great job from Ms. McGuire! Thought-provoking and well done.”
- 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** — West Essex Tribune, Livingston, New Jersey, Jennifer Cone Chciuk. “Excellent writing. This column pulled me after the first sentence and I was hooked to the end.”
- 2nd Place** — The News-Gazette, Lexington, Virginia, Matthew W Paxton. “Intriguing piece on history of newspaper distribution nationwide and locally.”
- 3rd Place** — Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan, Amy Hubbell. “Columnist wasn’t afraid to write about the downsides of tourism. No doubt the article drew a negative response from local officials, but that’s not who the newspaper works for.”
- Honorable Mention** — Vilas County News-Review, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Kurt Krueger. “Columnist gives a heart-warming account of time spend with his father.”

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

- 1st Place** — Cedar County News, Hartington, Nebraska, Rob Dump. “This I 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 column for reflection on what appears to be a great man.”
- 2nd Place** — Shelter Island (New York) Reporter, Ambrose Clancy. “Good narrative on your column. I like the way you relate Jarod Ramos to a local situation, which many readers probably don’t realize. The narrative to your column is exceptional. I like the final paragraph: ‘Why do people attack freedom of the press? Easy. Because they’re encouraged every day to do it. And they think they can get away with it.’”
- 3rd Place** — Lamesa (Texas) Press-Reporter, Russel Skiles. “Good, local perspective on a broadcaster. I can relate to this column as, I am, sure, your readers did. Every small town (not too small) has a newspaper and radio station, and the individuals do help each other. Good use of quotes and reflection.”
- Honorable Mention** — Oakland (Illinois) Independent, Janice Hunt. “This is a good column and has a good narrative

to it. Although it kept me engaged, I didn’t feel it grabbed me like the top columns in this category.”

**BEST SPORTS COLUMN**  
Daily & Non-daily Division, 10,000 or more

- 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 Vorva. “Jeff gets brownie points here for a piece that gets extra power from its efficient language; writing a strong column in just 650 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 DeArmond. “Rob’s sharp sports commentary is surely a delight for his readers in a state with an especially keen interest in football.”

Daily & Non-daily Division, 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, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, Wade Shambaugh. “A superior personal reminisce 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 3,000

- 1st Place** — Wilton-Durant (Iowa) Advocate News, Derek Sawvell. “Great use of comments from the volleyball team to tell a nice story about how it comes down to playing and getting along like a family.”
- 2nd Place** — The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota, Jody Michael. “The columnist does great in questioning his audience about the change in allowing sports gambling.”

- 3rd Place** — Wilton-Durant (Iowa) Advocate News, Derek Sawvell. “The columnist provides a nice, local perspective on a highlight that received national attention.”
- Honorable Mention** — Wilton-Durant (Iowa) Advocate News, Derek Sawvell. “An interesting issue regarding consolation games and the meaning behind playing for the lower tier.”

**EDITIONS - BEST HEADLINE WRITING**  
Daily & Non-daily Division

- 1st Place** — The Sheldon (Iowa) Mail-Sun, Ty Rushing, Jeff Grant. “Straightforward, clean hedlines. 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 city council.” 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 Holyoke (Colorado) Enterprise, Darci Tomky, Jes-c French, Max Levy, Brenda Brandt. “July issue good; the Dearest Ida font and size works very well. Sept. issue is better. I like the genetic-testing story hed especially. And good front page heds in Sept.”
- Honorable Mention** — The N’West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa, Staff. “Really like “Getting an earful” photo hed, but murderer misspelled on jump in July issue. Good heds otherwise. Good heds for flooding stories in both issues. Walinga jump hed is missing an s, too.”

**EDITIONS - BEST LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE**  
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999

- 1st Place** — Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin, Buffalo Bulletin staff. “Solid, clear reporting and explanatory writing (and photography) by Whiting and Dow. Well-edited paper with lots of good stories to read. Keep up the good work!”
- 2nd Place** — The N’West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa, Staff. “A very good news report and complete community sections are augmented by terrific blanket sports coverage of several schools with lots of game coverage and excellent photos.”
- 3rd Place** — Riverhead News-Review, Mattituck, New York, Riverhead News-Review. “Solid hard-working staff covers all the bases. Coverage of a surprise school consolidation was done well with no visible cooperation from the diocese in charge. Editorial noted the lack of communication. Well done.”
- Honorable Mention** — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa,

- Scott Campbell, Mark Ridolfi, Bill Tubbs, Erin Gentz. “Very complete community coverage is aided by a well-done local sports report.”
- Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more**
- 1st Place** — Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum, Idaho, Gregory Foley. “Clearly the best overall newspaper by far, setting the standard by which other publications should strive to match.”
- 2nd Place** — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Sioux City Journal staff. “There’s no excuse for being uniformed with this newspaper providing full news coverage as well as outstanding sports, business, and lifestyle sections.”
- 3rd Place** — Vilas County News-Review, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Staff. “Residents of Vilas County in Wisconsin couldn’t ask for better news coverage than what they get from the News-Review. This paper has it all and does it very well!”
- Honorable Mention** — The St. Louis (Missouri) American, Staff. “Everything you could possibly want in a newspaper is here; and it’s fun to read!”

**BEST LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE**  
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

- 1st Place** — Nogales (Arizona) International, Jonathan Clark, Genesis Lara, Nick Phillips, Arielle Zions, Kendal Blust. “This newspaper’s coverage of tensions at an international border sets it apart from other community newspapers. The news writing is thorough, compelling and detailed.”
- 2nd Place** — The Wickenburg (Arizona) Sun, Jeanie Hankins, publisher, and Sun Staff. “This newspaper’s excellent coverage of city council meetings in an Arizona town expose simmering political tensions in what might otherwise seem like a quiet rural community.”
- 3rd Place** — The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota, Cecile Wehrman, publisher. “These editions have a strong diversity of articles. Their coverage of controversial issues — including one in which the credibility of a candidate for sheriff has been called into question — is thorough and multifaceted. The reporters involved clearly interviewed a variety of sources.”
- Honorable Mention** — Iowa Falls (Iowa) Times-Citizen, Staff. “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 is hard to compete with the quality photos and first-rate design of the N’West Iowa Review. Page after page, on every community topic, the quality is maintained.”
- 2nd Place** — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Brad Boner, Ryan Dorgan, Andy Edwards, Samantha Nock. “Year after year the Jackson Hole News & Guide produces an attractive publication with outstanding photos throughout.”
- 3rd Place** — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, WTE staff. “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 headline 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 twist to the same old, same old get out and vote opine. Liked it and think it may have been effective.”
- 3rd Place** — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Michael Gors. “This one may not have won the hearts of your conservative area, but when it needs to be said, well, you 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, Tom Lawrence. “This piece grabs the readers attention right at the start and keeps it. Well crafted, fact-based. This editorial possesses everything a good editorial requires. The author does more than point out a problem, but also commends the entity for





**FIRST PLACE**, Best Family/Life Living Section/Pages, Daily & Non-daily Division  
Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana

resolving the problem quickly once it surfaced.”

**2nd Place** — The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York, Chip Rowe. “As the author points out, more than 300 newspapers across the country penned editorials on this topic. Not many of them were as eloquent as this piece, though. The author does a good job of mixing in facts, history and opinion.”

**3rd Place** — Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin, Buffalo Bulletin editorial board. “This is a great editorial. It is well thought-out and well written. It’s obvious the author understands the issues very well and does a great job of helping the general public understand them, as well.”

**Honorable Mention** — Washington County Enterprise, Blair, Nebraska, Staff. “The newspaper did a good job of taking on a real problem — even though the subject was not a popular one. Well written, and well researched.”

**Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999**

**1st Place** — Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan, Alan Campbell. “Excellent editorial that holds the village council to account for their practice of nodding and reaching consensus, rather than voting. Not afraid to name names and point out conflicts of interest and nepotism, this is the strongest editorial of the bunch. Great job!”

**2nd Place** — West Essex Tribune, Livingston, New Jersey, Michael Izzo. “Very strong editorial following the Capital Gazette shooting that reminds readers why their community newspaper is important. Well done!”

**3rd Place** — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Johanna Love. “Good editorial about a high-profile criminal case in the community. It just lacked any thoughts about what “we” in the community could have done to keep this outcome from happening — or what we can do to keep it from happening again.”

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

**1st Place** — The Wickenburg (Arizona) Sun, Jeanie Hankins, Publisher. “Well written. Working for the people and keeping elected official accountable.”

**2nd Place** — McPherson County Herald, Leola, South Dakota, Jeremy Cox. “Heartfelt and sincere to the

reader.”

**3rd Place** — The Yankton (South Dakota) County Observer, Brian Hunhoff. “Excellent information on why public notices should be published.”

**Honorable Mention** — Petersburg (Alaska) Pilot, Ron Loesch. “To the point: Officials are humans/family persons. Good reminder of this to the public.”

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

**1st Place** — Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Steve Bagwell, Ossie Bladine. “Good area editorial topics displayed in an attractive page design. Good writing.”

**2nd Place** — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Brian Martin. “Good content and good development of local input. Good design.”

**3rd Place** — Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan, Alan Campbell. “Good writing on editorial topics.”

**BEST EDITORIAL PAGE(S)**

**Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000**

**1st Place** — Iowa Falls (Iowa) Times-Citizen, Staff. “Love the Contact Your Lawmaker area -- great idea! I also liked the use of purple lines to delineate different areas on the page, which makes it easy to read. Locally written editorials and letters to the editor are a hallmark of a truly community based paper.”

**2nd Place** — Mount Desert Islander, Bar Harbor, Maine, staff. “Love the gray headlines — makes the pages easy to read and separates pieces nicely. I might steal this idea for my paper!”

**3rd Place** — The N’West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa, Staff. “Lots of hyper-local content make these pages a great read.”

**Honorable Mention** — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Bill Tubbs. “I liked the use of color -- not always seen on editorial pages. I also liked the readers’ poll box — very interesting!”

**BEST ORIGINAL EDITORIAL CARTOON**

**Daily & Non-daily Division**

**1st Place** — Omak-Okanogan (Washington) County

Chronicle, Brad Skiff. “Love the drawing style and a simple presentation of a fairly complex story.”

**2nd Place** — The Chronicle, Medicine Park, Oklahoma, Clay Jones. “Loved the punchline.”

**3rd Place** — Omak-Okanogan (Washington) County Chronicle, Brad Skiff. “Well drawn and a nice concept.”

**FOI - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

**Daily & Non-daily Division**

**1st Place** — The Pinckneyville (Illinois) Press, Ian Karbal, Jeff Egbert. “Well done series about police impoundment of cars and the corresponding fees. Two uses of FOIA are mentioned along with data from another government department. Helpful graphs are included in a package of stories that are relevant to the average reader. Important third story about the possibility of legal action.”

**2nd Place** — Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News, Timothy Cwiek. “Excellent work shining the light on the paper’s requests for documents regarding the police involvement in the death of a trans woman 15 years earlier. The stories also show the long wait for records that have yet to be released after a FOIA request.”

**3rd Place** — The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California, Katy Stegall, Marty Loftin, Matthew Brooks. “Great job, especially by a student newspaper, of explaining the problem of a college repeatedly not complying with FOIA. The corresponding political cartoon and editorial reinforce the point very well.”

**Honorable Mention** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Cody Hooks. “Good job bringing attention to the RACs that the federal govt seems to want to ignore. Good package of stories and coordinating editorial. Great example of the press showing how the public and govt should work together.”

**NIE - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT & CIVIC LITERACY**

**Daily & Non-daily Division**

**1st Place** — The Eldon (Missouri) Advertiser, Tammy Witherspoon. “Wow! Great job with BOTH the Democracy Day AND the student newspapers. Would that

# Winging it

BY MELISSA PERNER,

The Ozona (Texas) Stockman

First place, best humorous column

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

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.”

Yep, 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, answers and, let’s face it, reassurance that we aren’t losing our minds and that someone else has been through this.

A friend of mine recently went through sleep training with her child. She posted a photo on Facebook of her little one asleep on the floor under the door because that is where he collapsed

after, I’m sure what seemed like forever, cries of wanting mom and dad to come get him.

Do not judge my friend. We’ve all been there. We’ve all had the nights of “I want my mommy, I want my daddy” coming over the baby monitor at 3 a.m. We’ve all been through midnight and 5 a.m. feedings and we are tired.

As I told my friend, I’ve done sleep training times two, and both times it wasn’t easy. Why do we do it? Because, let’s face it, we want sleep and we want our kids to sleep so we can sleep, so we don’t fall asleep in the middle of our workday.

Just ask Prince William who was caught dozing off during an event after the birth of his newborn son. See, even



WHAT’S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

the royals do it.

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.

Thanks goodness for grandparents keeping the other one.

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.

People ask me, as a mother of two 14 months apart, how do you do it?

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.

Second, when it comes to all those internet websites we all like to read. I firmly believe the majority of these so-called “experts” have never had children.

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.

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.

I don’t even remember why I told him no, but with a two-year-old you never know what to expect.

Yes, there are the joyous moments and we treasure those every day. We enjoy the funny sayings, the giggles, the tickles and the laughs.

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.

So, how do I do it?

I’m just winging it. Life, motherhood, my outfit, everything.

**MELISSA PERNER** is the 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 Sewell. "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."

## NIE - PARTNERSHIPS

### Daily & Non-daily Division

**1st Place** — Tampa Bay Times, St. Petersburg, Florida, Jodi Pushkin, Stacy Rector. "An interesting take on something that initially seems sort of dull. This tackles the 'why it's 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 Pushkin, Lisa Schillinger. "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, Jodi Pushkin, Stacy Rector, JoAnn Vega. "Fantastic information. This received third instead of second because it is so long and a lot for teens to sift through. A lot of the information is stated multiple times throughout."

**Honorable Mention** — Tampa Bay Times, St. Petersburg, Florida, Sue Bedry, Jodi Pushkin, 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 Altamont (New York) Enterprise & Albany County Post, Melissa Hale-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 (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Mark Huffman. "A beautifully written obit that begins with the poignant scene painted by the last friend to see him alive, then moves on into a detailed remembrance of both the photographer's personal and civic legacies. Very well reported, and the presentation takes advantage of the photography that the deceased was known for."

**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 chased down a number of sources as well as taking advantage of recent reporting in documenting Wolkowsky'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 until now. Good 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 protestors, 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. 5,000-9,999

**1st Place** — Fayette County Record, La 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 on 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** — Vilas County News-Review, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Doug Etten. "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 firemen's vests 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, Russel 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 feel 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 friendship with a breathtaking background. Nicely framed."

**2nd Place** — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Blaine McCartney. "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 & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. "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 other competitors in the class. The brilliant colors 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,



**FIRST PLACE**, Best Original Editorial Cartoon, Daily & Non-daily Division,  
By Brad Skiff, Omak-Okanogan (Washington) County Chronicle



**SECOND PLACE**, Best Original Editorial Cartoon, Daily & Non-daily Division,  
By Clay Jones, The Chronicle, Medicine Park, Oklahoma



**THIRD PLACE**, Best Original Editorial Cartoon, Daily & Non-daily Division,  
By Brad Skiff, Omak-Okanogan (Washington) County Chronicle





**THIRD PLACE**, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-4,999  
By Grant Egger, Blair (Nebraska) Pilot-Tribune

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.

Louisiana, Morgan Prewitt. "This picture was lovable 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 Turton. "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 job!"

**2nd Place** — The Fountain Hills (Arizona) Times, Barb Charzuk. "Wow! The color popping off this photo is amazing! Not something you see every day and the photographer captured Hammill's movements at the perfect time. Great job!"

**3rd Place** — The Highlands Current, Cold Springs, New York, Ross Corsair. "This photo makes me smile. Great moment captured! The kid's expression, the way his body is turned instead of straight on, and the flying of the snow/ice behind him...perfectly timed by the photographer. Great job!"

**Honorable Mention** — Fayette County Record, La Grange, Texas, Kara Koether. "This is a cute moment captured. Combined with the water coming out of the hose, the child's expression, and the two gentlemen's smiles make this a nice photo!"

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

**1st Place** — Vilas County News-Review, Eagle River,

Wisconsin, Gary Ridderbusch. "Great expressions, and physical emotion. Brings viewer close to action. Identifying all participants in caption would have helped complete this picture."

**2nd Place** — Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Marcus Larson. "Good, clear image of coach and athlete... boy's expression exudes excitement."

**3rd Place** — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Brady J. Boner. "Seems like a 'posed' rather than spontaneous photo, though the facial bruises and scrapes certainly define the action implied. Good composition."

#### Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

**1st Place** — Stone County Enterprise, Wiggins, Mississippi, Jody O'Hara. "A perfect photo set between the articles on each side — a stark contrast. Truly eye-opening, tells a story in the photo itself."

**2nd Place** — Lamesa (Texas) Press-Reporter, Russel Skiles. "This photo is so interesting. I could look at it all day and still not see it all. Well done."

**3rd Place** — Wilton-Durant (Iowa) Advocate News, Carissa Hoekstra. "YESSSSSSSS! :D This one just makes me laugh every time I look at it. Perfect expression, perfect wingspan on both the boy and the duck. Captured just at the right moment!"

**Honorable Mention** — The Ark, Tiburon, California, Matthew Hose. "It's almost like a kickline, always fun to watch" but this is unexpected with the women being older. The color of the bands pops over the dullness of the rest...the bland walls, the muted paintings, the gray and black sweatpants. It just works, and it's interesting. Her expression adds to the mix."

#### BEST PHOTO ESSAY

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

**1st Place** — Brentwood (California) Press, Tony Kukulich. "Very thorough look at the homeless camp. An intimate collection of images that depict living conditions that most readers would never see."

**2nd Place** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Morgan Prewitt. "Nice variety of photographs depicting the Bayou Cirque Fire Act and the fair. Technically well done as well."

**3rd Place** — Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News, Scott A. Drake. "Eclectic collection of colorful and interesting images of the event. Good overall coverage."

**Honorable Mention** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Morgan Prewitt. "Lively action photos of the parish fair rodeo."

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

**1st Place** — Highlands Current, The, Cold Spring, New York, Ross Corsair. "The photos are fabulous and tell the story without the need for captions. Beautiful photography!"

**2nd Place** — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Mark Ridolfi. "Interesting set of photos that truly tell the story. Good job!"

**3rd Place** — The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York, Ross Corsair. "Another good job by an excellent photographer."

**Honorable Mention** — The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York, Ross Corsair. "Good job again."

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

**1st Place** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Morgan Timms. "I love how the photographer captured the wide variety of different emotions in this photo essay with the praying and the dancing and the parade."

**2nd Place** — Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Rusty Rae. "I love how the photographer captured the expressions on the faces of the riders and the dirt flying in the air."

**3rd Place** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Rick Roman-cito. "Great photos remembering veterans on Veterans Day."

**Honorable 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."

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

**1st Place** — 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** — Moonshine Ink, Truckee, California, Author: Sage Sauerbrey; Photographers: Nancy Holliday & Jim Pickering. "Tightly edited photos show both the beauty and plight of horses in the wild. All of the pictures add value to the essay."

**3rd Place** — The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota, Brad Nygaard. "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."

**Honorable Mention** — Nogales (Arizona) International, Jonathan Clark. "Lots of strong images in this essay, but they are lost 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."

#### BEST SPORTS PHOTO

##### Daily Division

**1st Place** — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming,





**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



**FIRST PLACE,**  
Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition,  
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more  
The St. Louis (Missouri) 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** — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Jacob Byk. "Photographer caught excellent detail and drama of the event and the contest between man and animal."

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

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

**1st 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 well 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!"

**2nd Place** — Washington (Missouri) Missourian, Arron Husted. "What I liked about this image was that I could see the player's face and see the muscles in his arms and hands as he struggled to score. Next time you get a photo this good, run it bigger!"

**3rd Place** — Washington (Missouri) Missourian, Bill Battle. "First place was a clear winner but several photos could have been second or third. This one stood out because of the face on the player as he slid to make the catch."

**Honorable Mention** — Washington (Missouri) Missourian, Bill Battle. "I appreciated the different perspective by the photographer on this shot of a pole vaulter. Again, I can see Casie's face as she cleared the bar, which is a sense of accomplishment everyone can relate to."

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

Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-4,999

**1st Place** — Beeville (Texas) Bee-Picayune, Kevin J. Keller. "Classic game action photo. The right light, focus and framing. It's all about the fingertips. 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 rodeo understand it's not as easy to photograph as it may seem. Nice work, Bob Burns!"

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

**Honorable Mention** — The Highlands Current, Cold Spring,



**FIRST PLACE,**  
Best Special News, Sports or Feature Section or Edition,  
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000  
The Holyoke (Colorado) Enterprise

New York, Ross Corsair. "Any sports parent or youth sport fan relates to this photo. Emotion, compassion yet not embarrassing to the hometown kid. Great job Ross Corsair! Layout wise, it should be of a more dominant size even if that means doing with one less photo overall."

Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999

**1st Place** — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Brady J. Boner. "Breathtaking shot!"

**2nd Place** — The Southampton (New York) Press-Eastern Edition, Dana Shaw. "Love the kiss!"

**3rd Place** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Morgan Timms. "Neat shot, once in a lifetime for sure!"

**Honorable Mention** — The Frankfort Station, Orland Park, Illinois, Julie McMann. "Great shot. Colors are sharp. Captured movement."



**FIRST PLACE,** Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000  
By Tim Hynds, Sioux City (Iowa) Journal

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.

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

**1st Place** — The Wickenburg (Arizona) Sun, Jeanie Hankins, 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 emotions, action, and all-around cropping of the photo."

**3rd Place** — Cut Bank (Montana) Pioneer Press, Brian Kavanagh. "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! The rain also adds a little bit extra to this photo. Good job!"

**BEST REVIEW**

Daily & Non-daily Division

**1st Place** — Oakland (Illinois) Independent, Janice Hunt.

"What an excellent book review! It contains the proper amount of detailed coverage while teasing juicier parts. This is well done!"

**2nd Place** — The Tinley Junction, Orland Park, Illinois, Jeff Vorva. "A good review of a wacky show. It's fact-based (with the RS reference) as well as an eyewitness account. This is a good review."

**3rd Place** — Mount Desert Islander, Bar Harbor, Maine, Nan Lincoln. "A nice review with just enough pithiness to keep the reader engaged. Very good job!"

**Honorable Mention** — The News-Gazette, Lexington, Virginia, Kit Huffman. "This is a marathon review which can be daunting, but the author keeps it interesting. A fine job."

**BEST FAMILY LIFE/LIVING SECTION/PAGES**  
Daily & Non-daily Division

**1st Place** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Paul Hatten. "Rounded font, each letter brightly spells out EGGS-PERTS, whimsical touch drawing readers to read the cover-page article about a local Easter egg hunt and the imaginative photo layout invites readers to join in the fun. The July cover page features star-spangled font over a burst of images,





**HONORABLE MENTION**, Best Sports Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000  
By Melissa Pernier | 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.

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 announcements; updates on organization activities; lively, staff-written articles about local people, gardening, and events; a Coming Up page, a crossword puzzle, a church directory page, and an Arts & Entertainment page. Each page neatly packages community information, colorful action shots, and unabashed touches of color."

**2nd Place** — Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan, Enterprise Staff. "The long-haired, green-eyed, tiara-wearing calico cat imperiously surveying readers from the cover of The Leelanau Enterprise's 16-page DIVERSIONS section along with the headline "Pets as Politicians" clue readers as to the focus of this edition. Inside, readers find articles and photos about herding dogs, guinea hens and peacocks, pets without borders (local wildlife), pet portrait artists, pet healthcare, the local animal control officer, and more. Another edition offers in-depth profiles, in words and images, of everyday people 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 their world in myriad ways. Both editions feature creative and lively takes on the ordinary."

**3rd Place** — Sioux City (Iowa) 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 pigs, and more) as well as more 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** — The Ark, Tiburon, California, Ark staff. "Sleek and sophisticated are words that describe The ARK's 24+-page section titled HOME. Narrower-sized columns, some use of vertical dividers, and muted colors keep the focus on the images of homes being highlighted and on the informative articles about all aspects of creating a home reflective of its owners. Most topics range from interior design to landscaping to protecting a home from wildfires, but some articles feature the people who work the magic of transforming a house into a home."

#### **BEST SPECIAL NEWS, SPORTS OR FEATURE SECTION OR EDITION** Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

**1st Place** — The St. Louis (Missouri) American, Staff. "Building a special issue around a concept (rather than around a concrete person, place, or even) takes imagination, as the staff of The St. Louis American demonstrates in Diversity: A Business Imperative. Timely, in-depth articles examine diversity initiatives, objectives, and practices across most of the economic sectors within the area; thoughtful, contextualized commentary addresses challenges still facing the communities. Front page teasers and articles, for example, feature a "super inventor" the new provost at UM, a major producer of pet products headquartered in St. Louis, a construction industry apprenticeship program targeting women and minorities, an internship program in the

legal field, and a chamber of commerce for black-owned businesses. Content flows smoothly with no clutter from beginning to end. Crisp, attention-grabbing photos draw viewers into the text, while adding detail and visual context. Bold colors in many of the photos and ads bring energy to the 60-page issue and offer a reminder that diversity is many-dimensional."

**2nd Place** — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, WTE staff. "Sliding almost out of the frame, boots first toward the reader and dirt flying, the determined cowboy "white hat unsmudged" wrestles an equally determined steer that outweighs the cowboy by about two to one. This cover photo sets the rough-and-tumble tone for the Wyoming Tribune Eagle's Souvenir Edition 2018 Guide to Frontier Days. A table of contents and large-sized section tabs, featuring the same rustic font used on the cover and set against a burnt umber background, guide readers through the all-you-could-ever-want-to-know-and-then-some content about the rodeo events and competitors, area festivities, and the need to honor historic roots while attracting future visitors. The recurring use of burnt umber and light sand colors, especially in "What You Need to Know" sidebars, ties the issue together and makes it easy for readers to spot essential information at a glance. The annotated A-W index, day-by-day schedule of events, and map of the festival area — all found on the last pages — bring this 80-page issue home."

**3rd Place** — The St. Louis (Missouri) American, Staff. "The St. Louis American's 90th Anniversary Special Edition features photos, front pages, and columns from 1928 to 2018 that both remind readers of historic happenings during that time and of the newspaper's roles in recording that history and in serving as a platform for change. Articles detail the SLA's origins, honor key people over its years of service, and trace the intersections of local, national, and international news during the time. Other

articles focus on industry challenges and changes over the years: of decades of segregated municipal buildings that limited black reporters' access to public information and of segregated press clubs limiting professional access; of the move in the mid-1980s from paid subscriptions to free distribution; of the development of an online presence beginning in 1998; and of the addition, within the past decade, of an NIE program to introduce the youngest readers in the community to the newspaper. An unhurried layout and a generous selection of images from past and present make this 34-page special edition one to savor."

**Honorable Mention** — Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas, Park Cities People. "When the local high school football team wins their second state title in a row and fifth overall, the local monthly newspaper had better step up — even if it happens on a Saturday night just before Christmas. The staff at Park Cities People did just that, pulling together Miracle Makers, a 16-page celebration issue with articles covering a key player, the game, the winning play, and the team's dedicated fans, as well as a pictorial roundup tracing the season. The cover image of an exuberant player celebrating the win, a double-page collage of colorful action photos (shako plumes, pompoms, trophy, upraised arms and other body parts breaking out of their frames and spilling into the margins) as well as themed congratulatory ads, capture the jubilant exhilaration of the entire community. Miracle makers, indeed."

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

**1st Place** — The Southampton (New York) Press-Eastern Edition, Staff. "This category was tough to judge because there were so many great entries, but this one stood out for its quality of design and depth and variety of stories. Section was on par with a national publication."



# Confessions of a jolly Grinch

BY TOM HENDERSON,  
Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon  
First place, Best Humorous Column  
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-7,999

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



MARCUS LARSON | NEWS-REGISTER

**News-Register reporter Tom Henderson waves to the crowd during the annual Santa's Parade on Friday, dressed up as the Grinch-turned newspaperman.**

ing 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.

**2nd Place** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, John Miller. "Nice to see a special section driven by reporting on an important issue rather than ad sales. Beautifully produced as well."

**3rd Place** — Douglas (Wyoming) Budget, Ethan Brogan. "Took a topic of great economic interest to your community and combined it into one package. Great use of charts and maps to convey information."

**Honorable Mention** — The Valley Reporter, Waitsfield, Vermont, Lisa Loomis, editor, and Patricia Clark, publisher. "The most original idea of all the submissions. Having it in a separate section would have helped it stand out more."

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

**1st Place** — The Holyoke (Colorado) Enterprise, Darci Tomky, Jes-c French, Brenda Brandt. "Well designed and written, this section had good advertising support and was reader centric, with good headlines and pull quotes to draw readers in. I liked the resume-like breakouts for each teacher. This was a very strong category with lots of high quality entries."

**2nd Place** — The Chronicle, Medicine Park, Oklahoma, The Chronicle Staff. "This was a great effort and what journalism is all about. I thought the staff did a great job here. Loved some of the breakouts, like "Does your vote count?" that stressed how close several elections were. Lots of photos, graphics and just plain good information."

**3rd Place** — The Ark, Tiburon, California, Ark staff. "This section had interesting stories, excellent layout and design and strong advertising support. I liked the alternative story form on the cookbook story. Even the ads were well designed, which helped this section stand out. Nice photography. Excellent job all around."

**Honorable Mention** — The Observer, Dundee, New York, Brandon Lawson and Dusty Blumbergs. "Nice package that had impact and a clean look. Good photos but tighter editing would have helped take it up a notch. Why not pick your strongest image and make it really big when you have a canvas like a double truck? People are watch 70" TVs. One bigger image would have helped this kind of package stand out."

**Honorable Mention** — News Letter Journal, Newcastle, Wyoming, Kara Sweet, Amy Menerey, Bob Bonnar, Shane Sellers & Staff. "Another very strong section. Loved the pull out map of the wineries. Lots of good information and stories."

**BEST SPORTS SECTION/PAGE**  
**Daily & Non-daily Division circ. 3,000-9,000**

**1st Place** — The N'West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa, Staff. "Good action photos and lots of them. Liked the display of statistics and schedules."

**2nd Place** — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Clark Forster, Andy Edwards. "Tough choice between top two in this class. Winner had just a few more good action photos. Very nice Olympic section."

**3rd Place** — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Scott Campbell. "Liked the layout with big headlines and photos. top two finishers just had a little more."

**Honorable Mention** — The Ellsworth (Maine) American, Mike Mandell. "Nice layout and photos."

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

**1st Place** — The Holyoke (Colorado) Enterprise, Jes-c French, Darci Tomky, Brenda Brandt, Max Levy. "Clever use of space and color."

**2nd Place** — Cut Bank (Montana) Pioneer Press, Cut Bank Pioneer Press Staff. "October - The contrast between the fonts in volleyball section was nice. I would have liked to see more consistency with the outlines on photos and spacing and a little less angled text, unless there is a reason, which I cannot find one. February - The text at angle off the page isn't something I like. The way the ads are stacked like the last 3 were added too late to put in was bothersome."

**3rd Place** — The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota, Jody Michael. "Clean cut look, very nice."

**Honorable Mention** — The Chronicle, Medicine Park, Oklahoma, Jay DeSilver. "A little crowded. Good use of color."

**Daily & Non-daily Division circ. more than 1,0000**

**1st Place** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, William Weathers and Rob DeArmond. "Cut out great. Interesting play with fonts."

**2nd Place** — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Sioux City Journal sports staff. "Very classy layout, consistency great!"

**3rd Place** — Washington (Missouri) Missourian, Bill Battle, Arron Hustead. "Consistency was great, a little crowded"

**SOCIAL MEDIA JOURNALISM**  
**Daily & Non-daily Division (combined)**

**1st Place** — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Tom Hallberg, Emily Mieure, Ryan Dorgan, Sofia Jaramillo. "Great use of multiple social media platforms to inform people and publish updates on the situation."

**2nd Place** — Cedar County News, Hartington, Nebraska, Rob Dump - Jake Higgins - Kaylee Minnick. "Great use of online tools to inform people in an innovative way."

**3rd Place** — Iowa Falls (Iowa) Times-Citizen, Sara Konrad Baranowski. "This was a great engagement strategy and a good reminder to the audience that the news organization is there to serve their interests."

**Honorable Mention** — Cedar County News, Hartington, Nebraska, Rob Dump - Jake Higgins. "Great use of social media to inform the public of a serious matter."

**BEST AGRICULTURAL STORY**  
**Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more**

**1st Place** — Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Nicole Montesano. "The story itself was phenomenal. The flow of the entire article was spot on. I found it hard to look away."

**2nd Place** — Sullivan County Democrat, Callicoon, New York, Kathy Daley. "I was very impressed with the overall scope of the series. What an amazing group of people, from the farmers, to the legislators and the writer. Kudos to all!"

**3rd Place** — The Sun, Santa Maria, California, Spencer Cole. "A great piece pulling multiple industries together in one concise, dutiful article."

**Honorable Mention** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Cody Hooks. "The story painted a picture, struck the highlights of the lifestyle of the subjects, as well as conflict within that community. A very well-written piece."

**Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000**

**1st Place** — The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York, Cheetah Haysom. "The clear First Place entry. Effective intro. Excellent use of supporting information (chart, reaper graphic). Multiple sources quoted. Local, relevant information yet connected to National immigration issue. Congratulations, Cheetah Haysom!"

**2nd Place** — Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin, Jen Sieve-Hicks. "Story has strong beginning, middle and end - great job! You pulled me into the mud with the Stoltz family. Story imparts

great knowledge about their business so readers perhaps can learn a few things. Congratulations, Jen Sieve-Hicks!"

**3rd Place** — The Altamont (New York) Enterprise & Albany County Post, H. Rose Schneider. "The opening sentences pull you into the story. You captured the heartbreak in words, well supported by photos. The story slowed a bit for this judge in the middle, but the father-daughter sentiments are strong. Presentation wise, wish you had a bit more white space around the text subheads within the story. Overall a great job! There were other entries on the same sad subject - this is the best of those entries. Congratulations H. Rose Schneider!"

**Honorable Mention** — News Letter Journal, Newcastle, Wyoming, Jen Kocher. "Nice story! Short and sweet. Easy to read and follow. Love having the kid's story out front. Not sure about the "breakout" text treatment on front page - if you skip that, the first sentence under the byline would not fit.... Otherwise, love this story!"

**Daily Division**

**1st Place** — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Ian Richardson. "Great story on a breaking news item. Ian Richardson was at ground zero of this explosion that literally rocked the community."

**2nd Place** — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. "Good job in revealing what politics are like in a small town. And good for those who wanted their voices to be heard — although, they definitely should not have used the 911 system to do so!"

**3rd Place** — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. "Interesting story choice for this category."

**Honorable Mention** — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. "Solid story"

**Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more**

**1st Place** — The Daily Universe, Provo, Utah, McKenna Park. "The subject of this story went to the church, 'seeking help, seeking justice, seeking accountability. She wasn't believed.' Great work, with a challenging issue."

**2nd Place** — Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News, Kristen Demilio. "Detailed, well-written piece on a Cancun resort refusing a same-sex wedding."

**3rd Place** — The Daily Universe, Provo, Utah, Sam Bigelow. "Solid piece on the decertification of a former police officer."



**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, Mattituck, New York, Joe Werkmeister, 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 Ridolfi. “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, Tom Hallberg, Emily Mieux. “Two well-written series on major fires appeared in this category. This one 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** — Malibu (California) Surfside News, Lauren Coughlin, Joe Coughlin, Bill Jones, Barbara Burke. “Another of two series on major fires entered in this category. This was well written, timely, 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** — Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, 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 Taos (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** — Nogales (Arizona) International, Jonathan Clark, Arielle Zions. “Well-done reporting and writing (and photography) by the managing editor Jonathan Clark on this horrible occurrence. Clar got to some of the multiple scenes quickly, and had a couple of days to put facts together. He and reporter Arielle Zions 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 Paynesville (Minnesota) Press, Michael Jacobson. “Small staff deserves congratulations for fine coverage of a heinous crime. The reader 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 good addition to the coverage.”

**3rd Place** — Carolina Forest Chronicle, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Viraj Naik, Ettie Newlands, 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.”

**Honorable Mention** — Lamesa (Texas) Press-Reporter, Russel Skiles. “Nice lede and well-told story about poor Turbo and little Pokahontis.”

**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 eyewear is made!”

**3rd Place** — The Key West (Florida) Citizen, Mandy 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, Kelsie Matheson. “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 â€ 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 Rowell. “Love numbers and stats in a business story, but in this case it might have been better to put all of that in a sidebar chart for easier comparison, and let the story focus on the apparent contradiction that in these neighborhoods low inventory and high buyer demand have not resulted in higher prices.”

**Honorable Mention** — Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Tom Henderson. “Journalism 101 instructs that the 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 heartbeat of the local paper. Well done.”

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 doesn’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, Bryon Glathar. “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) Pioneer Press, Linda Bruch. “Again, another evocative story that shows the connection - often long-term - of businesses and communities. I would have, however, started with a stronger lede, 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, Alexis Barker. “Again, another interesting story but one that would have better benefitted with a stronger lede, in this case, how they almost lost the colony to mites.”

Daily Division

**1st Place** — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Mason Dockter. “Good story explaining a troublesome situation.”

**2nd Place** — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. “Very good story - lots of sources and a good dose of hope for these inmates.”

**3rd Place** — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. “Detailed explanation of a complex topic.”

**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 Dee. “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 Rose, Spencer Cole, Kasey Bubnash. “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, Camillia Lanham. “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 Joseph Hernandez, Jeremiah Rodriguez and Diego Aragon, all of the parks and wildlife department; and good Samaritans Mirko Latkovich of Port Aransas, Kyle Jenkins of Houston and Artem Artemerui of Corpus Christi.



**THIRD PLACE**, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999  
By Morgan Timms | The Taos (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.**



**SECOND PLACE**, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999  
By Marcus Larson | Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon

**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 multiple angles people may not be aware of. Nice work.”

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

**1st Place** — Cut Bank (Montana) Pioneer Press, LeAnne Kavanagh. “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 forethought that was clearly put into this story. Great work.”

**2nd Place** — The Ark, Tiburon, California, Deirdre McCro-han. “Excellent stories on a very important community issues. I feel like I know all of the represented sides 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/sources in a very local story. It’s evident that the commissioner really wants the hospital. Great job put-ting the events in context of the overall timeline 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 SDBC 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 Galloway. “Good in-depth coverage of state education. Well-documented and good quotes.”

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

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

**Honorable Mention** — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy 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, Bianca R. Montes. “Absolutely wonderful. Engaging and delightful!”

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

**3rd Place** — The Northbrook (Illinois) Tower, Martin Carlino. “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.”

**Honorable Mention** — Brentwood (California) Press, Aly Brown. “What an amazing thoughtful piece. Kudos to all involved!”

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

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

**2nd Place** — The Ark, Tiburon, 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 Broom. “Good article focusing on a common prob-lem: brain drain.”

BEST ENVIRONMENTAL STORY

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

**1st Place** — The Sun, Santa Maria, California, Camillia Lanham. “Running 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, Camil-lia Lanham. “Like her other entry, editor Camillia Lanham is a pleasure to read. The work put into these two stories was in-depth and solid. Far beyond meeting coverage. Her read-ers are clearly treated well with the quality of her writing and reporting.”

**3rd Place** — New Times, San Luis Obispo, California, Camil-lia Lanham. “Best so far. Great reporting and getting all the information. Textbook on doing the research and not just settling for quick answers. Writing was a pleasure to read.”

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

**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 stiff, as in “I’m just reporting the facts here.” The writer was thorough and took the details and turned it into an interesting read.”

**2nd Place** — The Southampton (New York) Press-Eastern Edition, Amanda Bernocco. “Great lede! 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, technical subject.”

**3rd Place** — The Ark, Tiburon, 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 isn’t common knowledge.”

**Honorable Mention** — Mount Desert Islander, Bar Har-bor, Maine, Dick Broom. “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 Hytrek. “This was a great series with several different angles — from the veterans and Navy students, 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 bear encounter accounts were interesting. The series was informative and presented both sides of the bear debate, but didn’t lean one way or the other.”

**3rd Place** — Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas, Park Cities People, William Legrone, Pat Martin. “This story addressed more than just the homeless issue, which plagues just about every community. There’s always so much discussion about how to get people off the streets, but not so much about one of the roots of the problem — affordable housing. This story addressed that and along with the strategy plan, that’s what made it stand out.”

**Honorable Mention** — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Mike Koshmrl. “Noah Kolis clearly felt remorse for his actions and this story makes that clear. I found myself feeling bad for him, but also for the young cubs who lost their mother. Good job, this was an interesting read.”

STORY-SERIES - BEST FEATURE SERIES  
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000

**1st Place** — Dalton (Ohio) Gazette & The Kidron News, Christina McCune. “Excellent subject and excellent writing. Good leads, good sentence variation, good pace. Often with these biographical sketches the writer doesn’t cultivate the stories or the source. You’ve done a great job choosing the right moments to right about and putting them in a logical and engaging order. The story is inspiring, motivating the reader to be better and try harder. Good work.”

**2nd Place** — Iowa Falls (Iowa) Times-Citizen, Sara Konrad Baranowski. “Excellent story-telling and writing. Engaging and hard to pull away from. You really made the reader care about this girl and her story, from her deep love of sports to the life threatening situation to her new purpose. Very well done. You took some literary license that normally would cause red flags in journalism, but as long as its accurate to what the mother and daughter actually said, it works really well in this kind of report-ing. I especially appreciated the writing style, the variation in sentence length and the length of the story. Great job.”



THIRD PLACE, Best Sports Photo, Daily Division  
By Justin Wan | Sioux City (Iowa) Journal

From left, Dakota Wesleyan’s Riley Osthus 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.

**3rd Place** — Shelter Island (New York) Reporter, Annabelle Woodward. “Professionally done. So often reporters of religion put themselves and their personal believes, even subtly, into the articles. I couldn’t guess the writer’s religious believes after reading these articles and I shouldn’t be able to. The writer is not the story. The church and its preacher is. I appreciate the writing style and pace. Some tough topics were covered here and done well. Stories are easy to follow and engaging.”

**Honorable Mention** — Mount Desert Islander, Bar Harbor, Maine, staff. “If there’s ever a time to make a big deal of a busi-ness, this was it. The contest is feature writing, but I just want to note that I enjoyed seeing the businesses in the community purchase ad space in support of another business. Tremendous. This was well-written and interesting. History in newspapers is done poorly so often, dry and confusing, so I appreciated the writer spending time selecting which details to include to create snappy, fun articles. The glossary was especially fun. The lead on the main article was a little slow -- you’re story wasn’t actu-ally about shopping local as a trend -- and I would have started with the anecdote about ‘cash for daughter.’ That’s engaging and really draws the reader in! Overall, good work. Congrats to you and the business.”

Daily Division

**1st Place** — Sioux City (Iowa) Journal, Dolly Butz. “Almost forgot I was reading an article and really had the sense that I knew the inside story of what had happened in her life and how she was able to turn tragedy into helping others. Nice, easy to read writing style.”

**2nd Place** — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. “Interesting, well-written feature on an important topic relevant to how social media has become woven into almost every area of our lives.”

**3rd Place** — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. “Catchy lead and a nice uplifting story.”

**Honorable Mention** — The Key West (Florida) Citizen, Alex Wilson. “Interesting inside look at an agency that not many people may know about or how it operates.”

STORY-SERIES - BEST FEATURE STORY  
Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000-14,999

**1st Place** — Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum, Idaho, Mark Dee. “Mark Dee’s story is the kind of journalism that makes community newspapers essential. A heartbreaking story of a real family in crisis, illustrating one of the biggest political issues the country is wrestling with. Excellent work.”

**2nd Place** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, David Gray. “David Gray’s article just knocked me out. A rollicking celebration of diversity, beautifully presented and compellingly told. Excellent work.”

**3rd Place** — Washington (Missouri) Weekend Missourian,

Karen Cernich. “Karen Cernich’s story perfectly captured the community’s embrace of leukemia patient Paige Babbs. Fine piece of storytelling.”

**Honorable Mention** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, David Gray. “Well-told story of community inspiration. David Gray is a masterful storyteller.”

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

**1st Place** — The Sun, Santa Maria, California, Kasey Bub-nash. “I like how the writer follows the story of these girls being bullied and how they find their place, make friends and over-come the trauma of being bullied through Jiu-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 Sun, Santa Maria, California, Rebecca Rose. “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.”

**Honorable Mention** — New Times, San Luis Obispo, Cali-fornia, Ryah Cooley. “Fascinating story about man’s journey with wine.”

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

**1st Place** — Uinta County Herald, Evanston, Wyoming, Sheila McGuire. “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 than many other stories, but writer weaves together in a clear manner the details and spices the story with great quotes. A compelling read.”

**2nd Place** — Carolina Forest Chronicle, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Charles 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 word picture of the fam-ily’s response to reading the journal and its effect on their lives. A sure appeal 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 to this story. Writer has easy-to-read style and weaves in a variety of information about the importance and use of the therapy dog. Just a doggone interest-ing story.”

**Honorable Mention** — Archbold (Ohio) Buckeye, Mary





**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, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000  
By Steve Booker | The Chronicle, 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.



**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.



**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. 10,000 or more  
By Arron Husted | 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 -6: 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 29, 2018.



**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.

**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, Daily Division  
By Blaine McCartney | Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

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 as Taos County Sheriff's Posse Arena.



*Beeville wide receiver Dony Givens (right) jumps over Tuloso-Midway's Jevon Leal to haul in a touchdown for the Trojans in their 42-7 win over the Warriors at Veterans Memorial Stadium Thursday night. Givens caught 10 passes for 182 yards and three touchdowns in the victory.*  
Kevin J. Keller photos

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



**HONORABLE MENTION**, 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 sectionals, 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. 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 Olszowka Invitational at Union High School. Cullinane cleared 9-6 to win the event title.





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

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. 10,000 or more  
By John Dupont | Livingston (Louisiana) Parish News

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.



**FIRST PLACE**, Best Feature Photo, Daily Division  
By Jacob Byk | Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

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.



**FIRST PLACE**, Best 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.

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Huber. "You can't read this story without being touched emotionally. Human interest and reader appeal are cornerstones of this feature about a dairy farmer who loses his barn in a fire but is moved to tears more by the way friends and neighbors pitch in to help in his need. Strong use of quotes to propel reader through the story."

Non-daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999

**1st Place** — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Scott Campbell. "Engaging, well-written piece on an important topic. Excellent use of storytelling to follow this young woman through extremely difficult circumstances to where she is years later."

**2nd Place** — Douglas (Wyoming) Budget, Colin Tiernan. "What a cool story to come out of small-town Wyoming, telling this story shows that great tales can come from all sorts of places. Well-written, well-designed and engaging."

**3rd Place** — The Southampton (New York) Press-Eastern Edition, Brendan J. O'Reilly. "Nice work taking on the story of someone close to the now President of the U.S. Offers up interesting insights and perspectives on Trump, without losing sight of the heart of the piece - Wallach's tale itself"

**Honorable Mention** — The Jackson (Georgia) Herald, Angela Gary. "Really enjoyed this story sharing the background of a man driven to a calling. Nice work telling his tale and using language to paint the scene."

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

**1st Place** — The Homer Horizon, Orland Park, Illinois, Thomas Czaja. "A really nice balance of objectivity, explaining what this unusual phenomenon means to both the faithful and to those disinclined to explain it religiously."

**2nd Place** — Hyattsville (Maryland) Life & Times, Andra Damon. "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."

**3rd Place** — Malibu (California) Surfside News, Lauren Coughlin. "A lovely and respectful tribute, while the unknowns of the case make the story both a tragedy and a mystery."

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

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

**1st Place** — Cut Bank (Montana) Pioneer Press, Briana Wipf,

Jennifer VanHeel. "This is an exceptionally well-written, well-sourced story told with depth and sensitivity."

**2nd Place** — Oakland (Illinois) Independent, Janice Hunt. "A compelling story, well-told, about a good soldier, his family and his struggles."

**3rd Place** — Glenrock Independent, Douglas, Wyoming, Melissa Peterson. "It's not so much the writing of this story (single-sourced) that makes it interesting, but that it's a newspaper interview with a man who has chosen isolation."

**Honorable Mention** — Dalton (Ohio) Gazette & The Kidron News, Christina McCune. "Thoroughly and well-written story about a purpose-driven young woman and the support she has received."

STORY-SERIES - BEST HEALTH STORY  
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more

**1st 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!"

**2nd Place** — New Times, San Luis Obispo, California, Chris McGuinness. "Made the story come to life with the life and death struggles of inmates."

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

**Honorable Mention** — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Kylie Mohr. "Huge amount of work. Can't imagine the hours behind this. But in the end the reader has a fascinating and insightful look at a real community problem. Nice job of organization -- always a problem for projects this big in scope. Solid writing. Well done."

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

**1st Place** — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Scott Campbell. "This is an excellent story. It really showed what a great doctor he was and how he helped the medical community. Well done."

**2nd Place** — The Grant (Nebraska) Tribune-Sentinel, Brooke Robertson. "I absolutely love this story. As a mom of a special needs child, who was also told to end the pregnancy, this hit home for me. I love how the reporter covered the personal aspect of this as well as all of the medical that has to be gone through for this special baby. Great job!"

3rd Place — The Galena (Illinois) Gazette, Hillary Dickerson.



“The timing for this baby is amazing. This is a great human interest story. I would have liked to have read more of what the family faced/faces medically. Overall it was a great story.”

Honorable Mention — Cut Bank (Montana) Pioneer Press, Linda Bruch. “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 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, Kaitlyn Bancroft, Riley Waldman, Jillian Argento, Dani Jardine. “Comprehensive, 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 shining a light on local corruption - doing what good community newspapers ought to be doing. Writer was careful to document sources obtained through FOI requests.”

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

**1st Place** — The Homer Horizon, Orland Park, Illinois, Max Lapthorne, Thomas Czaja, Joe Coughlin. “It wasn’t hard for this judge to decide on first place for this story after thinking on it a few days. Out of all the entries in this category, this story haunted 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 I learned something, which I felt was particularly helpful to readers. A well thought out piece with exceptional reporting, photos and layout.”

**3rd Place** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, John Miller. “The publication owned this story from beginning to end in a tail 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 Bjoin, Managing Editor. “This is investigative and community reporting at its finest. The reporting was brilliant as the newspaper 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 Hankins, Publisher. “Amazingly thorough and exactly the kind of gumshoe reporting that keeps local democracy healthy!”

**2nd Place** — Moonshine Ink, Truckee, California, Sage Sauerbrey. “Affordable housing may not be sexy, but you managed to make the topic plenty interesting with three distinct, but relevant takes on the subject.”

**3rd Place** — Nogales (Arizona) International, Arielle Zions. “Sensitive handling of the dynamics of sexual assault.”

**Honorable Mention** — The Pinckneyville (Illinois) Press, Ian Karbal. “Very detailed and thorough look at an issue that could

easily be off the community’s radar without such reporting.”

**STORY-SERIES - BEST LOCALIZED NATIONAL STORY**

Daily & Non-daily Division

**1st Place** — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Melissa Cassutt, Allie Gross, Emily Mieure, Kylie Mohr. “A very well done special section that surely hit people close to home. The intent of it is well framed going in, and the stories are powerful.”

**2nd Place** — New Times, San Luis Obispo, California, Ryah 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** — Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan, Amy Hubbell. “Well written stories. The overall package puts a human face on addiction and also shows the consequences.”

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

**STORY-SERIES - BEST PERFORMING ARTS STORY**

Daily & Non-daily Division

**1st Place** — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Austin Huguélet. “Very thorough reporting on the Civic Center’s new management, the variety of entertainment they plan and what they hope to accomplish. Nice lead with the reaction of a concert goer and taxpayers should appreciate the coverage of how the center is subsidized. Well done.”

**2nd Place** — Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Tom Henderson. “A very well written story on a special music teacher. Excellent lead. Quotes from a student’s parent add to the story.”

**3rd Place** — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. “Well written story on a local costume designer and his success. The comments from the high school play director help establish how his career began.”

**Honorable Mention** — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Eldridge, IA, Scott Campbell. “Well done story on a local girl making a name for herself in the entertainment business. Certainly a must read for everyone in town who knew her when she was in school there.”

**BEST PUBLIC NOTICE JOURNALISM**

Daily & Non-daily Division

**1st Place** — Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan, Eric Carlson. “This story gives readers a glimpse into why public notice of foreclosures is so important. By highlighting failures of a homeowner and a financial institution to protect the taxpayer risk, the story does a great job of showing how public notice protects an important county program. A readable and clear explanation.”

**2nd Place** — The Ark, Tiburon, California, Matthew Hose, Deirdre McCrohan. “This story is part of a lengthy season of coverage on a costly library expansion and the public process to discuss (or not) its funding. The absence of good public notice emphasizes how critical it is for newspapers to continue to be watchdogs when entities overlook their obligation to inform. Well-written and thorough.”

**3rd Place** — The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota, Brad Nygaard, Cecile Wehrman. “This is a worthy story about an ongoing problem with governance in a small town. The absence of a public notice before decision-making meetings is clear here, so the reader can assess the lack of transparency in a local government.”

**Honorable Mention** — Oakland (Illinois) Independent, Janice Hunt. “The newspaper here performs its duty: it makes sure the city follows the public notice law. Not a lot of journalistic enterprise here, but it is a different sort of watch-dogging that makes newspapers so important.”

**BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY OR SERIES**

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

**1st Place** — Cody (Wyoming) Enterprise, Amber Peabody. “I like feature stories that get me emotionally involved in the subject’s life and this one did! Gave me everything I wanted to know about his condition and how he overcame the challenge to



**THIRD PLACE**, Best Breaking News Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more  
By Scott A. Drake | Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News

**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. Whosoever 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.

# 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 Obituary Tribute,  
Daily & Non-daily Division

**ALTAMONT** — Everett Rau, who lived and died on the farm his family had tended for more than two centuries, did more than 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 metaphor 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 crosses from the discarded timbers that are used annually in an Easter procession to St. John’s Church in Altamont, the church he was

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 knowledge and was a fixture at the Altamont Fair, helping to restore now-antique equipment and teaching others how to use it. Mr. Rau once not only grew appropriate grain to thatch an Elizabethan-style theater but even harvested it with period tools.

He was born on Aug. 22, 1919, the son of Margaret Van Valkenburg Ogsbury Rau and Frank 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.





**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.



**THIRD PLACE**, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999  
By Ross Corsair, The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York

**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 sledders at Winter Hill.



**SECOND PLACE**, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000  
By Russel Skiles | Lamesa (Texas) Press-Reporter

**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.



**FIRST PLACE**, Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999  
By Gary Ridderbusch | Vilas County News-Review, Eagle River, Wisconsin

**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.

**SECOND PLACE**, Best Feature Photo, Daily Division  
By Blaine McCartney | Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

**Singing his heart out** — A young boy sings part of “The Star-Spangled Banner” as other children hold up a large American flag before the start of the third performance of the 122nd annual Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo on Monday at Frontier Park Arena.



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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 lede got me right into the article.”

**3rd Place** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Arcenio Trujillo. “Nice read about 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.”

**Honorable Mention** — Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News&Guide, Tom Hallberg. “Enjoyed the writing style and subject.”

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

**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 Mallorca 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 Ites. “Excellent read, tracing the basketball life of this town’s best athlete ever. Writer Justin Ites 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 Hunhoff. “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 circ. more than 10,000

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

**2nd Place** — The Northbrook (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** — Tinley Junction, The, Orland Park, IL, Jeff Vorva. “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, circ. 9,000 or more

**1st Place** — Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Jeremiah Johnke. “More detailed in its 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 Northbrook (Illinois) Tower, Michal Dwojak. “Michal Dwojak’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 Lapthorne. “Max Lapthorne deserves credit in his writing for leaning 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 blowtorches.”

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

**1st Place** — Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan, Randy Dockendorf. “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 courtside.”

**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 neat event that isn’t considered mainstream with everything else going on.”

VIDEO JOURNALISM

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

**1st Place** — The St. Louis (Missouri) American, Rebecca Rivas. “The combination of testimonials, an interview with the main character and of b-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 like the impact of the reveal when viewers discover that Hoskins 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, circ. 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 Taos (New Mexico) News, The Taos News staff. “LOVED the Dogs of Taos photo feature! The kind of thing you can o 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 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.”

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**THIRD PLACE,** Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999  
By Brady J. Boner, 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.”



**FIRST PLACE,** Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000  
By Jody O'Hara | Stone County Enterprise, Wiggins, Mississippi

James Gunner [front] and Jamie Polk, both veterans of U.S. military service, are living in squalor at a trailer located on Lynell Lee Road in western Stone County. Chief Deputy Phyllis Olds 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.





**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.



**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.



**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. 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.



**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 Campbell. “Good Christmas promotion. Nice, clean ads.”
- 2nd Place** — Moonshine Ink, Truckee, California, Nina Miller, Mayumi Elegado. “Simple, clean and good newspaper promotion.”

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

- 1st Place** — Cody (Wyoming) Enterprise, Shannon Severude, Cassie Capellen. “Simplicity at its best! Photo background and simple message make for outstanding ad.”
- 2nd Place** — The St. Louis (Missouri) American, Staff. “Awesome idea - worthy of stealing!!”
- 3rd Place** — The N’West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa, Krisitn Oldenkamp. “Clean, well designed ad. Love the large photo.”
- Honorable Mention** — The Daily Universe, Provo, Utah, Joan Phillips. “Attention getter!”

BEST ADVERTORIAL OR SPONSORED EDITORIAL

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

- 1st Place** — The Valley Reporter, Waitsfield, Vermont, Jeff Knight, Lisa Loomis. “I thought this was the best of three entries by this newspaper. Great idea to partner with the local chamber to create a series of local business profiles. The best native content is reader focused, however, not business focused so that’s one downside to this approach. Better design, headline, typography and layout is important, too, and all the entries were weak on that front. Just because it’s native content doesn’t mean we can skip good design, editing, headlines and typography. No captions, poor layout and typography, too many photos and weak headlines hampered all the entries.”
- 2nd Place** — Port Aransas (Texas) South Jetty, Elizabeth Weaver, Mary Henkel Judson. “Nice story about a popular local restaurant was a good approach for native content. Story needed better writing/editing but overall it conveyed a lot of information even locals probably didn’t know.”
- 3rd Place** — The Valley Reporter, Waitsfield, Vermont, Jeff Knight, Lisa Loomis. “A nice story about another local inn. Again, great idea to partner with the local chamber on this series of articles.”

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

- 1st Place** — Preston Hollow People, Dallas, Texas, Preston Hollow People. “Great topic, very heartwarming. Nice layout that focused on the many aspects of the event.”
- 2nd Place** — Brentwood (California) Press, Sherrie Hamilton, Eric Kinnaird, Lonnie Tapia, Michele Chatburn, Ruth Roberts. “Wonderful ideal!”
- 3rd Place** — The Galena (Illinois) Gazette, Jay Dickerson. “Very catchy layout.”
- Honorable Mention** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Willard Avery. “Very appealing series.”

BEST CLASSIFIED SECTION

Non-daily Division (combined)

- 1st Place** — The Fountain Hills (Arizona) Times, The Fountain Hills Times Staff. “Nice use of color and there is a lot of realtor participation.”
- 2nd Place** — The Chronicle, Medicine Park, Oklahoma, The Chronicle Staff. “Nice use of color and easy to read”
- 3rd Place** — Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan, Jason Plowman. “Large classified section and nice use of color.”
- Honorable Mention** — The Ark, Tiburon, California, Leigh Pagan. “Nice use of icons”

BEST MULTIPLE ADVERTISER SECTION

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

- 1st Place** — The St. Louis (Missouri) American, Staff. “A piece 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.”

**3rd Place** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Paul Hatton. “Consistent use of the national colors of Mexico made the presentation cohesive, yet each individual ad still maintained their own identity.”

BEST MULTIPLE ADVERTISER SECTION

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999

- 1st Place** — The Galena (Illinois) Gazette, Staff. “Love this idea for keepsake.”
- 2nd Place** — Leelanau Enterprise, 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.”
- Honorable Mention** — West Essex Tribune, Livingston, New Jersey, Jennifer Chciuk, Nancy Perlmutter, Garry DeYoung, Grisel Cardona, Karen Trachtenberg, Ellen Whitney, Christine Sablynski. “Fun take on fall sports coverage”

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

- 1st Place** — Cut Bank (Montana) Pioneer Press, Nate and Ashley Kavanagh, Jenny Wherley. “The amount of advertiser and community support for this section is impressive.”
- 2nd Place** — The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York, Michele Gedney. “Photography, layout and advertisements flow together nicely.”
- 3rd Place** — The Ark, Tiburon, California, Ark staff. “Nice layout and advertiser support.”
- Honorable Mention** — The Holyoke (Colorado) Enterprise, Darci Tomky, Brenda Brandt. “Nice layout and doesn’t look cluttered.”

BEST NEWSPAPER PROMOTION

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000-15,999

- 1st Place** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Paul Hatton. “well designed campaign. Limited use of copy allows the art work to do it’s job. Numbers 1 and 5 are particularly strong.”
- 2nd Place** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Paul Hatton. “The pink stands out well. Interesting choice of font.”

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 16,000 or more

- 1st Place** — The Daily Universe, Provo, Utah, BYU Daily Universe Design Team. “The fat jolly snowman with the ham-burger was a crowd pleaser. The layouts were great and the coloring was eye catching. Good job.”
- 2nd Place** — Brentwood (California) Press, Lonnie Tapia, Connie O’Neill, Sherrie Hamilton. “The color contrast wasn’t there. The ads weren’t bad, but if you are going to use them again, I would suggest using another color or background to make the dog stand out or another color of dog. Overall, not bad.”

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 10,000

- 1st Place** — Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan, Deb Campbell. “Winner, winner! Creative and inviting to the reader to see what the headline is all about. And good copy to bring home the point. Easy choice.”
- 2nd Place** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Sean Ratliff. “Creative. While the art is intriguing, the message with it says as much as the photo. It’s a well put together package.”
- 3rd Place** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Nicole Romero. “Provoking series of ads, all leading to what I can only imagine were equally compelling issues. I don’t like to let color reproduction dictate winners, and didn’t in this case. But all of your paper’s entries were popping off pages. I almost subscribed ...”
- Honorable Mention** — The N’West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa, Alisha Schlichte. “Tough call between 3rd-6th, but just thought this layout promoted part of what newspapers are about just a bit better than some of the others. Eye-catching layout.”

BEST PUBLIC NOTICE SECTION

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

- 1st Place** — The Ark, Tiburon, California, Leigh Pagan. “I like the bold headline and nice typeface -- easy to read.”

BEST SALES PROMOTION SECTION OR EDITION

Daily Division

- 1st Place** — Casa Grande (Arizona) Dispatch, Staff. “Definitely geared to customer purchases with customer appreciation theme. Nice design”
- 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** — Brentwood (California) Press, Eric Kinnaird, Sherrie Hamilton, Anne Ray, Lonnie Tapia. “Nice packaging with auto ads, as well as auto themed stories.”
- Honorable Mention** — Preston Hollow People, Dallas, TX, Preston Hollow People. “Nice ads, especially the Briggs Freeman 2 page ads.”

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 10,000

- 1st Place** — The Ark, Tiburon, California, Ark staff. “Clear winner, nice holiday promotion, good layout and design”
- 2nd Place** — The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota, Cecile Wehrman. “A nice touch with editorial copy for often-used promotion. Well done.”
- 3rd Place** — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Jeff Martens, Erin Gentz, Theresa Blackledge. “Nice use of space for small ads”
- Honorable Mention** — The Holyoke (Colorado) Enterprise, Darci Tomky, Brenda Brandt. “Always a good idea”

BEST SERIES AD IDEA, BLACK & WHITE

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

- 1st Place** — Wilton-Durant (Iowa) Advocate News, Advocate News staff. ““Style” was a simple idea, executed brilliantly. GREAT!”
- 2nd Place** — Wilton-Durant (Iowa) Advocate News, Advocate News staff. ““Connected” campaign works for me!”
- 3rd Place** — Port Aransas (Texas) South Jetty, Keith Petrus. “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”
- 2nd Place** — News Letter Journal, Newcastle, Wyoming, Stephanie Bonnar. “Great originality and thought on the use of colors. Caught my eye with the paint brush making floral design which in turn makes me want to paint a room.”
- 3rd Place** — News Letter Journal, Newcastle, Wyoming, Stephanie Bonnar. “Great photography and use of color”
- Honorable Mention** — North Scott Press, Eldridge, Iowa, Jeff Martens, Erin Gentz, Theresa Blackledge. “I like the layout, less busy, to the point”
- Honorable Mention** — Port Aransas (Texas) South Jetty, Keith Petrus, Murray W. Judson. “I like the visual of the store, it shows you have options.”

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

- 1st Place** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Nicole Romero. “This was tough. First or second could have gone either way. This campaign is colorful and consistent. What sets this apart? Simplicity with a point. I’m intrigued and that’s what makes advertising work.”
- 2nd Place** — West Essex Tribune, Livingston, New Jersey, Jennifer Chciuk, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona. “This was tough. First or second could have gone either way. This campaign is consistent, clever and colorful. Excellent work.”
- 3rd Place** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Nicole Romero. “Simple, consistent campaign. Colorful. Really like the “cheer” next to the agent’s photo. Caught my attention.”
- Honorable Mention** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Paul Hatton. “Colorful yet simple. I’m not distracted. Like the quotes applied to each situation. I’d buy.”

BEST SINGLE AD IDEA, BLACK & WHITE

Daily and Non-daily Division, circ. less than 10,000 (combined)

- 1st Place** — Preston Hollow People, Dallas, Texas, Preston Hollow People. “Simple ad with a message that resonates. GREAT!”
- 2nd Place** — Casa Grande (Arizona) Dispatch, Zoe Cooper, Byron McConnell, Olivia Lewis. “Adorable kids eating ice cream. What more do you need?”

**3rd Place** — Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan, Mike Anderson. “Fun, jaunty, memorable ad.”

**Honorable Mention** — West Essex Tribune, Livingston, New Jersey, Garry DeYoung, Karen Trachtenberg, Grisel Cardona. “Good, memorable use of vintage ads in a collage.”

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

- 1st Place** — Archbold (Ohio) Buckeye, Mary Huber. “Asmuch 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 goof small-space ad and good idea. Includes lots of good information. Better to show a real photo of the new chef.”
- 3rd Place** — Douglas (Wyoming) Budget, Lisa Adelman. “The best idea here, of course, is the interactive gimmick. The ad itself is just okay. Don’t ask a question that people can answer with a “no.””

BEST SINGLE AD IDEA, COLOR

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. more than 5,000 (combined)

- 1st Place** — Vilas County News-Review, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Betsy Boulden, Kurt Krueger, 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.”
- 1st Place** — The Taos (New Mexico) News, Isabel Pena. “Picture made you wish you were there. There wasn’t too much clutter and the layout was simple and eye catching.”
- 2nd Place** — Casa Grande (Arizona) Dispatch, Jenny Scharf, Byron McConnell. “This is a great ad. The colors and contrast is great. It was a very close one between this and 1st.”
- 3rd Place** — Brentwood (California) Press, Anne Ray. “Nice layout. Not too jumbled. Think it would have been better without the “ugly sweater” for a background.”
- Honorable Mention** — Cody (Wyoming) Enterprise, Shannon Severude, Cassie Capellen. “I liked how the child and the sky were blended together. The photoshopping was great. I wasn’t a fan of the quote on top.”

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

- 1st Place** — The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York, Kate Vikstrom. “Hello, indeed!! A clear winner, this ad contains consistent theming throughout, as well as a great color palette and thoughtful design. Love it!”
- 2nd Place** — Glenrock Independent, Douglas, Wyoming, Lisa Adelman. “This is an ad that can’t be overlooked when turning the pages. Bold and eye-catching!”
- 3rd Place** — Dodge County Pionier, Mayville, Wisconsin, Brooke Hattori, Heather Kopsi. “Attractive, informative, and engaging, all hallmarks of a great ad. Nicely done!”
- Honorable Mention** — Wilton-Durant (Iowa) Advocate News, Advocate News staff. “Fun and funny! Readers will surely find this ad interesting and amusing!”

BEST SMALL-PAGE AD

Daily Division, circ. less than 10,000

- 1st Place** — Casa Grande (Arizona) Dispatch, Zoe Cooper, Olivia Lewis. “Good-looking small-space ad. Great attention-grabbing art (dog with horns). Nice use of small space.”
- 2nd Place** — Casa Grande (Arizona) Dispatch, Zoe Cooper, Melva Bekis, 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 Francais. “The art 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 Francais. “Love this ad -- it made me laugh! Great wording along with the photo.”
- Honorable 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, Kristin Oldenkamp. "Liked the ad for it being so different and size draws it to your eye."

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

**3rd Place** — The N'West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa, Krystal Poppema. "Kind of a quirky ad, makes you look at it to find out what it's all about."

**Honorable Mention** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Paul Hatton. "Catchy looking ad."

**BEST USE OF AD COLOR**  
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. more than 8,000 (combined)

**1st Place** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Paul Hatton. "Very classy color use. The contrast of thick and thin fonts helped."

**2nd Place** — Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana, Paul Hatton. "The colors pop!"

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

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

**1st Place** — The N'West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa, Kristin Oldenkamp. "Great use of color. Use of photos that are not stock and bright and varied and tying in color that matches and embodies summer fun. All the text is easy to read and not lost by the use of white on a lighter background. Great job!"

**2nd 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."

**3rd Place** — The N'West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa, Krystal Poppema. "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 colors. 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."

**Honorable Mention** — Vilas County News-Review, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Betsy Boulden, Kurt Krueger. "Like the use of a full width, non-stock photo, that is well lit and colorful. Like the green gradient at the top and the green at the bottom of the ad work in the color of the landscape. Bright enough to capture attention and important information easy to find and read."

**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 Ridderbusch, 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, Kristin Oldenkamp. "Photos are more construction than electrical themed."

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**FIRST PLACE**, Best Small-Page Ad, Non-daily Division, circ. more than 5,000  
Kristin Oldenkamp | The N'West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, Iowa

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**FIRST PLACE**, Best Single Ad Idea, Black & White, Non-daily Division, circ. more than 5,000  
Preston Hollow People, Dallas, Texas

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**FIRST PLACE**, Best Use of Ad Color, Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 8,000-15,999  
Paul Hatton | Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, Louisiana

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**FIRST PLACE**, General Excellence,  
Non-daily Division, Circ. 6,000 - 9,999  
Jackson (Wyoming) Hole News & Guide

## A young child with large, expressive eyes is looking intently at a clear, hourglass-shaped container. The container is filled with a clear liquid and contains several droplets of red and blue liquid. The child's hand is visible near the container, and the background is dark.

First-grade student Carlos Rodriguez looks into a liquid timer used for mindfulness during a class at Morningside Elementary School in Sioux City.

**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!"

**3rd Place** — Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Staff. "Local, Local, Local . . . until syndicate columns and feature elements invade. Excellent photos, excellent reporting/writing from staff; excellent opinion pages with local columns and scores of letters. Ads carry potent, focused messages, most with graphic appeal. Classifieds spread on

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

**2nd Place** — The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York, Staff. "This is a super paper - clean, well-ordered, thoughtful,



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**Winner – Landscapes:** Linda Frost for "Sunset on the Lagoon"

**Winner – Black & White:** Matthew James Goring for "Gordian Knot"

**Winner – Wildlife & Animals:** Joyce Bell for "Joyce Manning and my Duck"

## Concept for Mina project: 'Bohemian' beatnik poets bungalow

Restaurant from star chef wins OK for later hours, outdoor sound

**By DEBORAH MCCORMAN**  
[deborahm@thearknewspaper.com](mailto:deborahm@thearknewspaper.com)

Executive chef Michael Miles downsizes Thomas restaurant, slated to open in late summer, will have a "beatnik poets bungalow retreat." There, his restaurant group announced Nov. 14 at a packed hearing of the Tiburon Planning Commission.

The commission, which was meeting to review the Miles Group's operating permit for the former Georgian Mexican restaurant site at 3 Main St., voted 4-0 to:

- Expand allowed operating hours to 7 a.m.-2 a.m. daily;

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**Winner – People:** Tyler Rasmussen for "Butt Hats"

**Winner – Architecture:** George Biewer for "Water"

**Winner – Youth & 18:** Caitlin Ann McDermott for "Breath's Water"

**marilyn kessler: 1933-2018**

## Former publisher, editor of The Ark left impact on community

**By DEBORAH MCCORMAN**  
[deborahm@thearknewspaper.com](mailto:deborahm@thearknewspaper.com)

Marilyn Buck Olson Kessler, the award-winning former co-owner, co-publisher and co-editor of The Ark, died Nov. 16 at a hospice facility in Burlingame, Mo., following treatment for a brain aneurysm after a decade-long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was 85.

She began writing and editing news stories for The Ark — then owned independently by Tiburon resident James E. McClellan, of McClellan publishing company fame — in the

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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



**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.

**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.**

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to all the winners of NNA's  
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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.