



2023 Missouri Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest

Results and Judges Comments

01.) General Excellence | Dailies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

News Tribune

This is a newspaper clearly created with readers in mind. The layout is welcoming, the content selection is on point, the ads are bright and attractive, the writing is fairly tight. Excellent teamwork all around here.

News Tribune Staff

Second Place

Springfield News-Leader

Great A1 designs and headlines serve as a critical entry point for this well-done newspaper. The reporting staff is strong with great writing, while the advertising team creates striking ads. Business reporting is always popular so don't be afraid to put the new Mexican restaurant opening on the first page and move a government story off as a more reader-centric strategy.

News-Leader Staff

Third Place

Columbia Missourian

Great depth of reporting with a variety of topics covered that serve different audiences, providing excellent local news coverage. Headline writing is exceptional. Design is uneven, with some examples of clear brilliance that draw the reader in while other pages are too text-heavy gray. Bringing that exceptional design across the entire product would elevate the paper as a whole.

Missourian Staff

01.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Cassville Democrat

This is a top-notch newspaper with a reader-centric approach to it all: design, photography, reporting, content selection. Kudos are also due to the ad staff for an excellent job in design. A great team effort all around.

Staff

Second Place

Maryville Forum

This is a terrific newspaper with great use of design, photography and reporting for a reader-centric experience. Special kudos to the exceptional sports staff at this paper who are clearly excelling in every way.

Third Place

Maries County Advocate

This paper does an excellent job covering a wide variety of content and knowing that faces sell papers with its photography. The sports staff does a very nice job here. I'd recommend experimenting more with bolder designs on the news side to take the paper up one more notch.

Staff

01.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Laclede County Record

Clean, sharp design with a good flair of color combined with great content...a mix of enterprise and day-to-day...and significant local business support through advertising make this paper a pleasure to read. The diversity of content means something refreshingly unique is right around the corner, from historical to entertainment to parenthood. These unique "beats" help set the paper apart. A good team effort.

LCR Staff

Second Place

Wright County Journal

This is a newspaper that puts community in community journalism. The sheer number of people included in every issue is truly amazing. If someone isn't in the paper, surely they know someone who is. It's clear this is a newspaper that cares very much about its community. I'm serious when I say you need to charge more than 75 cents an issue. The public is getting its money worth and will pay more. Great feature stories, use of color, design. Your community is lucky to have you.

Ron Schott

Third Place

Springfield Business Journal

Huge kudos to the advertising staff of this publication. The ads are phenomenal and must-read. There is also great reporting content in here with a nice clean design. I'd encourage the news side to boost the design creativity up a notch, however, to match the amazing personality/vibe that comes through with the advertising. A very solid publication overall that serves its audience well.

Springfield Business Journal

01.) General Excellence | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****St. Louis American**

This newspaper is the definition of community journalism with its exceptional reader-focused strategy. Content that appeals to a wide range of interests and ages, fantastic layouts, great opinion content ... I want to subscribe to this newspaper now. The team is clearly exceptional and serving its audience -- and journalism as a whole -- extremely well.

The St. Louis American Staff**Second Place****St. Louis Business Journal**

The depth of reporting in this publication is exceptional and becoming all too rare across the industry. Striking front pages, a phenomenal ad staff, strong headlines. This is a great team effort.

Robert Bobroff and Erik Siemers**Third Place****Jefferson County Leader**

This is a newspaper that knows what readers care about. Sections for business, schools, kids ... and that wedding section was fabulous. Great human interest stories on the front page. Fabulous opinion page. I'd recommend some improvement with the sports design with bolder designs and bigger, more striking photos.

Leader Publications

02.) Best Overall Design | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****News Tribune**

Very dynamic
Attention grabbing
Nice content variety

Second Place**Springfield News-Leader****News-Leader Staff****Third Place****Columbia Missourian****Missourian Staff**

02.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****The Media**

Ad to content ratio is good
Classified page layout was really good

Mike Scott, Elsa Besler and Emily Redding**Second Place****Maryville Forum****Third Place****Maries County Advocate****Staff**

02.) Best Overall Design | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place****Ozark County Times**

Nice layout
Good consistency of content

Second Place **Springfield Business Journal** **Springfield Business Journal** **Heather Mosley, Rebecca Green, Katelyn Egger, Tia Reeves and Christine Temple**

Third Place **Ste. Genevieve Herald** **Mark Evans**

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

First Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News** **Tim Church, Jason Wert, AJ Fahr, Chris Carlson, Jennifer Young and Mandy Farrow**
Nice consistency of layout
Not cluttered
Divisions between articles

Second Place **St. Louis American** **The St. Louis American Staff**

Third Place **Webster - Kirkwood Times** **Webster-Kirkwood Times**

03.) Best Front Page | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **News Tribune** **Tony Hawley**
Easy flow from one headline to the next, the photos are bold and pulled me right into the story! Bravo!!

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader** **News-Leader Staff**
Great use of large, upclose photos that evoke bold emotions, enticing me to read the article. Great Job!

Third Place **Southeast Missourian** **Southeast Missourian**
LOVE the use of the top image on the Weekend issues.

03.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Maryville Forum**
Your pages feel very emersive, drawing the reader into the paper like a good video game will make the player feel like he is IN the game. Bravo!

Second Place **Clinton County Leader** **Leader Pages** **Brett Adkison**
I appreciated the full justified paragraphs! I'm old skool, so thank you! Your layout was easy to follow and the photos really drew me into the pieces! Great Job!!!

Third Place **Edina Sentinel** **The Edina Sentinel** **Echo Menges**
 Loved your use of photos. They conveyed just how horrific each situation had been. Would like to see a little more off setting of the photos, and maybe, just maybe, give full justification a chance! It really cleans up the way paragraphs look to a graphic eye. Otherwise, great job!

03.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Wright County Journal		Ron Schott
Second Place	Courier-Tribune	Courier-Tribune front page design	
Third Place	Warren County Record		Tim Schmidt

03.) Best Front Page | Weeklies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News		Tim Church, Jason Wert, AJ Fahr, Chloe Carlson, Jennifer Young and Mariah Pomeroy
Second Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly		
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader		Leader Publications

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

First Place	Columbia Missourian Good story on a breaking news event. Good use of sources throughout.	Fire devastates Wooldridge	Erik Galicia, Katie Gallaway and Adam Goldstein
Second Place	Sedalia Democrat Heavily sourced story on what could have been a typical rewrite of a release from the police department. Way to dig out the details.	Man Dead After Exchanging Gunfire with	Chris Howell
Third Place	Columbia Missourian The newspaper used other publications as sources so this is hardly a breaking news story. I chose this third because I couldn't open the fourth entry in the category.	Men's Basketball Cleveland State Coach	Anthony Kristensen

04.) Best Breaking News Story | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	The Kansas City Star	Video: Officer throws man to ground at	Jenna Thompson
Second Place	Missouri Independent	Roe Overturned	Tessa Weinberg
Third Place	Missouri Independent	After wearing overalls in the Missouri	Rudi Keller

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Cassville Democrat	Hall Theatre	Kyle Troutman
Second Place	Tribune and Times	Scary Surprise	Dennis Minich
Third Place	Edina Sentinel	Devastating House Fire	Echo Menges

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Courier-Tribune	Police ID missing mother	Amanda Lubinski
Second Place	Houston Herald	Brother-in-law charged with murder	Brad Gentry
Third Place	Fayette Advertiser	First-degree murder charge filed in shooting	Justin Addison

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News Well written with informative detail.	Cooper family saves teen	Jason Wert

Second Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News**
Well written. Tragic story.

Judge dismisses Duck Boat charges **Jason Wert**

Third Place **St. Louis American**

St. Louis in Sorrow after School Shooting **Ashley Winters, Alvin Reid**

05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
Well written. Good investigative detail on the subject matter.

MU Hospital Security **Eli Hoff**

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Interesting subject and well written.

Likely shipwreck site **Teagan King**

Third Place **Sedalia Democrat**

Heckart Community Center Grand Opening **Nicole Cooke, Chris Howell and Faith Bemiss**

05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Missouri Independent**
This story was written in a compelling way. It made even an outsider want to see what crazy thing happened next. It also featured a nice collection of quotes from a variety of sources.

Firings, Corruption Accusations Create **Rudi Keller**

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader**
This was very nicely put together and especially well sourced.

SOGI ordinance protected gay, trans **Andrew Sullender**

Third Place **News Tribune**
I really liked the combination of personal stories along with the wider picture. I'm sure this resonated with readers, even if they do not have relationships with students with special needs.

A Turbulent Transition **Anna Campbell**

05.) Best News Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Kansas City Star**
Well written and researched piece on the child welfare system in Missouri. I'm always interested in the documentation that proves the point and these stories had that.

'We need help' **Laura Bauer and Judy L. Thomas**

Second Place **The Kansas City Star**
Good story that shows how jailhouse informants can ruin lives when their stories are not corroborated by other witnesses or evidence in advance of the trial.

Did jailhouse snitch send innocent man to **Luke Nozicka**

Third Place **The Kansas City Star** **Women in MO Can't Get a Divorce while** **Anna Spoerre**
It was a tough choice between two good stories for third. This story shed light on a little-known law that impacts women in Missouri and in Kansas.

05.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Maryville Forum**
Good use of records.

Geoffrey Woehlk

Second Place **Edina Sentinel**
Adds useful context to the local decision.

Commission NEMO Wind Project

Echo Menges

Third Place **Edina Sentinel**
Pretty comprehensive recap.

Buildings Collapse multiple issues

Echo Menges

05.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Courier-Tribune**
Good heroic youth news wins with me.

Hero teen honored

Amanda Lubinski

Second Place **Springfield Business Journal**
This article provides an excellent description of a program that will change not only the lives of former felons, but consequently of their families too.

Untapped Market

Mike Cullinan

Third Place **Courier-Tribune**
This is a good example of news, sad that it is. Hopefully, no one in Missouri will ever hear of a bridge collapse again in their lifetime.

Bridge collapse victim

Amanda Lubinski

05.) Best News Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**
Well-written, compelling, left this reader eager to read Part II. Humanizing and illuminating. Congratulations!

Execution of Kevin Johnson - A Murder in

Sylvester Brown, Jr.

Second Place **Webster - Kirkwood Times**
Personal and engaging, a close-up view of a local tragedy and the community's reaction. Well done!

"It's A Total Nightmare"

Jaime Mowers

Third Place **St. Louis Business Journal**
A talented blend of data and stories to humanize a complicated challenge. Well done!

Global Attraction

James Drew and Maddy Simpson

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place As I read your feature story about the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity hazing incident involving Danny Santulli, my heart absolutely broke for him and his family. While it was difficult to read the horrifying details of what transpired on Pledge Father Reveal Night, it was even more unsettling to learn the fraternity and defendants have failed to accept any responsibility, have instead placed the blame on Danny, and have since moved forward to kick off another year of formal fraternity recruitment at the university. As the reader of your compelling story, I find it impossible to imagine how the Santulli family is coping with this tragedy. It is my hope they will remain strong while continuing to seek accountability from those who were involved and who have since been criminally charged.	Columbia Missourian Danny Santulli	Eli Hoff
Second Place What an excellent feature story to spotlight Mr. Shrubshell's dedicated career! I find it so interesting how a great number of us in the world of journalism got our start as newspaper carriers! Your story takes the reader along on a journey through Mr. Shrubshell's years as a photojournalist, focusing on how he gained notoriety along the way through his commitment to documenting newsworthy happenings. How wonderful for all those years of hard work to lead to the honor of his induction into the Missouri Photojournalism Hall of Fame!	Columbia Missourian Don Shrubshell	Ian Wesselhoff
Third Place Truly a touching story! While reading, I couldn't help but smile after learning Mr. McKinney enrolled in a four-week course and learned how to create stained glass after the love of his life mentioned she felt their home needed some stained-glass windows. Such an amazing act of love for Timarie. The stained-glass window created in her memory and installed at the First Baptist Church is absolutely beautiful! You did an excellent job on this story and it was very enjoyable to read!	Sedalia Democrat The House that Love Built	Faith Bemiss

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 2

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place What a truly touching story! I became teary-eyed while reading your story and viewing the accompanying photos of Omer fulfilling his dream of riding a horse again with the help of the Healing Horses therapeutic riding program. After I finished reading your story, I did a quick search of Healing Horses to learn more about their impactful program. I was saddened to find an obituary for Mr. Brisendine which was published only a few short weeks after what would be his last ride on a horse. Thank you for utilizing your writing talent to help share with the world the story of how this gentleman's dream became a reality thanks to the kindness of others.	News Tribune Former Cowboy Gets Chance to Ride Again	Anakin Bush
Second Place It was such a relief to learn Dwight was finally willing to accept assistance and will be able to replace the home he has cherished for many years. His smiling face simply says it all! I would absolutely love to read an update on Dwight and his new home! You did a wonderful job on this story and I can tell you put a lot of effort into it!	News Tribune Tornado Recovery Likely Reaching Final	Joe Gamm
Third Place Excellent feature story! As I read your story and learned more about Sandra's 54-year commitment to serving as a school crossing guard, I couldn't help but to smile as I imagined the countless lives she has touched while serving in her role as "Ms. Sandy". How incredibly fulfilling it must be for her to head out to the crosswalk every morning and afternoon to ensure each child may receive a smile and a hug before safely being led across the intersection. What an enjoyable story to read!	Independence Examiner 'I do it because I like it'	Bill Althaus

06.) Best Feature Story | Dailies - Class 3

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Excellent feature story on the 75-year history of Kelly's Westport Inn! The historical content, accompanying photos, and interviews with past and present staff, regular patrons, and the Kelly family truly made this commemorative story enjoyable to read.	The Kansas City Star 75 years of beer, bar jokes & celebrity	David Hudnall
Second Place I truly enjoyed reading this feature story from start to finish! I had never heard of the St. John Catholic Club before, so I found it incredibly interesting to learn all about the club's rich history through your interviews with the Tomasic family, Mr. Yarnevich, and the club's many loyal members.	The Kansas City Star Old World church club in KCK has a new	David Hudnall
Third Place After reading your inspiring story about Diamond's life and her determination to overcome adversity, I was reminded that anything is possible if we simply believe in ourselves and strive to reach our highest potential. Diamond's story is an important reminder that it is never too late to choose to change your life. You did an incredible job telling her story! As a writer, I realize it's difficult to know how far one of your stories may reach. However, I hope your story about Diamond's life reaches area high schools, colleges, or women's detention centers so other young women who may be struggling or experiencing hardships in their own lives may find hope and encouragement.	The Kansas City Star From Ex-con to Entrepreneur	J.M. Banks

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 1

	<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place While the story doesn't really have a conclusion, the rest of the story is complete and concise. Probably the story with the best written body.	Lexington News Bigfoot Sighting	Joe Parmon

Second Place **Maryville Forum** **One horse and 300 sleighs** **Paxson Haws**
Personally my favorite story, this story had the right balance of details, quotes from multiple sources and story-telling. Would have been first place if not for the critical comments I made.

Third Place **Maries County Advocate** **Polish Border** **Roxie Murphy**
This story arguable has the most important and timely topic. While not the best written, the stories inside are fascinating and compelling regardless.

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Phelps County Focus**
Fun, entertaining read ... and educational to boot. Appreciate the creative flair in writing.

Man v Beast

Donald Dodd and Lori Lunceford

Second Place **Phelps County Focus** **Rolla native escapes Ukraine War** **Andrew Sheeley**
Fascinating read on a couple's separation due to war in Ukraine. Nice, creative touches throughout.

Third Place **Phelps County Focus** **Welcome to the Internet** **Kaitlin Brothers**
Interesting look at a timely issue. Good use of sources in showcasing how a social media problem has evolved.

06.) Best Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**
A fascinating read that bridges a historical figure with family history. We need more stories that discuss Japanese internment camps and those experiences before those individuals are lost.

Yuki

Steve Taylor

Second Place **Washington Missourian** **Wordology Feature** **Julie Murphy Quick**
What's in a word? I really enjoyed this package. Interesting looks at regional differences.

Third Place **Washington Missourian** **Stateswoman of Washington** **Ethan Colbert**

07.) Best News or Feature Series | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**

Show-Me Shelter: Homelessness

Second Place **Sedalia Democrat** **A look Inside Sedalia** **Skye Melcher**

Third Place **Sedalia Democrat** **Marijuana in Missouri** **Skye Melcher and Chris Howell**

07.) Best News or Feature Series | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Joplin Globe** **Student from Ukraine recalls Russian attack** **Kevin McClintock**
Beautiful storytelling by the reporter and great localization of an international story. Fantastic use of quotes, too.

Second Place **The Kansas City Star** **Abuse at Missouri Christian boarding** **Judy L. Thomas and Laura Bauer**
This was a good, in-depth look at a serious issue. I appreciate how this story followed the various subjects as they moved around. Definitely in the public interest that this is going on in readers' own backyard.

Third Place **News Tribune** **Absence of Affordable Housing** **Cameron Gerber, Joe Gamm, Anna Watson, and Claudia Levens**
This was quite the ride through the conversation between the community and the council. Explained well, sourced well, and definitely a high-impact story.

07.) Best News or Feature Series | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Maryville Forum** **Mental Health Board** **Geoffrey Woehlk**

Second Place **Maryville Forum** **4-day school weeks** **Geoffrey Woehlk and Skye Pournazari**

Third Place **Memphis Democrat** **NURSING HOME CLOSURE** **Echo Menges**

07.) Best News or Feature Series | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Ozark County Times** **Running, Dustin Johnson** **Jessi Dreckman**

Second Place **Springfield Business Journal** **Unpacking the Plan: Forward SGF** **Karen Craigo**

Third Place **Houston Herald** **Local law enforcement** **Doug Davison**

07.) Best News or Feature Series | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis American	Kevin Johnson Series	Sylvester Brown, Jr.
Second Place	Webster - Kirkwood Times	Flooding	Jaime Mowers
Third Place	St. Louis American	Alderman Scandal Series	The St. Louis American Staff

08 - D.) Best Editorial | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Joplin Globe	Thoughts and Prayers	Andy Ostmeyer
Second Place	Independence Examiner	Crisis of the spirit, crisis of citizenship	Jeff Fox
Third Place	Joplin Globe	Opponents, not enemies	Andy Ostmeyer

08 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Webster County Citizen	Real Representation?	Dan Wehmer
Second Place	Webster County Citizen	Yes on Question 1	Dan Wehmer
Third Place	Webster County Citizen	Perspective from Cabool	Dan Wehmer

08 - W.) Tilghman Cloud Memorial Editorial Award | Weeklies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Howell County News	No clear expectations for Main Street	Amanda Mendez

Second Place Howell County News Avoiding another circus Amanda Mendez

Third Place The Odessan The Cost of Neglect Hannah Spaar

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

First Place St. Louis American Shining Light on a Historically Dark Day

Second Place St. Louis American Coming Together as Community in Wake of The St. Louis American Staff

Third Place Washington Missourian Scenic Regional Pushes Back Bill Miller Jr.

09.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Dailies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place Independence Examiner Jeff Fox Jeff Fox

Second Place Joplin Globe Kimberly Zerkel Kimberly Zerkel

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

First Place Tribune and Times Dennis Minich Dennis Minich

Second Place Morgan County Statesman Hometown Corner Patrik Andrews-Ryan

Third Place Morgan County Statesman Nickels and Sense Bryan Jones

09.) Best Columnist- Humorous | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly I am not a lawyer, but I found each column engaging and entertaining.	With All Due Respect	Spencer Farris
Second Place	Jefferson County Leader	Peggy Bess	Peggy Bess
Third Place	Houston Herald	Off the Cuff	Doug Davison

10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian Thought provoking topics brought forward, pinpointing issues of significance. I appreciate this writers style and he left me wanting to read more.	David Webber	David Webber
Second Place	Columbia Missourian Interesting columns. I appreciated reading this writers points of view.	David Rosman	David Rosman
Third Place	Sedalia Democrat These writings are a little quirky and different, perhaps not very refined, but they make their point to readers.	Schleicher Columns	Liz Schleicher

10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Missouri Independent Well written pieces on significant topics. I enjoyed your style of writing as it was informative and supported well. I specifically enjoyed the detailed information you offered on your paper. Newspapers do not often enough share what goes on behind the scenes to bring people investigative and daily news.	Jason Hancock	Jason Hancock
Second Place	Missouri Independent Great topics of importance to readers nationally and in the state. Your style was a welcome read, being educational and informative.	Janice Ellis Columns	Janice Ellis
Third Place	Joplin Globe These are great columns for readers pertaining to what affects them. Your style of writing is enjoyable and the topics of your pieces open the doors for conversation.	Andy Ostmeyer	Andy Ostmeyer

10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Large Dailies and Weeklies

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	The Kansas City Star	Rose Williams	Mará Rose Williams

Second Place

Branson Tri-Lakes News

Columnist Jason Wert

Jason Wert

Third Place

St. Louis American

Dr. Denise Hooks-Anderson

Denise Hooks-Anderson, MD

10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Morgan County Statesman

Nickels and Sense

Bryan Jones

The writing style was engaging and entertaining. The tribute to his long-time friend and reader was probably my favorite column in the field.

Second Place

Webster County Citizen

Publisher's Pen

Dan Wehmer

Third Place

Morgan County Statesman

Hometown Corner

Patrik Andrews-Ryan

10.) Best Columnist- Serious | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Springfield Business Journal

Geoff Pickle, From the Web

Geoff Pickle

All three columns were very engaging and interesting. I am positive the ghost kitchen column was popular with readers.

Second Place

Springfield Business Journal

Eric Olson, Eyes & Ears

Eric Olson

Third Place

Springfield Business Journal

Christine Temple, Truth be Told

Christine Temple

11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Columbia Missourian

Wooldridge Fire Tire Swing

Margo Wagner

Second Place

Columbia Missourian

Wooldridge Fire Cries

Sam Koeppel

Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Roe Jeff City	Margo Wagner
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11.) Best News Photograph | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Springfield News-Leader	"Defend Roe" Rally in Downtown	Nathan Papes
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Second Place	News Tribune	Bobby Bostick	Eileen Wisniowicz
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Third Place	News Tribune	Fire March 30	Julie Smith
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11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Edina Sentinel	Dive Training	Echo Menges
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Second Place	Clinton County Leader	Flag Carrier	Brett Adkison
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Third Place	Edina Sentinel	Fiery Crash	Echo Menges
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11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place	Houston Herald	Postal Diligence	Doug Davison
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Second Place	Gasconade County Republican	Firemen Rest	Dave Marner
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Third Place	Unterrified Democrat	BigFoot Flys	Jacob Warden
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11.) Best News Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis American	Kevin Johnson Supporter	Wiley Price
Second Place	Washington Missourian	Flowers to Remember	Julia Hansen
Third Place	St. Louis American	Grim reminder	Wiley Price

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place This photo offers great impact to the story and gives it emotion that words can't create.	Columbia Missourian	Milan Prom	Minh Connors
Second Place Photo tells it all with the worker looking for cutomers and the snow helping defining why she sees none.	Columbia Missourian	Snow 2-2-2022	Tristen Rouse
Third Place Great capture of the couple.	Columbia Missourian	Warming Shelters	Beatrice Bankauskaite

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Very creative use of camera angles! Love the colors and the perspective. Great job!	News Tribune	Garden	Julie Smith
Second Place Great job capturing the emotions and the crisp color!	The Kansas City Star	WORLD CUP WATCH	Emily Curiel
Third Place Loved the camera angle and the way the colors were captured.	The Kansas City Star	DAY OF THE DEAD	Emily Curiel

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Excellent photo! Such tremendous work in capturing this moment and the particular angles of both horse and rider. The facial expressions of rider, horse and crowd make it all the more better.	Tribune and Times	Cowboy tough	Jimmy Gillispie

Second Place **Cassville Democrat**
Terrific framing and the literal definition of a picture tells a thousand words.

Exeter Corn Maze

Kyle Troutman

Third Place **Maries County Advocate**
Excellent photo! Such tremendous work in capturing this moment and the particular angles of both horse and rider. The facial expressions of rider, horse and crowd make it all the more better.

Help Lift Pig

Jacob Warden

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Odessan**
Kids in front remain focus of image and yet remainder of photo shows motion of the ride. Great capture in both areas. Excellent timing.

Joy of the Fair

Hannah Spaar

Second Place **Houston Herald**
Photo shows the innocence of the child and the patience of the goat. Great shot.

Goat Love

Doug Davison

Third Place **Unterrified Democrat**
Great capture with the reaction of the woman.

Spider on Head

Ed Gehlert

12.) Best Feature Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Webster - Kirkwood Times**
Beautiful capture of the colors of the wheel along with the sky! Fantastic shot!

A Hot, Steam July 4 Weekend In Webster

Ursula Ruhl

Second Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News**
Riveting and emotional shot of this memorial with the flags.

Soldier Memorial Flag Row

Jason Wert

Third Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News**
Soothing, beautiful shot. Makes the viewer want to be there!

Pink Jeep Christmas Tour Sunset

Tim Church

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
Excellent lighting, perfect timing, great expression and interesting arrangement of faces and limbs in an anticipated play that allowed the photographer to be in just the right place at the right time.

Tony Burks charges

Beatrice Bankauskaite

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Photographer was in the perfect location to get this shot. A little less foreground and more head room would have improved the framing of the subject.

Missouri Shortstop

Josh Ellenburg

Third Place **The Daily Journal** **HANG AND HIT** **MATT KING**
 Crisp focus and great timing to capture this bizarre-looking, athletic shot. Shooting from a different perspective and a cleaner background would have improved, but sometimes those things cannot be helped.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **News Tribune** **Safe at Home** **Greg Jackson**
 There were several well-done entries similar to this one. This one ranked higher because of the photographer's position level with the action, sharp focus, great expression on the player, catcher held midair and clear view of plate and hand positions.

Second Place **News Tribune** **Avoiding the Tag** **Greg Jackson**
 A bizarre and interesting capture with necessary and appreciated information explaining action in the cutline.

Third Place **News Tribune** **Luke Northweather Dunk** **Greg Jackson**
 Great exposure, timing and expression. Vertical rather than square crop would have improved the image.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Tribune and Times** **Cowboy tough** **Jimmy Gillispie**
 What a wreck! Fascinating photo shot at just the right moment with great expression on horse, cowboy and audience. The viewer cannot help but worry, along with the gasping audience, about the horse and cowboy in this finely captured image.

Second Place **Focus on Oak Grove** **Dayton Garrison** **Kory Hales**
 Crisp shot capturing the player's expression and athleticism, with complete and appreciated details in the cutline.

Third Place **Clinton County Leader** **Firing to First** **Brett Adkison**
 Perfect positioning of the ball against the background and excellent capture of the player midair.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Unterrified Democrat** **Sliding In** **Neal Johnson**
 Wonderful execution of timing, exposure and capturing excitement.

Second Place **The Odessan** **Boston Sanders** **Kory Hales**
 Sharp, well-timed and well-framed photo with net included (important!) for perfect combination to make this a great shot.

Third Place **Phelps County Focus** **Man v Beast** **Lori Lunceford**
 Crisp and well-framed capture of moment at the height of the buck, with dirt and bull slobber flying.

13.) Best Sports Photograph | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Great clear shot. I like how the focus is completely on both players. Great Job!	Jefferson County Leader	'Eli Frimml (Lancers fall)	Ron Rigdon
Second Place Very clear, crisp image. Not blurry and that had to have been a hard picture to capture!	Washington Missourian	Spectacular Out	Bill Battle
Third Place Very crisp, clear image.	Washington Missourian	Blind Shot	Bill Battle

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Great reaction shot. These are hard to get. So many things have to be just right. Success starts with good preparation and anticipation. Nice job!	Columbia Missourian	Men's Wrestling	Joel Green
Second Place Nice photo! A different kind of celebration. Lots to look at, and it really captures the joy of the moment. Nice!	Columbia Missourian	Helias Basketball	Owen Ziliak
Third Place A nice celebration photo! Focus is on the players, where it should be. Well-framed, good lighting. Nice work getting yourself in position and being ready for the moment.	Columbia Missourian	Blair Oaks Win	Owen Ziliak

14.) Best Sports Feature Photograph | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Clear winner in this category. Fantastic reaction shot. It is a technically strong photo, and great content as well.	The Kansas City Star	Lightfoot reaction	Rich Sugg
Second Place Very nice photo, a unique shot in a category where we tend to take a lot of similar reaction shots.	Columbia Daily Tribune	Points to the crowd	Madeline Carter
Third Place Another nice reaction. Photographer was ready for the moment and captured a nice image.	Joplin Globe	Roaring back	Roger Nomer

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place Great timing on the photo. Strong framing, good light. Good anticipation paid off with this photo.	Maryville Forum	Bernard Yell	Jon Dykstra

Second Place **Cassville Democrat** **Lady Tigers** **Kyle Troutman**
Nice job capturing the moment. Well-cropped, perfect angle capturing the reaction of the teammates rather than the baserunner.

Third Place **Clinton County Leader** **Town Celebration** **Clint Dye**
Some of the other photos were technically stronger, but I'm sure this photo was well-received by the community. It captures the joy and togetherness of a victory.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Houston Herald**
Love that the focus is on the team, but the scoreboard is still able to be read. Very creative!

Win Streak

Doug Davison

Second Place **Phelps County Focus**
Very crisp, clear color. Very good job on capturing the emotion.

Final Four

Lori Lunceford

Third Place **Houston Herald**
Crisp, clear color and focus.

Victory

Doug Davison

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Washington Missourian**
This photo really makes you feel for the athlete. The photo really captures the side of sports people don't usually think about or see in the newspaper: heartbreak. I really love the emotion in this photo. Great photo.

So Close

Arron Hustead

Second Place **Washington Missourian**
Love the coach's positioning and emotion in this photo. You can feel the heat of the game by seeing the coach's reaction in this photo. Very nice.

Shamrock Stomp

Arron Hustead

Third Place **Washington Missourian**
My eyes are drawn right to the smile of the player holding the trophy. I can hear the cheers and screams of the players as they celebrate their big win from this photo. Really well done.

Hoist It High

Arron Hustead

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**

Euphoria Fashion Zippers

Kate Trabalka

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**

Euphoria Fashion Eye

Kate Trabalka

Third Place Columbia Missourian Vox Food Popsicles Maggie Lenox

15.) Best Photo Illustration | Weeklies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place The Media Teacher Shortage Mike Scott
Great photo and excellent representation of the category. Note: rules outline that the date of publication should appear in the photo title.

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Columbia Missourian Wooldridge Fire Sam Koeppel, Margo Wagner, Clayton Steward, Owen Ziliak and Lily Dozier

Second Place Columbia Missourian Milan Prom Minh Connors

Third Place Columbia Missourian Blair Oaks Owen Ziliak

16.) Best Photo Package | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Columbia Daily Tribune Wooldridge fire Madeline Carter

Second Place The Kansas City Star Alzheimers Tammy Ljungblad

Third Place The Kansas City Star Refugees Jill Toyoshiba

16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Edina Sentinel Facades Collapse Echo Menges

Second Place Edina Sentinel Patrol Dive Team Echo Menges

Third Place	Cassville Democrat	TroutFest	Kyle Troutman
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16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Salem News	Memorial Day	Catherine Wynn
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Second Place	The Odessan	Odessa Rodeo	Kory Hales and John Carmody
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Third Place	Courier-Tribune	Smithville sea of green	Kellie Houx
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16.) Best Photo Package | Weeklies - Class 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	St. Louis Business Journal	Opening Doors	Dilip Vishwanat
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Second Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News	Area residents take the plunge for good	AJ Fahr
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Third Place	Washington Missourian	Washington Town & Country Fair	Julia Hansen, Ryan Pendleton, Ethan Colbert, William Skipworth and Reid Glenn
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17.) Community Service | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Springfield News-Leader	Share Your Christmas 2022	Susan Atteberry Smith and Amos Bridges
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Second Place	Southeast Missourian	Spirit of America	Rick Fahr
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Third Place	Columbia Missourian	2022 Progress Awards	Missourian Staff
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17.) Community Service | Weeklies*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	St. Louis American	Substance and Style	
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This entry was amazing and should have been in a category by itself, given its scale. I cannot begin to imagine the good a program like this does.

Second Place	Edina Sentinel	NEMO Sunshine Law Training	Echo Menges, Mike Scott, Sue Scott and Emily Rumble
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Bravo. Every newspaper should embrace programs that shed light on all levels of government.

Third Place	Wright County Journal	Recovery Program	Ron Schott and Alonda Jones
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An important issue and one that needs to be addressed in many communities. Congratulations for taking the time and resources to train a spotlight on recovery efforts.

18.) Best Editorial Pages & Opinion Pages | Dailies and Weeklies*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	St. Louis American		
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Second Place	Jefferson County Leader		Staff
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Third Place	Cassville Democrat	Cassville Editorial Pages	Kyle Troutman
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19.) Best Sports Pages | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Independence Examiner		Karl Zinke and Bill Althaus
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Layout is good. Good action photos. Eye catching headlines

Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Best Sports Pages	Missourian Staff
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Headlines draw you to want to read the articles. Good action photos.

Third Place	Springfield News-Leader		News-Leader Staff
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19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place	Maryville Forum	Best Sports Pages	Jon Dykstra
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The design stands out for all sorts of reasons. The photos are chosen for their eye-catching moments and displayed to their benefit. The typography shines for its variation in weight and other tools of emphasis. The use of icons and bugs helps to brighten the pages. Together, they make the story hierarchy easy to navigate.

Second Place **Cassville Democrat**
It's great to see strong photos played well. The design is not afraid of making a statement with engaging photos of action.

Staff

Third Place **Richmond News**
A belief in the strength of photography to communicate with readers is clear in these pages. The typography, in both the headlines and body copy, serves as a complementary frame for the action.

Shawn Roney, Karen Payne, Sharon Donat, Jack Ventimiglia and Brian Rice

19.) Best Sports Pages | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Wright County Journal**
Strong entries at the top of this category, especially the top two. Good layout, impressive photos, strong story choices and writing. This one gets the edge for its layout.

Ron Schott

Second Place **Washington Missourian**
Very good entry. Photography is very strong. Nice layout, good selection of stories and strong writing.

Bill Battle and Arron Husted

Third Place **Ste. Genevieve Herald**
Another good sports section. Good performance in all areas - layout, writing, stories, photography.

Michael Boyd, Jr.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
Great storytelling! Very well written. I enjoyed the pace of this article and the way you presented the information.

Tolton's Audrey Rischer

Kortay Vincent

Second Place **The Daily Journal**
Great job! All three of your submissions were excellent, but your track article drew me in from the beginning and continued to pull me in. Wonderful writing style.

STATE TRACK CHAMPION

MATT KING

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
Great package. All the articles worked well together and were well written. They tied into each other without overlapping information.

Kyle Pinnell, Kenny Van Doren, and Jack Soble

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **News Tribune**
Great sports package. I really enjoyed your column and the input from the players. Everything went together really well. All your submissions were wonderfully written.

Fatima State Title

Greg Jackson

Second Place **Independence Examiner**
Great story telling. This piece pulled me in and the quotes you used flowed well in the article.

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Bill Althaus

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune**
This was well researched on an interesting topic. Loved the lead. It pulled me in. Good job.

'I just hate Kansas' **Matt Stahl**

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

First Place **Tribune and Times**
Walking off to Springfield **Jimmy Gillispie**

Second Place **Fulton Sun**
Determined coach, big heart: Celebrating **Robby Campbell**

Third Place **Clinton County Leader**
State Champions **Clint Dye and Brett Adkison**

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Weeklies - Class 2

First Place **Phelps County Focus**
Great sports package. All the articles worked well together. They were all well written and didn't overlap information. Great work!
St. James Girls at the Final Four **Dave Roberts, Donald Dodd and Lori Lunceford**

Second Place **Gasconade County Republican**
Great start to the article and well written. Good use of quotes and good flow.
State bound Bailee Dare **Will Johnson**

Third Place **Star-Journal**
Well written. I'm glad you included background information on how this was phase one of the project. Very informative.
Warrensburg Activities Complex Baseball **Joe Andrews**

20.) Best Sports News Story or Package | Weeklies - Class 3

First Place **Washington Missourian**
Great sports package. Everything connected nicely without overlapping information. The editorial column was well written and added additional insight.
Borgia State Soccer **Bill Battle**

Second Place **Washington Missourian**
Great job. Captured me from the beginning. Great use of quotes and good flow to the article.
Eagles Edge **Arron Husted**

Third Place **St. Louis American**
Nice package of three articles. They all tied nicely together but didn't overlap information. Good use of quotes.
Alvin Reid

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian** **'He's freaking unbelievable': Luther Burden** **Jack Soble**

Fantastic story. I love the great details given about Burden's visit to the hospital to see the two girls. I think the deep dive into his childhood and life from his family members is done really well. Then, the writer does a good job connecting Burden's life to his NIL deal. I think this story does an overall great job at telling Burden's story while also showing the reader who he is as a person. Really well done.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Osborne's personality tests** **Mason Arneson**

A lot of great details in this story. The reader gets a great look at not only the coach, but also the team as a whole. Personally, I love the stories told by a few of the players. These stories were a really great way to show off the coach's personality and also give good detail on the team.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **Before he became Eli** **Kyle Pinnell**

Really well done. Love the details about the G-jobs Drinkwitz did at Auburn. The lede with these similar details is fantastic as well. The reader can really see Drinkwitz's work ethic and personality from the details and stories told in this article. The reader gets a good feel for the coach's love for football.

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **The Kansas City Star** **What happened to Junior Siavii?** **David Hudnall**

Wonderful extensive reporting and well researched. The article drew me in from the beginning and kept me interested.

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader** **Nixa's 6-foot-8 freshman Jackson** **Wyatt D. Wheeler**

Fantastic reporting. Well structured and good quotes.

Third Place **News Tribune** **Decade of Hairs** **Greg Jackson**

Great topic and well reported. The piece was structured well and drew me in.

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 1*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Tribune and Times** **'02 State Title Team Recall Blackhawks'** **Jimmy Gillispie**

What a fun story! I can imagine sitting with Smith and Saathoff and just listening to them reminisce about their state championship in 2002. The writer does a great job at capturing the players' memories from the game and giving the reader the feel of going back in time with the players. Then the writer does a great job of connecting it all back to this year's state championship team. Really well done overall.

Second Place **Mexico Ledger** **Mexico made** **Jeremy Jacob**
I really enjoyed this story. There are so many fantastic details about who and what has inspired Coach Costley throughout her life/career. The quotes from her father and from herself are great as well. I like how the story ends with what her goals are for herself and for her team are. Overall, great story.**Third Place** **Maryville Forum** **Ware Fires Up** **Jon Dykstra**
Really great story. I really like all the details and quotes from the players and coaches about what Brody means to them and to the team. The quotes from Brody's mother are a sweet addition as well, especially the one where she says tears are brought to her eyes when the team includes Brody in things like the handshake line. The lede is good as well. Really nice story overall.

21.) Best Sports Feature Story | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Courier-Tribune** **Jewell honors Larry Holley** **Liam Keating**

Fantastic story. The reader can truly feel the emotion of the teams and the crowd before the game. I love the story about how the teams placed the ball on the coach's name and let the shot clock expire. That was a moment that was captured and detailed perfectly by the writer. The details about the game itself are great too.

Second Place **Phelps County Focus** **Janke - Hometown** **Dave Roberts**
Really great story! The writer does a really good job at capturing all of Janke's accomplishments and significant moments in his career. The story about him almost playing football is interesting while also somewhat humorous. The quotes from Janke are great as well. Overall, just a well-written piece and enjoyable read.

Third Place **Phelps County Focus** **Bob Willis - Fly Fisherman** **Dave Roberts**
Great story. There is tons of fantastic information about Willis' life, his love for fishing, his books and just fish in general. In the part about his books, it was fun to read about his travels and some of the countries he has been to. I feel like I learned some new things about fish and fishing from this story. However, I'm not a big fan of the ending to this story. It feels like the story just ends abruptly. Overall though, a nice story.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Washington Missourian** **Tom Henke** **Bill Battle**
What a wonderful story! This story does a really nice job at capturing Terminator Tom's baseball career. The depth and information on his career is outstanding and never becomes overwhelming. There are great little stories within the story from the one about building the dugouts at ECC to him signing with the Cardinals after the strike. And what a fitting way to end his career with the Cardinals. This is a very well written story that actually tells a story about Henke's career.

Second Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News** **The disc golf course that killed cancer** **Tim Church**
Great story! Love the details about how building the course helped Rosencrans face the challenges of battling cancer. The writer does a really good job taking the reader through the building of the course and his battle with cancer. The information about the course being a top-ranked course, not only in Missouri, but in the world (!!!) is tremendously done. The quotes from Rosencrans are great as well. Really well done overall.

Third Place **Washington Missourian** **Haylee Makes History** **Paula Tredway**
Great story. I love all the little stories from Haylee's football season, including when she made her first kick and got tackled for the first time. There are a lot of great quotes from Haylee and her family as well.

22.) Best Sports Columnist | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Independence Examiner** **Bill Althaus** **Bill Althaus**

Second Place **News Tribune** **Greg Jackson Columns** **Greg Jackson**

Third Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **Chris Kwiecinski** **Chris Kwiecinski**

22.) Best Sports Columnist | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American** **Alvin Reid**

Second Place **Washington Missourian** **Arron's Assessment** **Arron Hustead**

Third Place St. Louis American Earl Austin, Jr.

22.) Best Sports Columnist | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Phelps County Focus Dave Roberts Dave Roberts

Second Place Ste. Genevieve Herald Michael Boyd, Jr.

Third Place Richmond News Great Times on Golf Course Without Shawn Roney

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Columbia Missourian Missouri Tourism
In a very strong and balanced class, this entry stood out for strong writing, great photos and a wide variety of stories, It was fun to read and I'd read it again.
Ad design is super. Attractive ads can make or break a special section.
I'll bet it is a great resources for tourism organizations and chambers.
Kudos for fine work!

Second Place Columbia Missourian Made in Missouri Missourian Staff
I liked this theme and how it was executed. Stories were a treat to read and the photos are great. I liked the layout and how the edition flowed. Great work!

Third Place Sedalia Democrat 20 Under 40 Democrat Staff
I really liked this and like the idea and in another competition this might have placed first. (This was a very small but strong competition.)
The stories were fun to read and the pictures were quite good. I really enjoyed the variety of people featured. Good work!

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place Southeast Missourian The Best Years Rust Media
Great, clean layout, great writing and articles!

Second Place Joplin Globe 2022 Joplin Area Health Guide Staff

Third Place Daily American Republic Difference Makers 2023 Barbara Ann Horton, Samantha Tucker,
Michelle Salmons, Matt Deane, Erin...

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Maryville Forum	Title Town Edition	Jon Dykstra
Second Place	Maries County Advocate	MCA - Ag Times	Staff
Third Place	Maryville Forum	Nodaway County Business Insider	Skye Pournazari, Geoffrey Woehlk and Trinity Cobb

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Courier-Tribune	Clay County Visitor's Guide	
	I loved this visitor's guide. I thought it was well done from an art perspective, and the breakouts made it super easy for readers. The section fronts helped folks navigate. Overall, I felt this was the best quality section to read through.		
Second Place	Springfield Business Journal	Office NV	Springfield Business Journal
Third Place	Springfield Business Journal	Economic Growth Series: Destination	Springfield Business Journal

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	St. Louis American	Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - A Business	
	I simply loved this section from a design and layout standpoint, the great feature photography and excellent writing. This was easy to read and look at.		
Second Place	Washington Missourian	Bridal Showcase	Ethan Colbert, Patty Brinker, Sarah Moore, Lori Obermark, Sharon Pruessner and Brenda Klekamp
Third Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Women's Justice Awards	

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Elected coroners	
	What an interesting story. Well written and very informative.		

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Well written and good interviews.

Continued housing crisis

Claudia Levens

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**

Sheltered Workshops

Skylar Laird

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**

Decades of Unreported Abuse, Multiple

**Nancy French, Gregory J. Holman,
Marissa Keenan and Anna Bidart**

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader**

'Poop in the water'

Galen Bacharier

Third Place **Missouri Independent**

Scotland County Hospital

Rudi Keller

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Maryville Forum**

The in-depth reporting and amazing design that helped the reader keep all of the details straight put this entry over the top in a crowded field. A great example of solutions journalism!

Silence and Secrecy

Geoffrey Woehlk

Second Place **Memphis Democrat**

Great watchdog reporting on tax payer dollars and the implications of misuse. Great job!

Turmoil At Scotland County Hospital

Echo Menges and Mike Scott

Third Place **Shelby County Herald**

Difficult but necessary reporting. Great job.

Sodomy Alleged at Shelbyville Daycare

Marlana Smith and Echo Menges

24.) Best Investigative Reporting | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**

What a mess that you played a key role in fixing. Great job and journalistic grit!

'Bartels, problem judge, is out'

Kim Robertson, Tony Krausz and Steve Taylor

Second Place **Phelps County Focus**

Great piece on an epidemic that is affecting so many communities. It is heartbreaking.

Everyday Hell

Andrew Sheeley

Third Place
Solid reporting!

The Odessan

Reservoir Closed Meeting

Joe Spaar and Hannah Spaar

25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Dailies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Southeast Missourian

Jeff Long

Second Place

Sedalia Democrat

Democrat Staff

25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Jefferson County Leader

Really liked the port expansion story. Felt like the publication covered a variety of business topics.

Second Place

St. Louis Business Journal

Good resource for the business community.

Erik Siemers

Third Place

Northeast News

Abby Hoover

25.) Best Local Business Coverage | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Springfield Business Journal

Great design and fantastic writing put this entry over the top! Great job.

Second Place

Wright County Journal

Clean design and solid reporting put this entry in second place. Great job!

Ron Schott

Third Place

Star-Journal

Great local stories on local businesses. Keep up the good work!

Star-Journal Staff

26.) Best Business Story | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place

Columbia Missourian

Sheltered Workshops

Skylar Laird

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Processing a transformation - Milan** **Ella McCarthy**

Third Place **Marshall Democrat-News** **Saline County Ambulance Looks for** **Sarah Gray**

26.) Best Business Story | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Kansas City Star**

How Kansas City's oldest restaurants have **Joyce Smith**

Excellent package that not only takes the reader on a tour of interesting dining options, but also weaves in the ups and downs of the business, giving the reader an appreciation for the work and impact of such a diverse range of culinary delights. Well done!

Second Place **Missouri Independent**

Items with Lead are Easy to Find at Antique **Niara Savage and Samantha Horton**

Important reporting on a problem that could impact many without their knowledge. Clear, concise writing, and a fine example of outstanding journalism readers still depend on.

Third Place **The Kansas City Star**

Country Club Plaza is hurting. Is there **Joyce Smith**

Really good report on the future of an important shopping center. Nice job incorporating relevant data and thoughts of industry pros, recent setbacks and opportunities ahead, while honing in on key details of retail outlets local readers know and love.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Maryville Forum**

Field to Finish **Paxson Haws**

I liked that you made this about more than the just the distillery, and also how it was a strategy to save a farm. And now, how it helps educate people about agriculture.

Second Place **Moberly Monitor-Index**

Orscheln selling to Tractor Supply **Winona Whitaker**

Third Place **California Democrat**

California barber celebrates 70 years of **Garrett Fuller**

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield Business Journal**

Fitness Companies Build Growth Online **Mike Cullinan**

This story was exceptionally well written and informative, giving insight into the history, the companies and how they operate.

Second Place **Springfield Business Journal**

Game Time **Mike Cullinan**

The story had a great lead and was very informative. One didn't have to be into gaming to gain insight into this business and how it is developing across the nation.

Third Place **Ozark County Times** **First Call Family Medical** **Jessi Dreckman**
 I especially liked this story. It's lead let me instantly know these women were committed to their community. This story was informative and touching at the same time. Great read on a business.

26.) Best Business Story | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Jefferson County Leader	Port gets \$25 million	Steve Taylor
Second Place	St. Louis American	Millions of dollars are set to pour into St.	Karen Robinson-Jacobs
Third Place	Washington Missourian	Hoffmanns Ready For Missouri Wines To	Ethan Colbert

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Rock Island Trail series	Emma Murphy, Jana Rose Schleis and Natalia Aldeguer
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	Police Review Board series	Komlavi Adissem
Third Place	Nevada Daily Mail	Citizens Voice Concerns with Long-Term	Sarah Haney

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place The coverage seemed very thorough and made a lot of information very accessible.	Missouri Independent	2022 U.S. Senate Race	Jason Hancock, Rudi Keller, Tessa Weinberg, Rebecca Rivas and Allison Kite
Second Place The story simplified an issue that may be complex for some readers.	Joplin Globe	Joplin property tax question	Debby Woodin
Third Place I felt like I was getting the "inside scoop" while reading this. The Independent does a good job of making information that may fly below the radar very accessible.	Missouri Independent	Staffing crisis in state government	Tessa Weinberg and Clara Bates

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

First Place **Maryville Forum**
The research and investigation was impressive.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Silence and Secrecy

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Geoffrey Woehlke and Ken Garner

Second Place **Fulton Sun**
The contrast used between candidates must have proved useful to readers.

Candidate elaborates on views at House 49 **Anakin Bush**

Third Place **Maries County Advocate**
The story was thorough and concise.

Belle Police Contract

Roxie Murphy

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

First Place **The Odessan**

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Bates City Investigation Report

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Hannah Spaar

Second Place **Springfield Business Journal**

Unpacking the Plan: Forward SGF

Karen Craigo

Third Place **Howell County News**

Collector Contention - Collins v. Crow et al **Amanda Mendez and Laura Wagner**

27.) Best Coverage of Government | Weeklies - Class 3

First Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News**
The story was accessible and easy to understand for readers.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Branson P&Z Fiasco

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Jason Wert

Second Place **St. Louis American**
The series was very thorough and detailed.

Alderman Scandal Series

The St. Louis American Staff

Third Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**
The lede was very attention-grabbing, and engaged me for the rest of the story.

Parson shapes the bench

Scott Lauck

28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Classes 1 and 2

First Place **Columbia Missourian**

Title of Entry, If Applicable

2,500 Below series

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Second Place **Missouri Independent** **Rural Health Crisis** **Rudi Keller, Tessa Weinberg and Rebecca Rivas**

Third Place **News Tribune** **Shear Demand** **Ryan Pivoney**

28.) Best Coverage of Rural Life or Agriculture | Weeklies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Washington Missourian**
Great coverage - I feel like I was there.

Second Place **Tribune and Times**
Great article.

Tribune and Times

Dennis Minich, Jimmy Gillispie and Lucas Lord

Third Place **Ozark County Times**
I really like this story. So heartwarming.

Cordwood and Cob Home

Jessi Dreckman

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
Well-written and researched piece that sheds light on a complex and ever-evolving field; graphics nicely amplified key points

A Wicked Problem

Jessica Blake

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Engaging and interesting; well-written

Milan was dying

Connor Giffin

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
Excellent look at the steps to introduce a new commodity; illustrative and accessible to non-ag readers

Bootheel farms turn to peanuts

Mackenzie McCarty

29.) Best Story About Rural Life or Agriculture | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Missouri Independent**
An important issue that multiple states face and it is affecting generations of citizens. Thank you for bringing attention to this vital issue. It is important work - keep it up.

'Time bomb'

Allison Kite

Second Place **The Kansas City Star**
Great piece on rural redevelopment and the work it takes. Also, great job using multimedia in this piece.

Small Kansas town became a top travel

David Hudnall

Third Place **Missouri Independent** **COVID surge forced rural Missouri hospital** **Rebecca Rivas**
Great job on highlighting the impact that COVID had on rural hospitals and they obstacles they face due to underfunding.

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Tribune and Times**
So good. I really liked this story.

Rusty Relic 'Goliath' Saved by 'David'

Lucas Lord

Second Place **Webster County Citizen**
Nice.

"Jeepers" loved Seymour

Matthew McFarland

Third Place **Chariton Marquee**
Fascinating.

The next generation

Melanie Latamondeer

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield Business Journal**
Interesting topic, well presented.

Heat Rises

Karen Craigo

Second Place **Salem News**
Civil War Mystery - always a winner. Well written and researched.

Civil War Mystery

Andrew Sheeley

Third Place **Laclede County Record**
Loved this story. Showed the bond between farmers and their livestock.

Farm Families

Laura Valenti

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**
This is a phenomenal story. Good subject. Well written. Especially liked the effort Winters took to paint a picture of Rustic Roots versus "The Arch."

The Root Cause - Rustic Roots Marks a

Ashley Winters

Second Place **Missouri Lawyers Weekly**
This is an important issue and certainly not on confined to rural Missouri.

Eight Missouri counties have no candidates **Chloe Murdock**

Third Place **Washington Missourian**
This was one of two drought stories in this category. This drilled down a bit deeper into the subject by finding an example or a business that has been impacted and what that means to readers.

WANTED: Tomatoes (and Rain)

Madyson Dixon

30.) Best Story About Religion | Dailies - Class 1

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
Engaging and detailed, well-written

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Change comes to church

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Sophie Stephens

Second Place **Marshall Democrat-News**
Well-written piece about a community effort

Coming Together for the Harvest

Sarah Gray

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
Engaging and educational

Beth Shalom Rabbi

Aysia Grey

30.) Best Story About Religion | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

First Place **Missouri Independent**
Excellent, detailed reporting on a complex situation; humanizing and informative

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Lawsuits Against Unlicensed Missouri

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Clara Bates

Second Place **News Tribune**
Well-written and informative

Out of the Dark

Ryan Pivoney

Third Place **The Kansas City Star**
Straight-forward and direct; examines a difficult subject matter with skill

'Slap in the face.'

Judy L. Thomas

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

First Place **Washington Missourian**
I did not expect to enjoy this story, but found myself being pulled in. interesting.Well written. And the examples were especially informative.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Words of Faith

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Ethan Colbert and Laura Miserez

Second Place **Washington Missourian**
Interesting subject.

Talking About Their Faith

Ethan Colbert

Third Place **Washington Missourian**
This pastor is a true servant.

Rev. Steve Robeson Feature

Reid Glenn

30.) Best Story About Religion | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

First Place **Springfield Business Journal**
Excellent story of a local connection to a global challenge; showed the complexity of the situation in an engaging piece

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Expertise to the Test

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Karen Craigo

Second Place **Laclede County Record**
Good blend of history and modern day information; interesting and well-written

New Horizons 55th Year

Chris Roden

Third Place **Webster County Citizen**
Well-written and engaging

Presenting Preach's Purpose

Matthew McFarland

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
Well researched, well written. Good use of graphics.

UM curators campaign donations

Eli Hoff

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Great use of records requests to dig into a money trail.

Two Jobs, Two Houses

Wicker Perlis

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**

Black educators

Keara Shannon and Michael Howie

31.) Best Story About Education | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Kansas City Star**
Approached a sensitive topic with grace and clarity.

'Left alone'

Matti Gellman

Second Place **Missouri Independent**
The story was timely and concise.

Missouri GOP renews push to limit

Annelise Hanshaw

Third Place **Springfield News-Leader**
The investigative work done here was impressive.

Springfield School Board Rejected Two

Claudette Riley

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

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Maryville Forum**

West Nodaway Looks at Countywide

Geoffrey Woehl

Second Place **Maryville Forum**

Silence and Secrecy

Geoffrey Woehl

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Missouri Independent	Midwest states vary in how they handle	Samantha Horton
Second Place	Joplin Globe	Test driving life in my 60s	Andy Ostmeyer
Third Place	Missouri Independent	Milestone in Effort to save Missouri's	Rebecca Rivas

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

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News	An Authentic Cowboy Experience	Tim Church
Second Place	Missouri Lawyers Weekly	Court says new park won't conflict with	Scott Lauck
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	Sad day, happy day	Laura Marlow

32.) Best Story About the Outdoors | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place The story had a personal touch and was engaging.	Ozark County Times	The Journey Is the Destination	Jessi Dreckman
Second Place The way it was written made me feel connected to the subject and his life story.	Ozark County Times	Dylan Funk	Jessi Dreckman
Third Place The story was engaging and provided succinct information.	Salem News	Civil War Mystery	Andrew Sheeley

33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place I found this story interesting and one that needs to be told and not just in Missouri.	Columbia Missourian	Down on the farm	Lucas Nava

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
A man who contributed to his community and deserves to be recognized.

Ray Beck

Olivia Sklenka and Katie Taranto

Third Place **Marshall Democrat-News**
This was an interesting, well written story. The significant part here is that I am not from Missouri and still found the story worth my time to read.

Trustees polish up 1869 Arrow Rock

Sarah Gray

33.) Best Story About History | Dailies - Classes 2 and 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Kansas City Star**
Something that began as a promise of a better life turns into a disaster for many of the tenant owners of Parade Park because of broken promises and neglect. Great story, rich in detail.

'Fight to the end'

Bill Lukitsch and Anna Spoerre

Second Place **Joplin Globe**
Great story of Mr. Lines and his journey to California for answers and its unhappy end.

The Journey of Jess Claude Lines

Kevin McClintock

Third Place **The Kansas City Star**
Enjoyed reading the details from historic sources and court documents on these Kansas City families and a dispute that continues to today.

Battle over art, money, a 'cult' and Legacies

David Hudnall

33.) Best Story About History | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Tribune and Times**
I liked the story generally. I hesitated to give it first but it was clearly the better story based on content and context. I only wish there was more detail about what happened to the shooter, how many were injured, etc.

Witnesses Recall Murders

Dennis Minich

Second Place **The Media**
Good story on renovating gravestones. I think it lacked a little detail in project scope.

Historical Restoration At St. Patrick

Emily Bontrager

Third Place **Webster County Citizen**
Interesting look at the history of a park tied to the wars and their impact at home.

Gold Star Memorial Park

Delores Turner

33.) Best Story About History | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield Business Journal**
Well written; good retrospective on the Ozark Mountain Daredevils. Solid read.

Stuck in a Jam

Karen Craigo

Second Place **Phelps County Focus**
Really enjoyed this story. It was well researched and a good read.

Iron Riders

Andrew Sheeley

Third Place **Phelps County Focus**
Story involved a lot of research. It was well done and very interesting.

Phelps County's Most Notorious Criminal **Andrew Sheeley**

33.) Best Story About History | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News**

Jim Owen King of the Ozarks Float Trip

Chris Carlson

Second Place **Washington Missourian**

Civil War Veteran

Ethan Colbert

Third Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News**

Gale Windy Wade from Melva to the

Chris Carlson

34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
This story dives in to the veteran suicide issue and offers the reader some insight. Good job.

Veterans' suicides

Evan Lasseter

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Good job at telling the story of how a law that could help veterans never got implemented so it could benefit them.

State drags heels on mentors

Noelle Alviz-Gransee

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
Two good stories of the Tuskegee Airmen who died at age 99. Well written, but I would like to have known more about him.

A Life Well Lived

Mackenzie McCarty

34.) Best Military Story | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **News Tribune**
I appreciated the reporter taking an example of one family to help frame the rest of the conversation of a very important topic. It was well-written, had some great quotes and most certainly had great impact on readers.

Heart-Wrenching Testimony

Joe Gamm

Second Place **Springfield News-Leader**
I'm sure this was a well-read piece. It was touching and was a very nice interview with these folks.

Springfield man gets to know father killed

Greta Cross

Third Place **Southeast Missourian**
The use of the tree as kind of a metaphor throughout this story is lovely. This was a very nice tribute from this young man's family.

Lt.'s Path Included Band of Brothers

Michael Leifer

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Maries County Advocate	Veterans Honored	Colin Willard
Second Place	Cassville Democrat	A Veteran Family	Jordan Troutman
Third Place	Moberly Monitor-Index	Not the First to Die	Winona Whitaker

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Phelps County Focus Excellent story with historical facts for support. The veteran appeared to have a good memory of these events that impacted the rest of his life. Great job.	Remembering the Battle of Chosin	R.D. Hohenfeldt
Second Place	Courier-Tribune I enjoyed reading this story and learning about this veteran's military service. Very well written piece.	Veterans Day Salute	Amanda Lubinski
Third Place	Laclede County Record I had trouble reading this story but it had more detail about an agency that helps veterans and a staff member dedicated to this cause.	Helping Veterans	Chris Roden

34.) Best Military Story | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News	Soldier Missing 79 Years Coming Home	Jason Wert
Second Place	Washington Missourian	Civil War Veteran	Ethan Colbert
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	'Close to home'	Laura Marlow

35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian I love the range of emotion conveyed in this spread! The pictures really took me from being safe at home with mama to getting out there to have fun at prom. Bravo!		

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **September** **Missourian Staff**
 This is an amazing spread! The only thing, and I mean the ONLY thing that kept this from winning first place was the layout of the last 2 lines of the first page. I would have kept all of Friday Night Sights on one line.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian** **Missourian Staff**
 A great range of photos showing all that goes into a winning team from the local fan support to the cheerleaders... it takes MORE than just the players themselves to bring home the big W! Great Job!

35.) Best Page Design | Dailies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Daily American Republic** **Butler County Remembers** **Donna Farley**
 I like what you did with this visually. In regards to page one: I would have liked to see the style of the bottom of the page align more with the top. Your photos are great; I love that you merged the historical photos with the new. Layout is appealing. Great visual interest.

Second Place **News Tribune** **I Scream, You Scream!** **Molly Morris**

Third Place **News Tribune** **To Grill or Not to Grill** **News Tribune Staff**

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Class 3 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Washington Missourian** **The Goodness of Honeybees** **Sarah Moore**

Second Place **Washington Missourian** **Talking About Their Faith** **Lori Obermark**

Third Place **Washington Missourian** **The Zither King Returns** **Lori Obermark**

35.) Best Page Design | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Springfield Business Journal** **Focus: Ramping Up** **Rebecca Green**

Second Place **Springfield Business Journal** **If You Build It...** **Heather Mosley**

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian	Identified by her shoes	John Darkow
Second Place	Columbia Missourian	I felt threatened	John Darkow
Third Place	Columbia Missourian	Criminalizing homelessness	John Darkow

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Weeklies - Class 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Jefferson County Leader	'Banning books'	Cody Taylor
Second Place	Jefferson County Leader	'These colors don't run'	Cody Taylor
Third Place	Jefferson County Leader	'Dunce Schmitt'	Cody Taylor

37.) Best Editorial Cartoon | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Webster County Citizen	PhoToad from March 30	Dan Wehmer
Second Place	Webster County Citizen	PhoToad	Dan Wehmer
Third Place	Webster County Citizen	PhoToad	Dan Wehmer

38.) Best Newspaper In Education Project | Dailies and Weeklies

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Eldon Advertiser	Veterans Project	Tammy Witherspoon

Getting the young studentsâ reporting and writing in the paper really makes this entry stand out. The students get bylines, but the local veterans get to share their experiences and get their photos speaking to classes. Lots of advertiser support with this â and itâs easy to see why. Probably took a lot of work to edit the kidsâ copy, but the result is a strong package.

Second Place **Joplin Globe** **All-Area Academic Excellence Team** **Staff**
 Nice recognition for the graduating students. The formatted Q&A, along with their portraits, makes them a quick and easy read, and an obvious way for advertisers to show their support.

Third Place **St. Louis American** **St. Louis American Foundation Holds STEM** **Cathy Sewell**
 Lots of photos of the students, which will be of great interest to teachers and the students's parents. Some captions would help explain the activities, and including names would go a long way.

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Sedalia Democrat** **Democrat Staff**

Second Place **Columbia Missourian** **Columbia Missourian** **Missourian Staff**

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Dailies - Class 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Springfield News-Leader** **Springfield News-Leader/News-Leader.com**

Second Place **Columbia Daily Tribune** **www.columbiatribune.com** **Tribune Staff**

Third Place **Missouri Independent**

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Class 1 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **The Media** **Mike Scott and Elsa Besler**

Second Place **Maryville Forum** **Maryvilleforum.com** **Ken Garner**

Third Place **Cassville Democrat** **Cassville Best Website** **Kyle Troutman**

39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Springfield Business Journal****Springfield Business Journal****Second Place** **Star-Journal****Star-Journal Staff****Third Place** **Platte County Citizen****Tanner Cobb and Jeanette Faubion****39.) Best Online Newspaper or Website | Weeklies - Class 3***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Missouri Lawyers Weekly****<https://molawyersmedia.com>****Scott Andera****Second Place** **Hannibal Courier-Post****hannibal.net****Staff****Third Place** **St. Louis American****The St. Louis American Staff****40.) Best Video | Dailies - Class 1***Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Columbia Missourian****Finding Your Starpower****Anastasia Busby**

The action in the videos of the girls in their activities really moves the story along. The use of voiceovers with b-roll keeps the viewersâ interest.

Second Place **Columbia Missourian****Everything on the line****Amy Schaffer**

Showing the variety of challenges the young musician & producer faces adds depth to his story. The detail shots stand out, along with the fly-on-the-wall video of him at home with his mother.

Third Place **Columbia Missourian****Violin****Minh Connors and Cleo Norman**

Seeing him teaching lessons, rehearsing, and preparing for the concert help show the ways a musician makes a living. Some of the b-roll goes on a bit long considering the nat sound in it conveys minimal information; perhaps some of his SOT could be used as voice-over in those portions?

40.) Best Video | Dailies - Class 2*Title of Entry, If Applicable**Award Winner(s), If Applicable***First Place** **Missouri Independent****'A piece of history for your house'****Rudi Keller and Rebecca Rivas**

Very good video and good explanation of what was happening at the auction. Good visuals of the auction itself.

Second Place **Missouri Independent** **Abortion is now illegal in Missouri in wake** Tessa Weinberg
Good video showing the impact of the moment the Supreme Court ruled on the abortion issue.

Third Place **News Tribune** **A Christmas Wish-Special Learning Center** Layne Stracener
Interesting video that showed daughter's advancement. Wished there was a little bit more of an introduction to the video.

40.) Best Video | Weeklies

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**
Great story telling. Complete video that told the story of Dr. LaTonia Collins Smith.

2022 Stellar Performer in Education Dr.

Dawn Suggs

Second Place **St. Louis American**
Enjoyed a great story on a noted St. Louis photojournalist, Wiley Price.

Photojournalist Wiley Price

Kevin Jones, James LeBine

Third Place **St. Louis American**
Enjoyed the profile of Yolanda Rodgers-Garvin.

Yolanda Rodgers-Garvin

Dawn Suggs

41.) Best Headline Writing | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Each headline was accurate enough to understand clearly what the story was about while not being bland

Joe and Mary Jane/Beauty and

Second Place **Joplin Globe**
Leaned heavily on cliches and alliteration. Most creative headlines of the group

Jerry Willis

Third Place **Missouri Independent**
While on the dryer side, each headline gave a clear vision of what their stories covered.

41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Cassville Democrat**
Best group of headlines by far

Kyle Troutman

Second Place **Edina Sentinel**

The Edina Sentinel

Echo Menges

Third Place **Maryville Forum**
Shouldn't have made the top three

Maryville Forum

41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Houston Herald**

Houston Herald headlines

Doug Davison

Second Place **Springfield Business Journal**

Springfield Business Journal

Springfield Business Journal

41.) Best Headline Writing | Weeklies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **St. Louis American**
Despite a slightly misleading headline, The American had the most creative and well-constructed headlines

Second Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News**
Branson edged out second due to having a couple headlines that were higher quality

Tim Church, Jason Wert and AJ Fahr

Third Place **Washington Missourian**
Consistently good headlines, but none stood out

Missourian Staff

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Dailies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Columbia Missourian**
I like the way you tell this person's story. You made me wish I had known this young man. Quality feature obituary, sharing his story through those whose lives he touched.

A light at night

Elizabeth Derner

Second Place **Columbia Missourian**
Well written feature obituary. Clear concise overall story of his professional career and those he touched.

Kent Collins

Charlie Drape

Third Place **Columbia Missourian**
Well written, informative. Gives reader a good glimpse into the person's life. Perhaps, a more combined lead of first and third paragraphs would benefit the reader, reaching the point of whom you are speaking of sooner.

Community remembers Knight

John Belfonte

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Dailies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield News-Leader**
Very good

'I Believe in Good'

Sara Karnes

Second Place **Joplin Globe** **Remembering a 'good-natured,' 'quick-** **Jeff Lehr and Kim Barker**
tears

Third Place **Joplin Globe** **Thousands turn out to honor Cpl. Ben** **Jeff Lehr and Kim Barker**
more tears

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

First Place **The Kansas City Star** **Starting quarterback at KC school. A year** **Anna Spoerre**
Very well written story that drew me into the life of this young man, as well as his death. You were able to arouse emotion and interest from how others spoke of him. Excellent flow. Great details.

Second Place **The Kansas City Star** **Len Dawson, Chiefs' Hall of Fame** **Randy Covitz**
Well written feature on the entire life of this coach. Great accompanying photos and video helping to tell his story.

Third Place **The Kansas City Star** **'The most visionary Mayor'** **Steve Vockrodt and Katie Moore**
Well written history of this politician and visionary. Insightful and educational to those who did and didn't know him.

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

First Place **St. Louis American** **Christopher W. Newman, heroic Tuskegee** **Alvin Reid**
I really enjoyed this article.

Second Place **Jefferson County Leader** **'Life Story: Meagan Welsh'** **Laura Marlow**
So sad, but a good article.

Third Place **Branson Tri-Lakes News** **Country Music Legend Mickey Gilley dies at** **Tim Church**
Good job.

42.) Best News or Feature Obituary | Weeklies - Classes 1 and 2 *Title of Entry, If Applicable* *Award Winner(s), If Applicable*

First Place **Webster County Citizen** **Farewell, My Friend** **Dan Wehmer**

Second Place **Gasconade County Republican** **Bob McKee** **Dave Marner**

44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Joplin Globe Interesting stories on community people. Well designed with good layout.	Joplin Magazine	Kevin McClintock
Second Place	Southeast Missourian	B Magazine	Rust Media
Third Place	Southeast Missourian	Flourish: Spring, Summer, Fall 2022	Rust Media

44.) Magazine/Alternative Publication | Weeklies - Classes 2 and 3

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News The top two entries were largely undistinguishable with some similar layouts, same writers, and same advertising. This entry had a wider variety of content, including more original photos.	Branson This Week 2022	Tim Church
Second Place	Branson Tri-Lakes News Like the first place winner, this publication does a nice job of reporting entertainment style features from the local area. Easy-to-follow layout, good writing, colorful photos.	Ozark Mountain Visitor 2022	Tim Church and Misti Clark

45.) Best Health Story | Dailies - Class 1

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Columbia Missourian Great job of framing issue with a real-life account at the start. Examples throughout do a good job of helping the reader better understand significant health care challenges of the LGBTQ community.	LGBTQ students	Eleanor McCrary
Second Place	Columbia Missourian Good report on the challenges of a long COVID sufferer. It would have been even more powerful to bring in another source suffering from the illness, especially as a way to show varying symptoms. Good job of including resources for people facing the same.	Long COVID	Alex Espinda
Third Place	Columbia Missourian Good read on the issue of infertility in a way that's not too technical and easy for the reader to comprehend. Strong sources in the couple trying to get pregnant would have served as a great lede.	MU students bridge gap	Erik Galicia

45.) Best Health Story | Dailies - Class 2

		<i>Title of Entry, If Applicable</i>	<i>Award Winner(s), If Applicable</i>
First Place	Missouri Independent Holy cow - this may have been an article I read more than once and shared. The work you are doing is vital and necessary. No ways to improve except maybe to include a graphic to help the readers keep all of the key players straight.	Firings, Corruption Accusations Create	Rudi Keller
Second Place	Missouri Independent Great article about where exactly some COVID money went. I'm sure there will be many more to come.	Federal government steps in to help pull	Clara Bates

Third Place **Daily American Republic** **You are not alone** **Donna Farley**
Great use of your platform for the good of your community. I'm sure lives were saved. Amazing work.

45.) Best Health Story | Dailies - Class 3

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **The Kansas City Star**
Possibly a perfect story, as I don't have anything to add to improve the piece

MO is one of the worst places to have a

Lisa Gutierrez and Anna Sporre

Second Place **The Kansas City Star**
Arguably the most important topic covered in the entire group that was handled very well. Could have been first place if not for the conclusion

KS Citizens Died by Suicide: Web Site

Lisa Gutierrez

Third Place **The Kansas City Star**

Fentanyl Killed Their Boys

Lisa Gutierrez

45.) Best Health Story | Weeklies - Class 1

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Maryville Forum**

Mental Health Board Meets

Geoffrey Woehlk

Second Place **Tribune and Times**

Goat Yoga Helps During Difficult Times

Jimmy Gillispie

Third Place **The Media**

Keokuk Hospital to Close

Mike Scott

45.) Best Health Story | Weeklies - Class 2

Title of Entry, If Applicable

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

First Place **Springfield Business Journal**

Ready, Willing and Able

Karen Craigo

Second Place **Houston Herald**

TCMH Clinic

Brad Gentry

Third Place **Springfield Business Journal**

'From Hot Dog Buns to CEO'

Mike Cullinan

45.) Best Health Story | Weeklies - Class 3

First Place **Jefferson County Leader**
What a great story. I pray she continues to do well.

Title of Entry, If Applicable

'Emma strong'

Award Winner(s), If Applicable

Laura Marlow

Second Place **Washington Missourian**
Love it.

Ben Hellebusch Reunited With Nurse

Angela Mueller

Third Place **St. Louis American**
So. True.

Republicans Don't Mask Intention to

Sylvester Brown, Jr.