



2017 Better Newspaper Editorial

Contest Winners

Members of the Oklahoma Press Association selected winners from 17 daily newspapers submitting 672 entries and 33 weekly newspapers submitting 982 entries.

News Story

Smaller Dailies

First Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Dana Guthrie
Just so you could get high

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Dana Guthrie
Blot on our system

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs
Teen Shot, Killed Monday By Police

Medium Dailies

First Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Marisa Hicks
Fire captain faces DWI, harassment charges

Second Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Marisa Hicks
CPD disagrees with handling of May incident

Third Place

Harrison Daily Times
James L. White
Lead in water

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Noel Oman & Chris Bahn
Bridge falls ... after a bit

Second Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Doug Thompson & Scarlet Sims
Official - charges to come

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
David Showers & Steven Mross
Fire heavily damages 70 West Plaza

Honorable Mention

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Dave Hughes, Lisa Hammersly & Bill Bowden
Gunfire kills sheriff's deputy

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Villager Journal, Cherokee Village
Lauren Siebert
Area residents voice concerns

Second Place

Wynne Progress
David Owens
House cat or mountain lion?

Third Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Lincoln
Lynn Kutter
Teen Dies in Mobile Home Fire

Honorable Mention

North Little Rock Times
Dale Ellis & Jeremy Peppas
Pearl Harbor

Medium Weeklies

First Place

The Sheridan Headlight
Millie McClain
Vandals terrorize Orion

Second Place

Nashville News-Leader
Terrica Hendrix
Calls continue for removal or resignation

Third Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Missing Money

Honorable Mention

The Sheridan Headlight
Tanner Newton
Tornado rips roof

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Lovely County Citizen, Eureka Springs
Samantha Jones
Victims of Orlando shooting remembered

Second Place

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Kent Marts
Scam leads to bomb scare

Third Place

The Mena Star
Sarah Wilson
\$27k raised for family

Honorable Mention

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Lynn Atkins
Bike-truck crash kills ride organizer

The Free Weekly, Fayetteville
Nick Brothers
Protestors Call for Stopping Diamond Pipeline

Feature Story

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs
Vet receives honor 60-plus years later

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Sarah Perry
Life of love and travel: Man tells story

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Tracy Whitaker
Middle East 'morale booster'

Honorable Mention

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Jamie Williams
Latte art skills being put to test

Medium Dailies

First Place

Harrison Daily Times
David Holsted
I've had a beautiful career

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Angelia Roberts
Son recalls fatal crash

Third Place

El Dorado News-Times
Randal Curtman & Terrance Armstard
Cary family sons observe tradition

Honorable Mention

Batesville Daily Guard
Andrea Bruner
Colt Farley

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Hunter Field
Flood victims still in it knee-deep

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Jeannie Roberts
Mother reaches out, forgives son's killer

Third Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette,
Fayetteville
Doug Thompson
Answers found

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
Private E. Nothing: Mickey
"Pinky" Pinkinston's

Second Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader,
Lincoln
Lynn Kutter
UA Professor Uses Life Experiences With
Students

Third Place

South Arkansas Sun, Hampton
Sam Hoisington
The Right Time

Honorable Mention

Montgomery County News, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
Bluebell and Bluegrass on a Saturday
night

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Blytheville Courier News
Jeremy Hall
102-year-old World War II vet
reflects on service

Second Place

Carroll County News Midweek,
Berryville
Kelby Newcomb
Happening upon history

Third Place

Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer
'Smallest things are exciting'
for Ewing's survivor

Honorable Mention

The Sheridan Headlight
Tanner Newton
Pom poms and race cars

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Keith Bryant
Face first in Little Sugar Creek

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Pump Organ Projects

Third Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Edie Sutterfield
Duncan Transplant

Honorable Mention

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen
Labor of Love

In-Depth Series Reporting

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Camden News
Amber Conway
City council addresses nepotism

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Jamie Williams
A Day of Caring series

Third Place

Malvern Daily Record
Joshua Waddle & Beau Hunter
Water, two cities, one problem

Medium Dailies

First Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Marisa Hicks & Jeanette Anderton
County Clerk indictment series

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times
James L. White
Internet safety

Third Place

El Dorado News-Times
Randal Curtman & Terrance Armstard
UCAPS series

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Lisa Hammersly & Brian Fanney
Cash & The Court

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Brian Fanney
Incentive program built on promise

Third Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Doug Thompson, Dan Holtmeyer & Lara Hightower
Seeking safe haven, refugees

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

North Little Rock Times
Dale Ellis
Broadway Bridge fiasco

Second Place

Newton County Times, Jasper
Deer/Mt. Judea School District

Third Place

Greenwood Democrat
Dustin Graham
Greenwood Stray Dog Issue

Honorable Mention

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Kenneth Fry & Taniah Tudor
Alcohol sales

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Ambulance district

Second Place

The Sheridan Headlight
Tanner Newton
Childhood cancer awareness

Third Place

The Times Dispatch, Walnut Ridge
Megan Heyl & John Bland
Consolidation

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Edie Sutterfield & Lori Freeze
Century Farms

Second Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen
Fueled by heritage

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Deborah Horn
Profiles on women

Investigative Reporting

All Newspapers

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Lisa Hammersly & Brian Fanny
Cash & The Court

IF Stone Award

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Angelia Roberts
FOI requested between AG&F, elected official

Third Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Taniah Tudor
Candidates filing

Beat Reporting

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Jamie Williams

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Tracy Whitaker

Medium Dailies

First Place

The Courier, Russellville
Travis Simpson

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Lacy Mitchell

Third Place

Harrison Daily Times
Donna Braymer

Honorable Mention

Batesville Daily Guard
Angelia Roberts

Larger Dailies

First Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Doug Thompson

Second Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Stacy Ryburn

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Hunter Field

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Lincoln
Lynn Kutter

Second Place

North Little Rock Times
Donna Lampkin Stephens

Third Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Kenneth Fry

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer

Second Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
Scott Loftis

Third Place

The Sheridan Headlight
Byron Tate

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Lovely County Citizen, Eureka Springs
Samantha Jones

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Deborah Horn

Third Place

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Keith Bryant

Honorable Mention

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Preston Tolliver

Sports News Story

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Tony Lenahan
Hornet Swarm

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs
Passing of a legend

Third Place

Paragould Daily Press
Mike McKinney
Matheny makes stop at CRC fundraiser

Medium Dailies

First Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
David McCollum
Hudl up and watch this

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Paul Glover
T-Wolves win 31 straight

Third Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Paul Glover
Lady Pirates measure up to another state title game

Larger Dailies

First Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Bob Wisener
Love at first sight

Second Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Rick Fires & Vernon Tarver
Apparel companies compete

Third Place

Jonesboro Sun
Matthew V. Roberson
NCAA selection panel snubs ASU again

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Buck Ringgold & George "Clay" Mitchell
Warner adds to coaching ranks

Second Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Lincoln
Mark Humphrey
Wake up call

Third Place

Booneville Democrat
Glenn M. Parrish
Rippy Inducted Into AHSCA Hall of Fame

Honorable Mention

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Leland Barclay
Lloyd retires from coaching

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins
Early wins No.700

Second Place

Blytheville Courier News
Aaron FitzPatrick
Tigers win back-to-back state titles

Third Place

Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer
Fund-raising effort underway

Honorable Mention

Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer
Scrappers put up 13 TDs

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Ray Benton
Sylvan Hills shocked by Chapel

Second Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas
Boys back on top

Third Place

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Lynn Atkins
Golfers trade their clubs for rakes and shovels

Honorable Mention

The Leader, Jacksonville
Ray Benton
Henderson brings home gold

Sports Feature Story

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs
Ship the Sherbet

Second Place

Malvern Daily Record
Eric Moore
Black Cats inaugural season a success

Third Place

Paragould Daily Press
Cole Turbeville
PHS golfer shows toughness

Honorable Mention

Camden News
Patrick Flannigan
From Camden to Cali to Rio

Medium Dailies

First Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Andrea Bruner
Southside fifth-grader scores touchdown from wheelchair

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Kris Caraway
Bluebirds have last game

Third Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
David McCollum
Water is a great equalizer

Larger Dailies

First Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Chip Souza
Title town

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Troy Schulte
Made in McAlmont

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Sean Saunders
Thrill of the hunt

Honorable Mention

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Chip Souza
Luke's journey

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

North Little Rock Times
Donna Lampkin Stephens
Ryan Spurlock

Second Place

Wynne Progress
David Owens
Celebrating 20 years in stripes

Third Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Kevin Taylor
Humble roots carry Garringer

Honorable Mention

North Little Rock Times
Donna Lampkin Stephens
Hannah Bakalekos

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins
Anatomy of a road trip

Second Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins
Going home-sort of

Third Place

Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer
'Tradition-rich'

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Kent Marts
Marts-ing through the minor league

Second Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas
Best decision, worst decision

Third Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Paul Boyd
Hard to Walk Away

Honorable Mention

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Preston Tolliver
Championship form forever

Sports Column

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Malvern Daily Record
Eric Moore
The era of participation trophies

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs
A man named Red

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Bruce Guthrie
Roberts led as administrator

Medium Dailies

First Place

The Courier, Russellville
Travis Simpson
Bourbon's final touchdown

Second Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
David McCollum
One small kick for woman; One giant leap for humankind

Third Place

El Dorado News-Times
Kevin Moye
The summit was an occurrence

Honorable Mention

Harrison Daily Times
Jeff Brasel
Thank you Frank Broyles

Larger Dailies

First Place

Texarkana Gazette
Josh Richert
Ump should get bumped from TASO

Second Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Rick Fires
Transfers, transfers everywhere

Third Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Rick Fires
Flag flap not attention women needed

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
George "Clay" Mitchell
Maybe I'm using 'tolerate' wrong in a sentence

Second Place

Newton County Times, Jasper
Jeff Brasel
Is this another black eye

Third Place

Dumas Clarion
Terry G. Hawkins
State of Hog basketball: pretty sad

Honorable Mention

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Lincoln
Mark Humphrey
Teen athlete became impact player

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Boys in the 'hood

Second Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins
Mamas, don't let your

Third Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Hogs can, will play better

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Ray Benton
Muhammad Ali a complex hero

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Ray Benton
Sports should be about the game, not antics

Third Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas
Timeout: Road to 3-peat

Editorial

Smaller Dailies

First Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Steve Watts
What some see vividly

Second Place

Paragould Daily Press
Steve Gillespie
Inskeep deserves 40 years

Third Place

Paragould Daily Press
Steve Gillespie
We need home grown teachers

Medium Dailies

First Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Angelia Roberts
Community center should unite

Second Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Kelly Sublett
For Freedom of Information we just keep swimming

Third Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Angelia Roberts
The role of newspapers

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
David Barham
Another Catch-22

Second Place

Jonesboro Sun
Chris Wessel
Judicial system requires reform

Third Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Greg Harton
Just a few questions

Honorable Mention

Jonesboro Sun
Chris Wessel
Blackman must end use of Justice Network

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Dumas Clarion
Terry G. Hawkins
Univ. of Opulence

Second Place

Dumas Clarion
Terry G. Hawkins
School salaries

Third Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Dawana Goings Pigue
Highland Schools Superintendent buyout

Medium Weeklies

First Place

The Sheridan Headlight
Byron Tate
Say yes

Second Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins
Happy 180th

Third Place

The Sheridan Headlight
Byron Tate
School buses

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Millage increase could be shot in the arm

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Garrick Feldman
Millage election to decide future

Third Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Nepotism

Honorable Mention

The Leader, Jacksonville
Jonathan Feldman
Probation corrupted

News / Political Column

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Times-Herald, Forrest City
Caleb Talley
The case for cannabis

Second Place

Times-Herald, Forrest City
Caleb Talley
What happened

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
J.T. Johnson
Why the Electoral College has to go

Medium Dailies

First Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Angelia Roberts
Suicide: my story, my observations

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Joseph Price
Yes, measles is a 'big deal'

Third Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Jeanette Anderton
One Guy's story

Honorable Mention

Batesville Daily Guard
Angelia Roberts
My Patriotic Come to Jesus Moment

Larger Dailies

First Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Steven Mross
A letter from the witness stand

Second Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Greg Harton
The price of admission

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Philip Martin
Dad's not drunk, he's on meth

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Dumas Clarion
Terry G. Hawkins
Thinking Canada? Fuggedaboutit!

Second Place

Dumas Clarion
Terry G. Hawkins
Makin' mountains out of molehills

Third Place

Wynne Progress
David Owens
Get off my lawn

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
John Davis
US political parties

Second Place

Blytheville Courier News
Tom Henry
Sausage-making City Council

Third Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
John Davis
Third parties

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Kent Marts
Daddy, you always told us

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
David Ciscel
Cow Mountain Economist - Free Trade

Third Place

Lovely County Citizen, Eureka Springs
Samantha Jones
Taking a stand

Honorable Mention

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Preston Tolliver
Manners matter when discussing politics online

General Column

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Malvern Daily Record
Gretchen Ritchey
God's beautiful art of spring

Second Place

Paragould Daily Press
Steve Gillespie
Social and anti-social media

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Kelly Freudensprung
You might be a Hillbilly if ...

Medium Dailies

First Place

El Dorado News-Times
Randal Curtman
What's in a name?

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Angelia Roberts
The day my mom wasn't my mom

Third Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Kelly Sublett
When you don't know what to say, pray

Larger Dailies

First Place

Jonesboro Sun
Chris Wessel
Quarter left on headstone could link past to present

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Philip Martin
Today offers reasons to celebrate

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Mark Gregory
What treasures await

Honorable Mention

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Becca Martin-Brown
Lessons from sixth grade

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
So to speak .. If glass could talk

Second Place

Van Buren County Democrat, Clinton
Alex Kienlen
On having survived

Third Place

Booneville Democrat
Glenn M. Parrish
Fiction, Reality Run Parallel

Honorable Mention

Wynne Progress
David Owens
Pray for Gatlinburg

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Nashville News-Leader
Louie Graves
Reflecting

Second Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
Samantha Jones
Remembering Papaw

Third Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Memories of Mom

Honorable Mention

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Melissa Cason
Fatherhood is earned

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Shannon Hahn
A story of survival through a donor's compassion

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Gary Keith
View from the Mountain

Third Place

Lovely County Citizen, Eureka Springs
Samantha Jones
Something to talk about

Honorable Mention

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Secondhand Newz - Books

Public Notice

All Dailies

First Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Jamie Williams
E. coli found in water sample

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Jamie Williams
Asbestos not 'big issue' for schools

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Dana Guthrie
Recalled chicken 'warehouse issue'

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Lincoln
Lynn Kutter
Prairie Grove High Seeks Charter Status

Second Place

Villager Journal, Cherokee Village
Kim Break
Civil War Marker dedicated in Evening Shade

Third Place

Villager Journal, Cherokee Village
Kim Break
Hot landing training deemed a success at WRMC

Medium & Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
John Hofheimer
Millage

Second Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Melissa Cason
Monticello citizens

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Jeffrey Smith
Ware Sewer treatment plant

Humorous Column

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Paragould Daily Press
Steve Gillespie
Our clown crisis

Second Place

Banner-News, Magnolia
Deena Hardin
What's in a name

Third Place

Malvern Daily Record
Joshua Waddles
One in a million shot a near death experience

Medium Dailies

First Place

Harrison Daily Times
David Holsted
Go ahead, wolf, make my day

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Donetta Bradford
Daughter's ailment healed

Third Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Angelia Roberts
Cooking up some memories

Larger Dailies

First Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Gary Smith
A few minutes of your time

Second Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Gary Smith
Every meow and then

Third Place

Texarkana Gazette
Les Minor
Flossing

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

South Arkansas Sun, Hampton
Jeri Shire
Tales from the Shire - toothpaste

Second Place

Greenwood Democrat
Dustin Graham
On the Square

Third Place

Dumas Clarion
Terry G. Hawkins
Hera Sue a gift that keeps on giving

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
Samantha Jones
Boiled egg blues

Second Place

Nashville News-Leader
Louie Graves
Background check

Third Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Adventures in babysitting

Honorable Mention

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Melissa Cason
I'm learning to love

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Rick Kron
Today's kids are spoiled

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Rick Kron
I love Christmas

Third Place

Lovely County Citizen, Eureka Springs
Samantha Jones
People will surprise you

Honorable Mention

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Louis Houston
A tool in hand

Freelance Writing

Small & Medium Dailies

First Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Donetta Bradford
Catholics in the Holocaust

Second Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Amanda Potter Cole
Rekindling family traditions w/ recipes

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Sherry Snow
Reflecting on Vietnam hardships

Larger Dailies

First Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Corbet Deary
Longpool Rec Area offers stunning photo opportunities

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette
Neil Abeles
Creating a Vision

Third Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Kat Robinson
Eating Arkansas

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

South Arkansas Sun, Hampton
Jeri Shire
Alzheimer's

Second Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Brittany Ransom
VBSD expands technology program

Third Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Brittany Ransom
VB teacher vying for state recognition

Medium & Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Shelby Styron
Heartfelt nod to the queen

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Deborah Horn
40 years after the storm

Third Place

Blytheville Courier News
Tom Henry
Kenners are true "heroes and she-roes"

Headline Writing

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Saline Courier Staff
Toadal Upset

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Steve Watts
County taxed by ceiling collapse

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Steve Watts
Handgun measure held up

Medium Dailies

First Place

Harrison Daily Times
David Holsted
Beam me up, Nabholz

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times
David Holsted
Nothing but hound dogs

Third Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Jeanette Anderton
Let's talk about tax

Larger Dailies

First Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Tom Ritchey
Fellowship of the wings

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette
Drew Gladden
O Come Ye Manuals

Third Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Jocelyn Murphy & Becca Martin-Brown
Bringing Bach the Classics

Honorable Mention

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Jocelyn Murphy & Becca Martin-Brown
Drama You Can Sink Your Teeth Into

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
Ha Ha's prevail during loss of ta tas

Second Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
Fowl play in Evening Shade

Third Place

North Little Rock Times
Jeremy Peppas
The Question

Honorable Mention

Dumas Clarion
Terry G. Hawkins
This 411 on bees is your beeswax!

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins
Dickens of a Christmas

Second Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
Kelby Newcomb
Quorum court quarrel leads to tire shop tussle

Third Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Best laid plans: An easy overview of BV's
new egg processing plant

Honorable Mention

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins
Give 'til it helps

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas
Cool hand Lukes

Second Place

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Kent Marts
Bella Vista's fastest retirees

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Ray Benton
Bear bats hibernate as Magnolia blooms

Single News Photograph

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Paragould Daily Press
Erik Wright
Disaster drill

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs
Scary Scene

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Sarah Perry
Feel The Burn

Medium Dailies

First Place

Harrison Daily Times
Lee H. Dunlap
Fully engulfed

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times
Lee H. Dunlap
House fire

Third Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Tony McGuffey
Firefighter saves cat

Larger Dailies

First Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Richard Rasmussen
Water Rescue

Second Place

Jonesboro Sun
Staci Vandagriff
Vehicle versus building

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Richard Rasmussen
Fiery Crash

Honorable Mention

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Stephen Thornton
High water rescue

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Villager Journal, Cherokee Village
Lauren Siebert
Cave City house fire under investigation

Second Place

North Little Rock Times
Dale Ellis
Boom!

Third Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader,
Lincoln
Lynn Kutter
One Dies In Gas Fire

Honorable Mention

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Carrie Johnson
Plane destroyed

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
STEM Night at Highland Middle
School successful

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Tom White
Water woes

Second Place

Blytheville Courier News
Mark Brasfield
Guns Drawn

Third Place

Blytheville Courier News
Tom Henry
BFD called out twice to same fire

Honorable Mention

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Ashley Foreman
Up in smoke

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Lovely County Citizen, Eureka Springs
David Bell
Candlelight vigil

Second Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Preston Tolliver
Last call

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scolli
High-speed internet causes low speed
traffic

Honorable Mention

Lovely County Citizen, Eureka Springs
Tavi Ellis
Shoe giveaway

Single Feature Photograph

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Paragould Daily Press
Sarah E. Banker
Truckers honor Lewis with surprise party

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Jamie Williams
Snow Day

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs
A Walk to Remember

Medium Dailies

First Place

El Dorado News-Times
Terrance Armstard
Grass Burner

Second Place

El Dorado News-Times
Terrance Armstard
Welder

Third Place

Harrison Daily Times
Lee H. Dunlap
Holy Geese

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Stephen Thornton
A turn of events
Photo of the Year

Second Place

Jonesboro Sun
Staci Vandagriff
Patriotic parade

Third Place

Texarkana Gazette
Evan Lewis
Honoring the Fallen

Honorable Mention

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Jason Ivester
Taking aim

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Wynne Progress
Brock Meeler
Painted by the moon

Second Place

South Arkansas Sun, Hampton
Sam Hoisington
Calhoun County Centenarian

Third Place

North Little Rock Times
Jaison Sterling
Fireworks

Honorable Mention

Dumas Clarion
Terry G. Hawkins
Welcome No. 60

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Blytheville Courier News
Tom Henry
Polar Plungers make big splash

Second Place

Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer
Family Moment

Third Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
David Bell
Kite Festival

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Edie Sutterfield
Cowboy on Stick Horse

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lana Mason
Swimming Pool Jumper

Third Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Preston Tolliver
Huntsville Intermediate brings the fun on field day

Honorable Mention

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen
Frosty sunrise

Single Sports Action Photograph

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Malvern Daily Record
Eric Moore
In a cloud of dust

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Justin Manning
Sour Taste

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Al Fowler
Sonic Air Raid

Medium Dailies

First Place

El Dorado News-Times
Terrance Armstard
Backhander

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Kris Caraway
Under the tag

Third Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Kris Caraway
Pirates' high-five

Larger Dailies

First Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette,
Fayetteville
Anthony Reyes
Faltering home finale

Second Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette,
Fayetteville
Michael Woods
Arkansas' Clive Pullen

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Richard Rasmussen
Wakefest

Honorable Mention

Texarkana Gazette
Joshua Boucher
Heartbreaker

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

South Arkansas Sun, Hampton
Sam Hoisington
Conner Rowland slide

Second Place

North Little Rock Times
Jaison Sterling
Alex Unhappy

Third Place

Montgomery County News, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
Cade Jackson leaps over a tag

Honorable Mention

Newton County Times, Jasper
Lee H. Dunlap
East boys put game away

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Bobby Stapleton
Climb ladder

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Carroll County News Midweek,
Berryville
Charles Chappell
Late-game heroes

Second Place

Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer
Airborne Scrapper

Third Place

Carroll County News Midweek,
Berryville
Charles Chappell
Liftoff

Honorable Mention

Blytheville Courier News
Aaron FitzPatrick
Pirates host first meet on new track

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scolli
Wolverines worry Panthers

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scolli
Hurdles

Third Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas
Siloam Springs defeats Bentonville

Honorable Mention

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Shannon Hahn
Eagles start season with big win

Single Sports Feature Photograph

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Paragould Daily Press
Cole Turbeville
Lady Hounds advance in regional

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Justin Manning
Wally Hall TOC

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs
Throwing Strikes

Honorable Mention

Paragould Daily Press
Cole Turbeville
Lady Eagles punch ticket to finals

Medium Dailies

First Place

Harrison Daily Times
Jeff Brasel
Valley Springs seniors jump

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times
Craig Enloe
Local business owner golfs

Third Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
David McCollum
Tolefree and Estes

Larger Dailies

First Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Jason Ivester
Softball students

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Stephen Thornton
Valley Springs avenges 2015 defeat

Third Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Andy Shupe
Homecoming spirit

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Aaron Shaffer
Alma volleyball team celebrate

Second Place

South Arkansas Sun, Hampton
Penny Chanler
Monta Thomas

Third Place

Montgomery County News, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
Praying for a miracle

Honorable Mention

Dumas Clarion
Terry G. Hawkins
"Oh, say can you see ..."

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
David Bell
Youth camps

Second Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
David Bell
Carroll Co. athletes compete in Green Forest

Third Place

Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer
Halftime

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scolli
A lifetime going 1/8 of a mile

Second Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas
Boyd's return 'a big deal'

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scolli
The many emotions of Jerry Bridges

Picture Page / Photo Essay

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs & Ryan Klare
Fair, Rodeo bids farewell until next year

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs & Ryan Klare
Spook City 2016

Third Place

Malvern Daily Record
Eric Moore
Herb Russell Holiday Hoops Classic

Medium Dailies

First Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Kelly Sublett
Snow Day

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Kris Caraway
Bark in the Park

Third Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Kris Caraway
Fly Boys

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Stephen Thornton
Picture-perfect day

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette
Jerry Habraken
What does Black History month mean?

Third Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Jason Ivester
Books on a Bus

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Wynne Progress
Mason Addison & Jennifer Wilson
Congratulations Jackets

Second Place

Cabot Star-Herald
Jaison Sterling
Panthers Win Title

Third Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Lincoln
Lynn Kutter
Union, Confederate Forces Re-Enact Battle

Honorable Mention

Van Buren County Democrat, Clinton
Alex Kienlen
Chuckwagon races!

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
David Bell
More than fair...great!

Second Place

Blytheville Courier News
Mark Brasfield
MAYFEST 2016

Third Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
David Bell
4th of July party in the park

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Keith Bryant & Adam Schaffer
Face first in Little Sugar Creek

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
County Fair

Third Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen
Panther Powder Run a colorful event

Honorable Mention

Lovely County Citizen, Eureka Springs
Tavi Ellis
Artrageous Parade

Best Front Page

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Steve Watts & Wendy Jones

Third Place

Malvern Daily Record
Gretchen Ritchey

Honorable Mention

Paragould Daily Press

Medium Dailies

First Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard

Third Place

Harrison Daily Times
Candice Brasel

Larger Dailies

First Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Chris Swindle & Megan Lewis-Reed

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette
Andrea Miller & Danielle Dupree

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Tom Ritchey

Honorable Mention

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

North Little Rock Times
Jeremy Peppas

Second Place

Booneville Democrat
Glenn M. Parrish

Third Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer

Second Place

Paris Express
Pat McHughes

Third Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Daily Record, Little Rock
Karen Dunphy

Second Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Herald-Leader Staff

Third Place

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Kent Marts

Best Graphic Design Portfolio

Small & Medium Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Kris Caraway

Third Place

Harrison Daily Times
Candice Brasel

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Kirk Montgomery

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Nikki Dawes

Third Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Chris Swindle

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

North Little Rock Times
Jeremy Peppas

Second Place

Greenwood Democrat
Dustin Graham

Third Place

Newton County Times, Jasper
Amanda Hess

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer

Second Place

The Sheridan Headlight
Millie McClain

Third Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Daily Record, Little Rock
Karen Dunphy

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Christy Hendricks

Third Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze

Best Sports Page

Small & Medium Dailies

First Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Bruce Guthrie, Michael Young & Kelley Johnson

Second Place

Malvern Daily Record
Eric Moore

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs & Tony Lenahan

Larger Dailies

First Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Chris Swindle, Josh Cook & Blake Drehle

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Erick Taylor

Third Place

Texarkana Gazette
Jason Hopkins

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

North Little Rock Times
Jeremy Peppas

Second Place

Booneville Democrat
Glenn M. Parrish

Third Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
George "Clay" Mitchell

Medium & Larger Weeklies

First Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins

Second Place

Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer

Third Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville

Best Website

Small & Medium Dailies

First Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Guard Staff
GuardOnline.com

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Saline Courier Staff
Salinecourier.com

Third Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Nick Stahl
Thecabin.net

Larger Dailies

First Place

Texarkana Gazette
Kristen Doss
TexarkanaGazette.com

Second Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Hotsr.com

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Arkansasonline.com

All Weeklies

First Place

Booneville Democrat
Glenn M. Parrish
BoonevilleDemocrat.com

Second Place

Blytheville Courier News
Blythevillecourier.com

Third Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
George "Clay" Mitchell & Jenny McClure
Pressargus.com

Best Editorial Cartoonist

All Newspapers

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
John Deering

Second Place

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Dale Neseman

No Third Place

Coverage of Business / Agriculture

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Paragould Daily Press
Steve Gillespie & Erik Wright

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs & Lynda Hollenbeck

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Dana Guthrie & Tracy Whitaker

Medium Dailies

First Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Andrea Bruner

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times
Donna Braymer

Third Place

El Dorado News-Times

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Stephen Steed

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
David Showers, Max Bryan & Bob Wisener

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Kenneth Fry & Taniah Tudor

Second Place

Wynne Progress

Third Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Lincoln
Lynn Kutter

Medium Weeklies

First Place

The Sheridan Headlight
Tanner Newton, Millie McClain & Ethan Tate

Second Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Melissa Cason & Harold Coggins

Third Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
Scott Loftis & Kelby Newcomb

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen & Michael Burchfiel

Second Place

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Lynn Atkins

Third Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Edie Sutterfield

Coverage of Education

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Paragould Daily Press
Sarah E. Banker

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Jamie Williams

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Sarah Perry & Lynda Hollenbeck

Medium Dailies

First Place

El Dorado News-Times
Brittany Williams & Janice McIntyre

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times
Yvonne Cone & David Holsted

Third Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Andrea Bruner & Lacy Mitchell

Larger Dailies

First Place

Texarkana Gazette

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Eric Besson & Cynthia Howell

Third Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Dave Perozek, Brenda Bernet & Dan Holtmeyer

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Kenneth Fry & Taniah Tudor

Second Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis

Third Place

Montgomery County News, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Nashville News-Leader
Terrica Hendrix & John R. Schirmer

Second Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Melissa Cason

Third Place

Carroll County News Midweek, Berryville
Kelby Newcomb

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Lynn Atkins

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

Third Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen

Coverage of Tourism

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Saline Courier Staff

Second Place

Paragould Daily Press
Sarah E. Banker & Erik Wright

Third Place

Malvern Daily Record
Dana Keener

Medium Dailies

First Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Andrea Bruner, Lacy Mitchell & Joseph Price

Second Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway

Third Place

Harrison Daily Times

Larger Dailies

First Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Melissa Gute, April Wallace & Stacy Ryburn

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette
Emily Sanders & Aaron Brand

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Lindsey Wells, David Showers & Lorien E. Dahl

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Dumas Clarion
Terry G. Hawkins

Second Place

Wynne Progress
David Owens

Third Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Lincoln
Lynn Kutter

Medium Weeklies

First Place

The Sheridan Headlight
Tanner Newton

Second Place

The Times Dispatch, Walnut Ridge
John Bland & Gretchen Hunt

Third Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Melissa Cason & Harold Coggins

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

Second Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Herald-Leader Staff

Third Place

Lovely County Citizen, Eureka Springs
Samantha Jones

Coverage of Health / Medical

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Saline Courier Staff

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Jamie Williams & Dana Guthrie

Third Place

Banner-News, Magnolia
Dixie Edington

Medium Dailies

First Place

Harrison Daily Times
Yvonne Cone, David Holsted & James L. White

Second Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Jeanette Anderton & Hilary Andrews

Third Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Andrea Bruner & Lacy Mitchell

Larger Dailies

First Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Dan Holtmeyer & Doug Thompson

Second Place

Jonesboro Sun
Sarah Morris & Neal Embry

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Colbie McCloud & Jay Bell

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Kenneth Fry & Taniah Tudor

Second Place

Newton County Times, Jasper

Third Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Lincoln
Lynn Kutter & Mark Humphrey

Medium Weeklies

First Place

The Sheridan Headlight
Millie McClain & Ethan Tate

Second Place

Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer & Terrica Hendrix

Third Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello
Melissa Cason

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen & Michael Burchfiel

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

General Excellence



Smaller Dailies

7 Papers, 223 Entries

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Third Place

Paragould Daily Press

Medium Dailies

5 Papers, 179 Entries

First Place

Batesville Daily Guard

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times

Third Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway

Larger Dailies

5 Papers, 270 Entries

First Place

Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs

Smaller Weeklies

16 Papers, 440 Entries

First Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren

Second Place

North Little Rock Times

Third Place Tie

Dumas Clarion

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Lincoln

Medium Weeklies

8 Papers, 212 Entries

First Place

Carroll County News, Berryville

Second Place

Advance Monticellonian, Monticello

Third Place

Nashville News-Leader

Larger Weeklies

9 Papers, 330 Entries

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

Second Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs

Third Place

The Weekly Vista, Bella Vista

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