

1 Best General News Story

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Opening of outlets

All too often our best work revolves looking back, discovering mistakes after they've been committed. The Clarion Ledger looks ahead at the impact of a major development and what it will mean to the communities.

Second Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Case unsolved

J.B. Clark

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Hero laid to rest

J.B. Clark & Robbie Ward

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Hattiesburg American —

The recovery process

Excellent descriptive phrasing paints a vivid picture for the reader of what victims experienced during this terribly destructive tornado.

Tim Doherty

Second Place—The Meridian Star —

History fading away

Brian Livingston

Third Place—The Commercial Dispatch —

Coleman gives wife beater slap on the wrist

Sarah Fowler

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Election day dustup

Thorough, tightly written, spiced with great quotes.

Tim Kalich

Second Place—The Daily Corinthian —

Gun buying boom

Mark Boehler

Third Place—Picayune Item —

Local same sex couple wants marriage

Alexandra Hedrick

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—GrenadaStar —

Grenada Sheds

Thorough piece about a groups desperate situation. Good quotes balanced with both sides of the issue. Well done!

Galen Holley

Second Place—The Neshoba Democrat —

Near riot at Walmart

Debbie Burt Myers

Third Place—The Lamar Times —

Graduation was

Dana Gower

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—The Enterprise-Tocsin —

Battered town hopes to rise

Gave me a great sense of the situation. Very memorable. Just good storytelling. I loved the juxtaposition to the triumphant tone of the main article of the sidebar article.

Charlie Smith

Second Place—The Itawamba County Times —

Mantachie furniture plant

Adam Armour

Third Place—Mississippi Business Journal —

Catfish woes

Ted Carter

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Petal News —

Smile on his face

Very interesting story, great for a community paper.

Dana Gower

Second Place—Simpson County News —

Would you consider this to be animal cruelty

Dave Minsky

Third Place—Franklin Advocate —

Forty year old case

Hilda Peeler

2 Best Spot News Story

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Ricin scare

Thorough job of chasing down leads and comments, not to mention the awesome quote from the mayor hopeful who tried to distance himself from the ricin mail suspect.

Therese Apel

Second Place—The Sun Herald —

Devil in my head

Robin Fitzgerald

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Three found dead

J.B. Clark

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Hattiesburg American —

Destruction

First 3 paragraphs provide concise synopsis of event. Sidebars provide additional info useful to storm victims.

Second Place—Enterprise-Journal —

All hail breaks loose

Matt Williamson

Third Place—The Meridian Star —

Schools DOJ agree on consent decree

Terri Ferguson Smith

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Daily Leader —

One held in apparent robbery attempt

Nicely done, particularly the response and reactions of the victims. Often easy to overlook them in a spot crime news story.

Caleb Bedillion

Second Place—The Daily Corinthian —

Storm system leaves mark

Steve Beavers

Third Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Confusion at the polls

Bob Darden & Jeanie Riess

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Pontotoc Progress —

High winds cause damage

Excellent job bringing community voices to forefront. Also did a strong painting picture of the damage. Multi-sourced. Well written walk along storm's path. Good work.

Regina Butler

Second Place—The Northside Sun —

Northsider recovering from shooting

Anthony Warren

Third Place—The Sea Coast Echo —

Kiln cruelty

Dwayne Bremer

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—The Enterprise-Tocsin —

Kidnapping described

Paints a vivid picture. Elevates what could be easily have been run of the mill.

Brittany Davis

Second Place—Madison County Journal —

Boston bombing

Michael Simmons

Third Place—The Columbian Progress —

Unbelievable

Mark Rogers

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Clarksdale Press Register —

City School Board President

Very detailed and well written

Jesse Wright

Second Place—The Clarksdale Press Register —

McMillian family

Jesse Wright

Third Place—Simpson County News —

Representative Upshaw found dead

Dave Minsky

3 Best Indepth/Investigative Coverage

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Gone

Jerry Mitchell

Like many important investigations this one didn't fit neatly into a single calendar year, and in fact is still unfolding. Mitchell's digging was impressively broad and his patience with this story was amazing. A great body of work.

Second Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Poverty

Third Place—The Sun Herald —

The fall of sheriff Mike Byrd

Margaret Baker

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Hattiesburg American —

Tornado Coverage

Solid, comprehensive coverage of a horrific disaster

Second Place—Hattiesburg American —

Waiting for a winner

Third Place—The Commercial Dispatch —

Judge attacks

Sarah Fowler

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Reconciling the past

Well told story about a church's decision to confront it's history of racism.

Second Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

More McCaskill kin

Tim Kalich

Third Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Middleby's \$100 million man

Bryn Stole

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Northside Sun —

Kemper plant

Politically charged issue extremely well written and advanced. Nice to see a publisher that knows news. Great work.

Second Place—The Northside Sun —

Lost Rabbit

Wyatt Emmerich

Katie Eubanks

Third Place—The Lamar Times —

Tornado coverage

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—Mississippi Business Journal —

Marine Shale

A great example of how sometimes less is more. Painted a complete well-rounded picture. Generated interest in what could easily be a dry, dull topic.

Second Place—Madison County Journal —

The lake to nowhere

Ted Carter

Michael Simmons, Aline Carambat & Joshua Karr

Third Place—The Enterprise-Tocsin —

Apartment problems

Brittany Davis

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—Magnolia Gazette —

Post Orwellian World

Very well layed out. Excellent research.

Crawford D. Lampton

Second Place—The Clarksdale Press Register —

Commissioner spends

Jesse Wright

Third Place—The Clarksdale Press Register —

City CPD facing lawsuit

Jesse Wright

4 Best Planned Series of Stories

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Imposing literacy

Public education in Mississippi is a massive topic. By narrowly focusing on improving literacy, this series engages readers and clearly illustrates what is at stake. Thorough, well sourced reporting that combines alarming facts and statistics with compelling story telling about real people.

Chris Kieffer, J.B. Clark, Riley Manning & M. Scott Morris

Second Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Barbour pardons

Emily LeCoz

Third Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

College World Series

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Heaven and hell in Haiti

Poignant insightful thought provoking because of excellent writing that places the reader smack in the middle of Haiti experience.

Ernest Herndon

Second Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Reclaiming the past

Amelia Camurati

Third Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Let me tell you about Natchez

Lindsay Shelton

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Reconciling the past

Very important series with a well thought out plan. Touches the emotions of a past soon forgotten and a future of tolerance in a region not known for such. A thorough series with ties from past to present.

Jonathan Scott

Second Place—The Bolivar Commercial —

Tommy John surgery

Andy Collier

Third Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Medicaid/DRMC

Sarah Kramer

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Northside Sun —

Zip code profiles

We're not much on numbers but we kept coming back to these profiles. Just fascinating stuff. Could have used local maps but never the less, kept judges reading.

Anthony Warren

Second Place—The Rankin County News —

Winning back your life

Linda Horton

Third Place—The Calhoun County Journal —

Our town

Joel McNeece

Weekly Division B & C - Below 4,000

First Place—The Columbian Progress —

County schools

Timely issue, well documented effective art.

Buster Wolfe & Mark Rogers

Second Place—Mississippi Business Journal —

Tuscaloosa Marine Shale

Ted Carter

Third Place—The Magee Courier —

School bond

Pat Brown

5 **Best Sports News Story**

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Sun Herald —

Coping with tragedy

Solid writing. Covered all the bases in a very tragic event for students and faculty. You could hear the sobbing in this story.

Patrick Magee

Second Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

I wanted to play

Ros Dumlao

Third Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

The old grandfather

Brandon Marcello

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Marathon man

Timely and well written account of an 80 year old marathoner whose personal triumph was overshadowed by the Boston marathon bombing.

Sean Isabella

Second Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Tightening wallets

Michael Kerekes

Third Place—The Commercial Dispatch —

East, West Oktibbeha

Scott Walters

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

State takeover

A very well written story that shows the impact of an educational decision on sports and the people it affects. Concise writing style with solid lede, good quotes and facts.

Bill Burrus

Second Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Moore ok after being shot in thigh

Chris Whitaker

Third Place—The Bolivar Commercial —

Historic coach Sank Powe dies

Andy Collier

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—Monroe Journal —

Lady Tigers, Lady Lions game ends abruptly

The story just pulled me right in. Very interesting and told nicely.

Melissa Meador

Second Place—The Sea Coast Echo —

And the state titles keep coming

Joseph W. Gex, II

Third Place—Monroe Journal —

Record breaker

Melissa Meador

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—Mississippi Business Journal —

Boston bombing

Great example of localizing a national event

Stephen McDill

Second Place—The Yazoo Herald —

Soccer is on the rise

Jason Patterson

Third Place—The Columbian Progress —

CHS coach fight firing

Buster Wolfe

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Clarksdale Press Register —

Aggie reflects on historic season

Liked the story. Had good quotes and was well written.

Josh Troy

Second Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Four straight titles

Clay McFerrin

Third Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

CHS Lady tigers

Clay McFerrin

6 Best Sports Column

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Would have liked to have seen a little more opinion but the writer weaves some nice stories into his copy - which held my attention just as well. Kind of long but good reads nonetheless.

Billy Watkins

Second Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Brad Locke

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Parrish Alford

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Hattiesburg American —

This writer's style separates him from the rest - "like watching a windstorm in a wheat field" - a basketball's intensity "on feral display" Great word pictures!

Tim Doherty

Second Place—Hattiesburg American —

Stan Caldwell

Third Place—Hattiesburg American —

Ben Sutton

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Whit's Words

Chris, you do a great job of opening your view on your topics while injecting a bit of contributing opinions of others. The writing is solid, although you could be a tad more colorful with description.

Chris Whitaker

Second Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Bill Burrus

Third Place—Starkville Daily News —

Smith on Sports

Danny P. Smith

All Weeklies - Above 4,000

First Place—The Columbian Progress —

From the Bleachers

Great style - Just makes me want to keep reading.

Adam Prestridge

Second Place—The Columbian Progress —

Buster's Banter

Buster Wolfe

Third Place—Monroe Journal —

On and off the field

Melissa Meador

7 Best Sports Feature

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

The tragic tale of Tammy Thomas

Lots of hard work here with good writing and appropriate side bars. This story could have been shorter.

Emily LeCoz

Second Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Farming and football

Chris Thomas

Third Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Rich and sweet

Billy Watkins

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Hattiesburg American —

Jason Munz

I will walk again

It took too long to get to the point of the story but once that happened it was quite engaging.

Second Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Ernest Herndon

Local pair catch monster gator

Third Place—Hattiesburg American —

Jason Munz

A walking miracle

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Bill Burrus

Elzy product

Solid topic on a national stage. Writer did a great job combining implications of a big game with importance of family & Christmas. Well organized, concise and well written.

Second Place—The Daily Corinthian —

Steve Beavers

Tyler Corbin bowls 50th perfect game

Third Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Chris Whitaker

Coming back strong

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Northside Sun —

Anthony Warren

Students at helm

Well written - stepping off the field and into the booth was a nice twist.

Second Place—The Carthaginian —

Jacob Grimes

Polk recalls glory days

Third Place—The Lamar Times —

Josh Mlot

Fly high Ryan

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—The Beacon —

Scott Boyd

Speed King

Interesting story about an athlete who excels in something other than a stick-and-ball sport.

Second Place—The Yazoo Herald —

Jamie Patterson

Terrell helped

Third Place—The Columbian Progress —

Adam Prestridge

Umpiring

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Petal News —

Josh Mlot

The road leads

Well thought out, great job. The writer brought out the passion.

Second Place—The Petal News —

Josh Mlot

Fly high Ryan

Third Place—Franklin Advocate —

James Covington

Lucky number 2

8 Best Game Story

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Parrish Alford

Draw it up, let it fly

The lede wasn't a typical game story lede. It was beyond telling the reader what they probably already knew, namely who won and the score. The story about how a key play was called in the game was an interesting hook to an ordinary story.

Second Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Hugh Kellenburger

Sweet music

Third Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

No. 271 not giving up

Billy Watkins

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Hattiesburg American —

Heartbreaker

Excellent scene - setting to capture the emotions of a tough costly loss. Good use of quotes and succinct recap of the games crucial moments. The game may have gone to double OT but the story won going away.

Tim Doherty

Second Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Centerville falls short

Ethan Levine

Third Place—Hattiesburg American —

O'Toole's Day

Stan Caldwell

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Elzy one win away

This is what a game story should be. Effective lede, solid graph and loads of info. Very good quotes! Championship story may be more important, but this one was better.

Bill Burrus

Second Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Fighting Irish state champions

Chris Whitaker

Third Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Pannell - led PA

Bill Burrus

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Lamar Times —

The legend grows

Really well done - good use of mythology angle without over doing it.

Josh Mlot

Second Place—The Carthaginian —

Heartbreaker

Jacob Grimes

Third Place—Monroe Journal —

Booth's single lifts Amory

Melissa Meador

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—The Yazoo Herald —

It ain't over til it's over

Lead draws reader into story to follow progression of events that saw 2 lead changes in last 35 seconds of the game. Well crafted.

Jason Patterson

Second Place—The Wayne County News —

War Eagles Top No. 1

Paul Keane

Third Place—The Wayne County News —

Whippetts hold tough

Paul Keane

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Petal News —

The legend grows

Good quotes by both coaches. Explained the plays of the game like a story.

Josh Mlot

Second Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Charleston girls fall short

Clay McFerrin

Third Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

CHS suffers "pretty loss"

Clay McFerrin

9 Best General Interest Column

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Wonderfully told stories that pack an emotional wallop.

Billy Watkins

Second Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

M. Scott Morris

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Leslie Criss

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—The Commercial Dispatch —

Slim Smith

Slimantics

Wonderfully written with humor and humanity.

Second Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Ben Hillyer

Third Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Kevin Cooper

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Tom Bassing

3 columns on 3 different topics - all 3 were terrific. Tom, you conveyed perfectly your feelings on your subject matter with creativity and organization. I was hooked from beginning to end.

Second Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Jon Alverson

Third Place—Starkville Daily News —

Zack Plair

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Scott County Times —

Tim Beeland

A moving "what if" looking at the installment of a badly needed traffic signal at a dangerous intersection 18 years after 2 friends of the writer were killed there in a tragic accident. The writer recounts the efforts of his newspaper to have a traffic light, finally, installed at the intersection. Well-written and to the point, the writer leads us to his conclusion, wondering what his friends lives would have become but for a traffic signal. Brief but well done and clearly the winner in this very tough category.

Second Place—The Carthaginian —

Waid Prather

Third Place—The Calhoun County Journal —

Joel McNeece

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—The Yazoo Herald —

Jason Patterson

All entries well focused about community issues. The perspective of a native to the community and it's issues is effective.

Second Place—The Yazoo Herald —

Jamie Patterson

Third Place—New Albany Gazette —

T. Wayne Mitchell

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Deer Creek Pilot —

Ray Mosby

Different Drummer

Wow it is remarkable this writer can write any column after his year. But he did and the work is outstanding. Great writing on sensitive subjects.

Second Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Clay McFerrin

Third Place—The Petal News —

David Gustafson

Walking the Line

10 Best Commentary Column

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Sun Herald —

Paul Hampton

Well written, pointed, engaging.

Second Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Lloyd Gray

Third Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Geoff Pender

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—The Commercial Dispatch —

Slim Smith

Slimantics

Sensitive, insightful commentary and good old fashioned hold-them-accountable journalism.

Second Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Kevin Cooper

Third Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Ben Hillyer

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Tim Kalich

I like the way Tim stands before his topic faces it armed and ready and shoots from the hip. Very lucid opinions that are organized to offer the reader not only enlightenment but also entertainment. I would read every week.

Second Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Jon Alverson

Third Place—Starkville Daily News —

Zack Plair

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Northside Sun —

Wyatt Emmerich

This strongly written entry is passionate in its opposition to a \$4 billion coal powered electricity generating plant that the writer believes will ultimately prove to be highly expensive to Mississippi rate payers. The writer's opinion is backed up with loads of research and actual numbers that clearly and persuasively present to the reader just how expensive this project is and will continue to be.

Second Place—The Carthaginian —

Waid Prather

Third Place—The Neshoba Democrat —

Jim Prince

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—The Yazoo Herald —

Jason Patterson

Not afraid to take a stance on diverse issues in a small community

Second Place—Madison County Journal —

Jim Prince

Third Place—The Wayne County News —

Paul Keane

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Clarksdale Press Register —

Jesse Wright

Contra Sensus Communis

Putting national issues on a local level at a small weekly paper is great. Good job!

Second Place—The Deer Creek Pilot —

Ray Mosby

Different Drummer

Third Place—The Baldwin News —

Clark Richey

Talk of the Town

11 Best Feature Story

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Emily LeCoz

Finding his way

Emily takes the reach on quite a journey capturing the heartbreak and frustration, remarkable break through of a family living with autism. She conveys all that emotion while educating us about the brain and how autism feels to the affected person and those who love him. Great storytelling.

Second Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Leslie Criss

It was the third of June

Third Place—The Sun Herald —

Tammy Smith

Best obit ever

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Hattiesburg American —

Jesse Bass

A game changer

Well written interesting story of an amazing life.

Second Place—The Commercial Dispatch —

William Browning

King for a day

Third Place—The Commercial Dispatch —

Jan Swoope

Makin' it in Nashville

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

David Monroe

A true leader

A terrific feature that reviews the span of an entire lifetime. It's detailed and never strays from the lead. Every graf is indispensable solid writing. It involves local, state and national issues and is full of fascinating tidbits. The sentence structure is clean and straight forward.

Second Place—The Daily Corinthian —

Mark Boehler

Enjoying the simple life

Third Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Tom Bassing

Where lab meets the land

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Calhoun County Journal —

Joel McNeece

Decades long search

Close contest, ultimately won by "tear test." Judges read entries aloud to co-workers and this entry caused some to tear up. That says all we need to say about the entry and writing.

Second Place—The Lamar Times —

Beth Bunch

Oak Grove family

Third Place—GrenadaStar —

Galen Holley

God still comes first

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—The Columbian Progress —

Mark Rogers

Leatha's Legacy

Excellent layout, good human interest, easy to read, effective style.

Second Place—The Enterprise-Tocsin —

Brittany Davis

Positive attitude

Third Place—The Wayne County News —

Paul Keane

Mr. Henry Retires

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—Magnolia Gazette —

Guy Geller

A world horror remembered

Wow, a first person account of a tragic, horrible event over 70 years ago. This blew me away. To me this was a spell bounding story.

Second Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Clay McFerrin

Charleston Mayor

Third Place—The Clarksdale Press Register —

Jesse Wright

Wild charming Mississippi

12 Best General News Photograph

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Vickie King

Big winner

Appreciated that photographer had no problem getting right in there to make a powerful photo.

Second Place—The Sun Herald —

John Fitzhugh

Empty boxes

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Thomas Wells

Remembering 9/11

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Hattiesburg American —

Ryan Moore

Life in prison

No words were needed to describe this relative's emotion on the sentencing of 2 men convicted of killing her grandmother.

Second Place—The Natchez Democrat —

St. Joseph honors

Third Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Black Friday sales

Justin Sellers

Brittney Lohmiller

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Just a test

The composition and lighting is astounding. Good use of wide angle lens that sucks you into the photo. The photo's subject is presented more seriously than a test would typically be.

Second Place—The Bolivar Commercial —

Jazz legend Herbie

Third Place—Picayune Item —

Naval JROTC

Bruce Newman

Rory Doyle

Alexandra Hedrick

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Pontotoc Progress —

Mother and daughter fun

Captures a delightful moment. Joy in girl's face is priceless. Good crop. Great sense that event was meant for fun.

Second Place—The Pontotoc Progress —

A leafing good time

Third Place—The Sea Coast Echo —

With honors

Regina Butler

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Dwayne Bremer

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—The Yazoo Herald —

Ringin' in unison

Well constructed photo with great perspective

Second Place—Mississippi Business Journal —

Last call?

Third Place—The Columbian Progress —

Burning desire to learn

Royce Swayze

Tacy Rayburn

Mark Rogers

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Clarksdale Press Register —

A day to remember

Very patriotic.

Second Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

New Mayor

Third Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Training for gas fire

Troy Catchings

Clay McFerrin

Clay McFerrin

13 Best Spot News Photograph

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Sad day

Tough choice between 1st and 2nd entries. Ultimately, 1st place image showed more emotion.

Second Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

3 Found dead

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

High winds

Greg Jenson

C. Todd Sherman

Thomas Wells

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—The Commercial Dispatch —

Luisa Porter

2 children feared drowned

Small child grips teddy bear as search goes on for her 2 cousins feared drowned. Strong content in foreground while searchers are in distance.

Second Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Philip Hall

1-55 wreck deadly

Third Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Jay Sowers

Fire destroys house

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Daily Leader —

Caleb Bedillion

House fire

Superb composition, captures firefighters, door frame and porch chair indicating a home. The angle of the camera makes the fire seen even in the corner of the ceiling. A threatening force. Terrific action.

Second Place—Picayune Item —

Jeremy Pittari

Controlled burns

Third Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Bruce Newman

Vigil

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Columbus Packet —

Colin Krieger

Paramedic with child

Wow on emotional impact! All around great photo in a well competed category.

Second Place—The Columbus Packet —

John Douglas

I'll go to jail for love

Third Place—The Lamar Times —

Matt Bush

Tornado

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—The Beacon —

Scott Boyd

High school education

Photographer captures essence of story with one shot, being in the right place at the right time.

Second Place—The Columbian Progress —

Mark Rogers

Pursuit goes haywire

Third Place—Webster Progress Times —

Daniel Brunty

Officer, suspect killed

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Clarksdale Press Register —

Troy Catchings

House fire left behind ruins

Great angle

Second Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Clay McFerrin

Driver goes missing

Third Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Clay McFerrin

Saturday night fever

14 Best Sports Feature Photograph

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Sun Herald —

Amanda McCoy

Baseball celebration

Crop could have been tighter but overall the emotion was stronger than the other entries.

Second Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Greg Jenson

Marathon

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Falling short

Thomas Wells

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—The Natchez Democrat —

It's a stretch to text

Cross country team member stretches to limit while texting - most unusual, fun shot

Ben Hillyer

Second Place—Hattiesburg American —

Keep fighting

Jason Munz

Third Place—Enterprise-Journal —

All star action

Philip Hall

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Oxford Eagle —

IMarshal Henderson

Newman found a highly interesting photo. Great thinking and seeing!

Bruce Newman

Second Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Shall we dance

Bruce Newman

Third Place—The Bolivar Commercial —

Tight defense

Donnell Maxie

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Calhoun County Journal —

Keshun Bobo

Nice perspective, catches emotion.

Lisa McNeece

Second Place—The Panolian —

Tim West - ice coach

Cassie White

Third Place—The Lamar Times —

Head in the sand

Matt Bush

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—New Albany Gazette —

East Union looks for diversion

Well laid out, clear writing style.

Donica Phifer

Second Place—The Itawamba County Times —

Itawamba Jiu-Jitsu

Zach Adams

Third Place—The Yazoo Herald —

Thriller in Benton

Jason Patterson

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Petal News —

Barhug

Shows the love of the game

Matt Bush

Second Place—The Baldwin News —

Bearcats read about their championship

Brenda Daher

Third Place—Magnolia Gazette —

Below right cheerleader

Tommy Young

15 Best Sports Action Photograph

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

International waters

This photo goes beyond what we saw in the other entries. The quality of it set it apart,

Joe Ellis

Second Place—The Sun Herald —

Safe

Amanda McCoy

Third Place—The Sun Herald —

Winter classic

Amanda McCoy

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Hattiesburg American —

Fumbled

Really good action shot with a fumble at the moment.

Ryan Moore

Second Place—The Meridian Star —

NJCAA

Paula Merritt

Third Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Soaring to the sand

Philip Hall

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Acrobatic pass

All tangled up the black and white works! Like the blur action plus the sharpness on passer. Interesting image.

Bruce Newman

Second Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Scoring standing up

Chris Whitaker

Third Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Dogs rally late

Andy Lo

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Lamar Times —

The dunk

Nice action shot, vantage point, composition. Tough competition in this category!

Matt Bush

Second Place—The Chronicle —

Dixie youth World Series

James Pugh

Third Place—The Panolian —

NPJH Jordan Dandridge

Andy Young

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—The Clarke County Tribune —

Lady Panthers with Lauderdale

Photo directs attention to point of action

Bo Duvall

Second Place—The Wayne County News —

Tag out at third base

Paul Keane

Third Place—The Magee Courier —

Blocking shot

Scott Boyd

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Petal News —

Sweet chill

Perfect timing for shot. Captured priceless expression of coach and players face. Good distance and focus.

Matt Bush

Second Place—The Petal News —

Slide home

Matt Bush

Third Place—The Petal News —

Hurdle

Matt Bush

16 Best Feature Photograph

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place —The Clarion-Ledger — What the hex? <i>Immediately caught judges eyes, nice, simple composition and moment.</i>	Joe Ellis
Second Place —The Sun Herald — Fireworks	Amanda McCoy
Third Place —The Sun Herald — Cowboy up	Amanda McCoy

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place —The Natchez Democrat — Photo finish <i>Moment of victory captured in sharp, well framed image that tells the whole story.</i>	Jay Sowers
Second Place —The Natchez Democrat — 100 and counting	Ben Hillyer
Third Place —The Natchez Democrat — A great-great party	Ben Hillyer

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place —Daily Times Leader — Head Start Awareness <i>Photographer caught a warm moment with this. Great job!</i>	Mary Garrison
Second Place —The Daily Leader — Traffic stopping show	Rachel Eide
Third Place —Greenwood Commonwealth —	Andy Lo

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place —The Calhoun County Journal — Addi Claire Bailey <i>Great capture of emotion in the moment.</i>	Joel McNeece
Second Place —The Calhoun County Journal — Veteran's Day	Joel McNeece
Third Place —The Lamar Times — Fall artwork	Matt Bush

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place —Mississippi Business Journal — Wheels of success <i>Perfectly composed. Intriguing but tells enough. Clear, Interesting.</i>	Frank Brown
Second Place —The Yazoo Herald — That's cold	Jamie Patterson
Third Place —Madison County Journal — Artful eyes	Aline Carambat

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place —The Deer Creek Pilot — Mr. Sipp <i>Good quality picture. Vibrant color. Excellent angle. Draws you to the story. Overall excellent.</i>	Natalie Perkins
Second Place —The Petal News — On fire	Dana Gower
Third Place —The Petal News — The answer is	Beth Bunch

17 Best Pictorial Series in One Issue

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place —The Clarion-Ledger — Day in the life of Pearl <i>Nice team effort, we got a nice sense of this community.</i>	Rick Guy & Vickie King
Second Place —The Clarion-Ledger — Day on the Reservoir	Brian Broom & Joe Ellis
Third Place —The Sun Herald — Volkslauf	Amanda McCoy

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place —The Natchez Democrat — Step by step <i>One of the best photo essays I have ever seen in community journalism. Captures life as we all experience it.</i>	Ben Hillyer
Second Place —Hattiesburg American — Catastrophic	Ryan Moore, Kelly Price & Bryant Hawkins
Third Place —The Natchez Democrat — Co-Lin Cooks	Justin Sellers

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place —Greenwood Commonwealth — Record field takes ride <i>Great mix of action, faces, entertainment and even breaking news.</i>	Andy Lo, Bob Darden & Tim Kalich
Second Place —The Bolivar Commercial — Bolivar County firefighters stay busy	Rory Doyle
Third Place —Greenwood Commonwealth — Perfect race weather	Andy Lo & Bob Darden

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place —The Carthaginian — Lena hosts blast on July 4th <i>Appreciate the quality of photos and presentation as well as the succinctness of the outline.</i>	Waid Prather
Second Place —The Sea Coast Echo — Stella's Blues & BBQ Fest	Geoff Belcher
Third Place —The Pontotoc Progress — Fire destroys	David Helms

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place —The Beacon — Lucky to be alive <i>Photos varied but completely cohesive layout. Nice.</i>	Scott Boyd
Second Place —The Wayne County News — Rodeo bucks contestant	Paul Keane
Third Place —Stone County Enterprise — Welcome home	Jody O'Hara & Heather Anderson

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place —The Petal News — PHS class of 2013 <i>These are unique perspective photos. I like the photos of the children taking "selfies." Unique photos.</i>	Chloe Rouse
Second Place —The Petal News — Petal tornado	Beth Bunch, Josh Mlot and Charley Tynes
Third Place —The Petal News — Making a splash	Beth Bunch

18 Best Picture-Story Combination

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

No tears allowed

Tells more of a story than any other entry

Second Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Day in life of Pearl

Third Place—The Sun Herald —

Heavy hearts

Sherry Lucas & Greg Jenson

Rick Guy, Sherry Lucas & Terricha Bradley-Phillips

Tim Isbell & Donna Harris

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—The Meridian Star —

Tornado toll

Excellent photojournalism, well played. Certainly told the story in words and images with the images enhancing the work.

Second Place—Enterprise-Journal —

I-55 Wreck

Third Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Brooks ready for Pan Am games

Paula Merritt & Brian Livingston

Wesley Miller & Philip Hall

Ethan Levine & Dawn Thornton

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Little Store

My first assessment is if the photos tell the story. This one does as do the other Eagle entries. Story is solid and layout is complete.

Second Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Modern brainstormers

Third Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Trash & Twang

Jonathan Scott & Bruce Newman

Tim Kalich & Andy Lo

Bruce Newman & Lucy Shultz

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Sea Coast Echo —

With Honors

Interesting memories in article, grabs reader attention, good photos and plenty in depth coverage.

Second Place—The Calhoun County Journal —

Tallest man in the world

Third Place—GrenadaStar —

Hometown proud

Dwayne Bremer

Joel McNeece

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—Mississippi Business Journal —

Fondren public

Photos and story work very well in tandem. Impactful.

Second Place—Madison County Journal —

Military promotion

Third Place—Webster Progress Times —

Fire guts courthouse

Clay Chandler & Stephen McDill

Aline Carambat & Chris Todd

Ruthie Robinson & Russell Hood

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Second Annual Webb Day

Story was well written with quotes that drew you into the local angle. Photos are clear and colorful. Great capture of expression.

Second Place—The Petal News —

Making a splash

Clay McFerrin

Beth Bunch

Third Place—The Deer Creek Pilot —

Paying his dues to sing the blues

Natalie Perkins

19 Personality Portrait

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Out of the silence

A very nice portrait that simplistically conveys a sense of the subject

Joe Ellis

Second Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Little preacher

Joe Ellis

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Addie Forbus

C. Todd Sherman

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Magical message

Effective use of lighting and framing to tell the story of a man and his work.

Philip Hall

Second Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Meet the Browns

Ben Hillyer

Third Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Mud Warrior

Ben Hillyer

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Michael Rowlett

Solid composition. Subject is engaged with photographer. Lighting isolates and locks in on Rowlett.

Bruce Newman

Second Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Kendall Glass

Bruce Newman

Third Place—The Daily Corinthian —

Bill McPeters

Mark Boehler

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Lamar Times —

For Art's Sake

Both photos do an excellent job of capturing the subject's personality, plus exposure and composition are first rate

Beth Bunch

First Place—The Lamar Times —

How sweet it is

Both photos do an excellent job of capturing the subject's personality, plus exposure and composition are first rate

Beth Bunch

Second Place—The Lamar Times —

Team Spirit

Matt Bush

Third Place—The Neshoba Democrat —

Addison Barrett

Harrison Hadaway

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—The Columbian Progress —

Inspiration: Chris Pennington

Awesome! I have no idea what this story is about but I would read it if I had it.

Mark Rogers

Second Place—The Enterprise-Tocsin —

100 years still shining strong

Brittany Davis

Third Place—The Itawamba County Times —

Faith, Family and Fiancee

Adam Armour

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Clarksdale Press Register —

Thumbs up

Caught the moment of what better way to let mom and dad know that don't worry I am fine.

Troy Catchings

Second Place—The Clarksdale Press Register —

Super chicken

Troy Catchings

Third Place—The Petal News —

Cat in the Hat

Beth Bunch

20 Best Graphic

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Charter schools

The illustration works well with the headline and info copy to tell the story of Mississippi education struggles and the fight over whether to allow charter schools. It has a rustic schoolhouse feel, which is completely appropriate.

Martha Stroud

Second Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Shell game

Merry Eccles

Third Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Cool to be a dog

Merry Eccles

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Enterprise-Journal —

All In

Clever mix of graphics and subject.

Philip Hall

Second Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Grip & Rip

Philip Hall & Sean Isabella

Third Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Bumper Crops

Ben Hillyer

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Bucking the trend

Good photo illustration. It captures the eye and fits well with the subject matter at hand.

Jeanie Riess

Second Place—The Bolivar Commercial —

Football preview 2013

Caroline Laster & Donell Maxie

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Lamar Times —

2013 All area baseball team

Like the idea of creating baseball cards - graphic gives all the information reader needs.

Matt Bush & Charley Tynes

Second Place—The Lamar Times —

All area preseason

Matt Bush & Charley Tynes

Third Place—The Northside Sun —

Life on the Reservoir

Wanda McCain & Katie Eubanks

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—Mississippi Business Journal —

Where does it all go?

Nice graphics! I really like the layout, easy to read.

Frank Brown

Second Place—The Columbian Progress —

City in tug of war

Adam Prestridge

Third Place—Newton County Appeal —

Ever's life

Luke Horton

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Petal News —

Josh Mlot and Charley Tynes

2013 Softball

Absolutely love the way he gives each child their own baseball card. This signifies that each child is important enough to warrant their pic and name on the card.

Second Place—The Deer Creek Pilot —

Natalie Perkins

Making numbers add up

Third Place—The Deer Creek Pilot —

Natalie Perkins

Report card

21 Best Editorial Cartoon

All Newspapers

First Place—The Chronicle —

Russ Farris

This is what editorial cartoons are all about. It hits all your emotions. Funny and yet a sad commentary on the events of the day. So much meaning in just a few words.

Second Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Marshall Ramsey

Third Place—The Sun Herald —

Tim Lockley

22 Best Front Page

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Bold designs. Nice commitment. Clear lead packages. Good headline sizes. Congrats!

Second Place—The Sun Herald —

Lauren Walck

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—The Commercial Dispatch —

Matt Garner

Good solid design, but very current looking. Very nice integration of type with photos. Bold move dropping flag for a groundbreaking. Well done!

Second Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Third Place—Hattiesburg American —

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Bolivar Commercial —

Denise Strub & Staff

The firefighter story and photos would definitely pick up rack sales and draw folks in. The combination of community news and photos offers a lot. Simple, clean design

Second Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Charles Corder

Third Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Jonathan Scott & Jeff Eubanks

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Star-Herald —

James Phillips

Excellent layout. All 3 front pages submitted had a strong variety of local news that left me with the impression that Kosciusko is an interesting place. Well-written headlines with a nice mix of easily readable fonts.

Second Place—The Sea Coast Echo —

Geoff Belcher & Dwayne Bremer

Third Place—GrenadaStar —

Nanette Laster

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—New Albany Gazette —

David Johnson

Nice, clean layout.

Second Place—Newton County Appeal —

Third Place—The Enterprise-Tocsin —

Charlie Smith

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Deer Creek Pilot —

Ray Mosby & Natalie Perkins

Football is the core to every small town. Giving these kids the entire front page is important to participating athletes, moms, dads and entire city. Love it!

Second Place—Simpson County News —

Pat Brown

Third Place—The Clarksdale Press Register —

Jesse Wright

23 Best Editorial Page(s)

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Great design throughout. Totally polished.

Second Place—The Sun Herald —

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—The Commercial Dispatch —

Birney Imes

You were the clear winner. Story points of view, easily digestible. Roses & Thorns is effective. Printing the email was aggressive. Like the tie in to the web site. Excellent work!

Second Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Third Place—The Meridian Star —

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Daily Leader —

Rachel Eide

The page has an even spread of content ranging from eye-grabbing cartoons to a thorough viewpoint column on an often issue of redistricting. Reynolds well-crafted but tight column balances out the more political heavy syndicated column. Overall it's a good picture of important topics in Mississippi.

Second Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Tom Bassing & Jon Alverson

Third Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Don Whitten

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Northside Sun —

Wyatt Emmerich

Northside Sun had the best content of the entire category, with numerous commentary columnists and staff editorials, all well written. Page is made more attractive thanks to the large color photos of the columnists. Editorials, while boxed in and using a different type style, aren't actually labeled as editorials, and perhaps should be.

Second Place—The Scott County Times —

Chris Allen Baker & Tim Beeland

Third Place—Monroe Journal —

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—Mississippi Business Journal —

Ross Reily

Pages seemed clean and organized. Really liked the simplicity of the March 8 issue. Good font choices for headlines. Like the head shots coming out of the name boxes.

Second Place—The Columbian Progress —

Third Place—New Albany Gazette —

T. Wayne Mitchell

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Deer Creek Pilot —

Ray Mosby

Hit nail on the head. TV reality shows are all poisoning kids minds with stupidity.

Second Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Clay McFerrin

Third Place—The Baldwin News —

Rubye Del Hardin

24 Best Editorials

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Sun Herald —

Stan Tiner

This may have been the most difficult category because there were so many good pieces. Strong and clear. Tiner's were the best out of a number of worthy entries.

Second Place—The Sun Herald —

Tony Biffle

Third Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Sam Hall

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—The Commercial Dispatch —

Slim Smith

Passionate, well reasoned, fun to read. These editorials certainly must stir community conversation.

Second Place—The Meridian Star —

Michael Stewart

Third Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Kevin Cooper

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Tim Kalich

There is no doubt what the opinion is in these pieces. They are presented in a clear concise manner and pull no punches. Great editorial writing!

Second Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Tom Bassing & Jon Alverson

Third Place—Picayune Item —

Will Sullivan

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Panolian —

John Howell & Rupert Howell

All 3 editorials submitted were well written and the writers were able to express their opinions clearly and strongly. We were particularly impressed with The Panolian's editorial regarding limited highway funding for Panola County. The editorial traced the root causes of the funding problem and, more importantly, it offered definite opinions on how increased highway funding for the county can be achieved.

Second Place—The Carthaginian —

Waid Prather

Third Place—The Northside Sun —

Katie Eubanks

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—Mississippi Business Journal —

Ross Reily

Very well written editorials that contain strong opinions and definite recommendations.

Second Place—Newton County Appeal —

Luke Horton

Third Place—New Albany Gazette —

T. Wayne Mitchell

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Deer Creek Pilot —

Ray Mosby

Loved your views and arguments as well as your ability to back them up. Smart editorials while also interesting to read.

Second Place—The Baldwin News —

Rubye Del Hardin

Third Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Clay McFerrin

25 Best Sports Page or Section

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

News hole helped and range of coverage too. Big question for 9/1 section D front "why waste entire page without columnist lead - this could be more than cover sheet and index.

Second Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

John Pitts & Staff

Third Place—The Sun Herald —

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Hattiesburg American —

Tim Doherty, Ben Sutton, Haskel Burns, Jason Munz & Stan Caldwell

Good use of color, typography, and graphics make the section look good even when a column down the left rail restricts the layout. The larger news hole is an advantage but some thought is obvious on how you use it.

Second Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Sean Isabella

Third Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Starkville Daily News —

Danny P. Smith

Excellent design and content. Great use of graphics, boxes, lines and diversifying items. Content seems appropriate and fresh for the sports section, writing is engaging. Good use of user-generated focused content.

Second Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Chris Whitaker

Third Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Bill Burrus

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Lamar Times —

Josh Mlot

A tabloid that hits the mark for weeklies. Mix of local and state news with news hole and shows the workload of a dedicated staff.

Second Place—Monroe Journal —

Melissa Meador & Justin Whitmore

Third Place—The Neshoba Democrat —

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—Madison County Journal —

Michael Simmons & Chris Todd

Great photography! Your black and white photos were better than the color photos. Graphic design was great. A lot of sports coverage. Overall, your paper is fascinating! Great job!

Second Place—Newton County Appeal —

Luke Horton & Austin Bishop

Third Place—The Wayne County News —

Paul Keane

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Petal News —

Josh Mlot

Love the photography. Good features - chill of success shot and title is classic. Good variety of sports featured. Nice layout!

Second Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Clay McFerrin

Third Place—The Deer Creek Pilot —

Ray Mosby & Natalie Perkins

26 Best Lifestyles Page or Section

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

A nice combination of eye catching presentation and enticing content. Really appealing.

Second Place—The Sun Herald —

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Eye-catching layout, interesting topics, engaging stories.

Second Place—The Commercial Dispatch —

Jan Swoope & Matt Garner

Third Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Matt Williamson

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Ruthie Robinson

Great lifestyles section! Design is bold and lively, keeping the reader focused and drawing the eye in. Writing is engaging and thorough in the way feature readers enjoy. Mixture of content offers something for all.

Second Place—Picayune Item —

Jodi Marze

Third Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Lamar Times —

Solid, elegant design throughout. Nice packages, main and secondary.

Second Place—The Northside Sun —

Jimmye Sweat

Third Place—The Star-Herald —

Nancy Green

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—Madison County Journal —

Outstanding! Pages look great.

Second Place—The Columbian Progress —

Third Place—The Winona Times —

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Krista McFerrin

Second Place—The Deer Creek Pilot —

Natalie Perkins

27 Best Special Section or Issue

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Bitter Pill

The staff at The Clarion Ledger took on some meaty topics and presented them in a way that was visually compelling and relevant. Great use of infographics, lots of diverse viewpoints and excellent photos played well.

Second Place—The Sun Herald —

Gulf Coast Living

Third Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

The assassination of Medger Evers

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Perspective 2013

Nice job of including good group of interesting articles.

Second Place—Hattiesburg American —

Newcomer

Third Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Profile

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Daily Leader —

Tammie Brewer

Brides

Great variety of interesting articles on the topic. Great use of graphics and the element of design. Stories all well written.

Second Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Holiday Gift Guide

Third Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Profile 2013

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Neshoba Democrat —

Salute to Choctaw Progress

Solid use of text and photography. Very good!

Second Place—The Chronicle —

Focus 2013

Third Place—Winston County Journal —

Football Guide 2013

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place__New Albany Gazette __

Explore

Like layout, great that it's for fun stuff, short and sweet with good photography - which is the best for it's target audience.

Second Place__Mississippi Business Journal __

Come see us

Third Place__Mississippi Business Journal __

Next

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place__The Petal News __

Baseball 2013

Love that not only is this a special section but also a calendar of schedules. The stories are intriguing and well written. They help you know the players. The photo layout is the most wonderful I have seen. The ads are also placed well as not to distract from content.

Second Place__The Petal News __

The Petal Guide

Third Place__The Clarksdale Press Register __

Juke Joint

28 Magazine Periodical

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place__NE Mississippi Daily Journal __

Ellie Turner & Staff

Mud & Magnolias

Very informative, nice layout, good blend of editorial and ads

Second Place__NE Mississippi Daily Journal __

Ellie Turner & Staff

North Mississippi Parent

Third Place__The Clarion-Ledger __

VIP Jackson

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place__The Commercial Dispatch __

Stacy Clark

Catfish Alley

Most interesting content with strong sense of place and excellent photography.

Second Place__The Natchez Democrat __

Natchez The Magazine

Third Place__Enterprise-Journal __

Pulse

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place__Starkville Daily News __

Claire Massey

Town & Gown

This feels more like a national magazine than a regional one, but it still seems to capture the flavor of local life. Excellent! Variety of stories are great. Writing was engaging. Overall fantastic!

Second Place__Greenwood Commonwealth __

Leflore Illustrated

Third Place__The Daily Leader __

Rachel Eide

Focus Magazine

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place__The Neshoba Democrat __

Neshoba

In tough competition, the interesting features give Neshoba Magazine the edge. Striking photos of the community and the fun reads combined with attractive ads and creative presentation are inviting.

Second Place—The Northside Sun —

Northside Sun Magazine

Jimmye Sweat

Third Place—The Panolian —

Batesville The Magazine

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—Madison County Journal —

Madison County Magazine

Very effective photography and layout.

Second Place—New Albany Gazette —

New Albany Magazine

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Petal News —

Southern Magazine

Great mag! All articles and photos in this issue were interesting and touching. Photos are really amazing!

Second Place—The Clarksdale Press Register —

Coahoma Living

29 Best Design

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Good use of cutouts, boxes and teasers. Great sports presentation

Second Place—The Sun Herald —

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Hattiesburg American —

Good use of space around packages. Smart use of color. Has an air of sophistication despite needing a few font updates. Great overall presentation.

Second Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Third Place—Enterprise-Journal —

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Excellent balance of headline fonts, sizes throughout. Good use of photos, text frames to break up "wall of gray" each page descends visually in a natural manner. Photos direct attention to content.

Second Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

Charles Corder & David Monroe

Third Place—The Daily Leader —

Rachel Eide

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Lamar Times —

Great design throughout. Very good packaging of photos, stories and graphics.

Second Place—Monroe Journal —

Third Place—The Star-Herald —

James Phillips

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—Madison County Journal —

Michael Simmons & Godfrey Jones

Your paper looks great! Pages are clean. Easy to read. Nice artwork. The other papers couldn't compare to this. Two thumbs up!

Second Place—The Banner-Independent —

Brant Sappington

Third Place—The Columbian Progress —

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Deer Creek Pilot —

Natalie Perkins

Pictures are crisp and clear. Fonts represent article. Total success!

Second Place—The Petal News —

Third Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

30 Best Headline

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Separation Anxiety

Ben Kelly

Second Place—The Sun Herald —

Texas Toast

Arthur Taramillo

Third Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

One for the books

Tammy Ramsdell, Lisa Wilson & Ben Kelly

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—Enterprise-Journal —

All hail breaks loose

Clever, grabbed my attention right away.

Matt Williamson

Second Place—Enterprise-Journal —

AC thefts heating up

Matt Williamson

Third Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Hurdling challenges

Rod Guajardo

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Picayune Item —

State open carry gun law misfires

Curtis Rockwell & Will Sullivan

Second Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Cold beer talk on tap Tuesday

Jonathan Scott & Jeff Eubanks

Third Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Curtains drawn on Shakesphere Festival

Jonathan Scott & Jeff Eubanks

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Sea Coast Echo —

Grave concerns

Great headline for a very sensitive subject. Respectful, accurate and hard hitting. Well done!

Geoff Belcher

Second Place—The Neshoba Democrat —

Governor: Go ahead, make my day

Debbie Burt Myers

Third Place—Monroe Journal —

Granny with gun takes aim at making a mark on society

Ray Van Dusen

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—Mississippi Business Journal —

Wheels of success have spoken

Simple clean message that supports art.

Frank Brown

Second Place—The Wayne County News —

Liquor issue pours way to smooth win

Paul Keane

Third Place—The Yazoo Herald —

Big screen TV request gets poor reception

Jason Patterson

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Petal News —

Skid Mark

The title is eye catching making you want to read not knowing if it's a ball game or a car race or dirty underwear.

Beth Bunch & Josh Mlot

Second Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Hair cutter clipped

Clay McFerrin

Third Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Masked trio swipe cash, then lose it!

Clay McFerrin

31 Best Lede

Daily Divisions A & B - Above 9,000

First Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Vidalia man killed in shooting

Writer grabbed my attention in his first few words and pulling on my curiosity for more. His ledes not only grabbed me but teased me into the rest of the story gracefully.

Josh Bergeron

Second Place—Enterprise-Journal —

It's no picnic

Ernest Herndon

Third Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Out with the old

Sherry Lucas

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—Delta Democrat Times —

Agent to the stars

These ledes don't read as if they were written and rewritten - they read as if they came naturally - and they do the job wonderfully.

Tom Bassing

Second Place—The Oxford Eagle —

A hero to believe in

Lucy Schultze

Third Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

More McCaskill kin in district

Tim Kalich

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Northside Sun —

Mississippi Glowing

To the point. Good job Katie!

Katie Eubanks

Second Place—The Lamar Times —

It's beginning to look alot like

Beth Bunch

Third Place—The Neshoba Democrat —

Woman takes car to escape

Debbie Burt Myers

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—The Yazoo Herald —

Residents call for action city plans to clean it up

Effective, draws reader into subject.

Jason Patterson

Second Place—The Columbian Progress —

A big little league memory

Adam Prestridge

Third Place—The Wayne County News —

Stone chips away at WC heart with win

Paul Keane

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Deer Creek Pilot —

City man charged with murder in Tennessee

Great writer! Wow, excellent lede. Captures curiosity & makes you unable to stop until you have read it all.

Clay McFerrin

Second Place—The Sun-Sentinel —

Mississippi is an annual contender

Third Place—The Petal News —

The last frontier

Beth Bunch

32 Best Website

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Fast loading website. Good use of black background, makes it easy to differentiate content. Nice options for user to choose grid or list view. Lead stories on front page rotate a little fast.

Second Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Third Place—The Sun Herald —

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place—The Natchez Democrat —

natchezdemocrat.com

Attractive homepage, clear descriptive headings, easy to navigate.

Ben Hillyer

Second Place—Hattiesburg American —

hattiesburgamerican.com

Third Place—The Commercial Dispatch —

cdispatch.com

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Oxford Eagle —

oxfordeagle.com

The website opens to showcase a lot of content immediately. The section icons at top advertise related items. Each news section has its own place, shows updated content and the design is inviting.

Lucy Schultze

Second Place—The Daily Leader —

dailyleader.com

All Weeklies

First Place—The Neshoba Democrat —

theneshobademocrat.com

Second Place—The Lamar Times —

hubcityspokes.com

Third Place—The Columbian Progress —

columbianprogress.com

33 Daniel M. Phillips Freedom of Information

All Newspapers

First Place—The Sun Herald —

DMR reports

Excellent example of using the Freedom of Information act to protect the public's right to know the spending or misspending as it turns out of dollars

Second Place—The Natchez Democrat —

Public meetings

Third Place—Madison County Journal —

Gun Records

Jim Prince & Michael Simmons

34 Community Service

All Dailies - Above 20,000

First Place—The Natchez Democrat —

You asked/Please fix

While the papers performed valuable services, The Democrat's regular feature of helping residents fills a long-running community need and fills that need on a weekly basis.

Second Place—The Oxford Eagle —

Election forum

Third Place—Picayune Item —

Sorting it out

Will Sullivan

All Weeklies

First Place—The Magee Courier —

Angel Wings

When the local abuse shelter called with a desperate pleas for help to keep it's doors open the Magee Courier did more than report. Editor Pat Brown got his Sunday School class to chip in \$1,000 and the response grew. Lead by The Courier, the community raised money, established a long term sustainable foundation. This is real community service.

Pat Brown

Second Place—The Yazoo Herald —

Saving Brame Park

Jason Patterson, Jamie Patterson & Sheila Trimm-Young

Third Place—The Columbian Progress —

Run for Life

35 Aimie Block Herscovici Photo of the Year

All Newspapers

First Place—The Columbus Packet —

Paramedic with child

The composition and the technical quality of the photo were good. It is a quick read and you get a sense of the emotion at the scene. The layout is distracting but doesn't take away from the impact of the image. Good job Colin!

Colin Krieger

36 Minor Prize - General News Reporting

All Newspapers

First Place—The Enterprise-Tocsin —

Battered town hopes to rise

What an great lede! Not traditional, but fine with many readers I'm sure. After the lede grabs you the writer doesn't let go. Every word keeps the reader glued to the story. I have an excellent idea of the challenges facing Drew, former home of Archie Manning (I knew that but forgot, good job reminding me!) Charlie Smith can write!!!

Charlie Smith

37 Minor Prize - Best Investigative Reporting

All Dailies

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Gone

Fabulous story! Dogged reporting. Clean writing - beautifully presented. You solved a murder mystery by sheer persistance.

Jerry Mitchell

All Weeklies

First Place—The Northside Sun —

Kemper Plant

Greatexample of the power of community journalism. Emmerich does his homework and keeps on pounding the nail. A billion here...a billion there...soon we are talking about real money!

Wyatt Emmerich

39 J. Oliver Emmerich Editorial Excellence

All Newspapers

First Place—Greenwood Commonwealth —

The Greenwood Commonwealth's editorial commentary expresses clarity, consistency, and courage. All the exemplary traits of strong editorial writing.

Tim Kalich

40 General Excellence

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger —

Second Place—The Sun Herald —

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal —

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place__Hattiesburg American __

Second Place__The Natchez Democrat __

Third Place__Enterprise-Journal __

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place__Greenwood Commonwealth __

Second Place__The Oxford Eagle __

Third Place__The Daily Leader __

Third Place__Delta Democrat Times __

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place__The Northside Sun __

Second Place__The Lamar Times __

Third Place__The Star-Herald __

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place__Madison County Journal __

Second Place__Mississippi Business Journal __

Third Place__The Columbian Progress __

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place__The Petal News __

Second Place__The Clarksdale Press Register __

Third Place__The Sun-Sentinel __