1  Best General News Story

Daily Division A - Above 20,000
First Place. The Clarion-Ledger __
Opening of outlets
All to 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 __  J.B. Clark
Case unsolved

Third Place. NE Mississippi Daily Journal __  J.B. Clark & Robbie Ward
Hero laid to rest

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000
First Place. Hattiesburg American __  Tim Doherty
The recovery process
Excellent descriptive phrasing paints a vivid picture for the reader of what victims experienced during this terribly destructive tornado.

Second Place. The Meridian Star __  Brian Livingston
History fading away

Third Place. The Commercial Dispatch __  Sarah Fowler
Coleman gives wife beater slap on the wrist

Daily Division C - Below 9,000
First Place. Greenwood Commonwealth __  Tim Kalich
Election day dustup
Thorough, tightly written, spiced with great quotes.

Second Place. The Daily Corinthian __  Mark Boehler
Gun buying boom

Third Place. Picayune Item __  Alexandra Hedrick
Local same sex couple wants marriage

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000
First Place. GrenadaStar __  Galen Holley
Grenada Sheds
Thorough piece about a groups desperate situation. Good quotes balanced with both sides of the issue. Well done!

Second Place. The Neshoba Democrat __  Debbie Burt Myers
Near riot at Walmart

Third Place. The Lamar Times __  Dana Gower
Graduation was

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000
First Place. The Enterprise-Tocsin __  Charlie Smith
Battered town hopes to rise
Gave me a great sense of the situation. Very memorable. Just good storytelling. I loved the juxaposition to the triumphant tone of the main article of the sidebar article.

Second Place. The Itawamba County Times __  Adam Armour
Mantachie furniture plant

Third Place. Mississippi Business Journal __  Ted Carter
Catfish woes

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500
First Place. The Petal News __  Dana Gower
Smile on his face
Very interesting story, great for a community paper.

Second Place. Simpson County News __  Dave Minsky
Would you consider this to be animal cruelty
Third Place—Franklin Advocate — Hilda Peeler
    Forty year old case

2 Best Spot News Story

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger — Therese Apel
    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.

Second Place—The Sun Herald — Robin Fitzgerald
    Devil in my head

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal — J.B. Clark
    Three found dead

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 — Matt Williamson
    All hail breaks loose

Third Place—The Meridian Star — Terri Ferguson Smith
    Schools DOJ agree on consent decree

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place—The Daily Leader — Caleb Bedillion
    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.

Second Place—The Daily Corinthian — Steve Beavers
    Storm system leaves mark

Third Place—Greenwood Commonwealth — Bob Darden & Jeanie Riess
    Confusion at the polls

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place—The Pontotoc Progress — Regina Butler
    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.

Second Place—The Northside Sun — Anthony Warren
    Northsider recovering from shooting

Third Place—The Sea Coast Echo — Dwayne Bremer
    Kiln cruelty

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place—The Enterprise-Tocsin — Brittany Davis
    Kidnapping described
    Paints a vivid picture. Elevates what could have been a run-of-the-mill story.

Second Place—Madison County Journal — Michael Simmons
    Boston bombing

Third Place—The Columbian Progress — Mark Rogers
    Unbelievable

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place—The Clarksdale Press Register — Jesse Wright
    City School Board President
    Very detailed and well written
Second Place__The Clarksdale Press Register__ Jesse Wright
  McMillian family

Third Place__Simpson County News__ Dave Minsky
  Representative Upshaw found dead

3  Best Indepth/Investigative Coverage

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place__The Clarion-Ledger__ Jerry Mitchell
  Gone
  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__ Margaret Baker
  The fall of sheriff Mike Byrd

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__ Sarah Fowler
  Judge attacks

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place__The Oxford Eagle__ Jonathan Scott
  Reconciling the past
  Well told story about a church's decision to confront it's history of racism.

Second Place__Greenwood Commonwealth__ Tim Kalich
  More McCaskill kin

Third Place__Greenwood Commonwealth__ Bryn Stole
  Middleby's $100 million man

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place__The Northside Sun__ Wyatt Emmerich
  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__ Katie Eubanks
  Lost Rabbit

Third Place__The Lamar Times__ Tornado coverage

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place__Mississippi Business Journal__ Ted Carter
  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__ Michael Simmons, Aline Carambat & Joshua Karr
  The lake to nowhere

Third Place__The Enterprise-Tocsin__ Brittany Davis
  Apartment problems
### Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

**First Place** | **Magnolia Gazette** | **Crawford D. Lampton**  
---|---|---  
| Post Orwellian World  
| "Very well laid out. Excellent research."  

**Second Place** | **The Clarksdale Press Register** | **Jesse Wright**  
---|---|---  
| Commissioner spends  

**Third Place** | **The Clarksdale Press Register** | **Jesse Wright**  
---|---|---  
| City CPD facing lawsuit  

### 4 Best Planned Series of Stories

### Daily Division A - Above 20,000

**First Place** | **NE Mississippi Daily Journal** | **Chris Kieffer, J.B. Clark, Riley Manning & M. Scott Morris**  
---|---|---  
| 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."  

**Second Place** | **The Clarion-Ledger** | **Emily LeCoz**  
---|---|---  
| Barbour pardons  

**Third Place** | **The Clarion-Ledger** | **Emily LeCoz**  
---|---|---  
| College World Series  

### Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

**First Place** | **Enterprise-Journal** | **Ernest Herndon**  
---|---|---  
| Heaven and hell in Haiti  
| "Poignant insightful thought provoking because of excellent writing that places the reader smack in the middle of Haiti experience."  

**Second Place** | **Enterprise-Journal** | **Amelia Camurati**  
---|---|---  
| Reclaiming the past  

**Third Place** | **The Natchez Democrat** | **Lindsay Shelton**  
---|---|---  
| Let me tell you about Natchez  

### Daily Division C - Below 9,000

**First Place** | **The Oxford Eagle** | **Jonathan Scott**  
---|---|---  
| 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."  

**Second Place** | **The Bolivar Commercial** | **Andy Collier**  
---|---|---  
| Tommy John surgery  

**Third Place** | **Delta Democrat Times** | **Sarah Kramer**  
---|---|---  
| Medicaid/DRMC  

### Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

**First Place** | **The Northside Sun** | **Anthony Warren**  
---|---|---  
| 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."  

**Second Place** | **The Rankin County News** | **Linda Horton**  
---|---|---  
| Winning back your life  

**Third Place** | **The Calhoun County Journal** | **Joel McNeece**  
---|---|---  
| Our town  

### Weekly Division B & C - Below 4,000

**First Place** | **The Columbian Progress** | **Buster Wolfe & Mark Rogers**  
---|---|---  
| County schools  
| "Timely issue, well documented effective art."
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 Dumiao

- **Third Place** The Magee Courier
  - School bond
  - Pat Brown

**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 __ Josh Troy

Aggie reflects on historic season

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

Second Place__The Sun-Sentinel __ Clay McFerrin

Four straight titles

Third Place__The Sun-Sentinel __ Clay McFerrin

CHS Lady tigers

6  Best Sports Column

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place__The Clarion-Ledger __ Billy Watkins

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.

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 __ Tim Doherty

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!

Second Place__Hattiesburg American __ Stan Caldwell

Third Place__Hattiesburg American __ Ben Sutton

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place__Delta Democrat Times __ Chris Whitaker

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.

Second Place__Greenwood Commonwealth __ Bill Burrus

Third Place__Starkville Daily News __ Danny P. Smith

Smith on Sports

All Weeklies - Above 4,000

First Place__The Columbian Progress __ Adam Prestridge

From the Bleachers

Great style - Just makes me want to keep reading.

Second Place__The Columbian Progress __ Buster Wolfe

Buster's Banter

Third Place__Monroe Journal __ Melissa Meador

On and off the field

7  Best Sports Feature

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place__The Clarion-Ledger __ Emily LeCoz

The tragic tale of Tammy Thomas

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

Second Place__The Clarion-Ledger __ Chris Thomas

Farming and football

Third Place__The Clarion-Ledger __ Billy Watkins

Rich and sweet
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 __  Billy Watkins

No. 271 not giving up

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place__Hattiesburg American __  Tim Doherty

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.

Second Place__Enterprise-Journal __  Ethan Levine

Centerville falls short

Third Place__Hattiesburg American __  Stan Caldwell

O'Toole's Day

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place__Greenwood Commonwealth __  Bill Burrus

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.

Second Place__Delta Democrat Times __  Chris Whitaker

Fighting Irish state champions

Third Place__Greenwood Commonwealth __  Bill Burrus

Pannell - led PA

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place__The Lamar Times __  Josh Mlot

The legend grows

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

Second Place__The Carthaginian __  Jacob Grimes

Heartbreaker

Third Place__Monroe Journal __  Melissa Meador

Booth's single lifts Amory

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place__The Yazoo Herald __  Jason Patterson

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.

Second Place__The Wayne County News __  Paul Keane

War Eagles Top No. 1

Third Place__The Wayne County News __  Paul Keane

Whippets hold tough

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place__The Petal News __  Josh Mlot

The legend grows

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

Second Place__The Sun-Sentinel __  Clay McFerrin

Charleston girls fall short

Third Place__The Sun-Sentinel __  Clay McFerrin

CHS suffers "pretty loss"

9  Best General Interest Column

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place__The Clarion-Ledger __  Billy Watkins

Wonderfully told stories that pack an emotional wallop.
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
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 Baldwyn 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.
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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__ Thomas Wells
Falling short

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place__The Natchez Democrat__ Ben Hillyer
It's a stretch to text
Cross country team member stretches to limit while texting - most unusual, fun shot

Second Place__Hattiesburg American__ Jason Munz
Keep fighting

Third Place__Enterprise-Journal__ Philip Hall
All star action

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place__The Oxford Eagle__ Bruce Newman

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

Second Place__The Oxford Eagle__ Bruce Newman
Shall we dance

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place__The Calhoun County Journal__ Lisa McNeece
Keshun Bobo
Nice perspective, catches emotion.

Second Place__The Panolian__ Cassie White
Tim West - ice coach

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place__New Albany Gazette__ Donica Phifer
East Union looks for diversion
Well laid out, clear writing style.

Second Place__The Itawamba County Times__ Zach Adams
Itawamba Jiu-Jitsu

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place__The Petal News__ Matt Bush
Barhug
Shows the love of the game

Second Place__The Baldwyn News__ Brenda Daher
Bearcats read about their championship

Third Place__Magnolia Gazette__ Tommy Young
Below right cheerleader

15 Best Sports Action Photograph

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place__The Clarion-Ledger__ Joe Ellis
International waters
This photo goes beyond what we saw in the other entries. The quality of it set it apart,
Second Place __ The Sun Herald __ Amanda McCoy
Safe

Third Place __ The Sun Herald __ Amanda McCoy
Winter classic

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place __ Hattiesburg American __
Fumbled
Really good action shot with a fumble at the moment.

Second Place __ The Meridian Star __ Paula Merritt
NJCAA

Third Place __ Enterprise-Journal __ Philip Hall
Soaring to the sand

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place __ The Oxford Eagle __ Bruce Newman
Acrobatic pass
All tangled up the black and white works! Like the blur action plus the sharpness on passer. Interesting image.

Second Place __ Delta Democrat Times __ Chris Whitaker
Scoring standing up

Third Place __ Greenwood Commonwealth __ Andy Lo
Dogs rally late

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place __ The Lamar Times __ Matt Bush
The dunk
Nice action shot, vantage point, composition. Tough competition in this category!

Second Place __ The Chronicle __ James Pugh
Dixie youth World Series

Third Place __ The Panolian __ Andy Young
NPJH Jordan Dandridge

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place __ The Clarke County Tribune __ Bo Duvall
Lady Panthers with Lauderdale
Photo directs attention to point of action

Second Place __ The Wayne County News __ Paul Keane
Tag out at third base

Third Place __ The Magee Courier __ Scott Boyd
Blocking shot

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place __ The Petal News __ Matt Bush
Sweet chill
Perfect timing for shot. Captured priceless expression of coach and players face. Good distance and focus.

Second Place __ The Petal News __ Matt Bush
Slide home

Third Place __ The Petal News __ Matt Bush
Hurdle

16 Best Feature Photograph
Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place__The Clarion-Ledger__ Joe Ellis
What the hex?
Immediately caught judges eyes, nice, simple composition and moment.

Second Place__The Sun Herald__ Amanda McCoy
Fireworks

Third Place__The Sun Herald__ Amanda McCoy
Cowboy up

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place__The Natchez Democrat__ Jay Sowers
Photo finish
Moment of victory captured in sharp, well framed image that tells the whole story.

Second Place__The Natchez Democrat__ Ben Hillyer
100 and counting

Third Place__The Natchez Democrat__ Ben Hillyer
A great-great party

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place__Daily Times Leader__ Mary Garrison
Head Start Awareness
Photographer caught a warm moment with this. Great job!

Second Place__The Daily Leader__ Rachel Eide
Traffic stopping show

Third Place__Greenwood Commonwealth__ Andy Lo

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place__The Calhoun County Journal__ Joel McNeece
Addi Claire Bailey
Great capture of emotion in the moment.

Second Place__The Calhoun County Journal__ Joel McNeece
Veteran's Day

Third Place__The Lamar Times__ Matt Bush
Fall artwork

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place__Mississippi Business Journal__ Frank Brown
Wheels of success

Second Place__The Yazoo Herald__ Jamie Patterson
That's cold

Third Place__Madison County Journal__ Aline Carambat
Artful eyes

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place__The Deer Creek Pilot__ Natalie Perkins
Mr. Sipp

Second Place__The Petal News__ Dana Gower
On fire

Third Place__The Petal News__ Beth Bunch
The answer is

17 Best Pictorial Series in One Issue
Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place. The Clarion-Ledger.
  Rick Guy & Vickie King
  Day in the life of Pearl
  Nice team effort, we got a nice sense of this community.

Second Place. The Clarion-Ledger.
  Brian Broom & Joe Ellis
  Day on the Reservoir

Third Place. The Sun Herald.
  Amanda McCoy
  Volkslauf

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place. The Natchez Democrat.
  Ben Hillyer
  Step by step
  One if the best photo essays I have ever seen in community journalism. Captures life as we all experience it.

Second Place. Hattiesburg American.
  Ryan Moore, Kelly Price & Bryant Hawkins
  Catastrophic

Third Place. The Natchez Democrat.
  Justin Sellers
  Co-Lin Cooks

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place. Greenwood Commonwealth.
  Andy Lo, Bob Darden & Tim Kalich
  Record field takes ride
  Great mix of action, faces, entertainment and even breaking news.

Second Place. The Bolivar Commercial.
  Rory Doyle
  Bolivar County firefighters stay busy

Third Place. Greenwood Commonwealth.
  Andy Lo & Bob Darden
  Perfect race weather

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place. The Carthaginian.
  Waid Prather
  Lena hosts blast on July 4th
  Appreciate the quality of photos and presentation as well as the succinctness of the cutline.

Second Place. The Sea Coast Echo.
  Geoff Belcher
  Stella's Blues & BBQ Fest

Third Place. The Pontotoc Progress.
  David Helms
  Fire destroys

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place. The Beacon.
  Scott Boyd
  Lucky to be alive
  Photos varied but completely cohesive layout. Nice.

Second Place. The Wayne County News.
  Paul Keane
  Rodeo bucks contestant

Third Place. Stone County Enterprise.
  Jody O'Hara & Heather Anderson
  Welcome home

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place. The Petal News.
  Chloe Rouse
  PHS class of 2013
  These are unique perspective photos. I like the photos of the children taking "selfies." Unique photos.

Second Place. The Petal News.
  Beth Bunch, Josh Mlot and Charley Tynes
  Petal tornado

Third Place. The Petal News.
  Beth Bunch
  Making a splash
## Best Picture-Story Combination

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<td><em>Story was well written with quotes that drew you into the local angle. Photos are clear and colorful. Great capture of expression.</em></td>
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### 19 Personality Portrait

#### Daily Division A - Above 20,000

**First Place**—The Clarion-Ledger — Joe Ellis  
Out of the silence  
*A very nice portrait that simplistically conveys a sense of the subject*

**Second Place**—The Clarion-Ledger — Joe Ellis  
Little preacher

**Third Place**—NE Mississippi Daily Journal — C. Todd Sherman  
Addie Forbus

#### Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

**First Place**—Enterprise-Journal — Philip Hall  
Magical message  
*Effective use of lighting and framing to tell the story of a man and his work.*

**Second Place**—The Natchez Democrat — Ben Hillyer  
Meet the Browns

**Third Place**—The Natchez Democrat — Ben Hillyer  
Mud Warrior

#### Daily Division C - Below 9,000

**First Place**—The Oxford Eagle — Bruce Newman  
Michael Rowlett  
*Solid composition. Subject is engaged with photographer. Lighting isolates and locks in on Rowlett.*

**Second Place**—The Oxford Eagle — Bruce Newman  
Kendall Glass

**Third Place**—The Daily Corinthian — Mark Boehler  
Bill McPeters

#### Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

**First Place**—The Lamar Times — Beth Bunch  
For Art's Sake  
*Both photos do an excellent job of capturing the subject's personality, plus exposure and composition are first rate*

**Second Place**—The Lamar Times — Beth Bunch  
How sweet it is  
*Both photos do an excellent job of capturing the subject's personality, plus exposure and composition are first rate*

**Third Place**—The Daily Corinthian — Mark Boehler  
Bill McPeters

#### Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

**First Place**—The Columbian Progress — Mark Rogers  
Inspiration: Chris Pennington  
Awesome! I have no idea what this story is about but I would read it if I had it.

**Second Place**—The Enterprise-Tocsin — Brittany Davis  
100 years still shining strong

**Third Place**—The Itawamba County Times — Adam Armour  
Faith, Family and Fiancee
Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

First Place__The Clarksdale Press Register __ Troy Catchings
Thumbs up
Caught the moment of what better way to let mom and dad know that don't worry I am fine.

Second Place__The Clarksdale Press Register __ Troy Catchings
Super chicken

Third Place__The Petal News __ Beth Bunch
Cat in the Hat

20  Best Graphic

Daily Division A - Above 20,000

First Place__The Clarion-Ledger __ Martha Stroud
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.

Second Place__The Clarion-Ledger __ Merry Eccles
Shell game

Third Place__The Clarion-Ledger __ Merry Eccles
Cool to be a dog

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place__Enterprise-Journal __ Philip Hall
All In
Clever mix of graphics and subject.

Second Place__Enterprise-Journal __ Philip Hall & Sean Isabella
Grip & Rip

Third Place__The Natchez Democrat __ Ben Hillyer
Bumper Crops

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place__Greenwood Commonwealth __ Jeannie Riess
Bucking the trend
Good photo illustration. It captures the eye and fits well with the subject matter at hand.

Second Place__The Bolivar Commercial __ Caroline Laster & Donell Maxie
Football preview 2013

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place__The Lamar Times __ Matt Bush & Charley Tynes
2013 All area baseball team
Like the idea of creating baseball cards - graphic gives all the information reader needs.

Second Place__The Lamar Times __ Matt Bush & Charley Tynes
All area preseason

Third Place__The Northside Sun __ Wanda McCain & Katie Eubanks
Life on the Reservoir

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place__Mississippi Business Journal __ Frank Brown
Where does it all go?
Nice graphics! I really like the layout, easy to read.

Second Place__The Columbian Progress __ Adam Prestridge
City in tug of war

Third Place__Newton County Appeal __ Luke Horton
Ever's life
### Weekly Division C - Below 2,500

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### 21 Best Editorial Cartoon

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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Good solid design, but very current looking. Very nice integration of type with photos. Bold move dropping flag for a groundbreaking. Well done!</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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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 Baldwyn 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 Baldwyn 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.
Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000
- First Place: The Northside Sun  
  Jimmye Sweat
- Second Place: The Star-Herald  
  Nancy Green
- 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
- Third Place: Madison County Journal

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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 asasination of Medger Evers

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000
- First Place: The Sun Herald  
  Perspective 2013  
  Nice job of including good group of interesting articles.
- Second Place: The Natchez Democrat  
  Profile
- Third Place: The Clarion-Ledger  
  The assassanation of Medger Evers

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__ Jimmye Sweat
Northside Sun Magazine

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__ Ben Kelly

Separation Anxiety

Second Place__The Sun Herald__ Arthur Taramillo

Texas Toast

Third Place__The Clarion-Ledger__ Tammy Ramsdell, Lisa Wilson & Ben Kelly

One for the books

Daily Division B - 9,000 to 20,000

First Place__Enterprise-Journal__ Matt Williamson

All hail breaks loose

Clever, grabbed my attention right away.

Second Place__Enterprise-Journal__ Matt Williamson

AC thefts heating up

Third Place__The Natchez Democrat__ Rod Guajardo

Hurdling challenges

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place__Picayune Item__ Curtis Rockwell & Will Sullivan

State open carry gun law misfires

Second Place__The Oxford Eagle__ Jonathan Scott & Jeff Eubanks

Cold beer talk on tap Tuesday

Third Place__The Oxford Eagle__ Jonathan Scott & Jeff Eubanks

Curtains drawn on Shakesphere Festival

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000

First Place__The Sea Coast Echo__ Geoff Belcher

Grave concerns

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

Second Place__The Neshoba Democrat__ Debbie Burt Myers

Governor: Go ahead, make my day

Third Place__Monroe Journal__ Ray Van Dusen

Granny with gun takes aim at making a mark on society

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000

First Place__Mississippi Business Journal__ Frank Brown

Wheel of success have spoken

Simple clean message that supports art.

Second Place__The Wayne County News__ Paul Keane

Liquor issue pours way to smooth win

Third Place__The Yazoo Herald__ Jason Patterson

Big screen TV request gets poor reception
Weekly Division C - Below 2,500
First Place—The Petal News __ Beth Bunch & Josh Mlot

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.

Second Place—The Sun-Sentinel __ Clay McFerrin

Hair cutter clipped

Third Place—The Sun-Sentinel __ Clay McFerrin

Masked trio swipe cash, then lose it!

31 Best Lede

Daily Divisions A & B - Above 9,000
First Place—The Natchez Democrat __ Josh Bergeron

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.

Second Place—Enterprise-Journal __ Ernest Herndon

It's no picnic

Third Place—The Clarion-Ledger __ Sherry Lucas

Out with the old

Daily Division C - Below 9,000
First Place—Delta Democrat Times __ Tom Bassing

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.

Second Place—The Oxford Eagle __ Lucy Schultze

A hero to believe in

Third Place—Greenwood Commonwealth __ Tim Kalich

More McCaskill kin in district

Weekly Division A - Above 4,000
First Place—The Northside Sun __ Katie Eubanks

Mississippi Glowing
To the point. Good job Katie!

Second Place—The Lamar Times __ Beth Bunch

It's beginning to look alot like

Third Place—The Neshoba Democrat __ Debbie Burt Myers

Woman takes car to escape

Weekly Division B - 2,500 to 4,000
First Place—The Yazoo Herald __ Jason Patterson

Residents call for action city plans to clean it up
Effective, draws reader into subject.

Second Place—The Columbian Progress __ Adam Prestridge

A big little league memory

Third Place—The Wayne County News __ Paul Keane

Stone chips away at WC heart with win

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.

Second Place—The Sun-Sentinel __ Clay McFerrin

Mississippi is an annual contender
The last frontier

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
- Attractive homepage, clear descriptive headings, easy to navigate.

Second Place: Hattiesburg American

Third Place: The Commercial Dispatch

Daily Division C - Below 9,000

First Place: The Oxford Eagle
- 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.

Second Place: The Daily Leader

All Weeklies

First Place: The Neshoba Democrat

Second Place: The Lamar Times

Third Place: The Columbian Progress

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

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.
The Magee Courier

Angel Wings

When the local abuse shelter called with a desperate plea for help to keep its 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.

The Yazoo Herald

Saving Brame Park

Run for Life

Aimie Block Herscovici

Photo of the Year

Colin Krieger

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!

Charlie Smith

What a 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!!!

Jerry Mitchell

Gone


Wyatt Emmerich

Kemper Plant

Great example 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!

Tim Kalich

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

The Sun Herald

First Place—The Clarion-Ledger

Gone


NE Mississippi Daily Journal

Third Place—NE Mississippi Daily Journal
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Second Place—The Natchez Democrat
Third Place—Enterprise-Journal

Daily Division C - Below 9,000
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Third Place—The Daily Leader
Third Place—Delta Democrat Times

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Third Place—The Columbian Progress

Weekly Division C - Below 2,500
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Second Place—The Clarksdale Press Register
Third Place—The Sun-Sentinel