

	General News Story						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	The Sun Herald	Anita Lee	Hours before prison, Krystal Gonzalez opens up	This story showed the other side. As the media we tend to focus on the crime and not how the criminal feels or what they are going through. This was a wonderful well written article.
			2nd Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Anna Wolfe	TCL - General News - Justice and justification a city tries to heal	
			3rd Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Sam R. Hall, Geoff Pender	TCL - General News - Religious freedom bill signed into law	
	Daily B						
			1st Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Alex Holloway	Turner's data usage dwarfs other Columbus councilmen	Great use of records in reporting questionable use of public property and funds.
			2nd Place	Hattiesburg American	Lici Beveridge	Remembering our fallen officers	
			3rd Place	The Natchez Democrat	Lindsey Shelton	New oaths, new divisions	
	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth	Tim Kalich	Edgar Ray Killen claims infamy unjustified	Well-written, in-depth story.
			2nd Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth	Kathryn Eastburn	Recovery difficult for slaying victim's family	
			3rd Place	The Oxford Eagle	Andy Belt	After Oxford Santa falls off roof, others step up to don the red suit	
	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Lamar Times	Buster Wolfe	Remembering Brandon	The story is heartwarming, even to be about a tragic event. Several sources and recalled stories create a personal feeling about the events involved and the story flows well.
			2nd Place	The Sea Coast Echo	Dwayne Bremer	Christmas Miracle	
			3rd Place	The South Reporter	Sue Watson	Flick Ash, a giving person	
	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Yazoo Herald	Jamie Patterson	Looking For Answers	Good lead, great use of research on how this happened. It should be a cautionary tale for anyone in the community wanting to buy property and to be careful. Writer didn't stop at just the women's story but talked with officials. Very complete, would have liked to know what the mayor had to say.
			2nd Place	The Columbian Progress	Adam Prestridge	Tax Assessor Berry Resigns	
			3rd Place	Madison County Journal	Michael Simmons	Cameras Required at Madison Businesses	
	Weekly F						
			1st Place	The Baldwin News	Brenda Daher	Child Abuse Ugly and Here	A well-packaged article that draws the reader in. Good job!
			2nd Place	The Biloxi D'Iberville Press	Keith Wilson	MS Casinos shy of \$1 Billion	
			3rd Place	Mississippi Business Journal	Jack Weatherly	State's film industry incentives are the ticket	
	Spot News Story						
	Daily A						

			1st Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Jerry Mitchell	TCL - Spot - Two nuns fatally stabbed	This article was very well written. It not only reported the incident but also helped to let the public know the victims.
			2nd Place	Daily Journal	Caleb Bedillion, William Moore	Grand jury clears officer	
			3rd Place	Daily Journal	William Moore	Plane crash	
_____	Daily B						
			1st Place	The Natchez Democrat	Lindsey Shelton	Floodwater force Crosby residents to flee	
			2nd Place	Vicksburg Post	John Surratt	Man jumps to death from overpass_John Surratt	
			3rd Place	Enterprise-Journal	Clay Russell	Child taken from Selectman's House	
_____	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Meridian Star	Whitney Downard	Unexplained explosion	Good story. It kept me interested and personalizes the story for the reader. Capturing the reader and keeping them is more than half the battle.
			2nd Place	The Daily Leader	Alex Jacks	Tornado	
			3rd Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth	Tim Kalich, Bob Darden	Storms swamp county	
_____	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Enterprise-Tocsin	Recardo Thomas	Young life cut short	Close category to judge because there are several good entries. Good writing on this story brought the reader into the sadness of the situation while giving the background to understand what all had happened to cut this life short. Good job!!
			2nd Place	The Neshoba Democrat	Debbie Burt Myers	CHASE NETS BURGLARY SUSPECTS	
			3rd Place	The Mississippi Press	Warren Kulo	Mayor's husband jumped on hood	
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			1st Place	Madison County Journal	Jamie Logan	Local toddler near Orlando gator attack	A very good job of telling the story of a fortunate child when we know about the child who was so unfortunate in the situation
			3rd Place	The Columbian Progress	Mark Rogers	Reunited in heaven	
			2nd Place	The Chronicle	Eloria Newell James	You can run... but you can't hide	
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			1st Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	Car fire victim arrested for theft of responding firefighter's truck	The lead on this story got my attention, and the writing lived up to the lead. Solid reporting and writing.
			2nd Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	Trucker walks away from train wreck	
			3rd Place	Mississippi Business Journal	Ted Carter	State's Raids on Rainy-Day Fund Raise Red Flag, Moody Warns	
	IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE						
			1st Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Jerry Mitchell	TCL - Investigative - GONE	This series was extremely well written. Investigating these types of stories can be dangerous at times but well worth the read when finished. I commend this journalist for going above and beyond to get the story.

			2nd Place	The Sun Herald	Wesley Muller and John Fitzhugh	Fostering Secrets	
			3rd Place	The Sun Herald	Margaret Baker	Police chief traffic stop	
_____	Daily B						
			1st Place	Enterprise-Journal	Clay Russell	Can city afford pool?	Excellent research and strong writing bring this issue into focus for taxpayers and pool enthusiasts in this community. Well done.
			2nd Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Isabelle Altman	A local surge of meth AND The journey from Mexico to the Magnolia State	
			3rd Place	Vicksburg Post	John Surratt	Constantly on notice	
_____	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Meridian Star	Randy Hammons, Ida Brown	Downtown Disorder	Great local feature. Organized well and reads easily.
			2nd Place	The Meridian Star	Whitney Downard	Jailed For Mental Illness	
			3rd Place	Delta Democrat Times	Sarah Ozbun, Robert Magobet	Ambulance service	
_____	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Enterprise-Tocsin	Charlie Smith, Recardo Thomas	FBI pharmacy raid	Strong, real investigative reporting. A question needed to be asked and deserved to be answered and these stories show the work which went into getting the answer - records, a thwarted records request, interviews and other means. Excellent job.
			2nd Place	The Northside Sun		idding corruption and procurement reform	
			3rd Place	The Northside Sun	Anthony Warren and Wyatt Emmerich	Eastover Water Main and IMS Woes	
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			1st Place	The Columbian Progress	Mark Rogers	Ryan Cooper murder trial	Interesting read. Great details and brought you into the case. Great job!
			2nd Place	Madison County Journal	Michael Simmons	Canton Municipal Utilities (CMU)	
			3rd Place	The Columbian Progress	Mark Rogers	School bond issue	
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			1st Place	Deer Creek Pilot	Ray Mosby & Natalie Perkins	Hospital Renovation	Top-notch reporting on what seemed to have been a sensitive and emotional matter. Great job and great work.
			2nd Place	Mississippi Business Journal	Ted Carter	All-American's lawyers say state "thuggery" behind proposed penalties	
			3rd Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	Triple shooting claims one life; Husband charged in woman's death	
	Planned Series						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Sarah Fowler, Bracey Harris	TCL - Planned Series - Unease all around	I loved how this reporter was able to report all sides of the issue. From the police officers and their families to the parents of black teenagers. It was very well written and put together.
			2nd Place	Daily Journal	Emma Crawford Kent	The Arts in Education	
			3rd Place	Daily Journal	Michaela Morris, William Moore	Opioid series	
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			1st Place	Hattiesburg American	Lici Beveridge, Haskel Burns and Ellen Ciurczak	Fighting illiteracy	This series not only was well written but thorough and enlightening. And as is the mission of all journalism, it provided a significant service to its community by pointing it to a mirror.
			2nd Place	Hattiesburg American	Lici Beveridge, Haskel Burns and Ellen Ciurczak	The Great Spray Debate	
			3rd Place	Enterprise-Journal	Ernest Herndon	Scenic Rivers	
_____	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Meridian Star	Staff	Our volunteers	
			2nd Place	The Oxford Eagle	Alyssa Schnugg, Eagle Staff	Celebrating historical African-American neighborhoods	
_____	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Enterprise-Tocsin	Recardo Thomas, Charlie Smith	Crumbling Foundation	This are stories (in a well done series) that needs to be told to taxpayers. We take it for granted our governments will ensure safe travels for all when in reality the conditions of roads and bridges is deteriorating and threatening the very safety of drivers. No reason editors in every state should not have telling the story of road and bridge safety on their bucket list of stories to tell to the readers.
			2nd Place	The Northside Sun	Anthony Warren	Audit stories	
			3rd Place	The Northside Sun	Anthony Warren and Wyatt Emmerich	Airport Issues	
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			3rd Place	The Chronicle	Rikki Walters	A day in their life	
			2nd Place	The Winona Times	Amanda Sexton Ferguson	Relay for Life series	
			1st Place	The Columbian Progress	Mark Rogers	Stringer slaying revisited	Informative and well-written with tact with a sensitive subject in all aspects of the story.
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			1st Place	Mississippi Business Journal	Jack Weatherly	Looking South for trade with Cuba	And to think what our relations were with Cuba just a few short years ago. Very information series that will ease the minds of many who have worried about US/Cuba relations for so long.
			2nd Place	Mississippi Business Journal	Jack Weatherly	Grammy Museum carving a niche in the Delta	
			3rd Place	The Petal News	Nikki Smith	The Petal Way	
	Sports News Story						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	Daily Journal	Gene Phelps	We're making it	
			2nd Place	Daily Journal	Parrish Alford	Tunsil case	
			3rd Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Hugh Kellenberger	TCL - Sports News - Laremey Tunsil admits taking OM money	
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			1st Place	Vicksburg Post	Ernest Bowker	The game has changed	Informative piece on a topic important and of great interest to local readers that explores both multiple sides of the issue.

			2nd Place	Hattiesburg American	Jason Munz	Monken moving on	
			3rd Place	Vicksburg Post	Ernest Bowker	Living the dream	
-----	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Oxford Eagle	Davis Potter	Rebels' problem areas lead Freeze to coordinator picks	Great lede with a lengthy amount of information throughout the story that informs readers and football fans.
			2nd Place	Delta Democrat Times	Anthony McDougle	Riverside set to turn heads	
			3rd Place	Starkville Daily News	Joel Coleman	'Honored, privileged, humbled' Cannizaro becomes next Bulldogs coach	
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			1st Place	Monroe Journal	Melissa Meador	Back at home	Well written. Good explanation of significance of the hire. Well done.
			2nd Place	The Bolivar Commercial	Andy Collier	Legendary coach leaves lasting legacy	
			3rd Place	The Sea Coast Echo	Joseph W. Gex	The Passing of a Legend	
-----	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Yazoo Herald	Jason Patterson	Gone Too Soon	
			2nd Place	The Yazoo Herald	Jamie Patterson	Parks director says he's doing what he can with what he has	
			3rd Place	The Chronicle	James Pugh	Braves take aim	
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			1st Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	Choctaws 27-0 in regular season	Shares the excitement of doing something previously not done.
			2nd Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	West Tally Choctaws state champs!	
			3rd Place	The Biloxi D'Iberville Press	Keith Wilson	Discussing Safety & Security	
	Sports Column						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	The Sun Herald	Patrick Magee	Patrick Magee sports columns	Excellent job and very readable. Enjoyed them all!!!
			2nd Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Hugh Kellenberger	TCL - Sports Columns - Hugh Kellenberger	
			3rd Place	Daily Journal	Parrish Alford	Parrish Alford columns	
-----	Daily B						
			1st Place	Enterprise-Journal	Ernest Herndon	Squirrel hunters; Dogwood Cross; 40-year-old canteen	Great storytelling by this avid outdoorsman and writer. I loved the catchy phrases and quotes, hanging on to each as I awaited the next. After all that, I came away with one question. What true outdoorsman goes anywhere near a bayou in a two-wheel drive truck? :-). Apparently, this one.
			2nd Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Adam Minichino	Adam Minichino	
			3rd Place	Vicksburg Post	Ernest Bowker	Ernest Bowker	
-----	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Meridian Star	Drew Kerekes	A role reversal, Skelton a class act, father helped begin a passion	Interesting read, goes beyond the aura of a coach and humanizes a successful figure.
			2nd Place	The Oxford Eagle	Davis Potter	Kessinger revels in Cubs, sports have their place, winning at all costs has to stop	
			3rd Place	Starkville Daily News	Danny P. Smith	State women off to great start to year	
-----	All Weeklies						
			1st Place	The Columbian Progress	Adam Prestridge	From the Bleachers	
			2nd Place	The Columbian Progress	Mark Rogers	Rogers' Rants	

			3rd Place	The Bolivar Commercial	Andy Collier	Winning awards tough/Athletes need to use caution/Marchant leaves legacy	
	Sports Feature Daily A						
			1st Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Will Sammon	TCL - Sports Features - Teen knows recruiting secrets	Such a great job on this feature. Informative, thorough, thought-provoking. Top notch!!!
			2nd Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Michael Bonner	TCL - Sports Feature - Lives of student athlete moms	
			3rd Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Will Sammon	TCL - Sports Feature - Refusing to let his past beat him	
	Daily B						
			1st Place	Vicksburg Post	Ernest Bowker	Time management	Ernest Bowker offers a thorough and revealing look at the commitment of players, coaches, teachers and parents to make high school sports work. A well-written feature that few would have thought to enterprise.
			2nd Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Scott Walters	Changing things up	
			3rd Place	Vicksburg Post	Ernest Bowker	A truly unique talent	
	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Oxford Eagle	Davis Potter	Playing for Dad	Well written, quickly draws readers into the story and then delves deeper.
			2nd Place	The Daily Leader	Anthony McDougle	Man on a mission	
			3rd Place	The Meridian Star	Elton Hayes	Vick defies the odds	
	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Lamar Times	Alan Hinton	Hattiesburg resident remembers...	The author was very descriptive and gave good background on the event being featured. The lead was intriguing made the reader want to continue reading. Good feature overall.
			2nd Place	The Sea Coast Echo	Dwayne Bremer	Clarence Scores	
			3rd Place	The Carthaginian	Jacob O. Grimes	Star power	
	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Columbian Progress	Adam Prestridge	Alford returns to roots	Very interesting and well written. Handled the subject well. Best among a great group of stories.
			2nd Place	The Columbian Progress	Joshua Campbell	Nowak fits no mold	
			3rd Place	The Yazoo Herald	Taylor Hawkins	Matt Liddon feature	
	Weekly F						
			1st Place	The Biloxi D'Iberville Press	Keith Wilson	A true Warrior retires	Good job describing the life of a beloved coach.
			2nd Place	The Conservative	Tish Butts	Jumping for his dreams	
	Game Story Daily A						
			1st Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Will Sammon	TCL - Gamer - Tupelo remains team to beat	
			2nd Place	The Sun Herald	Patrick Ochs	Over Easy Bulldogs crack Rebels early in Egg Bowl	
			3rd Place	The Sun Herald	Patrick Magee	Fried Rice Golden Eagles win C-USA baseball title	
	Daily B						

			1st Place	Enterprise-Journal	Josh Troy	Inspirational win	Anyone who knew what happened just hours before the district tournament would have had a hard time rooting against Bigner. Good job of giving readers the emotion she felt but the attitude she had about playing the ballgame and what she needed to do.
			2nd Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Adam Minichino	Reigning Supreme	
			3rd Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Scott Walters	Green Wave defense stands tall: Chambliss' group stands ground, denies Columbus	
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			1st Place	The Meridian Star	Elton Hayes	Kemper Wins State	Good anecdote to start the story and good details throughout
			2nd Place	The Meridian Star	Elton Hayes	Lamar Beats Oak Forest	
			3rd Place	The Meridian Star	Elton Hayes	Quitman girls capture first state title in program history	
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			1st Place	The Lamar Times	Camal Petro	Oak Grove scores	Good lede. I like how the writer broke it into sections
			2nd Place	The Lamar Times	Camal Petro	PCS takes down...	
			3rd Place	The Lamar Times	Camal Petro	Green is the new gold	
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			1st Place	Madison County Journal	Mark Alexander	Etched in Stone	Excellent story on a sport that doesn't always get a lot of coverage.
			2nd Place	The Columbian Progress	Adam Prestridge	Yellowjackets too much for Cougars	
			3rd Place	The Chronicle	James Pugh	History made as Tornadoes down Wingfield	
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			1st Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	Tigers bite the fire out of Blue Devils	Good lead drawing the reader into the story of a 51-6 shellacking.
			2nd Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	Tigers explode into second round	
			3rd Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	Tigers fall short in state title game	
	GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	Daily Journal	M. Scott Morris	Scott Morris columns	I really liked how he used his life and his community to relate how he feels.
			2nd Place	Daily Journal	Derek Russell	Derek Russell columns	
			3rd Place	Daily Journal	Rod Guajardo	Rod Guajardo columns	
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			1st Place	The Natchez Democrat	Kevin Cooper	General Interest Columns -Kevin Cooper	Your column pulled at the heartstrings of every dog lover, especially those of us who have the great fondness for dachshunds. We felt the pain in Alice's death and probably all of us thought back to a time when our own dog passed away. Good job. OVERALL -- very difficult category to pick a winner. Every one of the was well written and can keep a reader in tune to the final sentence. I enjoyed the column just hated to have to pick out one. All of you can stand proud.
			2nd Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Slim Smith	Slimantics	
			3rd Place	Enterprise-Journal	Ernest Herndon	Haitians get good dose, 'Man cave' craze, Leather Britches goes to the ball	
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			1st Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth	Tim Kalich	An addict's obituary; Why would Bryant stage photo like this?; The freedom of forgiveness	Well framed and comes across as sincere, not judgmental.
			2nd Place	Daily Corinthian	Mark Boehler	Sidetracks	
			3rd Place	Delta Democrat Times	Jon Alverson	General Interest Column	
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			1st Place	The Enterprise-Tocsin	Emily Ellis	General Interest columns, Emily Ellis	Down home humor about the everyday experiences of life. A refreshing collection that kept me laughing.
			2nd Place	Rankin County News	Linda Horton	Looking Back in Rankin	
			3rd Place	The South Reporter	Barry Burleson	Fielder's Choice	
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			1st Place	The Yazoo Herald	Jamie Patterson	Jamie Patterson's General Interest Columns	Engaging and well-written.
			2nd Place	The Columbian Progress	Mark Rogers	Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood	
			3rd Place	The Chronicle	Eloria Newell James	Eloria Newell James columns	
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			1st Place	Deer Creek Pilot	Ray Mosby	Different Drummer	These columns give honest, sincere. thought provoking insight not just into the life of the writer, but also give the reader much insight to reflect on in his/ her own life. The columns provide a look at 'what was, what is and what will be.'
			2nd Place	The Conservative	Amanda Sexton Ferguson	Conservative General Interest Columns -- Amanda Sexton Ferguson	
			3rd Place	Chickasaw Journal	Floyd Ingram	Letter to Santa, Girls Girls Girls, Some Say It's Hot!	
	Commentary Column						
	Daily A						

			1st Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Geoff Pender	TCL - Commentary Column - Geoff Pender	Bright, incisive political commentary. Pender both reports and stirs the the pot, mixing in a healthy amount of sharp wit mixed in. His columns accomplish what all good opinion writers should strive for: they entertain, inform and force readers to reckon with an issue in new ways.
			2nd Place	The Sun Herald	Paul Hampton	Paul Hampton commentary columns	
			3rd Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Sam R. Hall	TCL - Commentary Column - Sam R Hall	
_____	Daily B						
			1st Place	Enterprise-Journal	Jack Ryan	The Republican remake; The Anna Drive civics lesson; Two sentences	The Republican remake made the difference. I'm betting everyone who voted for Trump is asking themselves "why" and those who didn't are asking the same Trump voters "Why?" Maybe if all those who did vote in the election would have read the column before going into the poll, such a difficult answer to "why" would be more understandable.
			2nd Place	Vicksburg Post	Terri Cowart Frazier	Terri Cowart Frazier	
			3rd Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Slim Smith	Slimantics	
_____	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Oxford Eagle	David Magee	David Magee commentary	Very good; Was drawn in immediately with Williams' story.
			2nd Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth	Charles Corder	Body cams; Bryant tone-deaf; Guns don't belong in church	
			3rd Place	The Daily Leader	Luke Horton	State owes children	
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			1st Place	The Scott County Times	Tim Beeland	Publisher's Corner	The columnist made clear points throughout each. The author uses a light and humorous tone to address serious issues, while relating the issues to his everyday life. The author gave enough background on the issues without giving too much.
			2nd Place	The Northside Sun	Wyatt Emmerich	From the publisher	
			3rd Place	The Calhoun County Journal	Joel McNeece	Joel McNeece	
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			1st Place	The Wayne County News	Paul Keane	Three columns by Paul Keane	
			2nd Place	The Magee Courier	Pat Brown	School commentary	
			3rd Place	The Hattiesburg Post	David Gustafson	David Gustafson	
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			1st Place	Deer Creek Pilot	Ray Mosby	Different Drummer	These are excellent columns that provide an honest look at timely and sometimes controversial issues. The writer pinpoints the issue and gives a fair assessment to the day to day issues faced not just locally but nationally. He has a gift to use the written word in very open, honest manner often tackling subjects that many writers chose to ignore.
			2nd Place	The Conservative	Amanda Sexton Ferguson	Conservative commentary columns	
			3rd Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	Clay McFerrin commentary	
	Feature Story						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Billy Watkins	TCL - Feature - Im so sorry Rivers McGraw	Watkins' story of promising young life lost punches readers in the gut and puts a face on the human toll of addiction. A haunting story well told by a writer who doesn't waste words. Watkins allows a grieving mother and the bleak facts surrounding the suicide of her son to speak and register with readers.
			2nd Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Billy Watkins	TCL - Features - Kris heart saves a life	
			3rd Place	Daily Journal	M. Scott Morris	Polish connection	
	Daily B						
			1st Place	Vicksburg Post	Terri Cowart Frazier	Their little girls	Hey thanks for doing the perspective from one part of the contestants' family and it's the part that seems to be overlooked. Yeah fathers have emotions as well when it comes to daughters but it's the mother or even siblings who often get to talk about what this experience is like. "Daddy's little girl!"
			2nd Place	Vicksburg Post	Terri Cowart Frazier	Man on a mission_Terri Cowart Frazier	
			3rd Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Zack Plair	Traveler finds pickleball match in Columbus	
	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth	Kathryn Eastburn	Facebook justice	Compelling subject. The writer manages to bring the subject alive--and in his own words--without compromising objectivity. Very well done.
			2nd Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth	David Monroe	Going her way	
			3rd Place	The Oxford Eagle	Alyssa Schnugg, Stephanie Rebman	Newspaper icon passes away	
	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Sea Coast Echo	Cassandra Favre	Something to believe in	Great tribute to the town's long-time Santa Claus. Great display of pictures highlighting his impact in the community.
			2nd Place	The Bolivar Commercial	Jarquita Brown	Christmas Ornaments	
			3rd Place	The Mississippi Press	Warren Kulo	An American Artist (Lisa Mills feature)	
	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Hattiesburg Post	Nikki Smith	Her Fifteen Minutes	
			2nd Place	The Yazoo Herald	Jamie Patterson	Ubon's barbecue dynasty continues	

			3rd Place	The Winona Times	Amanda Sexton Ferguson	Not so light on savings	
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			1st Place	The Conservative	Tish Butts	Couple discovers they are 'perfect match'	Heartwarming story that shows to everything there is a reason and this one started several years ago. Nice job of telling the story and really the emotions and the difficult of the situation.
			2nd Place	The Petal News	Nikki Smith	Not by sight	
			3rd Place	The Biloxi D'Iberville Press	Keith Wilson	The Coffee Roaster vs. Dementia	
	GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	Daily Journal	Thomas Wells	Veterans Day	This is a great Gen. News photo a compelling moment that tells a portion of a Veterans story
			2nd Place	Daily Journal	Thomas Wells	Welcome Back	
			3rd Place	The Sun Herald	Amanda McCoy	Same-sex adoption_Amanda McCoy	
-----	Daily B						
			1st Place	Enterprise-Journal	Matt Williamson	Into the inferno	Loved this photo showing the danger firefighters often face
			2nd Place	The Natchez Democrat	Nicole Hester	Kiss school goodbye	
			3rd Place	The Natchez Democrat	Ben Hillyer	Bye bye balloons	
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			1st Place	The Meridian Star	Paula Merritt	Remembered	Great depth of field. Emotionally evocative. Excellent
			2nd Place	Delta Democrat Times	Bill Johnson	Cooling down	
			3rd Place	The Meridian Star	Paula Merritt	State Games Style	
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			1st Place	The Enterprise-Tocsin	Recardo Thomas	MLK Day	Wonderful moment of spontaneity captured, shows the photographer was on their game the whole time. Composition is nice, photo is sharp and well played on page. Good work.
			2nd Place	The Calhoun County Journal	Joel McNeece	ROTC Cadets Egg Bowl RUn	
			3rd Place	The Lamar Times	Zach Jones	A lotta water	
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			1st Place	The Yazoo Herald	Jamie Patterson	Coach's Daughter Grieves	Great story with a photo. No words needed!
			2nd Place	The Columbian Progress	Mark Rogers	Rough road ahead	
			3rd Place	The Winona Times	Tish Butts	Let Freedom Ring	
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			1st Place	The Baldwin News	Jason Collum	Final Honor	This is far and away the standout of the entries. I would have liked to have seen the flag unfurled a bit more, but we cannot control the wind. Excellent framing and crisp focus made the image stand out.
			2nd Place	The Biloxi D'Iberville Press	Keith Wilson	Kevin Callender	
			3rd Place	The Conservative	Tish Butts	New playground at Marshall Elementary	
	Spot News Photograph						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	Daily Journal	Adam Robison	Only Way In	As good of a dramatic fire scene photo I have ever seen. Well done and timed.

			2nd Place	The Sun Herald	John Fitzhugh	Murder_John Fitzhugh	
			3rd Place	The Sun Herald	Amanda McCoy	Parade Shooting_Amanda McCoy	
_____	Daily B						
			1st Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Deanna Robinson	River Roundup	The effort to get this close-up of man rescuing beast earns first place in this difficult category. This kind of situation always evokes pride and emotion. Terrific image.
			2nd Place	Vicksburg Post	Terri Cowart Frazier	It's Over	
			3rd Place	The Natchez Democrat	Nicole Hester	Two found dead	
_____	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Meridian Star	Cheryl Owens	Woman found dead	Wow. The picture tells so much of the story. Its impact is immense.
			2nd Place	The Meridian Star	Bill Graham	Best of The Best	
			3rd Place	The Oxford Eagle	Bruce Newman	HOUSE FIRE	
_____	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Lamar Times	Zach Jones	Burnt Bridge Road (firefighter large photo)	I really like everything about this photo. I like how the burned remains of the building frame the photo nicely at the top and bottom. I like the placement of the firefighter in silhouette, and the slow exposure to blur the water coming from the fire hose. Everything is just really well done in this photograph. Good job.
			2nd Place	The Sea Coast Echo	Stacey Cato	Firework mishap	
			3rd Place	The Sea Coast Echo	Stacey Cato	Double Murder	
_____	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Columbian Progress	Adam Prestridge	Rescues and road closures	Shows the destruction of flooding and the rescue efforts put forth.
			2nd Place	The Columbian Progress	Adam Prestridge	Assault - Large photo	
			3rd Place	The Columbian Progress	Adam Prestridge	Man bolts from court during drug test	
_____	Weekly F						
			1st Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	A Mississippi Department of Transportation	The torn condition of the truck and the strength of the train is apparent in the photo. The impact is downright shocking. The picture is framed and cropped well. I'd like to know how the man in the red shirt fits into the story. Great work.
			2nd Place	Deer Creek Pilot	Natalie Perkins	Where There's Smoke	
			3rd Place	The Leland Progress	Roy Meeks	Flood Waters	
	Sports Feature Photograph						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	Daily Journal	Adam Robison	State Champs!	Terrific celebration shot, capturing a peak moment, well done, being in the right position and timing.
			2nd Place	Daily Journal	Thomas Wells	Friday nights	
			3rd Place	The Sun Herald	Tim Isbell	Baseball glasses_Tim Isbell	
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			1st Place	Vicksburg Post	Ernest Bowker	At the end of the day	I liked the way everyone was faced toward the sky — and the eyecatching headline helped make this photo stand out.
			2nd Place	Hattiesburg American	Jacob Kemp	Petal Opening Ceremonies	
			3rd Place	The Natchez Democrat	Nicole Hester	Storm warning	
_____	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Meridian Star	Paula Merritt	Big House, Big Win	I love the emotions, and you can consider the moment well-captured!
			2nd Place	The Meridian Star	Paula Merritt	Raider victory	
			3rd Place	The Oxford Eagle	Bruce Newman	Sugar Rush	
_____	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Lamar Times	James Pugh	Crescent City celebration	Maybe one of the best victory I've seen. Great job!
			2nd Place	The Lamar Times	Camal Petro	Green is the new gold	
			3rd Place	The Bolivar Commercial	Andy Collier	All smiles	
_____	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Chronicle	James Pugh	West Jones seniors	The athletes are all posed perfectly in this outstanding photo.
			2nd Place	The Chronicle	James Pugh	Boyz to men	
			3rd Place	The Columbian Progress	Adam Prestridge	Anna Wilks	
	SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	Daily Journal	Adam Robison	Over the top	Excellent action image, showing team work and athleticism. Very nice photo, well done.
			2nd Place	Daily Journal	Thomas Wells	This is going to hurt...	
			3rd Place	The Sun Herald	Tim Isbell	Baseball_Tim Isbell	
_____	Daily B						
			1st Place	Hattiesburg American	Susan Broadbridge	USM off on right foot	Crisp photo. I could almost hear the slide as I saw the pic. Excellent work.
			2nd Place	Vicksburg Post	Ernest Bowker	Sip and go	
			3rd Place	Hattiesburg American	Susan Broadbridge	Southern Miss basketball	
_____	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Oxford Eagle	Bruce Newman	MORGAN O'CONNOR	Amazing! The focus, the faces, the ball. It's crisp and beautiful.
			2nd Place	The Oxford Eagle	Bruce Newman	STRINGFELLOW CATCH	
			3rd Place	The Oxford Eagle	Bruce Newman	Ryan Olenek	
_____	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The South Reporter	Dillon Day	DeQuan Smith of the Hawks soars to the goal Friday night	Love the action, especially the look on the players face as he goes up for a dunk. Very well done and way to be at the right place at the right time.
			2nd Place	The Lamar Times	Matt Bush	Week 9 action (large at top)	
			3rd Place	The Lamar Times	Chuck Lick	Rainy night (large at top)	
_____	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Yazoo Herald	Jason Patterson	Totally Focused	Best pic. Great moment and a technically sound shot.
			2nd Place	Madison County Journal	Chris Todd	Power Squat	
			3rd Place	Madison County Journal	Chris Todd	Setting the Bar	
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			1st Place	The Baldwin News	Jason Collum	Baldwyn running back Braxton Nabors	Great action shot and what an expression on the running back's face
			2nd Place	The Conservative	Harding Hubbard, III	Jags rope Mustangs	
			3rd Place	The Baldwin News	Bob Tapp	Katie Stevens	
	Feature Photograph Daily A						
			1st Place	Daily Journal	Adam Robison	Bike Rodeo	
			2nd Place	The Sun Herald	John Fitzhugh	Mardi Gras kid_ John Fitzhugh	
			3rd Place	Daily Journal	Thomas Wells	Festival on the field	
	Daily B						
			1st Place	The Natchez Democrat	Nicole Hester	Block party	Great use of shadows, sunlight and water.
			2nd Place	Hattiesburg American	Susan Broadbridge	Watermelon Wahoo	
			3rd Place	The Natchez Democrat	Nicole Hester	Pool party	
	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Oxford Eagle	Bruce Newman	Steep Climb	Talk about perspective! Great shot capturing something that invokes so many different thoughts.
			2nd Place	The Meridian Star	Paula Merritt	Broken Promises	
			3rd Place	The Daily Leader	Donna Campbell	Fourth	
	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Lamar Times	Zach Jones	Underground Art	Clearly the winner in this category. A stunning photo! Excellent work.
			2nd Place	The Lamar Times	Matt Bush	End of watch	
			3rd Place	The Neshoba Democrat	HUNT MERCIER	Colby Strickland is thrown off the mechanical bull at the midway.	
	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Hattiesburg Post	Matt Bush	County Supervisor hugs slain officer's mother	Yes, yes, yes! Captured a moment – a touching emotional moment
			2nd Place	The Hattiesburg Post	Beth Bunch	Come to the parade	
			3rd Place	The Hattiesburg Post	Katya Orohovsky	Falling Snow	
	Weekly F						
			1st Place	Deer Creek Pilot	Lucy Perkins	Soggy Silhouette	Perfect timing, composition and really captures the moment.
			2nd Place	The Baldwin News	Jason Collum	Making Peace	
			3rd Place	The Baldwin News	Austin Daher	America The Beautiful	
	Pictorial Series Daily A						
			1st Place	Daily Journal	Thomas Wells, Adam Robison, Lauren Wood	Graduation	These pictures captured the essence and excitement that is felt at graduation. The picture taken from above was in my opinion the picture that moved this story into first place.
			2nd Place	Daily Journal	Thomas Wells	Tiring Job	
			3rd Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Elijah Baylis	TCL - Pictorial Series - Urban oasis	
	Daily B						
			1st Place	The Natchez Democrat	Nicole Hester	Faces of the flood	It's why you take photos and why they matter so much.
			2nd	Enterprise-Journal	Matt Willismson	A fun way to cool off	
			3rd Place	The Natchez Democrat	Ben Hillyer	Deep Subjects	

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			1st Place	The Oxford Eagle	Bruce Newman	SPirits Come Alive	Excellent photography.
			2nd Place	The Oxford Eagle	Bruce Newman	Carolers	
			3rd Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth	Andy Lo, Tim Kalich	A colorful day	
_____	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Enterprise-Tocsin	Charlie Smith	Rams rolling into Jackson	From the anatomy of the three-pointer, to the facial expressions, this photo series displays the intensity of the game.
			2nd Place	The Calhoun County Journal	Joel McNeece	Sweet Sorghum	
			3rd Place	The Neshoba Democrat	staff photographers	NESHOBA COUNTY FAIR	
_____	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Hattiesburg Post	Zach Jones	Underground Artist	Captivating photos and clean design.
			2nd Place	The Columbian Progress	Mark Rogers	Columbia High School presents, 'Cinderella'	
			3rd Place	The Winona Times	Wanda Roche'	Bogue Creek Festival draws many visitors	
_____	Weekly F						
			1st Place	The Conservative	Gwen Sisson	Historic Carrollton	Great quality of photos. The selection shows various aspects of the events and puts the reader in a position as if they attended. Excellent layout also.
			2nd Place	The Petal News	Beth Bunch	Petal Animal Clinic	
			3rd Place	The Baldwin News	Jason Collum	Beautiful Day to Play	
	PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	The Sun Herald	Amanda McCoy and Justin Mitchell	Trevor Ladner teen drag queen	Artful representation of an important story.
			2nd Place	Daily Journal	Emma Crawford Kent, Lauren Wood	Creating opportunity	
			3rd Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Justin Sellers, Sarah Fowler	TCL - Photo Story Combo - Homeless in Jackson	
_____	Daily B						
			1st Place	Enterprise-Journal	LaKeadra Coffey and Matt Williamson	A vet's best friend	Solid work.
			2nd Place	Enterprise-Journal	Ernest Herndon	The weed goes on	
			3rd Place	The Natchez Democrat	Vershal Hogan, Nicole Hester	Acting with hope	
_____	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Meridian Star	Paula Merritt, Bill Graham	Cleaning Up	Good human-interest reporting on a tragic event that affected a lot of people. Photos complement the story well and illustrate the damage.
			2nd Place	The Oxford Eagle	Alyssa Schnugg, Stephanie Rebman	BEATING THE ODDS	
			3rd Place	The Oxford Eagle	Alyssa Schnugg	Mythical Melee	
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			1st Place	The Enterprise-Tocsin	Recardo Thomas	High waters flood county homes	This story is absolutely filled with helpful information - what to do in case of flooding, where to go, what local government is doing to help people who need it, things like that. I have to admit I'm not overly fond of that preview line on front - a photo that size takes away from space that could be used differently when a more traditional preview would work just as well - but the layout in the actual story is solid and the story itself is solid with good art backing it up.
			2nd Place	The Mississippi Press	Warren Kulo	Elks roll (Ocean Springs Mardi Gras)	
			3rd Place	The South Reporter	Barry Burleson and Sue Watson	Fire strikes JB's downtown	
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			1st Place	The Hattiesburg Post	Beth Bunch	Honoring Legacy	This story of a community coming together to honor their own is very nspiring. The use of various individuals' stories within this story is well done. The writing is outstanding and brings this event to life for the reader. The pictures tell a story on their own, but in this case they certainly enhance the written word.
			2nd Place	The Hattiesburg Post	Beth Bunch	ARC Prom	
			3rd Place	Madison County Journal	Michael Simmons	Sewer Tour	
-----	Weekly F						
			1st Place	The Conservative	Amanda Sexton Ferguson	Mother, son reunited after a year	Fantastic story and the photos helped explain and profile those that put in the work on his return.
			2nd Place	The Conservative	Denise Grones	Its former glory	
			3rd Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	Accident injures six	
	Personality Potrait Daily A						
			1st Place	The Sun Herald	Tim Isbell	Quad Mom_Tim Isbell	You can't plan it even if you did.
			2nd Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Justin Sellers	TCL - Personality Portrait - Walking Tall	
			3rd Place	Daily Journal	Thomas Wells	Adallice Young	
-----	Daily B						
			1st Place	The Natchez Democrat	Nicole Hester	Lighting them up	Nice light, well thought out.
			2nd Place	The Natchez Democrat	Nicole Hester	I can beat you	
			3rd Place	Vicksburg Post	Courtland Wells	Courtland Wells	
-----	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Oxford Eagle	Bruce Newman	Cass Roberts	Interesting subject for a personality profile, and this story brings out the quirky nature of her disparate careers.
			2nd Place	The Oxford Eagle	Bruce Newman	Sam Kendricks	
			3rd Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth	Ruthie Robison	Landry bomb	
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			1st Place	The Neshoba Democrat	Devna Bose	JAX AND ALEX MARS PLAY IN A PUDDLE ON FOUNDERS SQUARE	This photo has personality and a puddle. The look on the child's face is beckoning, mischievous. Thanks for catching that.
			2nd Place	The Lamar Times	Zach Jones	The Life of Bickham	
			3rd Place	The Carthaginian	Waid Prather	Super chicken	
-----	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Yazoo Herald	Jason Patterson	Hanging Out	Sharp shot with eye contact shows that the girl is used to hanging around. Love the vertical perspective.
			2nd Place	The Hattiesburg Post	Matt Bush	Man hugging woman	
			3rd Place	The Wayne County News	Paul Keane	Retiring Old Glory with Honor	
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			1st Place	The Baldwin News	Jason Collum	Scars of War	Jake Lindsey's face while holding that flag along with the headline 'Scars of War' told the entire story. Great work!
			2nd Place	The Baldwin News	Jason Collum	Chase is on the Case	
			3rd Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	Not so jolly after all	
	Graphic						
	All Dailies						
			1st Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Peter Imes	Map of recent shootings	Infographic provides a useful insight about the news.
			2nd Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Peter Imes	Megasite timeline	
			3rd Place	Delta Democrat Times	Leanne Hughes, Sarah Kramer	Baby Doll	
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			1st Place	The Enterprise-Tocsin	Feryn Atkinson	2016: A look back at the year's biggest stories	Creative and attention grabbing.
			2nd Place	The Enterprise-Tocsin	Charlie Smith	Report card	
			3rd Place	The Northside Sun	Anthony Warren, Jimmye Sweat, Wanda McCain	How They Voted	
-----	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Hattiesburg Post	David Gustafson	Follow the money	Clever graphic draws attention to lead story.
			2nd Place	The Columbian Progress	Wright Nichols	County handcuffed	
			3rd Place	The Columbian Progress	Wright Nichols	Into the wild	
-----	Weekly F						
			1st Place	Mississippi Business Journal	Tacy Rayburn	Businesswoman of the Year	Informative and eye-catching design. The biographical information was concise, yet thorough. Highly clean design work.
			2nd Place	Mississippi Business Journal	Frank Brown	Tech 21	
			3rd Place	The Baldwin News	Jason Collum	Rain welcomed	
	Editorial Cartoon						
	All Newspapers						
			1st Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Marshall Ramsey	TCL - Editorial Cartoon - Campaign finance	Bold and thought provoking in the way the best editorial cartoons are.
			2nd Place	The Hattiesburg Post	Ricky Nobile	Budget Cuts	
			3rd Place	The Sun Herald	Tim Lockley	Trump apologizes	
	Front Page						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Staff	TCL - Front Page	Love the use of white space and the fact you're not afraid to go big on art;
			2nd Place	The Sun Herald	Staff	Front pages, Jan. 2, Jan. 9, Feb. 15	

_____	Daily B						
			1st Place	The Natchez Democrat	Ben Hillyer	Front Pages - 2/28 - 7/2 - 10/17	Clean, interesting and modern with solid use of photos and a nice mix of stories.
			2nd Place	Vicksburg Post	Tim Reeves	Front pages from Feb. 14, March 11 and Oct. 16, 2016	
			3rd Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Matt Garner	Front Page: November, July and October	
_____	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Oxford Eagle	Rob Sigler, Alex McDaniel	Front pages June 26-July 2	
			2nd Place	The Daily Leader	Staff	Front page	
			3rd Place	The Meridian Star	Staff	Nov. 9, Aug. 27, Oct. 22	
_____	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Lamar Times	Nikki Smith, Beth Bunch	The Lamar Times	Clean pages with excellent use of good quality photos. Nice mixture of news and features. Designers took chances, and they worked. Clear No. 1 in the category.
			2nd Place	The Neshoba Democrat	STAFF	BEST FRONT PAGE	
			3rd Place	The Scott County Times	Tim Beeland, Chris Allen Baker	Front Page	
_____	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Newton County Appeal	Brent Maze, Demetrius Thompson	Newton County Appeal front pages	This paper does a nice job of showcasing several stories without it appearing cluttered or overwhelming. Very clean design.
			2nd Place	The Hattiesburg Post	David Gustafson, Beth Bunch, Nikki Smith	Hattiesburg Post	
			3rd Place	The Columbian Progress	Staff	The Columbian-Progress	
_____	Weekly F						
			1st Place	The Baldwin News	Jason Collum	Front Pages	Sharp is the best way to describe these pages. The graphics are great. The photos are beautiful and crisp. This looks like something out of a high-class magazine. It sets a standard! I'd love to see more.
			2nd Place	The Petal News	Nikki Smith	The Petal News	
			3rd Place	Mississippi Business Journal	Ross Reily, Tacy Rayburn, Frank Brown	Coming full circle; Giving farmers hope; Making stadiums safer	
	EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION						
_____	Daily A						
			1st Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Staff	TCL - Editorial Section	Creative graphics and design, fairly well balanced viewpoints, reader involvement with letters
			2nd Place	The Sun Herald	Paul Hampton, Sharon Fitzhugh	Editorial pages 0424, 0427, 0703	
_____	Daily B						
			1st Place	Hattiesburg American	Robyn Jackson and Erin Kosnac	Hattiesburg American Opinion pages	Excellent mix of strong editorials, a number of local columnists and letters to the editor, presented in an attractive, simple design.
			2nd Place	Vicksburg Post	Staff	Editorial page	
			3rd Place	Enterprise-Journal	Jack Ryan	Editorial pages	
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			1st Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth	Tim Kalich	Why would Bryant stage photo like this?; Ferguson full of it; The freedom of forgiveness	
			2nd Place	The Daily Leader	Staff	Editorial page	
			3rd Place	Delta Democrat Times	Catherine Kirk, Sarah Kramer and Jon Alverson	Editorial Pages	
_____	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Enterprise-Tocsin	Charlie Smith	Aug. 25, Oct. 6, Dec. 8 editorial sections	There are a lot of things to like about these editorial pages, such as good design that is easy to read, well written columns by the editor, letters to the editor, cartoons. Some good content that was packaged together well.
			2nd Place	The Panolian	John Howell, Rupert Howell	Editorial Pages Jan., April, Sept.	
			3rd Place	The Lamar Times	David Gustafson	The Lamar Times	
_____	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Hattiesburg Post	David Gustafson	The Hattiesburg Post	
			2nd Place	The Columbian Progress	Staff	The Columbian-Progress	
			3rd Place	Madison County Journal	Jim Prince	MCJ Editorial Page	
_____	Weekly F						
			1st Place	Mississippi Business Journal	Ross Reily	MBJ Perspective	The graphics used on the pages made it inviting to read and broke up the gray. The editorials show diversity in viewpoint.
			2nd Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	Editorial page February	
			3rd Place	Deer Creek Pilot	Ray Mosby & Natalie Perkins	Editorial Page	
	Editorials						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Sam R. Hall	TCL - Editorials - Sam R Hall	Bold and unerring. Tells readers what their representatives in office are doing. Important opinion writing.
			2nd Place	The Sun Herald	Paul Hampton	Editorials by Paul Hampton	
			3rd Place	Daily Journal	Rod Guajardo	Daily Journal editorials	
_____	Daily B						
			1st Place	Hattiesburg American	Erin Kosnac	Selection of editorials by Erin Kosnac	These are solidly written, local-focused editorials that clearly assert a position and back it up with plenty of data. I appreciate the liberal use of quotes.
			2nd Place	Hattiesburg American	Robyn Jackson	Selection of editorials by Robyn Jackson	
			3rd Place	The Natchez Democrat	Staff	Editorials - staff	
_____	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Daily Leader	Luke Horton	Editorials	These editorials focus on issues many small towns in America face. Good length and insight.
			2nd Place	The Oxford Eagle	David Magee, Alex McDaniel	Flag must go	
			3rd Place	Daily Corinthian	Daily Corinthian	Our view	
_____	Weekly D						

			1st Place	The Neshoba Democrat	JIM PRINCE	EDITORIALS	The editorials are explained well so an outsider can understand the issue. Including background information and story history to support the points makes the arguments well-rounded.
			2nd Place	The Enterprise-Tocsin	Charlie Smith	Editorials by Charlie Smith, Enterprise-Tocsin	
			3rd Place	The Northside Sun	Anthony Warren	Ben Allen, Mike Espy and Tony Bertas	
-----	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Hattiesburg Post	David Gustafson	David Gustafson	Informative and timely.
			2nd Place	The Yazoo Herald	Jason Patterson	Editorials	
			3rd Place	The Wayne County News	Paul Keane	Three Editorials by the Same Writer	
-----	Weekly F						
			1st Place	The Gazebo Gazette		HB1523 editorials	These editorials tell readers how this House Bill 1523 will affect them. It thoroughly explains for the readers the bill and the impact it could have on the population. Spending three weeks on the topic served the readers.
			2nd Place	The Conservative	Amanda Sexton Ferguson	Conservative Editorials	
			3rd Place	Deer Creek Pilot	Ray Mosby	The Editorial	
	SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION						
	Daily A						
			1st Place	The Clarion-Ledger		TCL - Sports Section	Clean, eye-catching and creative composition that serves the content well. A cut above the other entries in the category.
			2nd Place	Daily Journal		Daily Journal sports section	
			3rd Place	The Sun Herald		Sport sections April 13, Feb. 4, Feb. 7	
-----	Daily B						
			1st Place	Hattiesburg American		Hattiesburg American Sports section	Covers all the bases – youth, prep, college, pro – with strong reporting and columns and some fine photography. Robust outdoors content a plus as well.
			2nd Place	The Natchez Democrat		Sports sections	
			3rd Place	Vicksburg Post		The Vicksburg Post Sports	
-----	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Oxford Eagle	Davis Potter, Jake Thompson	Sports Page or Section	
			2nd Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth	Bill Burrus	Ole Miss has; PA, GHS players; Cubs advance; Mustangs back; Uphill climb	
			3rd Place	The Daily Leader		Sports section	
-----	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Neshoba Democrat	Steve Swogetinsky	BEST SPORTS PAGE	All three entires were very strong but I really was drawn to the layout and story on the triathlon
			2nd Place	The South Reporter		SportsReport -- from The South Reporter	
			3rd Place	The Lamar Times	Camal Petro	PineBeltSPORTS	
-----	Weekly E						
			1st Place	Madison County Journal		Madison County Journal	Great use of principles of design. Photos were top notch.

			2nd Place	New Albany Gazette	Donica Phifer, Dennis Clayton	Division Battle: Roaton leads Urchins to 5-3 win over Ingomar.	
			3rd Place	The Wayne County News	Paul Keane	Sports Sections from May, September and October	
Weekly F							
			1st Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	Sports page	Nice variety of quality action shots for sports game coverage. Good use of statistics graphics and scoring by quarters. Good variety of sports coverage to include hunting. Also like the football fever contest, which attracts community following of local sports.
			2nd Place	Deer Creek Pilot	Natalie Perkins	Sports Page	
LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION							
Daily A							
			1st Place	The Sun Herald		Marquee 0708; AtHome 0520; YourLife 0821	Good variety of content; appealing layout and typography
			2nd Place	The Clarion-Ledger		TCL - Features Section - December	
Daily B							
			1st Place	The Commercial Dispatch	Jan Swoope	Lifestyles	Really liked the creativity with these pages and the in-depth articles.
			2nd Place	Vicksburg Post	Terri Cowart Frazier	Lifestyles sections	
			3rd Place	Enterprise-Journal		"More" pages	
Daily C							
			1st Place	Delta Democrat Times	Sarah Kramer	lifestyles pages	
			2nd Place	The Daily Leader		Lifestyles section	
			3rd Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth	Ruthie Robison	Viking Half Marathon and 5K; Recipe for friendship; The power of children	
Weekly D							
			1st Place	The Lamar Times	Beth Bunch	The Lamar Times	Beautifully done. Wish there were more bylines/obviously original content.
			2nd Place	The Scott County Times	Tim Beeland, Chris Allen Baker	Lifestyle Section	
			3rd Place	The Panolian	Rita Howell	Lifestyles July 8, 29, Feb. 26	
Weekly E							
			1st Place	The Columbian Progress		The Columbian-Progress	Design is creative and compliments the content well. Photos and graphics are eye-catching and well-placed on pages. Stories are interesting and local.
			2nd Place	Madison County Journal		MCJ Lifestyles	
			3rd Place	The Wayne County News	Paul Keane	Lifestyle Sections from February, April and July	
Weekly F							
			1st Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Krista McFerrin	Lifestyles page December	Good variety of content with columns, feature articles, feature photos and weddings. Future publications should try to limit dividing copy with photos and/or advertisements. Consider using more white space to divide content.
			2nd Place	Deer Creek Pilot	Natalie Perkins	Deer Creek Pilot	
SPECIAL SECTION							

	Daily A						
			1st Place	Daily Journal		Bridal Journal	
			2nd Place	The Clarion-Ledger		TCL - Special Section - Something's Brewing in Mississippi	
			3rd Place	The Sun Herald		Cruisin' The Coast	
_____	Daily B						
			1st Place	Hattiesburg American		Football Guide	
			2nd Place	The Natchez Democrat		Profile 2016	
			3rd Place	The Natchez Democrat		Football Preview 2016	
_____	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth		Profile 2016	
			2nd Place	The Daily Leader		Gridiron	
			3rd Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth		Pillow Academy: 50 years of excellence	
_____	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Scott County Times		Profile 2016	The quality of writing, the mixture of new and old photographs and the diversity of the profiles paints an interesting picture of your town.
			2nd Place	The Neshoba Democrat		The Fair Times	
			3rd Place	The Scott County Times		Women In Business	
_____	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Columbian Progress		Profile: Reality TV Marion County Edition	Love the originality of this concept and how well the local stories work with each reality show. The cover is immediately intriguing and the concept carries interest throughout entire section. Stories are well-written and entertaining alongside quality photos. There are several impressive entries but overall, this publication captures attention and holds it.
			2nd Place	The Chronicle		Focus 2016	
			3rd Place	The Columbian Progress		Outdoor Sportsman	
_____	Weekly F						
			1st Place	Mississippi Business Journal	Frank Brown	Next! A Guide to Life After High School	Section shows one of the best compilations about what high school seniors need to know before going off to college. Headlines are accurate and concise. Good design with quality informational graphics. Thorough bylined copy.
			2nd Place	The Petal News		The Petal Guide	
			3rd Place	Deer Creek Pilot	Ray Mosby & Natalie Perkins	Great Delta Bear Affair	
	MAGAZINE PERIODICAL						
	Daily A/B						
			1st Place	Daily Journal		Mud and Magnolias	Beautiful from cover to cover and filled with engaging content. You want to pick it up and it gives you a reason not to put it down.
			2nd Place	Vicksburg Post		Vicksburg Living	

			3rd Place	The Natchez Democrat		Natchez the Magazine	
_____	Daily C						
			1st Place	The Meridian Star	Ida Brown	393 Magazine	
			2nd Place	The Greenwood Commonwealth		Leflore Illustrated	
			3rd Place	Delta Democrat Times		Delta Focus	
_____	ALL WEEKLIES						
			1st Place	The Lamar Times		Signature Magazine	Beautifully done. Enjoyed the amount and diversity of content in this magazine.
			2nd Place	Monroe Journal		The MC	
			3rd Place	The Northside Sun	Jimmye Sweat	Northside Sun Magazine	
	Design Daily A						
			1st Place	The Clarion-Ledger		TCL - Design - April	
			2nd Place	The Sun Herald		Issues of April 17-19	
			NO 3rd				
	Daily B						
			1st Place	The Natchez Democrat	Ben Hillyer	Design	
			2nd Place	Vicksburg Post		Design	
			3rd Place	Enterprise-Journal	Matt Williamson and Josh Troy	Enterprise-Journal	
_____	Daily C						
			1st Place	Daily Corinthian		Design	This was a difficult category to judge. The Daily Corinthian has a clean design with plenty of artwork and original content. Print job was also great. Good job!
			2nd Place	Delta Democrat Times		Design	
			3rd Place	The Daily Leader		Design	
_____	Weekly D						
			1st Place	Monroe Journal		Monroe Journal	Nice clean, classic use of design. Strong font and photo usage.
			2nd Place	The Lamar Times		The Lamar Times	
			3rd Place	The Neshoba Democrat		BEST DESIGN	
_____	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Columbian Progress		The Columbian-Progress - 8/4/16, 8/6/16 & 8/11/16	Most well-rounded entry with respect to range of stories, quality of photographs, headlines, art and engaging layout and design.
			2nd Place	Madison County Journal		Madison County Journal	
			3rd Place	The Hattiesburg Post		The Hattiesburg Post	
_____	Weekly F						
			1st Place	The Baldwin News		Design	This paper shows clean reproduction. All photos are clear, sharp and in register. There is a good use of graphics and art. Headlines are clear and well-written. Pages have strong designs that invite readers to the stories. There is good use of white space surrounding the content. Paper used creative photo illustrations for stories which can be difficult to illustrate.

			2nd Place	Mississippi Business Journal	Ross Reily, Tacy Rayburn, Frank Brown	Page Design Aug. 5-12-19	
			3rd Place	The Petal News	Nikki Smith, Beth Bunch, David Gustafson	The Petal News	
	Headline Daily A						
			1st Place	The Sun Herald	Arthur Jaramillo	Nuts for Lutz; Seaworthy; No doubts about Thomas	
			2nd Place	Daily Journal	Jeff Roper	Daily Journal sports headlines	
	Daily B						
			1st Place	The Natchez Democrat	Taylor Denman	Take it or retrieve it, Von to the next phase, Ruff competition	These do what fun headlines are supposed to do – they're clever and engaging while also being clearly tied to the content of the story.
			2nd Place	Enterprise-Journal	Matt Williamson	City shelter: Neuter animal cruelty/Felder-Eubanks/Medicine man cave	
			3rd Place	Hattiesburg American	Robyn Jackson and Erin Kosnac	War Games, Digging History, Pigskin & Politics	
	Daily C						
			1st Place	Delta Democrat Times	Sarah Ozburn	Headlines	These headlines are effective because of their creative and complete structure. They also reflect accurately the focus of the stories. Strong entry!
			2nd Place	Daily Corinthian		Cost of freon makes AC hot topic	
			3rd Place	Daily Corinthian		Eaves dropping	
	Weekly D						
			1st Place	The Lamar Times	Beth Bunch, Nikki Smith	Headlines	Clever use of puns and humor in headlines! Just great!
			2nd Place	The Sea Coast Echo	Geoff Belcher	Council CcC	
			3rd Place	The Lamar Times	Beth Bunch, Nikki Smith	Headlines 2	
	Weekly E						
			1st Place	The Wayne County News	Paul Keane	A community investment; Crocker extinguishes; Looking for love	Good use of puns. Liked the play on words.
			2nd Place	The Wayne County News	Paul Keane	No hassle once you turn; Saints anoint Jaguars; Seizure Muy Grande	
			3rd Place	The Wayne County News	Paul Keane	Supervisors chew on; Treat Street; Water leak springs forth	
	Weekly F						
			1st Place	Mississippi Business Journal	Frank Brown	Continuing education a key; Mortgage rates take hike; Starting point	The headlines paired with the photos have a great and accurate impact.
			2nd Place	The Petal News	Nikki Smith, Beth Bunch	Headlines 2	
			3rd Place	Mississippi Business Journal	Frank Brown	Big vision tiny houses; cuts may hurt hospitals; saving house money	
	LEDE						
	ALL DAILIES						
			1st Place	The Meridian Star	Whitney Downard	Six-year-old fights back against cystic fibrosis	
			2nd Place	Delta Democrat Times	Mary Alford, Sarah Ozburn	Church Burning lede	
			3rd Place	The Oxford Eagle	Alyssa Schnugg	Team effort as OPD saves homeless emu	
	Weekly D						

			1st Place	The Lamar Times	Zach Jones	The Life of Bickham	Paints a picture very clearly. I can see and hear the place. Good job!
			2nd Place	The Enterprise-Tocsin	Charlie Smith	Ledes, Charlie Smith, Enterprise-Tocsin	
			3rd Place	The Northside Sun	Anthony Warren	Try, Try Again	
Weekly E							
			1st Place	The Yazoo Herald	Jason Patterson	Poorly timed text message	Hooks you right from the start
			2nd Place	The Wayne County News	Sean Dunlap	Turnovers Costly for Jaguars	
			3rd Place	The Columbian Progress	Adam Prestridge	Lee's legacy lives on	
Weekly F							
			1st Place	The Baldwin News	Jason Collum	Bids awarded for US 45	A vision of traffic cones is probably a good thing for those who have been waiting for the construction. The use of the word FINALLY helped.
			2nd Place	Deer Creek Pilot	Ray Mosby	Sups Remove	
			3rd Place	The Sun-Sentinel	Clay McFerrin	Car fire victim arrested for theft of responding firefighter's truck	
Website							
ALL WEEKLIES							
			1st Place	The Calhoun County Journal	Joel McNeece & Lisa McNeece	Calhoun County Journal	
			2nd Place	The Chronicle		The Chronicle website	
			3rd Place	The Hattiesburg Post		HubCitySPOKES	
Daily A							
			1st Place	The Sun Herald		sunherald.com	
			2nd Place	The Clarion-Ledger		TCL - Website	
Daily B							
			1st Place	Vicksburg Post		The Vicksburg Post website	Both sites are very similar. Better use of photos pushed this to first.
			2nd Place	The Natchez Democrat		natchezdemocrat.com	
Daily C							
			1st Place	The Daily Leader		Website	Layout is clean and easy to navigate. The subheads (Top Stories, Latest Local News, etc.) use effective and simple fonts. Distinction is provided to the viewer on what the top stories are. Good visual elements.
			2nd Place	Starkville Daily News		Starkville Daily News website	
			3rd Place	The Meridian Star		website	
Use of Online Video							
All Dailies							
			1st Place	The Sun Herald	Amanda McCoy	Why this Gulfport couple had to divorce to adopt their son	Gripping and compelling storytelling. Great use of visual/digital tools in service of good journalism.
			2nd Place	The Sun Herald		Dawn Franklin's story of Domestic Abuse	
			3rd Place	The Clarion-Ledger	Justin Sellers	TCL - Video - Courage Award	
All Weeklies							
			1st Place	The Biloxi D'Iberville Press	Keith Wilson	Mullet Hop, Hop and Away!	
			2nd Place	The Biloxi D'Iberville Press	Keith Wilson	Free local transportation on TryTransit Day	
			3rd Place	The Biloxi D'Iberville Press	Keith Wilson	Preserving Architecture along Howard	

	DANIEL M. PHILLIPS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AWARD					
	All Newspapers					
		1st Place	The Carthaginian	WAid Prather	MDOC	
		2nd Place	The Clarion-Ledger		TCL - Phillips FOI Award - Public Office Private Gain	
		3rd Place	Madison County Journal	Michael Simmons	Open Meetings Act Violation	
	COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD					
	All Dailies					
		1st Place	Daily Journal	Michaela Morris, William Moore, Rod Guajardo	Opioid series	
		2nd Place	The Oxford Eagle		Affordable housing problem	
		3rd Place	The Meridian Star	Randy Hammons, Ida Brown	Downtown Disorder	
	All Weeklies					
		1st Place	The Baldwin News	Jason Collum, Brenda Daher, Demi Roberts	Vote set for bond issue	
		2nd Place	The Scott County Times	Tim Beeland	Community Service	
		3rd Place	The Hattiesburg Post		Historic Hattiesburg Downtown Association partnership	