



2019 Better Newspaper Editorial

Contest Winners

News Story

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Camden News

Tammy Frazier

Toddler hailed as hero after crash kills mom

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Tara Thomas

'I thought I was dead'

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton

Tony Lenahan

Marred by Chaos

Honorable Mention

El Dorado News-Times

Madeleine Leroux

'Stunning' damage to historic SouthArk building

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

Bill Bowden

Deaths at 17 in sinking

Second Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Ashton Eley

West Avenue sees nightlife changes

Third Place

Jonesboro Sun

Kenneth Heard

Ballots returned to sender after Elvis left off

Honorable Mention

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Dan Holtmeyer

Housing obstacles challenge homeless

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

North Little Rock Times

Jeremy Peppas

Police video shows handgun, shooting

Second Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington

Lynn Kutter

Former Clerk Sent To Prison

Third Place

Salem News

Kim Break

10 years in the making...Humphrey's Ford Bridge

Honorable Mention

Stuttgart Daily Leader

Eplunus Colvin

Tenant evicted

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Carroll County News, Berryville

Scott Loftis

Remarks captured on video: Sheriff admits using homophobic slur about JP

Second Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello

Ashley Foreman

Insurance companies putting local pharmacies in peril

Third Place

Nashville News-Leader

Louie Graves, Terrica Hendrix

Fire levels local church

Honorable Mention

Nashville News-Leader

Louie Graves

Dierks police force back on job Monday

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View

Edie Sutterfield

Pharmacy Issue

Second Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville

Preston Tolliver

Huntsville in need of updated athletic facilities

Third Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View

Edie Sutterfield

Dycus Trial

Honorable Mention

Madison County Record, Huntsville

Preston Tolliver, Rod Harrington

Not Guilty

Feature Story

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
Ahmaree Williams
Battling bullies

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Sarah Perry
Staying Humble

Third Place

El Dorado News-Times
Michael Shine
Local teen recognized by medical professionals

Honorable Mention

Saline Courier, Benton
Dana Guthrie
Tales of Service

Larger Dailies

First Place

Texarkana Gazette
Lynn LaRowe
Woman says she's still waiting for justice

Second Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Lara Jo Hightower
Joe Copeland

Third Place

Times Record, Fort Smith
Max Bryan
Young adults in search of change in Fort Smith

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Pacesetter Times, Horseshoe Bend
Carrie Johnson
Making big changes

Second Place

Stuttgart Daily Leader
Eplunus Colvin
Labor of Love

Third Place

Salem News
Kim Break
Local family benefits from act of kindness

Honorable Mention

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
Remembering Neecee

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen
Schroder's Ring Completes Journey

Second Place

Wynne Progress
David Owens
Cutting own path

Third Place

Carroll County News, Berryville
Kelby Newcomb
Scouting for Food serves community for 30 years

Honorable Mention

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen
Hard work worth the weight

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Christy Hendricks
Safe Haven more than a thrift store

Second Place

The Daily Record, Little Rock
Becca Bona
Boom Box Guy

Third Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Rod Harrington
From the frontlines to the fiddle

Honorable Mention

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Found Daughter

In-Depth Series Reporting

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Harrison Daily Times

James L. White

Series Landfill fee to be aired

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Tracy Whitaker, Tara Thomas, Jeff Lewis

School security check

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton

Saline Courier Staff

Salt Bowl Series

Larger Dailies

First Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Ashton Eley, Ron Wood, Dave Perozek

Superintendent sex scandal

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

Eric Besson, Aziza Musa

Functional Equivalent

Third Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Doug Thompson

Legislative corruption

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington

Lynn Kutter

Mayor Names New Chief Of Police

Second Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy

Tammy Curtis

Veazie Vs. Trivitt, a Civil Rights violation lawsuit

Third Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington

Lynn Kutter

Council Considers Condition of Apartments

Honorable Mention

North Little Rock Times

Jeremy Peppas

Summer vacation series

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs

Mike Capshaw, Janelle Jessen, Hunter McFerrin

Rodeo land issue

Second Place

Wynne Progress

David Owens

Difference Makers

Third Place

Carroll County News, Berryville

Samantha Jones

Veterans of Carroll County

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville

Preston Tolliver

School Expulsion, lawsuit

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View

Edie Sutterfield

Jail Issue

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

Jeffrey Smith

Movie theater liquor permit

Investigative Reporting

All Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton

Sarah Perry

Dabbs Investigation

(Winner of the I.F. Stone Award)

Second Place

Times Record, Fort Smith

John Lovett

Voting Districts

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

Ginny Monk, John Moritz, Ryan Tarinelli

Violent Reality

All Weeklies

First Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy

Tammy Curtis

Hardy mayor's office

Second Place

Bella Vista Weekly Vista

Keith Bryant

Working with contractors

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

Rick Kron

North Metro

Best Beat Reporting

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
Michael Neary
Education beat

Second Place

The Saline Courier, Benton
Elisha Morrison
Business Beat

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Tracy Whitaker

Larger Dailies

First Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Laurinda Joenks

Second Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
David Showers
City/county beat

Third Place

Jonesboro Sun
Neal Embry

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington
Lynn Kutter
Police

Second Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington
Lynn Kutter
City beat

Third Place

Newton County Times, Jasper
Jeff Dezort
School beat

Honorable Mention

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Joseph Price
City Council beat

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Carroll County News, Berryville
Scott Loftis
County government

Second Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas

Third Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Rick Kron
Police beat

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Edie Sutterfield
School District beat

Third Place

Bella Vista Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Lynn Atkins
POA beat

Honorable Mention

Lovely County Citizen, Eureka Springs
Samantha Jones
Eureka Springs city government

Sports News Story

Smaller Dailies

First Place

El Dorado News-Times

Kev Moye

Dragons Claim Championship

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton

Josh Briggs

Hornets capture program's first state championship

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Bruce Guthrie

Thrice as Nice

Honorable Mention

Saline Courier, Benton

Tony Lenahan

Marred By Chaos: Fight, 'gun' cry cuts Salt Bowl short

Larger Dailies

First Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Rick Fires

Red flags

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

Tom Murphy

1 more to settle it

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

Jeremy Muck

Salt Bowl cut short

Honorable Mention

Jonesboro Sun

Matthew V. Roberson

Midweek games have cost, effect for ASU

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington

Mark Humphrey

Spectacular catch stuns Clarksville

Second Place

North Little Rock Times

History Made

Third Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington

Mark Humphrey

Lincoln rolls with Prairie Grove's punches

Honorable Mention

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington

Mark Humphrey

Win or lose PG cheers native son

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs

Graham Thomas

Forever 21

Second Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs

Mike Capshaw

District Names Next Football Coach

Third Place

Carroll County News, Berryville

Scott Loftis

Bobcats' big play turns rivalry game into blowout

Honorable Mention

The Times Dispatch, Walnut Ridge

Nathan Hibbard

Screamin' Eagles advance

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville

Rod Harrington

State Champions

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

Ray Benton

Crowned in the final second

Third Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville

Rod Harrington

Local youth anglers qualify for national competition

Sports Feature Story

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs
Coach refuses to let life's struggles define him

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times
Jeff Brasel
Gray was a pioneer in girls sports

Third Place

El Dorado News-Times
Jason Avery
Sealing The Deal

Honorable Mention

Paragould Daily Press
Cole Turbeville
CRA's Kinser retires after 25 years

Larger Dailies

First Place

Jonesboro Sun
Cory Clark
Hurricane players still recall 'Longest Game'

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Tim Cooper
Small-town guy a big-time coach

Third Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Chip Souza
Raya Hope

Honorable Mention

Jonesboro Sun
Sean Saunders
Trumann QB honors fallen hero with new number

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Stuttgart Daily Leader
Cole Sherman
Football college prospects

Second Place

North Little Rock Times
Donna Lampkin Stephens
Bow-Tie AD

Third Place

North Little Rock Times
Donna Lampkin Stephens
Martin shines for Hogs

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Nashville News-Leader
Louie Graves
Play ball

Second Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins
Forever a legend

Third Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas
Winning has a nice ring to it

Honorable Mention

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas
Four seniors like family

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Ray Benton
Kicking down barriers

Second Place

The Sheridan Headlight
Eric Moore
Sheridan's Wilson takes top spot

Third Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Preston Tolliver
Huntsville's Stevens to be inducted

Sports Column

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Harrison Daily Times

Jeff Brasel

Groupon, Razorbacks area Natural fit

Second Place

Paragould Daily Press

Cole Turbeville

Hogs down, but not out of big dance

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton

Josh Briggs

Buck Fever: Redemption comes at least likely moment

Larger Dailies

First Place

Times Record, Fort Smith

Kevin Taylor

Football practice

Second Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Rick Fires

Youth sports shouldn't be about rankings

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

Wally Hall

Battle of the Ravine delivers on reputation

Honorable Mention

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Rick Fires

Sports should be used to unite, not divide people

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Newton County Times, Jasper

Jeff Brasel

It has been three years

Second Place

North Little Rock Times

Harry King

You know it, when you see it

Third Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington

Mark Humphrey

Clarksville becomes Good Samaritan

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Carroll County News, Berryville

Scott Loftis

Making memories

Second Place

Wynne Progress

David Owens

Wrestling world in mourning

Third Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs

Graham Thomas

Lewis gone but she won't be forgotten

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

Ray Benton

Policy flaw disqualifies good JNPSD candidates

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

Ray Benton

Urban Meyer is big fat liar

Third Place

The Sheridan Headlight

Eric Moore

You never know who

Editorial

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Pine Bluff Commercial

John Worthen

They can't win

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Steve Watts

Re-entry rewarding for thieves

Third Place

Pine Bluff Commercial

John Worthen

Please resign, judge

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

David Barham, Walter Hussman

Editorial, teacher absenteeism

Second Place

Jonesboro Sun

Chris Wessel

Failure to release crime reports puts community at risk

Third Place

Jonesboro Sun

Chris Wessel

Nettleton earns an F in transparency

Honorable Mention

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Greg Harton

Goodbye, or good-bye

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Van Buren County Democrat, Clinton

Alex Kienlen

Friends like these

Second Place

South Arkansas Sun, Hampton

Larry Killian

Calhoun County Connections

Third Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy

Mack Thompson

Journalism 101

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello

Harold Coggins

Thank you for all you've done

Second Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello

Ashley Foreman

Sad time for the 'Pirate Nation'

Third Place

Wynne Progress, Wynne

David Owens

Sad day for Arkansas journalism

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville

The muddied waters of Ecclesia, GIF and Rep

Ballinger

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View

Lori Freeze

National Newspaper Week

Third Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville

New superintendent should build district

News / Political Column

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton

Josh Briggs

Journalism's Darkest Day: 'You cannot stop us'

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Steve Watts

Saying thanks before it's too late

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Steve Watts

Local control should be embraced

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

John Brummett

Elizabeth endures

Second Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Greg Harton

Men of a century

Third Place

Jonesboro Sun

Chris Wessel

No-brainer tips for political candidates

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy

Mack Thompson

Journalism 101

Second Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington

Mark Humphrey

Sheriff portrayed good cop

Third Place

North Little Rock Times

Neal Moore

Who will oppose sales taxes

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Carroll County News, Berryville

Scott Loftis

Just say no to Ballinger

Second Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello

Harold Coggins

Americans can take political correctness a bit too far sometimes

Third Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello

Harold Coggins

It's never too early to remind voters to do their part

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville

Preston Tolliver

Follow the Money

Second Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville

Shannon Hahn

Loyalty from leadership costs more than a bonus

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

Garrick Feldman

Farmers hit hard by tariffs

General Interest Column

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs
The night I witnessed a miracle on I-440

Second Place

Paragould Daily Press
Steve Gillespie
This Opinion Page

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs
CT scan unexpectedly saved my life

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Philip Martin
The scariest sad story I know

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette
Christy Busby Worsham
An Ode to Why Rocking Relaxes and Revives Us

Third Place

Texarkana Gazette
Les Minor
How we flicked off those flickering flies

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Mack Thompson
Remembering Joe

Second Place

Stuttgart Daily Leader
Michael Jones
On December 2nd

Third Place

South Arkansas Sun, Hampton
Jeri Shire
Tales from the Shire

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Nashville News-Leader
Louie Graves
There was this guy

Second Place

Wynne Progress
David Owens
Stuart 'Mad' with success

Third Place

Carroll County News, Berryville
Samantha Jones
Your life matters

Honorable Mention

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Devin Houston
Save Our Beer?

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Garrick Feldman
Compare prices for your drugs

Second Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Preston Tolliver
Writing is on the wall for retail jobs

Third Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Shannon Hahn
Summer Sun Safety

Honorable Mention

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
David Ciscel
Economics

Humorous Column

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton

Brent Davis

Working my way up to first chair at the organ recital

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Steve Watts

A brief respite from Grammageddon

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Steve Watts

Fooling with bunny's biology

Larger Dailies

First Place

Times Record, Fort Smith

Kevin Taylor

Little League Memories

Second Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Gwen Rockwood

Speed freak makes confessions

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs

Harry Porter

Snow, the white menace

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

South Arkansas Sun, Hampton

Jeri Shire

Tales from the Shire

Second Place

Van Buren County Democrat, Clinton

Alex Kienlen

2018 Winter Columnist Olympics

Third Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy

Tammy Curtis

Elementary my dear child

Medium and Larger Weeklies

First Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello

Ashley Foreman

Taking application for open positions in the team of rednecks

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

Rick Kron

Secret top long, happy marriage

Third Place

Carroll County News, Berryville

Samantha Jones

Dear Santa

Honorable Mention

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello

Ashley Foreman

Y'all, I need every prayer I can get on Monday mornings

Freelance Writing

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Pine Bluff Commercial

Richard Ledbetter

Bobby Rush, The Blues man

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times

Beverly Cothran

Freelancer Views through the eyes and mind of artist Dale Tabor

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Ali Webb

Following 'faith, family, farm' formula

Larger Dailies

First Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Ella Ruth Hill

Two years after death

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

Virginia Young

Campaign money rolled in for ex-Missouri legislator

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

Piers Marchant

30x30

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy

Shanda Weathers Hardin

Enough... Eating disorder sufferer speaks out

Second Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington

Lisa Falknor

Farmington Family Saves 100-Year-Old Dairy Barn

Third Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington

Denise Nemeč

A Slice of Apple Pie

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello

Jeff Young

Brawl mars Drew Central's home opener

Second Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello

Jeff Young

Putting a kick into it

Third Place

Nashville News-Leader

Patsy Young

Early Files

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

David Ramsey

Corrupt figure planned to kill witness

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

Michael David Polston

Veterans Day: 100 years later

Third Place

The Sheridan Headlight

Jim Lancaster

Recovering history with sunken logs

Headline Writing

Smaller Dailies

First Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Steve Watts
Weed-whacked

Second Place

Malvern Daily Record
Gretchen Ritchey
Potts found in abandoned warehouse

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Steve Watts
Suite job at elementary school

Honorable Mention

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Bruce Guthrie
26.2 MileStone

Larger Dailies

First Place

Texarkana Gazette
Stevon Gamble
Rock Enroll

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Sandra Tyler
Pet pigs powerfully pungent

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Alan Koonse
Wiley coyotes turn into airport plague

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Stuttgart Daily Leader
Eplunus Colvin
Just Donate It

Second Place

Stuttgart Daily Leader
Eplunus Colvin
Little Snow On The Prairie

Third Place

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Bobby Stapleton
'Hounds cuff outlaws

Honorable Mention

South Arkansas Sun, Hampton
Mark Young
Hampton Pours it on Parkers Chapel

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas, Eric Burney
Getting the Best of Bos Worlds

Second Place

Carroll County News, Berryville
Kelby Newcomb
60 years of shears: Backs retires scissors at age 90

Third Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas
Give 'Em Five

Honorable Mention

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins
Metallic memories

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Ray Benton
Urban Meyer is a big fat liar

Second Place

The Sheridan Headlight
Millie McClain
Law says no good reason for chicken to cross road

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Garrick Feldman
Package pirates punished

Honorable Mention

Madison County Record, Huntsville
We're Desperate

Single News Photograph

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Greg Davis
1 injured in rollover accident

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Steve Watts
Rescued through windshield

Third Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
Ray King
Line of carts

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Mitchell PeMasilun
Injury accident on I-30

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Staton Breidenthal
Fire damages NLR home

Third Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
David Gottschalk
Accident aftermath

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

North Little Rock Times
Dale Ellis
Reflections

Second Place

Villager Journal, Cherokee Village
Lauren Siebert
Fire photo

Third Place

Pacesetter Times, Horseshoe Bend
Carrie Johnson
Smoke Visible

Honorable Mention

Lonoke Democrat
Allison Goodman
Circus comes to Carlisle

Medium Weeklies

First Place

The Times Dispatch, Walnut Ridge
Megan Heyl
County jail holds grand opening

Second Place

Wynne Progress
Brock Meeler
Feed store fire

Third Place

Carroll County News, Berryville
David Bell
Fatal accident

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Jeffrey Smith
Cabot airman surprises kids at school

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scolli
Funeral for a World War II veteran

Third Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Veteran Flags

Honorable Mention

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Prescribed Burn

Single Feature Photograph

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Greg Davis
Feeding Frenzy

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times
Lee H. Dunlap
Pressing reflection

Third Place

El Dorado News-Times
Terrance Armstard
Taking a dip

Honorable Mention

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Tracy Whitaker
Pull of the tractors

Larger Dailies

First Place

Texarkana Gazette
Hunt Mercier
Eat! Eat! Eat!

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Thomas Metthe
Competitors meet face to face

Third Place

Jonesboro Sun
Quentin Winstine
Making a Masterpiece

Honorable Mention

Texarkana Gazette
Hunt Mercier
One Man's Treasure

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

North Little Rock Times
Jaison Sterling
Fireworks

Second Place

Stuttgart Daily Leader
Eplunus Colvin
Hip Hip Hooray

Third Place

Villager Journal, Cherokee Village
Lauren Siebert
Page highlights "exceptional" abilities

Honorable Mention

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington
Lynn Kutter
In The Blink Of An Eye

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello
Tom White
Magnificent moon

Second Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen
Library Reveals New Butterfly Mural

Third Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen
McCords feature

Honorable Mention

Carroll County News, Berryville
David Bell
Little graduation

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Preston Tolliver
Pop!

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Icicle

Third Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Rod Harrington
Dog kisses

Honorable Mention

Bella Vista Weekly Vista
Lynn Atkins
Wiener Takes All

Single Sports Action Photograph

Smaller Dailies

First Place

El Dorado News-Times
Terrance Armstard
Hitting the dirt

Second Place

El Dorado News-Times
Terrance Armstard
Dunk in progress

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Greg Davis
Alone at the Top

Honorable Mention

El Dorado News-Times
Terrance Armstard
Group Effort

Larger Dailies

First Place

Jonesboro Sun
Quentin Winstine
A-State routs South Alabama 38-14

Second Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Charlie Kaijo
Lucy Lisle

Third Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Ben Goff
Left fielder Heston Kjerstad

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

South Arkansas Sun, Hampton
Penny Chanler
Brian Williams Slides into Third

Second Place

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Bobby Stapleton
After burners on

Third Place

Newton County Times, Jasper
Jeff Brasel
Lady Pioneers are No. 6

Honorable Mention

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Christine Cunningham
He's got air

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Carroll County News, Berryville
David Bell
Hold on tight!

Second Place

Nashville News-Leader
John Robert Schirmer
Airborne at Ashdown

Third Place

Carroll County News, Berryville
Charlie Chappell
How 'bout those Bobcats?

Honorable Mention

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas
Baseball upends Alma

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scolli
Rally

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scolli
Cats escape upset threat by Southside

Third Place

The Sheridan Headlight
Eric Moore
Sheridan softball sliding into first

Honorable Mention

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scolli
Taking over No. 1 spot

Single Sports Feature Photograph

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Harrison Daily Times

Jeff Brasel

Hayden is one-of-a-kind treat

Second Place

Paragould Daily Press, Paragould

Mike McKinney

GCT outlast Westside

Third Place

El Dorado News-Times

Terrance Armstard

Pregame Prep

Larger Dailies

First Place

Texarkana Gazette

Hunt Mercier

Third-ranked Backs mercy Trojans for homecoming win

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

Thomas Metthe

State High School Decathlon

Third Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Andy Shupe

North Texas 44, Arkansas 17

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Pacesetter Times, Horseshoe Bend

Bobby Stapleton

Homecoming

Second Place

North Little Rock Times

Jaison Sterling

Razorback Baseball: Team Huddle

Third Place

North Little Rock Times

Jaison Sterling

Williams ready for action

Honorable Mention

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington

Mark Humphrey

Singing Cowgirl

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Nashville News-Leader

John Robert Schirmer

Time to celebrate

Second Place

Nashville News-Leader

Kaylea Carver

At regional

Third Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello

Harold Coggins

The night was not all us vs. them

Honorable Mention

Wynne Progress

David Owens

Counting the Three

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View

Lori Freeze

Baseball Youth

Second Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville

Preston Tolliver

Don't let go

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

David Scolli

Kicking down barriers

Photo of the Year

The Madison County Record, Huntsville
Preston Tolliver
Pop!

Pop!



Photo by Preston Tolliver for The Record

Sage Bontrager, 7, uses his face to pop a bubble while playing at the annual June Bug Jam in Red Star Saturday. For more photos from the festival, see pages 8A-9A

Picture Page / Photo Essay

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs and Sarah Perry
Extra! Extra!

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs and Sarah Perry
Footloose

Third Place

El Dorado News-Times
Terrance Armstard
One last run

Honorable Mention

Malvern Daily Record
Gretchen Ritchey
Equines galore at Racing On The Ridge LLC

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Mitchell PeMasilun
High School Basketball state championship

Second Place

Jonesboro Sun
Jacob Wiegand
Band Family

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Mitchell PeMasilun
Arkansas Derby

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington
Lynn Kutter
Remembering The Battle of Prairie Grove

Second Place

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Karen Sherrell
67th Annual Pioneer Days

Third Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington
Mark Humphrey, Lynn Kutter
Prairie Grove Celebrates Independence

Medium Weeklies

First Place

The Times Dispatch, Walnut Ridge
Ashley George
Summer ball program underway

Second Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen/Eric Burney
Chalk It Up

Third Place

Carroll County News, Berryville
Charlie Chappell
State Wrestling Tournament

Honorable Mention

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen, Eric Burney
Bingo

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scolli
Thunder Over the Rock

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Baseball

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scolli
North Little Rock holds annual Christmas parade

Honorable Mention

Lovely County Citizen, Eureka Springs
David Bell
Highlanders Care Fair

Best Front Page

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Josh Briggs and Courier Staff

Second Place

Malvern Daily Record
Gretchen Ritchey

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Steve Watts, Wendy Jones

Larger Dailies

First Place

Texarkana Gazette
Danielle Dupree, Andrea Miller

Second Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs

Third Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis

Second Place

North Little Rock Times
Jeremy Peppas

Third Place

Newton County Times, Jasper

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs

Second Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins

Third Place

Carroll County News, Berryville
Brad Stout

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Daily Record, Little Rock
Karen Dunphy

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Leader staff

Third Place

Hot Springs Village Voice
Cindy Penny

Best Graphic Design Portfolio

All Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Nikki Dawes, Kirk Montgomery

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times
Samantha Gregory

Third Place

Texarkana Gazette
Kristen Doss

Small and Medium Weeklies

First Place

Newton County Times, Jasper

Second Place

Nashville News-Leader
John Robert Schirmer

Third Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Daily Record, Little Rock
Karen Dunphy

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Ray Benton

Best Website

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Saline Courier Staff
bentoncourier.com

Second Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
John Worthen
Pbcommercial.com

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Daily Citizen staff
thedailycitizen.com

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Arkansasonline.com

Second Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Nwaonline.com

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
hotsr.com

All Weeklies

First Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
mcrecordonline.com

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Christy Hendricks
Arkansasleader.com

Third Place

Hot Springs Village Voice
Misty Castile and Lewis Delavan
HSVoice.com

Coverage of Business/Agriculture

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Elisha Morrison

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times
Donna Braymer

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Tracy Whitaker, Jeff Lewis

Larger Dailies

First Place

Times Record, Fort Smith
John Lovett

Second Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
David Showers, Beth Reed

Third Place

Texarkana Gazette
Aaron Brand, Karl Richter

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington
Lynn Kutter

Second Place

Stuttgart Daily Leader

Third Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello
Harold Coggins

Second Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs

Third Place

Nashville News-Leader
Louie Graves, Terrica Hendrix, John Balch

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
John Hofheimer, Deborah Horn, Jeffrey Smith

Second Place

Bella Vista Weekly Vista
Lynn Atkins

Third Place

The Sheridan Headlight
Tanner Newton, Byron Tate

Coverage of Education

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Sarah Perry and Elisha Morrison

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Tara Thomas, Jeff Lewis

Third Place

Harrison Daily Times
Yvonne Cone, George Holcomb

Larger Dailies

First Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Dave Perozek, Dan Holtmeyer

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Cynthia Howell

Third Place

Texarkana Gazette
Jennifer Middleton

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington
Lynn Kutter

Second Place

Newton County Times, Jasper
Jeff Dezort

Third Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Nashville News-Leader
John Robert Schirmer

Second Place

Wynne Progress
David Owens

Third Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen, Graham Thomas

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View

Second Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Preston Tolliver, Rod Harrington

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
John Hofheimer, Rick Kron, Christy Hendricks

Coverage of Tourism

All Dailies

First Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Stacy Ryburn, Chip Souza, Ashton Eley

Second Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Beth Reed

Third Place

Times Record, Fort Smith
John Lovett

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington
Lynn Kutter

Second Place

North Little Rock Times
Sara Greene

Third Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen

Second Place

Nashville News-Leader
John Balch, Louie Graves, John Robert Schirmer

Third Place

Wynne Progress
David Owens

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Preston Tolliver, Rod Harrington

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Jonathan Feldman, Rick Kron, Deborah Horn

Third Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View

Coverage of Health & Medical

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Sarah Perry, Elisha Morrison

Second Place

Paragould Daily Press
Gary Exelby, Steve Gillespie

Third Place

El Dorado News-Times
Health coverage in Union County

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Emma Pettit, Kat Stromquist, Andy Davis

Second Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Dan Holtmeyer, Andrea Johnson, Doug Thompson

Third Place

Texarkana Gazette
Lori Dunn, Ashley Gardner

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

Newton County Times, Jasper
Jeff Dezort

Second Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington
Lynn Kutter, Mark Humphrey

Third Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs
Janelle Jessen

Second Place

Nashville News-Leader
Louie Graves, Terrica Hendrix, John Robert Schirmer

Third Place

Wynne Progress
David Owens

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Sheridan Headlight
Tanner Newton

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View

Third Place

Hot Springs Village Voice

Coverage of Politics

Smaller Dailies

First Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Tracy Whitaker, Tara Thomas

Second Place

Paragould Daily Press
Gary Exelby, Steve Gillespie

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Dana Guthrie, Sarah Perry

Larger Dailies

First Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
David Showers, Steven Mross

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette
Karl Richter

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Michael R. Wickline, Rachel Herzog

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

North Little Rock Times
Dale Ellis

Second Place

Stuttgart Daily Leader

Third Place

Washington County Enterprise Leader, Farmington
Lynn Kutter

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello
Ashley Foreman, Harold Coggins

Second Place

Wynne Progress
David Owens

Third Place

Carroll County News, Berryville
Samantha Jones, Scott Loftis and Kelby Newcomb

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Preston Tolliver, Rod Harrington

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Rick Kron, Jeffrey Smith

Third Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View

General Excellence

Smaller Dailies

8 newspapers, 308 entries

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Third Place

Harrison Daily Times, Harrison

Larger Dailies

6 newspapers, 325 entries

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock

Second Place

NW Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville

Third Place

Texarkana Gazette, Texarkana

Smaller Weeklies

11 newspapers, 329 entries

First Place

*Washington County Enterprise Leader,
Farmington*

Second Place

North Little Rock Times

Third Place

Spring River Chronicle, Hardy

Honorable Mention

Stuttgart Daily Leader

Medium Weeklies

6 newspapers, 206 entries

First Place

Herald-Leader, Siloam Springs

Second Place

Advance-Monticellonian, Monticello

Third Place

Carroll County News, Berryville

Larger Weeklies

8 newspapers, 311 entries

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

Second Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville

Third Place

Stone County Leader, Mountain View

Members of the North Carolina Press Association selected winners from 14 daily newspapers submitting 633 entries and 25 weekly newspapers submitting 946 entries.