2022 BETTER NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL CONTEST

Winners

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NEWS STORY

Smaller Dailies
First Place
The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Greg Geary
We've pretty much shut down

Second Place
Malvern Daily Record
Virginia Pitts
Ancient trash pit found in county, leads to further archaeological finds

Third Place
El Dorado News-Times
Matt Hutcheson
County resident helps secure $2.1M rural internet grant

Honorable Mention
Pine Bluff Commercial
Byron Tate
Interim police chief’s liquor license at stake

Larger Dailies
First Place
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Ashton Eley
Deputy kills teenage driver at traffic stop
Winner of the Charles Gordon Newman Prize for distinguished news story

Second Place
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Ron Wood
Prosecutor: Virus aided Cash’s release

Third Place
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Tess Vrbin, Staci Vandagriff
Storms rip state; deaths put at 2

Smaller Weeklies
First Place
Montgomery County News, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
Charting a new course at Caddo Hills

Second Place
Newton County Times, Jasper
Terri Ivie Smith
Farm to School program gaining popularity

Third Place
Newton County Times, Jasper
Jeff Dezort
Bass Pro officials reveal plans for ‘Dogpatch’

Honorable Mention
Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Carrie Johnson
Izard County man arrested

Larger Weeklies
First Place
The Madison County Record, Huntsville
Celia Kreth
Fire destroys Walker’s Tire

Second Place
The Madison County Record, Huntsville
Ellen Kreth
Mayor demands “couth”

Third Place
The Leader, Jacksonville
Rick Kron
Local hero dies after collision

Honorable Mention
The Madison County Record, Huntsville
Rod Harrington
Family dispute leads to homicides

Medium Weeklies
First Place
Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
Highland School District sued for abuse of handicap child

Second Place
Advance Monticellonian
Melissa Orrell
Monticello Police Department awards

Third Place
Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
Lawsuit contends collusion between SID and ALC

Honorable Mention
Nashville News-Leader
Louie Graves
Dierks police chief resigns after wrecking police vehicle
**Smaller Dailies**

First Place  
*Pine Bluff Commercial*  
Byron Tate  
First confirmed case recalled

Second Place  
*Pine Bluff Commercial*  
Byron Tate  
Loving family had to let go

Third Place  
*El Dorado News-Times*  
Tia Lyons  
Mother recalls life of slain son  

Honorable Mention  
*Malvern Daily Record*  
Sarah Perry  
Mother hopes to raise awareness, honor daughter’s memory

**Larger Dailies**

First Place  
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville*  
Dave Perozek, Tracy Neal  
Ten years past the tornado

Second Place  
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock*  
Bill Bowden  
Ivory-billed extinct again

Third Place  
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock*  
Teresa Moss  
A closed door, and a prayer

**Smaller Weeklies**

First Place  
*The Helena World*  
John Charles Edwards  
The Amazing History of William H Grey

Second Place  
*Newton County Times, Jasper*  
Jeff Dezort  
Lavender farm has sweet smell of success

Third Place  
*Pocahontas Star Herald*  
John Allen French  
From filling prescriptions to filling vases

**Larger Weeklies**

First Place  
*The Leader, Jacksonville*  
Rick Kron  
Goodwill discovers WWII love letters

Second Place  
*Stone County Leader, Mountain View*  
Steve Watkins  
Dulcimer owner claims repaired instrument

Third Place  
*The Leader, Jacksonville*  
Deb Horn  
The Cult

**Medium Weeklies**

First Place  
*Carroll County News, Berryville*  
Robert Cox  
Medford reflects on nearly 60-year career

Second Place  
*Carroll County News, Berryville*  
Samantha Jones  
Flint Street Fellowship food bank feeds local needs

Third Place  
*Wynne Progress*  
David Owens  
Home for the holidays

Honorable Mention  
*Carroll County News, Berryville*  
Robert Cox  
HI developer honored with park dedication
SERIES REPORTING

Smaller Dailies

First Place
Pine Bluff Commercial
Eplunus Colvin
George Floyd Verdict

Second Place
Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Kolton Rutherford, Jeanette Stewart
Hungry for Help

Third Place
The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Brandon Smith
Public school districts faced an unprecedented challenge

Larger Dailies

First Place
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Stacy Ryburn, Doug Thompson
Affordable housing

Second Place
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Stephen Simpson
The Great Delta Divide

Third Place
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Tom Sissom, Janelle Jesen
Ivermectin

Smaller Weeklies

First Place
The Helena World
Rick Kennedy, Andrew Bagley
Dirty Cleaning in HWHSD

Second Place
The Helena World
Rick Kennedy
City pay raises

Third Place
Newton County Times, Jasper
Jeff Dezort
Jasper tourism and promotion commission

Larger Weeklies

First Place
The Madison County Record, Huntsville
Ellen Kreth, Shannon Hahn, Celia Kreth
Title IX

Second Place
Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Steve Watkins
Quest for private club permit

Third Place
The Leader, Jacksonville
Jeffrey Smith
Deputy sheriff shot teen

Medium Weeklies

First Place
Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
Davidlee Stansbury murder coverage

Second Place
Carroll County News, Berryville
Robert Cox
Reagan manhunt

Third Place
Carroll County News, Berryville
Samantha Jones
COVID impact in Eureka Springs

Honorable Mention
Wynne Progress
David Owens
County Jail
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

All Dailies

First Place
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Kat Stromquist, Eric Besson, Ginny Monk
Center for Youth

Second Place
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Ginny Monk
Children in Peril

Third Place
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Tracy Neal
Jail books

All Weeklies

First Place
The Madison County Record, Huntsville
Ellen Kreth, Shannon Hahn, Celia Kreth
Title IX and Huntsville School District
(Winner of the IF Stone Award)

Second Place
Carroll County News, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Advertising and Promotion Commission

Third Place
The Madison County Record, Huntsville
Ellen Kreth, Shannon Hahn, Celia Kreth
School Board Violates FOIA
Smaller Dailies

First Place
*El Dorado News-Times*
Tia Lyons
City of El Dorado beat

Second Place
*Log Cabin Democrat*, Conway
Kolton Rutherford
Government beat

Third Place
*The Sentinel-Record*, Hot Springs
Brandon Smith
Education beat

Smaller Weeklies

First Place
*The Helena World*
Andrew Bagley
School Beat

Second Place
*The Helena World*
Rick Kennedy
City Council Beat

Third Place
*Newton County Times*, Jasper
Jeff Dezort
Education Beat

Honorable Mention
*Pacesetting Times*, Horseshoe Bend
Carrie Johnson
Police Beat

Larger Dailies

First Place
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock
Frank Lockwood
Politics beat

Second Place
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock
Joseph Flaherty
City Hall beat

Third Place
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville
Tracy Neal
Court-Police beat

Larger Weeklies

First Place
*The Leader*, Jacksonville
Deb Horn
NLR City Beat

Second Place
*Stone County Leader*, Mountain View
Edie Sutterfield
Mountain View School beat

Third Place
*The Leader*, Jacksonville
Rick Kron
Jacksonville City Council

Medium Weeklies

First Place
*Nashville News-Leader*
Don Hall

Second Place
*Spring River Chronicle*, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
Court and Police Beat

Third Place
*Wynne Progress*
David Owens
Law enforcement beat
# COVID BEAT REPORTER

## Smaller Dailies

**First Place**  
*Pine Bluff Commercial*  
Eplunus Colvin

**Second Place**  
*The Daily Citizen*, Searcy  
Greg Geary

**Third Place**  
*The Sentinel-Record*, Hot Springs  
Brandon Smith

## Larger Dailies

**First Place**  
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock  
Andy Davis

**Second Place**  
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville  
Stacy Ryburn

**Third Place**  
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville  
Alex Golden

## All Weeklies

**First Place**  
*Carroll County News*, Berryville  
Samantha Jones

**Second Place**  
*Carroll County News*, Berryville  
Robert Cox

**Third Place**  
*Nashville News-Leader*  
John R. Schirmer
SPORTS NEWS STORY

Smaller Dailies
First Place
The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
James Leigh
Eskew leads Lions to state XC title

Second Place
The Saline Courier, Benton
Tony Lenahan
Lady Panther Perfection

Third Place
Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Andy Robertson
UCA set to join Atlantic Sun Conference in 2021

Honorable Mention
Pine Bluff Commercial
I.C. Murrell
Golden Lions extend season’s unbeaten start

The Saline Courier, Benton
Tony Lenahan
Lady Miners have new face, new pace

Larger Dailies
First Place
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Chip Souza
Shiloh Christian, Arkadelphia one to remember

Second Place
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Chip Souza
Witte delivers for Fayetteville

Third Place
Texarkana Gazette
Josh Richert
PG Hawks squeeze out state title on sacrifice fly

Smaller Weeklies
First Place
Montgomery County News, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
Third times the charm

Second Place
Montgomery County News, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
Leaving it all on the floor

Third Place
Newton County Times, Jasper
Jeff Brasel
Ozark Mountain bows out of quarterfinals

Honorable Mention
The Helena World
Andrew Bagley
Desoto does it

Larger Weeklies
First Place
The Leader, Jacksonville
Ray Benton
Wildcats take over in the fourth

Second Place
The Leader, Jacksonville
Ray Benton
Toughness marks Jacksonville’s road

Third Place
Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Lady Rebels win district

Medium Weeklies
First Place
Carroll County News, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Purple Reign

Second Place
Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Angelia Roberts
First time bear hunter hooked

Third Place
Clay County Courier, Corning
Pam Lowe
Shelton hired as Corning head football coach
SPORTS FEATURE STORY

**Smaller Dailies**

First Place  
*Malvern Daily Record*  
Gerren Smith  
First ladies of the gridiron

Second Place  
*The Sentinel-Record*, Hot Springs  
Krishnan Collins  
Mendez thrives on diamond

Third Place  
*Harrison Daily Times*  
Rodney Beaver  
Rock steady boxing delivers positive punch to Harrison

**Larger Dailies**

First Place  
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville  
Paul Boyd  
Peak performances

Second Place  
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock  
Tom Murphy  
Low-key Ray likes the quiet

Third Place  
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock  
Bob Holt  
UA band brings noise differently

Honorable Mention  
*The Mountaineer Echo*, Flippin  
Robert Lyons  
Rollin’ with Bolin

**Smaller Weeklies**

First Place  
*The Helena World*  
Tiffany Gant  
Marvell-Elaine’s thrower named coach of the year

Second Place  
*Montgomery County News*, Mount Ida  
Dewayne Holloway  
Local boxer hopes her success opens the door for other girls

Third Place  
*The Helena World*  
Fred Conley  
Adams makes transition from NWA to Delta

**Larger Weeklies**

First Place  
*The Leader*, Jacksonville  
Ray Benton  
Buck stops for no one

Second Place  
*The Leader*, Jacksonville  
Ray Benton  
Former Hog instills more than games

Third Place  
*The Madison County Record*, Huntsville  
Rod Harrington  
Best friends help coach Huntsville hoops team

**Medium Weeklies**

First Place  
*Wynne Progress*  
Dan Brawner  
Campbell left lasting legacy

Second Place  
*Spring River Chronicle*, Hardy  
Tammy Curtis  
Highland Rebels 2022 season  
Coach Wiggins

Third Place  
*Wynne Progress*  
Dan Brawner  
Restarting streak
SPORTS COLUMN

Smaller Dailies

First Place
Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Andy Robertson
Public versus private: The great high school football debate

Second Place
The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Bob Wisener
Hogs-Rebs series filled with history

Third Place
Harrison Daily Times
Jeff Brasel
I yelled run in my mind

Larger Dailies

First Place
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Rick Fires
Think you can do better?
Become a coach

Second Place
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Rick Fires
College transfer portal in full swing

Third Place
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette,
Little Rock
Wally Hall
Texas animosity skipped

Smaller Weeklies

First Place
Newton County Times, Jasper
Staff
Scholarship season is beginning soon

Second Place
Newton County Times, Jasper
Jeff Brasel
It is time for athletes to focus

Third Place
The Helena World
Rick Kennedy
There is nothing like the magic of football in the fall

Medium/Large Weeklies

First Place
Wynne Progress
David Owens
Remembering Bobby

Second Place
The Madison County Record, Huntsville
Rod Harrington
Children need to be active

Third Place
Carroll County News, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Competitive equity

Honorable Mention
Carroll County News, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Big guys make all the difference
EDITORIAL

**Smaller Dailies**

First Place  
**Pine Bluff Commercial**  
Byron Tate  
Utility falling short on promises of help

Second Place  
**The Daily Citizen**, Searcy  
Steve Watts  
Don’t tear down, build up

Third Place  
**Log Cabin Democrat**, Conway  
Jeanette Stewart  
Parents try to rehash March mask-ness

**Smaller Weeklies**

First Place  
**The Helena World**  
Andrew Bagley  
A system in crisis

Second Place  
**The Helena World**  
Andrew Bagley  
HWH school board should say pledge

Third Place  
**Pacesetting Times**, Horseshoe Bend  
Karen Sherrell  
Shop small business Saturday

**Larger Dailies**

First Place  
**Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette**, Fayetteville  
Greg Harton  
A point of privilege

Winner of the  
**The Freeman-Greenberg Prize**  
for distinguished editorial writing

Second Place  
**Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette**, Fayetteville  
Greg Harton  
Dying on Tulsa time

Third Place  
**Arkansas Democrat-Gazette**, Little Rock  
David Barham  
Questionable questions editorial

**Larger Weeklies**

First Place  
**The Madison County Record**, Huntsville  
The Madison County Record  
Editorial Board  
Record's statement on its motion to intervene

Second Place  
**Hot Springs Village Voice**  
Jeff Meek  
Knowledge, truth and digital/social media

Third Place  
**Stone County Leader**, Mountain View  
Rusty Fraser, Lori Freeze  
Explanation of delay
NEWS AND POLITICAL COLUMN

Smaller Dailies
First Place
The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Steve Watts
No recording to fuel fire

Second Place
The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Clay Farrar
Old hospital is a federal responsibility

Third Place
The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Steve Watts
Ugly is better than arbitrary

Larger Dailies
First Place
Texarkana Gazette
Karl Richter
Aaron Brand proved ‘the media’ is not a thing

Second Place
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
John Brummett
Someone’s doing something

Third Place
Texarkana Gazette
Karl Richter
Remember frightening ‘Forget the Alamo’ backlash

Smaller Weeklies
First Place
The Helena World
Rick Kennedy
COVID confusion eroding confidence in institutions

Second Place
Pocahontas Star Herald
Billy Carroll
Here and There...by WNC

Third Place
Pocahontas Star Herald
Billy Carroll
Here and There...by WNC

Honorable Mention
The Helena World
Rick Kennedy
Is the country nearing a new Civil War

Larger Weeklies
First Place
The Madison County Record, Huntsville
Ellen Kreth
Coroner bill causes worry

Second Place
The Leader, Jacksonville
Rick Kron
Admit when you’re wrong

Third Place
The Madison County Record, Huntsville
Rod Harrington
Behavior shameful, criminal

Honorable Mention
Hot Springs Village Voice
Lewis Delavan
Boater ed could lead to safer lakes

Medium Weeklies
First Place
Carroll County News, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Intentionally ignorant

Second Place
Carroll County News, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Playing politics with a pandemic

Third Place
Clay County Courier, Corning
Pam Lowe
Stewardship

Honorable Mention
Wynne Progress
David Owens
Sign wars and eye sores
GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN

**Smaller Dailies**

**First Place**  
*The Sentinel-Record*, Hot Springs  
Harry Porter  
The write time

**Second Place**  
*Log Cabin Democrat*, Conway  
Jordan Woodson  
‘Encanto’ isn’t perfect … but maybe that’s the point?

**Third Place**  
*The Daily Citizen*, Searcy  
Steve Watts  
1,000 miles away on Father’s Day

**Larger Dailies**

**First Place**  
*Texarkana Gazette*  
Karl Richter  
A classic song that captures, compels emotion

**Second Place**  
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock  
Karen Martin  
The evolution of ‘right to repair’

**Third Place**  
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville  
Rickey Booker Jr.  
Stop denying reality

**Smaller Weeklies**

**First Place**  
*South Arkansas Sun*, Hampton  
Jeri Shire  
This old house

**Second Place**  
*Pacesetting Times*, Horseshoe Bend  
Glynda Lomax  
When life doesn’t follow your plan

**Third Place**  
*Pacesetting Times*, Horseshoe Bend  
Glynda Lomax  
The love of your life

**Larger Weeklies**

**First Place**  
*Stone County Leader*, Mountain View  
Steve Watkins  
Rural roots

**Second Place**  
*The Madison County Record*, Huntsville  
Rod Harrington  
Remembering wormy

**Third Place**  
*The Madison County Record*, Huntsville  
Rod Harrington  
I just don’t understand

**Medium Weeklies**

**First Place**  
*Carroll County News*, Berryville  
Robert Cox  
We’ll be OK

**Second Place**  
*Carroll County News*, Berryville  
Robert Cox  
Hard to hear

**Third Place**  
*Clay County Courier*, Corning  
Pam Lowe  
How to repay a debt

**Honorable Mention**  
*Pocahontas Star Herald*  
John Allen French  
Speaking French: various visits
HUMOROUS COLUMN

All Dailies
First Place
The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Staff
Unsolved TV murders

Second Place
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Helaine R. Williams
Recalling ‘momisms’ of long ago

Third Place
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Gary Smith
Touting his horn

Medium Weeklies
First Place
Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
Anti Hallmark it please

Second Place
Carroll County News, Berryville
Robert Cox
Trick or treat, smell my feet

Third Place
Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Mack Thompson
Eulogy to common sense

Honorable Mention
Nashville News-Leader
Louie Graves
Spider at my feet

Larger Weeklies
First Place
The Leader, Jacksonville
Rick Kron
I’m proof that men are dumb

Second Place
Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Potentially purrfect business op

Third Place
The Leader, Jacksonville
Rick Kron
Even disasters make holiday memories

Smaller Weeklies
First Place
South Arkansas Sun, Hampton
Jeri Shire
Up close look

Second Place
South Arkansas Sun, Hampton
Jeri Shire
Homecoming pants

Third Place
Pocahontas Star Herald
John Allen French
Speaking French: Christmas review
FREELANCE RECOGNITION

**Smaller Dailies**

First Place
*The Sentinel-Record*, Hot Springs
Corbet Deary
Devil’s Den State Park

Second Place
*The Daily Citizen*, Searcy
Mel Suiter
More than throwing punches

Third Place
*The Daily Citizen*, Searcy
Amanda Hourt
Theater having ‘Sweet and Salty’ reopening

**Larger Dailies**

First Place
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville
Andrew Joseph
The charitable son

Second Place
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville
Robert Stewart
A head for style

Third Place
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock
Jerry Butler
Nothin’ shakin’

**All Weeklies**

First Place
*The Leader*, Jacksonville
Jim Harris
Youth shooting sports are back

Second Place
*Spring River Chronicle*, Hardy
Andrea Bruner
Out of this world vision

Third Place
*The Helena World*
Terri Hall
Hickory Hill named tier one
COVID-19 pharmacy
Smaller Dailies

First Place
*Log Cabin Democrat*, Conway
Jordan Woodson
Price is right at Greenbrier spelling bee

Second Place
*The Saline Courier*, Benton
Josh Briggs
Big Blue Whew

Third Place
*The Daily Citizen*, Searcy
Steve Watts, Teresa Mason
Sleeping to the Sound of Silas

Honorable Mention
*Batesville Daily Guard*
Sara Greene
Felon flees to field, gets found

Smaller Weeklies

First Place
*Montgomery County News*, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
Water leaks leave Norman high and dry

Second Place
*The Helena World*
Rick Kennedy
School board engages in ‘dirty’ cleaning business

Third Place
*Montgomery County News*, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
Mayor clears the air regarding trash cans

Honorable Mention
*The Helena World*
Rick Kennedy
Busing crisis rolls into HWH school district

Larger Dailies

First Place
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville
Laurinda Joenks
Traffic panel takes drivers head on

Second Place
*Texarkana Gazette*
Les Minor
Officials aren’t buying marshmallow roast as source in arson arrest

Third Place
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock
Sandra Tyler
Star Wars fans dress as characters to Oh, be one

Honorable Mention
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock
Emily Gist, Kelly Brant
Cake worth the buzz

Larger Weeklies

First Place
*Stone County Leader*, Mountain View
Steve Watkins
Potentially purrfect business op

Second Place
*The Leader*, Jacksonville
Jonathan Feldman
Putting brakes on Jacksonville ride service

Third Place
*The Leader, Jacksonville*
Jonathan Feldman
Petition to ban food trucks steams some

Medium Weeklies

First Place
*Carroll County News*, Berryville
Scott Loftis
FAA red-lights drag racing at county airport

Second Place
*Nashville News-Leader*
John R. Schirmer
‘Once a Scrapper ....’ Former Nashville homecoming queens look back

Third Place
*Carroll County News*, Berryville
Scott Loftis
Purple Reign
**Smaller Dailies**

**First Place**
*Harrison Daily Times*
Lee H. Dunlap
Single vehicle wreck

**Second Place**
*Pine Bluff Commercial*
Byron Tate
For area home, trees strike twice

**Third Place**
*The Sentinel-Record*, Hot Springs
Richard Rasmussen
Morning fire

**Honorable Mention**
*Malvern Daily Record*
Virginia Pitts
Helicopter training

*The Daily Citizen*, Searcy
Greg Geary
Can you see me now?

**Smaller Weeklies**

**First Place**
*Montgomery County News*, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
Liberty takes flight

**Second Place**
*Pacesetting Times*, Horseshoe Bend
Carrie Johnson
Controlled burn

**Third Place**
*Pacesetting Times*, Horseshoe Bend
Karen Sherrell
Total loss

**Larger Dailies**

**First Place**
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock
Stephen Swofford
Survivors weigh storm’s toll

**Second Place**
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville
Andy Shupe
Berryville firefighters have busy night

**Third Place**
*Advance Monticellonian*
Amy Hogue
Drew County braces for more rain

**Honorable Mention**
*Carroll County News*, Berryville
Robert Cox
1 person dead after reported break-in, fire

*Spring River Chronicle*, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
Veterans honored at vet service

**Medium Weeklies**

**First Place**
*Carroll County News*, Berryville
Samantha Jones
ESHS graduation

**Second Place**
*Carroll County News*, Berryville
Robert Cox
Berryville firefighters have busy night

**Third Place**
*Advance Monticellonian*
Amy Hogue
Drew County braces for more rain

**Larger Weeklies**

**First Place**
*The Leader*, Jacksonville
David Scollie
Graduation celebration

**Second Place**
*Stone County Leader*, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Memorial Day

**Third Place**
*Stone County Leader*, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
New sidewalk
FEATURE PHOTO

**Smaller Dailies**

**First Place**
The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Greg Geary
'The best part is the sweets ...'

**Second Place**
The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Richard Rasmussen
'A work of art'

**Third Place**
Harrison Daily Times
Lee H. Dunlap
Farmers market open

**Honorable Mention**
Harrison Daily Times
Lee H. Dunlap
Rappelling

**Smaller Weeklies**

**First Place**
Pocahontas Star Herald
John Allen French
Hang on Dad!!

**Second Place**
Montgomery County News, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
The parade can wait

**Third Place**
Montgomery County News, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
On a wing and a prayer

**Honorable Mention**
Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Donell Russell
Frigid temps

**Larger Dailies**

**First Place**
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Stephen Swofford
Riding blind

**Second Place**
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Charlie Kaijo
The cool kids

**Third Place**
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Thomas Metthe
Dancing with flare

**Larger Weeklies**

**First Place**
The Madison County Record, Huntsville
Rod Harrington
Huntsville hosts parade, rodeo

**Second Place**
The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scolli
Upside down girl

**Third Place**
Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Festival pickers

**Honorable Mention**
Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Rainbow and hay field

**Medium Weeklies**

**First Place**
Carroll County News, Berryville
David Bell
Ice cream social

**Second Place**
Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
Cave City Watermelon Festival draws huge crowd

**Third Place**
Nashville News-Leader
Don Hall
Blacksmith shop

**Honorable Mention**
Wynne Progress
Teresa Lee
Cruising downtown
SPORTS ACTION PHOTO

Smaller Dailies
First Place
The Saline Courier, Benton
Christie Heidelberg
Miners try to snap skid on road

Second Place
The Saline Courier, Benton
Braeden Botts
Big night in Benton

Third Place
The Saline Courier, Benton
Greg Davis
Upended

Honorable Mention
The Saline Courier, Benton
Blake Fogleman
Clean sweep

Smaller Weeklies
First Place
Montgomery County News, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
They really want that ball

Second Place
Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Bobby Stapleton
Hard charging

Third Place
Montgomery County News, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
Watch Out

Honorable Mention
Newton County Times, Jasper
Jeff Brasel
Kingston sweeps Deer away

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Missy McBride
Close call

Larger Dailies
First Place
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Charlie Kaijo
Perry’s HR, defense boost Bentonville

Second Place
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Stephen Swofford
Making a splash at the races

Third Place
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Staci Vandagriff
Class 5A Track

Larger Weeklies
First Place
The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scollie
Pole vaulter and long jumper

Second Place
The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scollie
Homeplate tag

Third Place
The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scollie
Battle for rebound

Honorable Mention
Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Caught!

Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Rusty Fraser
Football

Medium Weeklies
First Place
Carroll County News, Berryville
Charles Chappell
Fumble recovery

Second Place
Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer
Mattison Steele slides in for Nashville’s second run

Third Place
Carroll County News, Berryville
Charles Chappell
Off balance

Honorable Mention
Carroll County News, Berryville
Robert Cox
Fourth-down stop
SPORTS FEATURE PHOTO

Small Dailies
First Place
**The Daily Citizen**, Searcy
Al Fowler
Jumping, running to new heights

Second Place
**The Sentinel-Record**, Hot Springs
Richard Rasmussen
Galindo, Bentonville dominate 6A girls XC finals

Third Place
**The Daily Citizen**, Searcy
Mark Buffalo
Fit for a champion

Honorable Mention
**The Saline Courier**, Benton
Angela Hoover
Lady Panthers reload with talent, depth

Small Weeklies
First Place
**Pacesetting Times**, Horseshoe Bend
Bobby Stapleton
Long Horn jubilation

Second Place
**Montgomery County News**, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
The Mount Ida Lions dugout

Third Place
**Montgomery County News**, Mount Ida
Dewayne Holloway
I think we're done til Friday

Honorable Mention
**Pacesetting Times**, Horseshoe Bend
Bobby Stapleton
All out race

Large Dailies
First Place
**Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette**, Fayetteville
Charlie Kaijo
Sunday softball

Second Place
**Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette**, Fayetteville
Andy Shupe
Rough riding

Third Place
**Texarkana Gazette**
Kelsi Brinkmeyer
Spectacle on Wheels

Large Weeklies
First Place
**Stone County Leader**, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Special Olympics

Second Place
**The Leader**, Jacksonville
David Scollie
High five

Third Place
**The Leader**, Jacksonville
David Scollie
Football spin

Medium Weeklies
First Place
**Nashville News-Leader**
John R. Schirmer
Time to celebrate

Second Place
**Carroll County News**, Berryville
Robert Cox
Lions Club scholarship rodeo

Third Place
**Carroll County News**, Berryville
Robert Cox
Roughstock challenge
2022 Arkansas Press Association Photo of the Year

*The Leader*, Jacksonville
David Scollie
Pole vaulter and long jumper
PICTURE PAGE PHOTO ESSAY

**Smaller Dailies**

First Place
*The Daily Citizen*, Searcy
Al Fowler
Spreading thankfulness

Second Place
*Harrison Daily Times*
Rodney Beaver, Samantha Harness
Class 3A State Champions

Third Place
*Harrison Daily Times*
Lee H. Dunlap, Samantha Harness
Carried away

**Smaller Weeklies**

First Place
*The Helena World*
Rick Kennedy
West Side Elementary

Second Place
*Pacesetting Times*, Horseshoe Bend
Karen Sherrell
Climbing to success

Third Place
*The Helena World*
Andrew Bagley
Delta Dirt Distillery

Honorable Mention
*Pocahontas Star Herald*
John Allen French
It’s Christmas in Pocahontas

**Larger Dailies**

First Place
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville
Charlie Kaijo
Comfort in the uncomfortable

Second Place
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville
Andy Shupe
Pride parade

Third Place
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock
Thomas Metthe
Back in the saddle again

**Larger Weeklies**

First Place
*Stone County Leader*, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
Youth baseball

Second Place
*The Leader*, Jacksonville
David Scollie
Jacksonville kids tackle obstacle course

Third Place
*Stone County Leader*, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
State finals

Honorable Mention
*Stone County Leader*, Mountain View
Lori Freeze
County fair

**Medium Weeklies**

First Place
*Spring River Chronicle*, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
Daddy daughter dance

Second Place
*Advance Monticellonian*
Advance Monticellonian
Senior Citizens Independence Day

Third Place
*Wynne Progress*
David Owens
FarmFest
BEST FRONT PAGE DESIGN

All Dailies

First Place
The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Staff

Second Place
Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Staff

Third Place
Harrison Daily Times
Samantha Harness

Medium Weeklies

First Place
Carroll County News, Berryville
Robert Cox

Second Place
Wynne Progress
Staff

Third Place
Nashville News-Leader
John Balch, Don Hall, John R. Schirmer

Larger Weeklies

First Place
Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Lori Freeze

Second Place
The Leader, Jacksonville
Staff

Third Place
The Madison County Record,
Huntsville
Rod Harrington, Opal Dennis, and Shannon Hahn

Smaller Weeklies

First Place
The Mountaineer Echo
Denise Fuller, Robert Lyons, Peggy Mason

Second Place
Newton County Times, Jasper
Samantha Harness

Third Place
The Helena World
Staff
**GRAPHIC DESIGN PORTFOLIO**

**Smaller Dailies**

First Place  
*Malvern Daily Record*  
Gerren Smith

Second Place  
*Harrison Daily Times*  
Samantha Harness

Third Place  
*The Saline Courier*, Benton  
Tony Lenahan

**Larger Dailies**

First Place  
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock  
Stan Denman

Second Place  
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock  
Heather Kersten

Third Place  
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville  
Chris Swindle

**All Weeklies**

First Place  
*Pacesetting Times*, Horseshoe Bend  
Carrie Johnson

Second Place  
*Spring River Chronicle*, Hardy  
Tammy Curtis

Third Place  
*Nashville News-Leader*  
John R. Schirmer
## BEST DIGITAL PRESENCE & AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT

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## COMMUNITY COVERAGE:
### AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS

**All Dailies**

First Place  
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock  
Staff

Second Place  
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville  
Doug Thompson, Dave Perozek

Third Place  
*The Sentinel-Record*, Hot Springs  
David Showers, Mark Gregory

**Small/Medium Weeklies**

First Place  
*Carroll County News*, Berryville  
Scott Loftis, Robert Cox

Second Place  
*Nashville News-Leader*  
Louie Graves, John R. Schirmer

Third Place  
*Pacesetting Times*, Horseshoe Bend  
Karen Sherrell, Carrie Johnson, Maryann Wegenke

**Larger Weeklies**

First Place  
*The Madison County Record*, Huntsville  
Rod Harrington

Second Place  
*The Leader*, Jacksonville  
Jeffrey Smith, John Hofheimer

Third Place  
*Stone County Leader*, Mountain View  
Steve Watkins
COMMUNITY COVERAGE: EDUCATION

Smaller Dailies

First Place
*The Saline Courier*, Benton
Elisha Morrison

Second Place
*The Sentinel-Record*, Hot Springs
Brandon Smith

Third Place
*Malvern Daily Record*
Virginia Pitts

Smaller Weeklies

First Place
*The Helena World*
Andrew Bagley, Terri Hall, Rick Kennedy

Second Place
*Newton County Times*, Jasper
Jeff Dezort

Third Place
*Pacesetting Times*, Horseshoe Bend
Staff

Larger Dailies

First Place
*Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Fayetteville
Mary Jordan, Dave Perozek

Second Place
*Texarkana Gazette*
Andrew Bell

Third Place
*Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Little Rock
Cynthia Howell, Jaime Adame, Bill Bowden

Larger Weeklies

First Place
*The Madison County Record*, Huntsville
Rod Harrington

Second Place
*The Leader*, Jacksonville
John Hofheimer, Rick Kron

Third Place
*Stone County Leader*, Mountain View
Staff

Medium Weeklies

First Place
*Nashville News-Leader*
John R. Schirmer

Second Place
*Carroll County News*, Berryville
Robert Cox, Samantha Jones

Third Place
*Spring River Chronicle*, Hardy
Tammy Curtis
COMMUNITY COVERAGE:
HEALTH AND MEDICAL

All Dailies
First Place
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Staff
Second Place
Pine Bluff Commercial
Eplunus Colvin, Byron Tate
Third Place
El Dorado News-Times
Caitlan Butler, Tia Lyons

Smaller Weeklies
First Place
Newton County Times, Jasper
Staff
Second Place
The Helena World
Rick Kennedy, Andrew Bagley, Terri Hall
Third Place
Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Linda Smith

Medium Weeklies
First Place
Wynne Progress
David Owens, Dan Brawner
Second Place
Carroll County News, Berryville
Robert Cox, Samantha Jones
Third Place
Nashville News-Leader
John R. Schirmer

Larger Weeklies
First Place
The Madison County Record, Huntsville
Rod Harrington
Second Place
The Leader, Jacksonville
Rick Kron, Jeffrey Smith, John Hofheimer
Third Place
Stone County Leader, Mountain View
Staff
GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Smaller Dailies
First Place  The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Second Place The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Third Place Pine Bluff Commercial
Honorable Mention The Saline Courier, Benton

Larger Dailies
First Place  Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Fayetteville
Second Place Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Third Place Texarkana Gazette

Smaller Weeklies
First Place  The Helena World
Second Place Montgomery County News, Mount Ida
Third Place Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend

Medium Weeklies
First Place  Carroll County News, Berryville
Second Place Spring River Chronicle, Hardy
Third Place Nashville News-Leader

Larger Weeklies
First Place  The Leader, Jacksonville
Second Place Madison County Record, Huntsville
Third Place Stone County Leader, Mountain View

TOTAL OF 1066 ENTRIES SUBMITTED FROM 30 NEWSPAPERS. JUDGED BY THE WISCONSIN NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION.