



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

ADVERTISING WINNERS

Best Advertising Idea

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Barry Anderson, Brandon Heinrichs, *Willows anniversary ad*

Second Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Brandon Heinrichs, *Willows tri-tip map*

Third Place

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska
Carrie Pitzer & Kimberly Large, *County News & Coffee*

Honorable Mention

ETV News, Price, Utah
Jamie Swank, *Castle Gate Mining*



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Best Advertorial or Sponsored Editorial

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Ellen Miller Goins, *Success Stories*

Second Place

Preston Hollow People, Dallas, Texas
Preston Hollow People, *BestAdvertorialorSponsoredEditorial_PHPJun2024pg1_ConciergeMedicalTeam*

Third Place

West Milford (New York) Messenger
Molly Colgan & Kayla Hartigan, *Locals turn to Jersey Roots*



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Best Classified Section

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Mary Chavez, *Taos News Classifieds Section*

Second Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Jason Plowman, *Classifieds*

Third Place

Wright County Journal, Mountain Grove, Missouri
Ron Schott, *Best Classified Section WCJ*

Honorable Mention

Gillette (Wyoming) News Record
JR Study, Mallory Schenach, *Best Classified Section*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Best Holiday Ad

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska
Carrie Pitzer, *Seven Beers Ago*

Second Place

Fairbury (Nebraska) Journal-News
Jennifer Lewis, *Bacon Spirits Bright*

Third Place

Gillette (Wyoming) News Record
JR Study, *2024 Winter Walk*

Honorable Mention

Grant County Herald, Elbow Lake, Minnesota
Christine Jacobson, Ashton Hagen, April Franken, *Christmas Ads*



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Best Holiday Ad

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999

First Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Mike Anderson, *The Gift of Leelanau*

Second Place

The Journal-News, Hillsboro, Illinois
Mary (Galer) Herschelman, *First Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro*

Third Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Jason Rodriguez, *Larry Martinez Jewelers*



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Best Multiple Advertiser Section

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Henriette Corn, Emily Lavin, *Home, Spring 2024*

Second Place

The Edgerton (Wisconsin) Reporter
Diane Everson, *The Tobacco Days Issue*

Third Place

The Edgerton (Wisconsin) Reporter
Diane Everson, Dave Wedeward, *Edgerton Winter Sports Preview 2024*



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Best Multiple Advertiser Section

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999

First Place

The Journal-News, Hillsboro, Illinois
Staff, *Holiday Gift Guide*

Second Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Leelanau Enterprise Staff, *Salute to Cherries*

Third Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Jason Rodriguez, *Enchanted Circle Map*

Honorable Mention

The News-Gazette, Lexington, Virginia
Matt Paxton, *Shop Downtown Staunton*



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Best Multiple Advertiser Section

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

First Place

Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas

Park Cities People, *BestMultipleAdvertiserSection_PCPSept2024_PCFootballPreview*

Second Place

Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas

Park Cities People, *BestMultipleAdvertiserSection_April2024_UP100*

Third Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California

Marvin Ancheta, Melanie Dela Cruz, *Real Estate 3-1-24*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
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Best Newspaper Promotion

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

News Letter Journal, New Castle, Wyoming
Amy Menerey, *Break our website*

Second Place

The Mountain-Ear, Nederland, Colorado
Jessica LaFone, *Holiday Lights 2024*

Third Place

Knox County News, Bloomfield, Nebraska
Shelby Pitzer & Kimberly Large, *County News & Coffee*

Honorable Mention

Stanton (Nebraska) Register
Carrie Pitzer, *Road Rally*



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Best Newspaper Promotion

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999

First Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News

Chris Wood, *Land Water People Time*

Second Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News

Jason Rodriguez, *Ski Pioneers*

Third Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan

Mike Anderson, *Perfect Day at the Beach*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Best Public Notice Section

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Melanie Dela Cruz, *Public Notices 1/19/24*

Second Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Mary Chavez, *Taos News Public Notices*

Third Place

Gazebo Gazette, Pass Christian, Mississippi
Hunter Dawkins, *Gazebo Gazette Public Notice Section*

Honorable Mention

The Daily Washington Law Reporter, Baltimore, Maryland
Donald J. Nichols, *Daily Washington Law Reporter*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Best Real Estate Ad

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Marvin Ancheta, *Wilbur Properties*

Second Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Jason Plowman, *Featured Realtor*

Third Place

Gazebo Gazette, Pass Christian, Mississippi
Hunter Dawkins, *Gazebo Gazette Best Real Estate Ad - Amy Wood Properties*

Honorable Mention

Cedar Valley News, Greeley, Nebraska
Kimberly Large, *Transferrable Groundwater*



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List of Winners

Best Restaurant Ad

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Brandon Heinrichs, *Mike's Diner Bar*

Second Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
S'zanne Reynolds, *The Gorge Bar and Grill*

Third Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
S'zanne Reynolds, *Taos Inn*



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Best Sales Promotion Section or Edition

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

Gillette (Wyoming) News Record
Staff, *2024 Pet Calendar*

Second Place

Gillette (Wyoming) News Record
Staff, *Ads By Kids*

Third Place

Douglas (Wyoming) Budget
Cinthia Stimson, Carrie Calliham, Alisha Carver, staff, *Energy Edition*

Honorable Mention

The Mountain-Ear, Nederland, Colorado
Jessica LaFone, *2024 Pet of the Year*



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List of Winners

Best Series Ad Idea, Black & White

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Shane Atkinson and Jason Rodriguez, *Taos County*

Second Place

Maricopa (Arizona) Monitor
Zoe Cooper, Byron McConnell, *Cypress Point Retirement*

Third Place

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska
Kimberly Large, *Thriftway Market*



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Best Series Ad Idea, Color
Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Brandon Heinrichs, *Care Indeed*

Second Place

Eldridge (Iowa) North Scott Press
Isabelle Kern, *Steve's Mirror and Glass*

Third Place

Sparta Independent, Chester, New York
Christina Scotti, *NJ State Fair*

Honorable Mention

Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas
Tana Hunter, Melanie Thornton, Emma Saldivar, *BestSeriesAdIdea-Color_RescueAir-Spadea_Aug-Oct-Nov-Dec2024*



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Best Single Ad Idea, Black & White

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

Archbold (Ohio) Buckeye
Mary Huber, *Shop Archbold*

Second Place

Rock County Star Herald, Luverne, Minnesota
Heather Johnson, *VBS - Breaker Rock Beach*

Third Place

Casa Grande (Arizona) Dispatch
Brian Kramer, *Pinal County Veterans Memorial Foundation*



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Best Single Ad Idea, Black & White

Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000 or more

First Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
S'zanne Reynolds, *Randall Lumber*

Second Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Kim Draper, *Gold Rush Days*

Third Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Louis Codone, *Fiesta de Taos*

Honorable Mention

Maricopa (Arizona) Monitor
Nick Arnold, *Boys & Girls Club of the Sun Corridor*



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Best Single Ad Idea, Black & White

Daily Division, circ. less than 10,000

First Place

Gillette (Wyoming) News Record
JR Study, *Nelsons Fireplaces*



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Best Single Ad Idea, Color

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

Gazebo Gazette, Pass Christian, Mississippi

Hunter Dawkins, *Gazebo Gazette Best Single Ad, Color - Taste of Long Beach*

Second Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York

Pierce Strudler, *Spring Thrift Sale*

Third Place

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska

Work Anywhere. Live Where You Want., *Carrie Pitzer*

Honorable Mention

Rock County Star Herald, Luverne, Minnesota

Heather Johnson, *It's Planting Season - Pepsi*



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Best Single Ad Idea, Color

Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000 or more

First Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
S'zanne Reynolds, *Taos Pueblo*

Second Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Lindsey Rae, *Mudd and Flood Mountain Shop*

Third Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Chris Wood, *Parsons Gallery*

Honorable Mention

Fredericksburg (Texas) Standard-Radio Post
Barney Kane, *Best Single Ad Idea, Color*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
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Best Small-Page Ad

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska
Angelique Boyer, *Arbor Day*

Second Place

News Letter Journal, New Castle, Wyoming
Amy Menerey, *Black Hills Vigilantes*

Third Place

Casa Grande (Arizona) Dispatch
Zoe Cooper, Byron McConnell, *Cooper Painting Inc.*

Honorable Mention

Casa Grande (Arizona) Dispatch
Zoe Cooper, Byron McConnell, *Tri-Valley Fire Equipment*



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Best Small-Page Ad

Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000 or more

First Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Jason Rodriguez, *Zeke's*

Second Place

Brentwood (California) Press
Andrew Rulloda, Annie Ray, Eric Kinnaird, *Bad Billy Cycles 03-08-2024*

Third Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Sara Kollig, *Earth Oven 1/8 page ad*

Honorable Mention

West Milford (New York) Messenger
Megan Bowen, *Jenti Jewelers*



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Best Small-Page Ad

Daily Division

First Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Marvin Ancheta, *Quinto Sol*

Second Place

Gillette (Wyoming) News Record
JR Study, *Spring Sports / CBH Coop*



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Best Use of Ad Color

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 10,000

First Place

Grant County Herald, Elbow Lake, Minnesota
Christine Jacobson, Ashton Hagen, April Franken, *Grant County Solid Waste*

Second Place

Knox County News, Bloomfield, Nebraska
Angelique Boyer & Shelby Pitzer, *Earth Day*

Third Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Sara Kollig, *Taos Winter Sports Team Ski Swap Full Page Ad*

Honorable Mention

Gillette (Wyoming) News Record
Mallory Schenach, *Days Inn*



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Best Use of Ad Color

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

First Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Brandon Heinrichs, *Palo Alto Blueprint*

Second Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Brandon Heinrichs, *Elia opening*



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Best Use of Local Photography in Ads
Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Shane Atkinson, *Town of Taos*



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EDITORIAL WINNERS

Best Informational Graphic

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000

First Place

Stanton (Nebraska) Register
Angelique Boyer, *Jigowatt Tax Breakdown*

Second Place

Cedar County News, Hartington, Nebraska
Staff, *Best computer graphic – Thermometer*



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List of Winners

Best Informational Graphic

Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999

First Place

Lander Journal, Riverton, Wyoming
Kim Draper, *Crime down, theft persists*

Second Place

Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota
Rick Bussler, *Best Informational Graphic*

Third Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Kevin Hessel, *Tiburon HOA fights to undo accidental tax auction*

Honorable Mention

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Pierce Stradler, *By the Numbers*



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List of Winners

Best Informational Graphic

Non-daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999

First Place

The Baker County Press, Macclenny, Florida
Jessica Prevatt, *Primary Election Results*

Second Place

The Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin
Stacy Bronson, *Johnson County: By the numbers*

Third Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Anita Duran, *Beat the heat*



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List of Winners

Best Informational Graphic

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999

First Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Mike Anderson, Amy Hubbell, *Steaming Through the Years*

Second Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Andy Edwards, *What's allowed on Teton County pathways?*

Third Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Paul Gutches, *October 17, 2024 edition of the Taos News (B8, Gas infographic)*

Honorable Mention

Sparta Independent, Chester, New York
Christina Scotti, *PFAs graphic illustration*



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List of Winners

Best Informational Graphic

Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more

First Place

Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio

David Hartong, *Finding and Raising Monarch Caterpillars*

Second Place

Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio

David Hartong, *ODNR celebrates 75 years*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Localized National Story

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000

First Place

News Letter Journal, New Castle, Wyoming
Mary Stroka, *Salmonella outbreak*

Second Place

Pinedale Roundup
Cali O'Hare, *'Hope' lost and found in Daniel, WY*

Third Place

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma
Mike W. Ray, *Shortage of court reporters affecting regulators, district courts*

Honorable Mention

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma
Mike W. Ray, *26 illegals in Oklahoma are potential candidates for Trump's deportation order*



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List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Localized National Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999

First Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California

Francisco Martinez, *Businesses find ways to cope with rising costs, energy bills*

Second Place

The Alamance News, Graham, North Carolina

Kristy Bailey, *School board lawyer says school board must adopt new national LGBTQ regulations*

Third Place

Lander Journal, Riverton, Wyoming

Marit Gookin, *A Landerite in the West Bank*

Honorable Mention

The Ark, Tiburon, California

Gretchen Lang, *Report emphasizes urgent need to respond to sea-level rise, but peninsula efforts stall*



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Story-Series - Best Localized National Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999

First Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Sarah Squires, *Missing, then murdered*

Second Place

Columbia Gorge News, Hood River, Oregon
TRISHA WALKER, *ALZHEIMER FORUM AND STUDY*

Third Place

The Journal-News, Hillsboro, Illinois
Isaiah Atkins, *Local Mothers Fly Supplies To North Carolina*

Honorable Mention

Newport (Washington) Miner/Gem State Miner
Sophia Aldous, *'In Her Shoes' offers glimpse into effects of domestic violence*



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Story-Series - Best Localized National Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999

First Place

Moonshine (California) Ink

Alex Hoeft, *Election Healing: Reflecting on Contention in Recent Local Races*

Second Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan

Meakalia Previch-Liu, *Twin Flames*

Third Place

Moonshine (California) Ink

Mayumi Peacock, *Bully in the Legislature*



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List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Localized National Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000-14,999

First Place

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas

Dannie Oliveaux, *Trafficking 101: Harvest House educating public about victims in plain sight*

Second Place

Advertiser-News North, Chester, New York

Becca Tucker, *Big Box Country*

Third Place

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas

Barbara Davis, *Sweet beginnings: Jefferson County's Candy Land Adoption Day brings families together*

Honorable Mention

Township Journal, Chester, New York

Molly Colgan, *Chronic absenteeism plagues local schools*



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List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Localized National Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more

First Place

The Maine Monitor, Hallowell, Maine

Emily Bader, *Bucking national trends, a third of Maine towns still count ballots by hand*

Second Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina

Emilee Phillips, *West End Pooch Inducted Into Puppy Bowl Hal of Fame*



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Story-Series - Best Localized National Story

Daily

First Place

Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan
Randy Dockendorf, *Extending A Life Line*

Second Place

Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan
Randy Dockendorf, *At Odds Over 'G'*



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Best Front Page Design

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000

First Place

Herald-Banner, Greenville, Texas

Warren Morrison, *Front Page Design - Greenville 2*

Second Place

The Mountain-Ear, Nederland, Colorado

Jessica LaFone, *Eagles in a runaway victory & Camp ACA Trick-or-Tret*

Third Place

The Observer, Dundee, New York

Brandon Lawson, *The Observer 3-6-24*

Honorable Mention

Clarendon (Texas) Enterprise

Roger Estlack, Tara Allred, *Clarendon Enterprise - May 9, 2025*



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Best Front Page Design

Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999

First Place

Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota
Staff, *Best Front Page Design*

Second Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Kevin Hessel, *The Ark, Sept. 11*

Third Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Pierce Strudler, *Issue of July 5*

Honorable Mention

Douglas (Wyoming) Budget
Matt Adelman, *Front page design*



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Best Front Page Design

Non-daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999

First Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Morgan Jacobson, Zeke Watson, Alexa Lima, *Front Page Design*

Second Place

Rockwall County Herald-Banner, Greenville, Texas
Kent Miller, *Front Page Design - Rockwall 3*

Third Place

The Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin
Stacy Bronson, *Buffalo Bulletin*

Honorable Mention

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Anita Duran, *Ranger front page*



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Best Front Page Design

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999

First Place

Fredericksburg (Texas) Standard-Radio Post
Ken Esten Cooke, *Best Front Page Design*

Second Place

Moonshine (California) Ink
Mike English, *October 2024 Front Page*

Third Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Andrew Edwards, Doug Sanders, *Jackson Hole News&Guide front page design*



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Best Front Page Design

Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more

First Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina
Lauren Ellis, *It All Starts Now*

Second Place

Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio
David Hartong, *Farm and Dairy Front Page 5-2-24*

Third Place

The Laurel Independent, Hyattsville, Maryland
Valerie Morris, Ashley Parks, *maylaurel.indd*



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Best Front Page Design

Daily Division

First Place

Portland (Maine) Press Herald
Zack Aldrich, *Jan. 27 front page*

Second Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Staff, *Sioux City Journal*

Third Place

Gillette (Wyoming) News Record
Mallory Schenach, *Having Second Thoughts*

Honorable Mention

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Emily Mibach, *Trump guilty 5-31-24*



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Best Online Album or Slide Show

Non-daily Division

First Place

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas
Chad Cooper, *Monster trucks and Army recruits*

Second Place

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas
Chad Cooper, *Rodeo*

Third Place

The Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin
Tanishka Poal, Cara Penquite, Marco Monterastelli, *Johnson County Fair*

Honorable Mention

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas
Chad Cooper, *P.O.D. - proverbially perfect*



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Best Reader-Generated Campaign

Non-daily Division

First Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Ark Readers, *Celestial events*

Second Place

Hooker County Tribune, Mullen, Nebraska
Gerri Peterson, *The Vacationer*

Third Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Ark Readers, *Sports Shout*

Honorable Mention

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Staff, *Baby and Dog*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
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Best Reporting on Local Government

Non-daily Division circ. less than 2,000

First Place

News Letter Journal, New Castle, Wyoming
Alexis Barker, *Local ballot errors, Investigation continues*

Second Place

Cedar County News, Hartington, Nebraska
Rob Dump, *Reporting on local government*

Third Place

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma
Eric Swanson, *DA to investigate allegations of Open Meetings violation*

Honorable Mention

Clarendon (Texas) Enterprise
Roger Estlack, *City council votes 'no' to sanctuary ordinance*



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Best Reporting on Local Government

Non-daily Division circ. 2,000-3,999

First Place

The Green River (Wyoming) Star
Hannah Romero, *Fighting the BLM's RMP*

Second Place

Ojai (California) Valley News
Kimberly Rivers, *V.C. parks now tree graveyards*

Third Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Francisco Martinez, *Tiburon HOA fights to undo accidental tax auction*

Honorable Mention

The Alamance News, Graham, North Carolina
Kristy Bailey, *Buckhorn Road side meeting, rezoning, & annexation - story & sidebars (July 4, 2024)*



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Best Reporting on Local Government

Non-daily Division circ. 4,000-5,999

First Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Sarah Squires, Marit Gookin, *The cost of transparency*

Second Place

Medford (Wisconsin) Star News
Brian Wilson, *Bad dog, bad laws*

Third Place

The Journal-News, Hillsboro, Illinois
Mary (Galer) Herschelman, *Wooded Acreage Assessment Is State Statute*

Honorable Mention

Newport (Washington) Miner/Gem State Miner
Sophia Aldous, *'Don't offer a moose a muffin'*



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Best Reporting on Local Government

Non-daily Division circ. 6,000-9,999

First Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Charley Sutherland, *399 inspired policy change, yet work remains*

Second Place

Moonshine (California) Ink
Alex Hoeft, *Town Planning In the Hot Seat*

Third Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Jasmine Hall, *Holding candidates accountable*

Honorable Mention

Port Townsend (Washington) and Jefferson County Leader
James Robinson, *Meredith Jordan*



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Best Reporting on Local Government

Non-daily Division circ. 10,000-14,999

First Place

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News
Lauren Rowello, *Coverage of Philadelphia 76ers conflict*

Second Place

Advertiser-News North, Chester, New York
Becca Tucker, *Big Box Country series*

Third Place

Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum, Idaho
Gabe Barnard, *Village master plan glides through Sun Valley P&Z*

Honorable Mention

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas
Dannie Oliveaux, *Hardin County Commissioners Court, Port Arthur City Council*



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Best Reporting on Local Government

Non-daily Division circ. 15,000 or more

First Place

The Maine Monitor, Hallowell, Maine

Emmett Gartner, *How one Maine town is prepping for its next disaster*

Second Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina

Ana Risano, *The Short and Whining Road*

Third Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina

Matt Lamb, *Goats Facing a Gruff Goodbye*

Honorable Mention

Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio

Liz Partsch, *Western Pa. residents fight for increased well pad setbacks*



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Best Reporting on Local Government

Daily Division

First Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Caitlin Yamada, *Too cool for comfort*

Second Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Emily Mibach, *Tampering cop hired here*

Third Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Elaine Goodman, *County slow to release Covid report*

Honorable Mention

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Noah Zahn, *Laramie County denies firework permit, company claims discrimination*



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Best Use of a Double-Truck

Non-Daily Division, circ. less than 2000

First Place

Henderson (Minnesota) Independent
Rachel Miller, Beth Cornish, Angie Wilson, *Giant Days coverage*

Second Place

The Kerkhoven (Minnesota) Banner
Ted Almen, *Clickbait.*

Third Place

The Mountain-Ear, Nederland, Colorado
Joyce Robsinson, *Graduation celebration*

Honorable Mention

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma
JJ Francais, Curtis Awbrey, *Continuing Coverage of the Hand Sanitizer Fires*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Best Use of a Double-Truck

Non-Daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999

First Place

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska
Carrie Pitzer, *Falcons Capture Medals*

Second Place

Lahontan Valley News & Fallon (Nevada) Eagle Standard
Steve Ranson, *Labor of love*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Best Use of a Double-Truck

Non-Daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999

First Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Blanca Esthela Castañeda García, *GODFATHER OF CHICANO THEATER*

Second Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Anahy J. Gutierrez, Yanelli Z. Robles, Emily Esparza, Maritza Prieto, *SPIRIT OF REVOLUTION ANIMATES CHICANO PARK*

Third Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Yanelli Z, Robles, Melissa Suastegui Martinez, *ISLAND DANCE IS MOANANUIKEA POETRY IN MOTION*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Best Use of a Double-Truck

Non-Daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999

First Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Mike Anderson, Amy Hubbell, *Steaming Through the Years*

Second Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Andy Edwards, *Teton Pass collapse timeline*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Best Use of Social Media for Breaking News

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska
Carrie Pitzer, *Ice Jam Coverage*

Second Place

Henderson (Minnesota) Independent
Rachel Miller, Beth Cornish, *Henderson experiences historic flooding*

Third Place

Casa Grande (Arizona) Dispatch
Staff, *Dramatic Rescue from Burning CG House*

Honorable Mention

News Letter Journal, New Castle, Wyoming
NLJ Staff, *News Letter Journal Socials*



List of Winners

Civic - Community Service Award

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Paper, Morganton, North Carolina
Staff, *Hurricane Helene Special Edition*

Second Place

Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota
Kay Fate and Rick Bussler, *CFC Sex Scandal*

Third Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Ellen Miller-Goins, Paul Gutches, *Tradiciones*

Honorable Mention

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Francisco Martinez, Naomi Friedland, *Martha Belongs to Marin*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Column - Best Humorous Column

Daily & Non-daily, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

Eldridge (Iowa) North Scott Press

Erin M. Gentz, *Lessons from North Scott's 1974 book furor*

Second Place

The Standard Banner, Jefferson City, Tennessee

Steve Marion, *Born with a rainbow in his heart*

Third Place

The Paper, Morganton, North Carolina

Allen VanNoppen, *Birdmageddon*

Honorable Mention

Cedar County News, Hartington, Nebraska

Rob Dump, *Best Humorous column - Neb DOT*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Column - Best Humorous Column

Daily & Non-daily circ. 5,000 - 9,999

First Place

Sparta Independent, Chester, New York
Beth Quinn, *Coasters and Monkey Skeletons*

Second Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Alan Campbell, *Corn Loss*

Third Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Mark Huffman, *View from the Hole*

Honorable Mention

Fredericksburg (Texas) Standard-Radio Post
Christine Granados, *Humorous Column Writing*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest

List of Winners

Column - Best Humorous Column

Daily & Non-daily circ. 10,000 or more

First Place

The Laurel Independent, Hyattsville, Maryland
Bob Reilly, *aprillaurel.indd.pdf*

Second Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Bruce Miller, *You too can be an influencer*

Third Place

Township Journal, Chester, New York
Beth Quinn, *My worst summer job was nothing to wink at*

Honorable Mention

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina
John Nagy, *A Whole Lot of Baloney on My Lost Love of Liverwurst*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Column - Best Serious Column

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

First Place

Rock County Star Herald, Luverne, Minnesota

Lori Sorenson, *We're on the same lonely dock, but our ship will come in on the other side*

Second Place

Herald-Banner, Greenville, Texas

Kent Miller, *Serious Column - Greenville 3*

Third Place

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma

James Finck, *Father, son give insightful review of Temple Grandin*

Honorable Mention

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma

James Finck, *10-8 Bidding farewell to Kris Kristofferson*



Column - Best Serious Column

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999

First Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California

Zeke Watson, *I STAND TO HONOR MY MILITARY FAMILY, REJECT INJUSTICE*

Second Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California

Alfonso Julián Camacho, *MANY ARE SURPRISED BY ABILITIES OF AMERICA'S DISABLED*

Third Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger

Sarah Squires, *10 Thanksgivings*

Honorable Mention

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger

Sarah Squires, *Bounty of Mother's Day*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest

List of Winners

Column - Best Serious Column

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999

First Place

Commercial-News, Danville, Illinois

Amy Graham-McCarty, *Silent no more: #MeToo*

Second Place

The News-Gazette, Lexington, Virginia

Joann Ware, *Musing on Miss Jane*

Third Place

Port Townsend (Washington) and Jefferson County Leader

Meredith Jordan, *Journalism 101, standards of conduct, and 'The Yellow Kid'*

Honorable Mention

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California

Dave Price, *Google deal won't save journalism*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest

List of Winners

Column - Best Serious Column

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more

First Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina

John Nagy, *The Original Sin That Led To an Anxious Generation*

Second Place

Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas

Sarah Hodges, *BestSeriousColumn_PCPMay2024pg2_RollingThroughParkCities*

Third Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal

Nick Hytrek, *Homeless student finds home at school*

Honorable Mention

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News

Mark Segal, *What President Joe Biden Told Me*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Column - Best Sports Column

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

First Place

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska
Carrie Pitzer, *Rita Shabram Missed One Game In 35 Years*

Second Place

News Letter Journal, New Castle, Wyoming
Sonja Karp, *Touch the line*

Third Place

Stanton (Nebraska) Register
Carrie Pitzer, *Coach Feels Her Mom By Her Side*

Honorable Mention

The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota
Jody Michael, *Recommended reading: Katie Ledecky's book*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Column - Best Sports Column

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000 or more

First Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal

Nick Hytrek, *'For each other and our school'*

Second Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming

Molly Absolon, *Mountainside*

Third Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming

Kyle Leverone, *First Rodeo*

Honorable Mention

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York

Joey Asher, *Converting a Pickleball Snob*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editions - Best Headline Writing

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California

Kevin Hessel & Ark staff, *The Ark, Best Headlines*

Second Place

News Letter Journal, New Castle, Wyoming

NLJ Staff, *News Letter Journal*

Third Place

Gillette (Wyoming) News Record

Jonathan Gallardo, Cassia Catterall, *Nursery to Nursing, Money Trees*

Honorable Mention

The Mountain-Ear, Nederland, Colorado

Mark Cohen, *Diversion: Mark Cohen*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editions - Best Headline Writing

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000 or more

First Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Staff, *Riverton Ranger headline writing*

Second Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Brian Freiburger, *Don't be koi*

Third Place

Portland (Maine) Press Herald
Zack Aldrich, Brian Robitaille, Lynley Price, Debbi Hardy, *Best headline writing, May 25 and Nov. 2*

Honorable Mention

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Geoffrey Plant, *Artful justice*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editions - Best Local News Coverage

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

First Place

Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota
Staff, *Best Local News*

Second Place

Lahontan Valley News & Fallon (Nevada) Eagle Standard
Lahontan Valley News, *Best Local News Coverage*

Third Place - TIE

The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota
Staff, *May 1, Nov. 27*

Third Place - TIE

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma
Southwest Ledger staff, *5-21-24; 11-12-24*

Honorable Mention

Cedar County News, Hartington, Nebraska
Staff, *Best Local News coverage - May 8, Nov*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editions - Best Local News Coverage

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999

First Place

Gillette (Wyoming) News Record
Staff, *May 21 2024 Edition*

Second Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Sarah Squires, Marit Gookin, Austin Beck-Doss, Carl Cote, *Riverton Ranger, local news coverage*

Third Place

Columbia Gorge News, Hood River, Oregon
Staff, *Columbia Gorge News*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editions - Best Local News Coverage

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more

First Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Staff, *Sioux City Journal*

Second Place

Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum, Idaho
Greg Foley, *Idaho Mountain Express*

Third Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Staff, *Local News, Jackson Hole News&Guide*

Honorable Mention

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas
The Examiner, *In the know: Jefferson, Orange and Hardin county coverage*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editions - Best Use of Photographs

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

The Magnolia News, Green Cove Springs, Florida
Dave Petraglia, *The Magnolia News*

Second Place

Eldridge (Iowa) North Scott Press
Staff, *North Scott Press*

Third Place

The Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin
Staff, *Best use of photos*

Honorable Mention

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska
Staff, *Antelope County News Local Photos*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editions - Best Use of Photographs

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000 or more

First Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Staff, *Best use of photographs, Jackson Hole News&Guide*

Second Place

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming
WTE staff, *Best Use of Photographs, Wyoming Tribune Eagle*

Third Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Staff, *Riverton Ranger use of photos*

Honorable Mention

The Journal-News, Hillsboro, Illinois
Staff, *Best Use of Photographs*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editorial - Best Editorial

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000

First Place

The Paper, Morganton, North Carolina

Angela Kuper Copeland, *Time for the City to move beyond Bella Vino*

Second Place

Clarendon (Texas) Enterprise

Roger Estlack, *City should skip acting on proposal*

Third Place

Grant County Herald, Elbow Lake, Minnesota

Reed Anfinson, *'Cruel Optimism' Holds Back Meaningful Change*

Honorable Mention

Mid Hudson Times, Newburgh, New York

Carl Aiello, *Is team building better in the mountains?*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest

List of Winners

Editorial - Best Editorial

Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999

First Place

Fort Bend Herald & Texas Coaster, Rosenberg, Texas
Staff written editorials, *Where is the justice?; If he lied*

Second Place

Ojai (California) Valley News
Laura Rearwin Ward, *Gov. Newsom: Trading free press for monopoly money*

Third Place

Douglas (Wyoming) Budget
Matt Adelman, *best editorial*

Honorable Mention

Lahontan Valley News & Fallon (Nevada) Eagle Standard
Steve Ranson, *Mail processing plan should be scrapped*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editorial - Best Editorial

Non-daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999

First Place

Rockwall County Herald-Banner, Greenville, Texas
Kent Miller, *Unveiling Discrepancies - Editorial - Rockwall.pdf*

Second Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Sarah Squires, *You work for us*

Third Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Sarah Squires, *Efficiency or overreach?*

Honorable Mention

Newport (Washington) Miner/Gem State Miner
Michelle Nedved, *My family loves the county fair*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editorial - Best Editorial

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999

First Place

The News-Gazette, Lexington, Virginia
Ed Smith, *Protesting the Protesters*

Second Place

Moonshine (California) Ink
Heather Solomon, *One Man's Trash Is Another Man's Trash*

Third Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Alan Campbell, *North Manitou Access*

Honorable Mention

Moonshine (California) Ink
Kaya Siig, *A Teen's Perspective On The World*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editorial - Best Editorial

Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000-14,999

First Place

Hyattsville (Maryland) Life & Times

Griffin Limerick, *It's time to bring back in-person council meetings*

Second Place

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News

Jeremy Rodriguez, *Déjà vu*

Third Place

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas

Don Dodd, *Billionaires plotting takeover of Texas House*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editorial - Best Editorial

Daily Division

First Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal

Dave Dreeszen, *Shine more light on WITCC settlement*

Second Place

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Brian Martin and WTE Editorial Board, *Regardless of election outcome, lawmakers need to do their jobs*

Third Place

The Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Jeff Kovalski, *Not FAIR: Naive response insufficient to address racial tensions of SACS, society*

Honorable Mention

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Brian Martin and WTE Editorial Board, *Education, not omission, is the best way to protect our kids*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editorial - Best Editorial Page(s)

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000

First Place

The Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin
Staff, *Best editorial pages*

Second Place

The Journal-News, Hillsboro, Illinois
Staff, *Best Editorial Page*

Third Place

Potter County News, Gettysburg, South Dakota
Molly McRoberts, *Opinion pages*

Honorable Mention

Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota
Staff, *Best Editorial Pages*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editorial - Best Editorial Page(s)

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more

First Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina
John Nagy, David Woronoff, *Best Editorial Pages*

Second Place

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Brian Martin, *Best Editorial Pages, Wyoming Tribune Eagle*

Third Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Bruce Miller, Dave Dreeszen, *Sioux City Journal*

Honorable Mention

The Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Fred McKissack, Jeff Kovaleski, Keith Elchert, *Journal Gazette embraces a diversity of topics and thoughts*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editorial - Best Original Editorial Cartoon

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma
Jim Cox, *Education for County Commissioners*

Second Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Clay Jones, *How Do You Feel About Surveys?*

Third Place

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma
Jim Cox, *Kiamichi River*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Editorial - Best Original Editorial Cartoon

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000 or more

First Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Carla Labto, *DOING RIGHT BY NATIVE AMERICANS*

Second Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Carla Labto, *GUN VIOLENCE STEALS YOUNG AMERICANS' FUTURES AND DREAMS*

Third Place

Moonshine (California) Ink
Mike English, *The Truckee Way*

Honorable Mention

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Robert Navarro, *UNSELFISH SOCCER SQUAD TAKES ONE FOR THE TEAM*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

FOI - Freedom of Information

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Geoffrey Plant, *Town of Taos 'unlawfully withholding public records'*

Second Place - TIE

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Caitlin Yamada, *Too cool for comfort*

Second Place - TIE

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Sarah Squires, Marit Gookin, *Ranger FOI*

Third Place

Fairbury (Nebraska) Journal-News
Gordon Hopkins, *EPA Contradicts Mayors About Asbestos Grants*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

General Excellence

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

First Place

The Paper, Morganton, North Carolina
Staff, *General Excellence*

Second Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Kevin Hessel & Ark staff, *The Ark, General Excellence*

Third Place

The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota
Staff, *April 24, May 1, Nov. 27*

Honorable Mention

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska
Staff, *Antelope County News General Excellence*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

General Excellence

Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999

First Place

Eldridge (Iowa) North Scott Press
Staff, *North Scott Press*

Second Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Staff, *Riverton Ranger, general excellence*

Third Place

Douglas (Wyoming) Budget
Matt Adelman, Cindy Stimson, staff, *General excellence*

Honorable Mention

Columbia Gorge News, Hood River, Oregon
staff, *Columbia Gorge News*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

General Excellence

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999

First Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Staff, *General excellence, Jackson Hole News&Guide*

Second Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Staff, *General Excellence*

Third Place

The News-Gazette, Lexington, Virginia
Staff, *General Excellence, The News-Gazette*

Honorable Mention

College Park (Maryland) Here & Now
Sharon O'Malley, *College Park Here & Now, May 2024, July 2024, November 2024*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

General Excellence

Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

First Place

Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum, Idaho
Greg Foley, *Idaho Mountain Express*

Second Place

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News
PGN Staff, *Philadelphia Gay News*

Third Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina
Staff, *The Pilot General Excellence*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

General Excellence

Daily Division

First Place

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming
WTE staff, *General Excellence, Wyoming Tribune Eagle*

Second Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Staff, *Sioux City Journal*

Third Place

Gillette (Wyoming) News Record
Staff, *Nov 5 2024 edition*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

General Excellence, College Division
Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
The Sun Staff, *The Southwestern College Sun*

Second Place

Signpost, (Weber State University)
Brisa Odenthal, editor-in-chief, *The Signpost*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Best Obituary Tribute

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

Eldridge (Iowa) North Scott Press

Mark Ridolfi, Erin M. Gentz, *Everlasting Impressions*

Second Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York

Jeff Simms, *Clara Lou Gould, Longtime Mayor of Beacon, Dies at 97*

Third Place

The Edgerton (Wisconsin) Reporter

Tristan McGough, *Warren Kukla*

Honorable Mention

Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota

Rick Bussler, *He was a powerhouse in school bus industry*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Best Obituary Tribute

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000 or more

First Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Natalia Plaza, *A BRIEF SHINING MOMENT*

Second Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Mark Huffman, *Cowboy, guide Gap Pucci dead at 89*

Third Place

Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio
Rachel Wagoner, *C. Sherman Allen remembered for passion, service to community*

Honorable Mention

Fredericksburg (Texas) Standard-Radio Post
Sherrie Geistweidt, *Legacy.com's Best Obituary Tribute*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Michael Kramer Best Public Notice Journalism Award

Named in honor of Mike Kramer, president of Law Bulletin Media in Chicago, longtime defender of the public's right to know, who left us too soon in 2020.



Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

Lander Journal, Riverton, Wyoming
Sarah Squires, Marit Gookin, *Premature publication*

Second Place

The Alamance News, Graham, North Carolina
Tom Boney, Jr., *Inadequate public notice regarding proposed new hotel tax*

Third Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Kevin Hessel, Naomi Friedland, *Belvedere will rework second-unit incentive to comply with state laws*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

News and Opinion on Public Corruption

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Alamance News, Graham, North Carolina

Tomas Murawski, *Tax administrator Jeremy Akins resigns, two tax dept. employees fired for manipulating valuations*

Second Place

Fort Bend Herald & Texas Coaster, Rosenberg, Texas

Scott Reese Willey, *Investigators link George to fake, racist online posts*

Third Place

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma

Mike W. Ray, *1-23 Audit uncovers issues in Payne County*

Honorable Mention

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma

Mike W. Ray, *3-5 Lawtonian pleads guilty*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

NIE - Educational Support & Civic Literacy

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Eldon (Missouri) Advertiser
Tammy Witherspoon, *Veterans Project*

Second Place

The Eldon (Missouri) Advertiser
Tammy Witherspoon, *Democracy Day*

Third Place

Tampa Bay (Florida) Times
Jodi Pushkin, Stacy Rector, *Separate ≠ Equal: Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest

List of Winners

NIE - Partnerships

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin

Staff/BHS students, *Buffalo/The Pemmican*

Second Place

Tampa Bay (Florida) Times

Jodi Pushkin, Stacy Rector, *Join the drive to conserve more water in Pasco County!*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Breaking News Photo

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000

First Place

Herald-Banner, Greenville, Texas

David Claybourn, *It's a total solar-bration! - News Photo - Greenville.pdf*

Second Place

Henderson (Minnesota) Independent

Rachel Miller, *Hay bale fire*

Third Place

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma

Mike W. Ray, *Westwin protesters disrupt Lawton City Council meeting*

Honorable Mention

Knox County News, Bloomfield, Nebraska

Carrie Pitzer, *Water Search*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Breaking News Photo

Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-9,999

First Place

Harlan (Iowa) News-Advertiser
Renee' Brich, *Hope after the storm*

Second Place

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska
Carrie Pitzer, *Ice Jam*

Third Place

Fairbury (Nebraska) Journal-News
Gordon Hopkins, *NWS Issues Fire Weather Watch for SE Nebraska*

Honorable Mention

The Edgerton (Wisconsin) Reporter
Ray Oswald, *Tornado Damage*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Breaking News Photo
Daily Division

First Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Tim Hynds, *Riverside flooding*

Second Place

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Milo Gladstein, *Meeting gets heated*

Third Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Tim Hynds, *BNSF bridge explosion*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Feature Photo

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000

First Place

News Letter Journal, New Castle, Wyoming
Stefanie Roth, *Any which way you can*

Second Place

Washburn Leader-News
Laura Gardner, *Frosty*

Third Place

Herald-Banner, Greenville, Texas
Laurie White King, *Bois d'Arc - Feature Photo - Greenville*

Honorable Mention

Archbold (Ohio) Buckeye
Lynn Roth, *Flying High At State Track*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Feature Photo

Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999

First Place

Fort Bend Herald & Texas Coaster, Rosenberg, Texas
Scott Reese Willey, *kissing camel; zombie chase; lions advance; boa constrictor*

Second Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Ross Corsair, *Martial Art*

Third Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Clara Lu, *As tides turn, anchor-outs reach for a way off the bay*

Honorable Mention

The Edgerton (Wisconsin) Reporter
Cathe Engler, *Edgerton Children's Center Kindergarten Students*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Feature Photo

Non-daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999

First Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Mijail Jones, *OTHERWORLDLY DANCE*

Second Place

The Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin
Ethan Weston, *First Lady Jennie Gordon branding*

Third Place

Rockwall County Herald-Banner, Greenville, Texas
Laurie White King, *I'm not going to do it! - Feature Photo - Rockwall*

Honorable Mention

The Standard Banner, Jefferson City, Tennessee
Dale Gentry, *JROTC one-rope bridge*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Feature Photo

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999

First Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Kathryn Ziesig, *Aurora over the Teton Range*

Second Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Daniel Pearson, *Ancient steps*

Third Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Daniel Pearson, *Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall dedicated ahead of 4th*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest

List of Winners

Photo - Best Feature Photo

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

First Place

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Milo Gladstein, *Back to School Brigade*

Second Place

Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio
Liz Partsch, *Seldom Seen Farm makes 'Maple Madness' with its bourbon maple syrup*

Third Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina
Ted Fitzgeralds, *Butterfly Kisses*

Honorable Mention

ETV News, Price, Utah
Brittnie Anderson, *ETV News Best Featured Photo*



List of Winners

Photo - Best Photo Essay

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

First Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California

Leo Leung, Ted McDonnell, *Hot start to summer*

Second Place

Watkins Glen Review & Express, Dundee, New York

Brandon Lawson, Sam Morse, *WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL HOSTS FIRST-EVER NASCAR PLAYOFF RACE*

Third Place

Pinedale Roundup

Cali O'Hare, *Bringing history to life*

Honorable Mention

Archbold (Ohio) Buckeye

Mary Huber, *Solar Eclipse*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Photo Essay

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999

First Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Carl Cote, *Jurassic Classic*

Second Place

The Standard Banner, Jefferson City, Tennessee
Dale Gentry, *Having fun at the Elementary Field Day*

Third Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Carl Cote, *Pulling each other through*

Honorable Mention

The Journal-News, Hillsboro, Illinois
Kyle and Mary Herschelman, *Old Tyme Tractor Show*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Photo Essay

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999

First Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News

Daniel Pearson, Paul Gutches, *Irrigation on a dry mountain*

Second Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News

Daniel Pearson, Paul Gutches, *Grace Kelly @ Taos Jazz Fest (Tempo On the Scene, November 21, 2024)*

Third Place

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Milo Gladstein, *What does freedom mean to you?*

Honorable Mention

Santa Paula (California) Times

Joseph Garcia, Santa Paula Times, *Welcoming Santo Niño de Atocha*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Photo Essay

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more

First Place

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News
Kelly Burkhardt, *Pride Weekend*

Second Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina
Lauren Ellis, *Polocrosse Team Takes On The World*

Third Place

Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio
Matthew Chasney, *The Racing Report*

Honorable Mention

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas
Chad Cooper, *Theo Von*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Sports Photo

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000

First Place

News Letter Journal, New Castle, Wyoming
Walter Sprague, *Hard ride*

Second Place

Knox County News, Bloomfield, Nebraska
Jenny Higgins, *He's A Unicorn*

Third Place

Cedar County News, Hartington, Nebraska
Jeremy Buss, *Best Sport photo – discus*

Honorable Mention

The Observer, Dundee, New York
Brandon Lawson, *Penn Yan-Dundee takes big win over Marcus Whitman*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Sports Photo

Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-2,999

First Place

The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota

Don Anderson, *Cubs rally twice over Kenmare, earn split with Ray*

Second Place

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska

Carrie Pitzer, *Hurdling Into End Zone*

Third Place

Lahontan Valley News & Fallon (Nevada) Eagle Standard

Thomas Ranson, *Fallon girls down Hug, Sparks*

Honorable Mention

Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota

Johnnie Phillips, *New Heights*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Sports Photo

Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-4,999

First Place

The Standard Banner, Jefferson City, Tennessee
Dennis Barker, Jr., *Hornets, Elks fight for the ball*

Second Place

The Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin
Marco Monterastelli, *Hang on tight*

Third Place

Fort Bend Herald & Texas Coaster, Rosenberg, Texas
Rhonda Taormina; Dave Sanders, *Lions Advance; Fulshear sweeps*

Honorable Mention

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Ross Corsair, *Talking Baseball*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest

List of Winners

Photo - Best Sports Photo

Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000-9,999

First Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Brian Freiburger, *Glan Lake*

Second Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Carl Cote, *Colter Nun*

Third Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Morgan Timms, *Pinned*

Honorable Mention

The State Port Pilot, Southport, North Carolina
Michael Paul, *Twisted helmet*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Photo - Best Sports Photo

Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

First Place

Washington (Missouri) Missourian
Arron Husted, *Major Problem*

Second Place

Washington (Missouri) Missourian
Bill Battle, *Stating Their Case*

Third Place

Washington (Missouri) Missourian
Bill Battle, *Concentration*

Honorable Mention

Washington (Missouri) Missourian
Arron Husted, *Ober the Bar*



List of Winners

Photo - Best Sports Photo

Daily Division

First Place

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Milo Gladstein, *Grit, dirt and determination (CFD steer wrestler)*

Second Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Tim Hynds, *Fumble recovery*

Third Place

Gillette (Wyoming) News Record
Preston Zbroszczyk, *Under the Lights*

Honorable Mention

Valley Courier, Alamosa, Colorado
Ken Hamrick, *Lady Mean Moose fall to Lady Meloneers*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Review - Best Review

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Valeryah Lara-Urrea, Yanelli Robles, *SATAN'S SANDBOX*

Second Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Bruce Miller, *Chalamet shines as Dylan in 'Complete Unknown'*

Third Place

Eldridge (Iowa) North Scott Press
Erin M. Gentz, *Magical production enchants crowd*

Honorable Mention

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Michele Caprario, *Novato Theater Co. stages uproarious performance of 'Nunsense'*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Rookie Reporter of the Year
Non-daily Division

First Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Emery Veilleux, *Emery Veilleux*



Second Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Marit Gookin, *Marit Gookin Rookie Reporter of the Year*

Third Place

ETV News, Price, Utah
Brittnie Anderson, *ETV News Rookie of the Year - Brittnie Anderson*

Honorable Mention

Columbia Gorge News, Hood River, Oregon
Nathan Wilson, *Rookie Entries: Radon, Klickitat River, Bureaucratic backlog, Merkley plastics, Overwatch Imaging*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Section - Best Family Life Living Section Pages
Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Kevin Hessel & Ark staff, *ArkBeat*

Second Place

Newport (Washington) Miner/Gem State Miner
The Miner Staff, *2024Voice-Summer*

Third Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Staff, *Siouxland Life*

Honorable Mention

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina
Laura Douglass, *Best Family Life / Living Section*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Section - Best Special News, Sports, Niche, Feature Section or Edition
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

First Place

The Paper, Morganton, North Carolina
Staff, *Hurricane Helene Special Section*

Second Place

Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota
Staff, *Best Special Section: Steele County Free Fair*

Third Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Kevin Hessel & Ark staff, *The Year in Review*

Honorable Mention

Cass County Reporter
Cass County Reporter Staff, *Centennial Farms*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Section - Best Special News, Sports, Niche, Feature Section or Edition
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999

First Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Alexa Lima, Emily Esparza, Briana Nuñez, *'GOOD DAY TO BE AN INDIAN'*

Second Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Paul Gutches, Ellen Miller-Goins, *Tradiciones*

Third Place

The Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin
Bulletin staff, *Salute to Agriculture*

Honorable Mention

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Staff, *Death of an icon: Grizzly 399 remembered*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Section - Best Special News, Sports, Niche, Feature Section or Edition
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

First Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina
Staff, *Open Daily*

Second Place

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News
Jeremy Rodriguez, *Celebrating 48 LGBTQ+ Leaders*

Third Place

Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas
Park Cities People, *Best SpecialNewsSportsNicheFeatsectionorEdition_May2024_20under40*

Honorable Mention

Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio
Tammy Reese, *Farm and Dairy Progress Vol. 2 June 20, 2024*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Section - Best Sports Section/Page

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

First Place

Henderson (Minnesota) Independent

Rachel Miller, *Henderson Independent - Best Sports Section*

Second Place

The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota

Jody Michael, *April 3, Sept. 25*

Third Place

Grant County Herald, Elbow Lake, Minnesota

Sam Peterson, Mike Mallow, *Grant County Herald Sports Pages*

Honorable Mention

Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota

Staff, *Best Sports Section*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Section - Best Sports Section/Page

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999

First Place

The Standard Banner, Jefferson City, Tennessee
Dennis Barker, Jr., *Standard Banner Best Sports Section*

Second Place

Fort Bend Herald & Texas Coaster, Rosenberg, Texas
sports staff, *May 12, 2024 issue; Nov. 7, 2024 issue*

Third Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Kyle Leverone, *Jackson Hole News&Guide Sports section*

Honorable Mention

The Alamance News, Graham, North Carolina
Bob Sutton, John Adams, and staff, *Best Sports Pages*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Section - Best Sports Section/Page

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

First Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal

Ryan Timmerman, Logan Shanks, Dave Dreeszen, *Sioux City Journal*

Second Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina

Jonathan Bym, *Best Sports Section*

Third Place

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Jeremiah Johnke and Matt Atencio, *Best Sports Section, Wyoming Tribune Eagle*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Social Media Journalism

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

Casa Grande (Arizona) Dispatch

Staff, *PinalCentral Instagram - Photo of the Week*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story/Series - Best Coverage of Military Affairs

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota
Staff, *Best Military Affairs Coverage*

Second Place

The Green River (Wyoming) Star
Hannah Romero, *Continuing a legacy of service*

Third Place

News Letter Journal, New Castle, Wyoming
Michael Alexander, KateLynn Slaamot, *Striving to honor veterans, Honoring vets*

Honorable Mention

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma
Debi DeSilver, *5-28 Military Hall of Fame*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story/Series - Best Coverage of Military Affairs

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000 or more

First Place

Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan
Randy Dockendorf, *Tyndall Native Reaches New Heights In Army*

Second Place

The Journal-News, Hillsboro, Illinois
Mary (Galer) Herschelman, *Major Wilhelm Receives Bronze Star, Purple Heart*

Third Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Alan Campbell, *Jeff LaCross*

Honorable Mention

San Fernando (California) Valley Sun
Gabriel Arizon, *Local Cancer Survivor is Named Grand Marshal in SFV Veterans Day Parade*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Agricultural Story

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000

First Place

The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota

Sydney Caraballo, *Harvest '24: Inflated costs, deflated income*

Second Place

The Standard Banner, Jefferson City, Tennessee

Mark Brown, *Cultivating the preservation of farms and farming*

Third Place

The Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin

Jen Sieve-Hicks, *The Perfect Storm*

Honorable Mention

The Journal-News, Hillsboro, Illinois

Isaiah Atkins, *Houck Eager To Learn More About The Field*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Agricultural Story

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more

First Place

The Maine Monitor, Hallowell, Maine

John O'Meara, *Meat producers frustrated by slaughterhouse backlogs*

Second Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan

Brian Freiburger, *Disaster Declared*

Third Place

The Maine Monitor, Hallowell, Maine

John O'Meara, *UMaine potato breed edges out longtime favorites*

Honorable Mention

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan

Alan Campbell, *Sweet Cherries*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Breaking News Story

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

First Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California

Kevin Hessel, Naomi Friedland, *Tsunami warning puts disaster response to the test*

Second Place

Henderson (Minnesota) Independent

Rachel Miller, Beth Cornish, *Henderson and greater region experiencing historic flood levels*

Third Place

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska

Carrie Pitzer, *Ice Jam*

Honorable Mention

Archbold (Ohio) Buckeye

David Pugh, *Archbold Ambulance In Thursday, Aug. 8 Crash*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Breaking News Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-5,999

First Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Sarah Squires, *SageWest faces suit*

Second Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Sarah Squires, *Fed. suit alleges RPD racism*

Third Place

The Alamance News, Graham, North Carolina
Tomas Murawski, *Local sheriff's deputies answer call to help pacify UNC's campus*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Breaking News Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-11,999

First Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Brian Freiburger, *Glan Lake Teacher*

Second Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Alan Campbell, *Milfoil*

Third Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Brian Freiburger, *Kayaker*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Breaking News Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 12,000 or more

First Place

ETV News, Price, Utah

Brittnie Anderson, *ETV News Best Breaking News Story*

Second Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina

Staff, *A Tragedy That Requires Action*

Third Place

Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum, Idaho

Gabe Barnard, *Resort owner Carol Holding dies at 95*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Breaking News Story

Daily Division

First Place

Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan
Randy Dockendorf, *3 Die In Centerville Slayings*

Second Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Jared McNett, *'And then the next rain came'*

Third Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Braden Cartwright, *North Fair Oaks fire 6-3-24*

Honorable Mention

Valley Courier, Alamosa, Colorado
PRISCILLA WAGGONER, *14-hour search for shooting suspect ends with citizen tip*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Business Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000

First Place

The Standard Banner, Jefferson City, Tennessee
Mark Brown, *Four-legged counseling sessions*

Second Place

Herald-Banner, Greenville, Texas
Travis Hairgrove, *She's really cleaning up - Business Feature – Greenville*

Third Place

The Kerkhoven (Minnesota) Banner
Ted Almen, *Lamecker's General Store sells its last hammer*

Honorable Mention

Douglas (Wyoming) Budget
Cinthia Stimson, with Sabrina Broberg, *Honey business*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Business Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more

First Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina
Ana Risano, *Making Way for Change*

Second Place

Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas
Sarah Hodges, *BestBusinessFeatStory_PCPNov2024pg26_GarageBarber*

Third Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Olivia Lewis, *Stampin' Sam leaves his mark*

Honorable Mention

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Olivia Lewis, *'People need a place to play'*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Business Feature Story

Daily Division

First Place

Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan

Randy Dockendorf, *Grant To Help Ponca Tribe Process Buffalo*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Business Story

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000

First Place

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma

Mindy Ragan Wood, *7-30 580 Pitch Contest awards thousands to local entrepreneurs*

Second Place

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma

Curtis Awbrey, *Pork Processing Plant*

Third Place

Stanton (Nebraska) Register

Carrie Pitzer, *Nothing Like This In The World*

Honorable Mention

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma

Debi DeSilver, *Solar farms cropping up in southwest Oklahoma*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Business Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999

First Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Leonard Sparks, *Who Will Watch the Kids?*

Second Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Francisco Martinez, *Candy Store owner says rent hike forcing closure*

Third Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Francisco Martinez, *Businesses find ways to cope with rising costs, energy bills*

Honorable Mention

The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota
Jordan Rusche, Jody Michael, *Jason's closes indefinitely*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Business Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999

First Place

The Red Hook Star-Review, Brooklyn, New York

Jeremy Skehan, *How much should you pay for a good sandwich in Brooklyn*

Second Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger

Marit Gookin, *Business fraud series*

Third Place

The Red Hook Star-Review, Brooklyn, New York

Nathan Weiser, *Red Hook businesses bring good news to the Red Hook Rec Center*

Honorable Mention

The Standard Banner, Jefferson City, Tennessee

Mark Brown, *Steel Warehouse a good fit for Jefferson City*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Business Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999

First Place

Moonshine (California) Ink
Melissa Siig, *One and Done*

Second Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Alan Campbell, *Manitous Access*

Third Place

College Park (Maryland) Here & Now
Adelia McGuire and Sharon O'Malley, *Business Solutions*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Business Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000-14,999

First Place

Advertiser-News North, Chester, New York
Becca Tucker, *Big Box Country series*

Second Place

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas
Barbara Davias, *Veterans tapped for local employment*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Business Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more

First Place

The Maine Monitor, Hallowell, Maine

Joyce Kryszak, *As ecotourism grows, so does the desire to maintain Downeast's wild character*

Second Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina

Frank Daniels IV, *Downtown Retailers Adapt to Changing Market*

Third Place

Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas

Sarah Hodges, *BestBusinessStory_PCPAug2024pg6_AppointmentatDPS*

Honorable Mention

Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas

Sarah Hodges, *BestBusinessStory_PCPJune2024pg43_Mahjong*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest

List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Business Story

Daily Division

First Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal

Mason Dockter, *What's to become of ex-Tyson offices?*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Education/Literacy Story

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000

First Place

Eldridge (Iowa) North Scott Press
Erin M. Gentz, *Shane Knoche heads home*

Second Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Francisco Martinez, *Tiburon student graduates from Redwood, College of Marin in three-week span*

Third Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Camila A. Gonzalez, Jose Guzman, Holden Ames, *EDUCATION LIBERATES DONOVAN PRISON INMATES*

Honorable Mention

The Green River (Wyoming) Star
Hannah Romero, *Connecting through classroom critters*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Education/Literacy Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more

First Place

Hyattsville (Maryland) Life & Times

Kit Slack, *PGCPS asks for patience as busing improves for some*

Second Place

Sparta Independent, Chester, New York

Becca Tucker and Molly Colgan, *'Too stressful': Why some students are saying no to standardized tests*

Third Place

College Park (Maryland) Here & Now

Sam Gauntt, *"Lead in the Water"*

Honorable Mention

ETV News, Price, Utah

Jamie Swank, *ETV News Best Education Story*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Education/Literacy Story

Daily Division

First Place

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Ivy Secrest, *'I hope you hear our hearts': LCSD1 school board reluctantly supports MCER study*

Second Place

Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan

Randy Dockendorf, *USD's Native American Day Festivities Part Of Efforts To Attract More Native Students*

Third Place

Valley Courier, Alamosa, Colorado

PRISCILLA WAGGONER, *"We're working the work"*

Honorable Mention

Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan

Randy Dockendorf, *Mentoring Program Aids New School Officials*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Environmental Story

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000

First Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Brian PJ Cronin, *Talking Trash, Part 1*

Second Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Gretchen Lang, *Report emphasizes urgent need to respond to sea-level rise, but peninsula efforts stall*

Third Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Marit Gookin, *Mosquito/West Nile series*

Honorable Mention

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma
Mike W. Ray, *Lawton spending millions to rehab its sewage treatment plant*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Environmental Story

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more

First Place

The Maine Monitor, Hallowell, Maine

Murray Carpenter, *Community solar is booming in Maine, but who owns the projects?*

Second Place

San Fernando (California) Valley Sun

Diana Martinez, Alejandro JMS Martinez, Gabriel Arizon, *The Northeast San Fernando Valley gets greened*

Third Place

Sparta Independent, Chester, New York

Molly Colgan, *PFAS levels in local water systems exceeding the EPA's new standard*

Honorable Mention

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas

Dannie Oliveaux, *TPWD deploys materials for new artificial reef*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Feature Series

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000

First Place

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma

Mindy Ragan Wood, *Untapped Workforce Solutions*

Second Place

The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota

Jordan Rusche, *Divide County School District new teachers*

Third Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York

Joey Asher, *The Good Death*

Honorable Mention

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma

James Finck, *U.S. Constitution 101*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Feature Series

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more

First Place

Advertiser-News North, Chester, New York
Becca Tucker, *Big Box Country series*

Second Place

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas
Barbara Davis, *Cold case killer confined for life*

Third Place

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News
Victoria A. Brownworth, *Alcohol addiction and the LGBTQ+ community*

Honorable Mention

ETV News, Price, Utah
Brittnie Anderson, *ETV News Story Series - Best Feature Story*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Health Story

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000

First Place

Knox County News, Bloomfield, Nebraska

Jenny Higgins, *Fighting Cancer, Helping Others*

Second Place

Columbia Gorge News, Hood River, Oregon

Nathan Wilson, *Radon*

Third Place

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma

Debi DeSilver, *Medical leadership drives cancer treatment in southwest Oklahoma*

Honorable Mention

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York

Leonard Sparks, *Local Sewage Tests High for COVID Virus*



Story-Series - Best Health Story

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more

First Place

Sparta Independent, Chester, New York

Molly Colgan, *PFAs levels in local water systems exceeding the EPA's new standard*

Second Place

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News

Victoria A. Brownworth, *Reporter's notebook: Cancer*

Third Place

The Maine Monitor, Hallowell, Maine

Emily Bader, *A tenth of Maine's pharmacies have closed in the past decade*

Honorable Mention

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Hannah Shields, *Experts: Medicaid expansion critical to saving Wyoming's health care industry*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series
Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

First Place

Knox County News, Bloomfield, Nebraska
Damon Crawford, *Heart of a Warrior*

Second Place

The Odessan, Odessa, Missouri
Hannah Spaar, Melody Cook, *Covert County Business*

Third Place

Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota
Kay Fate and Rick Bussler, *CFC Sex Scandal*

Honorable Mention

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma
Mike W. Ray, *Whiskey is for drinking, water is for fighting*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series
Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999

First Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Brian PJ Cronin, *Talking Trash*

Second Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Joey Asher, *Modern Immigrants*

Third Place

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Geoffrey Plant, *Authorities identify bridge suicide*

Honorable Mention

The Baker County Press, Macclenny, Florida
Joel Addington, *Babysitter guilty in infant hot car death*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series

Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

First Place

The Maine Monitor, Hallowell, Maine
Rose Lundy, *Maine's Wandering Residents*

Second Place

The Maine Monitor, Hallowell, Maine
Alexa Foust, Kate Hapgood, *Child care providers across Maine cited for numerous safety violations*

Third Place

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas
Barbara Davis, *Leaked: Beaumont's broken billing system*

Honorable Mention

Advertiser-News North, Chester, New York
Becca Tucker, *Big Box Country series*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Investigative or In-Depth Story or Series

Daily Division

First Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Nick Hytrek, *Woodbury County Drug Court*

Second Place

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California
Daily Post Staff, Braden Cartwright, Dave Price, Elaine Goodman, Amelia Biscardi, *San Mateo County Sheriff controversy*

Third Place

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Hannah Shields, *K-12 special ed teachers burned out amid behavioral health epidemic*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Non-Profile Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000

First Place

Herald-Banner, Greenville, Texas

Kent Miller, *A fearless protector ... Feature Story - Greenville*

Second Place

Henderson (Minnesota) Independent

Rachel Miller, *Best Christmas Ever brings joy to Ziebarth family*

Third Place

Herald-Banner, Greenville, Texas

Travis Hairgrove, *A Well-Earned Distinction - Feature Story - Greenville*

Honorable Mention

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma

Mike W. Ray, *'Town's End' development well underway*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Non-Profile Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999

First Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California

Gretchen Lang, *As tides turn, anchor-outs reach for a way off the bay*

Second Place

Lander Journal, Riverton, Wyoming

Marit Gookin, *Pride and prejudice*

Third Place

The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota

Jordan Rusche, *Paulhus headstone's new home*

Honorable Mention

The Green River (Wyoming) Star

Hannah Romero, *A funeral for ghosts*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Non-Profile Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999

First Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Sarah Squires, *Missing, then murdered*

Second Place

The Journal-News, Hillsboro, Illinois
Isaiah Atkins, *Boondockers Welcome, Just Look For The Sign On Route 16*

Third Place

Eldridge (Iowa) North Scott Press
Erin M. Gentz, *I do, again*

Honorable Mention

The Red Hook Star-Review, Brooklyn, New York
Oscar Fock, *The attack of the Chinese Mitten Crabs*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Non-Profile Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999

First Place

Moonshine (California) Ink

Eve Quesnel, *The Subaru Bread Run*

Second Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming

Jeannette Boner, *Breech baby makes surprise entrance on Broadway*

Third Place

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan

Meakalia Previch-Liu, *Missing pony found*



Story-Series - Best Non-Profile Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000-14,999

First Place

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News

Lauren Rowello, *As legislation lulls, Pennsylvanians struggle with the current name change process*

Second Place

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas

Dannie Oliveaux, *Cold case thaws this summer*

Third Place

Hyattsville (Maryland) Life & Times

Jessica Arends, *Beer and American Sign Language build bridges for hearing community*

Honorable Mention

Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum, Idaho

Gabe Barnard, *Ketchum romps through frontier history during annual Wagon Days celebration*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest

List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Non-Profile Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more

First Place

Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio

Sara Welch, *In memory of Daniel Kibler: Donation hog raises over \$30K in 4-H scholarship funds*

Second Place

Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas

Sarah Hodges, *BestFeatStory-NonProfile_PCPMay2024pg30_AnimalLoverHelpsRooster*

Third Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina

Deborah Salomon, *From Chemo to Kindness*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Non-Profile Feature Story

Daily Division

First Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal

Dolly Butz, *American dream cut short*

Second Place

Sidney (Nebraska) Sun-Telegraph

Mike Motz, Barbara Perez, *Heroes Save Christmas*

Third Place

Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan

Randy Dockendorf, *Recovery Warriors*

Honorable Mention

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Noah Zahn, *Group organizes after racist incident at South High School*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Profile Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000

First Place

Potter County News, Gettysburg, South Dakota
Molly McRoberts, *Ava's smile still bright while battling rare cancer*

Second Place

The Kerkhoven (Minnesota) Banner
Kari Jo Almen, *Mitchell Hagen delivering the gift of a smile*

Third Place

News Letter Journal, New Castle, Wyoming
KateLynn Slaamot, *A day for remembrance*

Honorable Mention

The Red Oak (Iowa) Express
Nick Johansen, *Polish community honors WWII vet Sunberg*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Profile Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999

First Place

Hernando Sun, Brooksville, Florida

Hanna Maglio, *Not Homeless, Just on an Adventure*

Second Place

The Alamance News, Graham, North Carolina

Kristy Bailey, *Faith, family, sports, and 'soaps' form cornerstones for new superior court judge*

Third Place

The Green River (Wyoming) Star

Hannah Romero, *A lifetime of connections*

Honorable Mention

Ojai (California) Valley News

Marianne Ratcliff, *Lisa Hester lived a life of faith, love and friendship*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Profile Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999

First Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Nicolette Monique Luna, *SOUTHWESTERN SUPERMAN JMS*

Second Place

The Journal-News, Hillsboro, Illinois
Isaiah Atkins, *Litchfield Author Profiles 30-Year Hunt For I-70 Killer*

Third Place

The Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin
Alex Hargrave, *Buffalo's last logger*

Honorable Mention

The Red Hook Star-Review, Brooklyn, New York
Katherine Rivard, *Being 92 is besides the point for artist, writer, actor*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Profile Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999

First Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Billy Arnold, *The Gros Ventre guardians' last day*

Second Place

Moonshine (California) Ink
Priya Hutner, *The Mushroom Man*

Third Place

Moonshine (California) Ink
Tiffany Connolly, *Surviving the Unimaginable*

Honorable Mention

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Geoffrey Plant, *'A kind of madness'*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Profile Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000-14,999

First Place

Advertiser-News North, Chester, New York

Bob Quinn & Beth Quinn, *When you get a phone call saying your son is lying dead on the side of the road*

Second Place

Hyattsville (Maryland) Life & Times

Griffin Limerick, *When and where will Snow Crane land?*

Third Place

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas

Dannie Oliveaux, *Volunteers ensure widow has home for holidays*

Honorable Mention

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas

Chad Cooper, *Champion doctor has love for the arts*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Profile Feature Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 15,000 or more

First Place

Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio

Sara Welch, *12-year-old girl with Apert syndrome shows largest steer at Portage County Fair*

Second Place

Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio

Liz Partsch, *Tree farmer wins Ohio Tree Farm of the Year award for restoring former strip mines*

Third Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina

Emilee Phillips, *His Kitchen Rocks*

Honorable Mention

Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas

Sarah Hodges, *BestFeatStory-Profile_PCPDec2024pg31_Don'tThrowAwayThatEmptyCerealBox*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Profile Feature Story

Daily Division

First Place

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Noah Zahn, *'Never going to get through this:' Nannette Hernandez's life was upended by COVID*

Second Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal

Dolly Butz, *Family, corgi, important in returning to normal*

Third Place

Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan

Randy Dockendorf, *For Vietnam Vets, A Belated Thanks*

Honorable Mention

Valley Courier, Alamosa, Colorado

PRISCILLA WAGGONER, *A man who loved a clock, the community who loved the man*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Performing Arts Story

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Brian PJ Cronin, *Free Pipe Organ*

Second Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Joey Asher, *Nancy Dolin in a Rock 'n Roll Grandma*

Third Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Alison Rooney, *T is for Trumpet*

Honorable Mention

Eldridge (Iowa) North Scott Press
Erin M. Gentz, *Magical production enchants crowd*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Performing Arts Story

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000 - 9,999

First Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Nicolette Monique Luna, *SOUTHWESTERN SUPERMAN JMS*

Second Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Alexa Lima, *NATIONAL CITY'S IMMORTAL 'ANGEL BABY'*

Third Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Blanca Esthela Castañeda García, *GODFATHER OF CHICANO THEATER*

Honorable Mention

Rockwall County Herald-Banner, Greenville, Texas
Kent Miller, *Performing Arts Story - Rockwall*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Performing Arts Story

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

First Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Bruce Miller, *The 'real' family band*

Second Place

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas
Chad Cooper, *The Nutcracker*

Third Place

The Examiner, Beaumont, Texas
Chad Cooper, *'Corteo' will enchant audiences at Ford Park*

Honorable Mention

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Taylor Staples, *Rocky Horror wouldn't be the same without a shadow cast*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Sports Feature Story or Series

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 3,000

First Place

Stanton (Nebraska) Register
Carrie Pitzer, *He's An Animal*

Second Place

Lahontan Valley News & Fallon (Nevada) Eagle Standard
Steve Ranson, *Classmate's tribute and honor Gold Star families*

Third Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Francisco Martinez, *Teammates, friends turn rivals for girls tennis crown*

Honorable Mention

Potter County News, Gettysburg, South Dakota
Molly McRoberts, *Gettysburg teen's scars...*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Sports Feature Story or Series

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 3,000-9,999

First Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Emily Ingco, *HARDWOOD SUPERHEROES*

Second Place

Brentwood (California) Press
Jeff Weisinger, *How positivity and renewed sisterhood revived Liberty softball*

Third Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Juan H. Estrada, *'BOYHOOD DREAM COME TRUE'*

Honorable Mention

The Alamance News, Graham, North Carolina
Bob Sutton, *Allred sisters often hit the sand in college beach volleyball tournaments*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Sports Feature Story or Series

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

First Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Jared McNett, *A Ghosts story*

Second Place

Hyattsville (Maryland) Life & Times
Griffin Limerick, *New Hyattsville soccer team opens doors for local players*

Third Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina
Jonathan Bym, *Stewart's One Moment Lives On*

Honorable Mention

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Matt Atencio, *Brody Cress is Cheyenne's cowboy*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Sports Story

Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,000

First Place

Stanton (Nebraska) Register
Carrie Pitzer, *Wilke Overcomes Injury*

Second Place

Pinedale Roundup
Cali O'Hare, *Pedigree Stage Stop mushers close in on finish line*

Third Place

Henderson (Minnesota) Independent
Rachel Miller, *Giants baseball competes at state*

Honorable Mention

Henderson (Minnesota) Independent
Rachel Miller, *Giants are headed to state!*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Sports Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 2,000-3,999

First Place

Antelope County News, Neligh, Nebraska
Jenny Higgins, *Season Dedicated To Her Mom*

Second Place

Lahontan Valley News & Fallon (Nevada) Eagle Standard
Thomas Ranson, *Longtime football coach steps down*

Third Place

The Journal, Crosby, North Dakota
Jody Michael, *Outlaws, back in playoffs, aim to finally beat Shiloh*

Honorable Mention

The Alamance News, Graham, North Carolina
Bob Sutton, *Down, but never out; How Western Alamance put together the greatest soccer comeback in state history*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Sports Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 4,000-5,999

First Place

Eldridge (Iowa) North Scott Press
Ross Shinberg, *Domeward Bound*

Second Place

Eldridge (Iowa) North Scott Press
Ross Shinberg, *The throw of a lifetime*

Third Place

Rockwall County Herald-Banner, Greenville, Texas
Kent Miller, *Investigation continues - Sports Story - Rockwall*

Honorable Mention

The Journal-News, Hillsboro, Illinois
Kyle Herschelman, *Birdie Gives Cowdrey Top Spot At Staunton*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Sports Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000-9,999

First Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Kyle Leverone, *Fighting for more than the podium*

Second Place

Brentwood (California) Press
Jeff Weisinger, *Meet the 10-year-old girl from Brentwood who can kick your butt*

Third Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Jeannette Boner, *Speed record on Grand rejected*

Honorable Mention

Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, Michigan
Alan Campbell, *Moeggenberg*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest

List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Sports Story

Non-daily Division, circ. 10,000 or more

First Place

Idaho Mountain Express, Ketchum, Idaho

Gabe Barnard, *Wood River softball coaches allege Title IX violations*

Second Place

Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas

Todd Jorgenson, *BestSportsStory_PCPDec2024pg24_DeterminationBeyondtheMat*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Best Sports Story

Daily

First Place

Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan
Randy Dockendorf, *During Vermillion Visit, Mills Discusses Racial Issues*

Second Place

Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan
Randy Dockendorf, *Coyotes Packed Up For Battle*

Third Place

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Jeremiah Johnke, *Winning through pain (MMA fighter)*

Honorable Mention

Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan
Randy Dockendorf, *Walking The Walk*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Communication in Crisis

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 6,000

First Place

The Standard Banner, Jefferson City, Tennessee
Mark Brown, Steve Marion, *Hurricane Helene aftermath*

Second Place

Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota
Kay Fate and Rick Bussler, *CFC Sex Scandal*

Third Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Kevin Hessel, Naomi Friedland, *Tsunami warning puts disaster response to the test*

Honorable Mention

The Alamance News, Graham, North Carolina
Tomas Murawski, *Local jurisdictions mobilize to help with Hurricane Helene relief in western NC*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest

List of Winners

Story-Series - Communication in Crisis

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 6,000 or more

First Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Staff, *June flooding in Siouxland*

Second Place

Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, Wyoming
Staff, *Teton Pass collapse*

Third Place

Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Gay News
Jeremy Rodriguez and Lauren Rowello, *Post-election impact on the LGBTQ+ community*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Preserving Local History

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 2,500

First Place

The Mountain-Ear, Nederland, Colorado

Christopher Kelley, *A lifetime in pictures Jeanette Smith*

Second Place

Herald-Banner, Greenville, Texas

Kent Miller, *The Game - Preserving Local History - Greenville.pdf*

Third Place

Glenrock (Wyoming) Independent

Cinthia Stimson, *Digging Deep*

Honorable Mention

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma

Don Armes, *He helped end WWII and all he got was a lake: The story of Sen. Elmer Thomas*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Preserving Local History

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 2,500-4,999

First Place

The Standard Banner, Jefferson City, Tennessee
Mark Brown, Steve Marion, *Uncovered history*

Second Place

The Alamance News, Graham, North Carolina
Tom Boney, Jr., *Should sinking floor of Sesquicentennial Park be fixed – or the whole thing demolished*

Third Place

Lander Journal, Riverton, Wyoming
Sarah Squires, *A champion for the common man*

Honorable Mention

The Buffalo (Wyoming) Bulletin
Staff, *2024 Heritage Edition*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Preserving Local History
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000 - 8,999

First Place

Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger
Sarah Squires, *Chief Black Coal*

Second Place

The Southwestern College Sun, Chula Vista, California
Alexa Lima, *NATIONAL CITY'S IMMORTAL 'ANGEL BABY'*

Third Place

Yankton (South Dakota) Daily Press & Dakotan
Randy Dockendorf, *Restored Bell Ringing Again In Utica*

Honorable Mention

Moonshine (California) Ink
David Fenimore, *The Woman Who Spotted the Wildfire*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story-Series - Preserving Local History

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 9,000 or more

First Place

Farm and Dairy, Salem, Ohio

Liz Partsch, Rachel Wagoner, *Steel mills in Weirton see a rebirth of industry with Form Energy*

Second Place

Park Cities People, Dallas, Texas

Sarah Hodges, *PreservingLocalHistory_PCPCApril2024_UPHistoryQuiz*

Third Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal

Mason Dockter, *When racing was the rage*

Honorable Mention

College Park (Maryland) Here & Now

Sharon O'Malley, *"The First 100 Years"*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Video Journalism

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Erin Holton, Facundo Martinez, Sofia Milojevic, *A Mother's Fight for Bridge Barriers*

Second Place

Brentwood (California) Press
Jeff Weisinger, *Meet The Coach That's Improving Liberty High School Softball*

Third Place

Sioux City (Iowa) Journal
Hannah Schuh, Logan Shanks, *Double hitting: State Rep. J.D. Scholten talks Sioux City Explorers*

Honorable Mention

Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, Wyoming
Matt Atencio, *WyoSports 2024 Female Athlete of the Year: Taliah Morris*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest

List of Winners

Website - Best Newspaper Website

Daily & Non-daily Division

First Place

The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, New York
Staff, *HighlandsCurrent.org*

Second Place

Casa Grande (Arizona) Dispatch
Staff, *PinalCentral.com*

Third Place

The Ark, Tiburon, California
Kevin Hessel & Ark staff, *thearknewspaper.com*

Honorable Mention

The Taos (New Mexico) News
Heather Owen, *Taos News*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story - Series - Best Opioid Crisis Coverage in Your Community
Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. less than 5,000

First Place

The Crittenden Press, Marion, Kentucky
Chris Evans, *Marion's OD Alarm Bell*

Second Place

Ojai (California) Valley News
Grant Phillips, *'Think Again': County fights 'shadow' fentanyl epidemic*

Third Place

The Baker County Press, Macclenny, Florida
Joel Addington, Elizabeth Lucas, Brittany Wright, *Opiod settlement money*

Honorable Mention

Southwest Ledger, Lawton, Oklahoma
Mike W. Ray, *Fentanyl central factor in opioid-related deaths*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

Story - Series - Best Opioid Crisis Coverage in Your Community

Daily & Non-daily Division, circ. 5,000 or more

First Place

Advertiser-News North, Chester, New York

Bob Quinn & Beth Quinn, *When you get a phone call that your son is dead on the side of the road*

Second Place

The Maine Monitor, Hallowell, Maine

Emily Bader, *The Maine Monitor's opioid coverage*

Third Place

The Pilot, Southern Pines, North Carolina

Elena Marsh, *Opioid Settlement Funding Challenges Nonprofits*

Honorable Mention

The Daily Post, Palo Alto, California

Emily Mibach, *Tragedy strikes local family*



2025 NNAF Editorial & Advertising Contest
List of Winners

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First Place

Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota
Rick Bussler, *It's All About Audience*