THIRD PLACE, best sports photo, Daily division, By Blaine McCartney | Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, WY

LASSOED BY THE LENS—Anthony Thomas competes in the bareback event during the Cinch Shootout on the first day of the 121st annual Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo on Friday at Frontier Park Arena.
This document contains a collection of articles and columns, primarily focusing on news and features from various newspapers. The content includes personal reflections, community news, and awards celebrating writing and journalism. Here are some highlights:

1. **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**
   - The Taos News, Taos, NM, for its efforts in hurricane coverage and disaster preparedness.
   - Port Aransas South Jetty, Port Aransas, TX, for its hurricane coverage.
   - Newton, for its coverage of immigration and recent immigrants.

2. **BEST HUMOROUS COLUMN**
   - The Taos News, Taos, NM, for a humorous column that won first place.

3. **BEST SERIOUS COLUMN**
   - Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, OR, for a serious column that won first place.

4. **BEST SPECIAL NEWS, SPORTS OR FEATURE SECTION OR EDITION**
   - The Tooele News, Tooele, UT, for its hurricane coverage.

Each entry includes a brief description or a quote that highlights the quality and impact of the work.

This document seems to be a compilation of awards and recognitions for various news media outlets, showcasing their excellence in different categories.
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1st Place — Lamesa Press-Reporter, Lamesa, TX. The columnists do an excellent job of providing insights and information that is relevant and interesting to the readers.

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3rd Place — The Brunswick Beacon, Shallotte, NC. The columnist provides a well-written and informative column on local topics.

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1st Place — The Ellsworth American, Ellsworth, ME. The headline is concise and eye-catching, accurately reflecting the content of the column.

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BY REBECCA ROSE, The San, San Luis Obispo, CA
First place, Best Humorous column Daily & Non-daily Division, circulation 0.000 or more

H ave you ever had a bad hair day? Well, I’ve been having one since 1989.

For many of us, hair is so attached to our personal identity, we can’t function properly when it goes wrong. I can literally sick to work because my hair was looking like a hot mess. And I didn’t even lie about it. I’d call in sick due to my hair, I was so empathetic, she offered me comp time so I could get a blow out. Hair is important.

It’s normal for teenagers and bored college students to go completely Picaso with their hairdos. When you’re 15, it makes perfect sense to shave the word “Keow” into the back of your head, because why not? You’re 15, you’re supposed to look like kind of a moron. For most women and men, style experimentation with hair is a youthful rite of passage, like acne or liking Christina Aguilera music.

We all go through phases where we grab the dog clippers and try to recreate a look some squinting musician in Rolling Stone is sporting.

In 1989 my mother collapsed to her knees, hands clasped, begging me to turn my hair red, orange, pink, and black. My hair was so emotionally scarred from the ordeal, it needed therapy. In the ’90s, we believed that the best thing you could do to your hair was cut chunky strips of bizarrely mismatched color to it.

I’ve tried to copy Jennifer Aniston’s hairstyle so many times by this point I think it would legally sue me. She’s not the only actress whose picture has sent me scrambling to a salon. In 1996, I bought a photo of the actress Isabella Rossellini sporting short locks in Vanity Fair to my hair stylist and told that poor women, “This is what I want to look like.”

I don’t know why I thought there would ever be anything someone with the mere mortal powers of a hairdresser could do to make me look like one of the most famously beautiful women in history, but there but the great space between Mitchell and Rossellini looked like a frozen Botticelli with her exquisite short do.

I looked like someone gave a squirrel a buzz cut and glued it to my head. Inevitably, every two years or so I decide I need bangs and make a mistake of doing that to my hair. For about 24 hours, I love them.

And the next day, I look in a mirror and scream, “UGH, I DON’T HAVE THE FACE FOR BANGS!” I then spend a year enduring the hell of growing them out and then I see some cute celebrity with Zooey Deschanel and I think, “I would look so cute with that hair,” and the cycle starts all over. I am doomed to repeat this hellish loop for the rest of my natural life. I bet even as a ghost I will be sitting around saying, “Hmmm, but what if I tried shaved shaggy?”

Speaking of bangs, there is a space in hell reserved for absolute history’s worst wife, my mother, who fell ill, and whoever decided to limit the number of dipping sauces you can get free with Chicken McNuggets. In that hell, I am forever waiting for your bangs to grow out, in theawayside where your bangs are too long to look cute but too short to pull back.

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BEST SPORTS PHOTO
Non-Daily Division, circulation 3,000-4,999
1st Place—The Times, North Little Rock, AR, Collin Moore, Jason Sterling. “I appreciate that this is a full shot—nothing cut off. This photo is full of detail, especially the player’s expression, which pulls readers in. Awesome emotion and appeal. Wow.”

2nd Place—The Journal-Courier, Eldora, IA, Justin Brandes. “Has a definite flow and I appreciate that. The symmetry of this photograph offers a Definite captures attention, appeals to readers. It’s effective. My first thought, when looking at it, was that the runner should have been in set position, but after staring and deliberating for a half hour, I changed my mind. This has a definite flow and I appreciate that. The colors definitely POP!”

3rd Place—The Daily Enterprise, Mountain Home, AR, “Beautifully designed and full of attention-grabbing features.”

BEST SPORTS PHOTO
Non-Daily Division, circulation less than 3,000
1st Place—The Bridge News-Tidewater, Norfolk, VA, “The best color and design of any photo section, period.”

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1st Place—The Examiner, Beaumont, TX, Southeast Texas High School Football 2018, Chad Cooper. “Standout section! Excellent layout, photos. Nice schedule spread. Great format for schools, featured player, stats.”


3rd Place—The St Louis American, Saint Louis, MO, Diversity Staff. “Well done—expansive coverage of the topic—good stories/photos.”

Honorable Mention—Park Cities People, Dallas, TX, Park Cities People Football Preview, Todd Jorgerson, Craig Taggle. “Good design and layout.”

BEST SPECIAL NEWS, SPORTS OR FEATURE SECTION OR EDITION
Daily & Non-daily Division, circulation 3,000-9,999

1st Place—The Tascos News, Tasc, NM, Land Water People Time, The Tascos News Staff. “Weaving stories about the people, places and history of this dynamic geographic area of New Mexico is the accomplished mission of the Tascos News! A sensitive mix of stories creates vibrant content for visitors and residents. The creative graphics are exceptional both for advertising and editorial display. An amazing product... that edged out several others in this category, including those produced by the News.”

2nd Place—Jackson Hole News&Guide, Jackson, WY, Mike Koshmrl, Colleen Valenstein, Kathryn Holloway. “Comprehensive focus on a single issue that provides exceptional detail on a very provocative community (and national) issue: Retaining and sustaining the environmental quality of Northwest Wyoming is the most critical and effectual influence on the area’s economy and lifestyle, the writers determine. Superb soft graphic display of editorial content, with creative and dynamic advertising displays. A superb try!”

3rd Place—The Tascos News, Tasc, NM, Discover Tasc—summer visitor magazine, The Tascos News Staff. “A terrific look about people, places and events in publication’s internal and extended community! Well-crafted story content shrewdly and surrounded by a corps of exceptional quality, graphically-appealing advertising. As a Visitor’s Guide in this highly competitive segment, it deserves recognition.”

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Daily & Non-daily Division, circulation less than 3,000

1st Place—Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie, MN, DWI Section, Rick Bushek. “What a TERRIFIC and innovative section that’s packed with focused reporting and narrative on a topic sometimes taken for granted in our communities: Drunk Driving. Here we get the full picture, from victim to perpetrator: names, photos, personal stories both tragic and revealing. An example of Journalistic leadership in and for the newspaper’s communities.”

2nd Place—The Journal, Crosby, ND, Faith in the Farm, Journal Publishing Staff. “Hard times, hard lives are reflected in the pages of this special section devoted to survival, both economic and spiritual. Farmers in drought country share their commitment to the land, and their faith, with their neighbors. And the pastors who serve this community show their devotion to those who toil in truly harsh conditions to provide agricultural commodities for us all. Well-crafted stories carry the theme: Faith in the Farm.”

3rd Place—Hutchinson Leader, Hutchinson, KA, Ryan Kasmarszuk and Stephen Wilkens. “Please learn to combine PDFs into one file.” That said, pages are designed so easy to read. Total package is there, just spread out more. Keep the Scoreboard package. Photo cutout on slide little story was good.

Honorable Mention—The News-Gazette, Lexington, VA, Stephanie Mikes Blevins. “Honorable mention place was a toughie, but cleanliness of layout got you there. Not as much variety of coverage as some others, but photos, design make the overall package a keeper. It’s a good section.”

BEST SPORTS SECTION/PAGE Daily & Non-daily Division circulation less than 3,000

1st Place—Sioux City Journal, Sioux City, IA, Jeff Buellong, Jason Cowley, Barry Poe, Jerry Giese. “I had to get really nit-picky to choose the ultimate winner. What ultimately decided you guys a few points was the layout—there were several awkward widow/orphan line breaks that visually didn’t work for me. That being said, this is extremely strong work. Great job!”

3rd Place—Washington Missourian, Washington, MO, Washington Missourian Sports, Bill Battle. “Easy to read layout and all the writing was strong. Fabulous photos.”

SOCIAL MEDIA JOURNALISM Daily & Non-daily Division, circulation 3,000-5,999 (combined)

1st Place—Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Iowa Falls, IA, Times Citizen Staff. “Great use of multiple social media channels to promote local news.”

2nd Place—Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, WY, Josh Ruhlman. “Good coverage of local events offered to SM audience. I like the use of free stories to sample or for important issues.”

3rd Place—Philadelphia Gay News, Philadelphia, PA, Jen Collette. “Good use of social media to draw attention to print product.”

Honorable Mention—Cedar County News, Hartington, NE, Mark H. Himmelberg. “Offers a good reason to keep a local paper.”

BEST SPORTS SECTION/PAGE Daily & Non-daily Division circulation more than 10,000

1st Place—Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, WY, Wyo-Sports Staff. “Really strong and clean layout, and I loved the geometrical way the stats were presented. Consistently excellent writing and photos.”

2nd Place—The Pilot, Southern Pines, NC, Big Eggs and Birds with Attitude, a Part of the Job, Laura Doughman. “Overall an enjoyable read. Great photos. Other entries had interesting stories/sources, but many times newspapers ignore them. This one paid attention. Interesting—and a great public service to your readers. Keep up the good work.”

3rd Place—North Scott Press, Eldridge, IA, The next generation cultivates paths to diverse ag careers, Mark Ribald. “Writer did a nice job of showing the diversity of young people interested in a career in agriculture, with a dose of realism from some of their mentors.”

BEST AGRICULTURAL STORY Daily & Non-daily Division, circulation 6,000 or more

1st Place—The Journal, Crosby, ND, Let It Rain, Sydney Glaeser Cordubal. “Writer did a good job of describing the problem, bringing in quotes from many sources. Providing some links to resources for farmers hit by this drought made the story more helpful to local readers.”

2nd Place—North Scott Press, Eldridge, IA, The next generation cultivates paths to diverse ag careers, Mark Ribald. “Writer did a nice job of showing the diversity of young people interested in a career in agriculture, with a dose of realism from some of their mentors.”

HONORABLE MENTION Buffalo Bulletin, Buffalo, WY, Beef Insiders banquet trade withdrawal, Jen Sieve-Hicks. “Well-done piece showing how national policy affects the local ag economy.”

BEST BREAKING NEWS STORY Daily Division

1st Place—Eastern New Mexico News, Clovis, NM, Teen shooting killed in 2 (with sidebar), Staff. “Superb coverage of a real community tragedy. Tragedies like this undoubtedly take a huge toll on the community, and this coverage outlines what happened in a clear and concise way. The writing is sharp and crisp. Nice job with sharing the emotion of what happened during this ordeal. I felt the emotion of dealing with this tragedy through the words in this piece. Outstanding job!”

2nd Place—Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, Yankton, SD, Suicide Walk Shines Light On Issues, Randy Dockendorf. “I appreciated how the newspaper takes on a tough issue that often experienced farmer and the non-farmer reader in mind.”

SECOND PLACE, best breaking news photo, Non-daily Division, circulation 5,000 - 9,999

By Andy Behlen | Fayette County Record, La Grange, TX

RV FIRE—A pair of La Grange firefighters shoot a stream of water through a window of the travel trailer that burned on Robitch Street in La Grange Friday afternoon.
I'm one of those conversations that sticks with you.

Some parents dream about them, some dread them.

While it's nothing like the old “birds and the bees talk,” that parents hate and children laugh at, it is just as important.

I knew this day was coming, so like anyone who makes his living communicating with people, I tried to prepare for it.

I laid out a speech loaded with parental advice.

The speech was touching, yet stern. It had all the right elements of compassion, caring and love, spiced with just a dash of humor.

I even went so far as to practice it in my head a time or two.

The only problem was, I had no idea when I might get the chance to deliver it.

Well, that chance came on New Year’s Eve, and I have to tell you, it still caught me off guard.

Here I was sitting at my favorite spot, sipping a cold brew while watching Alabama dismantle Washington in a national semifinal game. When the conversation suddenly took a left turn, switching abruptly from football to life.

“Well, Rob, I think it’s time,” the 36-something kid next to me said.

I could tell by the tone in his voice that he wasn’t talking about how the Huskies’ time to either show it could play defense or go home.

“Well, I think it’s time that I asked for your blessing—asked for your permission to marry your daughter.”

Well, there it was.

The moment—my moment.

I always knew that some day, some brash young kid would ask for my baby girl’s hand in marriage.

I just didn’t think it would happen on Washington’s second drive of the 2017 Peach Bowl.

You sports fans know what I’m talking about here—the eight-play drive that ended up with a 1-yard Huskie touchdown run to put the Purple and Gold ahead of Alabama 7-0.

So, there was I, trying to balance the fact that the undefeated Crimson Tide was not invincible, while scrambling to come up with that final piece of fantasy I’d written long ago.

It was packed into my cranium somewhere, but where?

Thinking back on it, my answer wasn’t nearly as eloquent as I’d hoped it would be.

“Well, I wonder if this day would ever come,” I said as I turned my attention away from the TV screen to this baby-faced kid who had just told me he planned to marry my only daughter.

“You know, I had a big speech all planned out for this moment, but you kind of caught me off guard here,” I said as I took a bigger than necessary drink from my frosty mug in an attempt to buy myself a little more time.

Besides the congratulatory pat on the back, and commending him on what a great decision he was making, I was able to salvage one line from that original speech.

“You know, you’ve got my blessing if you promise to remember these three things,” I told him.

“You need to respect her Faith, her family and her friends. If you can do that, you guys will be great together.

So there it was. The beautiful little speech that had been fermenting in my brain for years, was finally out in the open—not pretty, but out in the open.

It was short and sweet, but at least I made my point.

If people remember three things in life—faith, family and friends—everything else will pretty much take care of itself.

Best Breaking News Story

Non-Daily Division, circulation 3,000-5,999

1st Place—Philadelphia Gay News, Philadelphia, PA

2nd Place—Daily Journal of Commerce, Portland, OR

3rd Place—Ringstar News, Frazier Park, CA

Honorable Mention—Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, MI

Best Breaking News Story

Non-Daily Division, circulation less than 3,000

1st Place—Northwest Indiana News, Northwest Indiana

2nd Place—The Mountain Enterprise, Frazier Park, CA

3rd Place—Riverhead News-Review, Mattituck, NY

Honorable Mention—Park Cities People, Dallas, TX

Best Business Feature Story

Non-Daily Division, circulation 6,000 or more

1st Place—The Toa News, Toa, NM

2nd Place—The Taos News, Taos, NM

3rd Place—Daily Journal of Commerce, Portland, OR

Honorable Mention—Himalay Valley News-Register, McMin- nville, OR

Best Business Feature Story

Non-Daily Division, circulation less than 6,000

1st Place—Maplewood News, Maplewood, MN

2nd Place—The Lancaster News, Lancaster, SC

3rd Place—The News-Gazette, Lexington, VA

Honorable Mention—Park Cities People, Dallas, TX

Best Business Feature Story

Non-Daily Division, circulation less than 4,000

1st Place—Port Aransas South Jetty, Port Aransas, TX

2nd Place—The News-Gazette, Lexington, VA

3rd Place—The News-Gazette, Lexington, VA

Honorable Mention—Park Cities People, Dallas, TX

Conversation leads to an interesting proposal.
Message to young activists involved in work of social change

BY MIKE JONES
The St. Louis AMERICAN,
St. Louis, MO
First place, best serious column
Daily & Non-daily Division, circulation 12,000 or more

On September 15, 2017, another white police-man was acquitted in the murder of a (very likely) unarmed black man, this time here in St. Louis, Missouri. Now if you’re black, you could have a range of reactions, but there are two emotions I will not permit you—shock or surprise. You couldn’t have honestly entertained the possibility that this could or would end with a different outcome.

The U.S. Constitution created the governing framework for the American republic, but it’s the Declaration of Independence that provided the raison d’être (reason to be) for the republic’s creation. The second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence begins, “We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” While most are familiar with this beginning they are totally ignorant of what Jefferson writes next: “That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed; That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it.”

Jefferson was never the epitome of his words, it doesn’t change the importance of what he wrote to the development of the United States. If you sprinkle sugar on a pile of manure, it’s still a pile of manure. The exploitation and oppression of people of color are fundamental to the American experience. While Jefferson was never the epothe of his words, it doesn’t change the importance of what he wrote to the development of human history. He codified the intrinsic value of all human life and further stated that the sole pur-
pose of government is to secure and ensure that value. He also did something equally as important. He established as a national founding principle that when government undermines or negates these inalienable rights, the People have a moral responsibility to change or abolish that government.

No matter what legal rationalizations are used, the Jeffersonian Stockley verdict is one more reminder that the effective purpose of American law is to maintain the order of white male privilege. So everyone in the streets protesting that verdict had a moral duty to be there on behalf of our collective humanity, establishing, once again, that our governors without our consent and its power is not legitimate.

Speaking of the protests on Friday night, we need to address one more issue, the concerns of white moderate intellectuals and their African-American collaborators. You know who I’m talking about, the “I support your goals but can’t support what you’re doing to achieve them” crowd.

The definitive answer to this objection was written over 50 years ago and is as cogent today as it was the day it was written. “You deplore the demonstrations taking place in Birmingham. But your statement, I am sorry to say, fails to express a similar concern for the conditions that brought about the demonstrations. ... You would want to rest content with the superficial kind of social analysis that deals merely with effects and does not grapple with underlying causes.” Martin Luther King Jr. wrote from the Birmingham city jail on April 16, 1963.

“I had hoped that the white moderate would under-
stand that law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice and that when they fail in this purpose they become the dangerously structured dams that block the flow of social progress...” I must confess that over the past few years I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate. I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro’s great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen’s Councilor or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to “order” than to “justice.”

I wrote this commentary so the young activists involved in the serious work of social change are not slowed by the need to provide a public rationale for their work to those of us not physically active in the struggle, and so they will know (if they care) that there is substantial historical intellectual and moral justification for their position, and so they know there are some old heads who believe in them and uphold them.

Mike Jones is a member of the St. Louis American editorial board and the State Board of Education.
Teen shooter kills 2

Jessica Thron, an employee at the Clovis-Carver Public Library, is taken to an ambulance by her husband, Clovis Police Sgt. Trevor Thron. Thron was one of four citizens injured in the shooting Monday at the library. Tony Bullocks also won a first place for breaking news photo in the daily division for this photo.

Pair of library workers die, four people wounded

CLOVIS—“Run!,” he yelled. “Why aren’t you running? I’m shooting at you! Run!”

Lisa Baird said she was maybe 20 feet from the young man shouting the words as he opened fire in the Clovis-Carver Public Library on Monday afternoon, killing two people and leaving four more injured.

Police declined to name the suspect, but said there was only one and he was handcuffed as police led him away from the scene soon after they arrived.

Friends identified the teenager photographed in police custody as Nathaniel Joutet, a sophomore at Clovis High School.

Paul and friends said Krissie Carter and Wanda Walters, both library employees, were killed.

Two men and two women were injured. Three of the injured were flown to hospitals out of town, officials said.

“The extent of their injuries was not released,” Baird said, in a lengthy exchange.

Baird, in a lengthy exchange with The News through Facebook Messenger, said she was talking with a library patron from her seat at the library’s reference desk when she heard a “very loud bang.”

“My initial thought was why would someone throw a cherry bomb or M80 firecracker into the library?”

She saw a young man aim his hand, which had a handgun in it, to the ground/cabinet about 6 feet in front of him and he fired four or five shots into the carpet.

Baird said she dove under a nearby desk and tried to squish up as small as possible.

From there, Baird said she could hear the man moving around the library and firing multiple shots.

“Then I heard his pants ‘shoooshing’ as he approached the end of the reference desk. I heard a sound like a phone or something being put on the reference counter at the end of the desk, about 4 feet from my head.”

Seconds later, Baird said police entered the library and began shouting for the man with the gun to “lay on the ground” repeatedly.

Police Chief Doug Ford said the suspect offered no resistance after police arrived.

Vanessa Aguirre said she was in the library with her son when a man came in and “started to shoot” into the air.

“It all happened so fast,” she said, minutes after it happened. “We took off fast. My purse is still in there.”

Aguirre said she did not see anyone shot, but the shooter was still in the library when she left. She said she fired into the ceiling.

She said she thought he had a handgun.

Kim Tipton, who was in the American Classified building across the street from the library, said she saw multiple police officers arrive at the library a few minutes after 4 p.m.

“Their guns were drawn, AK-whatver they were, they were drawn,” she said.

Police Chief Ford said police entered the library immediately on arrival, minutes after they were called.

More than a dozen law enforcement and emergency vehicles surrounded the library as paramedics and law officers rushed in to begin treating the wounded.

Clovis Mayor David Lansford called the incident “a tactic and senseless act.”

“This is a big blow to our community,” he said.

“We’re all hurting right now,” Ford said authorities had no motive for the shootings.

Police were still on the scene late Monday night as television news crews conducted interviews with a backdrop of police cars flashing their lights.

Curry County Adult Detention Center Administrator Mark Gallegos said the suspect remained in police custody at 9 p.m. and had not been processed into the jail.

Baird said she remained shaken hours after the shootings, in part because of the suspect’s demeanor.

“When he was answering the cops’ questions, he was calm. His voice held no negativity or shakiness ... no quavering at all,” she said.

She also expressed anger.

“That (expletive) better go away for the rest of his life, or disappear somewhere,” she said.

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BEST FEATURE SERIES
Daily & Non-Daily Division, circulation 6,000 or more
1st Place—San Jose City, Journal, San Jose, CA. Serving Her Country. Women in the Military. Journal staff. “Very important, close-up look on a sometimes forgotten segment of the military. And it’s not as recent as some might think, as this series showed in depth.”

Honorable Mention—Philadelphia Gay News, Philadelphia, PA. Day in the Life of a stay-at-home parent, Ruby Marable. Jeremy Rodriguez. “DITL stories can be useful and entertaining this one goes beyond by giving the reader a real feeling of the woman’s reality.”

2nd Place—San Jose City, Journal, San Jose, CA. The Real Cost of the Census. Journal staff. “Great series on the census, and why we need it.”

3rd Place—The News Leader, Staunton, VA. Powering the Community. Journal staff. “Great series on solar power, and how it can help the economy.”

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FIRST PLACE, best breaking news photo, Non-daily Division, circulation 5,000-9,999
By Rockne Roll | Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, OR

HOUSE DAMAGED—Robert Moon inspects the front yard of his home Wednesday. A car traveling south on Hill Road jumped the ditch, went through the fence behind his house and struck the building at more than 100 miles per hour, plowing completely through the structure and coming to rest in the street.

FIRST PLACE, best feature photo, Non-daily Division, circulation 3,000-5,999
By Jason Collins | Beeville Bee-Picayune, Beeville, TX

OOIE GOOEY DIFFICULTY—Nathan Cooning has a bit of trouble with the yellow clay as he works to form it around a water bottle Wednesday morning. He and other youngsters were creating unique figurines of their own design using the air-drying clay, feathers, beads and pipe cleaners.

SECOND PLACE, best sports photo, Non-daily Division, circulation 5,000-9,999
By Rockne Roll | Yamhill Valley News-Register, McMinnville, OR

BAD NEWS BARNES—McMinnville’s Brian Barnes is undefeated on the season in the 285-pound weight class and has become a pinning machine for the Grizzlies. As seen here, Barnes is using his favorite move, the single-leg take down, which led to a pin against West Albany’s Jalaam Stewart in a match from earlier this season.
FLUID CREATIVITY—Dancers Teresa Toogie Barcelo (left), Haylee Nichele (middle) and Himerria Wortham, of Heidi Duckler Dance Company, perform at Peter Strauss Ranch June 3. The dancers’ Lake Enchanto presentation was one of several programs planned at the ranch in the Santa Monica Mountains this summer.

ABOUT A GIRL—A three-part series begins in The Journal this week, exploring the services available for a young Divide County family, Seth and Stephanie Nygaard, and their daughter, Aubrey, above, who is autistic.

SIX-GAME STREAK—West Essex High School’s Brielle Krause is fouled by Abby Garaban of Mount St. Dominic in their game on Thursday, Jan. 11. West Essex won 42-37.
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Nygaard family.


BEST FEATURE STORY
Daily Division
1st Place—Sioux City Journal, Sioux City, IA. Metamphetamine addiction gives way to a new life, Daily A. Bultz. “Very well done. Good job of getting the subject to really open up and be honest. Hopefully, this story will help someone else kick an addiction.”

2nd Place—Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, Yankton, SD. On The Run, Randy Dickendorf. “Nicely done. Really captures the essence of the event and what it was like to be involved in it.”

3rd Place—Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, WY. Shifting a life’s focus, Eliza Kavanagh. “WOW! Great use of photos and quotes within the story. Very well written.”

Honorable Mention—Echoes-Sentinel, Bernardsville, NJ, Elloise’s calling, Renee Spencer. “A fun read about an outstanding lady. Refreshing to read about a person who works so hard and is so beloved by others. Writer does well in weaving together so much information. Writer does fine job of tying the weaver’s story to her work. Reader can’t help but want to meet this lady.”

Honorable Mention—The New Lenox Patriot, Orland Park, IL, Saved by Grace, Jen Kocher. “A well-written story of resilience that captures the hardworking and kind lady. Refreshing to read about a person who works so hard and is so beloved by others. Writer does well in weaving together so much information. Writer does fine job of tying the weaver’s story to her work. Reader can’t help but want to meet this lady.”

BEST FEATURE STORY
Non-daily Division, circulation 10,000-14,999
1st Place—The Highlands Current, Cold Spring, NY. A Day in Drug Court, Michael Turner. “An important story about the opioid epidemic, told through the unique and powerful lens.”

2nd Place—The Big Horn County Times, Bighorn, WY. DWI—Backstroms, Rick Rusche. “An important story.”

3rd Place—Douglas Budget, Douglas, WY. Saved by Grace, Jen Kocher. “A well-written story of resilience that captures the spirit of the sport.”


BEST FEATURE STORY
Non-daily Division, circulation 6,000-8,999
1st Place—The Salt Lake Tribune, Salt Lake City, UT. Hero’s Story, Christina McCune. “Great feature story captured for future references to WW2 stories that must be read.”

2nd Place—Cody Enterprise, Cody, WY. Living in the line of fire, Lew Freedman. “Truly a different kind of story. It captures the reader from the opening line to the end. This man lives his faith and his life mission in a different manner. Agree with him or not, it’s hard not to be captivated by this story. Unlike any of the other entries.”

3rd Place—Yankton Valley News Register, Yankton, SD. Fingers and strings, Stacie Picket. “Delightful story of a quite interesting person. Story reads smoothly and is well stocked with information. Writer does fine job of tying the weaver’s personality to her work. Reader can’t help but want to meet this lady.”

Honorable Mention—The State Port Pilot, Southport, NC. Elise Kavanagh’s calling, Renee Spencer. “Fun read about an outstanding lady. Refreshing to read about a person who works so hard and is so beloved by others. Writer does well in weaving together so much information. Writer does fine job of tying the weaver’s story to her work. Reader can’t help but want to meet this lady.”

BEST FEATURE STORY
Non-daily Division, circulation less than 2,000
1st Place—Culver Beacon Progress, Culver, OR. Lebanon Kavanagh, “WOW! Great use of photos and quotes within the story! I loved how you told her story and how it accompanies a community news story at the same time. This helps prepare the readers for more and to WANT more. Excellent!”

2nd Place—The Yankton County Observer, Yankton, SD. Three cheers to Tabor triplets as graduation nears, Brian J. Hayfield. “ABSOLUTELY AWESOME followup after all these years in your newspaper! GREAT! Loved all the old newspaper clippings and this full-circle feature story!”

3rd Place—The Dalton Gazette & The Ridgewood News, Dalton, OH. Heroes’ Story, Christine McCune. “Great feature story captured for future references to WW2 stories that must be read.”
Sometimes I get tired of hearing the word “they.” As in... “Are they going to get something to replace Walmart?”

“I don’t know why they don’t fix up our town.”

“They want us to shop at home, but they don’t give us any good shopping places.”

“I wish they would take care of that.”

I’m sure we are like many other communities, but we’ve definitely got far too much “they” and not near enough “we” around here.

It is part of a trend you also can see and hear nationwide as so many people seem to expect our government or others to take care of us rather than getting out there and taking care of ourselves.

And we want to blame everyone else for our own problems.

It’s time we quit wondering when they are going to do something to fix things and instead figure out how we can work together and how we can get it done.

We, as in you, me, our neighbors, our co-workers, our friends, the people we attend church with, our classmates, our clubs, our coffee groups, etc.

We, without regard to race, petty jealousies, self-serving agendas, worrying who benefits and who gets credit, and other excuses that often keep us from doing things.

We, as in all of us working together to get things done for our community instead of sitting back and griping about why they aren’t doing it.

Many of our complaints about what they are doing, or not doing, seem to be directed at our elected officials: city council members, county commissioners, school trustees, our clubs, our coffee groups, etc.

Yes, they have been elected to represent us in making various decisions and taking certain actions.

But they can’t do it all. And when they or others try to do something, they often are met with hostile criticism rather than support.

We think they should do this or that, but they better not raise our taxes in the process.

Those elected officials might be able to help facilitate the opening of a new store or a new business here, but they can’t just automatically make it happen.

They ultimately can’t make the decisions that go into whether someone or some corporation opens or closes a business here.

We probably have more influence on such decisions than they.

Are we going to shop at the business?

Can we provide the employees what they need? Are we willing to stay home and shop at a local store that might not have as much variety as the big-city shopping center?

We largely determine whether a Walmart, a Taco Bell, or any of our own home-owned businesses can succeed in Lamesa.

We can sit back and blame others for not fixing everything that we don’t like about our community, or we can roll up our sleeves, pitch in, work together and get things done ourselves.

We can gripe about empty buildings and unsightly vacant lots, or we can volunteer to help make improvements ourselves or put our support behind others in their efforts to take care of those problems on our behalf.

It is time to quit blaming our problems on what they are doing, or not doing, and instead get out there and become part of the solution to those problems.

We won’t always see eye-to-eye and agree on everything, but we can work together toward the same goals.

We are all members of the same community, regardless of race or other differences. We are family, friends and neighbors. They are us, and we are them.

They are limited in what they can accomplish, but we can do amazing things when we get involved personally and when we all work together.

Russel Skiles is the publisher of the Lamesa Press-Reporter.

They can’t do as well as we can.

BY RUSSEL SKILES

Lamesa Press-Reporter
Lamesa, TX

First place, best serious column
Daily & Non-daily Column, circulation less than 3,000

BEST HEALTH STORY

Daily & Non-daily Division, circulation less than 6,000

1st Place—The Daily Record, Des Moines, IA, The Surgeon’s dilemma. A story of community-wide importance, many lives are affected by the rising cost of insulin. Well illustrated, facts are easy to understand, and the story shows the impact on a personal level.

2nd Place—Riverhead News-Review, Mattituck, NY, Teen suicide, Joe Horrenreiter and Kely Zegers. “Well-written story on a difficult topic, but one that is important in every community. Good background, important help facts, and the details about John’s life make it very personal.”

3rd Place—Mount Desert Islander. Bar Harbor, ME. Staying well, The songs they can’t forget, Dick Brown. “Well-written story about how music therapy helps with the treatment of both young and old in a community. It is a story that touches on many people in a community.”

BEST INVESTIGATIVE OR IN-DEPTH STORY OR SERIES

Daily Division

1st Place—Foster’s Daily Democrat, Dover, NH. Homeless on the Seacoast, Kyle Stucker and Deb Cram. “Fantastic! So many viewpoints are included here, from the testers to the police to shelter coordinators. The act of reporting is a big part of this. The reporter does a good job of pulling the people out of their shells and finding out what life is really like. I can tell the reporter spent a lot of time with these people, getting to know them as people and gaining their trust. The series not only presents the problem from multiple sides but also explores solutions. The fact that your organization took the time and effort to put together all the multimedia elements speaks to your desire to help. This is a phenomenal example of newspapers leading the way in working toward change in their communities.”

2nd Place—Wyoming Tribune Eagle, Cheyenne, WY. Wyoming Boot Camp, Sarah Zeidlich. “Great RealA8988ly good. Job profiling different people and incorporating perspectives of the sergeant, the counsellors, the inmates, etc. This is a touching place, I imagine, to do interviews. The pull-up and pull-down boxes are fantastic.”

3rd Place—Holland Sentinel, Holland, MI. Entitled to Fairness, Erin Dietzer, Audra Gamble and Sydney Smith. “Love the IX graph and how it is consistent with each edition. The sidebars and pullout boxes are a great addition, since the stories are sooo long. Nice job including faces of people involved—from those who got it started to criminals to past and present administrators.”

Honorable Mention—The Daily Independent, Ridgecrest, CA. Pinney Pool Closure series. Jessica Westam. “Your letter says the reporter provided a balanced view of the story. However, I don’t see...
any comments from people who are in favor of the pool closing, and minimal information from the city council’s perspective. Hard to get if they’re not speaking publicly, yet. Nice job getting the community you included—the swim coach especially. I hope there were additional stories after these, so I’d like to know how this resolved, if it has.”

BEST INVESTIGATIVE OR IN-DEPTH STORY OR SERIES
Non-daily Division, circulation 10,000 or more

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BEST PERFORMING ARTS STORY
Daily & Non-daily Division

1st Place—The Pearl, San Diego, CA. “The story was about a local theatre production of a well-known play. We interviewed the director, the cast, and the audience, and we got a review of the performance. We also included a feature on the costume and set design.”

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THIRD PLACE, best feature photo, Non-daily Division, circulation 2,000-9,999

By Dan Parker/Port Aransas South Jetty, Port Aransas, TX

HAVERING A BALL—Penry, a 9-year-old female malamute, chases a tennis ball at the dog park near Port Aransas Community Park. She was visiting with her owner, Lindsay Flreet, of Taft. This photo was shot on July 15, several weeks before Hurricane Harvey struck, knocking down the dog park’s fences. But Penry now has reason to visit again. Later that month, the City of Port Aransas Parks and Recreation Department finished putting up new fences, and the dog park now is back in business.
The inspirational story of Bob Jester

BY JOE WERKMEISTER
The Suffolk Times, Mattituck, NY

More than a year after accident, he fights to walk again

Bob Jester grimmaces with each movement. His hands clench two parallel bars at waist height, positioned at the end of a trainer’s table at Peconic Landing’s rehabilitation center in Greenport.

Seated in front of him, therapist and exercise physiologist Betty Carlson positions a band around his waist and holds with each hand to help Mr. Jester steady himself as he slowly stands away from the edge of the table. It’s a recent Tuesday morning, and Mr. Jester has already spent an hour on a bike machine and just completed a lap around the room while standing with his legs secured in two large, cumbersome braces. More exercises on a step machine and weight lifting are still to come—all part of his four-hour workout routine.

With Ms. Carlson’s assistance, Mr. Jester stands, sits and repeats the exercise, occasionally wiping sweat from his forehead. A stimulator attached to his legs helps spark the muscles, creating a spasms-like effect. Suddenly, he shuffles his feet as he stands, lifting his heel ever-so-slightly. Ms. Carlson looks on with astonishment.

“I cannot believe you!” she exclaims. “This is really amazing. It gives me so much optimism.”

Mr. Jester smiles through the pain. “This is a great day,” adds Kathryn Park, an occupational therapist. A revered science teacher at Riverhead High School for 39 years and a 52-year member of the Greenport Fire Department, Mr. Jester now spends his retirement fighting to regain the use of his legs. It’s not how anyone envisions retirement, and if Mr. Jester had his way, he’d still be in the classroom teaching every day. But this has become his reality ever since he fell from a ladder in August 2016 and was paralyzed from the waist down.

“I’ve said over and over to my own children, to every kid in my classroom: ‘Your days will define who you are,’ Mr. Jester said. “This is my reality, too. It’s the kind of pain that would make me cry, but I won’t do that.”

“I would tell the story about how the secret to making (the spine) grow back together is locked in the starfish,” he said. “Starfish can grow back missing arms, but more importantly, the arm can grow back a missing starfish.”

To those around him, Mr. Jester is the embodiment of determination, a constant source of inspiration.

“He’s very vivacious and passionate about anything he does,” said his youngest daughter, Chelsea, who followed in her father’s footsteps to become a fourth-grade teacher at Phillips Avenue Elementary School. (Another daughter, Alison Riddell, teaches in the Greenport School District.)

“I think Mr. Jester can do everything he can to help other people.”

His wife, Diane, added: “He’s a hard worker and he’s always been upbeat. He jokes all the time.”

That sense of humor has never wavered. His scars, a braid he wears has two pieces of paper taped to it.

On the bottom, it says: “KEEP BACK—500 FEET.” The top sheet.

He stood, sitting and repeating the exercise. His hands clutch two handles with each hand to help Mr. Jester. He’d been cleaned to the chimney at a Southold home, a side job he had been doing for decades, mostly on weekends and during the summer when school was closed. It was a job he stumbled into with longtime friend Ray McKeighan.

“Rudy had gotten a call one day years ago from Mr. McKeighan, who was frantically describing a glowing pipe attached to his woodstove. Mr. Jester told him he had a chimney fire. He raced from his home on Chaplin Place to over to Mr. McKeighan’s house on Albertson Road. He was asked if he was OK. Instantly, he could feel the ladder go out from under him, and he plumpeded to the ground. The homeowner came out and asked if he was OK. Instantly, he couldn’t feel anything from the waist down. He directed the woman to call 911. About a minute later, the pain struck.

“I couldn’t believe the human body could heal so fast,” Mr. Jester said.

Bob Jester atop the chimney, which ran two pieces of paper taped to it. Two rods were implanted in his back with 16 bolts going down his vertebrae. He’ll never be able to bend. He spent a week at Stony Brook, then the Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine in New York City. He cried when three firefighters—Chief Susano Jimenez, Chris Hanold and Ed Sieben—visited him in the city. He remembers asking them how they got there.

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The pain he feels is still constant, attacking in waves every few hours in his back. He can’t get a full night’s sleep. “It’s so violent, you can’t believe it,” he said.

The occasional ring of the fire scanner still sounds in Mr. Jester’s home, alerting him to another call. He heads down to the fire department when he can to answer a call, even if he can’t actually respond, Chief Jimenez said.

As Mr. Jester sat in his wheelchair in his living room toward the end of an interview last week, his wife rushed in to turn on the television. A report on Channel 2 news had just started that he needed to see, she said. It detailed how virtual reality is used to help patients dealing with chronic pain.

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rehashing that same play. Those nows all that information into a
well-organized, lyrically written article.

BEST PUBLIC NOTICE JOURNALISM
Daily & Non-Daily Division
1st Place—The Yakima County Observer; Yakima, WA, In A
Minutes Notice. Travis B. Juntunen. “How do you get through
minutes and make a story? Great work here! This was a big
service to your community.”

BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY OR SERIES
Daily & Non-Daily Division, circulation less than 3,000
1st Place—The State Port Pilot, Southport, NC, “Wishin’ for
DeMatha is much more than an athletic powerhouse, Chris
Lee, and his unusual, complex family. Randy pacifies the
story beautifully and peps back the layers one by one. I really felt
a connection to these three persons and how their combined
efforts have affected this young man’s life.”
2nd Place—Holland Sentinel, Holland, MI, Al Troicki. Chris Zadrozny. “Chris Zadrozny tells a compelling story of
girls’ athletic careers interrupted by ACL injuries. Excellent
medical explanations and terrific graphics.”

BEST SPORTS STORY
Daily & Non-Daily Division, circulation less than 9,000
1st Place—The Suffolk Times, Mattituck, NY, Phil Reed and
Bob Liepa. “Very well done, especially taking the wife’s per-
sonal story. Very candid interview with her. Loved the quote
about nice but not. Also dig deep into the personality of the
coach—by getting insights from numerous people. Very well done.”
2nd Place—Casa Grande Dispatch, Casa Grande, AZ, Get-
times at core of Superior, Brian Wright. “Nice feature. Really
brings home the gutsiness of the coach and the team. Lots of
smaller teams like this get overlooked, but nicely done.”
3rd Place—Yankee Daily Press & Galaxian, Yankton, SD, Sus-
pends Free on Band, Randy Backlund. “Tough subject to
write about, but this one is very thorough and covers all of
the angles.”

VIDEO JOURNALISM
Daily & Non-Daily Division, circulation 12,000 or more
1st Place—Holland Sentinel, Holland, MI, Bruce Kople. “A Heart-warming story of a man and his game. The well-shot video adds a lot to this story—his
voice and tone would not have been able to come across in print
alone.”
2nd Place—Firm and Dairy, Salem, OH, Facebook spurs
army of Ohio farmers headed for Kansas, Catie Noyes. “Great
research into everything involved here. I’m not surprised the
couch didn’t respond to calls from the paper. Looks like you’ve
covered all the bases and brought up some interesting ques-
tions.”
3rd Place—The Daily Universe, Provo, UT, BYU Daily Uni-
verse. “Staff. Good video. Easy to navigate, I think it’s a waste
of space, though, to have two Donald Trump/CA photos, etc.
This website had a very clean appearance.”

GENERAL EXCELLENCE
College Division Daily & Non-Daily Division
1st Place—The Southernmost College Sun, Chula Vista, CA.
“For a community college newspaper, the Sun punches well
above its weight with exceptionally strong writing, photography
and artwork.”
2nd Place—The Daily Universe, Provo, UT, “The Daily Uni-
verse offers the BYU community a newspaper that is engaging
spectacularly in an army of important issues.”

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efforts have affected this young man’s life.”
2nd Place—Holland Sentinel, Holland, MI. “Great story.
Essentially sets the stage for the piece and then takes the
reader on an incredible journey.”

BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE
Daily & Non-Daily Division
1st Place—Washington Post, Washington, DC, “The Wash-
ington Post has evolved significantly since we last judged this
site. Amazing work and great design.”
2nd Place—El Paso Times, El Paso, TX, “The El Paso Times
website has evolved so much since our last judging. The
site’s design is clean and modern, and the content is very
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BEST NEWSPAPER STORY
Daily & Non-Daily Division
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the layout is very visually appealing.”
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Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Iowa Falls, IA

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Read every week. Keep up the great work!

2nd Place—Vilas County News-Review, Eagle River, WI. "Outstanding photography and reproduction. Headlines are smart and inviting. Editorial page—as evidenced by letters and local opinion—reflects an active and engaged citizenry, as well as an active newspaper. Strong features. Nothing negative about this newspaper at all. If I had to nitpick, the leads of news stories could use a little imagination at times. But not anything bad at all."

3rd Place—The Suffolk Times, Mattituck, NY. "This might have had the best photos and headlines in the entire category. There really was no weakness—just some better papers competing."

Honorable Mention—Leelanau Enterprise, Lake Leelanau, MI. "The only thing that kept this paper out of the top three was design. It wasn't that it's bad; the others were just better. LOVE the treatment of obits. We could all learn from the way you handle them."

General Excellence
Non-daily Division, circulation less than 3,000

1st Place—The Ark, Tiburon, CA. "Well-written with beautiful layout/design; this newspaper does everything perfectly!"

2nd Place—Mid-Hudson Times, Newburgh, NY. "The staff at this weekly newspaper obviously knows what they're doing, putting out a quality product better than many dailies do. Use of color, photos and design is exemplary. Very clean layout. Had to take off points though for an obvious headline typo on the front page of the June entry—New era in aviation. Also, don't understand why the Opinion page is anchored by a feature photo; an editorial cartoon would be a better fit. Otherwise, hats off to reporter Shantal Riley and the editor for stories that are a pleasure to read."

3rd Place—Shelter Island Reporter, Shelter Island, NY. "Beautifully designed newspaper that appears to cover its circulation area without ever missing an important story. Great use of color and photos. Love the look of the front pages and the sports coverage."

Honorable Mention—Hendersonville Lightning, Hendersonville, NC. "Outstanding small-town newspaper!"

Second Place—best breaking news photo, Non-daily Division, circulation less than 5,000
Joe Burns | Blair Pilot-Tribune, Blair, NE

Barn Blaze—Firefighters battle a barn fire early Sunday morning at 501 County Road P39 west of Fort Calhoun. A barn and several vehicles were destroyed.

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BEST ADVERTISING IDEA
Non-Daily Division, circulation less than 5,000
1st Place—Gala Graphics Gazette, Gala Graphics, IA. "Great idea for an ad! Use of the photos in the ad is outstanding. I love this idea for an ad!"
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BEST MULTIPLE ADVERTISER SECTION
Daily & Non-Daily Division, circulation 10,000 or more
1st Place—Preston Hollow People, Dallas, TX. "Real Estate Qtrly, Put Martin and Craig Tuggle. "This section has a modern feel to it and the content is easy to understand."
2nd Place—Broomwood Press, Broomwood, CA. "Holiday Greeting cards from your local businesses, Eric Kinnard, Sherrie Hamill, Anne Ray, Tina Fitzgerald. "These ads are nice in size and easy to read. Use of the color is not overpowering."

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Daily & Non-Daily Division, circulation less than 5,000
1st Place—Cut Bank Pioneer Press, Cut Bank, MT. "Distracted Driving Promotion, Brian and LaAne Kavanagh, Jonna Talmeyder and Jenny Wherley. "This piece really caught my attention. Great concept, as well."
2nd Place—The Hopleyoke Enterprise, Hopleyke, CO. "School Bus Safety, Darci Wilson, Brenda Brandt. "The information is carefully placed and it is easy to read."

BEST PUBLIC NOTICE SECTION
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BEST SALES PROMOTION SECTION
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Non-Daily Division, circulation 10,000 or more
1st Place—Broomwood Press, Broomwood, CA. "Living 50 Plus, Linnie Tapia, Eric Kinnard, Sherrie Hamill, Anne Ray and Teri Fitzhugh. "This section has a lot of full-color, full-page ads. Readers are drawn to the layout of content and advertising in this section."
2nd Place—Broomwood Press, Broomwood, CA. "Auto Guide—Cars Trucks Boats RVs, Linnie Tapia, Eric Kinnard, Sherrie Hamill, Anne Ray and Teri Fitzhugh. "This section is intended for anyone who has an automobile. This broad subject makes finding advertisers for this section easy!"

Lodge, Stacy Bronson. “Great artwork helps you to feel the ad.”

Leelanau Gifts! 11-23-17, Staff. “Even though this was just an advertising section, I liked the modular formatting of the ads and the cover was great—good color, illustration and typographic choices that went well together.”

Honorable Mention—Leelanau Enterprises, Lake Leelanau, MI, Leelanau Visitor’s Guide 2017, Staff. “A very impressive section with a lot of good ideas, like the tickets for each town. Cover could have been stronger and the use of type and headline weakened inside pages, too much gimmickry.”

BEST SINGLE AD IDEA, BLACK & WHITE Non-daily Division, circulation less than 5,000

1st Place—Willow-Durant Advocate News, Wilton, IA, Ad series—Family-Fund, Carissa Hoekstra and Layce DeLong. “It can be challenging to design a very eye-catching, black-and-white ad. The photos you used really caught my eye. Nice job! I really liked the Abe Lincoln ad!”

BEST SINGLE AD IDEA, COLOR Non-daily Division, circulation less than 5,000

1st Place—Port Aransas South Jetty, Port Aransas, TX, Keith Dosley Real Estate, STAY STRONG Port Al Elizabeth Weaver. “Good campaign—everyone stayed strong, I hope!”

2nd Place—Mount Desert Islander, Bar Harbor, ME, Staff. “Cute series! Dogs are the best!”

BEST SINGLE AD IDEA, NON-DAILY DIVISION, circulation more than 5,000

1st Place—The Times News, Taco, TN, Staff. “Tacos and limes is the theme for this series of ads for a local taphouse, a theme developed visually. One image, filling the upper two-thirds of the ad, features a crusty loaf of just-sliced bread, a small dish of succulent olives, and a few springs of thyme... which sounds rather ordinary. Ah, but set against a solid black background, sprinkled with rock salt, and with a well-positioned olive fork inviting the reader to partake. Enticing. Indeed. Each ad in the series features similarly striking images, wedges of cheese stacked next to a goblet of wine; slices of hard sausage with sprigs of rosemary against a dark teal background; wine pouring into a goblet while a spread of bread, cheese, and grapes awaits, catching the eyes of first-time readers and leading repeat readers to wonder if there is more on the menu.”

2nd Place—The Ellsworth American, Ellsworth, ME, Winter Harbor co-op. “What will that crazy crustacean be doing this year? Will he be challenging to design a very eye-catching, black-and-white ad? Hopefully? Not sure, but the end results are appealing. Nice ad.”

3rd Place—Buffalo Bulletin, Buffalo, WY, OK Change, Stacy Bronson. “The use of a pleasant color in a limited way is perfect to grab and hold the eyes of readers. Nice layout overall.”

BEST SINGLE AD IDEA, COLOR Non-daily Division, circulation less than 5,000

1st Place—Port Aransas South Jetty, Port Aransas, TX, LaBattBistro Restaurant Wine Bar, Elizabeth Weaver. “Overall, an eye-grabbing ad that is enhanced with good use of color. Obviously, readers want to go there to eat. Good job.”

2nd Place—Willow-Durant Advocate News, Wilton, IA, Community Bank county connection, Carissa Hoekstra and Layce DeLong. “Of course, using a cute kid is always an attention getter; but putting them in full color makes it that much more appealing. Nice ad.”

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1st Place—The Times News, Taco, TN, Gorge Bar & Grill and Pintle Bottleshop + Bites, Staff. “Very eye catching. Nice color ad!”

2nd Place—The NW Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, IA, Pride of the Dutchmen, Alex Bokemper. “Great design. Love how you incorporated the music notes.”

3rd Place—The NW Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, IA, Competitive Pricing, Kristin Oldenkamp. “Great presentation and use of color!”

Honorable Mention—The N’West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, IA, Over 100 Years, Krystal Poppema. “I love it! Nice presentation of photos!”

BEST SMALL-PAGE AD Non-daily Division, circulation less than 5,000

1st Place—Mount Desert Islander, Bar Harbor, ME, Real pizza, Staff. “Creative use of theme-related border.”

2nd Place—Willow-Durant Advocate News, Wilton, IA, Port City, Carissa Hoekstra. “Creative use of theme with easy-to-read motivating offer: A lot of info in a clean presentation.”


BEST SMALL-PAGE AD Non-daily Division, circulation more than 5,000

1st Place—Brewtwood Press, Brewtwood, CA, Sicky Chick’n & Ribs—New Open, Anne Roy. “Bumped to circulation 8,000-15,999. Stand out and clean!”

2nd Place—The Ellsworth American, Ellsworth, ME, Staff. “Beautiful purple and purple fades, maybe a pull of one of the manylogo colors as a base would fit it all together.”

3rd Place—The N’West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, IA, Jazz Band, Kristin Oldenkamp. “Great layout and use of colors.”

Honorable Mention—The N’West Iowa REVIEW, Sheldon, IA, Join an Award Winning Team, Alex Bokemper: “The heartbeat is what sold me on this ad. It took it from plain to a very nice use of color.”

BEST USE OF LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHY IN ADs Daily & Non-daily Division

1st Place—Mount Desert Islander, Bar Harbor, ME, The Knowles Co., Staff. “First of all, I want to buy this property. The photography makes it SQ enticing. Second, the ad is beautifully laid out, with a classy, engaging appearance. Well done!”

2nd Place—The Times News, Taco, NM, Mudd’n-Flood, Staff. “Gorgeous ad, with a humorous approach! It certainly catches the eye!”

3rd Place—Brewtwood Press, Brewtwood, CA, Chianti’s Ristorante, Erin Kinnard, Tony Kukulkiewicz. “Great ad, and hey, you can’t go wrong with Santa!”

Honorable Mention—The N’West Iowa Review, Sheldon, IA, Moment Staff. “Gorgeous photography in this photo!”
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ONE PLACE, general excellence,
Non-Daily Division, circulation more than 5,000
The Ark, Tiburon, CA

Heads above the rest
Southwestern's women's soccer team came within 10 minutes of an undefeated season and breezed into the playoffs ranked #12 in the state. Many Ortega scores on a spectacular header to tie
San Bernardino, 1-1
Supporters protest threatened firing of Lambert

FIRST PLACE, general excellence,
Non-Daily Division, circulation more than 5,000
The Ark, Tiburon, CA

SECOND PLACE, best newspaper promotion,
Daily & Non-Daily Division, circulation 10,000-
Livingston Parish News, Denham Springs, LA

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- business. It conveys your business name and
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FIRST PLACE, best single ad idea, color,
Daily & Non-Daily Division, circulation more than 5,000
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THEY’RE CHEERING FOR ME!—Special athlete Casen Arnold of White Pine shows his excitement at the encouragement he’s receiving from Jefferson County High athletes Imani Bryant, Ryleigh Fritz and Makaila Woolard during his race at last week’s Special Education Field Day. The event—featuring special education students from every county school—was held Tuesday at the JCHS track.

SECOND PLACE, best feature photo, Non-daily Division, circulation 3,000-9,999
By Melanie Fritz | The Standard Banner, Jefferson City, TN

SIDeways BASKETBALL—Tyrel Lemon flies above the heads of teammates and Herders after his high-speed dunk during the final showdown between Glenrock and the Bearcats last Tuesday.

SECOND PLACE, best sports photo, Non-daily Division, circulation 3,000-9,999
By Phillip Harnden | Douglas Budget, Douglas, WY

FIRST PLACE, best sports photo, Daily Division
By Jim Lee | Sioux City Journal, Sioux City, IA

NO ONE BETTER—South Dakota’s Emily Grove not only smashed her own Sioux City Relays pole vault record, but her effort of 15 feet, 1 inch is the best in the nation this year. Grove competed Friday at Olsen Stadium in Sioux City. Competition continues today.