### **Best Ad Idea**

#### **Daily Class 2**

1st Place The Mining Journal (Marquette)

Sunday Brunch 3/20/2010

Great presentation for something so "normal"--really made it appealing.

2nd Place The Mining Journal (Marquette)

Marquette Rehab 3/29/2010

Very attractive, eye-catching ad!

3rd Place The Mining Journal (Marquette)

Anatomy of Foot Pain 7/27/2009

Great way to tell this story!

Hon. Men. The Mining Journal (Marquette)

Big Brothers/Big Sisters 3/29/2010

Great historical ad--tells a great story.

### **Daily Class 3**

1st Place Ludington Daily News

Drop into Sportsman's Aug 2009
Odd shape/configuration of ad really draws your eye to it.

2nd Place The Daily News (Iron Mountain)

TDS Door Busters 11/25/2009

Center placement of ad really appeals to the readers.

3rd Place Sturgis Journal

We're Sorry 10/26/2009

The child's pout really draws on your emotions.

Hon. Men. Cadillac News

Sweet Shop--Families are Like Fudge 9/14/2009 The crazy facial expressions make you look twice.

#### Weekly Class 1

1st Place Livonia Observer

Joe's Produce 3/25/2010

The use of produce in the header makes you want to find out more.

2nd Place Northern Express Weekly (TC)

Posh Pet Boutique 8/27/2009

The blue hair on the dog catches your attention to read more.

3rd Place Northern Express Weekly (TC)

Threads 11/23/2009

The black and red is very classy. Great use of white space.

#### Weekly Class 2

1st Place White Lake Beacon

Beauty Bucks 10/4/2009

Best idea of all categories that can be used in any size market. A new 'do' that scores great looks.

2nd Place White Lake Beacon

Golf Guide May-Sep 2009

This is a very unique twist to a golf guide that could be used in any size market.

3rd Place Leelanau Enterprise

Having an Affair? 5/21/2009

Headline drew me into this ad. Great ad for promoting a reception hall. Could be used in any sized market.

### Weekly Class 3

1st Place Tecumseh Herald

Downtown Printing 10/15/2009

Love this Ad! Who wouldn't want to go to this business for new ideas in printing? This ad does "create a lasting impression" and all I can say is "Thank you...thank you very much!"

2nd Place Tecumseh Herald

CoCoNuts Grille & Bar 11/26/2009

Lots of information in this ad, but it works. Nice use of color to divide ideas up.

3rd Place The Advance (Blissfield)

Karen's 5/19/2010

It's a simple ad with an illustration that does make you smile. It's an ad that the locals understand, but maybe not someone outside the community.

### **Best Color Idea**

#### Daily Class 2

1st Place The Muskegon Chronicle

Apple Denture Center 10/10/2009

There is a lot of information in this add, however it flows easily and the color use helps that flow. Great ad design!

2nd Place The Mining Journal (Marguette)

Halloween Party 10/26/2009

Great ad--color use was outstanding!

3rd Place The Mining Journal (Marquette)

Pictures Speak 3/29/2010

Great expression of what they carry--definitely grabs your attention and speaks of quality food.

Hon. Men. The Mining Journal (Marguette)

We've Gone Green 4/15/2009

Tells the story with the use of color

#### Daily Class 3

1st Place Cadillac News

Crossroads-Stop Sign Apr 2009

The red color is very vibrant. Definitely makes you STOP to look at it.

2nd Place Petoskey News-Review

Oleson's 11/30/2009

Looking at the food ready to eat does its job and makes you hungry just by looking at it.

3rd Place The Daily News (Iron Mountain)

TDS Door Busters 11/25/2009

The different colored ornaments make you want to find out more. The bright blue really catches your eye.

## **Best Color Idea (cont.)**

### Weekly Class 1

1st Place South Oakland Eccentric (Southfield)

Ice Cream Parlor

When many color ads try to go over the top with impact, it is the subtle elegance of color that makes this entry a top award winner.

2nd Place Northern Express Weekly (TC) 9/7/2009

Hanna Bistro Bar

Cool, refreshing, and subtle. Great photography makes this ad pop off the page.

3rd Place Livonia Observer

Grand Tavern 3/14/2010

A bit busy, but the use of the black background helps give the ad impact and balance. Simple approach works.

#### Weekly Class 2

1st Place Leelanau Enterprise

Hansen Foods 5/14/2009

This ad was expertly executed. Very clever use of art, color and layout. Wanted to linger longer to enjoy this ad.

2nd Place **Davison Index** 

Reids Hallmark 11/26/2009

Bright, fun choice of art and color. Creative.

**Davison Index** 3rd Place

Davison Varsity Dance

Your eye is directly drawn to this ad! Beautiful use of photography and layout. Simple and elegant.

#### Weekly Class 3

1st Place Tecumseh Herald

WLEN Bridal Expo 1/7/2010

Big photos and simple, clean type--you can't miss this ad.

2nd Place **Tecumseh Herald** 

Anderson Funeral Home 5/21/2009

The photo, message and logo all have their separate space in this ad, but blend together to make this ad stand out.

3rd Place **Tecumseh Herald** 

Tecumseh Public Schools 8/13/2009

Who says an ad has to be big to be noticed? Great smallspace ad. The photo and message get the point across.

## **Best Special Section**

#### Daily Class 2

1st Place Midland Daily News

Bridal-Lifetime Celebration Fall 2009 Very elegant advertising. The whole layout is just very put together. The edition is very good from beginning to end.

2nd Place The Daily Telegram (Adrian)

Anderson Funeral Home 10/26/2009

This is a very nice edition and the funeral home ad works well. The edition has lots of appeal.

3rd Place The Muskegon Chronicle

Water's Edge Jul-Aug 2009

Very easy to follow layout. The ads are very motivating. It makes me want to visit.

#### Daily Class 3

1st Place Sturgis Journal

Shoreline Jul-Aug 2009

Nice layout. Lots of nice advertisements really make this stand out.

2nd Place Cadillac News

Tis the Season

12/11/2009

Some very nice and unique advertisements make a more common special edition stand out. Very nice flow throughout. Great use of color.

3rd Place **Petoskey News-Review** 

7 Reasons to Buy 10/8/2009

Very timely. Great job taking something big in the news and use it to create revenue. Good variety of advertisers in this type of section.

Hon. Men. **Ludington Daily News** 

Mason County Scrapbook

Unique idea. Great way to involve the community. Great variety of ads.

### Weekly Class 1

1st Place Lapeer Area View

Lapeer Celebrates the Arts 6/4/2009

This is a great section! Layout of the section really makes the advertising pop off the page. Good job!

2nd Place Northville Record

Buy Michigan 7/26/2009

Ads are well-designed to add a unique twist to a "hot" topic in today's "going green" movement. Catchy and engaging piece.

3rd Place **Lapeer Area View** 

Pumpkin Fest and Treat Walk 10/22/2009

Who would have thought pumpkins could be so entertaining? Advertising is crisp, clean and inviting.

Tri-County Citizen (Chesaning) Hon. Men.

Saginaw Conservation 2/28/2010

Unique and informative piece on a usually dull subject. Ads and editorial copy had me reading the piece from the front to the back page.

#### Weekly Class 2

1st Place Leelanau Enterprise

Color Tour Leelanau Style 9/17/2009

What an inviting special section. I wanted to pack my bags for a visit. Advertising, layout and copy makes this special section a true winner.

## Best Special Section (cont.)

#### Weekly Class 2

2nd Place Lapeer County Press Sunday

Halloween Happenings 10/4/2009

Wonderful special section with great use of local photography and copy...and of course homegrown advertising. Good job!

3rd Place Tri-City Times (Imlay City)

Blueberry Festival Aug 2009

Good mix of advertising with exceptionally good layout and design. Section had a good mix of color and great ad count for a community celebration.

### Weekly Class 3

1st Place Tecumseh Herald

Homefront-Autumn Fall 2009

Wow! This section has it all...from the upscale front cover, to the local, local news and information. The page design, photographs and ads make this one a keeper.

2nd Place Oceana's Herald-Journal

PTW 5/19/2009

The narrow focus of this section works, I am sure the residents look forward to who will be featured this week. Great way to sell multiple ad inserts.

3rd Place Tecumseh Herald

Winter Bridal Supplement 1/21/2010

Simple, straight forward section with wedding tips. The formatted size of the ads gives this section a clean look. Great front cover.

## **Best Promotion Ad**

#### **Daily Class 2**

1st Place Times Herald (Port Huron)

Bridal Tab Promos Jan. 13-15, 17, 2010

Clear idea presentation, captures interest of those in the market.

2nd Place The Alpena News

We're Still the One 5/27/2009

No Comments Given

#### Daily Class 3

1st Place Cadillac News

My Dog Ran Off 3/10/2010 Wow, this is awesome! Great job, great message--Love it!

2nd Place Cadillac News

Fence Boys Mar 2010

I think this ad is a classic!! It is very interesting and fun. Keeps you completely connected from top to bottom! You read it at 100 percent because you want to know what you're looking at!

3rd Place Cadillac News

Sports--Lead the Way--Volleyball 9/28/2009

Love it, this was a strong statement.

#### Weekly Class 1

1st Place Northern Express Weekly (TC)

Upcoming Issue 3/22/2010

Very clean, good color and eye-catching!

2nd Place Northern Express Weekly (TC)

Bikes, Boats & Blades 3/30/2009

Nice color. You want to read the ad because it's fun!

3rd Place Metro Times (Detroit)

Vodka Vodka Dec-Jan 27, 2009

Very strong use of color, a strong look to ad! I like the way it looks all together--a fun event!

#### Weekly Class 2

1st Place Leelanau Enterprise

We Wrote the book 8/20/2009

This ad says, "We know how to get things done." Wide range of products featured in an organized manner. Nice headline and nice graphics.

2nd Place Sanilac County News

Good News 5/20/2009

Simple and to the point on price and savings. Coupon for senior citizens in larger type than usual coupons. Easy to read and easy to fill out.

3rd Place White Lake Beacon

National Newspaper Month 10/25/2009

The headline about individuals working together is carried through with photos and short bios under the photo. Gives a real connection to the community.

#### Weekly Class 3

1st Place Tecumseh Herald

Photo Reprints 6/4/2009

Big, bold heading with a variety of photos. The "Just Added" listings would certainly drive people to look.

## **Best Ad Series**

#### Daily Class 2

1st Place The Mining Journal (Marquette)

Football and Flowers Sep 8, 15, 22, 2009

Great creativity! I found myself wanting to read what you were coming up with.

2nd Place The Mining Journal (Marquette)

Superior Lighting Jul 22, 25; Aug 27, 2009

Basic, clean and effective!

3rd Place Times Herald (Port Huron)

Troy Laundry Oct 19; Nov 3, 23, 2009 Interesting connection to laundry.

Hon. Men. The Mining Journal (Marquette)
Cattron's Aug 3, 6, 10, 2009

Clean, simple.

## **Best Ad Series (cont.)**

#### Daily Class 3

1st Place Ludington Daily News

Try Doing THIS With Your PC

Jun 22, 24, 29; Jul 2, 4, 6, 7, 27, 2009

What a great idea for a series. The layout of the ad brought your eye right to it on the page.

2nd Place Sturgis Journal

Sturgis Hospital 10/10/09 to 11/28/09 Great series! The large pictures draw me in right away. The message is clear and makes you trust before you've even spoke to someone.

3rd Place Petoskey News-Review

Rotary Jul 10, 31; Aug 7

Very eye-catching ads. I like the puzzle idea. Great way to feature those already involved.

Hon. Men. Petoskey News-Review

United Way Campaign Sep 25, 29; Oct 16 What a great way to put faces to a cause. I thought the ads really did a nice job of conveying that "giving back" feeling.

#### Weekly Class 1

1st Place Northern Express Weekly (TC)

Grandpa Shorters Sep 3; Oct 8, 22, 2009

Cute series. Even on a page full of color ads--these stood out. The picture pulled you in right away. Makes me want to visit the store.

### Weekly Class 2

1st Place Belleville Independent

American People Sep 3; Oct 8, 22, 2009

Interesting series. The size of the font surely grabs my attention. Interesting that it doesn't say who paid for the ad?

#### Weekly Class 3

1st Place Tecumseh Herald

Cambrian Assisted Living May 7, 14, 21, 2009
Personal approach to promoting an assisted living place. Very inviting and informative.

2nd Place Tecumseh Herald

Tecumseh Place Sep 3, 10, 17, 2009
Beautiful design. Would have loved to see these ads in color.
Wonderful idea with a unique twist.

## **Best Classified Section**

### Daily Class 2

1st Place The Alpena News

May 22; Jul 3, 2009; Feb 13, 2010

Very easy to read and follow. "First Day" headings really popout.

#### Daily Class 3

1st Place Petoskey News-Review

Jul 10; Aug 7; Sep 4, 2009

Very nice sections. Clear headings, easy to read and follow. Great use of house ads throughout.

2nd Place Cadillac News

Apr 18-19; May 16-17; May 22, 2009

Nice, large font makes this classified section very easy to read and follow.

#### Weekly Class 2

1st Place Leelanau Enterprise

May 21; Jul 2; Sep 3, 2009

From front to back this classified section said, "Read Me." Overall, great impact and one that delivers results for advertisers!

2nd Place Lapeer County Press

Sep 20; Nov 1, 2009; Feb 21, 2010

Extremely well laid out and clean. Easy to read. Simplicity is the key here.

3rd Place Belleville-Area Independent

Apr 23; May 28, 2009; Mar 11, 2010

Clear headlines for easy reading, but body copy could be hard to read at times. Good section.

#### Weekly Class 3

1st Place The Clare Sentinel

6/16/2009

It's clean-looking with headings that are easy to read. Like the white space between ads and columns.

## **Best Classified Ad Promotion**

#### Daily Class 2

1st Place The Alpena News

Proof the Classifieds Work 2/13/2010

This ad is so cute. I loved it.

2nd Place Midland Daily News

Classified Treasure Hunt 8/16/2009

Nice colors. Nice open lines.

3rd Place Midland Daily News

For Rent 4/26/2009

Nice variety of ads.

### **Daily Class 3**

1st Place Cadillac News

Complicated Dieting Feb 13-15; Mar 15, 2010
I loved the colors in the picture and the look on the girl's face.

2nd Place The Daily News (Iron Mountain)

It's Garage Sale Time 5/2/2009

The picture was great. I liked the layout.

## **Best Classified Ad Promotion (cont.)**

**Daily Class 3** 

3rd Place Petoskey News-Review

Narnia Coloring 11/12/2009

Great use of color and space.

**Best Classified or ROP Auto Ad** 

Daily Class 2

1st Place The Alpena News

Cliff Anschuetz 9/17/2009

Big and bold, easy to read.

2nd Place The Muskegon Chronicle

Preferred Ford 8/14/2009

Cool colors! White is very readable.

3rd Place Times Herald (Port Huron)

Michael's Car Center 1/10/2010

Fun! You just have to look at the ad, so it sells!

Daily Class 3

1st Place Ludington Daily News

Giving Back to the Community 6/17/2009

It's a very personal ad--give back. And great that the people of the business are a feature in the ad--good job--nice, clean!

2nd Place Cadillac News

Crossroads-Stop Sign Apr 2009

The stop sign is a real eye-catcher! The grass, sky, continuous line up is great. Very good!

3rd Place Petoskey News-Review

Petoskey New Car Dealers 2/18/2010

The header is so good--the cars show well, very good.

Weekly Class 1

1st Place Lapeer Area View

Hank Graff 10/22/2009

Wow! Love the whole ad. Great picture of the car, side words

great!

2nd Place Tri-County Citizen (Chesaning)

LaClair Sales 3/7/2010

Nice frame, looks tough like the pick ups.

3rd Place Milford Times

Dick Morris Chevrolet 2/4/2010

Big business, big name. Map is important.

Weekly Class 2

1st Place Jeffersonian (Croswell)

Tubbs Brothers-3 Day 3/28/2010

Nice, clean ad with an immediate "Come Buy" message. Like the layout and color.

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2nd Place Davison Index

Hank Graff 5/28/2009

Big illustration with a message that this dealer "is ready to deal." Nice, simple and to the point.

3rd Place Sanilac County News

Graff 3/24/2009

For an ad that has 12 vehicles listed, it is nicely divided and has clean lines. Great tie-in to the rest of the page.

**Best Classified or ROP Real Estate Ad** 

Daily Class 2

1st Place The Mining Journal (Marquette)

Re/Max Graph 3/3/2010

Very eye-catching. I want to read it to see what the graph is about.

2nd Place The Mining Journal (Marquette)

Re/Max (Outstanding Results) 3/29/2010

Very eye-catching.

3rd Place The Alpena News

Statewide of Alpena 8/27/2009

No Comments Given

Daily Class 3

1st Place Ludington Daily News

Lake Michigan 5/29/2009

I liked the color scheme and that they put photos of the lake as a background to the waterfront property.

2nd Place Petoskey News-Review

Re/Max-Verhelle 5/22/2009

I liked that they used the town houses together and the lake houses together.

Weekly Class 1

1st Place Northern Express Weekly (TC)

Midtown Development

7/13/2009

The house looks beautiful inside and out. I like the realtor leaning in the picture. I don't like the club leaning on her.

Weekly Class 2

1st Place Leelanau Enterprise

Northern Masterpiece 2/25/2010
The simple headline and copy do not get in the way of the

great pictures.

**Best Online Promotion** 

Daily Class 2

1st Place Midland Daily News

Take Our Tickets Sep 2009

I like the intense-looking eyes with the football paint.

2nd Place Midland Daily News

Kids Rock Photo Contest 8/21/2009

I like the use of color and the cute kid photos.

# **Best Online Promotion (cont.)**

# Daily Class 3

1st Place Petoskey News-Review

Summertime Photo Contest 8/4/2009 Great use of color and contrast. Very eye-catching.

2nd Place Petoskey News-Review

UpNorthHealth.com

The pictures are great. I love that they have patients, doctors and anatomy.

3rd Place Cadillac News

Believe...Wishes Do Come True Dec 2009

Nice use of color and white space.