# Best Ad Idea

Daily C - Best Ad Idea 1 Entry 1st Place APD Cancer Detection Michelle Baker	Jackson Citizen Patriot
Daily D - Best Ad Idea     21 Entries     1st Place     Arnold Fritz - Taxidermist     Creative Department     The background goes well with the taxidermist th     square, makes the photos stand out and unique.     2nd Place     Friday Night Live     Judy Lytle     Great use of photos and how they are curved are     3rd Place     S.S. Badger     Julie Eilers     Good use of symmetry between top and bottom     Hon. Mention     Lakeshore Antiques     Jordan Haenlein     Good use of different fonts and a small space low     lowing.	Ludington Daily News ound the logo. Ludington Daily News of page. Grand Haven Tribune
Weekly/Specialty A - Best Ad Idea 4 Entries 1st Place Bring out the Sparkle Mary Rouse 2nd Place The Magic Mary Rouse 3rd Place Show your Love Mary Rouse	Lapeer Area View Lapeer Area View Grand Blanc View
Weekly/Specialty B - Best Ad Idea 30 Entries 1st Place Sawyer Jewelers - get her motor runnin Terese Allen, Tom VanderMuelen Creative play off a car ad, giving it a focus on pu 2nd Place Hartland Glen Golf Course Tiffany Marchand, Kelly Slavik Eye-catching, fun photo of "dad" 3rd Place LaForza Soccer Club Judy Toaso, Tom VanderMuelen Photo with in the soccer shape is very eye-catch Hon. Mention	Tri-County Times Tri-County Times
Halloween Trick or Treat Jandi Prich Fun, colorful ad will be noticed by those the ever	nt targets

Weekly/Specialty C - Best Ad Idea	
12 Entries	Quanta Quank Man
<b>1st Place</b> Ketzler's Florist	Swartz Creek View
Mary Rouse	
Good use of wrapping text around the pho	otos. Maybe the background color
could have been different to make the flow	
2nd Place	The County Press, Lapeer
Best Pizza in Town	
Liz LaFave	
Ad blends nicely together.	
3rd Place	White Lake Beacon
Propane Got You Pinned?	
Julie Aebig, Margaret Clune Having the propane tank as a pig makes i	it stand out. Good use of different
fonts.	i stand out. Good use of different
Hon. Mention	The County Press, Lapeer
Get in Touch with Your Creative Side	···· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Mary Rouse	
Having the text in the sky and making it lo	ook like clouds was good. And the
slanted text draws the eye. But maybe us	e more color too much red.
Weekly/Specialty D - Best Ad Idea	
6 Entries	
1st Place	The Advance
Good luck	
Eric May, Victoria Keith	
Nice use of team colors and bringing atter	
2nd Place	Frankenmuth News
Music to Your Ears	
Vicky Hayden Easily focuses reader on free concert	
3rd Place	Frankenmuth News
What? 7-Eleven is closing?	
Vicky Hayden	
Fun photo and talk balloons grab readers	attention
Daily C - Best Color Ad	
3 Entries	
1st Place	Jackson Citizen Patriot
Britches and Bows Grand Reopening	
Michelle Baker	
Clean layout. I like the color scheme. You 2nd Place	can't go wrong with a cute little kid. Jackson Citizen Patriot
Clor's Outpost Golf Demo Day	Jackson Cilizen Patriot
Michelle Baker	
Daily D - Best Color Ad	
17 Entries 1st Place	The Daily News, Iron Mountain
Super one	The Dany News, non mountain
Joe Edlebeck	
2nd Place	Cadillac News
Fusion Hair Salon	
advertising staff, Graphics	
3rd Place	Ludington Daily News
MCC Spartans	- •
Judy Lytle	
Hon. Mention	Ludington Daily News
Mistletoe Market	
Judy Lytle	

Circulation Class Breakdown: Daily Class A – 60,000 or more; Daily Class B – 30,000-59,999; Daily Class C – 15,000-29,999; Daily Class D – under 15,000; Weekly/Specialty Class A – 25,000 or more; Weekly/Specialty Class B – 10,000- 24,999; Weekly/Specialty Class C – 4,000- 9,999; Weekly/Specialty Class D – under 4,000.

Weekly/Specialty A - Best Color Ad 7 Entries **1st Place** Lapeer Area View Bryans Carol Correa 2nd Place Lapeer Area View Get Ready for Spring Mary Rouse **3rd Place** Grand Blanc View Fall is time to give thanks Mary Rouse Hon. Mention Lapeer Area View Your Diamond Headquarters Mary Rouse Weekly/Specialty B - Best Color Ad 13 Entries **1st Place Tri-County Times** Fenton Foot Care Mindy Monroe, Kelly Slavik Very clever design. Attention getting & colorful. 2nd Place **Tri-County Times** Right To Life Tiffany Marchand, Mary Powell Draws immediate attention to the baby. Great eye appeal. Easy to read. **3rd Place** Davison Index Red White & Blue Mary Rouse Clever use of color & jewels. Could work with other seasons as well. Very nice display. Hon. Mention **Tri-County Times** Sloans Sales & Service Mindy Monroe, Tom VanderMuelen Nice way to break up items. Easy to read. Weekly/Specialty C - Best Color Ad 19 Entries The County Press, Lapeer **1st Place** The New Grizzly Jandi Prich This ad really stands out. The black textured background behind the 4wheeler really makes the ad pop. The ad is very organized and the colors work well together. Excellent work pulling all that information into a stand out ad. 2nd Place Swartz Creek View Habachi Buffet Mary Rouse The pink coupons really drew me in. The colors work great together. I love how the prices all stand out. Very organized and clean. I would have liked to see the green used more, like on the bottom to help the business name stand out. 3rd Place The County Press, Lapeer **Congratulations Seniors** Liz LaFave The colors really drew me in. This ad is organized and easy to read. I love how the words just pop out at you. Hon. Mention Tuscola County Advertiser

Kristin Sherman This is a great, creative ad. I liked everything about the ad, I just wish there was more color added to it. I would have loved to see the red color from the plumber guy added in.

Ford Plumbing

2014 Better Newspaper Contest Advertising Results

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Weekly/Specialty D - Best Color Ad 4 Entries	
1st Place Winter Wineout & Beer-Tasting	The Advance
Victoria Keith, Marcia Loader Loader crisp clear photo - just want to eat it up 2nd Place	Frankenmuth News
<i>City Beautification Thank You</i> Vicky Hayden <b>3rd Place</b>	The Advance
<i>Squishy Tushy</i> Eric May, Victoria Keith	
Best Special Section	
Daily C - Best Special Section 4 Entries 1st Place	Jackson Citizen Patriot
Vermeulen's Smith Brothers Sale Michelle Baker	
I like the mood created by the top of the front pa a strong focal point. Features list is convincing. <b>2nd Place</b> Vermeulen's Think Spring Sale	
Michelle Baker I like the color wheel <b>3rd Place</b> Vermeulen's Fall Into Savings	Jackson Citizen Patriot
Michelle Baker	
Daily D - Best Special Section 21 Entries	• ••• ••
1st Place Our Community 2014	Cadillac News
Advertising staff, news staff Great color schemes, nice bold headlines, and v <b>2nd Place</b> The Story of a Community Coming Togethe	Alpena News
Sue Fryske 3rd Place Home Care Coalition Guide	Alpena News
Sue Fryske Hon. Mention	Grand Haven Tribune
Bridal Guide Jordan Haenlein, Kevin Collier, Sandy Geo Wagner, Jaclyn Dailey, Cindy Zaskiewicz, Y Vanica	
Weekly/Specialty A - Best Special Section 3 Entries	on
<b>1st Place</b> Grand Blanc Buy Local	Grand Blanc View
Jeanne Mickle, Mary Rouse <b>2nd Place</b> <i>Grand Blanc Fun Fest</i>	Grand Blanc View
Liz LaFave <b>3rd Place</b> <i>Wrap it up!</i> Jeanne Mickle, Mary Rouse	Grand Blanc View

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Weekly/Specialty B - Best Special Section 29 Entries	
1st Place	Tri-County Times
Sourcebook Jennifer Ward, Sales Staff, Editorial Staff, Co WOW! this definitely took some time to do, but ve	
want to keep 2nd Place	Tri-County Times
Five reasons to shop local Kelly Slavik, Sales Staff, Editorial Staff, Com	position Staff
I LOVED the "reasons" why to shop. 3rd Place	Huron County View
Cheeseburger in Caseville Jandi Prich	
I like the layout, informative Hon. Mention Fall Sports Preview Tom VanderMeulen, David Troppens it was good and informative	Tri-County Times
Weekly/Specialty C - Best Special Section 9 Entries	
1st Place Visitors Guide	Leelanau Enterprise
Debra Campbell I really liked the whole layout. Great color combine graphic for each individual region. Really like the s	
2nd Place Regional Medical Directory Jandi Prich	Sanilac County News
I liked purple color scheme carried throughout, ma medical sections.	akes it stand out from other
3rd Place Color Tour 2013	Leelanau Enterprise
Debra Campbell	de d
	e County Press, Lapeer
Home & Garden Mary Rouse, Liz LaFave Like the center spread. Nicely done.	
Weekly/Specialty D - Best Special Section 6 Entries	
1st Place Breslin Bound	The Advance
Eric May, Victoria Keith, Marcia Loader	
Love the cover, ads from parents are a very nice i way through the section. 2nd Place	
Holiday Lifestyles	The Advance
Marcia Loader, Eric May, Victoria Keith 3rd Place	Frankenmuth News
<i>Holiday Gift Guide</i> Vicky Hayden	
Hon. Mention Railroad Days	The Advance
Marcia Loader, Eric May, Victoria Keith	

# **Best Promotion Ad**

Daily D - Best Promotion Ad 13 Entries	
	Ludington Daily News
Discover Manitowoc	
Judy Lytle Eyes immediately drawn to Discover Manitowoc VA	CATION GETAWAYI
Image and design support water theme. Ad explain	
drives reader to website. It works.	-
	Ludington Daily News
Spelling Bee	
Judy Lytle Strong tagline "We are sports in West Michigan" su	ported by strong image
headline and list of features. I like that the sports st	
It creates a bond between the editorial team and the	
3rd Place	Cadillac News
Resolve to Stay Connected	
Holly Schonert, Jody Graff	ian Vaur Nawa an Vaur
Images support the "Any Time, Any Place, Any Dev Terms" idea. Certainly timely and relevant to our inc	
	Ludington Daily News
Don't Miss Sports Sections	0 ,
Judy Lytle	
Sometimes less is more. Ad clearly conveys that yo	ou should look to the
Ludington Daily News for local sports coverage.	
Weekly/Specialty A - Best Promotion Ad	
1 Entry 1st Place	Grand Blanc View
Keeping You Entertained	Granu Dianc view
Mary Rouse	
Weekly/Specialty B - Best Promotion Ad 7 Entries	
1st Place	Burton View
Don't get left in the mud!	
Mary Rouse	
Headline could be easier to read. All other informati	ion is clear & clean
looking. The Jeep really stands out. 2nd Place	Tri-County Times
EZ Read, news delivered to you daily	
Jennifer Ward, Craig Rockman	
Very nice graphic. Website could be bigger.	
3rd Place	Tri-County Times
Which provides the best investment for your fa	amily ?
Jennifer Ward, Craig Rockman I really like this ad and it could have been my first c	hoice however it is
missing a very crucial piece of informationhow to	
number listed.	
Hon. Mention	Tri-County Times
Don't Look!	
Kelly Slavik, Gail Grove Attention getting headline and all contact info visible	۵
	<i>.</i>
Weekly/Specialty C - Best Promotion Ad 5 Entries	
1st Place	The Exponent
Did you get the picture?	
Kari Tarsha	
	NE DID. Creative way to

Very eye catching. Liked the font treatment on the WE DID. Creative way to get the message out about buying photos online and where to go.

#### 2nd Place

Leelanau Enterprise

House ad Debra Campbell Loved the picture. It really draws you into this ad. What better way to sell your local newspaper then to use local scenery. 3rd Place Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon Co. Herald-News 'Take Us With You' Samantha Corson Its a great newspaper promotion. What a great way to get link newspapers into the technological world. Hon. Mention Swartz Creek View Make A Splash

Mary Rouse Nice ad.

## **Best Ad Series**

Kanrock Tires

Weekly/Specialty A - Best Ad Series 1 Entry **1st Place** Grand Blanc View Palace Jewelers Mary Rouse

#### Weekly/Specialty B - Best Ad Series 3 Entries 1st Place

**Tri-County Times** Sawyer Jewelers Terese Allen, Tom VanderMuelen, Kelly Slavik Very nice looking ads. Clean & crisp. Clever design & use of art. 2nd Place **Tri-County Times** 

Terese Allen, Tom VanderMuelen, Kelly Slavik After looking into your ads more, I realized they were in the same paper...I was wondering where the contact info was or something telling me to read

on for more info. Maybe next time, try running them all on the first 4 right hand pages.

3rd Place **Tri-County Times** Chasse Ballroom Terese Allen, Tom VanderMuelen, Kelly Slavik Nice use of color.

Weekly/Specialty	C - B	Best Ad	Serie
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S 2 Entries **1st Place** White Lake Beacon Bankruptcv Julie Aebig, Margaret Clune Liked the placement of this ad. The layout stayed consistent throughout the whole series, which helps ties them together. Which was a success. 2nd PlaceHoughton Lake Resorter & Roscommon Co. Herald-News Prudenville Page Patty Tribelhorn Background color and the header was the only thing that suggested to this being a series. Weekly/Specialty D - Best Ad Series

1 Entry 1st Place Kyle Cranor Realty Marcia Loader, Victoria Keith Nice job

#### 2014 Better Newspaper Contest Advertising Results

### Best Classified Advertising Promotion

Daily D - Best Classified Advertising Promotion 2 Entries Two very strong entries. Well done. 1st Place Huron Daily Tribune Happy Holiday Shopping Classified Guide Creative Department Great use of the classified columns. Color is effective. Ads are clean. Great use of small space. I really like this composite. 2nd Place Grand Haven Tribune Cutest Baby Contest Promo Jordan Haenlein I really liked both entries in this category. I like the bulletin board feel with the push pins. The kids are cute. Nice reader appeal. Weekly/Specialty B - Best Classified Advertising Promotion 1 Entry 1st Place **Tri-County Times** Sell Stuff Tom VanderMeulen, Mary York Website should be bigger....after all, 49,000 isn't that important. Weekly/Specialty D - Best Classified Advertising Promotion 1 Entry 1st Place Frankenmuth News Just sit there ... Vicky Hayden Clipart and headline grabs the reader's interest Best Classified - ROP Automobile or Real Estate Ad Daily C - Best Classified - ROP Automobile or Real Estate Ad 1 Entry 1st Place Jackson Citizen Patriot Art Moehn Black Friday Real Deal Michelle Baker

Pretty ad. Clean. Daily D - Best Classified - ROP Automobile or Real Estate Ad 5 Entries **1st Place** Ludington Daily News Lighthouse Realty Lorie Klinger Nice balanced feel to add. The reverse at the bottom isn't overwhelming and effectively anchors ad. Lighthouses help with name recognition of business name 2nd Place The Daily News, Iron Mountain Riverside Pat Moore I like how only two vehicles are featured rather than trying to cram in 20 cars. Effective showing the discounts available. 3rd Place Ludington Daily News Best Price Julie Eilers I like the top and bottom flag graphic. Get the Best Price headline is eyecatching. Daily D - Best Classified - ROP Automobile or Real Estate Ad

Entries Hon. Mention Alpena News Pre-Owned Vehicle Blow Out

Sue Fryske, Angie Hall, Rachel Taratuta It's a solid used car auto ad.

The Advance

#### Weekly/Specialty B - Best Classified - ROP Automobile or Real Estate Ad 15 Entries **1st Place Tri-County Times** Kanrock - Get Spring Rollin' Terese Allen, Tom VanderMuelen Really liked the green grass car. Really draws your attention to the ad. You don't question that this ad is about something automotive related. 2nd Place Township View Saginaw Valley Ford Carol Correa Liked the design and the fact that you can read all the text easily. Sometimes with a lot of color the words get muddy, but not with this. **3rd Place Tri-County Times** Berkshire Realtv Terese Allen, Mary Powell Like the layout. Like the size of the pictures. Good color combination. Liked the layer text boxes. Nice ad. Hon. Mention **Tri-County Times** Tremaine Real Estate Terese Allen. Tom VanderMuelen Like the concept. Very attractive ad. Weekly/Specialty C - Best Classified - ROP Automobile or Real Estate Ad 5 Entries 1st Place The County Press, Lapeer Have A Very Friendly Holiday Carol Correa Really liked how they incorporated the truck as Santa's sleigh. Like how Christmas theme was carried out throughout the ad. 2nd Place The County Press, Lapeer Breast Cancer Awareness Liz LaFave You know at first glance what this ad is about. The logos popped on the pink background. 3rd PlaceHoughton Lake Resorter & Roscommon Co. Herald-News Nester Samantha Corson The featured vehicles are highlighted well. Nice clean ad. Hon. Mention The County Press, Lapeer Memorial Day Savings Event Liz LaFave Very readable and the used vehicles stand out.

#### Weekly/Specialty D - Best Classified - ROP Automobile or Real Estate Ad 1 Entry 1st Place

Don't wait for snow to melt Marcia Loader, Victoria Keith Great job - good color.

The Advance

### **Best Online Promotion**

Daily D - Best Online Promotion
4 Entries 1st Place Cadillac News
11.12.13 Subscription Special Holly Schonert, Lindsay Elsholz, Jody Graff
Fun promo using 11/12/13. Could be duplicated for 12/13/14. From the synopsis it looks like it was successful.
2nd Place Ludington Daily News Free seminar Judy Lytle
Ad clearly communicates benefits of attending the informational seminar. No synopsis of results.
<b>3rd Place</b> <i>Polar Vortex Subscription Special</i> Holly Schonert, Lindsay Elsholz, Jody Graff <i>The polar vortex certainly was on everyone's mind. Good timely theme. Not</i> <i>as strong in my mind as 11/13/13 though. No synopsis of results.</i>
Weekly/Specialty B - Best Online Promotion 4 Entries
1st Place Tri-County Times \$10 bill
Jennifer Ward, Craig Rockman Compelling headline. "A penny saved is a penny earned" idea. It worked. 2nd Place <i>Tri-County Times</i>
Times Interactive Mobile Business Directoy Tom VanderMeulen
Who hasn't had this conversation as you are trying to decide where to go for dinner. It resonated with me.
3rd Place Tri-County Times   Download the Times mobile app Jennifer Ward   It's functional. It's functional.