Statewide Contest Spotlights Quality Journalism

Members of Montana Press Association reviewed 2,739 entries submitted by 83 Michigan newspapers/Individual members this year. The competition inspires all journalists to produce their best work, which in turn, nurtures stronger communities.

“To my way of thinking, every single person in this industry who has come through the past year deserves recognition. If we were presenting these awards in person - as was tradition before 2020 - I'd ask for a round of applause to celebrate and recognize all of us. In the midst of the chaos that was last year, a number of member papers submitted their best work as part of the Michigan Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest. Today, awards were given to those entries that stood out to our judges as some of the best of the best. What is clear from this contest and from our collective efforts over the past year is that Michigan journalists and our hometown newspapers are talented, passionate and dedicated to making sure our readers stay informed.” —Julie Stafford, President Michigan Press Association, and publisher of the Greenville Daily News.

The 2020 “Newspaper of the Year” award is presented to the top newspaper in eight circulation classes based on points accumulated (100 for first, 70 for second and 40 for third) in all Editorial contest categories. Winners of those awards are listed below.

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Circulation Class Breakdown: Daily Class A – over 20,000; Daily Class B – 11,001-20,000; Daily Class C – 5,001-11,000; Daily Class D – 5,000 and under; Weekly Class A/News Media – over 15,000; Weekly Class B/News Media – 7,001-15,000; Weekly Class C/News Media – 3,001-7,000; Weekly Class D/News Media – 3,000 and under.

The 2020 Advertising Contest this year awarded the Excellence in Advertising Award to the overall winner in all the advertising categories. We based this award on points accumulated (100 for first, 70 for second and 40 for third) in all nine advertising categories. The three finalists are: Tecumseh Herald, Tri-County Times, and Cadillac News, with the winner being the Tecumseh Herald.

The MPA Public Service Award recognizes a distinguished example of meritorious public service by a newspaper or newspaper individual that has made a significant contribution to the betterment of their community. The three finalists are: Grand Rapids Press for “Mental Health Series”, Detroit News “Detroit Homeowners overtaxed $600 million”, and Detroit Free Press for “Free Press coverage of the coronavirus pandemic”, with the award going to Detroit News.

The MPA Rookie Writer Award recognizes exemplary efforts of new writers just breaking into journalism. The three finalists are: Caitlin Taylor of The Monroe News, Zahra Ahmad of the Flint Journal and Andrew Rosenthal of the Traverse City Record-Eagle, with the award going to Zahra Ahmad.

The MPA Public Notice Journalism Award recognizes stories that exemplify the importance of public notice in newspapers. The finalists Greenville Daily News for “Montcalm County commissioner goes AWOL” with the award going to Greenville Daily News.

Best coverage of the Coronavirus in Michigan recognizes Submissions for this category should focus on coverage of the Covid 19 pandemic in Michigan. Coverage of health care, community impact etc. may be included. The
four finalists (had a tie for second place) are Leelanau Enterprise for “Covid 19 2020-04-09”, Detroit News for “Testing needed to reopen economy, but Michigan trails other states” Michigan Advance for “The toll coronavirus has taken on Michigan” and Detroit Free Press for “Detroit Free Press coverage of the coronavirus pandemic” with the award going to Michigan Advance.

**The Best FOIA Story Award** recognizes the best story using FOIA as the main tool to gain information. This award will shine a spotlight on the importance of FOIA in getting information about what is going on in government. The three finalists are: Traverse City Record-Eagle for “TCAPS transparency”, Greenville Daily News for “FOIA-related stories which culminated to Bob Clingenpeel’s resignation”, and Bridge Magazine for “Wolf kills and deer heads: Trouble at the DNR”, with the award going to Greenville Daily News.

*The 2021 MPA Better Newspaper Contest opens August 1, 2021.*
### Best Columnist

#### Daily A - Best Columnist
- **10 Entries**
- **First Place**: Grand Rapids Press  
  Letter from the Editor: Journalists record the pain of community protests, and they live it, too  
  John Hiner

#### Second Place
- **Grand Rapids Press**  
  INTERFAITH INSIGHT - A personal confession: I am a racist  
  Douglas Kindschi

#### Third Place
- **Detroit Free Press**  
  Collection of columns from Nick Buckley  
  Nick Buckley

#### Daily B - Best Columnist
- **11 Entries**
- **First Place**: The Monroe News  
  Best columnist entry  
  Caitlin Taylor

#### Second Place
- **Traverse City Record-Eagle**  
  Brendan Quealy

#### Third Place
- **Battle Creek Enquirer**  
  Collection of columns from Nick Buckley  
  Nick Buckley

#### Daily C - Best Columnist
- **9 Entries**
- **First Place**: Midland Daily News  
  It really can be a new you  
  Kate Hessling

#### Second Place
- **Petoskey News-Review**  
  You can wait  
  Jeremy McBain

#### Third Place
- **Ludington Daily News**  
  On the Other Hand by Steve Begnoche  
  Steve Begnoche

#### Daily D - Best Columnist
- **9 Entries**
- **First Place**: Niles Daily Star  
  Ambrosia Neldon

#### Second Place
- **Huron Daily Tribune**  
  I was attacked  
  Scott Nunn

#### Third Place
- **Huron Daily Tribune**  
  Mary Drier

#### Weekly/News Media A - Best Columnist
- **4 Entries**
- **First Place**: Huron County View  
  View From Here - Seth Stapleton

#### Second Place
- **Tri-County Times**  
  Thankful for our local police officers  
  Sharon Stone

#### Third Place
- **Tri-County Times**  
  That's Not Entertainment  
  Vera Hogan

#### Honorable Mention
- **Tri-County Times**  
  Is Lowering Flags Becoming Misplaced Display  
  Vera Hogan

### Weekly/News Media B - Best Columnist
- **2 Entries**
- **First Place**: Leelanau Enterprise  
  Multiple Columns  
  Eric Carlson

#### Second Place
- **Leelanau Enterprise**  
  Confessions of a Hallmark Christmas movie junkie  
  Amy Hubbell

### Weekly/News Media C - Best Columnist
- **30 Entries**
- **First Place**: Grosse Pointe News  
  When Hogs Squeal  
  Eddie B. Allen Jr.

#### Second Place
- **Oceana’s Herald-Journal**  
  The best Thanksgiving of all  
  Mary Beth Crain

#### Third Place
- **Tecumseh Herald**  
  Imagine That  
  Mary Kay McPartlin

### Weekly/News Media D - Best Columnist
- **6 Entries**
- **First Place**: Michigan Advance  
  Susan J. Demas

#### Second Place
- **Oscoda Press**  
  Sunrise Reflections column by Jason Ogden  
  Jason Ogden

#### Third Place
- **The Clinton Local, LLC.**  
  At the Movies with Nate Adams  
  Nate Adams

#### Honorable Mention
- **The Advance**  
  Dialogue: 3 samples by Marcia Loader  
  Marcia Loader

### Best Editorial

#### Daily A - Best Editorial
- **2 Entries**
- **First Place**: Detroit News  
  University board secrecy undermines public trust  
  Ingrid Jacques

#### Second Place
- **Lansing State Journal**  
  COVID concerns should not mean less transparency in government  
  LSJ Editorial Board

#### Daily B - Best Editorial
- **6 Entries**
- **First Place**: Traverse City Record-Eagle  
  Editorial: We all should take pride in community outrage over TCAPS secrecy  
  Nathan Payne

#### Second Place
- ** Traverse City Record-Eagle**  
  Editorial: A quick trip to the cleaners  
  Allison Batdorf

#### Third Place
- **Traverse City Record-Eagle**  
  Editorial: Gov's husband's request didn't float our boat  
  Allison Batdorf
2020 Better Newspaper Contest Editorial & Advertising Results

Daily C - Best Editorial
2 Entries
First Place  Midland Daily News
Support your local newspaper and your right to know
Kate Hessling
Second Place  The Daily News, Iron Mountain
Putting on a mask isn’t too much to ask
Betsy Bloom

Daily D - Best Editorial
3 Entries
First Place  Greenville Daily News
Arm yourself with facts against fake news
Elisabeth Waldon
Second Place  Huron Daily Tribune
County commissioners missing the boat by abandoning remote meeting attendance
Scott Nunn

Weekly/News Media A - Best Editorial
2 Entries
First Place  Tri-County Times
The government sells your data
Hannah Ball
Second Place  Tri-County Times
Raging about Radium Girls
Hannah Ball

Weekly/News Media B - Best Editorial
3 Entries
First Place  Leelanau Enterprise
Welcome 2020!
John Elchert
Second Place  Leelanau Enterprise
Letter went over the line
John Elchert
Third Place  Leelanau Enterprise
Keep calm Leelanau, remain resilient
John Elchert

Weekly/News Media C - Best Editorial
15 Entries
First Place  Grosse Pointe News
Leadership lacking in Shores
Barb Arrigo
Second Place  Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News
Move forward with yes votes
Eric Hamp
Third Place  Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News
Work together to make things right
Eric Hamp
Honorable Mention  Grosse Pointe News
Who’s behind the recall effort?
Barb Arrigo

Weekly/News Media D - Best Editorial
8 Entries
First Place  The Advance
Look for the facts in 2020
Marcia Loader

Second Place  Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper
Support Leelanau’s young families: vote Yes on early childhood millage
Jacob Wheeler
Third Place  Flintside
Say its name
Alexandria Brown
Honorable Mention  Oscoda Press
More info on COVID-19 cases should be shared
Jason Ogden

Best Newspaper Design

Daily A - Best Newspaper Design
1 Entries
First Place  Grand Rapids Press
The Grand Rapids Press for Sunday, August 25, 2019 for best newspaper design category
Grand Rapids Press staff

Daily B - Best Newspaper Design
2 Entries
First Place  Jackson Citizen Patriot
Shootings on the Rise
Stephanie Giluk
Second Place  Traverse City Record-Eagle
Traverse City Record-Eagle
Record-Eagle staff

Daily C - Best Newspaper Design
2 Entries
First Place  Ludington Daily News
Daily News - Jan. 2, 2020
David Bossick
Second Place  Midland Daily News
Bill Petzold

Daily D - Best Newspaper Design
4 Entries
First Place  Niles Daily Star
Niles Daily Star
Ambrosia Neldon, Emily Sobecki, Sarah Culton
Second Place  Sturgis Journal
September 7, 2019 full Journal
Staff
Third Place  Greenville Daily News
Greenville Daily News design
Darrin Clark

Weekly/News Media A - Best Newspaper Design
2 Entries
First Place  Tri-County Times
Tri-County Times 2/23/20
Jennifer Ward
Second Place  Huron County View
Huron County View
Seth Stapleton, Liz LaFave, Jane Vanderpoel

Weekly/News Media C - Best Newspaper Design
7 Entries
First Place  Grosse Pointe News
Grosse Pointe News full issue
Jody McVeigh, John Minnis, Mary Anne Brush, Bob St. John
Second Place  
*Tecumseh Herald*
*The Tecumseh Herald - November 14, 2019*
The Tecumseh Herald Staff

Third Place  
*The Tri-City Times*

Best Newspaper Design  
Staff

Weekly/News Media D - Best Newspaper Design  
3 Entries
First Place  
*Michigan Advance*
Michigan Advance
Joe Wright, Nelle Dunlap, Susan J. Demas

Second Place  
*The Advance*
The last paper before the world stopped...March 11, 2020
Marcia Loader

Third Place  
*The Clinton Local, LLC.*
Good-bye, heated community debate, celebrations and so much more!
Michael Walters, Amanda Morris

Best Page or Pages Design

Daily A - Best Page or Pages Design  
3 Entries
First Place  
*Grand Rapids Press*
Al Kalines legacy
Grand Rapids Press staff

Second Place  
*Grand Rapids Press*
The Great Lakes State looks great at 183, but how did she get here?
Grand Rapids Press staff

Third Place  
*Grand Rapids Press*
People want to know: Who is responsible?
Grand Rapids Press staff

Daily B - Best Page or Pages Design  
5 Entries
First Place  
*The Ann Arbor News*
Ann Arbor downtown boom
Stephanie Gluk

Second Place  
*Traverse City Record-Eagle*
Oct. 19, 2019, A1
Record-Eagle staff

Third Place  
*Traverse City Record-Eagle*
July 5, 2020, A1
Record-Eagle staff

Honorable Mention  
*Traverse City Record-Eagle*
March 28, 2020, A1
Record-Eagle staff

Daily C - Best Page or Pages Design  
7 Entries
First Place  
*Cadillac News*
Christmas
Sarah Adams

Second Place  
*Midland Daily News*
100 things Midland is thankful for
Katy Kildee, Kate Hessling

Third Place  
*Midland Daily News*
Fair folk portraits
Katy Kildee

Honorable Mention  
*Midland Daily News*
May 30, 2020 front page
Bill Petzold

Daily D - Best Page or Pages Design  
14 Entries
First Place  
*Niles Daily Star*
Superheroes save the day
Emily Sobecki

Second Place  
*Niles Daily Star*
Cleaning service expands
Emily Sobecki

Third Place  
*Manistee News-Advocate*
Page design front page Oct. 16, 2019
News Advocate Staff

Honorable Mention  
*Sturgis Journal*
Best Page/Page Design entry
Candice Phelps, Journal Staff

Weekly/News Media A - Best Page or Pages Design  
6 Entries
First Place  
*Tri-County Times*
Living Local pages
Lorie Gavulic

Second Place  
*Macomb Chronicle*
Photos of the Year
Jason Clancy

Third Place  
*West Bloomfield Beacon*
Still roaring
Jason Clancy

Weekly/News Media B - Best Page or Pages Design  
2 Entries
First Place  
*Leelanau Enterprise*
Cherry Timeline
Amy Hubbell, Mike Anderson

Second Place  
*Leelanau Enterprise*
Snow Business
Daniel Fortune, Mike Anderson

Weekly/News Media C - Best Page or Pages Design  
10 Entries
First Place  
*Oceana's Herald-Journal*
In loving memory of Kaitlynn Scott
Amanda Dodge

Second Place  
*Tecumseh Herald*
Quilts on display at Clinton Arts Center
Cory Mathis

Third Place  
*Oceana's Herald-Journal*
Celebrating 150 years of writing the first draft of history
Amanda Dodge

Honorable Mention  
*Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News*
Out for a Sunday Drive
Eric Hamp, Krista Tacey-Cater

Weekly/News Media D - Best Page or Pages Design  
2 Entries
First Place  
*Michigan Advance*
A tale of two oil pipelines and their place in the presidential race
Laina G. Stebbins, Susan J. Demas

Second Place  
*The Clinton Local, LLC.*
Graduation – COVID style
Michael Walters, Amanda Morris
**Best Sports Column**

**Daily A - Best Sports Column**
17 Entries

**First Place**  
Detroit Free Press  
Almont-Denby and the quest to find out what really happened  
Jeff Seidel

**Second Place**  
Detroit News  
Hiatus may cause us to rethink priority we put on organized youth sports  
John Niyo

**Third Place**  
Lansing State Journal  
I've run hundreds of miles through Lansing at night. This is what it's like.  
Matthew Miller

**Honorable Mention**  
Kalamazoo Gazette  
Girls wrestling state finals at Ford Field may not be far away  
Patrick Nothaft

**Daily B - Best Sports Column**
16 Entries

**First Place**  
Bay City Times  
Dear Baseball: Heartbroken seniors farewell letter touches all who love the game  
Lee Thompson

**Second Place**  
Battle Creek Enquirer  
Eddie Sturm has been the face of Climax-Scotts football for two decades  
Bill Broderick

**Third Place**  
Traverse City Record-Eagle  
A tiny ripple to an emotional wave  
Mark Urban

**Honorable Mention**  
Traverse City Record-Eagle  
Injured Rayder saved girl's life at Frankfort game  
James Cook

**Daily C - Best Sports Column**
10 Entries

**First Place**  
Livingston County Daily Press & Argus  
You can support MHSAA coronavirus decision and hurt for the athletes  
Bill Khan

**Second Place**  
Alpena News  
Posens Momrik as passionate as ever 10 years after heart attack  
James Andersen

**Third Place**  
Midland Daily News  
Better than real life: MDN sports writers making a splash in video baseball game  
Bill Petzold

**Honorable Mention**  
Midland Daily News  
It just puts a smile on your face  
Dan Chalk

**Daily D - Best Sports Column**
9 Entries

**First Place**  
Manistee News-Advocate  
If there was ever a time for teamwork, it's now  
Dylan Savela

**Second Place**  
Manistee News-Advocate  
Baseball is back: Saints lead the way, open season safely  
Dylan Savela

**Weekly/News Media A - Best Sports Column**
1 Entries

**First Place**  
Huron County View  
Paul Adams personal column (Sports)  
Paul Adams

**Weekly/News Media C - Best Sports Column**
6 Entries

**First Place**  
Oceana's Herald-Journal  
Without new sports, old sports have to do for now  
Andy Roberts

**Second Place**  
White Lake Beacon  
Commend MHSAA for giving sports a chance  
Andy Roberts

**Third Place**  
Presque Isle County Advance/Onaway Outlook  
Matters of the heart  
Peter Jakey

**Honorable Mention**  
Presque Isle County Advance/Onaway Outlook  
Coach Watson closes in on 500 wins  
Peter Jakey

**Weekly/News Media D - Best Sports Column**
5 Entries

**First Place**  
Benzie County Record Patriot  
Detroit Lions NFL Draft grades out good, but not perfect  
Robert Myers

**Second Place**  
Oscoda Press  
Sunrise Reflections Sports Columns  
Jason Ogden

**Third Place**  
Benzie County Record Patriot  
Patience the best play for Detroit Lions  
Robert Myers

**Business/Agriculture News**

**Daily A - Business/Agriculture News**
25 Entries

**First Place**  
Detroit News  
Driven by Greed: The story of UAW corruption  
Staff

**Second Place**  
Detroit Free Press  
Out of Gear  
Phoebe Wall Howard

**Third Place**  
Grand Rapids Press  
Wolverine tannery cleanup  
Garret Ellison

**Honorable Mention**  
Bridge Magazine  
Michigan businesses and the pandemic  
Staff

**Daily B - Business/Agriculture News**
22 Entries

**First Place**  
Bay City Times  
Perch for profit  
Caitlyn French
Second Place  The Ann Arbor News
Ann Arbor’s changing skyline
Ryan Stanton

Third Place  Saginaw News
UAW strike
Heather Jordan, Kaytie Boomer

Daily C - Business/Agriculture News
19 Entries
First Place  Ludington Daily News
COVID-19 in congregate housing
Hannah Hubbard
Second Place  Midland Daily News
DuPont employees face ongoing pay issues
Ashley Schafer
Third Place  Petoskey News-Review
Stay home impact on business
Ryan Bentley
Honorable Mention  Cadillac News
Cadillac 4 theater
Karen Hopper Usher

Daily D - Business/Agriculture News
13 Entries
First Place  Huron Daily Tribune
PBB has not gone away
Sara Eisinger
Second Place  Greenville Daily News
Farmers vs. floods
Elisabeth Waldon
Third Place  Huron Daily Tribune
Cormorants damaging fish populations
Mary Drier
Honorable Mention  The Daily Globe
Realtor struggles differ across border
Tom LaVenture

Weekly/News Media C - Business/Agriculture News
15 Entries
First Place  The Tri-City Times
Keihin to shut down
Tom Wearing
Second Place  Presque Isle County Advance/Onaway Outlook
Lamphere count steady and new lab operational
Mary Ann Heidemann
Third Place  Oceana's Herald-Journal
Shelby's Media Technologies helps improve education one desk at a time
Sharon Hallack
Honorable Mention  The Record
Growers fight freezing weather
Stacy Sobotka

Weekly/News Media D - Business/Agriculture News
15 Entries
First Place  The Advance
Pandemic Business Stories: Area businesses cope; Rupp’s stand on belief auto wash essential; Off to the races despite COVID
Melissa Burnor
Second Place  Flintside
New hotel in downtown Flint symbolizes city’s comeback
Marjory Raymer
Good, solid business reporting.
Third Place  Michigan Lawyers Weekly
Virtual courts provide access to justice during shutdown
Kelly Caplan
Honorable Mention  The Clinton Local, LLC.
"Taste the Love"
Michael Walters

Feature Photo
Daily A - Feature Photo
16 Entries
First Place  Detroit Free Press
Family Visit
Mandi Wright
Second Place  Bridge Magazine
Teen suicide
Dale Young
Third Place  Flint Journal
A different kind of graduation
Jake May
Honorable Mention  Flint Journal
Overcoming COVID
Jake May

Daily B - Feature Photo
28 Entries
First Place  Saginaw News
Kids hangout during 51st annual African Cultural Festival
Rachel Ellis
Second Place  Bay City Times
No Excuses, Not Even COVID-19
Kaytie Boomer
Third Place  Traverse City Record-Eagle
Boat builder
Mike Krebs
Honorable Mention: Jackson Citizen Patriot
Cool Luigi
J. Scott Park

Daily C - Feature Photo
18 Entries
First Place: Midland Daily News
Hallway Pep
Katy Kildee
Second Place: Petoskey News-Review
bump jump
Jillian Fellows
Third Place: The Daily News, Iron Mountain
Family portrait
Betsy Bloom
Honorable Mention: Midland Daily News
Ashes To Go
Katy Kildee

Daily D - Feature Photo
20 Entries
First Place: The Daily Globe
Lake Superior
Jason Juno
Second Place: Huron Daily Tribune
Crash course
Coulter Stuart
Third Place: Greenville Daily News
Canine comfort
Cory Smith
Honorable Mention: Huron Daily Tribune
Sunrise on Sunset Blvd.
Tyler Leipprandt

Individual - Feature Photo
1 Entries
First Place: Seth Herald
The Barber shop of Karle Manke in Owosso, Michigan

Weekly/News Media A - Feature Photo
4 Entries
First Place: Huron County View
Lighting up the sky
Paul Adams
Second Place: Huron County View
Star spangled spectacle
Seth Stapleton
Third Place: Huron County View
Where's the VIEW? Ubly Heights Rainbow
Paul Adams

Weekly/News Media B - Feature Photo
7 Entries
First Place: The Citizen, Ortonville
Slime time
Patrick McAbee
Second Place: Leelanau Enterprise
PEACHY PARADISE
Daniel Fortune
Third Place: Leelanau Enterprise
Kids sledding
Eric Carlson

Honorable Mention: Leelanau Enterprise
Trapped Porky
Kaula Collier

Weekly/News Media C - Feature Photo
21 Entries
First Place: Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News
The Barber Is In!
Krista Tacey-Cater
Second Place: The Record
Thunder Moon
Larry Sobczak
Third Place: Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News
Enjoying the Moment
Cheryl Holladay
Honorable Mention: Grosse Pointe News
Ice art
Renee Landuyt

Weekly/News Media D - Feature Photo
8 Entries
First Place: Michigan Advance
Rep. Brenda Lawrence speaks against gun violence at a demonstration in Ferndale
Ken Coleman
Second Place: Michigan Advance
Elizabeth Warren at her emotional final campaign stop in Detroit
Allison Donahue
Third Place: Michigan Advance
MSU students gather for a St. Patrick's Day house party despite the coronavirus pandemic
Anna Liz Nichols

Feature Story
Daily A - Feature Story
30 Entries
First Place: Detroit Free Press
A hot dog truck rolled through destroyed Sanford. This is what they saw.
John Carlisle
Second Place: Bridge Magazine
Nearly killed by COVID-19, Michigan doctors, nurses return humbled, smarter
Robin Erb
Third Place: Flint Journal
The Journey Home
Zahra Ahmad
Honorable Mention: Detroit News
Unimaginable pain: Coronavirus robs Michigan woman of whole family
Francis X. Donnelly

Daily B - Feature Story
33 Entries
First Place: The Ann Arbor News
Arthur, downtown Ann Arbor's well-known panhandler, dies at 66
Ryan Stanton
Second Place: The Monroe News
Firefighter uses burned toys to teach fire safety
Caitlin Taylor, Tom Hawley
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Old power plants in Michigan leave legacy of coal ash behind
Heather Jordan

Honorable Mention  
**Muskegon Chronicle**
High Great Lakes water levels cause havoc across Michigan
Lynn Moore

Daily C - News Enterprise Reporting
First Place  
**Midland Daily News**
Troubled Waters
Ashley Schafer, Mitchell Kukulka, Victoria Ritter, Lori Qualls, Dan Chalk, Tony Lascari, Katy Kildee

Second Place  
**Midland Daily News**
Are we keeping our schools secured?
Mitchell Kukulka, Hope O'Dell

Third Place  
**Livingston County Daily Press & Argus**
Livingston judge pleads guilty to perjury
Kayla Daugherty

Honorable Mention  
**Cadillac News**
Ranking the area’s beaches
Karen Hopper Usher

Daily D - News Enterprise Reporting
11 Entries
First Place  
**Greenville Daily News**
Local businesses and COVID
Cory Smith

Second Place  
**Greenville Daily News**
Plight of the 2020 Ionia Free Fair
Karen Bota

Third Place  
**Greenville Daily News**
Road Department employee survey responses shine light on concerns
Elisabeth Waldon

Honorable Mention  
**Huron Daily Tribune**
Unemployment impacts on county residents
Scott Nunn

Weekly/News Media A - News Enterprise Reporting
5 Entries
First Place  
**Chalkbeat**
Ready or Not: What happens when students from Detroit enter college
Lori Higgins

Second Place  
**Macomb Chronicle**
The intricacies of dual positions
Alex Szwarc

Weekly/News Media B - News Enterprise Reporting
12 Entries
First Place  
**Leelanau Enterprise**
Water, water everywhere
Amy Hubbell, Eric Carlson, Chris Olson, Alan Campbell

Second Place  
**Leelanau Enterprise**
Short-term rentals
Eric Carlson

Third Place  
**Leelanau Enterprise**
SCHOOL LETTER DRAWS FIRE FROM PUBLIC
Amy Hubbell

Honorable Mention  
**Leelanau Enterprise**
MAN ALLEGES RACIAL PROFILING IN S-B
Eric Carlson

Weekly/News Media C - News Enterprise Reporting
13 Entries
First Place  
**Flint Beat**
Flint Beat Gun Violence Coverage
Amy Diaz, Jiquanda Johnson, Sean Campbell

Second Place  
**Grosse Pointe News**
Points join outcry for police fairness
Eddie B. Allen Jr.

Third Place  
**Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News**
Eighty years of opportunity
Krista Tacey-Cater

Honorable Mention  
**Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News**
‘Spread the word, slow down around roadkill’
Krista Tacey-Cater

Weekly/News Media D - News Enterprise Reporting
15 Entries
First Place  
**Encore Magazine**
The Homefront: Confronting Kalamazoo’s Homelessness Crisis
Ben Lando, Marie Lee, Chris Killian, Miranda Drake

Second Place  
**Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper**
Black/Latina/Brown/Anishinaabeg Like Me: Voices from People of Color in Leelanau County
Staff

Third Place  
**Michigan Advance**
A tale of two oil pipelines and their place in the presidential race
Laina G. Stebbins

News Photo
Daily A - News Photo
17 Entries
First Place  
**Flint Journal**
“Walk with Us”
Jake May

Second Place  
**Kalamazoo Gazette**
Five structures destroyed
Joel Bissell

Third Place  
**Detroit Free Press**
Strike is over
Ryan Garza

Honorable Mention  
**Flint Journal**
Family mourns slain security guard
Jake May

Daily B - News Photo
24 Entries
First Place  
**Muskegon Chronicle**
Muskegon community honors slain teen at vigil
Cory Morse

Second Place  
**Jackson Citizen Patriot**
Lost it All
J. Scott Park

Third Place  
**Battle Creek Enquirer**
Albion marches for justice on Juneteenth
Alyssa Keown
Honorably Mention Traverse City Record-Eagle
Visit through window
Jan-Michael Stump

Daily C - News Photo
10 Entries
First Place Midland Daily News
Rally for Racial Justice
Katy Kildee
Second Place Midland Daily News
Wading Through
Katy Kildee
Third Place Ludington Daily News
Bad weather cancels fire training at fair
Jeff Kiessel
Honorable Mention Livingston County Daily Press & Argus
A new kind of graduation
Gillis Benedict

Daily D - News Photo
9 Entries
First Place Greenville Daily News
'There's not enough water in the county for this fire'
Cory Smith
Second Place Huron Daily Tribune
Temps spike as Helen Stephens Memorial Pool opens
Sara Eisinger
Third Place Greenville Daily News
'We can count on people'
Cory Smith
Honorable Mention Huron Daily Tribune
Bad Axe Meijer opens its doors
Aurora Abraham

Individual - News Photo
1 Entries
First Place Seth Herald
Senators vote to approve the extension of Governor Gretchen Whitmer's emergency declaration in Lansing
Seth Herald

Weekly/News Media A - News Photo
3 Entries
First Place Huron County View
Protester Baillie Fritz chants I can’t breathe
Paul Adams
Second Place Huron County View
Former Laker student Terrance Dubs, left, puts his arm around DAndre Cook
Paul Adams
Third Place Huron County View
A fire in the Port Crescent State Park
Seth Stapleton

Weekly/News Media B - News Photo
4 Entries
First Place Leelanau Enterprise
Raising Shanty
Daniel Fortune
Second Place The Citizen, Ortonville
School: Day 1
Patrick McAbee

Weekly/News Media C - News Photo
13 Entries
First Place Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News
Jail baptism next step of living
Krista Tacey-Cater
Second Place Hastings Banner
Local government goes virtual
Rebecca Pierce
Third Place The Record
Protest March
Larry Sobczak
Honorable Mention Hastings Banner
Shooting rampage case bound over for trial
Scott Harmsen

Weekly/News Media D - News Photo
6 Entries
First Place Michigan Advance
Sanders speaks to a packed Ann Arbor crowd before Michigan primary
Andrew Roth
Second Place Michigan Advance
Lansing police officer stands guard as a counter-protester’s car burns
Anna Liz Nichols
Third Place The Advance
Harvest time
Melissa Burnor

Photo Story
Daily A - Photo Story
16 Entries
First Place Detroit Free Press
A season in pictures and words
Brian Kaufman
Second Place Bridge Magazine
Flint’s last basketball team
Dale Young
Third Place Detroit Free Press
Stay Home. Stay Safe.
Kimberly P. Mitchell
Honorable Mention Grand Rapids Press
Black Lives Matter protesters demand change in Grand Rapids
Cory Morse

Daily B - Photo Story
19 Entries
First Place Muskegon Chronicle
The Big Red Zone
Cory Morse
Second Place The Ann Arbor News
April and Jacob
Jenna Kieser
Third Place Holland Sentinel
Hope College Pull
Daytona Niles
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Tri-County Times
Shop Local
Sales Team, Editorial Staff, Graphics Department
Second Place  
Huron County View
Women in Agriculture
John Bonke, Liz LaFave, Jane Vanderpoel
Third Place  
Huron County View
Fall Sports Preview
Paul Adams, Liz LaFave, Jane Vanderpoel
Weekly/News Media B - Special Section
2 Entries
First Place  
Leelanau Enterprise
2020 Wedding Guide
Advertising Department, Editorial Department, Creative Department
Second Place  
Leelanau Enterprise
How To Choose 2019
Advertising Department, Creative Department
Weekly/News Media C - Special Section
11 Entries
First Place  
Tecumseh Herald
2020 Manitou Beach Guide
Cory Mathis
Second Place  
Tecumseh Herald
Homefront Winter 2019-2020
Nanci Heiney
Third Place  
Tecumseh Herald
Homefront Fall 2019
Nanci Heiney
Honorable Mention  
Houghton Lake Resorther & Roscommon County Herald-News
Summer Seasons 2020
Staff
Weekly/News Media D - Special Section
7 Entries
First Place  
Encore Magazine
The Homefront: Confronting Kalamazoo's Homelessness Crisis
Staff
Second Place  
The Advance
Hurray for the Heroes!
The Advance Staff
Third Place  
Benzie County Record Patriot
2019 Benzie County Fall Sports
Robert Myers, Bob Allen
Sports Feature
Daily A - Sports Feature
22 Entries
First Place  
Detroit Free Press
Michigan State star Cassius Winston’s grief is so heavy, not even basketball can ease it
Shawn Windsor
Second Place  
Flint Journal
Grand Blancs Camden Witucki is the best football player youve never heard about
Brendan Savage
Third Place  
Grand Rapids Press
79 U.S. veterans, 10 former Lions, 1 heck of a day in Washington
Benjamin Raven
Honorable Mention  
Detroit Free Press
Joe Murphy, Red Wings’ No. 1 pick, is homeless again and refusing help
Jeff Seidel
Daily B - Sports Feature
31 Entries
First Place  
Bay City Times
Akron-Fairgrove proves there is hope after a 44-game losing streak
Lee Thompson
Second Place  
Muskegon Chronicle
Big Red Zone - For kids in the tough town of Muskegon, athletic success means the promise of a better life
Scott DeCamp
Third Place  
Saginaw News
Bullock Creek basketball player saves dad, but still scared to leave him alone
Hugh Bernreuter
Honorable Mention  
Traverse City Record-Eagle
Co-operation between schools tackles declining high school sports numbers
Jake Atnip
Daily C - Sports Feature
15 Entries
First Place  
Ludington Daily News
Urka to lead all-female crew in monumental sports broadcast
Noah Genson
Second Place  
Petoskey News-Review
Running into history
Jillian Fellows
Third Place  
Midland Daily News
Victory day a win-win
Dan Chalk
Honorable Mention  
Midland Daily News
Double duty: Dows Emrich a soccer coach by day, ER nurse by night
Fred Kelly
Daily D - Sports Feature
7 Entries
First Place  
Greenville Daily News
Theres no way this is ever going to happen
Alex Freeman
Second Place  
Manistee News-Advocate
A family affair
Dylan Savela
Third Place  
Greenville Daily News
Back on the bike
Alex Freeman
Weekly/News Media A - Sports Feature
4 Entries
First Place  
Huron County View
Glory Days
Paul Adams
Second Place  
Huron County View
The beginning of greatness
Paul Adams
Weekly/News Media B - Sports Feature
6 Entries
First Place  Leelanau Enterprise
1,000-point scorers all in the family
Chris Olson
Second Place  The Citizen, Ortonville
Remembering 'Mr. Tiger' Al Kaline
David Fleet
Third Place  Leelanau Enterprise
Life, football, legacy of Pop Warner
Chris Olson

Weekly/News Media C - Sports Feature
15 Entries
First Place  Flint Beat
From Football To Boxing - A Flint Mans Journey To The Olympic Boxing Trials
Royce Stephens
Second Place  Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News
Four years a football player
Krista Tacey-Cater
Third Place  White Lake Beacon
For athletes missing sport, Whitehall Russell & Zweigel know how it feels
Andy Roberts

Weekly/News Media D - Sports Feature
9 Entries
First Place  Flintside
Flint native imparting global basketball knowledge to Mott players
Patrick Hayes
Second Place  The Advance
Virus leads to cancellation of spring sports
Melissa Burnor
Third Place  Benzie County Record Patriot
Canceled season cost Myers
Robert Myers
Honorable Mention  Oscoda Press
Oscoda soccer defeats Alcona in away match Oscoda soccer defeats
Ben Murphy

Sports Photo

Daily B - Sports Photo
28 Entries
First Place  The Ann Arbor News
Helmets flying
Jenna Kieser
Second Place  Jackson Citizen Patriot
Face Wash
J. Scott Park
Third Place  Saginaw News
Wrestling grimace
Riley Yuan
Honorable Mention  Muskegon Chronicle
Muskegon Big Reds Football
Cory Morse

Daily C - Sports Photo
11 Entries
First Place  Midland Daily News
Rivals Collide
Katy Kildee
Second Place  Midland Daily News
Sweet Victory
Katy Kildee
Third Place  Livingston County Daily Press & Argus
Headed for the hoop
Gillis Benedict

Daily D - Sports Photo
7 Entries
First Place  Greenville Daily News
Confidence Builder
Cory Smith
Second Place  Manistee News-Advocate
A touchdown to remember
Dylan Savela
Third Place  Greenville Daily News
Family Feud
Cory Smith
Honorable Mention  Huron Daily Tribune
Bearcats dreams of state championship end with tough 21-20 loss to Beal City
Mark Birdsall

Weekly/News Media A - Sports Photo
3 Entries
First Place  Huron County View
Harbor Beach cross country coach Debbie Anderson reacts
Paul Adams
Second Place  Huron County View
Very few times has Bill Sweeney shown much emotion
Paul Adams
Third Place  Huron County View
Harbor Beach's Dylan Kadar is mobbed by his teammates
Paul Adams

Weekly/News Media B - Sports Photo
3 Entries
First Place  Leelanau Enterprise
Norse fall in title game
Daniel Fortune
Second Place: Leelanau Enterprise
Pleva
Daniel Fortune

Weekly/News Media C - Sports Photo
18 Entries
First Place: Iosco County News-Herald
IN A DOWNPOUR
Ben Murphy
Second Place: Iosco County News-Herald
HITS THE EDGE
Ben Murphy
Third Place: Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

DRIVE KILLER
Erick Simons
Honorable Mention: Oceana’s Herald-Journal
Hart wins 2OT thriller in opener over Holton, 48-40
Andy Roberts

Weekly/News Media D - Sports Photo
9 Entries
First Place: The Clinton Local, LLC.
Victory is ours
Linda McCombs
Second Place: The Advance
D’Ondre Shaw
Marcia Loader
Third Place: The Advance
Cole Giesige (16) outruns a pair of San Creek Aggies
Melissa Burnor

Sports Writing

Daily A - Sports Writing
13 Entries
First Place: Flint Journal
Being named Flint Beechers AD bittersweet for Mike Williams after father dies from COVID-19
Brendan Savage
Second Place: Detroit Free Press
Detroit Tigers unified in Black Lives Matter movement, kneeling together before opener
Jeff Seidel
Third Place: Kalamazoo Gazette
How a Paw Paw football player went from cheerleader to field goal kicker
Patrick Nothaft
Honorable Mention: Lansing State Journal
How Cassius Winston wore pain on his shoulder and honored his brother’s life
Nate Atkins

Daily B - Sports Writing
22 Entries
First Place: Bay City Times
One of states smallest schools, All Saints finds reward through faith and football
Lee Thompson
Second Place: Bay City Times
Smalltown Cass City stands tall in toe-to-toe battle with big-city Loyola
Lee Thompson

Third Place: Battle Creek Enquirer
MHSSA suspends all winter tournaments, here’s what players, coaches are saying
Bill Broderick
Honorable Mention: Times Herald
Zoot suit riot: Marine City boys basketball upsets St. Clair with wild finish
Brandon Folsom

Daily C - Sports Writing
11 Entries
First Place: Alpena News
Parents fuming over missing kids photos
James Andersen
Second Place: Livingston County Daily Press & Argus
Knee infection nearly cost Brighton wrestler state title
Bill Khan
Third Place: Livingston County Daily Press & Argus
Best story wasn’t at front of the pack
Bill Khan
Honorable Mention: Midland Daily News
Freelance coach Tom Zolinski has passed away
Fred Kelly

Daily D - Sports Writing
8 Entries
First Place: Manistee News-Advocate
A touchdown to remember
Dylan Savela
Second Place: The Daily Globe
‘It was a miracle’
Jason Juno
Third Place: Manistee News-Advocate
Portagers edge Defenders with second-half comeback
Dylan Savela
Honorable Mention: Greenville Daily News
Any given Friday morning
Alex Freeman

Weekly/News Media A - Sports Writing
3 Entries
First Place: Huron County View
TEARS OF JOY Harbor Beach girls win emotional cross country regional
Paul Adams
Second Place: Huron County View
Believers: Ubly wins first district title since 2008
Paul Adams
Third Place: Huron County View
End of an era
Paul Adams

Weekly/News Media B - Sports Writing
6 Entries
First Place: Leelanau Enterprise
Angers steps down as Lakers football coach
Chris Olson
Second Place: Leelanau Enterprise
Leland twins ski for Lakers team
Chris Olson
2020 Better Newspaper Contest Editorial & Advertising Results

Third Place  
Leelanau Enterprise
Lakers Fall
Daniel Fortune

Weekly/News Media C - Sports Writing
9 Entries
First Place  
Oceana's Herald-Journal
Pirates make history - again
Andy Roberts
Second Place  
White Lake Beacon
Reeths-Puffer on to semis after huge quarterfinal win over W.W. Tower
Andy Roberts
Third Place  
White Lake Beacon
Wildcats make statement with regional route of Sanford Meridian
Andy Roberts

Weekly/News Media D - Sports Writing
4 Entries
First Place  
The Advance
Taking down Goliath
Melissa Burnor
Second Place  
The Advance
Penalty dashes Royals' district hopes
Marcia Loader
Third Place  
The Clinton Local, LLC.
Sports Columnist "Jeff Sez"
Jeff Szcesniak

Spot News Story

Daily A - Spot News Story
20 Entries
First Place  
Detroit Free Press
Mid-Michigan flooding disaster
Jeff Seidel, Keith Matheny, And the Detroit Free Press Staff
Second Place  
Detroit Free Press
Police, protesters clash in Detroit; 21-year-old dead after shooting
Staff
Third Place  
Flint Journal
Missing Swartz Creek man found dead, mutilated and partially eaten in rural basement
Flint Journal staff
Honorable Mention  
Lansing State Journal
3 dead, 3 critically injured in plane crash west of airport
Craig Lyons, Megan Banta, Justin Mack, Matthew Dae Smith

Daily B - Spot News Story
19 Entries
First Place  
Saginaw News
500-year flood slams mid-Michigan
Saginaw News staff
Second Place  
Traverse City Record-Eagle
Danielle Cornell Her life before: Homeless woman, 41, dies of exposure
Mardi Link
Third Place  
The Ann Arbor News
University of Michigan provost faces sexual misconduct allegations
Steve Marowski, Martin Slagter
Honorable Mention  
Daily Telegram
Adrian Mall condemned
Spencer Durham

Daily C - Spot News Story
14 Entries
First Place  
Midland Daily News
Homes in peril
Staff
Second Place  
Cadillac News
A positive outcome
Rick Charmoli
Third Place  
Cadillac News
Swastikas spray-painted on sidewalk
Karen Hopper Usher
Honorable Mention  
Livingston County Daily Press & Argus
2 adult foster care facilities shut down after police raid
Kayla Daugherty

Daily D - Spot News Story
18 Entries
First Place  
Greenville Daily News
I've got to go out and look for him
Elisabeth Waldon
Second Place  
Greenville Daily News
Flat River Community Players lose almost everything in blaze at 129-year-old building
Cory Smith
Third Place  
Niles Daily Star
'Say his name'
Sarah Culton
Honorable Mention  
The Daily Globe
Lac du Flambeau man sentenced for role in Valliere murder
Richard Jenkins

Weekly/News Media A - Spot News Story
6 Entries
First Place  
Chalkbeat
Summer school began in Detroit Monday, but protesters blocked some students from attending classes in person
Eleanore Catolico, Lori Higgins
Second Place  
Fraser-Clinton Twp. Chronicle
Clinton Township man guilty of first-degree murder in deaths of sister, her boyfriend
Nick Mordowanec

Weekly/News Media B - Spot News Story
4 Entries
First Place  
The Citizen, Ortonville
Brandon EMS response, efforts saves township man
Shelby Stewart
Second Place  
The Citizen, Ortonville
Dam breach, flood sweeps away cabin
David Fleet
Third Place  
The Citizen, Ortonville
As COVID spreads schools, churches, governments cope
Shelby Stewart
Honorable Mention  
The Citizen, Ortonville
Health Costs: Michigan’s flavored vape ban
Shelby Stewart

Weekly/News Media C - Spot News Story
13 Entries
First Place  Hastings Banner
Shooting rampage case bound over for trial
Rebecca Pierce

Honorable Mention  Grosse Pointe News
Petition language for board recall rejected
Mary Anne Brush

Second Place  Iosco County News-Herald
Heavy 150-year rainfall hits hard over two days in Iosco County
Jenny Haglund

Third Place  Tecumseh Herald
Officials Respond as Virus Spreads
Jackie Koch

Weekly/News Media D - Spot News Story
10 Entries
First Place  Michigan Advance
Tyrants Get The Rope: Small anti-Whitmer protest rocks Capitol, reporter hit by gun
Anna Liz Nichols, Susan J. Demas

Second Place  Michigan Advance
Breaking: Judge grants AGs request for temporary Line 5 shutdown
Laina G. Stebbins

Third Place  Michigan Advance
Inman found not guilty on lying to FBI, mistrial declared on bribery, extortion charges
Nick Manes

Honorable Mention  Flintside
Sewing for Safety: Flints Shay Oliver and friends craft homemade face masks for health workers
Santiago Ochoa

Best Coverage of the Coronavirus in Michigan
Open Class - Best Coverage of the Coronavirus in Michigan
78 Entries
First Place  Michigan Advance
The toll coronavirus has taken on Michigan
Staff

Second Place-tie  Leelanau Enterprise
COVID 19 2020-04-09
Editorial Department

Second Place-tie  Detroit News
'Testing needed to reopen economy, but Michigan trails other states
Craig Mauger

Second Place is a tie between the Leelanau Enterprise and the Detroit News

Third Place  Detroit Free Press
Detroit Free Press coverage of the coronavirus pandemic
Detroit Free Press Staff

Honorable Mention  Bridge Magazine
Bridge in the pandemic
Bridge Staff

Best FOIA Story
Open Class - Best FOIA Story
14 Entries
First Place  Greenville Daily News
FOIA-related stories which culminated to Bob Clingenpeels resignation
Elisabeth Waldon

Second Place  Bridge Magazine
Wolf kills and deer heads: Trouble at the DNR

Best Podcast
Open Class - Best Podcast
15 Entries
First Place  Detroit Free Press
We Live It: Audio stories during the pandemic
Staff

Second Place  Detroit News
Sins of Detroit podcast: Bad science convicts the wrongfully accused
George Hunter

Third Place  The Monroe News
'After the Pandemic,' wishes
Paula Wethington

Honorable Mention  Tri-County Times
Throwback Thursday throws out screen time
Tim Jagiello

Best Video Presentation
Open Class - Best Video Presentation
20 Entries
First Place **Detroit Free Press**
Facebook Live video coverage of Detroit police protests
Staff
Second Place **Traverse City Record-Eagle**
'I don't want it to be forgotten'
Mike Krebs
Third Place **Flint Beat**
Remembering Dan Holbrook, owner of Dan’s Quickstop in Flint, MI
Mark Felix
Honorable Mention **Flint Beat**
Parking Lot Preaching - Flint pastor steps outside of church walls to bring the word to members
Jamal Bransford

**Best Website**
Open Class - Best Website
16 Entries
First Place **GreatLakesNow.org**
Great Lakes Now
Staff
Second Place **Bridge Magazine**
Bridge Michigan
Bridge Staff
Third Place **Flintside.com**
Patrick Hayes

**Best Writing**
Open Class - Best Writing
29 Entries
First Place **Detroit Free Press**
Georgiea Kovanis
The Journey Home
Zahra Ahmad
Third Place **Bridge Magazine**
Robin Erb
Honorable Mention **Detroit Free Press**
Searching for normal: A grieving Detroit writer goes looking for a new barber
Bill Laitner

**Most Innovative Story Telling**
Open Class - Most Innovative Story Telling
15 Entries
First Place **Detroit Free Press**
She was prostituting, pregnant, doing drugs by 14. Now, Taylor girl fights to save her own life.
Georgiea Kovanis, Mandi Wright, Brian McNamara
Second Place **Grand Rapids Press**
Finding their voices: Michigan residents confront mental health
Julie Mack, Scott Levin
Third Place **Saginaw News**
High waves threaten dream homes
Heather Jordan, Kaytie Boomer
Honorable Mention **The Ann Arbor News**

2020 Better Newspaper Contest Editorial & Advertising Results

**Public Notice Journalism Award**
Open Class - Public Notice Journalism Award
1 Entries
First Place **Greenville Daily News**
Montcalm County commissioner goes AWOL
Elisabeth Waldon

**Public Service Award**
Open Class - Public Service Award
11 Entries
First Place **Detroit Free Press**
Detroit homeowners overtaxed $600 million
Christine MacDonald, Mark Betancourt
Second Place **Grand Rapids Press**
Mental health series
Julie Mack
Third Place **The Monroe News**
The Homefront: Confronting Kalamazoo’s Homelessness Crisis
Staff

**Rookie Writer**
Open Class - Rookie Writer
11 Entries
First Place **Flint Journal**
Zahra Ahmad for rookie of the year writer for The Flint Journal
Zahra Ahmad
Second Place **Traverse City Record-Eagle**
Andrew Rosenthal
Third Place **The Monroe News**
Rookie writer -- Caitlin Taylor
Caitlin Taylor
Honorable Mention **Michigan Advance**
The Homefront: Confronting Kalamazoo’s Homelessness Crisis
Allison Donahue

**Community Business Promotions**
Open Class - Community Business Promotions
16 Entries
First Place **Leelanau Enterprise**
Valentine’s Day
Creative Department, Advertising Department
Second Place **The Advance**
Last-minute gift suggestions from A-Z!
Eric May, Darin Wolfe, Ashliegh Bruneau
Third Place **Leelanau Enterprise**
Featured Realtor
Creative Department, Advertising Department

**Entertaining Services**
Open Class - Entertaining Services
8 Entries
First Place  
TCA Adding Color to Your Community  
Cory Mathis
Second Place  
YMCA - Kids are back in school 50% off coupon  
Cadillac News
Third Place  
Lakewood on the Green - Golf Guide Ad  
Cadillac News
Honorable Mention  
Southern Lakes Parks & Rec  
Terese Allen, Lorie Gavulic

Real Estate
Open Class - Real Estate
8 Entries
First Place  
Bob Fox Fresh Perspective  
Cory Mathis
Second Place  
Lone Oak Properties Red Mill Pond  
Nanci Heiney
Third Place  
Tammy Tipton Team  
Tiffany Marchand, Rebecca Andreski
Honorable Mention  
Five Star - Greg Bosscher - SOLD SIGN  
Cadillac News

New and Used Vehicles
Open Class - New and Used Vehicles
7 Entries
First Place  
Suburban Chevrolet American Baseball  
Nanci Heiney
Second Place  
Cloverland Motors  
Daily Globe Advertising
Third Place  
Betten Baker - Black Friday Full Page  
Cadillac News
Honorable Mention  
Classic Chevy - Classified Liner - Under $10,000 Specials  
Cadillac News

Best Health Care ad
Open Class - Best Health Care ad
3 Entries
First Place  
Carter Rehab Center Heavy Christmas Shopping  
Cory Mathis
Second Place  
Houghton Lake Resoriter & Roscommon County Herald-News  
The Brook  
Alycia Nielsen, Patty Tribelhorn
Third Place  
Cadillac Urgent Care - ReOpen Ad

Restaurants
Open Class - Restaurants
10 Entries
First Place  
Embers Bar and Grill Red Head Foodie  
Nanci Heiney
Second Place  
Red Crown Quality Eats  
Paul Biondi, Donna Zetterlund
Third Place  
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe  
Julie Sutton, John Pigott, Ken Schop
Honorable Mention  
Knot Just A Bar Polish Dinner  
Advertising Department, Creative Department

Small Ads Work
Open Class - Small Ads Work
8 Entries
First Place  
Tecumseh Antique Appeal One Night Stand  
Nanci Heiney
Second Place  
Dean's Body Shop - OOPS  
Cadillac News
Third Place  
Tecumseh Veterinary Play Hard. Have Fun.  
Cory Mathis
Honorable Mention  
Abelman's Clothing  
Daily Globe Advertising

General Retail
Open Class - General Retail
25 Entries
First Place  
Sawyers Jewelers  
Terese Allen, Lorie Gavulic
Second Place  
L&J Meats - Prepare for Holidays  
Cadillac News
Third Place  
Sieler's Water Systems Man's Best Friend  
Nanci Heiney
Honorable Mention  
Billmier Camera

Cadillac News
Coreena Storms, Rebecca Andreski

Open Class - Home Furnishings
9 Entries
First Place  Cadillac News
Store More Mini Barns & Cabins - Need More Storage
Cadillac News
Second Place  Tri-County Times
Lauricella Painting
Kathleen Smith, Lorie Gavulic
Third Place  The Advance
Turn your Tax refund ... Tammy's Furniture
Eric May, Ashleigh Bruneau
Honorable Mention  Tecumseh Herald
Integrity Painting and Construction Pros Spring Opening
Cory Mathis

Home Services

Open Class - Home Services
15 Entries
First Place  Leelanau Enterprise
Trapper Ron
Advertising Department, Creative Department
Second Place  Cadillac News
Moore Mechanical - Coming Soon to Cadillac
Cadillac News
Third Place  Tri-County Times
Byron Plumbing
Kathleen Smith, Lorie Gavulic
Honorable Mention  Tri-County Times
Mr. Electric
Kathleen Smith, Lorie Gavulic