Statewide Contest Spotlights Quality Journalism

Members of Arkansas Press Association reviewed 2,909 entries submitted by 96 Michigan newspapers/Individual members this year. The competition inspires all journalists to produce their best work, which in turn, nurtures stronger communities.

“It’s clear the huge amount of work our collective newsrooms are doing all over the state to serve their communities. Covering our beats is crucial work that supports the democratic process in each community in Michigan; it’s work that supports the spirit of each community we serve. We have wonderful examples here of the tremendous talent we have in our state. These recent years have been difficult, but we will look back on these times with pride for all the positive impact we’re having on our readers”. Paul J. Heidbreder, Michigan Press Association President and Publisher of the Traverse City Record-Eagle

The 2021 “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 – over 15,000; Weekly Class B – 7,001-15,000; Weekly Class C – 3,001-7,000; Weekly Class D – 3,000 and under.

The 2021 Advertising Contest-Daily this year we broke the Excellence in Advertising award into 2 different categories. We have the Daily and Non-Daily (Weekly/News Media publications). We based this award on points accumulated (100 for first, 70 for second and 40 for third) in all seventeen advertising categories. The three finalists for the Excellence in Advertising Daily class are: Greenville Daily News, Ludington Daily News, and Cadillac News, with the winner being the Ludington Daily News.

The 2021 Advertising Contest-Non-Daily this year we broke the Excellence in Advertising award into 2 different categories. We have the Daily and Non-Daily (Weekly/News Media publications). We based this award on points accumulated (100 for first, 70 for second and 40 for third) in all seventeen advertising categories. The three finalists for the Excellence in Advertising Non-Daily class are: Leelanau Enterprise, Grosse Pointe News, and Tecumseh Herald, with the winner being the Tecumseh Herald.

The MPA Rookie Writer Award recognizes exemplary efforts of new writers just breaking into journalism. The three finalists are: Sam Dodge of The Ann Arbor News, Amy Diaz of the Flint Beat and Sierra Clark of the Traverse City Record-Eagle, with the award going to Amy Diaz.

The MPA Public Notice Journalism Award recognizes stories that exemplify the importance of public notice in newspapers. The finalists are Greenville Daily News for “Pierson Township switches to the Daily News for public notice,” The Daily News, Iron Mountain for “Proposed Verso permit would allow some air pollutants to rise,” and Traverse City Record-Eagle for “PFAS” with the award going to The Daily News, Iron Mountain.

Excellence in Policing and Social Justice Reporting recognizes high-profile use-of-force incidents led to days of protests; civil unrest; and, tragically, further violence, destruction, and death. Unfortunately, these protests have, in far too many communities, further widened the gap between police agencies and their communities. Local journalism
reporting on this topic is crucial to communities in Michigan. Entries in this category will be judged on not only real time reporting on community events, but also the underlying. The three finalists are Bridge Michigan for “Struggles with Racism in Northern Michigan”, BridgeDetroit & NBC News for “Built to keep Black from White” and Michigan Advance for “The history and politics of police reform efforts in Michigan” with the award going to BridgeDetroit & NBC News.

**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: Grand Rapids Press for “Whitmer said Separation agreements like Robert Gordon’s are used often in State Government”, Bridge Michigan for “Emails: Michigan sheriff sought to seize voting machines amid Trump claims”, and Kalamazoo Gazette for “Kalamazoo closed-door meetings exposed”, with the award going to Bridge Michigan.

**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. Winners of those awards are listed below based on their circulation Class:

- **Daily A**: Traverse City Record-Eagle for “Antrim County Election Lawsuit”
- **Daily B**: Battle Creek Enquirer for “What happened to Battle Creek’s Econo Lodge”
- **Daily C**: Midland Daily News for “101: Voting absentee in City of Midland”
- **Daily D**: Greenville Daily News for “Wind Energy”
- **Weekly B**: Leelanau Enterprise for “Employment Section”
- **Weekly C**: Grosse Pointe News for “Matouk Romain Series”
- **Weekly D**: Charlevoix Courier for “Norwood Township hopes to reduce ambulance service costs”

*The 2022 MPA Better Newspaper Contest opens August 1, 2022.*
Best Columnist

Daily A - Best Columnist
15 Entries
First Place Traverse City Record-Eagle
Mardi Link
Second Place Detroit Free Press
Columns (non-Sports) by Mitch Albom
Mitch Albom
Third Place Grand Rapids Press
David L. DeBruyn of The Grand Rapids Press for best columnist category
David DeBruyn

Daily C - Best Columnist
13 Entries
First Place The Daily News, Iron Mountain
Northwoods Notebook
Betsy Bloom
Second Place The Argus-Press
Board shows contempt for public, employees - again
Daniel Basso
Third Place The Daily News, Iron Mountain
Suzanne Killian

Daily D - Best Columnist
19 Entries
First Place Petoskey News-Review
OPINION: Jeremy McBain
Jeremy McBain
Second Place Hillsdale Daily News
Nancy Hastings
Third Place Manistee News-Advocate
In honor of Lorene Parshall
Arielle Breen
Honorable Mention Sturgis Journal
Laura Kurella columnist

Individual - Best Columnist
1 Entries
First Place Craig Farrand
7 columns by Craig Farrand

Weekly A - Best Columnist
2 Entries
First Place Huron County View
Another go-round with teaching A virtual tale
Seth Stapleton
Second Place Huron County View
Thank you Dad for shaping me into the man I am today
Paul Adams

Weekly B - Best Columnist
7 Entries
First Place Leelanau Enterprise
No fences
Amy Hubbell
Second Place Leelanau Enterprise
County to regulate prayer
Eric Carlson
Third Place Leelanau Enterprise
Opioids are not your friend
Alan Campbell

Weekly C - Best Columnist
14 Entries
First Place Oceana’s Herald-Journal
Multiple columns
Mary Beth Crain
Second Place Houghton Lake Resorfer & Roscommon County Herald-News
Krista Tacey-Cater
Third Place Grosse Pointe News
Michigan summers: A perspective from an outsider
Kate Vanderstelt

Weekly D - Best Columnist
9 Entries
First Place The Advance
Debate issues, but avoid personal attacks in the process
Marcia Loader
Second Place The Advance
A different view of police from a unique perspective
Melissa Burnor
Third Place Michigan Lawyers Weekly
Three columns by Paul Fletcher
Paul Fletcher
Honorable Mention Oscoda Press
Sunrise Reflections Column by Jason Ogden
Jason Ogden

Digital Presentation

Daily A - Best Digital Presentation
5 Entries
First Place Grand Rapids Press
MLive/The Grand Rapids Press for the best digital presentation category
Grand Rapids Press staff
Second Place Detroit Free Press
The Detroit Free Press/www.freep.com
Free Press Staff
Third Place Traverse City Record-Eagle
Record-Eagle staff

Daily B - Best Digital Presentation
2 Entries
First Place Jackson Citizen Patriot
Jackson Citizen Patriot Staff
Second Place The Ann Arbor News
Staff

Daily C - Best Digital Presentation
4 Entries
First Place Midland Daily News
COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker
Midland Daily News Staff
Second Place Holland Sentinel
Holland Sentinel Staff
Third Place Herald-Palladium
The Herald-Palladium
HP Staff

Daily D - Best Digital Presentation
2 Entries
First Place Greenville Daily News
Greenville Daily News
Staff
Second Place Petoskey News-Review
Petoskey News-Review
Staff
Weekly C - Best Digital Presentation
2 Entries
First Place Greenville Daily News
Greenville Daily News
Staff
Second Place Petoskey News-Review
Petoskey News-Review
Staff

Best Editorial

Daily A - Best Editorial
13 Entries
First Place Traverse City Record-Eagle
When 'the market' toes the sand
Allison Batdorff
Second Place Detroit News
End the reign of secrecy in state government
Ingrid Jacques
Third Place Traverse City Record-Eagle
Clous' behavior was an affront to our democratic process
Nathan Payne

Daily C - Best Editorial
5 Entries
First Place Ludington Daily News
Respectfully, difference of opinion with city
David Bossick
Second Place Ludington Daily News
Make viewing ballots in recounts on screen permanent
David Bossick
Third Place The Daily News, Iron Mountain
Time for region to get serious about virus precautions
Betsy Bloom, Jim Anderson
Honorable Mention Grand Haven Tribune
The hidden danger of shelf ice
Mark Brooky

Daily D - Best Editorial
1 Entries
First Place Huron Daily Tribune
Insider section brimming with Huron County spirit
Scott Nunn

Weekly B - Best Editorial
5 Entries
First Place Leelanau Enterprise
We expect more
John Elchert
Second Place Leelanau Enterprise
Do as we say

Weekly D - Best Editorial
9 Entries
First Place Traverse City Record-Eagle
Applause may hurt village in the future
Marcia Loader
Second Place Newberry News
Defend, but don't divide
Carol Stiffler
Third Place Oscoda Press
EDITORIAL: Oscoda's vacant buildings an issue officials should tackle
Jason Ogden

Best Newspaper Design

Daily A - Best Newspaper Design
3 Entries
First Place Grand Rapids Press
Grand Rapids Press for best newspaper design category
Grand Rapids Press staff
Second Place Traverse City Record-Eagle
Traverse City Record-Eagle
Record-Eagle staff
Third Place Detroit News
Anderson: Broken trust
James Hollar

Daily C - Best Newspaper Design
3 Entries
First Place Midland Daily News
Aug. 1-2 weekend edition
Midland Daily News
Second Place Ludington Daily News
Ludington Daily News
Daily News staff
Third Place The Daily News, Iron Mountain
The Daily News Iron Mountain
Staff

Daily D - Best Newspaper Design
3 Entries
First Place Manistee News-Advocate
Sept. 29, 2020 edition
News Advocate Staff

Second Place
Greenville Daily News
Oct. 24, 2020 Daily News design
Darrin Clark

Third Place
Niles Daily Star
Ambrosia Neldon

Weekly A - Best Newspaper Design
1 Entries
First Place
Tri-County Times
Jennifer Ward

Weekly B - Best Newspaper Design
1 Entries
First Place
Tuscola County Advertiser
June 23, 2001 edition
Eric Warsinskey

Weekly C - Best Newspaper Design
5 Entries
First Place
Tecumseh Herald
Tecumseh Herald - June 3, 2021
Herald Staff
Second Place
Oceana's Herald-Journal
March 4, 2021 edition of the OHJ
Andy Roberts, John Cavanagh, Amanda Dodge

Third Place
White Lake Beacon
June 20, 2021 edition of the White Lake Beacon
Amanda Dodge, Andy Roberts, Natalie Holmstrom
Honorable Mention
Houghton Lake Ressorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

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Staff

Weekly D - Best Newspaper Design
1 Entries
First Place
The Advance
The Advance
Marcia Loader

Best Page or Pages Design

Daily A - Best Page or Pages Design
17 Entries
First Place
Detroit Free Press
A brewing storm: America faces growing dangers from armed groups
Bill Campling
Second Place
Detroit News
Food for your love
Antone Amye
Third Place
Detroit News
Out of Luck?
James Hollar
Honorable Mention
Grand Rapids Press
Wiping the slate clean - Criminal records will be set aside for some in Michigan
Grand Rapids Press staff

Daily C - Best Page or Pages Design
12 Entries
First Place
Ludington Daily News

What's the disconnect?
David Bossick

Second Place
Herald-Palladium
C1 and 2 Nov. 28, 2020
Andy Steinke

Third Place
Midland Daily News
Rallier in chief front page
Midland Daily News
Honorable Mention
Ludington Daily News
Life with COVID-19
David Bossick

Daily D - Best Page or Pages Design
4 Entries
First Place
Greenville Daily News
Dec. 30, 2020 front page
Darrin Clark

Second Place
Manistee News-Advocate
Sept. 30, 2020 front page
News Advocate Staff

Third Place
Manistee News-Advocate
Sept. 24, 2020 sports front page
News Advocate Staff

Honorable Mention
Manistee News-Advocate
Sept. 8, 2020
News Advocate Staff

Weekly A - Best Page or Pages Design
1 Entries
First Place
Tri-County Times

Weekly B - Best Page or Pages Design
8 Entries
First Place
Leelanau Enterprise
Sleeping Bear Dunes Timeline
Amy Hubbell, Mike Anderson

Second Place
Leelanau Enterprise
Just Peachy
Amy Hubbell, Mike Anderson

Third Place
Tuscola County Advertiser
Clash of the Titans
Eric Warsinskey

Honorable Mention
Tuscola County Advertiser
Splash pad makes a super soaked debut

Weekly C - Best Page or Pages Design
18 Entries
First Place
Grosse Pointe News
Tackling a Challenge - Fishing Contest Pages
Anne Gryzenia, Donna Zetterlund

Second Place
Grosse Pointe News
Up North Report! Michigan Skiing Wonderland
Anne Gryzenia, Donna Zetterlund, Kelley Muzingo

Third Place
Grosse Pointe News
Valentine's Day
Anne Gryzenia, Renee Landuyt, Donna Zetterlund

Honorable Mention
White Lake Beacon
Back on Top - Montague Football Commemorative Section centerfold
Amanda Dodge

Weekly D - Best Page or Pages Design
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4 Entries
First Place
*Halloween in the Covid-19 era*
Marcia Loader

Second Place
*Goodbye, Fred*
Carol Stiffler

Third Place
*Help Wanted*
Carol Stiffler

Honorable Mention
*This is it*
Carol Stiffler

**Best Sports Column**

Daily A - Best Sports Column
15 Entries
First Place
*Kalamazoo Gazette*
*How a new rule could save small-school football in Michigan*
Patrick Nothaft

Second Place
*Flint Journal*
*PGA Tour Champions returning to Michigan is reason to be thankful despite many changes*
Brendan Savage

Third Place
*Traverse City Record-Eagle*
*Not knowing why is the worst part*
James Cook

Honorable Mention
*Grand Rapids Press*
*Matt Patricia’s reign of error was unraveling before it even began*
Kyle Meinke

Daily B - Best Sports Column
14 Entries
First Place
*Bay City Times*
*Baseball coach misses biggest fan ‘every day,’ now that father’s seat is empty*
Lee Thompson

Second Place
*Saginaw News*
*Huh? You aren’t alone if you think some of these coronavirus rules for athletes don’t make sense*
Hugh Bernreuter

Third Place
*Bay City Times*
*Hopeful despite heartbreak, soccer team brings game jerseys to practice, just in case*
Lee Thompson

Honorable Mention
*Muskegon Chronicle*
*Take a bow, Brady Rose: You’re everything that’s right about high school sports*
Scott DeCamp

Daily C - Best Sports Column
18 Entries
First Place
*The Monroe News*
*More than just a letterman*
Niles Kruger

Second Place
*The Argus-Press*
*The statue must come down*
Ryan Weiss

Third Place
*Midland Daily News*
*Chastain: Welcome back to baseball, Loons fans!*
Austin Chastain

Weekly A - Best Sports Column
3 Entries
First Place
*Huron County View*
*More than just a letterman*
Andy Roberts

Second Place
*White Lake Beacon*
*Sports activity should be allowed to resume*
Andy Roberts

Third Place
*Sanilac County News*
*Thank You, Fall 2020*
Mike Gallagher

Honorable Mention
*Oceana’s Herald-Journal*
*To everyone who made 2020-21 in sports possible, thank you*
Andy Roberts

Weekly B - Best Sports Column
10 Entries
First Place
*Huron DAILY Tribune*
*Cass City softball team deserved better*
Mark Birdsall

Second Place
*Huron DAILY Tribune*
*Here's why Cleveland was right to change his name*
Mark Birdsall

Third Place
*Petroskey News-Review*
*Let's be happy some athletes can get things started*
Drew Kochanny

Honorable Mention
*Niles Daily Star*
*You cannot have your cake and eat it too!*
Scott Novak

Weekly C - Best Sports Column
6 Entries
First Place
*Oceana’s Herald-Journal*
*More consolidation is bad for college football and its fans*
Andy Roberts

Second Place
*White Lake Beacon*
*Sports activity should be allowed to resume*
Andy Roberts

Third Place
*Sanilac County News*
*Thank You, Fall 2020*
Mike Gallagher

Honorable Mention
*Oceana’s Herald-Journal*
*To everyone who made 2020-21 in sports possible, thank you*
Andy Roberts

Weekly D - Best Sports Column
4 Entries
First Place
*The Advance*
*Sports Preview: Honoring those student athletes who want to play*
Marcia Loader

Second Place
*Newberry News*
*From the pressbox: Our kids continue to amaze me*
Dan Hardenbrook

Third Place
*Oscoda Press*
*PREV Previous PREVIOUS Sunrise Reflections: Thankful that local groups have Adopted-A-Highway I was cruising back to Oscoda from a trip to Tawas City on Saturday and noticed … NEXT Next Up*
Jason Ogden

Honorable Mention
*Newberry News*
*From the pressbox: Magnusson pitches a perfect game*
Dan Hardenbrook

**Best Video Presentation**

**Daily A - Best Video Presentation**
18 Entries

*First Place*  
**Detroit Free Press**  
Heartbreaking deaths of Michigan's earliest COVID-19 victims: Stories reveal the true toll  
Brian Kaufman, Gina Kaufman, Elisha Anderson, Kristi Tanner

*Second Place*  
**Grand Rapids Press**  
The Deadliest Great Lake  
Jeremy Marble, Lori Chapman, Neil Blake, Gillian Van Stratt

*Third Place*  
**Detroit News**  
Michigan Marvels  
David Guralnick, Andy Morrison

*Honorable Mention*  
**Grand Rapids Press**  
The Fight for Environmental Justice in Michigan  
Staff

**Daily B - Best Video Presentation**
10 Entries

*First Place*  
**Bay City Times**  
College and high school swimmers utilize Saginaw Bay to continue practicing during pandemic  
Kaytie Boomer

*Second Place*  
**The Ann Arbor News**  
Michigan Ladder Company closes after 120 years in Ypsilanti  
Jackson Hamilton

*Third Place*  
**Saginaw News**  
Sanford Dam debris cleanup kicks off during last week of October 2020  
Kaytie Boomer

*Honorable Mention*  
**Jackson Citizen Patriot**  
Vigil brings hundreds to Michigan Center after Faster Horses tragedy: 'A reflection of their legacy'  
J. Scott Park

**Daily C - Best Video Presentation**
7 Entries

*First Place*  
**Holland Sentinel**  
Volunteer helps keep DeZwaan windmill running  
Brian Vernellis

*Second Place*  
**Livingston County Daily Press & Argus**  
Highlights, interviews from Brighton-Howell OT hockey game  
Bill Khan

*Third Place*  
**Holland Sentinel**  
Signing with Santa  
Brian Vernellis

*Honorable Mention*  
**Midland Daily News**  
Sneak peek video: New Loons organist  
Austin Chastain

**Daily D - Business/Agriculture News**
23 Entries

*First Place*  
**Greenville Daily News**  
Local wind/solar energy coverage  
Elisabeth Waldon

*Second Place*  
**Niles Daily Star**  
Love no bounds  
Christina Clark, Emily Sobiecki

*Third Place*  
**The Pioneer**  
Group to tackle deteriorating dams in Mecosta County  
Olivia Fellows

*Honorable Mention*  
**Manistee News-Advocate**
Report: Non-gaming tribal impact in region totals about $13.8M
Arielle Breen

Weekly A - Business/Agriculture News
5 Entries
First Place  Tri-County Times
SERIES: Agriculture Today
Sharon Stone
Second Place  Tri-County Times
Fenton Community Garden helps families in need
Hannah Ball
Third Place  Huron County View
Local businesses struggling to find employees
Seth Stapleton
Honorable Mention  Huron County View
State commercial fisheries in lawsuit with DNR
Seth Stapleton

Weekly B - Business/Agriculture News
11 Entries
First Place  Tuscola County Advertiser
New kind of plant: Vassar sows economic seeds with promise of marijuana revenue
Tom Gilchrist
Second Place  Tuscola County Advertiser
$10 MILLION CANNABIS 'CAMPUS' PLANNED FOR EX-FOUNDRY
Tom Gilchrist
Honorable Mention  Leelanau Enterprise
Tribal fisherman
Alan Campbell

Weekly C - Business/Agriculture News
21 Entries
First Place  Tecumseh Herald
Solar Farm Proposal Divies township
Mary Kay McPartlin
Second Place  Oceana's Herald-Journal
Robbins Nest brood takes flight
Barbara Gosselar
Third Place  Oceana's Herald-Journal
Schaner's fruit stand has long and interesting history
Sharon Hallack

Weekly D - Business/Agriculture News
3 Entries
First Place  The Advance
Not what you may think: Farmer says it's lime byproduct of water processing
Melissa Burnor
Second Place  The Advance
Field Day features high-tech ag
Amy Campbell
Third Place  Michigan Lawyers Weekly
Zoom hearings in Michigan
Kelly Caplan

Feature Photo
Daily A - Feature Photo
22 Entries
First Place  Grand Rapids Press
Grand Rapids clears out homeless encampment
Cory Morse
Second Place  Lansing State Journal
Social distance Santa
Nick King
Third Place  Grand Rapids Press
New beginning
Cory Morse
Honorable Mention  Kalamazoo Gazette
Frozen Lighthouse
Joel Bissell

Daily B - Feature Photo
15 Entries
First Place  Battle Creek Enquirer
24-hour look at day center
Alyssa Keown
Second Place  Saginaw News
Power of Dad
Kaytie Boomer
Third Place  Bay City Times
Endlessly Giving Barber
Kaytie Boomer

Daily C - Feature Photo
22 Entries
First Place  Herald-Palladium
Caramel Apple Dip
Katy Kildee
Honorable Mention  Ludington Daily News
Remember the journey
Jeff Kiessel

Daily D - Feature Photo
21 Entries
First Place  Greenville Daily News
'Lights Out' carries on
Cory Smith
Second Place  Huron Daily Tribune
Storm clouds brew off Port Austin
Teresa Homsi
Third Place  Greenville Daily News
Rake 'n' Run
Cory Smith
Honorable Mention  Greenville Daily News
Prominent party
Cory Smith

Weekly A - Feature Photo
4 Entries
First Place  Huron County View
A colorful sky
Paul Adams
Second Place  Huron County View
Dragon Horse
Learning to fly: Blessing Ovie’s dreams came true after refugee came to Traverse City
Brendan Quealy

Honorable Mention
Detroit Free Press
At Detroit’s oldest barbershop, one man has kept people coming back for decades
John Carlisle

Daily B - Feature Story
25 Entries
First Place
Jackson Citizen Patriot
Captain Jackson, caped crime-fighter familiar to downtown streets, dies at 64
McKenna Ross

Second Place
Times Herald
98-year-old WWII veteran returns to Port Huron
Laura Fitzgerald

Third Place
Saginaw News
One of Saginaw’s oldest Black female barbers, 72, reflects on ‘a beautiful career’
Heather Jordan

Honorable Mention
Battle Creek Enquirer
The Owosso Pulse: Michigan’s ‘Back to the Future’ auticycle
Nick Buckley

Daily C - Feature Story
33 Entries
First Place
Midland Daily News
The education of Oswald Anders
Dave Shane

Second Place
Alpena News
Adult autism: Relief upon diagnosis, which can be hard to come by
Darby Hinkley

Third Place
Holland Sentinel
Holland CRC pastor leaves church amid political tensions
Mitchell Boatman

Honorable Mention
Alpena News
Keith Titus talks about his late wife Ginny and her upcoming celebration of life
Darby Hinkley

Daily D - Feature Story
51 Entries
First Place
Niles Daily Star
Road to recovery
Ambrosia Neldon

Second Place
Greenville Daily News
Declining decorum: Judges strive to maintain order in the courtroom in the age of Zoom
Elisabeth Waldon

Third Place
Manistee News-Advocate
‘I’m never going to forget Manistee’
Kyle Kotecki

Honorable Mention
Huron Daily Tribune
Running low
Scott Nunn

Weekly A - Feature Story
25 Entries
First Place
Huron County View
HOLY COW!
Seth Stapleton
Second Place  Tri-County Times
Linden grad donates kidney to another Linden grad
Hannah Ball

Third Place  Tri-County Times
Three dozen dogs now have path to better life
Sharon Stone

Honorable Mention  Huron County View
Local woman in unique trade as a blacksmith
Seth Stapleton

Weekly B - Feature Story 18 Entries
First Place  Leelanau Enterprise
Mishe Mokwa
Alan Campbell

Second Place  Livonia Observer
Here’s where you can find the season’s hottest item: the hot cocoa bomb
David Veselenak

Third Place  The Citizen, Ortonville
Remembering D-Day
David Fleet

Weekly C - Feature Story 43 Entries
First Place  Oceana’s Herald-Journal
William Field Hart-Montague Trail State Park
David Barber

Second Place  Grosse Pointe News
Run, Walk and Roll 5K helps those living with complex illnesses
Meg Blondin Leonard

Third Place  Belleville-Area Independent
Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist swamped out in VBT fire
Rosemary Otzman

Honorable Mention  South Lyon Herald
He lived in his car for five months. Then came a knock on the window and an unexpected answer.
Susan Bromley

Weekly D - Feature Story 9 Entries
First Place  The Advance
Was that a film crew in Deerfield? Yes!
Melissa Burnor

Second Place  Sentinel-Standard
Lake Odessa dog finds forever home after 10 years in shelter system
Evan Sasiela

Third Place  Sentinel-Standard
Portland woman advocating, educating as stage four breast cancer patient
Evan Sasiela

Honorable Mention  Oscoda Press
Kids’ tiny boat arrives in Port Austin
Patricia Alvord

Government/Education News 26 Entries
First Place  Traverse City Record-Eagle
Families worry they’ll fall through the cracks of no-fault insurance reform
Mardi Link

Second Place  Kalamazoo Gazette
Reporter’s investigation reveals ‘retired’ police chief was actually fired
Brad Devereaux

Third Place  Detroit Free Press
What did Bo Schembechler know about sexual abuse at University of Michigan?
David Jesse, Mitch Alborn

Honorable Mention  Detroit Free Press
Michigan renters face eviction despite pandemic safety net: ‘I don’t want to be homeless’
Christine MacDonald, Joe Guillen

Daily B - Government/Education News 15 Entries
First Place  Muskegon Chronicle
Coverage of Muskegon County commissioners’ political feud
Lynn Moore

Second Place  Jackson Citizen Patriot
Former health officer had tense relationship with Jackson County commissioners, emails show
McKenna Ross

Third Place  The Ann Arbor News
Ann Arbor parts ways with embattled city administrator
Ryan Stanton

Honorable Mention  Jackson Citizen Patriot
How the first week of school went inside a Michigan elementary
Martin Slagter

Daily C - Government/Education News 21 Entries
First Place  Midland Daily News
Fight to save Midland’s infrastructure
Ashley Schafer

Second Place  The Argus-Press
Webster levels allegations
Greyson Steele, Josh Champlin

Third Place  Ludington Daily News
Investigation into Scottville city manager
Riley Kelley

Honorable Mention  Ludington Daily News
Different first day
Riley Kelley, Hannah Hubbard, Jeff Kiessel

Daily D - Government/Education News 20 Entries
First Place  Greenville Daily News
Wind energy
Elisabeth Waldon

Second Place  Petoskey News-Review
Charlevoix business owner named as plaintiff in lawsuit contesting election
William Perkins

Third Place  The Pioneer
Big Rapids planners nix gas station proposal, again
Cathie Crew

Honorable Mention  Niles Daily Star
Lewis Cass ISD seeks new name
Sarah Culton

Weekly A - Government/Education News 9 Entries
First Place  Tri-County Times
Historical society proves Linden’s 150th birthday
Hannah Ball

Second Place Huron County View
Increased voter turnout seen across the county
Seth Stapleton

Third Place Royal Oak Review
Clawson mayor returns to position after resignation
Sarah Wojcik

Honorable Mention Grosse Pointe Times
Grosse Pointe staff, parents sound off on board’s COVID-19 resolution revision
Maria Allard

Weekly B - Government/Education News
12 Entries
First Place The Citizen, Ortonville
Surrogacy in Michigan: The Human Element
Shelby Stewart

Second Place Leelanau Enterprise
County Board
Eric Carlson

Third Place Livonia Observer
How long could it take to mail back a metro Detroit ballot? We experimented to find out.
David Veselenak

Honorable Mention The Citizen, Ortonville
Same boat, different storm
David Fleet

Weekly C - Government/Education News
31 Entries
First Place The Tri-City Times
Ed Tech students help build future
Tom Wearing

Second Place Oceana’s Herald-Journal
Hart election worker claims 1st Amendment rights violated
Sharon Hallack

Third Place Grosse Pointe News
Pushback on advancing drop box deadlines
Brad Lindberg

Honorable Mention Grosse Pointe News
A virtual future for GP courts?
Laurel Kraus

Weekly D - Government/Education News
4 Entries
First Place Michigan Lawyers Weekly
First responders for democracy
Kelly Caplan

Second Place The Advance
Frey firing sets meeting ablaze
Melissa Burnor

Third Place Sentinel-Standard
Ionia roads audit shows missing equipment, payroll discrepancies
Evan Sasiela

Honorable Mention The Advance
Back to school plans - top three stories on schools
Amy Campbell, Melissa Burnor

News Enterprise Reporting
Daily A - News Enterprise Reporting
29 Entries

First Place Detroit News
How UM failed for decades to heed warnings about doctor’s alleged sex abuse
Kim Kozlowski

Second Place Detroit Free Press
He called 2 Eastern Michigan University men rapists. He was arrested before them.
Darcie Moran

Third Place Grand Rapids Press
Kalamazoo River ecological crisis
Garret Ellison

Honorable Mention Traverse City Record-Eagle
Homelessness in northern Michigan
Mardi Link

Daily B - News Enterprise Reporting
16 Entries
First Place Saginaw News
State recommends revoking operating license for Wolverine juvenile facility in Saginaw County
Riley Murdock

Second Place The Ann Arbor News
Long history of crashes on M-14 bridge prompt Ann Arbor officials to take action
Nathan Clark

Third Place Muskegon Chronicle
Why most Lake Michigan beaches don’t have lifeguards
Lynn Moore

Honorable Mention The Ann Arbor News
New University of Michigan sexual misconduct policies
Sam Dodge

Daily C - News Enterprise Reporting
31 Entries
First Place Midland Daily News
One year later (a special edition)
Staff

Second Place Midland Daily News
Hope after a year of shutdowns (special edition)
Mitchell Kukulka, Ashley Schafer, Dan Chalk, Victoria Ritter

Third Place The Monroe News
Orchard East Series
Blake Bacho

Honorable Mention Grand Haven Tribune
BLP Coverage
Dylan Goetz, Jared Leatzow

Daily D - News Enterprise Reporting
23 Entries
First Place Huron Daily Tribune
Establishing The Base
Scott Nunn

Second Place Greenville Daily News
Wind turbines dispute
Elisabeth Waldon

Third Place Manistee News-Advocate
M-55 Bridge: What goes into replacing a structure
News Advocate Staff

Honorable Mention The Pioneer
Police reports: Attorney trafficked meth in Mecosta County
Bradley Massman
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**Tuscola County Advertiser**  
Fire claims home  
John Cook
Second Place  
**Tuscola County Advertiser**  
Tractor fire startles Munger dwellers  
Tom Gilchrist
Third Place  
**Leelanau Enterprise**  
Kindergarten Round-up  
Brian Freiberger
Honorable Mention  
**Leelanau Enterprise**  
Cherry harvest  
Eric Carlson

**Weekly C - News Photo**
11 Entries
First Place  
**Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News**  
INTENSE FLAMES  
Cheryl Holladay
Second Place  
**Presque Isle County Advance/Onaway Outlook**  
Waiting for the festival  
Richard Lamb
Third Place  
**Hastings Banner**  
Gravel mine protest  
Scott Harmsen
Honorable Mention  
**Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News**  
A CLEAN ELECTION  
Krista Tacey-Cater

**Weekly D - News Photo**
4 Entries
First Place  
**Oscoda Press**  
A scene from the Brittle Road fire, in Iosco County's Huron-Manistee National Forest  
Patricia Alvord
Second Place  
**Sentinel-Standard**  
PHOTOS: Fire at Auction Addict's Attic in Ionia  
Evan Sasiela
Third Place  
**The Advance**  
Water for Texans  
Amy Campbell
Honorable Mention  
**The Advance**  
Working on the line  
Amy Campbell

**Photo Story**
14 Entries
First Place  
**The Monroe News**  
RIDES FOR HER SISTER  
Tom Hawley
Second Place  
**Ludington Daily News**  
Remember the journey  
Jeff Kiessel
Third Place  
**Ludington Daily News**  
Rough start to day  
Jeff Kiessel
Honorable Mention  
**Herald-Palladium**  
November and December: A Second Look  
Don Campbell

**Daily D - Photo Story**
5 Entries
First Place  
**Greenville Daily News**  
Prom-inent party  
Cory Smith
Second Place  
**Greenville Daily News**  
Special delivery  
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Third Place  
**Manistee News-Advocate**  
Sewer main upgrades begin on U.S. 31  
Erin Glynn

**Weekly A - Photo Story**
6 Entries
First Place  
**Huron County View**  
Sheriff's office continues dive team efforts  
Seth Stapleton
### Second Place
**Huron County View**

**PLAY BALL! FINALLY**
Seth Stapleton

### Third Place
**Tri-County Citizen**

**Memorial Day observed in Montrose**
Jeanne Marcello

### Weekly B - Photo Story
4 Entries

**First Place**
**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Firefighters**
Eric Carlson

**Second Place**
**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Scouts**
Eric Carlson

**Third Place**
**Leelanau Enterprise**

Nachtazel Tourney
Eric Carlson

### Weekly C - Photo Story
12 Entries

**First Place**
**Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News**

**Pheasant hunt becomes form of therapy, recognition for veterans**
Krista Tacey-Cater

**Second Place**
**Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News**

Beauty in motion
Krista Tacey-Cater

**Third Place**
**Grosse Pointe News**

**It's a girl! Detroit Zoo welcomes first lion cub in 40 years**
Renee Landuyt

**Honorable Mention**
**Hastings Banner**

**Dawn Patrol draws crowd from far and near**
Brett Bremer

### Weekly D - Photo Story
2 Entries

**First Place**
**The Advance**

**Art on the Feed**
Amy Campbell

**Second Place**
**The Advance**

**Festival rides at night**

### Public Service Award

#### Daily A - Public Service Award
17 Entries

**First Place**
**Traverse City Record-Eagle**

**Antrim County election lawsuit**
Mardi Link

**Second Place**
**Flint Journal**

**Michigan could spend more than $1B over time to finance Flint water crisis settlement**
Flint Journal staff

**Third Place**
**Grand Rapids Press**

**Michigan Schools: Education in the COVID era**
Grand Rapids Press staff

**Honorable Mention**
**Detroit News**

**Secret separation deals uncovered in Michigan's government**
Craig Mauger

### Daily B - Public Service Award

**Battle Creek Enquirer**

**What happened to Battle Creek's Econo Lodge?**
Nick Buckley, Elena Durnbaugh

**Second Place**
**The Ann Arbor News**

**Failed vaccine strategies in Detroit and Ford Field**
Sam Dodge

### Daily C - Public Service Award
6 Entries

**First Place**
**Midland Daily News**

**101: Voting absentee in City of Midland**
Ashley Schafer

**Second Place**
**Midland Daily News**

**Defeating depression together**
Ashley Schafer, Mitchell Kukulka

### Daily D - Public Service Award
2 Entries

**First Place**
**Greenville Daily News**

**Wind Energy**
Elisabeth Waldon

**Second Place**
**Petoskey News-Review**

**PFAS released at Pellston Airport during routine firefighting test**
William Perkins

### Weekly B - Public Service Award
3 Entries

**First Place**
**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Employment Section**
Editorial Department, Creative Department, Advertising Department

**Second Place**
**Leelanau Enterprise**

**League of Woman Voters**
Editorial Department, Creative Department, Advertising Department

**Third Place**
**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Status of Local Restaurants**
John Elchert, Mike Anderson

### Weekly C - Public Service Award
1 Entries

**First Place**
**Grosse Pointe News**

**Matouk Romain series**
John Minnis

### Weekly D - Public Service Award
1 Entries

**First Place**
**Charlevoix Courier**

**Norwood Township hopes to reduce ambulance service costs**
Annie Doyle

### Special Section

#### Daily A - Special Section
9 Entries

**First Place**
**Detroit Free Press**

**Who we lost: A Free Press investigation**
Free Press Staff
Second Place  
Detroit News  
Cabrera's 500th home run  
James Hollar, Richard Epps

Third Place  
Grand Rapids Press  
Spring - Ready to spring into a new season? Use our tips to help organize inside and outside your home, exercise a little self-care, freshen up your finances and, hey, have a little fun.  
Grand Rapids Press staff

Honorable Mention  
Detroit News  
Biden Inauguration  
James Hollar, Antone Amye

Daily C - Special Section  
7 Entries  
First Place  
Herald-Palladium  
Spotlight 2021  
HP Staff

Second Place  
The Daily News, Iron Mountain  
Progress 2021  
Staff

Third Place  
Midland Daily News  
20 Under 40  
Midland Daily News

Honorable Mention  
The Daily News, Iron Mountain  
100 Years of News  
Staff

Daily D - Special Section  
9 Entries  
First Place  
Niles Daily Star  
Horizons  
Staff

Second Place  
Manistee News-Advocate  
Venture Northwest 2021  
News Advocate Staff

Third Place  
Manistee News-Advocate  
Family & Farm Magazine  
News Advocate Staff

Honorable Mention  
Manistee News-Advocate  
Celebrating 150 Years  
News Advocate Staff

Weekly A - Special Section  
6 Entries  
First Place  
Huron County View  
Fall Ag Quarterly  
Seth Stapleton, Jane Vanderpoel, HCV Sales Team, View Graphics

Second Place  
Huron County View  
Ubyl Football 2020 A Season to Remember  
Paul Adams, Jane Vanderpoel, HCV Sales Team, View Graphics

Third Place  
Tri-County Times  
Graduation  
Editorial Department, Graphics Department, Sales Department

Honorable Mention  
Tri-County Times  
Year In Review  
Editorial Department, Graphics Department, Sales Department

Weekly B - Special Section  
3 Entries  
First Place  
Leelanau Enterprise  
Salute to Cherries  
Editorial Department, Creative Department, Advertising Department

Second Place  
Leelanau Enterprise  
Wedding Guide  
Editorial Department, Creative Department, Advertising Department

Third Place  
Leelanau Enterprise  
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore  
Editorial Department, Creative Department, Advertising Department

Weekly C - Special Section  
18 Entries  
First Place  
Oceana's Herald-Journal  
LakeStyle Magazine - Spring 2021  
Amanda Dodge, Andy Roberts, Caleb Jackson, Steve Begnoche, David Barber, Jeanne Barber

Second Place  
Grosse Pointe News  
Grosse Pointe News Wedding Guide - features, how-to's, vintage photos, fashion and more!  
GPN Staff

Third Place  
Iosco County News-Herald  
Salute to our Essential Workers  
Jenny Haglund, Jason Ogden, Patricia Alvord, Christen Kelley

Honorable Mention  
Grosse Pointe News  
Father’s Day Special Section  
Donna Zetterlund, Anne Gryzenia, Renee Landuyt, Kelley Muzingo

Weekly D - Special Section  
3 Entries  
First Place  
Oscoda Press  
Salute to Our Essential Workers Special Section  
Jason Ogden, Patricia Alvord, Jenny Haglund, Christen Kelley

Second Place  
The Advance  
Blissfield 2021 spring/Summer Visitor’s Guide  
Ashliegh Bruneau, Marcia Loader, Eric May

Third Place  
The Advance  
Spring Sports 2021  
The Advance

Sports Feature  
21 Entries  
First Place  
Kalamazoo Gazette  
Record-setting prep soccer player’s goal-scoring ability matched only by heroism off the field  
Patrick Nothaft

Second Place  
Detroit News  
Pistons’ superstar mother beats cancer, builds amazing family, career  
Rod Beard

Third Place  
Kalamazoo Gazette  
Eight overtimes, 18 total points: Revisiting Michigan’s longest high school basketball game  
Patrick Nothaft

Honorable Mention  
Flint Journal  
Blind since birth, ‘remarkable’ Davison senior has become successful pole vaulter  
Brendan Savage

Daily B - Sports Feature  
19 Entries  
First Place  
Bay City Times
Forget the ceremonial at-bat, injured senior dashes to first for final moment of glory
Lee Thompson

**Second Place**
Bay City Times

After boy’s tragic death, high school football team plays “This one for Jeff”
Lee Thompson

**Third Place**
Jackson Citizen Patriot

The triumphant return of a Michigan ref after near-death experience with COVID
Josh VanDyke

**Honorable Mention**
Battle Creek Enquirer

Coaching for 55 years, with 600 wins, the numbers are just amazing for Harper Creek’s Studer
Bill Broderick

**Daily C - Sports Feature**
25 Entries

**First Place**
Holland Sentinel

West Ottawa’s Lani Salinas plays with a full heart
Will Kennedy

**Second Place**
Grand Haven Tribune

Lakers invested in each other
Matthew Ehler

**Third Place**
Holland Sentinel

Ian Miskelley, a life remembered after tragic suicide
Dan D’Addona

**Honorable Mention**
Herald-Palladium

Lakeshore’s Bushu eager to get back to basketball
Ben Sanders

**Daily D - Sports Feature**
23 Entries

**First Place**
Niles Daily Star

More than a game
Max Harden, Emily Sobecki

**Second Place**
Manistee News-Advocate

Ball in the Family: Daughters follow in Erickson’s coaching footsteps
Dylan Savela

**Third Place**
Manistee News-Advocate

Forever a coach: Gielczyk leaves lasting impact on local sports
Dylan Savela

**Honorable Mention**
Huron Daily Tribune

USA’s Polega driven by loss of 2020 season, last year’s seniors
Birdsall

**Weekly A - Sports Feature**
4 Entries

**First Place**
Huron County View

From the stands to the field
Paul Adams

**Second Place**
Huron County View

Amazing Grace
Paul Adams

**Third Place**
Huron County View

Just keep running
Paul Adams

**Honorable Mention**
Huron County View

ReMARKable
Paul Adams

**Weekly B - Sports Feature**
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#### John Cook

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- Third Place: Tuscola County Advertiser
- USA photo_0612: John Cook
- Rockets in Fligh': John Cook

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#### Weekly D - Sports Writing

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- Baseball winners: Ben Murphy
- The amazing story of 'blessed' Grand Blanc football player Elijah Jackson-Anderson: Michelle Sullivan
- Royal Zack Horky goes up for an easy two of his 33 points: Michelle Sullivan
17 Entries
First Place  The Ann Arbor News
Out of The Muck, former rabbit chaser Joe Milton ascends to Michigan's starting QB
Andrew Kahn
Second Place  Saginaw News
Freeland senior Jonas Welles provides goosebumps with homer for grandmother
Hugh Bernreuter
Third Place  Muskegon Chronicle
110 points and 1,000-plus yards of offense? Yep, that happened in Reed City
Scott DeCamp
Honorable Mention  Bay City Times
Little brother 'plays for two' as inspired effort gives BCC reason to cheer
Lee Thompson

Daily C - Sports Writing
26 Entries
First Place  Midland Daily News
Incredible finish: Dow wins district opener in thrilling shootout
Fred Kelly
Second Place  Midland Daily News
Down the stretch: How the Jutanugarns sealed the win at Dow GLBI
Austin Chastain
Third Place  Herald-Palladium
The biggest swing
Ben Sanders
Honorable Mention  Midland Daily News
Fly, Falcons, Fly: Freeland wins third straight district crown over Garber
Austin Chastain

Daily D - Sports Writing
15 Entries
First Place  Petoskey News-Review
Rambler seniors leave soccer program forever changed
Drew Kochanny
Second Place  The Daily Globe
E-TC wins thriller
Jason Juno
Third Place  Petoskey News-Review
21 outs later: Charlevoix keeps magic going with regional championship
Drew Kochanny
Honorable Mention  Petoskey News-Review
Petoskey Juniors claim town's first-ever Little League State Championship
Drew Kochanny

Weekly A - Sports Writing
5 Entries
First Place  Huron County View
HISTORY MAKING HATCHETS
Paul Adams
Second Place  Huron County View
USA REPEATS AT STATE CHAMPION
Paul Adams
Third Place  Tri-County Times
Linden Softball soars to a regional championship
David Troppens

Honorable Mention  Huron County View
Maze runner: Gusa finds redemption at regional, leads Ubly to championship
Paul Adams

Weekly B - Sports Writing
8 Entries
First Place  Leelanau Enterprise
Sophomores bond
Joseph Gilroy
Second Place  Leelanau Enterprise
Coach Periard
Joseph Gilroy
Third Place  Leelanau Enterprise
Ref shortage
Joseph Gilroy
Honorable Mention  Leelanau Enterprise
Comets learn lesson
Joseph Gilroy

Weekly C - Sports Writing
16 Entries
First Place  White Lake Beacon
Wildcats retain Bell in double-OT epic
Andy Roberts
Second Place  Tecumseh Herald
Randolph Wins Wrestling Championship
Jeff Steers
Third Place  White Lake Beacon
Wildcats host first all-girls quad meet
Andy Roberts
Honorable Mention  Oceana's Herald-Journal
With district fight looming, Hart tops rival Shelby
Andy Roberts

Weekly D - Sports Writing
4 Entries
First Place  The Advance
Royals win big in District opener, 63-0
Marcia Loader
Second Place  Oscoda Press
Oscoda Varsity football tops Beaverton in playoff thriller
Ben Murphy
Third Place  The Advance
BD athletes among those at state rally: #letthemplay
Melissa Burnor
Honorable Mention  Oscoda Press
Owls baseball tops Roscommon, to claim first ever district title win
Ben Murphy

Spot News Story
Daily A - Spot News Story
Daily A Entries
First Place  Detroit News
The alleged plan to kidnap Michigan's governor
Staff
Second Place  Detroit News
CAPITOL STORMED
Staff
Third Place  Detroit Free Press
Free Press breaking coverage of the Jan. 6 Capitol riot
Detroit Free Press Staff
Honorable Mention
Detroit Free Press
*Get to TCF*: What really happened inside Detroit’s ballot counting center
Staff

Daily B - Spot News Story
9 Entries
First Place
Saginaw News
Could passenger trains return to Saginaw’s Potter Street Station?
With a congressman asking, an idea gains steam.
Justin Engel
Second Place
The Ann Arbor News
Gunman killed during standoff
Nathan Clark
Third Place
Jackson Citizen Patriot
Residents flee as fire rips through apartment building near Jackson
Marie Weidmayer

Daily C - Spot News Story
19 Entries
First Place
Alpena News
Atlanta woman recalls the days her dog saved her life
Julie Riddle
Second Place
Alpena News
Vintage wedding dress
Steve Schulwitz
Third Place
Grand Haven Tribune
GH's Paul McMullen, youth track coach and former Olympian, dies
Matt DeYoung
Honorable Mention
Ludington Daily News
Mount Pleasant man sought
Cheryl Higginson, Justin Cooper, David Bossick, Patrick Bouman, Tess Ware

Daily D - Spot News Story
13 Entries
First Place
Huron Daily Tribune
Tornadoes hit Port Austin
Scott Nunn, Robert Creenan, Mark Birdsall
Second Place
The Daily Globe
Ironwood flight loses tire over Chicago
Tom LaVenture
Third Place
Manistee News-Advocate
Police search for vehicle with occupant in Manistee River channel
Arielle Breen
Honorable Mention
Petoskey News-Review
Trump account shares private Northern Michigan number, mistaken for Chatfield's
William Perkins

Weekly A - Spot News Story
6 Entries
First Place
Grosse Pointe Times
School board votes to censure trustee
Maria Allard
Second Place
Royal Oak Review
Royal Oak's Main Art Theatre shutters permanently after 80 years
Sarah Wojcik
Third Place
Huron County View
Tornado wreaks havoc through Port Austin area
Seth Stapleton

Weekly B - Spot News Story
8 Entries
First Place
Leelanau Enterprise
Guards posted
Eric Carlson
Second Place
Leelanau Enterprise
Access dispute
Joseph Gilroy
Third Place
The Citizen, Ortonville
COVID halts face to face for now
Shelby Stewart
Honorable Mention
Tuscola County Advertiser
California Dreamin': Angels select Cass City grad in MLB draft
Scott Bolsby

Weekly C - Spot News Story
10 Entries
First Place
Sanilac County News
Eyewitness to house fire rescue
Glenn Olds
Second Place
Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News
Fire rips through Penney’s Lumber, Lakeview Trailer Park
Eric Hamp, Cheryl Holladay
Third Place
South Lyon Herald
South Lyon teen killed, dad in hospital in Wednesday night fatal shooting
Susan Vela
Honorable Mention
Grosse Pointe News
Points swept up in flood
Kate Vanderstelt

Weekly D - Spot News Story
7 Entries
First Place
The Advance
TORNADO??? Suspected twister rips through Riga area; no injuries
Melissa Burnor
Second Place
The Advance
Final call for Captian Joseph Gallo
Marcia Loader
Third Place
Oscoda Press
Crews continue battling blaze after failed controlled burn
Jenny Haglund, Patricia Alvord
Honorable Mention
Newberry News
Cougar Spotted near Dollarville Dam
Carol Stilfler

Best FOIA Story
Open Class - Best FOIA Story
20 Entries
First Place
Bridge Michigan
Emails: Michigan sheriff sought to seize voting machines amid Trump claims
Jonathan Oosting
Second Place
Kalamazoo Gazette
Kalamazoo closed-door meetings exposed
Brad Devereaux
Third Place
Grand Rapids Press
Whitmer said separation agreements like Robert Gordon’s are used often in state government.
Emily Lawler
Honorable Mention
Kalamazoo Gazette
Reporters investigation reveals 'retired' police chief was actually fired
Brad Devereaux

Best Headline

Open Class - Best Headline
45 Entries
First Place Detroit Free Press
Mask confusion
Janet Graham
Second Place Detroit News
The greatest hits Deck: A look back at Cabrera’s milestone and memorable home runs
Andreas Supanich
Third Place Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News
Lexicon amelioration equals osculation
Cheryl Holladay, Eric Hamp
Honorable Mention Michigan Lawyers Weekly
Appeals court needles judge over tattoo case
Kelly Caplan, Paul Fletcher

Best Photo

Open Class - Best Photo
29 Entries
First Place Grand Rapids Press
Grand Rapids clears out homeless encampment
Cory Morse
Second Place Flint Journal
One final goodbye
Jake May
Third Place Flint Journal
#Gottagetit
Jake May

Best Podcast

Open Class - Best Podcast
8 Entries
First Place Detroit Free Press
"On the Line"
Staff
Honorable Mention Traverse City Record-Eagle
The Get Around
Record-Eagle sports staff
Second Place Grand Rapids Press
The Grand Rapids Press for best podcast category
Emily Lawler, Jessica Shepherd
Third Place Michigan Information and Research Services, Inc.
MIRS Monday
Kyle Melinn

Best Writing

Open Class - Best Writing
40 Entries
First Place Bridge Michigan
He had dementia and COVID. She wanted to hold him when he died.
Robin Erb
Second Place Traverse City Record-Eagle
Seawind Saga: Pilot who crashed in Lake Michigan had 7 crashes in 7 days
Mardi Link

Third Place Kalamazoo Gazette
Unlikely relationships forge in battle to end gun violence in Kalamazoo
Ryan Boldrey
Honorable Mention Grand Rapids Press
Michigan’s most famous weed strain, Pinconning Paralyzer, eyes comeback after two-decade hibernation
Gus Burns

Excellence in Policing and Social Justice Reporting

Open Class - Excellence in Policing and Social Justice Reporting
18 Entries
First Place BridgeDetroit/NBC News
Built to Keep Black from White
Staff & Erin Einhorn with NBC News
Second Place Bridge Michigan
Struggles with racism in northern Michigan
Kelly House, Jonathan Oosting
Third Place Michigan Advance
The history and politics of police reform efforts in Michigan
Staff
Honorable Mention Grand Rapids Press
Reporting on police and social justice in Michigan
Staff

Most Innovative Story Telling

Open Class - Most Innovative Story Telling
19 Entries
First Place Detroit News
Proposed I-375 project will elevate a Detroit roadway above its racist past
Tom Gromak, Neal Rubin
Second Place Detroit Free Press
Heartbreaking deaths of Michigan’s earliest COVID-19 victims: Stories reveal the true toll
Gina Kaufman, Elisha Anderson, Kristi Tanner, Brian Kaufman
Third Place Detroit Free Press
How 6 metro Detroit moms are coping more than a year into COVID-19 pandemic
Staff
Honorable Mention Detroit News
The News’ Jerry Green recounts 54 years of Super Bowls: A video timeline
Tom Gromak
Ashleigh Bruneau

Public Notice Journalism Award

Open Class - Public Notice Journalism Award
4 Entries
First Place The Daily News, Iron Mountain
Proposed Verso permit would allow some air pollutants to rise
Jim Anderson
Second Place Greenville Daily News
Pierson Township switches to the Daily News for public notices
Elisabeth Waldon
Third Place Traverse City Record-Eagle
PFAS
Sheri McWhirter
Honorable Mention  
**Holland Sentinel**

*Life after COVID: ‘Can you hear me?’ Local government forced to evolve in pandemic era*
Carolyn Muyskens

**Rookie Writer**

Open Class - Rookie Writer  
11 Entries

First Place  
**Flint Beat**
Amy Diaz

Second Place  
**Traverse City Record-Eagle**
Sierra Clark

Third Place  
**The Ann Arbor News**
Sam Dodge

Honorable Mention  
**Holland Sentinel**
Arpan Lobo

**Best Ad Grouping**

Daily - Best Ad Grouping  
6 Entries

First Place  
**Ludington Daily News**
Marine City National Forest Festival
Judy Lytle

Second Place  
**Cadillac News**
March Bracket Challenge
Sale Team, Graphics Team

Third Place  
**Ludington Daily News**
Troutarama is Back!
Judy Lytle

Honorable Mention  
**The Daily Globe**
Holiday Gift Guide
Daily Globe Advertising

Non-Daily - Best Ad Grouping  
6 Entries

First Place  
**Leelanau Enterprise**
Turkey
Advertising Department, Creative Department

Second Place  
**Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News**
Hometown Shopping
Alycia Nielsen, Patty Tribelhorn

Third Place  
**Tecumseh Herald**
Veterans Day Page - 11.05.2020
Cory Mathis

Honorable Mention  
**Leelanau Enterprise**
Featured Realtor
Advertising Department, Creative Department

**Best Community Cause Marketing**

Daily - Best Community Cause Marketing  
6 Entries

First Place  
**Ludington Daily News**
Congratulations Whitehall Softball
Judy Lytle

Second Place  
**Ludington Daily News**
Home of the Free
Judy Lytle

Third Place  
**Ludington Daily News**
Halloween Safety

Honorable Mention  
**Cadillac News**
Honoring Our Hero’s - Veterans Day
Inside Sales Team, Advertising Sales Team, Graphics

Non-Daily - Best Community Cause Marketing  
12 Entries

First Place  
**Tecumseh Herald**
Neighbors of Hope Fundraiser - 06.10.2021
Cory Mathis

Second Place  
**Tri-County Times**
State Bank
Sales Department, Lorie Gavulic

Third Place  
**The Advance**
Funding for Frontline Responders
Marcia Loader, Ashleigh Bruneau

**Best Digital Ad**

Daily - Best Digital Ad  
1 Entries

First Place  
**Cadillac News**
Ebels General Store - BEEF Shortlones
Pat Sorger, Graphics

Non-Daily - Best Digital Ad  
1 Entries

First Place  
**Grosse Pointe News**
Instagram - We Want You Back!
Anne Gryzenia, Olivia Monette

**Best Health/Fitness Ad**

Daily - Best Health/Fitness Ad  
4 Entries

First Place  
**Ludington Daily News**
Together. Living Better.
Robin Moline

Second Place  
**Greenville Daily News**
Rackham Chiropractic - Do you have these symptoms?
Design Team

Third Place  
**Greenville Daily News**
Perennial Wellness LLC Front Page Banner
Design Team

Honorable Mention  
**Cadillac News**
Cadillac Urgent Care - On the Go Ad
Katheryn Kidder, Graphics

Non-Daily - Best Health/Fitness Ad  
9 Entries

First Place  
**Tecumseh Herald**
ProMedica - HF Summer 21
Nanci Heiney

Second Place  
**Tecumseh Herald**
Gillin Eye Care - HF Winter 20
Nanci Heiney

Third Place  
**Grosse Pointe News**
Skye Salon Bridal Services
Olivia Monette

Honorable Mention  
**Grosse Pointe News**
Beauty Culture - Bridal Beauty Countdown
Olivia Monette
Best in House Circulation Ad

**Daily - Best in House Circulation Ad**

- **6 Entries**
  - **First Place**
    - **Ludington Daily News**
    - Black Friday Special
    - Judy Lytle
  - **Second Place**
    - **Ludington Daily News**
    - Gift Subscription Specials
    - Judy Lytle
  - **Third Place**
    - **Cadillac News**
    - Free Cadillac News with Coffee Purchase
    - Josh Bailey, Mark Featherston, Graphics
  - **Honorable Mention**
    - **Greenville Daily News**
    - Save a stamp and a check! Promo
    - Design Team

**Non-Daily - Best in House Circulation Ad**

- **6 Entries**
  - **First Place**
    - **Tri-County Times**
    - Knowledge is Power Promo
    - Editorial Department, Graphics Department, Sales Department
  - **Second Place**
    - **Oceana’s Herald-Journal**
    - Now’s the time - there are a dozen new reasons to subscribe
    - Amanda Dodge
  - **Third Place**
    - **The Record**
    - It’s morning in your kitchen
    - Lyn Baxter, Larry Sobczak
  - **Honorable Mention**
    - **Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News**
    - Resorter Circulation
    - Alycia Nielsen

Best in House Content Promotion

**Daily - Best in House Content Promotion**

- **9 Entries**
  - **First Place**
    - **Cadillac News**
    - Cadillac News HAPPY NEW YEAR
    - Jody Graff
  - **Second Place**
    - **Ludington Daily News**
    - Spelling Bee Finalists
    - Judy Lytle
  - **Third Place**
    - **Cadillac News**
    - CN Promotional Products - Golf Guide Ad
    - Scott Lepine, Jody Graff
  - **Honorable Mention**
    - **Ludington Daily News**
    - Community Spelling Bee
    - Judy Lytle

**Non-Daily - Best in House Content Promotion**

- **12 Entries**
  - **First Place**
    - **Grosse Pointe News**
    - Wedding Guide Promo - Instagram/Facebook
    - Olivia Monette, Anne Gryzenia
  - **Second Place**
    - **Tecumseh Herald**
    - Helping Businesses Grow - 2021 Spring Home and Garden Tab - 03.18.2021
    - Cory Mathis
  - **Third Place**
    - **Grosse Pointe News**
    - Artichoke recipe comes to life!
    - Olivia Monette

Best Special Section

**Daily - Best Special Section**

- **4 Entries**
  - **First Place**
    - **Cadillac News**
    - Our Community 2021
    - Graphics Team, Advertising Sales Team, Inside Sale Team, Newsroom Team
  - **Second Place**
    - **Greenville Daily News**
    - Elections Preview Special Section
  - **Third Place**
    - **The Daily Globe**
    - NIE Creative Kids
    - Daily Globe Advertising

**Non-Daily - Best Special Section**

- **16 Entries**
  - **First Place**
    - **Tri-County Times**
    - Bottles Brews News
    - Editorial Department, Graphics Department, Sales Department
  - **Second Place**
    - **Leelanau Enterprise**
    - Leelanau Visitors Guide
    - Editorial Department, Creative Department, Advertising Department
  - **Third Place**
    - **Leelanau Enterprise**
    - Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
    - Advertising Department, Creative Department, Editorial Department
  - **Honorable Mention**
    - **Tecumseh Herald**
    - 2021 Health and Fitness Tab - 07.22.2021
    - Cory Mathis

Best use of color

**Daily - Best use of color**

- **7 Entries**
  - **First Place**
    - **Cadillac News**
    - Pilgrim Village - Real Big Selection
    - Katheryn Kidder, Graphics
  - **Second Place**
    - **Greenville Daily News**
    - American Legion Post 101
    - Design Team
  - **Third Place**
    - **Ludington Daily News**
    - Fire Prevention Week
    - Judy Lytle
  - **Honorable Mention**
    - **The Daily Globe**
    - Aili Custom Concrete
    - Daily Globe Advertising

**Non-Daily - Best use of color**

- **13 Entries**
  - **First Place**
    - **Grosse Pointe News**
    - Marker 88 - The Keys Are Open!
    - Anne Gryzenia
  - **Second Place**
    - **Leelanau Enterprise**
    - Suttons Bay Chamber
    - Advertising Department, Creative Department
  - **Third Place**
    - **Leelanau Enterprise**
    - Mawby
    - Advertising Department, Creative Department
Community Business Promotions

Daily - Community Business Promotions

6 Entries

**First Place** Cadillac News
Grill Time Directory
Scott LePine, Graphics

**Second Place** Ludington Daily News
Happy Thanksgiving
Judy Lytle

**Third Place** Greenville Daily News
Sports Playoffs
Sales, Design & Editorial Teams

**Honorable Mention** Greenville Daily News
Halloween Safety
Sales & Design Teams

Non-Daily - Community Business Promotions

5 Entries

**First Place** Tecumseh Herald
Shop Downtown Tecumseh - 12.17.2020
Cory Mathis

**Second Place** Tecumseh Herald
Eat and Drink - HF Winter 20
Nanci Heiney

**Third Place** Grosse Pointe News
Community Restaurants Come Together!
Anne Gryzenia, Donna Zetterlund, Shelley Owens

**Honorable Mention** The Advance
Show Your Valentine the Love! Shop Blissfield!
Eric May, Ashliegh Bruneau

Entertaining Services

Daily - Entertaining Services

3 Entries

**First Place** Greenville Daily News
Rhythm on the River Concert Series
Design Team

**Second Place** Ludington Daily News
Good Old Days
Julie  Eilers

**Third Place** Ludington Daily News
Luther Logging Days
Judy Lytle

Non-Daily - Entertaining Services

5 Entries

**First Place** Grosse Pointe News
Detroit Academy of Etiquette
Olivia Monette

**Second Place** Grosse Pointe News
Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe
Ken Schopp, Julie  Sutton

**Third Place** Grosse Pointe News
Kuhl & The Gang
Olivia Monette

**Honorable Mention** Tri-County Times
Muellers Orchard
Coreena Storms, Lorie Gavulic

General Retail

Daily - General Retail

9 Entries

**First Place** Greenville Daily News
Wayside Gardens Pumpkin ad
Design Team

**Second Place** Ludington Daily News
Autumn is Coming
Robin Moline

**Third Place** Cadillac News
Pilgrim Village - Reptile Food
Katheryn Kidder, Graphics

**Honorable Mention** Ludington Daily News
Pentwater's Newest
Robin Moline

Non-Daily - General Retail

15 Entries

**First Place** Leelanau Enterprise
Front Porch
Advertising Department, Creative Department

**Second Place** Tecumseh Herald
Tecumseh Bread and Pastry - HF Winter 20
Nanci Heiney

**Third Place** Tri-County Times
Branching Out
Coreena Storms, Lorie Gavulic

**Honorable Mention** Grosse Pointe News
JHouse Juice
Olivia Monette, Julie  Sutton

Home Furnishings

Daily - Home Furnishings

4 Entries

**First Place** Greenville Daily News
Millards Lucky Picks Home Furnishings
Design Team

**Second Place** The Daily Globe
Hitts Fine Furniture
Daily Globe Advertising

**Third Place** Greenville Daily News
Larry's Hurry in and Save
Design Team

Non-Daily - Home Furnishings

6 Entries

**First Place** Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News
K2 Stoneworks
Patty Tribelhorn

**Second Place** Leelanau Enterprise
Comfort Center
Advertising Department, Creative Department

**Third Place** Grosse Pointe News
Sargent Appliance - King of the Grill
Anne Gryzenia, Paul Biondi

**Honorable Mention** Grosse Pointe News
Sargent Appliance - Feeding an army?
Anne Gryzenia, Paul Biondi

Home Services

Daily - Home Services
2021 Better Newspaper Contest Editorial & Advertising Results

4 Entries
First Place Greenwood Daily News
American Classic Home Services
Design Team

Second Place Cadillac News
Driveway Doctor
Linda Ziska, Graphics

Third Place Greenville Daily News
Time to Get Charged Up!
Design Team

Non-Daily - Home Services
10 Entries
First Place Tecumseh Herald
Abstract Builders - HF Winter 20
Nanci Heiney

Second Place Tri-County Times
Patrick Widig
Coreena Storms, Lorie Gavulic

Third Place Grosse Pointe News
Viktor & Sons - Brick Envy
Olivia Monette

Honorable Mention Tri-County Times
Dust Busters
Coreena Storms, Lorie Gavulic

New and Used Autos- Recreational Vehicles and Boats

Daily - New and Used Autos- Recreational Vehicles and Boats
6 Entries
First Place Ludington Daily News
Save the Date! Boat, RV & Home Show
Judy Lytle

Second Place Greenville Daily News
Test Drive for a Turkey
Design Team

Third Place Ludington Daily News
37th Anniversary Sale
Julie Eilers

Honorable Mention Cadillac News
Classic Chevy - Open Road - Blazer
Katheryn Kidder, Graphics

Non-Daily - New and Used Autos- Recreational Vehicles and Boats
6 Entries
First Place Tecumseh Herald
Suburban - HF Summer 21
Nanci Heiney

Second Place Tecumseh Herald
Suburban - HF Winter 20
Nanci Heiney

Third Place Tri-County Times
Freeway Sports
Coreena Storms, Lorie Gavulic

Honorable Mention Tecumseh Herald
Suburban Chevrolet - 09.24.2020
Cory Mathis

Real Estate

Daily - Real Estate

4 Entries
First Place The Daily Globe
Remax Action North
Daily Globe Advertising

Second Place Cadillac News
Five Star Real Estate - Business Card Directory
Scott Lepine, Graphics

Third Place Ludington Daily News
Coolman-Anderson
Julie Eilers

Honorable Mention Ludington Daily News
Just Listed!
Julie Eilers

Non-Daily - Real Estate
8 Entries
First Place Grosse Pointe News
Finer Points - House & Home - Lewiston
Donna Zetterlund, Alexis Bohliger, Anne Gryzenia, Julie Sutton

Second Place Tecumseh Herald
Jenn Kerstetter - Tecumseh Community Guide - 03.18.2021
Cory Mathis

Third Place Tecumseh Herald
Bob Fox - HF Spring 21
Nanci Heiney

Honorable Mention Leelanau Enterprise
Featured Realtor
Advertising Department, Creative Department

Restaurants

Daily - Restaurants
6 Entries
First Place Ludington Daily News
Dine-In Sportsman's & The Mitten
Judy Lytle

Second Place Ludington Daily News
Big John's 50th Anniversary
Candy Bryant

Third Place The Daily Globe
Sharon's Coffee Company
Daily Globe Advertising

Honorable Mention Greenville Daily News
Battle of the Pizzas - Various Restaurants
DESIGN TEAM

Non-Daily - Restaurants
5 Entries
First Place Grosse Pointe News
The Bricks Restaurant
Anne Gryzenia

Second Place Tecumseh Herald
Salsarias Member of the - 06.03.2021
Cory Mathis

Third Place The Advance
Cinnamon Roll Sunday - Emmy's Kitchen
Ashliegh Bruneau, Eric May

Honorable Mention Tri-County Times
Fenton VFW Fish Fry
Coreena Storms, Lorie Gavulic

Small Ads Work
Daily - Small Ads Work
5 Entries
First Place
Abelman Clothing & Footwear
Daily Globe Advertising

Small Ads Work

Daily - Small Ads Work
Entries
Second Place
Abelman Clothing & Footwear
Daily Globe Advertising

Greenville Daily News
Furniture Gallery
Design Team
Third Place
Why Count Sheep?
Candy Bryant

Ludington Daily News

Honorable Mention
Cadillac News

McBain Auto - side mirror ad
Shelly Mueller, Graphics

Non-Daily - Small Ads Work
5 Entries
First Place
Levs Bakery - HF Summer 21
Nanci Heiney

Tecumseh Herald
Billy White Roofing - 12.10.2020
Cory Mathis

Second Place
Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

Tecumseh Herald
Lakeside Bar and Grille
Patty Tribelhorn, Alycia Nielsen

Honorable Mention
Grosse Pointe News

Atelier - Small ad integrated with weekly recipe
Anne Gryzenia, Julie Sutton, Olivia Monette