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 best story using FOIA as the main tool to gain information. 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

Honorable Mention  Tuscola County Advertiser
Building code problems have one common root
Mark Haney

Weekly C - Best Columnist
14 Entries
First Place  Oceana’s Herald-Journal
Multiple columns
Mary Beth Crain
Second Place  Houghton Lake Resoriter & 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
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
**Daily D - Best Digital Presentation**

2 Entries
First Place  
Greenville Daily News
Second Place  
Petoskey News-Review

**Weekly C - Best Digital Presentation**

2 Entries
First Place  
Grosse Pointe News
Second Place  
Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

**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 Elichert
Second Place  
Leelanau Enterprise
Do as we say
John Elichert

**Weekly C - Best Editorial**

17 Entries
First Place  
Grosse Pointe News
Redo superintendent search
Barb Arrigo
Second Place  
Hastings Banner
2020: Through a year remotely, reporting through a glass darkly
Rebecca Pierce
Third Place  
Grosse Pointe News
Votes, naysayers certifiable
Barb Arrigo
Honorable Mention  
Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News
Let them play
Eric Hamp

**Weekly D - Best Editorial**

9 Entries
First Place  
The Advance
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 staff
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
Several
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

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

**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

**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**
4 Entries
First Place                The Advance
Halloween in the Covid-19 era
Marcia Loader
Second Place              Newberry News
Goodbye, Fred
Carol Stiffler
Third Place               Newberry News
Help Wanted
Carol Stiffler
Honorable Mention         Newberry News
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
Patric Nothaft
Second Place              Flint Journal
PGA Tour Champions returning to Michigan is reason to be thankful
despite many changes
Brenden 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

Honorable Mention         Midland Daily News
It’s (Bobby) Miller time at Dow Diamond
Austin Chastain

Daily D - Best Sports Column
10 Entries
First Place               Huron Daily Tribune
Cass City softball team deserved better
Mark Birdsell
Second Place              Huron Daily Tribune
Here’s why Cleveland was right to change his name
Mark Birdsell
Third Place               Petoskey 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 A - Best Sports Column
3 Entries
First Place               Huron County View
Blaming prep athletes for the rise in COVID cases is wrong
Paul Adams
Second Place              Huron County View
Despite the sadness, there’s plenty to be thankful for
Paul Adams
Third Place               Huron County View
Down, but not out
Paul Adams

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
NEXT UP Frankly Speaking: Dirt track days: Frank’s memories
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
Jacob 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 - Best Video Presentation
1 Entries
First Place
Greenville Daily News
Kate Hansen's 100th Birthday Celebration
Cory Smith

Business/Agriculture News

Daily A - Business/Agriculture News
21 Entries
First Place
Detroit News
Chip woes: How a tiny part upended the global auto industry
Jordyn Grzelewski, Kalea Hall, Riley Beggin, Breana Noble
Second Place
Grand Rapids Press
'They don’t care': Blue Cross bashed for making union employees work in person, skirting COVID-19 rules
Taylor DesOrmeau
Third Place
Detroit Free Press
How discontinued Maverick sedan evolved into Ford's newest thing in little pickups
Phoebe Wall Howard
Honorable Mention
Detroit News
Line 5 becomes ‘grenade’ of controversy in Michigan
Leonard N. Fleming

Daily B - Business/Agriculture News
17 Entries
First Place
The Ann Arbor News
Briarwood Mall keeps losing stores. What does that mean for the future?
Dana Afana
Second Place
The Ann Arbor News
Ann Arbor housing development
Ryan Stanton
Third Place
Jackson Citizen Patriot
When COVID hit, he quit his job and put on a kilt to chase his homestead dreams
McKenna Ross
Honorable Mention
Saginaw News
Thousands of good jobs are available in mid-Michigan and here's how to get one
Heather Jordan

Daily C - Business/Agriculture News
17 Entries
First Place
Midland Daily News
In struggle for hospital PPE supplies, Midland businesses are unsung heroes
Lori Qualls
Second Place
Ludington Daily News
Funeral home owners concerned with limits
Jeff Kiessel
Third Place
Cadillac News
Local officials say EMS service on life support, funding change needed
Chris Lamphere
Honorable Mention
Midland Daily News
A boom industry: Nearby Bay County is cashing in on recreational marijuana. Is Midland missing out?
Ashley Schafer

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 Sobecki
Third Place
The Pioneer
Group to tackle deteriorating dams in Mecosta County
Olivia Fellows
Honorable Mention
Manistee News-Advocate
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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
Owner discusses Starbrite closure, community impact
Alex Szwarc
Third 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
Prom-inent 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

Feature Photo
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’ autocycle
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
Daily A - 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 Albom

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
Weekly A - News Enterprise Reporting
7 Entries
First Place  Huron County View
Derek’s Pain4Purpose
Casey Johnson, Paul Adams

Second Place  Macomb Chronicle
Local impact on pandemic labor shortage
Alex Szwarc

Third Place  Warren Weekly
Musicians band together for the Pope Francis Center
Maria Allard

Weekly B - News Enterprise Reporting
8 Entries
First Place  Leelanau Enterprise
Timber Shores
Joseph Gilroy

Second Place  Leelanau Enterprise
Racism
Eric Carlson

Third Place  Leelanau Enterprise
Grist Mill
Joseph Gilroy

Honorable Mention  The Citizen, Ortonville
Ultimate fitness earns gold
Shelby Stewart

Weekly C - News Enterprise Reporting
19 Entries
First Place  The Tri-City Times
Disband Police Department
Tom Wearing

Second Place  South Lyon Herald
Gift of Life, organ donors helped 1,000+ Michiganders last year with second chance at life
Laurel Kraus

Third Place  Grosse Pointe News
Historic district series
Mary Beth Crain, Andy Roberts, Amanda Dodge, John Cavanagh

Weekly D - News Enterprise Reporting
5 Entries
First Place  The Advance
Proposed Solar Farms Ongoing Coverage
Melissa Burnor

Second Place  Oscoda Press
Oscoda Area Schools responds to COVID-19 crisis
Patricia Alvord

Third Place  Gaylord Herald Times
With health and wellbeing at stake, public consensus can be hard to find
William Perkins

Honorable Mention  Charlevoix Courier
Charlevoix ‘bomb’ victims want answers
Annie Doyle

News Photo
Daily A - News Photo
26 Entries
First Place  Detroit Free Press
Mourning two brothers
Mandi Wright

Second Place  Detroit News
Shelby Township Protest
Daniel Mears

Third Place  Detroit Free Press
Absentee ballot counting problems
Kimberly P. Mitchell

Honorable Mention  Traverse City Record-Eagle
Tipsy Daisy
Jan-Michael Stump

Daily B - News Photo
17 Entries
First Place  Saginaw News
Stained Sidewalk
Kaytie Boomer

Second Place  Bay City Times
Construction Zone Loss
Kaytie Boomer

Third Place  Jackson Citizen Patriot
Long Live Obb
J. Scott Park

Honorable Mention  Jackson Citizen Patriot
Remembering Brayden
J. Scott Park

Daily C - News Photo
15 Entries
First Place  Alpena News
Trooper rescues kids amid back-to-back crashes in Alpena
Julie Riddle

Second Place  Midland Daily News
Taking to the Streets
Katy Kildee

Third Place  The Monroe News
Lost Everything
Tom Hawley

Honorable Mention  Ludington Daily News
For the w-i-n
Jeff Kiessel

Daily D - News Photo
9 Entries
First Place  Greenville Daily News
Eureka Township Board approves liquor licenses for 2 new taverns
Cory Smith

Second Place  Petoskey News-Review
A homecoming for the 'Aha'
Jillian Fellows

Third Place  The Daily Globe
Holiday tree burn lights up night
Tom LaVenture

Honorable Mention  The Daily Globe
Surf’s up at Little Girl’s Point
Tom LaVenture

Weekly A - News Photo
4 Entries
First Place  Tri-County Times
This is what reform looks like
Hannah Ball
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Second Place  Huron County View
Broom Brawl!
Seth Stapleton

Third Place  Huron County View
RIGHT ON TARGET
Paul Adams

Honorable Mention  Huron County View
Hundreds attend Trump rally in Bad Axe
Paul Adams

Weekly B - News Photo
6 Entries
First Place  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 Harmesen
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
Cory Smith
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  
Nachazel 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  
Weekly 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  
2 Entries  
First Place  
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  
Third Place  
Holland Sentinel  
Coping with COVID  
Cassandra Lybrink, Carolyn Muyskens, Arpan Lobo, Mitchell Boatman  
Honorable Mention  
Midland Daily News  
Just trying to get by in Midland  
Ashley Schafer

Daily D - Public Service Award  
2 Entries  
First Place  
Greenville Daily News  
Wind Energy  
Elisabeth Waldon  
Second Place  
Petoskey News-Review  
PFAS released at Pelliston 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
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Second Place
Cabrera's 500th home run
James Hollar, Richard Epps
Detroit News

Third Place
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
Biden Inauguration
James Hollar, Antone Amye
Detroit News

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

Second Place
Progress 2021
The Daily News, Iron Mountain
Staff

Third Place
20 Under 40
Midland Daily News
Honorable Mention
100 Years of News
The Daily News, Iron Mountain
Staff

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Third Place
Spring Sports 2021
The Advance

Sports Feature

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

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

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

Honorable Mention
Blind since birth, 'remarkable' Davison senior has become successful pole vaulter
Flint Journal
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 Miskelle, 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

Weekly C - Sports Feature
23 Entries
First Place  Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News
A mutton-busting, bull-riding spitting image of his father
Krista Tacey-Cater

Second Place  Presque Isle County Advance/Onaway Outlook
Coach Joe engineers big upset
Peter Jakey

Third Place  Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News
Running with Change
Krista Tacey-Cater

Honorable Mention  Iosco County News-Herald
Brett Stockton, 9-time champ Brett Stockton back in 2021 Marathon
Ben Murphy

Weekly D - Sports Feature
6 Entries
First Place  Oscoda Press
Drew Hess ready to shine in debut hoops season with Oscoda
Ben Murphy

Second Place  The Advance
In pandemic year, Shiels had a good year on track
Melissa Burnor

Third Place  Sentinel-Standard
Community honors outgoing Pewamo Little League commissioner
Evan Sasiela

Sports Photo

Daily A - Sports Photo
20 Entries
First Place  Grand Rapids Press
Touchdown!
Cory Morse

Second Place  Lansing State Journal
Winning a state title
Nick King

Third Place  Kalamazoo Gazette
Long Jump
Joel Bissell

Honorable Mention  Flint Journal
Batter up
Jake May
Daily B - Sports Photo
17 Entries
First Place  
Saginaw News
Triumph Tears
Kaytie Boomer
Second Place  
Jackson Citizen Patriot
Finish Line Crawl
J. Scott Park
Third Place  
Jackson Citizen Patriot
Injured
J. Scott Park
Honorable Mention  
Bay City Times
Bond by Softball
Kaytie Boomer

Daily C - Sports Photo
21 Entries
First Place  
Herald-Palladium
Leap of faith
Don Campbell
Second Place  
Grand Haven Tribune
Spring Lake soccer celebration
Matthew Ehler
Third Place  
Holland Sentinel
Zeeland West baseball moves on after 12-inning thriller
Lenny Padilla
Honorable Mention  
Midland Daily News
Sending Prayers
Katy Kildee

Daily D - Sports Photo
11 Entries
First Place  
Greenville Daily News
Bronte busting in the mud
Cory Smith
Second Place  
Petoskey News-Review
21 outs later: Charlevoix keeps magic going with regional championship
Drew Kochanny
Third Place  
The Daily Globe
Speedboys stun No. 1 E-TC
Jason Juno
Honorable Mention  
Greenville Daily News
‘Revenge Tour’
Cory Smith

Weekly A - Sports Photo
3 Entries
First Place  
Huron County View
Bad Axe softball ends district title drought
Paul Adams
Second Place  
Huron County View
UBLY TAKES HOME TITLE
Paul Adams
Third Place  
Huron County View
Unionville-Sebewaing Area student Joshua Eurich shows his support
Paul Adams

Weekly B - Sports Photo
8 Entries
First Place  
Tuscola County Advertiser
USA photo_0619

Weekly C - Sports Photo
25 Entries
First Place  
Tecumseh Herald
Brayden Randolph at Ford Field
Jeff Steers
Second Place  
Sanilac County News
Marlette holds off Sandusky for title
Mike Gallagher
Third Place  
White Lake Beacon
Rockets’ 2nd-half surge secures win over Union
Andy Roberts
Honorable Mention  
Sanilac County News
Historic Sandusky season comes to a close
Mike Gallagher

Weekly D - Sports Photo
6 Entries
First Place  
Oscoda Press
Baseball winners
Ben Murphy
Second Place  
The Advance
Julia White with the tip against Onsted in the volleyball district semi finals.
Michelle Sullivan
Third Place  
Oscoda Press
Drew Hess
Ben Murphy
Honorable Mention  
The Advance
Royal Zack Horky goes up for an easy two of his 33 points.
Michelle Sullivan

Sports Writing
Daily A - Sports Writing
21 Entries
First Place  
Kalamazoo Gazette
‘Just keep swinging:’ Michigan softball team honors fallen teammate
Patrick Nothaft
Second Place  
Flint Journal
The amazing story of ‘blessed’ Grand Blanc football player Elijah Jackson-Anderson
Brendan Savage
Third Place  
Kalamazoo Gazette
5 months after mother’s death, Tyler Swanwick leads Centreville football to state championship
Patrick Nothaft
Honorable Mention  
Detroit Free Press
Inside the Penei Sewell pick and Brad Holmes’ tone-setting first draft as Detroit Lions GM
Dave Birkett

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<td>Detroit Free Press Staff</td>
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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 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 Schultiz
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
Pointes 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 Captain 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 Stiffler

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 Resorfer & 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

**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

**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
Manistee 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

2021 Better Newspaper Contest Editorial & Advertising Results

Honorable Mention
Cadillac News
Honor 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, Ashliegh 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

Judy Lytle
Honorable Mention
Cadillac News
Honor Our Hero’s - Veterans Day
Inside Sales Team, Advertising Sales Team, Graphics
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 Resor & Roscommon County Herald-News
Resor & Roscommon County Herald-News

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

Honorables

Honorable Mention   Grosse Pointe News
Contest
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

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<td>Community Restaurants Come Together!</td>
<td>Grosse Pointe News</td>
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<td>Show Your Valentine the Love! Shop Blissfield!</td>
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### General Retail

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<td>Tecumseh Herald</td>
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<td>Branching Out</td>
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### Home Furnishings

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<td>The Daily Globe</td>
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<td>Hitts Fine Furniture</td>
<td>Daily Globe Advertising</td>
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<td><strong>Third Place</strong></td>
<td>Greenville Daily News</td>
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<td>Larry’s Hurry in and Save</td>
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### Home Services

**Daily - Home Services**
4 Entries
First Place  Greenville 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 Widing
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 Pointes - House & Home - Lewiston
Donna Zetterlund, Alexis Bohlinger, 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
2021 Better Newspaper Contest Editorial & Advertising Results

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

Second Place  
Furniture Gallery  
Design Team  
Greenville Daily News

Third Place  
Why Count Sheep?  
Candy Bryant  
Ludington Daily News

Honorable Mention  
McBain Auto - side mirror ad  
Shelly Mueller, Graphics  
Cadillac News

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

Second Place  
Billy White Roofing - 12.10.2020  
Cory Mathis  
Tecumseh Herald

Third Place  
Lakeside Bar and Grille  
Patty Tribelhorn, Alycia Nielsen  
Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

Honorable Mention  
Atelier - Small ad integrated with weekly recipe  
Anne Gryzenia, Julie Sutton, Olivia Monette  
Grosse Pointe News