

# 2023 MPA Better Newspaper Contest



## Statewide Contest Spotlights Quality Journalism

Members of Pennsylvania Press Association reviewed 2,849 entries submitted by 89 Michigan newspapers/Individual members this year. The competition inspires all journalists to produce their best work, which in turn, nurtures stronger communities.

“The annual Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest gives our members a chance each year to assess and put forth their team’s best work in journalism, photojournalism, column writing, graphic design and advertising. After the judges have reviewed the thousands of submissions and made their decisions, awards will be given, bragging rights established and perhaps a few toasts made to the winners. It is a rare moment in our profession where we allow ourselves to reflect and experience something akin to satisfaction for a job well done. Anyone in this business today is in it, not for kudos, but because of a passion and desire to serve our readers, our advertisers and our communities. For us the work is the reward. But on the occasion of MPA BNC contest awards, let’s take a moment to say to all our coworkers and all our colleagues — Good job! And to the winners — Congratulations!”

— Wes Smith, Michigan Press Association Past-President and Group Publisher of View Newspaper Group

**The 2023 “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.

Daily Newspapers of the Year		Weekly Publication Newspapers of the Year	
Circulation Class	Newspaper	Circulation Class	Newspaper
Class A	Detroit News	Class A	Huron County View
Class B	Traverse City Record-Eagle	Class B	Leelanau Enterprise
Class C	Ludington Daily News	Class C	Grosse Pointe News
Class D	Greenville Daily News	Class D	Newberry News

**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 2023 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 **Cadillac News**.

**The 2023 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 Tri-County News, with the winner being the **Grosse Pointe News**.

**The MPA Rookie Writer Award** recognizes exemplary efforts of new writers just breaking into journalism. The three finalists are: Hannah Mackay of the Detroit News, Alyssa McMurtry of Gongwer News Service and Elizabeth Brewer of the Traverse City Record-Eagle, with the award going to **Elizabeth Brewer**.

**Reporting on Adolescent Mental Health Issues** we are covering reporting on Adolescent Mental Health Issues, including substance use, suicide, school safety and the impact of screen. The three finalists are Greenville Daily News for “Finding Her Own Path”, NowKalamazoo for “Youth Gun Violence on the Rise: root causes, consequences and solutions” and Traverse City Record-Eagle for “Kids in Crisis” with the award going to **NowKalamazoo**.

**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: Kalamazoo Gazette for “Sheriff accused of drunk driving was going 96 mph before crash, police report says”, Detroit News for “Michigan nursing home complaints reveal deadly chaos in pandemic’s early days”, and Kalamazoo Gazette for “Homeless camp cleanup targeted in \$453k Kalamazoo contract”, with the award going to **Kalamazoo Gazette**.

**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: Detroit Free Press for “Wayne County Juvenile Jail Investigation”  
Daily B: Traverse City Record-Eagle for “Unguarded project continues”  
Daily C: Holland Sentinel for “Ottawa Impact”  
Daily D: Greenville Daily News for “‘Out of Control’ values”  
Weekly A: Grosse Pointe Times for “Kroger agrees to new fence, window displays for Village Store”  
Weekly C: Iosco County News-Herald for “PFAS Contamination Coverage in Oscoda”  
Weekly D: Charlevoix Courier for “Annie Doyle”

***The 2024 MPA Better Newspaper Contest opens August 1, 2024.***

**Best Columnist**

**Daily A - Best Columnist**

11 Entries

**First Place**

Neal Rubin

*Detroit Free Press*

**Second Place**

John Lindstrom

*Detroit Free Press*

**Third Place**

Darren Nichols

*Detroit Free Press*

**Honorable Mention**

John Hiner

*Grand Rapids Press*

**Daily B - Best Columnist**

5 Entries

**First Place**

Mardi Link

*Traverse City Record-Eagle*

**Second Place**

Allison Batdorff

*Traverse City Record-Eagle*

**Third Place**

Jordan Travis

*Traverse City Record-Eagle*

**Honorable Mention**

Troy Reimink

*Traverse City Record-Eagle*

**Daily C - Best Columnist**

10 Entries

**First Place**

Dave Clark

*Midland Daily News*

**Second Place**

David Bossick

*Ludington Daily News*

**Third Place**

Betsy Bloom

*The Daily News, Iron Mountain*

**Honorable Mention**

Andie Balenger

*The Daily Press*

**Daily D - Best Columnist**

12 Entries

**First Place**

Mark Birdsall

*Huron Daily Tribune*

**Second Place**

Olivia Fellows

*The Pioneer*

**Third Place**

Connor Veenstra

*Huron Daily Tribune*

**Honorable Mention**

Colin Merry

*Manistee News-Advocate*

**Individual - Best Columnist**

1 Entries

**First Place**

Craig Farrand

*Craig Farrand*

**Weekly A - Best Columnist**

5 Entries

**First Place**

Seth Stapleton

*Huron County View*

**Second Place**

Seth Stapleton

*Huron County View*

**Third Place**

*Christmas Card PSA*

*Huron County View*

Seth Stapleton

**Honorable Mention**

*A journey of ridding our lives of dangerous chemicals*

*Tri-County Times*

Sharon Stone

**Weekly B - Best Columnist**

5 Entries

**First Place**

Eric Carlson

*Leelanau Enterprise*

**Second Place**

*Don't rush to build juvenile detention center*

*Leelanau Enterprise*

Alan Campbell

**Third Place**

*Confessions of a 'true crime' junkie*

*Leelanau Enterprise*

Amy Hubbell

**Honorable Mention**

Meakalia Previch-Liu

*Leelanau Enterprise*

**Weekly C - Best Columnist**

11 Entries

**First Place**

Mary Beth Crain

*Oceana's Herald-Journal*

**Second Place**

Anne Gryzenia, Olivia Monette

*Grosse Pointe News*

**Third Place**

Ted O'Neil

*Grosse Pointe News*

**Honorable Mention**

Anne Gryzenia

*Grosse Pointe News*

**Weekly D - Best Columnist**

6 Entries

**First Place**

Marcia Loader

*The Advance*

**Second Place**

Cossondra George

*Newberry News*

**Third Place**

Molly Dando

*Minden City Herald*

**Honorable Mention**

Mindy

*Minden City Herald*

**Best Digital Presentation**

**Daily A - Best Digital Presentation**

4 Entries

**First Place**

*The Grand Rapids Press for best digital presentation category*

*Grand Rapids Press*

Grand Rapids Press staff

**Second Place**

*Detroit Free Press*

*Detroit Free Press*

Detroit Free Press Staff

**Third Place**

*detroitnews.com*

*Detroit News*

The Detroit News staff

**Honorable Mention**

*Kalamazoo Gazette for the best digital presentation category*

*Kalamazoo Gazette*

Kalamazoo Gazette staff

**Daily B - Best Digital Presentation**

30 Entries

**First Place**

*Traverse City Record-Eagle*

*Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Record-Eagle staff

**Second Place**

*Jackson Citizen Patriot*

*Jackson Citizen Patriot*

Staff

**Third Place**

*Ann Arbor News*

*The Ann Arbor News*

Staff

**Daily C - Best Digital Presentation**

3 Entries

**First Place** *The Daily News, Iron Mountain*

*The Daily News, Iron Mountain*  
Staff

**Second Place** *Holland Sentinel*

*The Holland Sentinel*

Cassandra Lybrink

**Third Place** *Livingston County Daily Press & Argus*

*The Livingston Daily*  
Staff

**Best Digital Presentation**

**Daily D - Best Digital Presentation**

3 Entries

**First Place** *Petoskey News-Review*

*Petoskey News-Review*

Jillian Fellows

**Second Place** *Greenville Daily News*

*Daily News digital*

Staff

**Third Place** *Manistee News-Advocate*

*News Advocate Digital Presentation*

News Advocate Staff

**Weekly C - Best Digital Presentation**

3 Entries

**First Place** *Grosse Pointe News*

*Grosse Pointe News website and social media*

John Pigott, Anne Gryzenia, Olivia Monette

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

*Houghton Lake Resorter www.houghtonlakeresorter.com*

Staff

**Third Place** *Iosco County News-Herald*

*Iosco County News-Herald*

John Morris

**Weekly D - Best Digital Presentation**

2 Entries

**First Place** *Sentinel-Standard*

*Ionia Sentinel-Standard*

Staff

**Second Place** *Newberry News*

*Mynewberrynews.com*

Steve Stiffler

**Best Editorial**

**Daily A - Best Editorial**

8 Entries

**First Place** *Detroit Free Press*

*Editorial: MSU shooting and gun safety laws*

Nancy Kaffer

**Second Place** *Detroit Free Press*

*Editorial: The debate over District Detroit*

Nancy Kaffer

**Third Place** *Detroit News*

*Oakland ruling will weaken transparency*

Kaitlyn Buss

**Honorable Mention** *Detroit Free Press*

*Editorial: Land Value Tax*

Nancy Kaffer

**Daily B - Best Editorial**

3 Entries

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

*The bloated buck stops here*

Allison Batdorff

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

*Find statewide septic solutions*

Allison Batdorff

**Third Place** *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

*What overwhelmed the system in Michigan?*

Rebecca Pierce

**Daily C - Best Editorial**

1 Entries

**First Place** *The Daily News, Iron Mountain*

*Universal pre-K would be a plus for Michigan*

Betsy Bloom

**Daily D - Best Editorial**

2 Entries

**First Place** *The Pioneer*

*In a cookie cutter world, LGBTQIA+ voices need uplifting*

Olivia Fellows

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

*How my life changed when I wrote about Humphrey*

Jillian Fellows

**Weekly B - Best Editorial**

2 Entries

**First Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*

*Closed door talks bad for fish industry*

Alan Campbell

**Second Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*

*Dredging delay upends ferry*

Alan Campbell

**Weekly C - Best Editorial**

13 Entries

**First Place** *Sanilac County News*

*Run, Hide, Fight*

Clara Milarch

**Second Place** *Grosse Pointe News*

*What's the rush? Residents deserved sufficient say and time on*

*\$700K health clinic*

Meg Leonard

**Third Place** *Grosse Pointe News*

*GP mourns unspeakable loss after MSU tragedy*

Meg Leonard

**Honorable Mention** *Sanilac County News*

*'Dusky pride alive and well*

Mike Gallagher

**Weekly D - Best Editorial**

5 Entries

**First Place** *The Advance*

*The flag is for all Americans*

Marcia Loader

**Second Place** *Newberry News*

*We'll take a cup of kindness yet*

Carol Stiffler

**Third Place** *Newberry News*

*Howie's girl*

Carol Stiffler

**Best Newspaper Design**

**Daily A - Best Newspaper Design**

2 Entries

**First Place**

**Grand Rapids Press**

*The Grand Rapids Press for January 1, 2023*

Grand Rapids Press staff

**Second Place**

**Detroit News**

*Sept. 16, 2022*

James Hollar, Rick Epps, Diana McNary, Genna Barner

**Daily B - Best Newspaper Design**

1 Entries

**First Place**

**Traverse City Record-Eagle**

*Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Record-Eagle staff

**Daily C - Best Newspaper Design**

4 Entries

**First Place**

**The Argus-Press**

*June 4, 2023 edition of The Argus-Press*

Aaron Bodus

**Second Place**

**The Daily News, Iron Mountain**

*The Daily News, Iron Mountain*

Staff

**Third Place**

**Grand Haven Tribune**

*Grand Haven Tribune*

Staff

**Honorable Mention**

**Ludington Daily News**

*March 22, 2023 edition of Ludington Daily News*

Jeff Kiessel, David Bossick, Judy Lytle

**Daily D - Best Newspaper Design**

2 Entries

**First Place**

**Greenville Daily News**

*Daily News design*

Darrin Clark

**Second Place**

**Manistee News-Advocate**

*Nov. 7, 2022*

News Advocate Staff

**Weekly A - Best Newspaper Design**

2 Entries

**First Place**

**Huron County View**

*Best design 11-03-22*

Cindy Alvado

**Second Place**

**Tri-County Times**

*March 26, 2023*

Katie Wiley, Graphics Team, Sales Team, Editorial Team

**Weekly C - Best Newspaper Design**

6 Entries

**First Place**

**Grosse Pointe News**

*July 20th issue*

Staff GP News

**Second Place**

**Oceana's Herald-Journal**

*July 13, 2023 edition of Oceana's Herald-Journal*

David Bossick, John Cavanagh

**Third Place**

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

*Issue 24*

Staff

**Honorable Mention**

**Tecumseh Herald**

*The Tecumseh Herald - March 16, 2023*

Jim Lincoln, Staff

**Weekly D - Best Newspaper Design**

1 Entries

**First Place**

**Newberry News**

*Newberry News July 19, 2023*

Carol Stiffler, Lauren Burton

**Best Page or Pages Design**

**Daily A - Best Page or Pages Design**

9 Entries

**First Place**

**Detroit News**

*Detroit Masonic Temple marks 100 years*

James Hollar

**Second Place**

**Detroit News**

*Fiesta Bowl: UM vs TCU*

James Hollar

**Third Place**

**Detroit News**

*Special report on Michigan Child Protective Services*

James Hollar

**Honorable Mention**

**Detroit News**

*Oxford survivor takes it day by day*

Rick Epps

**Daily B - Best Page or Pages Design**

3 Entries

**First Place**

**Traverse City Record-Eagle**

*Mourning a Monarch*

Aly Kleidon

**Second Place**

**Traverse City Record-Eagle**

*ETC: Page A7*

Brian Steele

**Third Place**

**Traverse City Record-Eagle**

*Traverse City Record-Eagle: Page A1*

Brian Steele

**Daily C - Best Page or Pages Design**

7 Entries

**First Place**

**Ludington Daily News**

*Fourth of July preview*

David Bossick, Judy Lytle

**Second Place**

**The Argus-Press**

*Front sports page of March 30, 2023 edition of The Argus-Press*

Aaron Bodus

**Third Place**

**The Argus-Press**

*Front page: March 26, 2023 edition of The Argus-Press*

Aaron Bodus

**Honorable Mention**

**The Daily News, Iron Mountain**

*The Daily News, Iron Mountain*

Staff

**Daily D - Best Page or Pages Design**

8 Entries

**First Place**

**Daily Mining Gazette**

*A1 on May 5/6, 2023*

Candace Wolf

**Second Place**

**Greenville Daily News**

*Daily News page design*

Darrin Clark

**Third Place**

**Daily Mining Gazette**

A1 on January 17/18, 2023

Candace Wolf

**Honorable Mention**

Sports page 2-21-23

News Advocate Staff

**Manistee News-Advocate**

**Weekly A - Best Page or Pages Design**

8 Entries

**First Place**

Best page design, 12-15-22

Cindy Alvado

**Huron County View**

**Second Place**

Women in Ag

Cindy Alvado

**Huron County View**

**Third Place**

Best page design

Cindy Alvado

**Huron County View**

**Honorable Mention**

Best newspaper design 3-2-23

Cindy Alvado

**Huron County View**

**Weekly B - Best Page or Pages Design**

1 Entries

**First Place**

MI Farm Co-op

Mike Anderson

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Weekly C - Best Page or Pages Design**

14 Entries

**First Place**

Grosse Pointe Ski Fun

Donna Zetterlund

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Second Place**

Summer Entertaining

Anne Gryzenia, Olivia Monette, Donna Zetterlund

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Third Place**

Fishing Contest

Donna Zetterlund, Anne Gryzenia

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Honorable Mention**

Cap. Gown. It's Going Down.

Donna Zetterlund

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Weekly D - Best Page or Pages Design**

2 Entries

**First Place**

For love and the game

Carol Stiffler, Veronica Edwards, Jeff Rochefort

**Newberry News**

**Second Place**

Fall Sports Previews

Amber Marks, Allison Stein

**Minden City Herald**

**Best Sports Column**

**Daily A - Best Sports Column**

7 Entries

**First Place**

Wojo: Jerry Green deeply respected the game and his craft, right to the end

Bob Wojnowski

**Detroit News**

**Second Place**

Mitch Albom: Michigan Stadium Tunnel Violence

Mitch Albom

**Detroit Free Press**

**Third Place**

**Grand Rapids Press**

Gus Macker basketball tournament continues unexpected journey into 49th year

Patrick Nothaft

**Honorable Mention**

Number of players on the All-State hockey teams is ridiculous

Brendan Savage

**Flint Journal**

**Daily B - Best Sports Column**

15 Entries

**First Place**

Football hero hugs principal

Lee Thompson

**Bay City Times**

**Second Place**

After losing his dad and his love for tennis, Lakeview's Renker is back in the game

Bill Broderick

**Battle Creek Enquirer**

**Third Place**

Even with 'what ifs,' Charles Rogers leads Saginaw Hall of Fame

Class of 2022

Hugh Bernreuter

**Saginaw News**

**Honorable Mention**

Where's Warde? The latest Harbaugh-Michigan saga ends with AD silent

Aaron McMann

**The Ann Arbor News**

**Daily C - Best Sports Column**

8 Entries

**First Place**

Community support unwavering as Holland football ends season in loss to Zeeland West

Dan D'Addona

**Holland Sentinel**

**Second Place**

My first (Michigan) football game

Aaron Bodus

**The Argus-Press**

**Third Place**

Girls, women overcame much early on after Title IX opened opportunities

Christy Christmas

**Ludington Daily News**

**Honorable Mention**

What made this troll decide to take his talents to the Upper Peninsula?

Mitch Vosburg

**The Daily Press**

**Daily D - Best Sports Column**

10 Entries

**First Place**

Manistee Catholic Central football season anything but a failure

Mitch Vosburg

**Manistee News-Advocate**

**Second Place**

An uneasy ascent

Alex Freeman

**Greenville Daily News**

**Third Place**

Kochanny: Special to see another goal checked off by this Mackinaw City group

Drew Kochanny

**Petoskey News-Review**

**Honorable Mention**

Reliving MSU's 2009 victory over No. 22 Michigan

McLain Moberg

**Manistee News-Advocate**

**Weekly A - Best Sports Column**

5 Entries

**First Place**

**Huron County View**

*Remembering Vin Scully*

Paul P Adams

**Second Place**

**Tri-County Times**

*While growing up, Christmas meant figuring out our gifts ahead of time*

David Troppens

**Third Place**

**Huron County View**

*All-State snub leavers many questioning the process*

Paul P Adams

**Weekly C - Best Sports Column**

9 Entries

**First Place**

**Sanilac County News**

*Chasing Orlando*

Mike Gallagher

**Second Place**

**Grosse Pointe News**

*Athlete of the Week*

Meg Leonard, Mike Adzima, Anne Gryzenia

**Third Place**

**Presque Isle County Advance/Onaway Outlook**

*Ivy League school next for 6'8" valedictorian*

Peter Jakey

**Honorable Mention**

**Grosse Pointe News**

*We Tried It - Sports Edition*

Ana Lizer, Anne Gryzenia

**Weekly D - Best Sports Column**

4 Entries

**First Place**

**Newberry News**

*From the press box: A record-setting night of football*

Dan Hardenbrook

**Second Place**

**The Advance**

*Giants of BHS sports enter Hall of Fame*

Marcia Loader

**Third Place**

**Gaylord Herald Times**

*Thanks for an awesome year of sports, Gaylord*

Dylan Jespersion

**Best Video Presentation**

**Daily A - Best Video Presentation**

20 Entries

**First Place**

**Grand Rapids Press**

*Rotten Times for Tart Cherries: Is Michigan's Most Famous Crop in Jeopardy?*

Lori Chapman, Gillian Van Stratt, Neil Blake, Santino Mattioli, Jessica Shepherd

**Second Place**

**Detroit News**

*Detroit Youth Choir director gives students confidence behind scenes*

David Guralnick

**Third Place**

**Grand Rapids Press**

*'Gender Queer' and the culture war in Michigan's libraries*

Lori Chapman, Gillian Van Stratt, Neil Blake, Santino Mattioli, Jordyn Hermani

**Honorable Mention**

**Lansing State Journal**

*Carnival workers span three generations of family*

Matthew Dae Smith

**Daily B - Best Video Presentation**

13 Entries

**First Place**

**The Ann Arbor News**

*Rock Cancer*

Jacob Hamilton

**Second Place**

**Bay City Times**

*Michigan DNR threatens to take Zoey the deer from woman who saved her*

Kaytie Boomer

**Third Place**

**Saginaw News**

*Santa school celebrates 85 years in Michigan*

Kaytie Boomer

**Honorable Mention**

**Jackson Citizen Patriot**

*Rockin' Rodney gets a new moped*

J. Scott Park

**Daily C - Best Video Presentation**

4 Entries

**First Place**

**Holland Sentinel**

*Stolen WWI medals awarded to Holland family*

Cody Scanlan

**Second Place**

**Livingston County Daily Press & Argus**

*Brighton-Hartland hockey state semifinal highlights, postgame reaction*

Bill Khan

**Third Place**

**Holland Sentinel**

*West Ottawa opens new stadium in home opener*

Cody Scanlan

**Honorable Mention**

**Holland Sentinel**

*Holland Bowl Mill repurposes 150-year-old tree*

Cody Scanlan

**Daily D - Best Video Presentation**

5 Entries

**First Place**

**Petoskey News-Review**

*VIDEO: Lynn Duse Memorial Kids' Bike Fest*

Jillian Fellows

**Second Place**

**Petoskey News-Review**

*VIDEO: Petoskey student Eloise Jones recites "Songs for the People"*

Karly Graham

**Third Place**

**Manistee News-Advocate**

*Manistee Lions Club fish boil*

Arielle Breen

**Honorable Mention**

**Manistee News-Advocate**

*Propane fire training*

Arielle Breen

**Weekly C - Best Video Presentation**

6 Entries

**First Place**

**Grosse Pointe News**

*GP News Christmas Giveaway*

Olivia Monette, Anne Gryzenia

**Second Place**

**Grosse Pointe News**

*Mombeau's Table Hamburger Helper*

Olivia Monette

**Third Place**

**Grosse Pointe News**

*Subscription Video*

Olivia Monette, Anne Gryzenia

**Honorable Mention**

**Grosse Pointe News**

*Fall Style Guide promo video*

Olivia Monette

**Weekly D - Best Video Presentation**

1 Entries

**First Place**

**Charlevoix Courier**

*VIDEO: Boyne Thunder powerboats roar into Lake Michigan*

Annie Doyle

**Business/Agriculture News**

**Daily A - Business/Agriculture News**

27 Entries

**First Place**

*Huron River toxic spill*

Garret Ellison

**Grand Rapids Press**

**Second Place**

*The state, retailers and residents grapple with the impact of legalized marijuana*

Gus Burns

**Grand Rapids Press**

**Third Place**

*How quaint Michigan town is squeezed by battery blitz*

Jordyn Grzelewski, Kalea Hall

**Detroit News**

**Honorable Mention**

*Romulus site that got Ohio train waste had violations, faces possible penalties*

Carol Thompson

**Detroit News**

**Daily B - Business/Agriculture News**

11 Entries

**First Place**

*How COVID changed local meat scene*

Lucas Smolcic Larson

**The Ann Arbor News**

**Second Place**

*Stocked up: Alewife health spawns salmon boost*

Jordan Travis

**Traverse City Record-Eagle**

**Third Place**

*Weed rush: How Saline is handling an influx of marijuana business proposals*

Makayla Coffee

**The Ann Arbor News**

**Daily C - Business/Agriculture News**

18 Entries

**First Place**

*Where the fellowship rivals the beer*

Elizabeth Granger

**Grand Haven Tribune**

**Second Place**

*It's a tough situation*

Chris Lamphere

**Cadillac News**

**Third Place**

*Native endangered mussel found in Lake Mitchell*

Rick Charmoli

**Cadillac News**

**Daily D - Business/Agriculture News**

12 Entries

**First Place**

*Michigan coastal communities benefit from boosted interest in cruising the Great Lakes*

Jillian Fellows

**Petoskey News-Review**

**Second Place**

*Wilson Centennial Farms honored as Dairy Farm of the Year*

Elisabeth Waldon

**Greenville Daily News**

**Third Place**

*Are cannabis consumption lounges the next hookah bars? Inside the untapped business model*

Paul Welitzkin, Jillian Fellows

**Petoskey News-Review**

**Honorable Mention**

*New vinyl bar in downtown Petoskey aims to offer 'the complete experience'*

Karly Graham

**Petoskey News-Review**

**Weekly A - Business/Agriculture News**

5 Entries

**First Place**

*From food waste to soil*

Hannah Ball

**Tri-County Times**

**Second Place**

*Scheurer Health announces*

Seth Stapleton

**Huron County View**

**Third Place**

*Coop investing in high-capacity processing, wash lines*

John Bonke

**Huron County View**

**Weekly B - Business/Agriculture News**

8 Entries

**First Place**

*Seasonal workers from abroad play major role in economy*

Brian Freiburger

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Second Place**

*Bluebird building to be razed*

Alan Campbell

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Third Place**

*Tiny wasp to battle pests on fruit farms*

Brian Freiburger

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Honorable Mention**

*Tamarack Gallery closing in Oct.*

Brian Freiburger

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Weekly C - Business/Agriculture News**

19 Entries

**First Place**

*Hops Farmer Brews*

Casey Johnson

**Sanilac County News**

**Second Place**

*Farmington's popularity makes retail space expensive. Here's how city, businesses cope*

Shelby Tankersley

**South Lyon Herald**

**Third Place**

*Repairing the 'throw-away society'*

Krista Tacey-Cater

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

**Honorable Mention**

*Jos. A. Bank and Brooks Brothers locations to close this month*

Laurel Kraus

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Weekly D - Business/Agriculture News**

11 Entries

**First Place**

*Fifty-five years as Newberry's barber*

Sterling McGinn

**Newberry News**

**Second Place**

*Harbor Beach Community Theatre Seeking Support*

Nathan Marks

**Minden City Herald**

**Third Place**

*Peace by Piece to Open North of Deckerville*

Nathan Marks

**Minden City Herald**

**Honorable Mention**

*Jen Weller is finding the natural path*

Carol Stiffler

**Newberry News**



**Feature Photo**

**Daily A - Feature Photo**

24 Entries

**First Place**

*Hopeful hug*

Mandi Wright

**Detroit Free Press**

**Second Place**

*Bunny time*

Eric Seals

**Detroit Free Press**

**Third Place**

*Merry match*

Jake May

**Flint Journal**

**Honorable Mention**

*Draymond Green and his family*

Nick King

**Lansing State Journal**

**Daily B - Feature Photo**

24 Entries

**First Place**

*Last Helicopter Ride*

Kaytie Boomer

**Bay City Times**

**Second Place**

*Working the farm*

J. Scott Park

**Jackson Citizen Patriot**

**Third Place**

*Drum Stick*

Kaytie Boomer

**Saginaw News**

**Honorable Mention**

*Superhero Day*

Jacob Hamilton

**The Ann Arbor News**

**Daily C - Feature Photo**

12 Entries

**First Place**

*Fifth Grade Fridays*

Ilsa Minor

**The Daily Press**

**Second Place**

*Tony Wavy*

Tom Hawley

**The Monroe News**

**Third Place**

*Crazy Selfie*

Tom Hawley

**The Monroe News**

**Honorable Mention**

*Warm reception*

Jeff Kiessel

**Ludington Daily News**

**Daily D - Feature Photo**

13 Entries

**First Place**

*Manistee war veteran honored at welcome home event*

Kyle Kotecki

**Manistee News-Advocate**

**Second Place**

*'Sense 'of normalcy'*

Cory Smith

**Greenville Daily News**

**Third Place**

*Here Come the Mummies headline Manistee's LaborFest*

Kyle Kotecki

**Manistee News-Advocate**

**Honorable Mention**

*Grand opening held for Bad Axe skate park*

Dominic Sevilla

**Huron Daily Tribune**

**Weekly A - Feature Photo**

5 Entries

**First Place**

*Exotic Animals*

Hannah Ball

**Tri-County Times**

**Second Place**

*First Sign of Spring?*

Jeanne Marcello

**Tri-County Citizen**

**Third Place**

*Just like dad*

Paul P Adams

**Huron County View**

**Honorable Mention**

*Where's the View - Double Rainbow*

Seth Stapleton

**Huron County View**

**Weekly B - Feature Photo**

12 Entries

**First Place**

*Summer cool down*

Patrick McAbee

**The Citizen, Ortonville**

**Second Place**

*Refreshing Water*

Brian Freiberg

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Third Place**

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Patrick McAbee

**The Citizen, Ortonville**

**Honorable Mention**

*Inland Seas*

Eric Carlson

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Weekly C - Feature Photo**

17 Entries

**First Place**

*Goose takes the plunge*

Krista Tacey-Cater

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

**Second Place**

*Mirror Image*

Renee Landuyt

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Third Place**

*Welcome Winston the Wolf*

Mike Gallagher

**Sanilac County News**

**Honorable Mention**

*Instruments Up*

Krista Tacey-Cater

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

**Weekly D - Feature Photo**

6 Entries

**First Place**

*WHITE OUT*

Jim Newell

**The Lake Orion Review**

**Second Place**

*County Fair Competitors*

Jenny Haglund

**Oscoda Press**

**Third Place**

*PHOTOS: Boyne Thunder 2023*

Annie Doyle

**Charlevoix Courier**

**Honorable Mention**

*Tundra Swans*

J.H. McCoy

**Minden City Herald**

**Feature Story**

**Daily A - Feature Story**

27 Entries

**First Place**

**Lansing State Journal**

*'I just hugged them and held their hands'*

Jack Moreland

**Second Place**

**Grand Rapids Press**

*Teen's first words after devastating crash: 'Hi, Mom'*

John Agar

**Third Place**

**Grand Rapids Press**

*'I got roofied and kidnapped.' Woman's story highlights safety issues at Michigan music festivals*

Gus Burns

**Honorable Mention**

**Detroit Free Press**

*Who faces food insecurity?*

Lyndsay C. Green

**Daily B - Feature Story**

23 Entries

**First Place**

**The Ann Arbor News**

*The next lives of historic Washtenaw County farmhouses*

Lucas Smolcic Larson

**Second Place**

**Traverse City Record-Eagle**

*Search and Rescue: From tragedy, something good*

Mardi Link

**Third Place**

**Traverse City Record-Eagle**

*Road to Healing event draws more than 800 boarding school survivors and descendants*

Sierra Clark

**Honorable Mention**

**The Ann Arbor News**

*How a professor spotted forgery in University of Michigan's Galileo manuscript*

Martin Slagter

**Daily C - Feature Story**

33 Entries

**First Place**

**Cadillac News**

*May the circle be unbroken*

Chris Lamphere

**Second Place**

**Livingston County Daily Press & Argus**

*'I'm jumping': Michigan family details miraculous escape from house fire*

Jennifer Eberbach

**Third Place**

**Grand Haven Tribune**

*Ken Erny makes most of his 'gun lap'*

Matt DeYoung

**Honorable Mention**

**The Monroe News**

*'I want to live': Mental illness hasn't stopped Maricella Ramirez*

Lisa Vidaurri-Bowling

**Daily D - Feature Story**

25 Entries

**First Place**

**Cheboygan Daily Tribune**

*Kathy Bricker's environmental legacy lives on in new preserve*

Jillian Fellows

**Second Place**

**Petoskey News-Review**

*Who killed the Robison family? 55-year-old mystery still haunts Northern Michigan*

Jillian Fellows

Jillian Fellows

**Third Place**

**The Pioneer**

*Big Rapids couple lend support to Reed City transgender student's surgery fund*

Olivia Fellows

**Honorable Mention**

**Greenville Daily News**

*Ionia's Keynote Antiques contains largest retail piano roll collection in the state*

Tim McAllister

**Weekly A - Feature Story**

13 Entries

**First Place**

**Tri-County Times**

*Fallen Heroes exhibit opens in Fenton*

Hannah Ball

**Second Place**

**Tri-County Times**

*'Surreal' moving the old Tyrone Township Hall*

Hannah Ball

**Third Place**

**Warren Weekly**

*Warren couple embodies everlasting love*

Maria Allard

**Honorable Mention**

**Novi Note**

*An extraordinary 'ordinary' life*

Charity Meier

**Weekly B - Feature Story**

8 Entries

**First Place**

**The Citizen, Ortonville**

*'A right to be free,' a show of resilience, defiance*

David Fleet

**Second Place**

**Leelanau Enterprise**

*Rescue subject of No. 1 book*

Alan Campbell

**Third Place**

**Leelanau Enterprise**

*Jon 'the barber' passes away*

Alan Campbell

**Honorable Mention**

**Leelanau Enterprise**

*Singing, drumming for the community*

Meakalia Previch-Liu

**Weekly C - Feature Story**

44 Entries

**First Place**

**Grosse Pointe News**

*Coach calling it a career after 45 years*

Jody McVeigh

**Second Place**

**Grosse Pointe News**

*A purr-fect turn of events*

Jody McVeigh

**Third Place**

**Grosse Pointe News**

*Les Braves II arrives in GP*

Laurel Kraus

**Honorable Mention**

**Sanilac County News**

*Sight Impaired Pooch*

Casey Johnson

**Weekly D - Feature Story**

20 Entries

**First Place**

**Newberry News**

*A second chance at high school*

Carol Stiffler

**Second Place**

**The Lake Orion Review**

*(Not) Everyone's a critic: Blanche Sims first graders write glowing reviews of area restaurants*

Jim Newell

**Third Place** *Minden City Herald*  
*A Light Left on in Minden City*  
 Nathan Marks  
**Honorable Mention** *Oscoda Press*  
*Northeast Academy of Dance celebrates 25 years of transforming lives*  
 Manuela Kress

**Government/Education News**

**Daily A - Government/Education News**  
 27 Entries  
**First Place** *Detroit Free Press*  
*Detroit Pay Raise Commission Stacked With Mayor's Allies*  
 Dave Boucher, Dana Afana  
**Second Place** *Detroit News*  
*Families push forward year after Oxford shooting*  
 Jennifer Chambers  
**Third Place** *Detroit News*  
*Feds investigate former House Speaker Johnson*  
 Robert Snell, Craig Mauger  
**Honorable Mention** *Detroit Free Press*  
*Sick Michigan Prisoners must stand in cold for medications*  
 Paul Egan

**Daily B - Government/Education News**  
 24 Entries  
**First Place** *Traverse City Record-Eagle*  
*Traverse City leaders oust city manager*  
 Elizabeth Brewer, Jordan Travis  
**Second Place** *Jackson Citizen Patriot*  
*Turmoil at Michigan Center Schools*  
 Martin Slagter  
**Third Place** *The Ann Arbor News*  
*School consolidation*  
 Martin Slagter  
**Honorable Mention** *Traverse City Record-Eagle*  
*THC turmoil*  
 Mardi Link

**Daily C - Government/Education News**  
 26 Entries  
**First Place** *Ludington Daily News*  
*Resignation of Scottville police chief*  
 Riley Kelley  
**Second Place** *Holland Sentinel*  
*Ottawa Impact campaigned on transparency. In their first meeting, they blindsided the community.*  
 Mitchell Boatman  
**Third Place** *The Daily News, Iron Mountain*  
*Groveland Mine Solar offers local property tax guarantees*  
 Jim Anderson  
**Honorable Mention** *The Argus-Press*  
*Council Kerfuffle*  
 Matthew Bartow

**Daily D - Government/Education News**  
 16 Entries  
**First Place** *Greenville Daily News*  
*Montcalm County blight*  
 Elisabeth Waldon  
**Second Place** *Greenville Daily News*  
*Greenville Public Schools Chinese Immersion*

Cory Smith  
**Third Place** *Greenville Daily News*  
*Otisco Township turmoil*  
 Tim McAllister  
**Honorable Mention** *Petoskey News-Review*  
*Pedestrian tunnel piano in Petoskey isn't going anywhere anytime soon*  
 Jillian Fellows

**Weekly A - Government/Education News**  
 8 Entries  
**First Place** *Warren Weekly*  
*Michigan Supreme Court won't hear term limits case involving Warren mayor*  
 Gena Johnson  
**Second Place** *Grosse Pointe Times*  
*Grosse Pointe Shores considering breed ban after violent dog attack*  
 K. Michelle Moran  
**Third Place** *Rochester Post*  
*Rochester skates forward with plans for outdoor skate park*  
 Mary Beth Ziebinski  
**Honorable Mention** *Huron County View*  
*MAD Cleanup USA Student*  
 Seth Stapleton

**Weekly B - Government/Education News**  
 9 Entries  
**First Place** *The Citizen, Ortonville*  
*Brandon student test results outpacing, state, pre-pandemic scores*  
 Shelby Stewart-Soldan  
**Second Place** *The Citizen, Ortonville*  
*Sheriff K9 'Woody' taking a bite out of stress*  
 Shelby Stewart-Soldan  
**Third Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*Fishing regulations in limbo*  
 Alan Campbell  
**Honorable Mention** *The Citizen, Ortonville*  
*Angel Closet: On campus clothing provides students a little help*  
 Shelby Stewart-Soldan

**Weekly C - Government/Education News**  
 21 Entries  
**First Place** *Sanilac County News*  
*Court Reporters "Passion"*  
 Casey Johnson  
**Second Place** *South Lyon Herald*  
*Farmington parents, staff say Black students have different school experience*  
 Shelby Tankersley  
**Third Place** *Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News*  
*Books to stay at HLCS*  
 Cheryl Holladay  
**Honorable Mention** *South Lyon Herald*  
*Parents seek removal of 'sexually explicit' books at Salem-South Lyon District Library*  
 Susan Bromley

**Weekly D - Government/Education News**  
 16 Entries  
**First Place** *Minden City Herald*  
*Argyle Township Fire Department Thriving in Difficult Times*

Nathan Marks  
**Second Place** *Oscoda Press*  
*Residents allege sewer project causing hardship*  
 Manuela Kress  
**Third Place** *Clare County Cleaver*  
*Despite Parental Outrage, Schools Persevere, Maintain Reasoned Discourse*  
 Dianne Alward-Biery  
**Honorable Mention** *Minden City Herald*  
*Dawn Malek Reflects on Five Years of Growth for the Sanilac County Museum*  
 Nathan Marks

**News Enterprise Reporting**

**Daily A - News Enterprise Reporting**

32 Entries  
**First Place** *Detroit News*  
*Michigan's most vulnerable rescued by kinship caregiver*  
 Sarah Rahal, Haley Harding  
**Second Place** *Grand Rapids Press*  
*Police union contracts in Michigan make it hard to get rid of bad cops*  
 Matthew Miller, John Agar, Marie Weidmayer  
**Third Place** *Detroit News*  
*How Lee Chatfield gave lobbyists foothold in state government*  
 Craig Mauger  
**Honorable Mention** *Lansing State Journal*  
*Red tagged houses an ongoing problem in Lansing*  
 Krystal Nurse

**Daily B - News Enterprise Reporting**

23 Entries  
**First Place** *Jackson Citizen Patriot*  
*Was deputy's death an accident or something more sinister?*  
 Mitchell Kukulka, Gus Burns  
**Second Place** *Muskegon Chronicle*  
*Jessica Heeringa's disappearance a tragic mystery 10 years later*  
 Lynn Moore, Brad Massman, Joel Bissell  
**Third Place** *Jackson Citizen Patriot*  
*Grass Lake woman accused pediatrician father of sexual abuse before she died of fatal overdose*  
 Mitchell Kukulka, Rose White  
**Honorable Mention** *Traverse City Record-Eagle*  
*Missing, Murdered: Silent endemic plagues Native American communities*  
 Sierra Clark

**Daily C - News Enterprise Reporting**

19 Entries  
**First Place** *The Monroe News*  
*Oaks Homeless Shelter (Series)*  
 Lisa Vidaurri-Bowling  
**Second Place** *Midland Daily News*  
*Daniel Pentkowski death*  
 Isabelle Pasciolla  
**Third Place** *Holland Sentinel*  
*The solution to homelessness, Michigan experts say, isn't one-size-fits-all*  
 Austin Metz  
**Honorable Mention** *Cadillac News*  
*Eroding culvert threatens Cadillac*  
 Chris Lamphere

**Daily D - News Enterprise Reporting**

13 Entries  
**First Place** *Petoskey News-Review*  
*'We're scared': Michigan parents can't find childcare, so they're turning to Facebook*  
 Tess Ware, Karly Graham  
**Second Place** *Manistee News-Advocate*  
*In-depth look at high school referee shortage*  
 Mitch Vosburg  
**Third Place** *Manistee News-Advocate*  
*Mason County Sheriff's Office seeking tips in 1993 cold case*  
 Chrissy Streater  
**Honorable Mention** *The Pioneer*  
*Perfect storm caused ice jams, flooding along river in 2013*  
 Julie Norwood

**Weekly A - News Enterprise Reporting**

11 Entries  
**First Place** *Warren Weekly*  
*Warren resident, World War II vet becomes centenarian*  
 Maria Allard  
**Second Place** *Huron County View*  
*The Journey of a Lifetime*  
 Paul P Adams  
**Third Place** *Huron County View*  
*Local Clerk Walks Through*  
 Seth Stapleton  
**Honorable Mention** *Huron County View*  
*Local Fire Chief Recounts Hemlock*  
 Seth Stapleton

**Weekly B - News Enterprise Reporting**

6 Entries  
**First Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*Local man saves war correspondent*  
 Alan Campbell  
**Second Place** *The Citizen, Ortonville*  
*Brandon community rallies around abandoned dogs; Reward in abandoned dogs case swells*  
 Shelby Stewart-Soldan  
**Third Place** *The Citizen, Ortonville*  
*Michigan State: 'It was chaos all over campus'; 'We called him Prince Charming'*  
 David Fleet  
**Honorable Mention** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*School safety forefront*  
 Amy Hubbell

**Weekly C - News Enterprise Reporting**

18 Entries  
**First Place** *South Lyon Herald*  
*Michigan mom searching worldwide for shoes for her son. He has size 23 feet*  
 Susan Bromley  
**Second Place** *Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News*  
*Painting away the 'shadow' of Vietnam*  
 Krista Tacey-Cater  
**Third Place** *Sanilac County News*  
*Sandusky Mascot, Recall board members*  
 Eric Levine, Casey Johnson, Mike Gallagher  
**Honorable Mention** *Iosco County News-Herald*

*Justine Johnson Trial Coverage*  
Jenny Haglund

**Weekly D - News Enterprise Reporting**

**6 Entries**  
**First Place** *Charlevoix Courier*  
*Charlevoix City Council member conflict of interest series (two stories)*  
Annie Doyle  
**Second Place** *Minden City Herald*  
*I'll Have Solar on Three Sides of Me: Minden Resident Seeks Answers on Solar*  
Nathan Marks  
**Third Place** *The Advance*  
*Records: Village knew of problems with books before fraud allegation*  
Melissa Burnor  
**Honorable Mention** *Oscoda Press*  
*Oscoda PFAS Contamination Coverage*  
Jenny Haglund

**News Photo**

**Daily A - News Photo**

**23 Entries**  
**First Place** *Flint Journal*  
*MSU mass shooting, an absolute horror*  
Jake May  
**Second Place** *Grand Rapids Press*  
*Thousands in MSU community come together to mourn after shooting*  
Cory Morse  
**Third Place** *Kalamazoo Gazette*  
*MSU mass shooting*  
Joel Bissell  
**Honorable Mention** *Grand Rapids Press*  
*Patrick Lyoya's family renews calls for justice*  
Cory Morse

**Daily B - News Photo**

**23 Entries**  
**First Place** *Saginaw News*  
*Final Goodbye*  
Kaytie Boomer  
**Second Place** *Jackson Citizen Patriot*  
*Remembering Keon*  
J. Scott Park  
**Third Place** *Traverse City Record-Eagle*  
*Grass fire*  
Jan-Michael Stump  
**Honorable Mention** *Saginaw News*  
*Zoey the Deer*  
Kaytie Boomer

**Daily C - News Photo**

**16 Entries**  
**First Place** *Ludington Daily News*  
*Smoke-filled night*  
David Bossick  
**Second Place** *Ludington Daily News*  
*'Confident in my skin'*  
Justin Cooper  
**Third Place** *The Monroe News*  
*Justice for Gary*

Tom Hawley

**Daily D - News Photo**

**13 Entries**  
**First Place** *Hillsdale Daily News*  
*Barn fire*  
Corey Murray  
**Second Place** *Greenville Daily News*  
*7 fire departments respond to large blaze at Greenville Steel*  
Cory Smith  
**Third Place** *Manistee News-Advocate*  
*Wildfire near Copemish*  
Colin Merry  
**Honorable Mention** *Greenville Daily News*  
*Icy storm crunches Montcalm County*  
Cory Smith

**Weekly A - News Photo**

**5 Entries**  
**First Place** *Tri-County Citizen*  
*And the queen is...*  
Keith Salisbury  
**Second Place** *Huron County View*  
*Harbor Beach Community Holds*  
Seth Stapleton  
**Third Place** *Tri-County Citizen*  
*Freezing rain*  
Jeanne Marcello

**Weekly B - News Photo**

**2 Entries**  
**First Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*Home Destroyed*  
Eric Carlson  
**Second Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*Firefighter Tate Hall*  
Eric Carlson

**Weekly C - News Photo**

**7 Entries**  
**First Place** *White Lake Beacon*  
*Wings over Muskegon soars*  
Andy Roberts  
**Second Place** *Sanilac County News*  
*Historic House Moves*  
Casey Johnson  
**Third Place** *Grosse Pointe News*  
*Freighter grounded*  
Brad Lindberg  
**Honorable Mention** *Grosse Pointe News*  
*Ice storm pulls power move on the Pointes*  
Renee Landuyt

**Weekly D - News Photo**

**4 Entries**  
**First Place** *The Lake Orion Review*  
*Firefighters battle house fire*  
Jim Newell  
**Second Place** *Charlevoix Courier*  
*Northwest Michigan board of health meeting grinds to halt over agenda approval*  
Annie Doyle  
**Third Place** *Minden City Herald*

*Michigan DNR Busy in Huron County Last Week*  
Nathan Marks

**Photo Story**

**Daily A - Photo Story**

13 Entries

**First Place** **Grand Rapids Press**

*Thousands in MSU community come together to mourn after shooting*

Cory Morse

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

*Heartbreak after horror of MSU mass shooting*

Jake May

**Third Place** **Detroit Free Press**

*Owl watch*

Ryan Garza

**Honorable Mention** **Flint Journal**

*Then and Now: Gaylord community recovers from devastating tornado*

Jake May

**Daily B - Photo Story**

9 Entries

**First Place** **The Ann Arbor News**

*Mud bowl*

Jacob Hamilton

**Second Place** **Jackson Citizen Patriot**

*The Wright Way*

Ryan Sun

**Third Place** **Battle Creek Enquirer**

*Field of Flight brings aerial entertainment to Battle Creek*

Becca Mahon

**Honorable Mention** **Battle Creek Enquirer**

*Battle Creek World War II veteran reenlists on 100th birthday*

Becca Mahon

**Daily C - Photo Story**

10 Entries

**First Place** **The Monroe News**

*Return to Oaks: A Great Need*

Tom Hawley

**Second Place** **Ludington Daily News**

*Night of Fright 8 brings shrieks*

David Bossick

**Third Place** **The Argus-Press**

*Riding for a fall*

Aaron Bodus

**Honorable Mention** **The Monroe News**

*'Little Giants': St. Patrick's boys baseball in full swing*

Tom Hawley

**Daily D - Photo Story**

11 Entries

**First Place** **Huron Daily Tribune**

*Witch Walk conjures more than 1,000 to downtown Caseville*

Mark Birdsall

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

*Wildfire scorches Grayling Township*

Karly Graham

**Third Place** **Greenville Daily News**

*7 fire departments respond to large blaze at Greenville Steel*

Cory Smith

**Honorable Mention**

*'Night to Shine'*

Cory Smith

**Greenville Daily News**

**Weekly A - Photo Story**

3 Entries

**First Place** **Huron County View**

*Cheeseburger Fest Parade of Fools*

Seth Stapleton

**Second Place** **Huron County View**

*Training for a Tragedy*

Seth Stapleton

**Third Place** **Huron County View**

*Fall Colors around Huron County*

John Bonke

**Weekly B - Photo Story**

3 Entries

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

*PowWow*

Meakalia Previch-Liu

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

*Polka Palooza*

Mike Anderson

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

*Lakers Win*

Brian Freiburger

**Weekly C - Photo Story**

10 Entries

**First Place** **Iosco County News-Herald**

*Whittemore welcomes multiple events for Memorial Day Weekend*

Jenny Haglund

**Second Place** **Grosse Pointe News**

*Hits & Highlights - 5/18*

Meg Leonard, John Pigott, Mike Adzima

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

*Deck The Halls*

Renee Landuyt

**Honorable Mention** **Iosco County News-Herald**

*An autumn afternoon at Iosco County's Lumberman's Monument*

John Morris

**Weekly D - Photo Story**

7 Entries

**First Place** **The Lake Orion Review**

*Lake Orion Unified basketball team defeats Royal Oak United in opening game of the season*

Megan Kelley

**Second Place** **The Lake Orion Review**

*All the little ghouls came out to play for the annual Lake Orion DDA's Halloween Extravaganza*

Jim Newell

**Third Place** **Oscoda Press**

*Hale feted with fireworks, parade to mark Independence Day 2023*

Jenny Haglund

**Honorable Mention** **Minden City Herald**

*When the Ringneck Was King*

J.H. McCoy

**Public Service Award**

**Daily A - Public Service Award**

5 Entries

**First Place** *Detroit Free Press*

*Wayne County Juvenile Jail Investigation*

Christine MacDonald, Gina Kaufman

**Second Place** *Detroit Free Press*

*Rights & Wrongs: A crisis in Michigan's mental health system*

Jennifer Dixon

**Third Place** *Grand Rapids Press*

*Michigan is a climate haven*

Sheri McWhirter, Lindsay Moore

**Honorable Mention** *Detroit News*

*The Bill of Rights*

Len Niehoff

**Daily B - Public Service Award**

5 Entries

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

*Unguarded project continues*

Mardi Link

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

*Filmmaker wins FOIA claim against attorney general*

Mardi Link, Rebecca Pierce

**Third Place** *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

*MV Realty*

Mardi Link

**Honorable Mention** *The Ann Arbor News*

*Ann Arbor police lieutenant fired for claiming she was too drunk to*

*remember incident with subordinate*

Jordyn Pair

**Daily C - Public Service Award**

5 Entries

**First Place** *Holland Sentinel*

*Ottawa Impact*

Sarah Leach

**Second Place** *The Daily News, Iron Mountain*

*Fighting against FTD*

Terri Castelaz

**Daily D - Public Service Award**

2 Entries

**First Place** *Greenville Daily News*

*'Out of control' values*

Elisabeth Waldon

**Second Place** *Greenville Daily News*

*MCC paying former VP full salary for 1 year after resignation*

Cory Smith

**Weekly A - Public Service Award**

1 Entries

**First Place** *Grosse Pointe Times*

*Kroger agrees to new fence, window displays for Village store*

K. Michelle Moran

**Weekly C - Public Service Award**

1 Entries

**First Place** *Iosco County News-Herald*

*PFAS Contamination Coverage in Oscoda*

Jenny Haglund

**Weekly D - Public Service Award**

1 Entries

**First Place** *Charlevoix Courier*

Annie Doyle

**Special Section**

**Daily A - Special Section**

5 Entries

**First Place** *Grand Rapids Press*

*Seasons Greetings*

Grand Rapids Press staff

**Second Place** *Grand Rapids Press*

*Halloween - special section*

Grand Rapids Press staff

**Third Place** *Detroit News*

*Special report: Children die on CPS's watch*

James Hollar

**Honorable Mention** *Grand Rapids Press*

*Medicare 2023*

Grand Rapids Press staff

**Daily B - Special Section**

3 Entries

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

*Grand Traverse Scene: Fall 2022*

Staff

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

*Momentum '23*

Record-Eagle staff

**Third Place** *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

*The Playbook*

Record-Eagle staff

**Daily C - Special Section**

3 Entries

**First Place** *Ludington Daily News*

*Veterans Day*

David Bossick, Judy Lytle

**Second Place** *The Daily News, Iron Mountain*

*Continental Cup Ski Jumping*

Staff

**Third Place** *The Daily News, Iron Mountain*

*Hunting Season 2022*

Staff

**Daily D - Special Section**

6 Entries

**First Place** *Manistee News-Advocate*

*Victorian Sleighbell Parade & Old Christmas Weekend*

News Advocate Staff

**Second Place** *Daily Mining Gazette*

*Women's History Month special section*

DMG Staff DMG Staff

**Third Place** *Greenville Daily News*

*General Election Preview*

Darrin Clark, Elisabeth Waldon, Cory Smith, Tim McAllister

**Honorable Mention** *Manistee News-Advocate*

*Winter sports preview*

McLain Moberg, Mitch Vosburg

**Weekly A - Special Section**

6 Entries

**First Place**

*Welcome Summer*

Lorie Gavulic, Graphics Team, Sales Team, Editorial Team

**Tri-County Times**

**Second Place**

*Love Where You Live*

Jen Ward, Graphics Team, Sales Team, Editorial Team

**Tri-County Times**

**Third Place**

*Ag Quarterly*

Cindy Alvado

**Huron County View**

**Weekly B - Special Section**

3 Entries

**First Place**

*Unsolved Mysteries*

Editorial Department, Creative Department, Advertising Department

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Second Place**

*Leelanau on a Dime*

Editorial Department, Creative Department, Advertising Department

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Third Place**

*Silver*

Editorial Department, Creative Department, Advertising Department

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Weekly C - Special Section**

11 Entries

**First Place**

*2023 Spring Homefront*

Nanci Bridget, Suzanne Hayes

**Tecumseh Herald**

**Second Place**

*Fall Style Guide*

Anne Gryzenia, Olivia Monette, Donna Zetterlund, Renee Landuyt,

GP News Staff, Lani Martin

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Third Place**

*2022 Fall Homefront*

Nanci Bridget, Suzanne Hayes

**Tecumseh Herald**

**Honorable Mention**

*Asparagus Advocate*

Judy Lytle, Sharon Hallack

**Oceana's Herald-Journal**

**Weekly D - Special Section**

2 Entries

**First Place**

*The Ubly Courier*

Jackie Gracey

**Minden City Herald**

**Second Place**

*Celebrating our Veterans*

Staff

**Oscoda Press**

**Sports Feature**

**Daily A - Sports Feature**

14 Entries

**First Place**

*Detroit Tigers fan with more than 1,200 signed baseballs searching for a way to share his collection*

Patrick Nothaft

**Grand Rapids Press**

**Second Place**

*Potterville teen grateful to be back playing after nearly dying*

Brian Calloway

**Lansing State Journal**

**Third Place**

*UM softball's Kaylee Rodriguez vows she's 'still not done' playing as she fights cancer*

**Detroit News**

Angelique S. Chengelis

**Honorable Mention**

*Retiring judge Duncan Beagle, the Flint-area's No. 1 sports advocate, is 'luckiest man alive'*

Brendan Savage

**Flint Journal**

**Daily B - Sports Feature**

21 Entries

**First Place**

*Two Phil's jockey Jareth Loveberry follows brother's bronze star from Michigan to Kentucky Derby*

Hugh Bernreuter

**Saginaw News**

**Second Place**

*Love guides Oxford football team into first season after school shooting*

Jared Purcell

**Jackson Citizen Patriot**

**Third Place**

*Through trauma and tragedy, Michigan basketball's Dug McDaniel emerges*

Andrew Kahn

**The Ann Arbor News**

**Honorable Mention**

*How Muskegon's band of brothers helped pave the way to a return to Ford Field*

Josh VanDyke

**Muskegon Chronicle**

**Daily C - Sports Feature**

13 Entries

**First Place**

*Getting rolling; G2S starts athletic program with bowling team*

David Bossick

**Ludington Daily News**

**Second Place**

*Life-changing experience: Perry's Alec Chapman an inaugural state champ as MHSAA opens door for wheelchair athletes*

Jerome Murphy, Aaron Bodus

**The Argus-Press**

**Third Place**

*'Am I dying?' Norway student battles against 'long-haul' COVID*

Jerry DeRoche

**The Daily News, Iron Mountain**

**Honorable Mention**

*Title IX in action: Chemic grandpa fought for equal facilities*

Fred Kelly

**Midland Daily News**

**Daily D - Sports Feature**

20 Entries

**First Place**

*Mullet takes over Bear Lake football program, dares to be great*

McLain Moberg

**Manistee News-Advocate**

**Second Place**

*US Olympic skier takes one last run down Mt. Ripley*

Eddie O'Neill

**Daily Mining Gazette**

**Third Place**

*Friday Night Lights Fade*

Alex Freeman

**Greenville Daily News**

**Honorable Mention**

*Bear Lake's selfless servant*

Mitch Vosburg

**Manistee News-Advocate**

**Weekly A - Sports Feature**

3 Entries

**First Place**

*Earning their stripes*

Paul P Adams

**Huron County View**



**Second Place**

*Shootout for all ages*

Paul P Adams

**Third Place**

*Heart of a Champion*

Paul P Adams

**Weekly B - Sports Feature**

4 Entries

**First Place**

*Jay Hook*

Brian Freiberger

**Second Place**

*Spears receives 1975 Northport "Athlete of the Year"*

Brian Freiberger

**Third Place**

*Woodcock*

Alan Campbell

**Weekly C - Sports Feature**

21 Entries

**First Place**

*In a league of her own: White Lake woman is one of few women who played professional baseball*

Susan Bromley

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

*Big Mike's Family*

Krista Tacey-Cater

**Third Place**

*Sailor's delight: Diablo newbies nab second place in the 99th*

*Bayview Mackinac race*

Anne Gryzenia

**Honorable Mention**

*Demott Does it!*

Mike Gallagher

**Weekly D - Sports Feature**

11 Entries

**First Place**

*Power pair; Kozlowski, Jones fueling GHS softball's state title chase one homer at a time*

Dylan Jespersen

**Second Place**

*UNFORGETTABLE*

Dan Hardenbrook

**Third Place**

*The unstoppable Leah French*

Dan Hardenbrook

**Honorable Mention**

*Oscoda girls coaches Mark Toppi, Dean Caldwell each surpass 100 career wins*

Ben Murphy

**Sports Photo**

**Daily A - Sports Photo**

21 Entries

**First Place**

*Martian interception*

Jake May

**Second Place**

*Flipping for the Lions*

*Huron County View*

*Huron County View*

*Leelanau Enterprise*

*Leelanau Enterprise*

*Leelanau Enterprise*

*South Lyon Herald*

*Grosse Pointe News*

*Sanilac County News*

*Gaylord Herald Times*

*Newberry News*

*Newberry News*

*Oscoda Press*

*Flint Journal*

*Detroit News*

Daniel Mears

**Third Place**

*Hoops*

David Guralnick

**Honorable Mention**

*This Kiss, this kiss*

Jake May

**Daily B - Sports Photo**

24 Entries

**First Place**

*Mud Bowl Carry*

Jacob Hamilton

**Second Place**

*Touchdown Hurdle*

Jacob Hamilton

**Third Place**

*Sliding Smile*

Kaytie Boomer

**Honorable Mention**

*Golden Win*

Kaytie Boomer

**Daily C - Sports Photo**

13 Entries

**First Place**

*Cavalier Champions*

Aaron Bodus

**Second Place**

*Riding for a fall*

Aaron Bodus

**Third Place**

*PHOTOS: Hamilton baseball, softball win district title*

Cody Scanlan

**Honorable Mention**

*Victory Shout*

Tom Hawley

**Daily D - Sports Photo**

12 Entries

**First Place**

*Muskegon Big Reds melt DeWitt*

Alex Freeman

**Sports Photo**

**Second Place**

*Charlevoix can't keep season alive, drop to Elk Rapids in D3 regional*

Drew Kochanny

**Third Place**

*Sticking the landing*

Mitch Vosburg

**Weekly A - Sports Photo**

3 Entries

**First Place**

*Ethan Wissner consoled by brother*

Paul P Adams

**Second Place**

*Mark Heilig, Ubly running back celebrates*

Paul P Adams

**Third Place**

*Ethan Wissner holds up*

Paul P Adams

*Detroit News*

*Flint Journal*

*The Ann Arbor News*

*The Ann Arbor News*

*Saginaw News*

*Bay City Times*

*The Argus-Press*

*The Argus-Press*

*Holland Sentinel*

*The Monroe News*

*Greenville Daily News*

*Petoskey News-Review*

*Manistee News-Advocate*

*Huron County View*

*Huron County View*

*Huron County View*

**Weekly B - Sports Photo**

2 Entries

**First Place**

*Lakers State Champs*

Brian Freiberger

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Second Place**

*Ski Club*

Brian Freiberger

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Weekly C - Sports Photo**

21 Entries

**First Place**

*Panthers win 3rd district title in 5 years -- TOP PHOTO*

Jason Juno

**The Globe**

**Second Place**

*Montague stuns Vikings in district thriller*

Andy Roberts

**White Lake Beacon**

**Third Place**

*E-TC falls to Baraga in regional -- BOTTOM PHOTO*

Jason Juno

**The Globe**

**Honorable Mention**

*Whitehall upsets Montague in finals*

Andy Roberts

**White Lake Beacon**

**Weekly D - Sports Photo**

14 Entries

**First Place**

*High Jump*

Jim Newell

**The Lake Orion Review**

**Second Place**

*Ford Field Bound: Bearcats Bury Iron Mountain, 41-14*

Nathan Marks

**Minden City Herald**

**Third Place**

*Charlevoix can't keep season alive, drop to Elk Rapids in D3 regional*

Drew Kochanny

**Charlevoix Courier**

**Sports Writing**

**Daily A - Sports Writing**

13 Entries

**First Place**

*NIL money is flowing in college athletics, and it's 'the Wild West'*

Matt Charboneau, James Hawkins

**Detroit News**

**Second Place**

*Police investigate postgame 'assault' involving MSU, UM players*

Tony Paul, Matt Chaboneau, Angeliq S. Chengelis

**Detroit News**

**Third Place**

*Soccer sisterhood: Loy Norrix girls soccer's quartet set of sisters unifying special season*

Matthew Ehler

**Kalamazoo Gazette**

**Honorable Mention**

*Disecting Lions draft picks*

Dave Birkett

**Detroit Free Press**

**Daily B - Sports Writing**

21 Entries

**First Place**

*Spring Lake standout enjoying new lease on life following 4-year cancer battle*

Josh VanDyke

**Muskegon Chronicle**

**Second Place**

*'Do it for dad': Standout hurdler finds redemption in record-setting race at Michigan high school finals*

**Jackson Citizen Patriot**

Jared Purcell

**Third Place**

*Cass City completes volunteer work then wins volleyball quarterfinal*

Lee Thompson

**Bay City Times**

**Honorable Mention**

*'Did I hear that right?': When the Jamisons got the Mr. Basketball phone call*

Brenden Welper

**Times Herald**

**Daily C - Sports Writing**

10 Entries

**First Place**

*Holland's Eva Whiteman focused on making state for her mom after cancer diagnosis*

Dan D'Addona

**Holland Sentinel**

**Second Place**

*IM rallies from 21-point deficit against Evart*

Jerry DeRoche

**The Daily News, Iron Mountain**

**Third Place**

*Brighton overcomes bizarre goal, beats Hartland in 3 OT in hockey semifinals*

Bill Khan

**Livingston County Daily Press & Argus**

**Honorable Mention**

*Big day for LHS golf*

David Bossick

**Ludington Daily News**

**Daily D - Sports Writing**

17 Entries

**First Place**

*Yellow Jackets win*

Alex Freeman

**Greenville Daily News**

**Second Place**

*Stop and smile, Maddy!*

Austin Chastain

**Greenville Daily News**

**Third Place**

*Manistee Catholic Central, Special Olympics forge bond through basketball*

Mitch Vosburg

**Manistee News-Advocate**

**Honorable Mention**

*Petoskey stuns Cadillac late on Jonker steal, Trudeau's game-winner*

Drew Kochanny

**Petoskey News-Review**

**Weekly A - Sports Writing**

6 Entries

**First Place**

*Bearcats and Bobcats trade*

Paul P Adams

**Huron County View**

**Second Place**

*Blizzard doesn't faze Bearcats*

Paul P Adams

**Huron County View**

**Third Place**

*Lamka completes state championship mission (Lamka earns late takedown, captures individual state champion title)*

David Troppens

**Tri-County Times**

**Honorable Mention**

*LF hoops teams finish fantastic sweep of Martians*

David Troppens

**Tri-County Times**

**Weekly B - Sports Writing**

5 Entries

**First Place**

*'The race across the sky,' Leadville Trial 100 Run*

**The Citizen, Ortonville**

David Fleet  
**Second Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*Eagles Champs*  
 Brian Freiberger  
**Third Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*Lakers State Champs*  
 Brian Freiberger  
**Honorable Mention** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*Unfinished Business*  
 Brian Freiberger

**Weekly C - Sports Writing**  
 18 Entries  
**First Place** *Grosse Pointe News*  
*Title Town: Farms-City 10U, 12U teams capture Little Leagues' state crowns*  
 Meg Leonard  
**Second Place** *The Globe*  
*'Now the work begins'*  
 Jason Juno  
**Third Place** *Sanilac County News*  
*Wolf Pack Party*  
 Mike Gallagher  
**Honorable Mention** *Sanilac County News*  
*Green Devils and Pioneers End Title Drought*  
 Mike Gallagher

**Weekly D - Sports Writing**  
 6 Entries  
**First Place** *Charlevoix Courier*  
*'Have fun and play loose': Rayder baseball snaps 10-year title drought*  
 Drew Kochanny  
**Second Place** *Newberry News*  
*Indians win Battle for the Little Brown Jug*  
 Dan Hardenbrook  
**Third Place** *Oscoda Press*  
*Oscoda Varsity volleyball team spikes Tawas Area in four thrilling sets, claims first district crown since 1995*  
 Ben Murphy  
**Honorable Mention** *Oscoda Press*  
*Owl girls survive low scoring game to claim second straight district title*  
 Ben Murphy

**Spot News Story**

**Daily A - Spot News Story**  
 13 Entries  
**First Place** *Detroit Free Press*  
*Spot News: Coverage of the Michigan State Mass Shooting*  
 Detroit Free Press Staff  
**Honorable Mention** *Detroit News*  
*Lee Chatfield suspected of engaging in criminal enterprise*  
 Beth LeBlanc, Craig Mauer  
**Second Place** *Detroit News*  
*3 killed, 5 wounded at Michigan State campus shooting; suspect dead*  
 Craig Mauer, Beth LeBlanc, Jakkar Aimery  
**Third Place** *Detroit News*  
*Prosecution rests in Oxford shooter hearing; defense witnesses say he heard voices*

Kara Berg, Jennifer Chambers  
**Daily B - Spot News Story**  
 15 Entries  
**First Place** *Jackson Citizen Patriot*  
*Winter storm cripples Jackson*  
 Mitchell Kukulka  
**Second Place** *The Ann Arbor News*  
*Long election lines*  
 Ryan Stanton  
**Third Place** *Jackson Citizen Patriot*  
*'Whiteness' remarks by Jackson School Board member*  
 Martin Slagter  
**Honorable Mention** *Traverse City Record-Eagle*  
*Treed bear draws crowd in TC neighborhood*  
 Jordan Travis

**Daily C - Spot News Story**  
 20 Entries  
**First Place** *The Monroe News*  
*Family, friends of Monroe eighth grader who died by suicide seek bullying changes*  
 Ryan Loren  
**Second Place** *Cadillac News*  
*Cadillac man, his dog severely burned in fire*  
 Chris Lamphere  
**Third Place** *Ludington Daily News*  
*Grierson becomes third of family to win LDN spelling bee*  
 David Bossick

**Daily D - Spot News Story**  
 13 Entries  
**First Place** *Petoskey News-Review*  
*DNR: Grayling fire started by private property campfire, at 85% containment*  
 Karly Graham  
**Second Place** *Manistee News-Advocate*  
*Shooting incident in Manistee*  
 Arielle Breen, Michelle Fedder  
**Third Place** *Manistee News-Advocate*  
*Jury reaches verdict in Elberta murder trial*  
 Colin Merry

**Weekly A - Spot News Story**  
 9 Entries  
**First Place** *Grosse Pointe Times*  
*Friends, family remember Arielle Anderson and Brian Fraser*  
 K. Michelle Moran  
**Second Place** *Rochester Post*  
*Oakland Township woman arraigned on charges of fatal hit-and-run crash*  
 Mary Beth Almond  
**Third Place** *Grosse Pointe Times*  
*Fire guts nearly 100-year-old home in Grosse Pointe City*  
 K. Michelle Moran  
**Honorable Mention** *Warren Weekly*  
*Student acts after bus incident, brings classmates to safety*  
 Maria Allard

**Weekly B - Spot News Story**  
 6 Entries  
**First Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*Rower stops in Leelanau*

Brian Freiberger  
**Second Place** *The Citizen, Ortonville*  
*Local hunter survives Alaskan bush plane crash*  
 David Fleet  
**Third Place** *The Citizen, Ortonville*  
*Remembering Queen Elizabeth: 'She was so gracious'*  
 David Fleet

**Weekly C - Spot News Story**

11 Entries  
**First Place** *The Globe*  
*'Safe and Sound'*  
 Jason Juno  
**Second Place** *Sanilac County News*  
*Tornado Hits Lexington Park/Camp Cavell*  
 Mike Gallagher  
**Third Place** *White Lake Beacon*  
*White River Twp. residents lodge objections to solar farm*  
 Andy Roberts  
**Honorable Mention** *The Globe*  
*SEASONS COLLIDE: Spring blizzard combines with flooding on Gogebic Range*  
 P.J. Glisson

**Weekly D - Spot News Story**

6 Entries  
**First Place** *Charlevoix Courier*  
*1 killed in Friday plane crash near Beaver Island*  
 Annie Doyle, Jillian Fellows  
**Second Place** *Charlevoix Courier*  
*Downtown Charlevoix reopened following bomb threat*  
 Annie Doyle, Jillian Fellows  
**Third Place** *Sentinel-Standard*  
*Historic church in Ionia sees minimal damage to sanctuary after fire*  
 Evan Sasiela

**Best FOIA Story**

**Open Class - Best FOIA Story**

27 Entries  
**First Place** *Kalamazoo Gazette*  
*Sheriff accused of drunk driving was going 96 mph before crash, police report says*  
 Marie Weidmayer  
**Second Place** *Detroit News*  
*Michigan nursing home complaints reveal deadly chaos in pandemic's early days*  
 Craig Mauger  
**Third Place** *Kalamazoo Gazette*  
*Homeless camp cleanup targeted in \$453K Kalamazoo contract*  
 Brad Devereaux  
**Honorable Mention** *Michigan Advance*  
*'Just not The Diatribe'*  
 Allison R. Donahue

**Best Headline**

**Open Class - Best Headline**

53 Entries  
**First Place** *Kalamazoo Gazette*  
*Another one bites the crust: Portage pizzeria closing shop after 44 years*  
 Ryan Boldrey

**Second Place** *Holland Sentinel*  
*Fish come true: Holland class to raise salmon thanks to Big Red*  
*Classic donation*  
 Mitchell Boatman

**Third Place** *Traverse City Record-Eagle*  
*Save Your Ash*  
 Allison Batdorff

**Honorable Mention** *The Ann Arbor News*  
*Convicted porta-potty peeper accused of peeping in more bathrooms after parole*  
 Nathan Clark

**Best Photo**

**Open Class - Best Photo**

21 Entries  
**First Place** *Traverse City Record-Eagle*  
*Big bubble*  
 Jan-Michael Stump  
**Second Place** *Kalamazoo Gazette*  
*Faces of Electric Forest*  
 Joel Bissell  
**Third Place** *Daily Telegram*  
*Tecumseh baseball, Blissfield softball win Little League district titles*  
 Mike Dickie  
**Honorable Mention** *Grand Rapids Press*  
*MSU Strong*  
 Cory Morse

**Best Podcast**

**Open Class - Best Podcast**

5 Entries  
**First Place** *Detroit Free Press*  
*On the Line: Trying to Find a Bathroom in Detroit*  
 Detroit Free Press Staff  
**Second Place** *Grand Rapids Press*  
*Dungeon of Doom - A Detroit Lions podcast*  
 Kyle Meinke, Ben Raven, Patrick Shea  
**Third Place** *Grand Rapids Press*  
*Michigan Crime Stories - What happened to Breanna?*  
 Gus Burns, Jessica Shepherd  
**Honorable Mention** *Traverse City Record-Eagle*  
*The Get Around*  
 Record-Eagle staff

**Best Writing**

**Open Class - Best Writing**

37 Entries  
**First Place** *The Ann Arbor News*  
*How a failed theme park nearly turned Ypsilanti farmland into lunar colonies*  
 Lucas Smolcic Larson  
**Second Place** *Detroit News*  
*Lansing area chicken lady charged with neglect finds redemption*  
 Francis X. Donnelly  
**Third Place** *Grosse Pointe News*  
*Fire destroys business; pub saved*  
 Brad Lindberg  
**Honorable Mention** *Jackson Citizen Patriot*  
*Was deputy's death an accident or something more sinister?*  
 Mitchell Kukulka, Gus Burns

**Most Innovative Story Telling**

**Open Class - Most Innovative Story Telling**

18 Entries

**First Place** **Gander Newsroom**

*The Michigan State University Campus Shooting & Aftermath*

Lisa Hayes, Hope O'Dell, Isaac Constans

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

*Celebrate Black History Month through the eyes of a sixth-grader*

Jake May

**Third Place** **Michigan Advance**

*Michigan governor's race showcases a clash of digital campaign*

*styles between Whitmer and Dixon*

Susan J. Demas, Laina G. Stebbins

**Honorable Mention** **Grosse Pointe News**

*The Big Game*

Staff

**Reporting on Adolescent Mental Health Issues**

**Open Class - Reporting on Adolescent Mental Health Issues**

13 Entries

**First Place** **NowKalamazoo**

*Youth Gun Violence on the Rise: root causes, consequences, and solutions*

Staff

**Second Place** **Greenville Daily News**

*Finding her own path*

Cory Smith

**Third Place** **Traverse City Record-Eagle**

*Kids in Crisis*

Michael Livingston, Elizabeth Brewer, Patti Brandt Burgess

**Honorable Mention** **Detroit Free Press**

*Trapped & Traumatized*

Dave Boucher, Lily Altavena

**Rookie Writer**

**Open Class - Rookie Writer**

5 Entries

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

Elizabeth Brewer

**Second Place** **Detroit News**

Hannah Mackay

**Third Place** **Gongwer News Service**

Alyssa McMurtry

**Honorable Mention** **Detroit Free Press**

Nushrat Rahman

**Best Ad Grouping**

**Daily - Best Ad Grouping**

11 Entries

**First Place** **Ludington Daily News**

*Ludington B & B's*

Julie Eilers

**Second Place** **Cadillac News**

*Grilling Directory 2023*

Advertising Department , Graphics Department

**Third Place** **Daily Mining Gazette**

*Home Services Guide*

Bethany Jones

**Honorable Mention** **Ludington Daily News**

*Lake County Hunting & Fishing*

Candy Bryant

**Non-Daily - Best Ad Grouping**

9 Entries

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

*Adopt A Pet*

Donna Zetterlund, Julie Sutton

**Second Place** **Iosco County News-Herald**

*Tawas Map Guide*

Staff

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

*Grosse Pointe News Fishing Classic*

John Pigott

**Honorable Mention** **Iosco County News-Herald**

*The Business and Professional Directory 2023*

Staff

**Best Community Cause Marketing**

**Daily - Best Community Cause Marketing**

8 Entries

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

*Halloween Safety*

Ad team

**Second Place** **Cadillac News**

*Cancer Ribbon Awareness 2023*

Advertising Department , Graphics Department

**Third Place** **Daily Mining Gazette**

*Adopt A Pet sig page*

Bethany Jones

**Honorable Mention** **Ludington Daily News**

*Readers' Choice - Vote Now*

Judy Lytle

**Non-Daily - Best Community Cause Marketing**

6 Entries

**First Place** **Tri-County Times**

*Pink Together*

Kathleen Smith, Lorie Gavulic, Sales Team

**Second Place** **Grosse Pointe News**

*Proud to be purple*

Jody McVeigh

**Third Place** **Tri-County Times**

*Give back this Christmas*

Jen Ward, Lorie Gavulic, Pete Clinton

**Honorable Mention** **Leelanau Enterprise**

*Law Enforcement*

Mike Anderson

**Best Digital Ad**

**Daily - Best Digital Ad**

5 Entries

**First Place** **Cadillac News**

*YMCA - Camp Torenta*

Katheryn Kidder, Graphics

**Second Place** **Ludington Daily News**

*Carr's Route 31*

Candy Bryant

**Third Place** **Cadillac News**

*Ebels - Little Town Jerky*

advertising, Graphics

**Honorable Mention**

*Ebels - Whole Hog Sale*  
sales, Graphics

**Cadillac News**

**Second Place**

*Day on the beach*  
Mike Anderson

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Non-Daily - Best Digital Ad**

3 Entries

**First Place**

*Grosse Pointe News Content Promotion*  
Olivia Monette, Anne Gryzenia

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Third Place**

*Gift of Leelanau*  
Mike Anderson

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Second Place**

*Oswald's Bear Ranch*  
Steve Stiffler

**Newberry News**

**Honorable Mention**

*Your Neighborhood*  
GPN Production

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Third Place**

*Fall Style Guide*  
Olivia Monette

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Best in House Content Promotion**

**Daily - Best in House Content Promotion**

7 Entries

**First Place**

*Your City. Your Neighborhood. Your Connection.*  
Jody Graff

**Cadillac News**

**Second Place**

*Happy New Year Employee Ad*  
Jody Graff

**Cadillac News**

**Third Place**

*Take us with you*  
Jody Graff

**Cadillac News**

**Honorable Mention**

*Photo Galleries*  
Judy Lytle

**Ludington Daily News**

**Best Health/Fitness Ad**

**Daily - Best Health/Fitness Ad**

3 Entries

**First Place**

*Boo to the flu*  
Ad team

**Greenville Daily News**

**Second Place**

*Lakeshore Orthodontics*  
Julie Eilers

**Ludington Daily News**

**Third Place**

*sheridan wound care*  
Ad team

**Greenville Daily News**

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

12 Entries

**First Place**

*Fresh Takes Art Contest 2023*  
GPN Production, Jody McVeigh

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Second Place**

*Merry Leelanau Christmas*  
Mike Anderson

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Third Place**

*Best of the Best*  
Anne Gryzenia, Donna Zetterlund, GP News Production

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Honorable Mention**

*Father's Day Memories*  
GPN Staff

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Non-Daily - Best Health/Fitness Ad**

6 Entries

**First Place**

*Growing Smiles*  
Paul Biondi, Donna Zetterlund

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Second Place**

*Healthspan Cooking Demo*  
Olivia Monette

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Third Place**

*Wolverine Trails*  
The Globe Advertising

**The Globe**

**Honorable Mention**

*Pointe Animal Clinic*  
Lorie Gavulic, Kathleen Smith

**Tri-County Times**

**Best Special Section**

**Daily - Best Special Section**

7 Entries

**First Place**

*Lake Michigan Carferry Badger's 70th Anniversary*  
Judy Lytle

**Ludington Daily News**

**Second Place**

*Our Community 2023*  
Advertising Department , Graphics Department , News Department

**Cadillac News**

**Third Place**

*Winter Sports Preview*  
Ad team

**Greenville Daily News**

**Honorable Mention**

*Lakestyle - June 2023 issue*  
Judy Lytle

**Ludington Daily News**

**Best in House Circulation Ad**

**Daily - Best in House Circulation Ad**

6 Entries

**First Place**

*Black Friday Subscription Special - Best Price of the Year*  
Advertising Leader , Jody Graff

**Cadillac News**

**Second Place**

*Get Local News Wherever You Are*  
Judy Lytle

**Ludington Daily News**

**Third Place**

*NEVER A DULL MOMENT*  
Amber Rood

**Greenville Daily News**

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

7 Entries

**First Place**

*This Mug's For You*  
Olivia Monette

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Non-Daily - Best Special Section**

16 Entries

**First Place**

*Best of the Blotter*

**Leelanau Enterprise**

Amy Hubbell, Mike Anderson, Advertising Department, Circulation Department  
**Second Place** *Grosse Pointe News*  
*Holiday Gift Guide*  
 Anne Gryzenia, Olivia Monette, Donna Zetterlund, GP News Writers, GP News Sales Team, GP News Production  
**Third Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*Leelanau Visitors Guide 2023*  
 Editorial Department, Creative Department, Advertising Department, Circulation Department  
**Honorable Mention** *Tecumseh Herald*  
*Wedding Guide - 2023 Spring Homefront*  
 Nanci Bridget

**Best use of color**

**Daily - Best use of color**  
 8 Entries  
**First Place** *Greenville Daily News*  
 LOWELL MARKET  
 AD TEAM  
**Second Place** *Cadillac News*  
*Bigby Coffee - Bagels*  
 Shelly Mueller, Graphics  
**Third Place** *Cadillac News*  
*Untamed Archery - Fall outdoor ad*  
 Katheryn Kidder, Jody Graff  
**Honorable Mention** *Cadillac News*  
*Classic Auto and Truck Repair - Spring Car Ad*  
 Katheryn Kidder, Jody Graff

**Non-Daily - Best use of color**  
 8 Entries  
**First Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*Nittolos 2 for \$20.23*  
 Mike Anderson  
**Second Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*Bohemian/Omena Bay*  
 Mike Anderson  
**Third Place** *Grosse Pointe News*  
*Hotel Iroquois*  
 Olivia Monette  
**Honorable Mention** *Grosse Pointe News*  
*Fox Creek*  
 Olivia Monette

**Community Business Promotions**

**Daily - Community Business Promotions**  
 7 Entries  
**First Place** *Ludington Daily News*  
*Blessing of the Bikes*  
 Judy Lytle  
**Second Place** *Daily Mining Gazette*  
*Welcome Passengers Spadea*  
 Sue Johnson, Bethany Jones, Candace Wolf  
**Third Place** *Greenville Daily News*  
*Vendor Promo - Artisans*  
 Ad team  
**Honorable Mention** *Ludington Daily News*  
*Sparkle in the Park*  
 Judy Lytle

**Non-Daily - Community Business Promotions**  
 5 Entries  
**First Place** *Grosse Pointe News*  
*Kercheval After 6*  
 Olivia Monette  
**Second Place** *Grosse Pointe News*  
*GP Animal Adoption Society Community Promo*  
 Donna Zetterlund  
**Third Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*Christmas Services*  
 Creative Department, Advertising Department  
**Honorable Mention** *Grosse Pointe News*  
*Pumpkins in the Park ad*  
 John Pigott, Julie Sutton, Ken Schop

**Entertaining Services**

**Daily - Entertaining Services**  
 4 Entries  
**First Place** *Cadillac News*  
*Missaukee Golf - Golf Guide Ad*  
 Shelly Mueller, Graphics  
**Second Place** *Cadillac News*  
*The Pines Sports Bar and Bowling - Coupon Ad*  
 Katheryn Kidder, Graphics  
**Third Place** *Ludington Daily News*  
*The Mitten Bar/Sportsman's*  
 Judy Lytle  
**Honorable Mention** *Greenville Daily News*  
*Christmas CONcert*  
 Ad team

**Non-Daily - Entertaining Services**  
 2 Entries  
**First Place** *Tri-County Times*  
*Boat Bar*  
 Jen Ward, Eric Lewis  
**Second Place** *Tri-County Times*  
*Southern Lakes Parks & Rec*  
 Lorie Gavulic, Bridget Koledo

**General Retail**

**Daily - General Retail**  
 9 Entries  
**First Place** *Greenville Daily News*  
*Horrocks Christmas*  
 Ad team  
**Second Place** *Cadillac News*  
*Pilgrim Village Fishing Shop - Wishes Granted*  
 Katheryn Kidder, Graphics  
**Third Place** *Cadillac News*  
*Swick Customer Butchering - Perfection in Every Cut*  
 Linda Ziska, Graphics  
**Honorable Mention** *Ludington Daily News*  
*25% off Purple Monkey/ABC Kidz*  
 Judy Lytle  
**Non-Daily - General Retail**  
 14 Entries  
**First Place** *Leelanau Enterprise*  
*RPM Records*  
 Mike Anderson

**Second Place**

*Iris*  
GPN Production Team

**Third Place**

*Pink Elephant Cupcakes*  
Paul Biondi, Donna Zetterlund

**Honorable Mention**

*Brinks Art & Frame Shop*  
GJill Thomas, Graphics

**Home Furnishings**

**Daily - Home Furnishings**

7 Entries

**First Place**

*Positive Chimney & Fire Place*  
Linda Ziska, Graphics

**Second Place**

*Langlois Home Furnishings*  
Judy Lytle

**Third Place**

*Home Depot*  
Katheryn Kidder, Graphics

**Honorable Mention**

*Larry's*  
Ad team

**Non-Daily - Home Furnishings**

5 Entries

**First Place**

*Classic Cabinets*  
Nanci Bridget

**Second Place**

*Big games belong here - Sargent Appliance*  
Anne Gryzenia

**Third Place**

*Dave Lamb*  
Lorie Gavulic, Bridget Koledo

**Honorable Mention**

*Hitt's Fine Furniture*  
The Globe Advertising

**Home Services**

**Daily - Home Services**

8 Entries

**First Place**

*Classic Red White and Blue*  
Ad Team

**Second Place**

*Carter Lumber - Plan for your dream kitchen*  
Julie Eilers

**Third Place**

*DouGLASS*  
Linda Ziska, Graphics

**Honorable Mention**

*Randy Sebring Builder*  
Katheryn Kidder, Graphics

**Non-Daily - Home Services**

7 Entries

**First Place**

*Tecumseh Plywood*

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Grosse Pointe News**

**The Missaukee Sentinel**

**Cadillac News**

**Ludington Daily News**

**Cadillac News**

**Greenville Daily News**

**Tecumseh Herald**

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Tri-County Times**

**The Globe**

**Greenville Daily News**

**Ludington Daily News**

**Cadillac News**

**Cadillac News**

**Tecumseh Herald**

Koda Woodward

**Second Place**

*Dave Lamb*  
Lorie Gavulic, Bridget Koledo

**Third Place**

*Mountain Stone*  
Jason Plowman

**Honorable Mention**

*Abstract Builders*  
Nanci Bridget

**New and Used Autos- Recreational Vehicles and Boats**

**Daily - New and Used Autos- Recreational Vehicles and Boats**

8 Entries

**First Place**

*Save the Date - Boat Show*  
Judy Lytle

**Second Place**

*Enjoy Summer - Lakeshore Motorsports*  
Julie Eilers

**Third Place**

*Save EVery Witch Way*  
Ad team

**Honorable Mention**

*Four Generations Strong - Urka Auto*  
Candy Bryant

**Non-Daily - New and Used Autos- Recreational Vehicles and Boats**

3 Entries

**First Place**

*Suburban Chevrolet of Clinton*  
Nanci Bridget

**Second Place**

*Ashland Ford*  
The Globe Advertising

**Third Place**

*Golling Chrysler*  
Olivia Monette

**Real Estate**

**Daily - Real Estate**

3 Entries

**First Place**

*Backwoods Realty - Real Estate Cover*  
Shelly Mueller, Kathy Walker

**Second Place**

*Lighthouse Realty*  
Candy Bryant

**Third Place**

*Happy Birthday Ludington - C21*  
Julie Eilers

**Non-Daily - Real Estate**

6 Entries

**First Place**

*Your Home - Finer Pointes*  
Donna Zetterlund, Olivia Monette, Julie Sutton

**Second Place**

*John Martin*

**Tri-County Times**

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Tecumseh Herald**

**Ludington Daily News**

**Ludington Daily News**

**Greenville Daily News**

**Ludington Daily News**

**Tecumseh Herald**

**The Globe**

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Cadillac News**

**Ludington Daily News**

**Ludington Daily News**

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Leelanau Enterprise**



Jason Plowman  
**Third Place**  
*Andy Alger Team*  
 Lorie Gavulic, Bridget Koledo  
**Honorable Mention**  
*Remax Action North*  
 The Globe Advertising

**Tri-County Times**

**The Globe**

*Hopscotch*  
 Nanci Bridget  
**Third Place**  
*The Sweet Boutique*  
 Nanci Bridget  
**Honorable Mention**  
*Red Crown: Life is Good!*  
 Donna Zetterlund

**Tecumseh Herald**

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Restaurants**

**Daily - Restaurants**

10 Entries

**First Place**

*hop hog bbq*

Ad team

**Greenville Daily News**

**Second Place**

*Lunch with us*

Ad team

**Greenville Daily News**

**Third Place**

*The Ultimate Bloody Mary*

Julie Eilers, Lorie Brown

**Ludington Daily News**

**Honorable Mention**

*Beamer's Restaurant*

Judy Lytle

**Ludington Daily News**

**Non-Daily - Restaurants**

10 Entries

**First Place**

*Morning Glory*

Donna Zetterlund

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Second Place**

*Nittolos Pizza Man*

Mike Anderson

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Third Place**

*Pendy's Restaurant*

Olivia Monette

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Honorable Mention**

*Brine - Tide to Table*

Ken Schop, Mary Schlager, Paul Biondi

**Grosse Pointe News**

**Small Ads Work**

**Daily - Small Ads Work**

7 Entries

**First Place**

*Feel the Heartbeat*

Ad team

**Greenville Daily News**

**Honorable Mention**

*Car Rentals - Vanderhaag*

Julie Eilers

**Ludington Daily News**

**Second Place**

*Lakewood on the Green*

Katheryn Kidder, Jody Graff

**Cadillac News**

**Third Place**

*Funeral Page Banner ad*

Ad team

**Greenville Daily News**

**Non-Daily - Small Ads Work**

9 Entries

**First Place**

*Furnace Street Distillery*

Jason Plowman

**Leelanau Enterprise**

**Second Place**

**Tecumseh Herald**