

2024 MPA Better Newspaper Contest



Statewide Contest Spotlights Quality Journalism

Members of Wisconsin Press Association reviewed 2,928 entries submitted by 93 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 2024 “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	Midland Daily News	Class C	Grosse Pointe News
Class D	Flint Journal	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 2024 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 2024 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 **Grosse Pointe News**.

The MPA Rookie Writer Award recognizes exemplary efforts of new writers just breaking into journalism. The three finalists are: Abby Poirier of Crains Grand Rapids Business, Aya Miller of Kalamazoo Gazette and Michael Livingston of Traverse City Record-Eagle, with the award going to **Aya Miller**.

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 “How much conservative law firm got paid”, Detroit News for “1 in 5 Michigan lawmakers have signed pact to keep taxpayer-subsidized projects secret”, and Saginaw News for “Secure Cities”, with the award going to **Saginaw News**.

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 News for “Trump, false electors fallout”
Daily B:	Traverse City Record-Eagle for “Homeless in Traverse City”
Daily C:	Holland Sentinel for “Budget Battles in Ottawa County”
Daily D:	Flint Journal for “10 years after it was triggered, Flint remembers the beginning of the water crisis”
Weekly C:	Grosse Pointe News for “City’s takes down Lululemon theft ring”

The 2025 MPA Better Newspaper Contest opens August 1, 2025.

Class 37 - Spot News Story

Daily A - Class 37 - Spot News Story

7 Entries

1st Place

Tornado coverage

Staff

2nd Place

Rochester Hills splash pad shooter found dead; wounded victims

include two boys

Staff

3rd Place

Jennifer Crumbley found guilty

Julia Cardi, Kara Berg

Grand Rapids Press

Detroit News

Detroit News

Daily B - Class 37 - Spot News Story

3 Entries

1st Place

Whitmer kidnap trial verdict

Mardi Link

2nd Place

County commissioner arrested in undercover op

Staff

3rd Place

Cybercrime hits Traverse City school district

Staff

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Daily C - Class 37 - Spot News Story

13 Entries

1st Place

Deptment of Energy grants \$1.5B loan to restart Palisades

Mitchell Boatman

2nd Place

Adam Heinrich faces charges in Atlanta, Georgia, after using racial slur, fighting with police

Tereasa Nims

3rd Place

Elk living its best life in Rogers City

Steve Schulwitz

Holland Sentinel

Midland Daily News

Alpena News

Daily D - Class 37 - Spot News Story

31 Entries

1st Place

Reported tornadoes rock Southwest Michigan, leaving people trapped and homes destroyed

Staff

2nd Place

'People don't know what to do': Muskegon residents pick up pieces after major storm

Kayla Tucker

3rd Place

National championship fires

Jordyn Pair, Sam Dodge

Kalamazoo Gazette

Muskegon Chronicle

The Ann Arbor News

Weekly A - Class 37 - Spot News Story

10 Entries

1st Place

Kildee shooting

Madeline Campbell

2nd Place

Truck spill

Gary Gould

Grand Blanc View

Grand Blanc View

3rd Place

Davison fire

Gary Gould

Grand Blanc View

Weekly B - Class 37 - Spot News Story

8 Entries

1st Place

Kramer resigns

Zachary Marano

2nd Place

Report diagnosis malaise

Zachary Marano

3rd Place

Special delivery en route to hospital

Shelby Stewart-Soldan

Leelanau Enterprise

Leelanau Enterprise

The Citizen, Ortonville

Weekly C - Class 37 - Spot News Story

12 Entries

1st Place

Fire rakes fairgrounds

P.J. Glisson

2nd Place

Sault Nurses Strike

Erich T. Doerr

3rd Place

Mackinac Island Community Mourns Seasonal

Stephanie Fortino

The Globe

St. Ignace News

St. Ignace News

Weekly D - Class 37 - Spot News Story

9 Entries

1st Place

Who runs the school? Discipline questioned at TAS

Sterling McGinn

2nd Place

Fire department rescues two teens who fell through ice on Squaw Lake

Jim Newell

3rd Place

Can your DNA help solve this mystery?

Carol Stiffler

Newberry News

Oxford Leader

Newberry News

Class 38 - News Enterprise Reporting

Daily A - Class 38 - News Enterprise Reporting

20 Entries

1st Place

Crumbelys on Trial

Tresa Baldas

2nd Place

William Smith's business empire crumbles

Staff

2nd Place

Ottawa County health officer saga

Audra Gamble, Michael Kransz

3rd Place

Guarding the Great Lakes

Carol Thompson

Honorable Mention

Nuclear Energy is getting a reaction in Michigan

Garret Ellison, Sheri McWhirter

Detroit Free Press

Detroit News

Grand Rapids Press

Detroit News

Grand Rapids Press

Daily B - Class 38 - News Enterprise Reporting

8 Entries

1st Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Hidden camera found in coffee shop restroom

Elizabeth Brewer, Ted Wendling, Michael Breazeale

2nd Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

State police go dark on disclosure of fatalities

Ted Wendling, Elizabeth Brewer

3rd Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Outsourcing inmates

Ted Wendling, Elizabeth Brewer

Daily D - Class 38 - News Enterprise Reporting

34 Entries

1st Place *Muskegon Chronicle*

Timothy's tragic story: Teen murdered by mom exposes troubling

holes in child welfare system

Brad Massman

2nd Place *Kalamazoo Gazette*

Homelessness series

Ryan Boldrey, Audrey Whitaker

3rd Place *Muskegon Chronicle*

2 deaths in 7 years: Silver Lake Sand Dunes are 'relatively safe,'

sheriff say

Kayla Tucker

Weekly A - Class 38 - News Enterprise Reporting

16 Entries

1st Place *Tri-County Times*

Detective determined to solve Randa's missing person case

Sharon Stone

2nd Place *Grand Blanc View*

ARPA Spending

Gary Gould, Lania Rocha, Madeline Campbell

3rd Place *Tri-County Times*

Talks underway to bring Jelly Roll to jail

Sharon Stone

Weekly B - Class 38 - News Enterprise Reporting

6 Entries

1st Place *The Citizen, Ortonville*

Abigail's Pride in Ortonville

Shelby Stewart-Soldan

2nd Place *The Citizen, Ortonville*

Michigan Family Protection Act soon to be law; Gov. Whitmer signs

Michigan Family Protection Act

Shelby Stewart-Soldan

3rd Place *Leelanau Enterprise*

Short-term rentals

Brian Freiburger

Weekly C - Class 38 - News Enterprise Reporting

10 Entries

1st Place *St. Ignace News*

Mackinac Straits Transportation

Stephanie Fortino

2nd Place *Sanilac County News*

Prison door slams on child kidnapper

Casey Johnson

3rd Place *Sanilac County News*

Judge: 'You destroyed your daughter's childhood'

Casey Johnson

Weekly D - Class 38 - News Enterprise Reporting

3 Entries

1st Place *Newberry News*

What is it like to call 988?

Carol Stiffler

2nd Place *Newberry News*

Can Columbus Township survive?

Sterling McGinn

3rd Place *Oscoda Press*

PFAS Contamination Coverage

Jenny Haglund

Class 39 - Government/Education News

Daily A - Class 39 - Government/Education News

17 Entries

1st Place *Detroit News*

Error-filled child abuse investigation reports lead to charges against

two families

Kara Berg

2nd Place *Detroit News*

Ex-leader sues Michigan Christian college for losing job over alleged

'inappropriate' texts"

Kim Kozlowski

3rd Place *Grand Rapids Press*

Grade inflation

Matt Miller

Honorable Mention *Detroit News*

UM revokes activist's award, seeks discipline for others, stirring cries

of politics

Kim Kozlowski

Daily B - Class 39 - Government/Education News

6 Entries

1st Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Turmoil at Northern Lakes

Staff

2nd Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Proposal 3 campaign finance filings

Bill O'Brien

3rd Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

College's annexation proposal removed

Staff

Daily C - Class 39 - Government/Education News

28 Entries

1st Place *Midland Daily News*

Beaverton Schools Superintendent Passalacqua resigns

Isabelle Pasciolla

2nd Place *Holland Sentinel*

Allegan Board Chair claims he withdrew 'under duress,' wants back

on the ballot

Mitchell Boatman

3rd Place *The Daily Press*

Judge rejects commissioners' appeals

Ilsa Minor

Daily D - Class 39 - Government/Education News

35 Entries

1st Place *Kalamazoo Gazette*

'Why aren't folks outraged?': Kalamazoo Black male grad rate

continues to decline

Aya Miller

2nd Place

The Ann Arbor News

With people sleeping in parks, is Ann Arbor doing enough to house the homeless?

Ryan Stanton

3rd Place

Kalamazoo Gazette

Sheriff Mark Lillywhite stories

Brad Devereaux

Weekly A - Class 39 - Government/Education News

12 Entries

1st Place

Grosse Pointe Times

Teachers, administrators leaving Grosse Pointe schools as contract talks remain unresolved

K. Michelle Moran

2nd Place

Grand Blanc View

Gun Range

Gary Gould

3rd Place

Huron County View

Local schools ready to take advantage of state's free school meals program

Seth Stapleton

Weekly B - Class 39 - Government/Education News

10 Entries

1st Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Public comment changes

Zachary Marano

2nd Place

The Citizen, Ortonville

New St. Anne Pastor brings message of thankfulness

David Fleet

3rd Place

Leelanau Enterprise

NASA

Meakalia Previch-Liu

Weekly C - Class 39 - Government/Education News

21 Entries

1st Place

The Globe

Native American consultant brings joy to Watersmeet

P.J. Glisson

2nd Place

Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

State land being used for 'prolonged dispersed camping

Cheryl Holladay

3rd Place

Tecumseh Herald

BD tax mistake hits district residents with double winter tax millage

Jackie Koch

Weekly D - Class 39 - Government/Education News

18 Entries

1st Place

The Lake Orion Review

Lake Orion Community Schools bond and sinking fund updates

Megan Kelley

2nd Place

Oxford Leader

Guidepost Solutions and Varnum release final report on OHS shooting

Megan Kelley

3rd Place

The Lake Orion Review

Proposal to repeal Lake Orion DDA funding ordinance slated for Nov. 7 election

Jim Newell

Class 40 - Business/Agriculture News

Daily A - Class 40 - Business/Agriculture News

14 Entries

1st Place

Detroit News

UAW strike

Breana Noble, Kalea Hall, Daniel Howes

2nd Place

Detroit News

Weed wars: Local battles simmer 5 years after voters approved

recreational pot laws

Louis Aguilar, Hannah Mackay

3rd Place

Detroit Free Press

Future of the Renaissance Center

Jamie L. LaReau, JC Reindl

Daily B - Class 40 - Business/Agriculture News

4 Entries

1st Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Unrest on Kalkaska hospital board

Mardi Link

2nd Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Festival, airport clash over air show

Peter Kobs, Jordan Travis

3rd Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Local salon's transgender stance prompts backlash

Elizabeth Brewer, Jordan Travis, Ted Wendling

Daily C - Class 40 - Business/Agriculture News

18 Entries

1st Place

Lansing State Journal

Granger aims to build landfill on top of hazardous landfill, likely a first in the U.S.

Mike Ellis

2nd Place

Midland Daily News

Gladwin County farmers rally behind need for large animal vet

Isabelle Pasciolla

3rd Place

Midland Daily News

Midland County's 'Ganjanpreneurs': A 4/20 update on local marijuana businesses

Tereasa Nims

Daily D - Class 40 - Business/Agriculture News

27 Entries

1st Place

The Ann Arbor News

No more lunch rush? Ann Arbor restaurant owners 'happy if we break even'

Makayla Coffee

2nd Place

The Ann Arbor News

As rents rise downtown, chain stores threaten to transform Ann Arbor's funky business scene

Makayla Coffee

3rd Place

Jackson Citizen Patriot

Jackson Crossing vs Westwood Mall: Why one is thriving, and the other is not

Chloe Miller

Weekly A - Class 40 - Business/Agriculture News

4 Entries

1st Place

Tri-County Times

The joy of miniature therapy horses

Hannah Ball

2nd Place

Huron County View

Project R.E.D. brings students and farming together

John Bonke

3rd Place *Huron County View*
Ag themed mural celebrates Huron County's farming heritage
 John Bonke

Weekly B - Class 40 - Business/Agriculture News

5 Entries

1st Place *Leelanau Enterprise*

Manoomin Wild Rice
 Meakalia Previch-Liu

2nd Place *Leelanau Enterprise*

Leelanau Cellars
 Brian Freiburger

3rd Place *The Citizen, Ortonville*

Pressing on: fourth generation cider maker
 David Fleet

Weekly C - Class 40 - Business/Agriculture News

16 Entries

1st Place *Sanilac County News*

Sandusky construction 'difficult' to 'crippling'
 Mike Gallagher

2nd Place *Grosse Pointe News*

Rite Aid on Hill to close
 Laurel Kraus

3rd Place *Grosse Pointe News*

City's own takes down Lululemon theft ring
 Laurel Kraus

Weekly D - Class 40 - Business/Agriculture News

11 Entries

1st Place *Sentinel-Standard*

Millions of chickens killed, hundreds of employees laid off as bird flu sweeps Herbruck's
 Evan Sasiela

2nd Place *Newberry News*

Can winter be saved?
 Carol Stiffler

3rd Place *Oscoda Press*

Representatives reflect on HCB's 35 years as community-owned bank
 Jenny Haglund

Class 41 - Feature Story

Daily A - Class 41 - Feature Story

20 Entries

1st Place *Detroit Free Press*

After 150 years, an Up North cherry orchard calls it quits
 John Carlisle

2nd Place *Detroit Free Press*

Dog repeatedly escapes Up North shelter, sneaks into nursing home
 John Carlisle

3rd Place *Detroit News*

Detroit is Tubi Town: How the streamer became a hub for locally made movies and TV shows
 Adam Graham

Daily B - Class 41 - Feature Story

5 Entries

1st Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

A hero in our midst
 Mardi Link

2nd Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Slope soaring at Sleeping Bear
 Jordan Travis

3rd Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Friends for life
 Ted Wendling

Daily C - Class 41 - Feature Story

54 Entries

1st Place *Cadillac News*

I just thought I was watching a movie
 Ricardo Martin

2nd Place *Holland Sentinel*

This stuffed pig was found on a trail along Lake Huron. Now she's a local celebrity
 Cassandra Lybrink

3rd Place *Midland Daily News*

He couldn't afford scuba diving, until a ship exploded on the Saginaw River
 Ben Jodway

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Daily D - Class 41 - Feature Story

55 Entries

1st Place *Kalamazoo Gazette*

'No longer living in sin': Couple in 90s marries after 40 years together
 Ryan Boldrey

2nd Place *Flint Journal*

We Are Flint: Capturing history on canvas
 Julian Leshay Guadalupe

3rd Place *Livingston County Daily Press & Argus*

'Different does not mean less': Pinckney mom has a message for her community
 Cassandra Lybrink

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Weekly A - Class 41 - Feature Story

36 Entries

1st Place *Grosse Pointe Times*

Exhibition celebrates work of acclaimed longtime artist and art educator
 K. Michelle Moran

2nd Place *Huron County View*

Local veteran details over two-decade career in Navy
 Seth Stapleton

3rd Place *Tri-County Times*

'Pat Danger is talking boats again'
 Hannah Ball

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3rd Place *Grosse Pointe Times*

Music producer from Grosse Pointe makes sound decisions as an artist
 K. Michelle Moran

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Weekly B - Class 41 - Feature Story

12 Entries

1st Place *The Citizen, Ortonville*

An Ireland journey: Fr. Gerry Frawley remembered
 David Fleet

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2nd Place *Leelanau Enterprise*

Decorating the S-B Bridge
 Meakalia Previch-Liu

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3rd Place *Leelanau Enterprise*

T-Rex
 Brian Freiburger

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Weekly C - Class 41 - Feature Story

51 Entries

1st Place

Grosse Pointe News

The mural of the story

Ted O'Neil

2nd Place

Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

Breaking bread across the country

Krista Tacey-Cater

3rd Place

Grosse Pointe News

Friendly competition with a twist

Jody McVeigh

Weekly D - Class 41 - Feature Story

31 Entries

1st Place

Charlevoix Courier

'A guardian angel': McLaren nurse's quick actions save stranger's life during heart attack

Annie Doyle

2nd Place

Newberry News

'Wheel' contestant: 'I just absolutely won'

Carol Stiffler

3rd Place

Clare County Cleaver

Miracle Creates Miracle for Herself, Others Struggling with Addiction

Megan Barron

Class 43 - Best Editorial

Daily A - Class 43 - Best Editorial

3 Entries

1st Place

Detroit News

The Detroit News: Our Editorial

Nolan Finley, Kaitlyn Buss, Nicole Cook

2nd Place

Detroit Free Press

Amid \$40 million embezzlement probe, Detroit Riverfront

Conservancy has work to do

Khalil AlHajal

3rd Place

Detroit News

The Detroit News: Our Editorial

Nolan Finley, Kaitlyn Buss, Nicole Cook

Daily B - Class 43 - Best Editorial

3 Entries

1st Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Court action needed to break through no-fault no-fix logjam

Rebecca Pierce

2nd Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Attorney general's comments hurt process

Allison Batdorff

3rd Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

The point is this: State must honor its contracts

Rebecca Pierce

Daily C - Class 43 - Best Editorial

5 Entries

1st Place

Holland Sentinel

Ottawa Impact: Do the politics matter if the county is left broke?

Cassandra Lybrink

2nd Place

The Daily News, Iron Mountain

Public deserves meeting on region's postal changes

Betsy Bloom

3rd Place

The Daily News, Iron Mountain

Clear differences on climate change

Jim Anderson

Daily D - Class 43 - Best Editorial

2 Entries

1st Place

Huron Daily Tribune

Eric Young Best Editorial

Eric Young

2nd Place

Livingston County Daily Press & Argus

This isn't who we are — right? 10 years later, I'm still writing about racism in Howell

Cassandra Lybrink

Weekly A - Class 43 - Best Editorial

1 Entries

1st Place

Huron County View

Trump assassination attempt serves as a reminder of a teaching moment

Paul P. Adams

Weekly B - Class 43 - Best Editorial

4 Entries

1st Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Choose wisely

Zachary Marano

2nd Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Are raises justified?

Zachary Marano

3rd Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Earth Day

Meakalia Previch-Liu

Weekly C - Class 43 - Best Editorial

8 Entries

1st Place

Grosse Pointe News

The committee conundrum

Ted O'Neil

2nd Place

Grosse Pointe News

Pepsi sig(h)n fizzles out

Meg Leonard

3rd Place

Grosse Pointe News

GPPSS is the talk of the town

Meg Leonard

Weekly D - Class 43 - Best Editorial

6 Entries

1st Place

Newberry News

Why we don't give up

Carol Stiffler

2nd Place

Newberry News

Why there are fewer fishermen now

Bill Diem

3rd Place

Newberry News

Is this a Lions nation now?

Carol Stiffler

Class 44 - Best Columnist

Daily A - Class 44 - Best Columnist

14 Entries

1st Place

Detroit Free Press

The Watchdog Whose Bite is Worse than his Bark

M.L. Elrick

2nd Place **Detroit Free Press**

Neal Rubin introduces metro Detroiters to their neighbors

Neal Rubin

3rd Place **Detroit News**

Migrant crime and no-fault reform

Chad Livengood

Daily B - Class 44 - Best Columnist

4 Entries

1st Place **Traverse City Record-Eagle**

Jordan Travis

2nd Place **Traverse City Record-Eagle**

Susan Odgers

3rd Place **Traverse City Record-Eagle**

Allison Batdorff

Daily C - Class 44 - Best Columnist

8 Entries

1st Place **Midland Daily News**

Isabelle Pasciolla

2nd Place **Alpena News**

Justin A. Hinkley

3rd Place **Alpena News**

Torianna Marasco

Daily D - Class 44 - Best Columnist

10 Entries

1st Place **Flint Journal**

Jake May

2nd Place **Greenville Daily News**

Elisabeth Waldon

3rd Place **Manistee News-Advocate**

Michelle Fedder

Weekly A - Class 44 - Best Columnist

10 Entries

1st Place **Huron County View**

Seth Stapleton

2nd Place **Grand Blanc View**

Gary Gould

3rd Place **Grand Blanc View**

Gary Gould

Weekly B - Class 44 - Best Columnist

7 Entries

1st Place **Leelanau Enterprise**

Enjoy these moments

Brian Freiburger

2nd Place **Leelanau Enterprise**

Intergenerational

Meakalia Previch-Liu

3rd Place **Leelanau Enterprise**

Short-term rentals

Zachary Marano

Weekly C - Class 44 - Best Columnist

19 Entries

1st Place **Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News**

I was thinking...

Cheryl Holladay

2nd Place **Grosse Pointe News**

Second Time Around

Margie Reins Smith

3rd Place **Presque Isle County Advance/Onaway Outlook**

Richard Lamb

Weekly D - Class 44 - Best Columnist

5 Entries

1st Place **Newberry News**

Helga Says: Do you have a dream?

Helga Flower

2nd Place **Newberry News**

Posts from the coast: Walking in their (stolen?) shoes

Susie Zag

3rd Place **Clarkston News**

Wendi's Word: Reading month is every month

Wendi Reardon Price

Class 45 - Best Newspaper/Publication Design

Daily B - Class 45 - Best Newspaper/Publication Design

1 Entries

1st Place **Traverse City Record-Eagle**

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023

Staff

Daily C - Class 45 - Best Newspaper/Publication Design

2 Entries

1st Place **Cadillac News**

Nov. 17, 2023

Staff

2nd Place **The Daily News, Iron Mountain**

The Daily News, Iron Mountain

Staff

Daily D - Class 45 - Best Newspaper/Publication Design

3 Entries

1st Place **Greenville Daily News**

March 2, 2024 Daily News

Darrin Clark

2nd Place **Daily Mining Gazette**

10/30/2023 DMG edition

Staff

3rd Place **Livingston County Daily Press & Argus**

LCP 9/3/23

Fernando Hernandez

Weekly A - Class 45 - Best Newspaper/Publication Design

5 Entries

1st Place **Huron County View**

Huron County View 5/23/2024

Cynthia Alvado

2nd Place **Huron County View**

Huron County View 11/16/2024

Cynthia Alvado

3rd Place **Tri-County Times**

October 2, 2023 edition

Staff

Weekly C - Class 45 - Best Newspaper/Publication Design

6 Entries

1st Place **Grosse Pointe News**

July 18th, 2024 issue

GPN Staff

2nd Place **St. Ignace News**

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Staff

3rd Place
Sept. 21, 2023 edition
 Staff
Crawford County Avalanche

Weekly D - Class 45 - Best Newspaper/Publication Design

1 Entries
1st Place
September 20, 2023
 Lauren Burton, Carol Stiffler
Newberry News

Class 46 - Best Page or Pages Design

Daily A - Class 46 - Best Page or Pages Design

20 Entries
1st Place
A whole new ballgame
 James Hollar
2nd Place
Gracias -- A farewell to Tiger Miguel Cabrera
 Ryan Ford
3rd Place
The depths of love
 James Hollar
Detroit News

Daily B - Class 46 - Best Page or Pages Design

3 Entries
1st Place
More Food: Saturday, June 8, 2024
 Aly Kleidon
2nd Place
Times Herald Oct. 9, 2023 - Fall colors
 Scott Lanter
3rd Place
Patriot Game layout
 Brian Steele
Traverse City Record-Eagle

Daily C - Class 46 - Best Page or Pages Design

3 Entries
1st Place
Northern Lifestyles designs
 Angie Hall
2nd Place
May 11, 2024 A1
 Ann Trucks
3rd Place
The Daily News, Iron Mountain
 Staff
Alpena News

Daily D - Class 46 - Best Page or Pages Design

8 Entries
1st Place
DMG06082024A1
 Candace Wolf
2nd Place
Festival pages
 Candace Wolf
3rd Place
April 9, 2024 Daily News
 Darrin Clark
Daily Mining Gazette

Weekly A - Class 46 - Best Page or Pages Design

11 Entries
1st Place
Huron County View Five Crowns 06/20/2024
Huron County View

Cynthia Alvado
2nd Place
A good time at Maritime
 Cynthia Alvado
Huron County View

3rd Place
Huron County View Sports 12/21/23
 Cynthia Alvado
Huron County View

Weekly B - Class 46 - Best Page or Pages Design

5 Entries
1st Place
Steaming through the years
 Amy Hubbell and Mike Anderson
2nd Place
Leelanau Color Tour - Just One
 Mike Anderson
3rd Place
Leelanau coffee shops
 Mike Anderson
Leelanau Enterprise

Weekly C - Class 46 - Best Page or Pages Design

20 Entries
1st Place
Jingle Bulbs
 Donna Zetterlund, Anne Gryzenia, Olivia Monette
2nd Place
Tecumseh's Spring Playlist
 Nanci Bridget
3rd Place
Hoops for Hope
 Staff
Grosse Pointe News

Weekly D - Class 46 - Best Page or Pages Design

3 Entries
1st Place
Sports, page 9, March 20, 2024
 Lauren Burton
2nd Place
Sports, page 9, January 3, 2024
 Lauren Burton
3rd Place
Sports, page 9, March 27, 2024
 Carol Stiffler
Newberry News

Class 47 - Special Section

Daily A - Class 47 - Special Section

3 Entries
1st Place
Michigan Central Station - Rebirth of a Detroit Icon
 Detroit Free Press Staff
2nd Place
Michigan Central rises anew
 James Hollar
3rd Place
Blue Moon - Detroit Free Press
 Ryan Ford
Detroit Free Press

Daily B - Class 47 - Special Section

3 Entries
1st Place
Record-Eagle 165th anniversary special section
 Staff
Traverse City Record-Eagle

2nd Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Grand Traverse Scene: Holiday 2023 edition

Staff

3rd Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

2023 Playbook

Staff

Daily C - Class 47 - Special Section

6 Entries

1st Place *Ludington Daily News*

Shoreline Media Football Preview

David Bossick, Matthew Scheidel, Staff

2nd Place *The Daily News, Iron Mountain*

Continental Cup Ski Jumping

Staff

3rd Place *Ludington Daily News*

Celebrating Our Lighthouse Anniversaries

Staff

Daily D - Class 47 - Special Section

8 Entries

1st Place *Greenville Daily News*

Rooted in local agriculture

Staff

2nd Place *Manistee News-Advocate*

Extraordinary Educators

Staff

3rd Place *Daily Mining Gazette*

Women's History Month

Staff

Weekly A - Class 47 - Special Section

5 Entries

1st Place *Huron County View*

Ubly State Champs

Huron County View Staff

2nd Place *Huron County View*

Veterans Day Salute

Huron County View Staff

3rd Place *Tri-County Times*

First Responders

Staff

Weekly B - Class 47 - Special Section

3 Entries

1st Place *Leelanau Enterprise*

Leelanau Color Tour

Leelanau Enterprise Staff

2nd Place *Leelanau Enterprise*

Leelanau Visitors Guide

Leelanau Enterprise Staff

3rd Place *Leelanau Enterprise*

Silver Source Directory

Leelanau Enterprise Staff

Weekly C - Class 47 - Special Section

8 Entries

1st Place *Tecumseh Herald*

Tecumseh Bicentennial: Faces of Downtown

Nanci Bridget

2nd Place *Grosse Pointe News*

Wedding Guide

GPN Staff

3rd Place

Mothers Day 2024

Eric Hamp and Tori Muckenthaler

Crawford County Avalanche

Class 48 - News Photo

Daily A - Class 48 - News Photo

9 Entries

1st Place *Detroit Free Press*

Flooding on I-275

Kimberly P. Mitchell

2nd Place *Detroit News*

Our Hero

Clarence Tabb, Jr.

3rd Place *Detroit News*

Easy Street

David Guralnick

Honorable Mention *Grand Rapids Press*

Damaged

Joel Bissell

Daily B - Class 48 - News Photo

2 Entries

1st Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Life in The Pines

Jan-Michael Stump

2nd Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Blaze chases dogs

Jan-Michael Stump

Daily C - Class 48 - News Photo

7 Entries

1st Place *Ludington Daily News*

Trying to save lives

Jeff Kiessel

2nd Place *Holland Sentinel*

Satanic Temple invocation forces Ottawa County to reckon with the meaning of religious freedom

Adam Vander Kooy

Daily D - Class 48 - News Photo

30 Entries

1st Place *Jackson Citizen Patriot*

Smoky climb

J. Scott Park

2nd Place *Kalamazoo Gazette*

Mowing amid damage

Devin Anderson-Torrez

3rd Place *Jackson Citizen Patriot*

Engulfed

J. Scott Park

Weekly A - Class 48 - News Photo

3 Entries

1st Place *Huron County View*

Local students take part in impaired driving accident simulation

Seth Stapleton

2nd Place *Huron County View*

Shades are on

Seth Stapleton

3rd Place *Huron County View*

Local Shop with a Hero event continues to grow

Seth Stapleton

Weekly B - Class 48 - News Photo

4 Entries

1st Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Eclipse

Brian Freiburger

2nd Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Eclipse

Meakalia Previch-Liu

3rd Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Laurie Glass

Brian Freiburger

Weekly C - Class 48 - News Photo

7 Entries

1st Place

Grosse Pointe News

Wise Young Owl

Renee Landuyt

2nd Place

Sanilac County News

Quick moving fire destroys home

Eric Levine

3rd Place

Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

THE 'BURGER BUN' IN THE SKY

Krista Tacey-Cater

Weekly D - Class 48 - News Photo

1 Entries

1st Place

Oscoda Press

Wintertime Weigh Down

Jenny Haglund

Class 49 - Feature Photo

Daily A - Class 49 - Feature Photo

12 Entries

1st Place

Detroit News

Block Party

Katy Kildee

2nd Place

Detroit News

Splash

David Guralnick

3rd Place

Detroit Free Press

Stirs beef stew cooking insidean electric roaster

Mandi Wright

Honorable Mention

Grand Rapids Press

Leaning in

Cory Morse

Daily B - Class 49 - Feature Photo

3 Entries

1st Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

High temps persist

Jan-Michael Stump

2nd Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Fireworks Championship

Jan-Michael Stump

3rd Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Leaping Lambs

Jan-Michael Stump

Daily C - Class 49 - Feature Photo

13 Entries

1st Place

Midland Daily News

Riverdays hot air balloons

Adam Ferman

2nd Place

Holland Sentinel

Best Photos of Tulip Time 2024

Adam Vander Kooy

3rd Place

Midland Daily News

Nick the Cat portrait

Dave Clark

Daily D - Class 49 - Feature Photo

32 Entries

1st Place

The Ann Arbor News

Eclipse Elopement

Jacob Hamilton

2nd Place

Flint Journal

In hospice care with electric blue hair. And dreams of a Detroit Lions

Super Bowl

Jake May

3rd Place

Greenville Daily News

'Out of the history books'

Cory Smith

Weekly A - Class 49 - Feature Photo

5 Entries

1st Place

Tri-County Times

Polar Plunge

Hannah Ball

2nd Place

Huron County View

Flyin' the flag

Seth Stapleton

3rd Place

Tri-County Times

Zombies, monsters take over Linden

Hannah Ball

Weekly B - Class 49 - Feature Photo

14 Entries

1st Place

The Citizen, Ortonville

Septemberfest

Patrick McAbee

2nd Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Port Oneida painter

Brian Freiburger

3rd Place

Leelanau Enterprise

TwoCrow Dancing

Meakalia Previch-Liu

Weekly C - Class 49 - Feature Photo

18 Entries

1st Place

Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

A Moment with the Clauses

Krista Tacey-Cater

2nd Place

The Globe

Light Up the Night photo

P.J. Glisson

3rd Place

The Globe

Log Jamboree photo

P.J. Glisson

Weekly D - Class 49 - Feature Photo

11 Entries

1st Place

The Lake Orion Review

Seniors Win! (Class Tug-of-War)

Jim Newell
2nd Place
Night Lights
 Carol Stiffler
3rd Place
Happy Thanksgiving
 Carol Stiffler

Newberry News

Newberry News

Class 50 - Photo Story

Daily A - Class 50 - Photo Story

7 Entries

1st Place

Grand Rapids Press

Michigan wins a Natty

Neil Blake

2nd Place

Detroit Free Press

Relapse. Overdose. Saving lives: How a Detroit addict and mom of 3 is finding her purpose

Mandi Wright

3rd Place

Grand Rapids Press

Spartan Marching Band

Cory Morse

Honorable Mention

Grand Rapids Press

Kent County storm damage

Joel Bissell

Daily B - Class 50 - Photo Story

1 Entries

1st Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

North Ed Transition Campus Prom

Jan-Michael Stump

Daily D - Class 50 - Photo Story

22 Entries

1st Place

The Ann Arbor News

Meet Hawkeye

Jacob Hamilton

2nd Place

Jackson Citizen Patriot

Massive fire destroys factory

J. Scott Park

3rd Place

Flint Journal

'Tough as Nails.' Meet Michigan's state track champion with cerebral palsy

Julian Guadalupe

Weekly A - Class 50 - Photo Story

5 Entries

1st Place

Tri-County Times

Memorial Day in Fenton

Hannah Ball

2nd Place

Tri-County Times

Area football scrimmage action

David Troppens

3rd Place

Huron County View

Parading Toward Christmas

Seth Stapleton

Weekly B - Class 50 - Photo Story

4 Entries

1st Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Laurie Glass

Brian Freiburger

2nd Place

Leelanau Enterprise

July 4th

Brian Freiburger

3rd Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Twin Flames

Meakalia Previch-Liu

Weekly C - Class 50 - Photo Story

11 Entries

1st Place

Grosse Pointe News

Annual dog swim

Renee Landuyt

2nd Place

Iosco County News-Herald

Parade, rodeo, other events merge for Memorial Day in Whittemore

Jenny Haglund

3rd Place

Grosse Pointe News

Haunted Homes

Renee Landuyt

Weekly D - Class 50 - Photo Story

16 Entries

1st Place

The Lake Orion Review

There's more than just football at the football games!

Jim Newell

2nd Place

Oxford Leader

Seymour Celebration is the perfect slide into summer

Joseph Goral

3rd Place

Oxford Leader

Trunk-or-Treat

Jim Newell

Class 51 - Sports Writing

Daily A - Class 51 - Sports Writing

5 Entries

1st Place

Detroit Free Press

With Detroit Lions season on the line, Dan Campbell trusted Jared

Goff to deliver

Dave Birkett

2nd Place

Detroit News

Big Ten benches UM's Jim Harbaugh for final three regular season games

Angelique S. Chengelis, Tony Paul

3rd Place

Detroit News

M-PRESSIVE: Michigan takes national title with 34-13 win over

Washington

Angelique S. Chengelis

Daily B - Class 51 - Sports Writing

3 Entries

1st Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Buckets of Bradfords

James Cook

2nd Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Name brand: Jarosz makes new moniker debut a memorable one

James Cook

3rd Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Family On Three: Kingsley's family circle made its way to Ford Field

Jordan Puente

Daily C - Class 51 - Sports Writing

9 Entries

1st Place

Midland Daily News

Meridian girls' basketball beats defending state champion Hemlock in electric district final

Fred Kelly

2nd Place **Midland Daily News**

Roy Johnston celebrated in final home game as Beaverton basketball coach

Fred Kelly

3rd Place **Holland Sentinel**

Zeeland East seniors honor late fathers with 'emotional' performance
Dan D'Addona

Daily D - Class 51 - Sports Writing

40 Entries

1st Place **Flint Journal**

Tale of two halves: Detroit Lions fans stand tall at Ford Field despite loss

Jake May

2nd Place **Bay City Times**

Final team gives state's winningest coach Roy Johnston a fitting farewell

Lee Thompson

3rd Place **The Ann Arbor News**

Block of the Year sends FGR girls basketball to state semis
Greg Wickliffe

Weekly A - Class 51 - Sports Writing

6 Entries

1st Place **Tri-County Times**

Fenton's Heavner - two times a state champion

David Troppens

2nd Place **Huron County View**

Bolzman Burns at State Finals

Paul P. Adams

3rd Place **Huron County View**

Sweet Redemption

Paul P. Adams

Weekly B - Class 51 - Sports Writing

5 Entries

1st Place **The Citizen, Ortonville**

Olympic surfers sport suits designed by former Blackhawk

Shelby Stewart-Soldan

2nd Place **Leelanau Enterprise**

Apsey ends football career

Brian Freiburger

3rd Place **The Citizen, Ortonville**

Remembering Tiger catcher, radio analyst Jim Price
David Fleet

Weekly C - Class 51 - Sports Writing

24 Entries

1st Place **South Lyon Herald**

Worth the delay: Livonia Franklin softball beats rival Churchill for 1st time since 2015

Brandon Folsom

2nd Place **South Lyon Herald**

What upsetting Detroit Catholic Central means for Northville's football program

Brandon Folsom

3rd Place **The Globe**

Cardinals and district drought

Jason Juno

Weekly D - Class 51 - Sports Writing

14 Entries

1st Place **Charlevoix Courier**

Charlevoix baseball exits season on crushing walk-off loss in Division 3 semifinal

Drew Kochanny

2nd Place **Gaylord Herald Times**

Injured Avery Parker ends Gaylord career on her own terms, scores one final basket

Dylan Jespersen

3rd Place **Oxford Leader**

District Champs! - Oxford Boys Soccer

Jim Newell

Class 52 - Sports Photograph

Daily A - Class 52 - Sports Photograph

10 Entries

1st Place **Detroit News**

Big Win

Katy Kildee

2nd Place **Detroit Free Press**

Detroit Lions wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown (14) dives for a touchdown

Junfu Han

3rd Place **Grand Rapids Press**

Hi-yah

Joel Bissell

Honorable Mention

Detroit News

The Victors

David Guralnick

Daily B - Class 52 - Sports Photograph

2 Entries

1st Place **Traverse City Record-Eagle**

Safe

Jan-Michael Stump

2nd Place **Traverse City Record-Eagle**

Threepeat Champion

Travis Snyder

Daily C - Class 52 - Sports Photograph

11 Entries

1st Place **The Daily News, Iron Mountain**

Norway forces winner-take-all finale

Sean Chase

2nd Place **Midland Daily News**

Dow High Softball

Fred Kelly

3rd Place **The Daily Press**

Esky baseball avenges ghosts of losses past, wins second district title in last four seasons

"The Big Dog" Mitch Vosburg

Daily D - Class 52 - Sports Photograph

34 Entries

1st Place **Huron Daily Tribune**

Unionville-Sebewaing Area's Gabby Crumm celebrates a home run in the state championship game

Tom Greene

2nd Place **Saginaw News**

Surrounded

Kaytie Boomer

3rd Place*Dunked*

Rebecca Villagrancia

The Ann Arbor News*Michigan football allegations of cheating stand to stain Jim**Harbaugh, team's legacy*

Shawn Windsor

3rd Place**Detroit News***Lions had Super Bowl bid in their hands, let it slip away*

Bob Wojnowski

Weekly A - Class 52 - Sports Photograph**5 Entries****1st Place***Lake Fenton's Coleson Lessner*

David Troppens

Tri-County Times**2nd Place***Carter Patrick buzzer beater*

Staff

Huron County View**3rd Place***Brett Mueller sets state record*

Paul P. Adams

Huron County View**Weekly B - Class 52 - Sports Photograph****3 Entries****1st Place***Laurie Glass*

Brian Freiberger

Leelanau Enterprise**2nd Place***No Snow*

Brian Freiberger

Leelanau Enterprise**3rd Place***Mankowski Soccer*

Brian Freiberger

Leelanau Enterprise**Weekly C - Class 52 - Sports Photograph****26 Entries****1st Place***Photo of Ewen Trout Creek's Bree Besonen*

Jason Juno

The Globe**2nd Place***Marlette Volleyball*

Mike Gallagher

Sanilac County News**3rd Place***Leaping over the tag*

Richard Lamb

**Presque Isle County Advance/
Onaway Outlook****Weekly D - Class 52 - Sports Photograph****18 Entries****1st Place***How did Gaylord get a Blackhawk helicopter to land during its third annual Valor Game?*

Dylan Jespersen

Gaylord Herald Times**2nd Place***A very happy homecoming*

Scott Duflo

Newberry News**3rd Place***Dragon Soccer - Hard-Fought Battle*

Jim Newell

The Lake Orion Review**Class 53 - Best Sports Column****Daily A - Class 53 - Best Sports Column****6 Entries****1st Place***NCAA's new reality: More money, more problems*

John Niyo

Detroit News**2nd Place****Detroit Free Press****Daily B - Class 53 - Best Sports Column****3 Entries****1st Place****Traverse City Record-Eagle***Glass' legacy difficult to contain in one article*

James Cook

2nd Place**Traverse City Record-Eagle***Navigating the impossible and imperfect*

Brendan Quealy

3rd Place**Traverse City Record-Eagle***Lions playoff win special in many ways*

James Cook

Daily C - Class 53 - Best Sports Column**12 Entries****1st Place****Midland Daily News***After decades of despair are the Detroit Lions ready to roar?*

Dave Clark

2nd Place**Holland Sentinel***'Nazi' incident in Ohio shows how far we still have to go for sports to be unifying*

Dan D'Addona

3rd Place**Midland Daily News***Kelly: Meridian's Chinavare easy to root for*

Fred Kelly

Daily D - Class 53 - Best Sports Column**10 Entries****1st Place****Greenville Daily News***Friday's biggest heart*

Austin Chastain

2nd Place**Cheboygan Daily Tribune***Commentary: Keeping Szymoniak in charge of Onaway football would have been right move*

Jared Greenleaf

3rd Place**Cheboygan Daily Tribune***GREENLEAF: State championship defeat didn't define this Inland**Lakes football team*

Jared Greenleaf

Weekly A - Class 53 - Best Sports Column**7 Entries****1st Place****Tri-County Times***Remembering Harold Krueger*

David Troppens

2nd Place**Huron County View***Beginning of USA's softball dynasty provides a teaching moment*

Paul P. Adams

3rd Place**Tri-County Times***The Lions – is this 1991-92 all over*

David Troppens

Weekly C - Class 53 - Best Sports Column**8 Entries****1st Place****Grosse Pointe News***Most dedicated NFL fanbase? Detroit's the no-doubter*

Meg Leonard

2nd Place

Marlette seniors close chapter
Mike Gallagher

Sanilac County News

3rd Place

Guest Pickers
Meg Leonard, Mike Adzima

Grosse Pointe News

Weekly D - Class 53 - Best Sports Column

6 Entries

1st Place

Jespersen: Sacrifice, not luck or fate, helps Gaylord softball to ultimate goals

Dylan Jespersen

Gaylord Herald Times

2nd Place

From the press box: Eagles bag four in a row

Dan Hardenbrook

Newberry News

3rd Place

From the press box: This one is for the fans

Dan Hardenbrook

Newberry News

Class 54 - Sports Feature

Daily A - Class 54 - Sports Feature

14 Entries

1st Place

Fans fear art of keeping score at baseball games is going, going gone

Ted Kulfan

Detroit News

2nd Place

Grosse Pointe Woods' Ayrault balances basketball, motherhood for two sets of twins

Madeline Kenney

Detroit News

3rd Place

Inside Connor Stalions' journey to his dream job at Michigan

Tony Paul

Detroit News

Daily B - Class 54 - Sports Feature

3 Entries

1st Place

King of Pain

James Cook

Traverse City Record-Eagle

2nd Place

Former Trojan hockey player changing lives as orthopedic surgeon

Brendan Quealy

Traverse City Record-Eagle

3rd Place

Knocking Down Barriers

Jordan Puente

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Daily C - Class 54 - Sports Feature

16 Entries

1st Place

Six Michigan State head coaches are moms. It's a life of 'controlled chaos'

Graham Couch

Lansing State Journal

2nd Place

Retiring ref from Hubbard Lake recalls 53 years of calling games

Torianna Marasco

Alpena News

3rd Place

Lions invite West Michigan man to sidelines on Thursday, where he took now-iconic footage

Mitchell Boatman

Holland Sentinel

Daily D - Class 54 - Sports Feature

22 Entries

1st Place

In hospice care with electric blue hair. And dreams of a Detroit Lions Super Bowl

Jake May

Flint Journal

2nd Place

Alleged Vandals

Alex Freeman

Greenville Daily News

3rd Place

'Tough as Nails.' Meet Michigan's state track champion with cerebral palsy

Julian Leshay Guadalupe

Flint Journal

Weekly A - Class 54 - Sports Feature

5 Entries

1st Place

Life with the Lions

Paul P. Adams

Huron County View

2nd Place

In good hands

Paul P. Adams

Huron County View

3rd Place

Jones, Bruder getting inducted into hall of fame

David Troppens

Tri-County Times

Weekly B - Class 54 - Sports Feature

3 Entries

1st Place

Suttmans

Brian Freiburger

Leelanau Enterprise

2nd Place

Not the same ol' Lions

Brian Freiburger

Leelanau Enterprise

3rd Place

Glen Lake Wrestling

Brian Freiburger

Leelanau Enterprise

Weekly C - Class 54 - Sports Feature

28 Entries

1st Place

Miller brought passion, more sports to Mercer

Jason Juno

The Globe

2nd Place

Legends of the Fall: Former North, South football players to watch their sons take the field Friday

Meg Leonard

Grosse Pointe News

3rd Place

South girls track and XC coaches inspire generations of athletes

Mike Adzima

Grosse Pointe News

Honorable Mention

Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

Port Royal Golf Course features Black Pearl replica

Krista Tacey-Cater

Weekly D - Class 54 - Sports Feature

14 Entries

1st Place

A perfect 10: Boyne City's Rambler Sports Network celebrates a decade

Drew Kochanny

Charlevoix Courier

2nd Place **Gaylord Herald Times**
Gaylord softball stars Jayden and Aubrey Jones trying to soak in final season together
 Dylan Jespersen

3rd Place **Newberry News**
Fundraising update: Clearing hurdles for a new track
 Dan Hardenbrook

Class 55 - Best Video Presentation

Daily A - Class 55 - Best Video Presentation
 14 Entries

1st Place **Grand Rapids Press**
Black Cowboys: Living an Overlooked Legacy
 Santino Mattioli

2nd Place **Grand Rapids Press**
Rivalry: Battle of the Bay
 Staff

3rd Place **Grand Rapids Press**
10 years later, Flint remembers the beginning of the water crisis
 Neil Blake

Daily B - Class 55 - Best Video Presentation
 3 Entries

1st Place **Traverse City Record-Eagle**
'The Long Goodbye'
 Scott Harmsen

2nd Place **Traverse City Record-Eagle**
Traverse City's Homeless: Giving a voice to the voiceless
 Scott Harmsen

3rd Place **Traverse City Record-Eagle**
Traverse City's hardcore homeless
 Scott Harmsen

Daily D - Class 55 - Best Video Presentation
 14 Entries

1st Place **Flint Journal**
How this Michigan teen became a state champion yo-yo artist
 Devin Anderson-Torrez

2nd Place **Saginaw News**
Couples celebrate 10 years since Michigan briefly legalized same-sex marriage
 Kaytie Boomer

3rd Place **The Ann Arbor News**
Michigan Central Station Tour
 Jacob Hamilton

Weekly C - Class 55 - Best Video Presentation
 5 Entries

1st Place **Grosse Pointe News**
The Nosh
 Olivia Monette

2nd Place **Grosse Pointe News**
Brine
 Olivia Monette

3rd Place **Grosse Pointe News**
Wedding Guide
 Olivia Monette

Weekly D - Class 55 - Best Video Presentation
 2 Entries

1st Place **Newberry News**
Curtis Library Grand Re-opening

Steve Stiffler

2nd Place **Charlevoix Courier**
Beaver Island Ferry tours past Charlevoix lighthouse
 Annie Doyle

Class 56 - Best Digital Presentation

Daily A - Class 56 - Best Digital Presentation
 1 Entries

1st Place **Detroit Free Press**
Detroit Free Press Digital Presentation
 Detroit Free Press Staff

Daily B - Class 56 - Best Digital Presentation
 1 Entries

1st Place **Traverse City Record-Eagle**
Traverse City Record-Eagle
 Staff

Daily C - Class 56 - Best Digital Presentation
 2 Entries

1st Place **Holland Sentinel**
Holland Sentinel
 Staff

2nd Place **The Daily News, Iron Mountain**
The Daily News, Iron Mountain
 Staff

Daily D - Class 56 - Best Digital Presentation
 6 Entries

1st Place **Greenville Daily News**
Daily News digital
 Staff

2nd Place **Manistee News-Advocate**
Manistee News Advodate digital presentation
 Staff

3rd Place **Jackson Citizen Patriot**
Digital presentation
 Staff

Weekly C - Class 56 - Best Digital Presentation
 2 Entries

1st Place **Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News**
Digital Presentation
 Staff

2nd Place **Grosse Pointe News**
Grosse Pointe News
 GPN Staff

Weekly D - Class 56 - Best Digital Presentation
 2 Entries

1st Place **Newberry News**
Newberry News
 Steve Stiffler

2nd Place **Sentinel-Standard**
The Ionia Sentinel-Standard
 Staff

Class 57 - Public Service Award

Daily A - Class 57 - Public Service Award
 7 Entries

1st Place **Detroit News**
Trump, false electors fallout

Craig Mauger

2nd Place *Grand Rapids Press*

Michigan home to one of nation's worst nursing homes

Matt Miller

3rd Place *Detroit Free Press*

10 Years after Flint water crisis, residents see no settlement money

Paul Egan

Daily B - Class 57 - Public Service Award

3 Entries

1st Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Homeless in Traverse City

Staff

2nd Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Death then debt

Mardi Link, Allison Batdorff

3rd Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

'Bizarre' scam targets vacant property owners

Mardi Link

Daily C - Class 57 - Public Service Award

2 Entries

1st Place *Holland Sentinel*

Budget Battles in Ottawa County

Mitchell Boatman

2nd Place *Holland Sentinel*

The Resignation of Ryan Heirse

Austin Metz

Daily D - Class 57 - Public Service Award

5 Entries

1st Place *Flint Journal*

10 years after it was triggered, Flint remembers the beginning of the water crisis

Staff

2nd Place *Saginaw News*

Secure Cities/MSP

Cole Waterman, Gus Burns

3rd Place *Kalamazoo Gazette*

Lisa Brayton series

Ryan Boldrey

Weekly C - Class 57 - Public Service Award

1 Entries

1st Place *Grosse Pointe News*

City's own takes down Lululemon theft ring

Laurel Kraus

Class 58 - Best FOIA Story

Open - Class 58 - Best FOIA Story

33 Entries

1st Place *Saginaw News*

Secure cities

Gus Burns, Cole Waterman

2nd Place *Detroit News*

1 in 5 Michigan lawmakers have signed pact to keep taxpayer-subsidized projects secret

Beth LeBlanc

3rd Place *Grand Rapids Press*

How much conservative law firm got paid

Michael Kransz

Class 59 - Best Podcast

Open - Class 59 - Best Podcast

5 Entries

1st Place *Detroit Free Press*

"Where Secrets Go To Die"

Detroit Free Press staff

2nd Place *Gongwer News Service*

Whitmer announces energy and housing initiatives at Mackinac

Policy Conference

Alethia Kasben, Cheyna Roth, Zach Gorchow

3rd Place *Michigan Information and Research Services Inc.*

MIRS Monday

Samantha Shriber

Class 60 - Best Writing

Open - Class 60 - Best Writing

42 Entries

1st Place *Bridge Michigan*

Michigan tribes race to save their language from extinction

Ron French

2nd Place *Detroit News*

Paralyzed child's story shows how Michigan's no fault reforms

endanger care

Chad Livengood

3rd Place *Detroit Free Press*

Amid Addiction, Finding Purpose

Georgea Kovanis

Class 61 - Best Headline

Open - Class 61 - Best Headline

44 Entries

1st Place *Daily Mining Gazette*

Clad in Plaid

Candace Wolf

2nd Place *Leelanau Enterprise*

Don't be Koi

Brian Freiburger

3rd Place *Detroit Free Press*

Give a dog a home

Janet Graham

Class 62 - Best Photo

Open - Class 62 - Best Photo

14 Entries

1st Place *Detroit News*

Our Hero

Clarence Tabb, Jr.

2nd Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

The Pines

Jan-Michael Stump

3rd Place *Flint Journal*

In hospice care with electric blue hair. And dreams of a Detroit Lions

Super Bowl

Jake May

Class 63 - Rookie Writer

Open - Class 63 - Rookie Writer

8 Entries

1st Place *Kalamazoo Gazette*

Aya Miller
2nd Place *Crains Grand Rapids Business*
 Abby Poirier
3rd Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*
 Michael Livingston

Class 64 - Most Innovative Story Telling

Open - Class 64 - Most Innovative Story Telling
 22 Entries
1st Place *Flint Journal*
10 years after it was triggered, Flint remembers the beginning of the water crisis
 Staff
2nd Place *Bridge Michigan*
The Electric Vehicle Road Trip
 Kelly House, Paula Gardner, and Asha Lewis
3rd Place *Detroit News*
Michigan Central Station seeks to keep Detroit the Motor City for the next century
 Staff

Advertising

Class 01 - Community Business Promotions

Daily - Class 01 - Community Business Promotions
 5 Entries
1st Place *Ludington Daily News*
Blessing of the Bikes
 Judy Lytle
Sparkle in the Park *Ludington Daily News*
Sparkle in the Park
 Judy Lytle
3rd Place *Greenville Daily News*
Double Truck Biz of Distinction
 Staff

Non-Daily - Class 01 - Community Business Promotions
 8 Entries
1st Place *Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News*
Prudenville Page
 Staff

2nd Place *Crawford County Avalanche*
Grayling Christmas Walk
 Staff
3rd Place *The Globe*
Wakefield Marenisco Summer Fun
 Globe Advertising Department

Class 02 - Home Services

Daily - Class 02 - Home Services
 11 Entries
1st Place *Cadillac News*
Douglass - \$1000 window giveaway
 Advertising, Graphics
2nd Place *Cadillac News*
Manton Metal Sales - Choose a Metal Roof
 Advertising, Graphics
3rd Place *Ludington Daily News*

Nye Heating & Cooling
 Candy Bryant

Non-Daily - Class 02 - Home Services
 7 Entries
1st Place *Tecumseh Herald*
Billy White Roofing
 Nanci Bridget
2nd Place *Tecumseh Herald*
Abstract Builders
 Nanci Bridget
3rd Place *Grosse Pointe News*
What's It Worth?
 Julie Sutton, Donna Zetterlund

Class 03 - Home Furnishings

Daily - Class 03 - Home Furnishings
 6 Entries
1st Place *Cadillac News*
Fabulous Furniture - Thanksgiving Wrap
 Advertising, Graphics
2nd Place *Ludington Daily News*
Cottage Works
 Julie Eilers
3rd Place *Ludington Daily News*
Furniture & Decor - Lundquist Furniture
 Julie Eilers

Non-Daily - Class 03 - Home Furnishings
 8 Entries
World of Floors *Crawford County Avalanche*
World of Floors
 Staff
2nd Place *Tecumseh Herald*
Classic Cabinets
 Nanci Bridget
3rd Place *Grosse Pointe News*
Woodmaster Kitchens
 Julie Sutton, Ken Schop

Class 04 - New and Used Autos, Recreational Vehicles and Boats

Daily - Class 04 - New and Used Autos, Recreational Vehicles and Boats
 3 Entries
1st Place *Cadillac News*
Classic Car Deals - Keep on Cruising - Car Care Ad
 Advertising, Graphics
2nd Place *Greenville Daily News*
Steve Winnie Auto Sales
 Staff
3rd Place *Greenville Daily News*
Retirement Sale Ray Winnie
 Staff

Non-Daily - Class 04 - New and Used Autos, Recreational Vehicles and Boats
 6 Entries
1st Place *Tecumseh Herald*
Chevrolet of Clinton - Fall
 Nanci Bridget

2nd Place

Chevrolet of Clinton - Winter
Nanci Bridget

3rd Place

07-03 Gitchi Auto QPH
Staff

Tecumseh Herald

St. Ignace News

Sidney Tavern - Where the Locals Go
Staff

3rd Place

Town Pump Saloon - Dining Guide Ad
Advertising, Graphics

Cadillac News

Class 05 - Real Estate

Daily - Class 05 - Real Estate

4 Entries

1st Place

Greenridge - Thank you for trusting us
Julie Eilers

Ludington Daily News

2nd Place

Century 21 - Brian - Eden Lake frontage
Julie Eilers

Ludington Daily News

3rd Place

Tricia Wirth, Results Real Estate
Advertising, Graphics

Cadillac News

Non-Daily - Class 05 - Real Estate

7 Entries

1st Place

Finer Pointes
Donna Zetterlund, Olivia Monette, Julie Sutton

Grosse Pointe News

2nd Place

Featured Realtor
Jason Plowman

Leelanau Enterprise

3rd Place

02-07 Real Estate One 8SQ
Staff

St. Ignace News

Non-Daily - Class 07 - Restaurants

13 Entries

1st Place

Tide to Table
Olivia Monette

Grosse Pointe News

2nd Place

The Nosh
GPN Staff

Grosse Pointe News

3rd Place

Sidecar Slider Bar
Julie Sutton

Grosse Pointe News

Class 08 - General Retail

Daily - Class 08 - General Retail

9 Entries

1st Place

West Shore Market
Julie Eilers

Ludington Daily News

2nd Place

Mason Co. Emporium
Julie Eilers

Ludington Daily News

3rd Place

Susie Urban Mane - Coupon Book Ad
Advertising, Graphics

Cadillac News

Non-Daily - Class 08 - General Retail

16 Entries

1st Place

Snyders Drug Stores: More than a pharmacy.
Lauren Burton

Newberry News

2nd Place

RPM Records
Mike Anderson

Leelanau Enterprise

3rd Place

Rustic Root
Ken Schop, Production

Grosse Pointe News

Class 09 - Small Ads Work

Daily - Class 09 - Small Ads Work

6 Entries

1st Place

Plan ahead so your family doesn't have to
Staff

Greenville Daily News

2nd Place

Lakewood on the Green - Senior Golf Ball Special
Advertising, Graphics

Cadillac News

3rd Place

Metro Mortgage
Julie Eilers

Ludington Daily News

Non-Daily - Class 09 - Small Ads Work

9 Entries

1st Place

Doherty Family Dentistry
Nanci Bridget

Tecumseh Herald

2nd Place

Tecumseh Herald

Class 06 - Entertaining Services

Daily - Class 06 - Entertaining Services

5 Entries

1st Place

Child Abuse Prevention Awareness
Staff

Greenville Daily News

2nd Place

Bowright Whiskey
Advertising, Graphics

Cadillac News

3rd Place

Spartan West
Julie Eilers

Ludington Daily News

Non-Daily - Class 06 - Entertaining Services

2 Entries

1st Place

TC Tented Events
Jason Plowman

Leelanau Enterprise

2nd Place

Venue Blu
Jason Plowman

Leelanau Enterprise

Class 07 - Restaurants

Daily - Class 07 - Restaurants

4 Entries

1st Place

Best Fish Fry
Julie Eilers

Ludington Daily News

2nd Place

Greenville Daily News

Musgrove + Company

Koda Woodward

3rd Place

Miner's Candlelight Snow Shoe & Ski

Globe Advertising Department

The Globe

Class 10 - Best Digital Ad

Daily - Class 10 - Best Digital Ad

9 Entries

1st Place

Douglass - Windows

Advertising, Graphics

2nd Place

BC Pizza - Hungry Order Online

Advertising, Graphics

3rd Place

Sable Points Lighthouse Association

Julie Eilers

Cadillac News

Cadillac News

Ludington Daily News

Non-Daily - Class 10 - Best Digital Ad

3 Entries

1st Place

Brine Oyster House

Olivia Monette

Grosse Pointe News

Class 10 - Best Digital Ad

Non-Daily - Class 10 - Best Digital Ad

Entries

2nd Place

Flyleaf

Olivia Monette

3rd Place

Wedding Guide promo

Olivia Monette

Grosse Pointe News

Grosse Pointe News

Class 11 - Best Health/Fitness Ad

Daily - Class 11 - Best Health/Fitness Ad

5 Entries

1st Place

Missaukee Golf Club - Golf Ad

Advertising, Graphics

2nd Place

New Year New You with the White Lotus

Staff

3rd Place

Sheridan Community Hospital Health Page

Staff

Cadillac News

Greenville Daily News

Greenville Daily News

Non-Daily - Class 11 - Best Health/Fitness Ad

8 Entries

1st Place

Danielle Paquin Beauty

Olivia Monette

2nd Place

Corner Studio

Olivia Monette

3rd Place

Beauty In Science MedSPA

Ken Ong

Grosse Pointe News

Grosse Pointe News

Grosse Pointe News

Class 12 - Best use of color

Daily - Class 12 - Best use of color

9 Entries

1st Place

Greenstone Farm Credit - Our Community Ad

Advertising, Graphics

2nd Place

Mason Co. Rural Fire Authority

Julie Eilers

3rd Place

Town Pump Saloon - Dining Guide Ad

Advertising, Graphics

Cadillac News

Ludington Daily News

Cadillac News

Non-Daily - Class 12 - Best use of color

15 Entries

1st Place

Enterprise Printing - Your Complete Printing Solution

Mike Anderson

2nd Place

Brine

Olivia Monette

3rd Place

New Bohemian Cafe/Omena Bay Country Store

Mike Anderson

Leelanau Enterprise

Grosse Pointe News

Leelanau Enterprise

Class 13 - Best Special Section

Daily - Class 13 - Best Special Section

8 Entries

LakeStyle - Summer 2024

LakeStyle - Summer 2024

Judy Lytle

2nd Place

Veterans Day

Judy Lytle

3rd Place

Winter Carnival special section

Staff

Ludington Daily News

Ludington Daily News

Daily Mining Gazette

Non-Daily - Class 13 - Best Special Section

15 Entries

1st Place

Newspaper In Education/Creative Kids

Globe Advertising Department

2nd Place

2023 Holiday Happenings

Koda Woodward, Nanci Bridget

3rd Place

Leelanau Wedding Guide

Leelanau Enterprise Staff

The Globe

Tecumseh Herald

Leelanau Enterprise

Class 14 - Best Ad Grouping

Daily - Class 14 - Best Ad Grouping

10 Entries

1st Place

Burger Month Bracket Challenge

Advertising, Graphics

2nd Place

Happy Camper's Guide - Campground Directory

Advertising, Graphics

3rd Place

Manistee National Forest Festival

Judy Lytle, Julie Eilers, Candy Bryant

Cadillac News

Cadillac News

Ludington Daily News

Non-Daily - Class 14 - Best Ad Grouping

9 Entries

1st Place

Grosse Pointe News

The Nosh

GPN Staff

2nd Place

Tecumseh Herald

Memorial Day Ad Group

Koda Woodward

3rd Place

Tecumseh Herald

Love Local Ad Group

Koda Woodward, Skylar Hoffmeister, Nanci Bridget

Class 15 - Best in House Circulation Ad

Daily - Class 15 - Best in House Circulation Ad

8 Entries

1st Place

Cadillac News

Leap Day Subscription Special

Advertising, Graphics

2nd Place

Greenville Daily News

Subscribe for sports coverage!

Staff

3rd Place

Ludington Daily News

Get Local News Wherever You Are

Judy Lytle

Non-Daily - Class 15 - Best in House Circulation Ad

9 Entries

1st Place

Grosse Pointe News

Whole lot of...

Donna Zetterlund, Anne Gryzenia

2nd Place

Grosse Pointe News

The Grosse Pointe News is on the move

Olivia Monette

3rd Place

Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

Resorter circulation ad

Staff

Class 16 - Best in House Content Promotion

Daily - Class 16 - Best in House Content Promotion

11 Entries

1st Place

Ludington Daily News

Photo Galleries

Judy Lytle

2nd Place

Ludington Daily News

Spring Fever Auction

Judy Lytle

3rd Place

Cadillac News

National Garage Sale Days - classified special

Advertising, Graphics

Non-Daily - Class 16 - Best in House Content Promotion

9 Entries

1st Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Leelanau Visitors Guide - Beach Weather

Mike Anderson

2nd Place

Tecumseh Herald

Downtown Printing: Color Splash

Koda Woodward

3rd Place

Grosse Pointe News

GP News Fishing Classic

GPN Staff

Class 17 - Best Community Cause Marketing

Daily - Class 17 - Best Community Cause Marketing

5 Entries

1st Place

Cadillac News

Believes in a Cure - Breasts Cancer Awareness Month

Newsroom, Advertising, Graphics

2nd Place

Greenville Daily News

Literacy Awareness Feature & Grouping

Staff

3rd Place

Ludington Daily News

Standing Together

Judy Lytle

Non-Daily - Class 17 - Best Community Cause Marketing

7 Entries

1st Place

Grosse Pointe News

Adopt-A-Pet/ In-Home Obedience Coaching

GPN Staff

2nd Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Breast Cancer Awareness

Mike Anderson

3rd Place

Grosse Pointe News

Racing For Kids

GPN Staff