

# 2025 MPA Better Newspaper Contest



## Statewide Contest Spotlights Quality Journalism

Members of the Alabama Press Association reviewed 319 entries submitted by 12 Michigan News Media 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 2025 “News Media Publication of the Year”** award is presented to the top News Media publication in the Local and Statewide 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.

Circulation Class	News Media Publication
Local	Glen Arbor Sun Newspapers
Statewide	Bridge Michigan

**The MPA Rookie Writer Award** recognizes exemplary efforts of new writers just breaking into journalism. The three finalists are: Grant Schwab of Detroit News, Leah Craig of Michigan Advance and Cassidey Kavathas of Holland Sentinel, with the award going to **Cassidey Kavathas**.

**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:

- News Media-Statewide: Bridge Michigan for “Crush of retirees a crisis in Michigan. State unprepared to meet their needs”
- News Media-Local: BridgeDetroit for “Reporting by Jena Brooker”

*The 2026 MPA Better Newspaper Contest opens August 1, 2026.*



**Class 37 - Spot News Story**

**News Media-Local - Class 37 - Spot News Story**

7 Entries

**1st Place** *The Betsie Current*

*Disaster Averted - The importance of being prepared at Sleeping Bear Dunes*

Aubrey Ann Parker

**2nd Place** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*

*American flags, strawberry rhubarb crisp, but No Kings*

Jacob Wheeler

**3rd Place** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*

*Police raid Twin Flames Universe home: Michigan AG announces investigation*

Jacob Wheeler

**Honorable Mention** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*

*"You may now sniff the bride"*

Berry Kendall

**News Media-Statewide - Class 37 - Spot News Story**

12 Entries

**1st Place** *Michigan Advance*

*Protesters clash with U of M police during demonstration on anniversary of Oct. 7 Hamas attack*

Jon King

**2nd Place** *Gongwer News Service*

*Whitsett denunciation of Tate captivates Capitol, kneecaps*

*Democratic majority*

Elena Durnbaugh

**3rd Place** *Bridge Michigan*

*MSU loses millions in agriculture, higher ed grants as Trump slashes USAID*

Lauren Gibbons

**Class 38 - News Enterprise Reporting**

**News Media-Local - Class 38 - News Enterprise Reporting**

10 Entries

**1st Place** *Crains Grand Rapids Business*

*Great Lakes region readies for its role in a nuclear energy revival*

Andy Balaskovitz

**2nd Place** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*

*Trump's mass deportation threat worries Leelanau's tight-knit Latino community*

Jacob Wheeler

**3rd Place** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*

*From Black Eden to Migrant Prison: ICE's second largest detention center nationwide opens in Baldwin*

Jacob Wheeler

**News Media-Statewide - Class 38 - News Enterprise Reporting**

13 Entries

**1st Place** *Bridge Michigan*

*The 'day of death': How a mystery drug, spate of ODs changed west Michigan*

Robin Erb

**2nd Place** *Chalkbeat*

*How fears of violence shape life for Detroit youth*

Allison Torres Burtka

**3rd Place**

*Fentanyl came to a tiny UP town. Then the funerals began*

Ron French

**Honorable Mention**

*A Black man says officials in Howell, Michigan, targeted him after he confronted white supremacists*

Jon King

**Class 39 - Government/Political News**

**News Media-Local - Class 39 - Government/Political News**

11 Entries

**1st Place** *Crains Grand Rapids Business*

*Ottawa Impact derails \$51M housing project by taking stand against incentives*

Rachel Watson

**2nd Place** *Mackinac Island Town Crier*

*2025.05.31 Mackinac Policy Conference Addresses State of Housing*

Josephine Anderson

**3rd Place** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*

*Leelanau Energy task force boasts big goals: Commissioner Lautner pushes back*

Jacob Wheeler

**Honorable Mention** *Mackinac Island Town Crier*

*Demonstrators Rally on MI Against Line 5*

Victoria Smith

**Class 39 - Government/Political News**

**News Media-Statewide - Class 39 - Government/Political News**

22 Entries

**1st Place** *Michigan Advance*

*As Ted Nugent rails against Michigan wildlife regulations, Dems call hearing 'absurd' and 'shameful'*

Ben Solis

**2nd Place** *Bridge Michigan*

*Kwame Kilpatrick: I went to 'work' to elect Trump after he 'promised' a pardon*

Simon Schuster

**3rd Place** *Gongwer News Service*

*In Howell, A KKK Grand Dragon's Legacy Overshadows Progress*

Lily Guiney and Nick Smith

**Honorable Mention** *Bridge Michigan*

*Who funds Michigan lawmakers? Most get cash from PACs, not voters they represent*

Simon Schuster

**Class 40 - Education/School News**

**News Media-Local - Class 40 - Education/School News**

6 Entries

**1st Place** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*

*Stripped of safe haven status, local schools face immigration enforcement threat*

Jacob Wheeler

**2nd Place** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*

*National nutrition education program with local impact slated for elimination by Congress*

Jacob Wheeler

**3rd Place**

*Crains Grand Rapids Business*

Corewell Health's \$19M program at GVSU helps ease nursing shortage

Mark Sanchez

**Honorable Mention**

**BridgeDetroit**

Advocates fight for Detroit educators to follow IEPs for special education students

Micah Walker

**News Media-Statewide - Class 40 - Education/School News**

18 Entries

**1st Place**

**Gander Newsroom**

Meet Gemini: The dog keeping students safe in Williamston Community Schools

Lucas Henkel

**2nd Place**

**Gander Newsroom**

An after-school program in Southwest Michigan is shining a 'light' on the mental health of students

Lucas Henkel

**3rd Place**

**Michigan Advance**

Michigan Republicans allude to dismantling Department of Education in fiery hearing

Ben Solis

**Honorable Mention**

**Chalkbeat**

Michigan education

Hannah Dellinger

**Class 41 - Business News**

**News Media-Local - Class 41 - Business News**

10 Entries

**1st Place**

**Crains Grand Rapids Business**

Food & Drink West Michigan butchers face tough choices as beef prices soar

Abby Poirier

**2nd Place**

**Crains Grand Rapids Business**

The namesake behind an iconic toy company says he's been wiped from history. He wants his due.

Elizabeth Schanz

**3rd Place**

**Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper**

Passing the Whisk: Inn and Trail changes hands, but keeps its heart

Berry Kendall

**Honorable Mention**

**The Betsie Current**

Small-Town Grocery - Outsized community role

Keith Schneider

**News Media-Statewide - Class 41 - Business News**

10 Entries

**1st Place**

**Michigan Advance**

Michigan braces for fallout as Trump tariffs target state's top 3 trading partners

Jon King

**2nd Place**

**Bridge Michigan**

Crypto mines a noisy nuisance to some. Should Michigan regulate them?

Justin Hinkley

**3rd Place**

**Gongwer News Service**

Michigan's marijuana market is flooded, but that keeps the Buckeyes coming back

Elena Durnbaugh and Dustin Ensinger

**Honorable Mention**

**Bridge Michigan**

Grayling strives to blend jobs, bombs, beauty as munitions plant takes shape

Paula Gardner

**Class 42 - Agriculture News**

**News Media-Local - Class 42 - Agriculture News**

7 Entries

**1st Place**

**Crains Grand Rapids Business**

Michigan migrant farm labor wages drop for 2025. Here's what it means for struggling farmers.

Abby Poirier

**2nd Place**

**Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper**

Saving cherries, saving farms

Jacob Wheeler

**3rd Place**

**Crains Grand Rapids Business**

Tariff threats leave Michigan's \$1.7B in agricultural exports in limbo

Abby Poirier

**Honorable Mention**

**Crains Grand Rapids Business**

Egg-laying hens will have more breathing room in 2025. How will food costs change?

Abby Poirier

**News Media-Statewide - Class 42 - Agriculture News**

11 Entries

**1st Place**

**Michigan Advance**

Enviros cheer Michigan Supreme Court upholding tighter permitting rules for factory farms

Kyle Davidson

**2nd Place**

**Bridge Michigan**

Michigan farmers facing 'uncertain future' amid funding freezes, tariff tensions

Lauren Gibbons

**3rd Place**

**Bridge Michigan**

Singapore owns 5% of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Its wealth fund bet on timber

Simon Schuster

**Honorable Mention**

**Gongwer News Service**

Biosolid or wastewater?

Elena Durnbaugh

**Class 43 - Feature Story**

**News Media-Local - Class 43 - Feature Story**

14 Entries

**1st Place**

**Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper**

Childless locals care for Leelanau's future

Abby Chatfield

**2nd Place**

**The Betsie Current**

Soaring High - Green Point Flyers sustain local tradition of motorless flight

Bree McGregor

**3rd Place**

**Mackinac Island Town Crier**

Fifty Years Douds Mayoral Leadership

Josephine Anderson and Victoria Smith

**Honorable Mention**

**The Betsie Current**

Have You Seen This Fish - Help needed to locate the "40s Fish"

Aubrey Ann Parker

**News Media-Statewide - Class 43 - Feature Story**

9 Entries

**1st Place** *Bridge Michigan*

*In Michigan's north woods, a search for Bigfoot and political common ground*

Ron French

**2nd Place** *Bridge Michigan*

*'Wind phones' give those in grief a connection to lost loved ones in Michigan*

Robin Erb

**3rd Place** *Michigan Advance*

*Native American Community in Lansing reaffirm union on the traditional Spring Feast*

Erick Diaz Veliz

**Honorable Mention** *Michigan Advance*

*A cultural bridge between Ecuador and the MSU community: The resilience of Kichwa language*

Erick Diaz Veliz

**Class 44 - Best Opinion**

**News Media-Local - Class 44 - Best Opinion**

7 Entries

**1st Place** *The Betsie Current*

*Leaving The Lights On - An essay on neighbors and nostalgia*

Kendall Rose

**2nd Place** *The Betsie Current*

*Beech trees, passenger pigeons, and the struggle to survive in Northern Michigan*

Jess Piskor

**3rd Place** *The Betsie Current*

*Northern Michigan Chaos Theory - An essay advocating for appreciative adaptation*

Tim Mulherin

**News Media-Statewide - Class 44 - Best Opinion**

4 Entries

**1st Place** *Michigan Advance*

*Michigan could pay bigly for Trump's trade war*

Rick Haglund

**2nd Place** *Gongwer News Service*

*Finding Election Results In Michigan Is A Nightmare*

Zach Gorchow

**3rd Place** *Michigan Advance*

*UAW's embrace of Trump tariffs could lead to disaster for its members*

Rick Haglund

**Honorable Mention** *Michigan Advance*

*The Resistance decides it's futile*

Susan Demas

**Class 46 - Best Columnist**

**News Media-Statewide - Class 46 - Best Columnist**

1 Entries

**1st Place** *Gongwer News Service*

*Weekender*

Zach Gorchow

**Class 47 - Best Newspaper/Publication Design**

**News Media-Statewide - Class 47 - Best Newspaper/Publication Design**

2 Entries

**1st Place** *Bridge Michigan*

*Mining rush brings hope, dread to Upper Peninsula, amid historic energy shift*

Staff

**2nd Place** *Michigan Advance*

*Michigan Advance*

Nelle Dunlop, Goran Butorac, Jon King

**Class 48 - Best Page or Pages Design**

**News Media-Local - Class 48 - Best Page or Pages Design**

2 Entries

**1st Place** *Mackinac Island Town Crier*

*Page Design TC 2025.07.07*

Staff

**2nd Place** *Mackinac Island Town Crier*

*Page Design MITC 2025.07.12*

Staff

**News Media-Statewide - Class 48 - Best Page or Pages Design**

1 Entries

**1st Place** *Bridge Michigan*

*Bridge Michigan Page Design*

Staff

**Class 49 - Special Section**

**News Media-Local - Class 49 - Special Section**

1 Entries

**1st Place** *The Betsie Current*

*Special September Issue*

Staff

**News Media-Statewide - Class 49 - Special Section**

5 Entries

**1st Place** *Gander Newsroom*

*The MichiGanja Report*

Kyle Kaminski

**2nd Place** *Gander Newsroom*

*Michigan Voting Guide 2024*

Karel Vega

**3rd Place** *Michigan Advance*

*Library Wars*

Staff

**Honorable Mention** *Michigan Advance*

*Decision 2024*

Jon King, Nelle Dunlap, Mary-Kate Murphy

**Class 50 - News Photo**

**News Media-Local - Class 50 - News Photo**

2 Entries

**1st Place** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*

*Goodbye culverts, hello timber bridge over the Crystal River*

Photo courtesy of Crystal River Outfitters

**2nd Place** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*

*Inland Seas expands, announces fundraising campaign*

Photo courtesy of Inland Seas

**News Media-Statewide - Class 50 - News Photo**

- 8 Entries**  
**1st Place** *Michigan Advance*  
*Confrontation at Detroit's Clark Park*  
 Erick Diaz Veliz  
**2nd Place** *Michigan Advance*  
*Protesters gather outside Rep. Barrett's Lansing office after vote to approve federal budget bill*  
 Erick Diaz Veliz  
**3rd Place** *Gongwer News Service*  
*Senate falls asleep in middle of night on Senate floor*  
 Nick Smith

**Class 51 - Feature Photo**

**News Media-Local - Class 51 - Feature Photo**

- 3 Entries**  
**1st Place** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*  
*Bear crazy: DNR study seeks answers to human-bear conflict*  
 Photo courtesy of DNR  
**2nd Place** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*  
*Fishing Day an annual treat*  
 Photo courtesy of Alan Campbell  
**3rd Place** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*  
*Oomen-Yamasaki collaboration features "Innocents in Peril"*  
 Taro Yamasaki

**News Media-Statewide - Class 51 - Feature Photo**

- 7 Entries**  
**1st Place** *Bridge Michigan*  
*Mail in a Pail on the Detroit River*  
 Josh Boland  
**2nd Place** *Michigan Advance*  
*Cast of 'Scandal' reunites in Michigan*  
 Andrew Roth  
**3rd Place** *Michigan Advance*  
*Obama questions Trump's 'competence' during Detroit rally drawing 12K*  
 Andrew Roth

**Class 53 - Sports Writing**

**News Media-Statewide - Class 53 - Sports Writing**

- 5 Entries**  
**1st Place** *Bridge Michigan*  
*Millions of walleye will soon head up the Detroit River*  
 Laura Herberg  
**2nd Place** *Bridge Michigan*  
*Ice fishing as an Olympic sport? On a frozen Michigan lake, they dare to dream*  
 Laura Herberg  
**3rd Place** *Bridge Michigan*  
*Michigan winter: No better time to jump in lakes? Why cold plunges are so hot*  
 Laura Herberg

**Class 57 - Best Video Presentation**

**News Media-Local - Class 57 - Best Video Presentation**

- 1 Entries**  
**1st Place** *Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper*  
*Democracy in Leelanau: what unites us in politically divided times*  
 Justin Warnes, Jacob Wheeler

**News Media-Statewide - Class 57 - Best Video Presentation**

- 14 Entries**  
**1st Place** *Bridge Michigan*  
*Tracking Governor Whitmer's Promises*  
 Asha Lewis  
**2nd Place** *Bridge Michigan*  
*Riding the Silver Lake Sand Dunes*  
 Laura Herberg  
**3rd Place** *Bridge Michigan*  
*Take a Look Inside the Better Made Factory in Detroit*  
 Janelle James  
**Honorable Mention** *Bridge Michigan*  
*Michigan Spent Big to Fix Schools. Did it work?*  
 Isabel Lohman

**Class 58 - Best Digital Presentation**

**News Media-Local - Class 58 - Best Digital Presentation**

- 1 Entries**  
**1st Place** *BridgeDetroit*  
*BridgeDetroit*  
 Bryce Huffman, Christine Ferretti, Laurén Abdel-Razzaq

**News Media-Statewide - Class 58 - Best Digital Presentation**

- 4 Entries**  
**1st Place** *Michigan Advance*  
*Michigan Advance*  
 Nelle Dunlap, Goran Butorac, Jon King  
**2nd Place** *Bridge Michigan*  
*Bridge Michigan's Digital Presentation*  
 Staff  
**3rd Place** *Gongwer News Service*  
*Gongwer.com, news, information and bill tracking on Michigan state government and politics*  
 Staff  
**Honorable Mention** *Gander Newsroom*  
*'Gander Newsroom On Instagram*  
 Staff

**Class 59 - Public Service Award**

**News Media-Local - Class 59 - Public Service Award**

- 1 Entries**  
**1st Place** *BridgeDetroit*  
*Reporting by Jena Brooker*  
 Jena Brooker

**News Media-Statewide - Class 59 - Public Service Award**

- 7 Entries**  
**1st Place** *Bridge Michigan*  
*Crush of retirees a crisis in Michigan. State unprepared to meet their needs*  
 Robin Erb and Ron French  
**2nd Place** *Bridge Michigan*  
*Great Lakes Whitefish in Crisis*  
 Kelly House  
**3rd Place** *Bridge Michigan*  
*Michigan communities sit on \$90M meant to help drug users, Bridge finds*  
 Robin Erb and Ron French

**Class 60-Environmental/Climate Change/Weather**

**News**

**News Media-Local - Class 60-Environmental/Climate Change/Weather News**

5 Entries

**1st Place** **Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper**

*Report from the Climate Change front line: Mud, grief, perseverance in wake of Hurricane Helene*

Katey Schultz

**2nd Place** **BridgeDetroit**

*With more hot days, Detroit students' learning and health suffers*

Jena Brooker, Katie Worth

**3rd Place** **Mackinac Island Town Crier**

*2025 April - May Recovery Mode*

Kaleb Boyer and Alexis Rankin

**News Media-Statewide - Class 60-Environmental/Climate Change/Weather News**

8 Entries

**1st Place** **Bridge Michigan**

*Mining rush brings hope, dread to Upper Peninsula, amid historic energy shift*

Kelly House

**2nd Place** **Bridge Michigan**

*What furor over drab Gaylord land says about Michigan's energy transition*

Kelly House

**3rd Place** **Michigan Advance**

*West Michigan lawmakers float plans to protect critical dunes from harmful development*

Kyle Davidson

**Honorable Mention** **Bridge Michigan**

*On Lake Michigan, a coal-fired steamship and ferry eyes a clean-energy future*

Kelly House

**Class 61-Crime/Justice News**

**News Media-Local - Class 61-Crime/Justice News**

1 Entries

**1st Place** **BridgeDetroit**

*Detroit said auto theft victims shouldn't pay fees. Some still are*

Kayleigh Licklitter

**News Media-Statewide - Class 61-Crime/Justice News**

12 Entries

**1st Place** **Bridge Michigan**

*Trump cuts hit Michigan violence prevention programs: 'This will cost lives'*

Lauren Gibbons

**2nd Place** **Michigan Advance**

*License plate reader searches by Grand Rapids PD point to need for guardrails, legal advocates say*

Kyle Davidson

**3rd Place** **Michigan Advance**

*Senate passes sexual assault statute of limitations extension; Hall noncommittal on House action*

Ben Solis

**Honorable Mention**

**Bridge Michigan**

*Brother: Walmart attack suspect a danger for years, 'fell through cracks every time'*

Eli Newman

**Class 62 - Best Podcast**

**Open - Class 62 - Best Podcast**

6 Entries

**1st Place** **Gongwer News Service**

*MichMash: County clerks on security, early voting in the 2024 general election*

Zach Gorchow, Alethia Kasben, Cheyna Roth

**2nd Place** **Bridge Michigan**

*Listen: Who's buried atop Michigan's tallest mountain?*

Laura Herberg

**3rd Place** **BridgeDetroit**

*Bridge Detroit's Detroit Next podcast*

Bryce Huffman, Malachi Barrett, Khary Frazier

**Honorable Mention** **Grand Rapids Press**

*Yes Michigan! - Start listening with The Feeling's Forever and hear a mystery solved.*

Patrick Shea, Gillian Van Stratt

**Class 63 - Best Writing**

**Open - Class 63 - Best Writing**

33 Entries

**1st Place** **Bridge Michigan**

*The 'day of death': How a mystery drug, spate of ODs changed west Michigan*

Robin Erb

**2nd Place** **Detroit News**

*Grim Reapers' teamed up to kill a Monroe woman after a wedding*

Francis X. Donnelly

**3rd Place** **Bridge Michigan**

*Iconic whitefish on edge of collapse as Great Lakes biodiversity crisis deepens*

Kelly House

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

*For Lions' Kalif Raymond, a life's work finds a home in Detroit*

John Niyo

**Class 64 - Best Headline**

**Open - Class 64 - Best Headline**

39 Entries

**1st Place** **Grosse Pointe News**

*Ambulance beef lacks meat*

Brad Lindberg

**2nd Place** **Bridge Michigan**

*AWWHELL no: See which license plates are 2DAMFUN for Michigan Staff*

**3rd Place** **Gander Newsroom**

*Protecting what's under the hard hat: MI's construction workers are talking about mental health*

Lucas Henkel

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

*Good gourd, almighty! Michigan man surprised after pumpkin picture lands on soda label*

Jake May

**Class 65 - Best Photo**

**Open - Class 65 - Best Photo**

19 Entries

**1st Place** **Michigan Advance**

*Harris vows to end war in Gaza during final Michigan rally at MSU*

Andrew Roth

**2nd Place** **Detroit News**

*St. Brown Headstand*

Daniel Mears

**3rd Place** **Flint Journal**

*Boxers fly out of ring*

Jake May

**Honorable Mention** **Livingston County Daily Press & Argus**

*White Supremacists in Livingston County*

Adam Vander Kooy

**Class 66 - Most Innovative Story Telling**

**Open - Class 66 - Most Innovative Story Telling**

10 Entries

**1st Place** **Detroit Free Press**

*We asked 100 Michiganders about Trump's first 100 days: Here's what they said*

Detroit Free Press Staff

**2nd Place** **The Ann Arbor News**

*How will Ann Arbor's family-owned restaurants survive? Eyes are on the next generation.*

Makayla Coffee. Jacob Hamilton

**3rd Place** **Detroit Free Press**

*Detroit Lions fandom*

Detroit Free Press Staff

**Honorable Mention** **Gander Newsroom**

*Series: So What, Michigan?*

Kyle Kaminski

**Class 67 - Best Education Beat**

**Open - Class 67 - Best Education Beat**

12 Entries

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

*Holland Education Coverage*

Mitchell Boatman

**2nd Place** **Livingston County Daily Press & Argus**

*Livingston County Education Coverage*

Evan Sasiela

**3rd Place** **Petoskey News-Review**

Karly Graham

**Honorable Mention** **BridgeDetroit**

Micah Walker

**Class 68 - Best Newsletter**

**Open - Class 68 - Best Newsletter**

13 Entries

**1st Place** **Detroit Free Press**

*Detroit Free Press Daily Briefing Newsletter*

Leah Olajide, Elissa Robinson

**2nd Place** **BridgeDetroit**

*City Council Notebook*

Malachi Barrett

**3rd Place**

*Lovable Michigan*

Tanda Gmitter, Jamie Rewerts, Cara Hackett

**Grand Rapids Press**

**Honorable Mention**

*That One Time In Michigan*

**Gander Newsroom**

**Class 70 - Rookie Writer**

**Open - Class 70 - Rookie Writer**

9 Entries

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

*Cassidey Kavathas*

**2nd Place** **Detroit News**

Grant Schwab

**3rd Place** **Michigan Advance**

Leah Craig

**Class 72 - Reporting on the 2nd Amendment**

**Open - Class 72 - Reporting on the 2nd Amendment**

5 Entries

**1st Place** **Bridge Michigan**

*Bridge Michigan 2nd Amendment Coverage*

Staff

**2nd Place** **Gander Newsroom**

*Lansing found a way to reduce gun violence. But the Trump administration is pulling the plug*

Kyle Kaminski

**3rd Place** **Detroit Free Press**

*Gunfire, explosions ring out from shooting range next to her home.*

*And nobody can help.*

Paul Egan

**Honorable Mention** **Michigan Advance**

*Michigan Senate Democrats advance bump stock ban, ghost gun serialization bills from committee*

Ben Solis

**Class 73 - Community Impact Award**

**Open - Class 73 - Community Impact Award**

2 Entries

**1st Place** **BridgeDetroit**

*BridgeDetroit election initiative*

Staff

**2nd Place** **Leelanau Enterprise**

*Community Impact*

Staff