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| Daily A | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | Anita Lee & Jessica Koscielniak | Katrina Dolphin Odyssey | I love this story. Such fantastic quotes, particularly the one about the sea lion laying across the laps of people who were petting it like it was their St. Bernard. So vivid & colorful! Appreciated the detail in how they rounded up the dolphins & the descriptions of matriarch Jill, who took care of the younger dolphins & became so energized in her new home. What a unique story to tell for the 10-year anniversary of Katrina! |
| Daily A | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Billy Watkins & Jacob Threadgill | Coming Home | |
| Daily A | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | The Sun Herald | Regina Zilbermints | Fear & politics send gun sales soaring | |
| Daily B | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 1st Place | The Commercial Dispatch | Zack Plair | City debates role of court bonds | Clear explanation of a complicated issue, giving several people an opportunity to explain their side. Also exposes a closed-door meeting & gets to the bottom of what was discussed there. Important work here. Good job! |
| Daily B | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Lindsey Shelton | Locals remember horrors of Parchman roundup | |
| Daily B | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | Enterprise-Journal | Ernest Herndon | Bowsky's truck drive Pike budget dispute | |
| Daily C | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 1st Place | Delta Democrat Times | | Staging a landmark's second act | Excellent use of photos & words to tell the story. Very informative. Good use of subheads to break it up. Really enjoyed it. |
| Daily C | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Meridian Star | Bill Graham | No Parole | |
| Daily C | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | Delta Democrat Times | | Hospital on the Mend | |
| Weekly D | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 1st Place | The Mississippi Press | Warren Kulo | Ocean Springs schools dealing with inadequate funding | Very well written, informative story detailing the realities of budget cuts. Good, straight-forward presentation of the facts. |
| Weekly D | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Charlie Smith | Our beloved King | |
| Weekly D | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | The Scott County Times | Chris Allen Baker | MPD Officer Solo laid to rest | |
| Weekly E | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 1st Place | The Winona Times | Amanda Sexton Ferguson | Naked man assaults officers | An entertaining account of an odd situation. |
| Weekly E | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Wayne County News | Paul Keane | WCSD released | |
| Weekly E | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | The Columbian Progress | Mark Rogers | Historic city landmark burns | |
| Weekly F | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 1st Place | The Petal News | Nikki Smith | Batten's Disease | 1st place-Well written- Educational- Informative |
| Weekly F | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Baldwyn News | Jason Collum | Sticker Shock | |

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| Weekly F | 01- GENERAL NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Charleston suspends animal control efforts | |
| | Bill Minor Prize for General News Reporting | 1st Place | The Commercial Dispatch | Zach Plair | City Debates Role of Government Bonds | Very informative & interesting. Most complete & thorough story. Loved the read & would like to read a follow-up |
| Daily A | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | Anita Lee | Martin commits suicide as indictment unsealed | Really engaging writing that keeps the reader hanging on to every word even though the bold bullets underneath the headline already have let the reader know that Martin has committed suicide. Story feels as if the journalists are reporting the story as it unfolded in real time. I like the sense of intrigue. |
| Daily A | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Therese Apel & Mollie Bryant | Miss. Death Toll | |
| Daily A | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | The Sun Herald | Wesley Muller | Deputy's Best Friend | |
| Daily B | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 1st Place | Hattiesburg American | Tim Doherty & Jason Munz | 2 HPD officers shot, killed | Excellent reporting on tight deadline. The quotes from the woman who found the officers bring home the emotion & drama of this sad story. |
| Daily B | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | Enterprise-Journal | Lauren Thornton Tobin & Justin Vicory | Stewart indicted | |
| Daily B | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | Enterprise-Journal | Lauren Thornton Tobin & Matt Williamson | Landmark Lost | |
| Daily C | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 1st Place | Daily Corinthian | Steve Beavers, Zack Steen & Jebb Johnston | Corinth police officer shot | A comprehensive main bar, along with siders on community reaction & the officer's bullet-resistant vest, bring this package to the first-place level. |
| Daily C | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Alyssa Schnugg | Oxford's 'Elvis' dies at age 51 | |
| Daily C | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | Starkville Daily News | Jim Gaines & James Carskadon | MSU lockdown ends when no gunman found | |
| Weekly D | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 1st Place | The Lamar Times | Jim Grenn & Nikki Smith | Hundreds flock to crime scene to pay respect | Very well-written story. Great job chronicling the local reaction to a story that was heard nationwide. Good job! |
| Weekly D | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Scott County Times | Chris Allen Baker | Driver critically injured in wreck | |
| Weekly D | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Jamie Scrivener | Community mourns 3 young accident victims | |
| Weekly E | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 1st Place | The Columbian Progress | Adam Prestridge | Woman dies in Thursday crash | Excellent in every way, to clarify a tragedy & its victim. Clear winner |
| Weekly E | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Itawamba County Times | Adam Armour | Truck tires crash into Fulton resident's home | |

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| Weekly E | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | Madison County Journal | Tyler Cleveland | Madison man was hunkered down in class | |
| Weekly F | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 1st Place | The Baldwyn News | Benda Daher & Jason Collum | Fire destroys apartments | Great job on detailing the fire. Loved the addition of the history of the apartments & the piece on what could be done to help victims. Solid journalism & a service to the community, |
| Weekly F | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Homicide, armed heist investigated | |
| Weekly F | 02 - SPOT NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Two charged in capital murder | |
| Daily A | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 1st Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Jerry Mitchell | 'He told us he drowned his wife' | A riveting account that kept me reading. Breaking up the content worked extremely well for such an involved story, & something I will share with my own reporters when it comes to investigative projects. |
| Daily A | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 2nd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Jerry Mitchell | State inmates get parties, drugs | |
| Daily A | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 3rd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Mollie Bryant | JSU terminations, lawsuits raise questions | |
| Daily B | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 1st Place | Hattiesburg American | | Battle over Bellevue | A great example of a team effort providing an exhaustive overview of an obviously contentious community issue. I left with the sense of, "This is all I need to know." |
| Daily B | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 2nd Place | The Commercial Dispatch | Isabelle Altman | Vasquez Murder coverage | |
| Daily B | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 3rd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Vershal Hogan | How much from Hydro | |
| Daily C | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 1st Place | Daily Corinthian | | Sheriff Rhinehart | The Alcorn County sheriff coverage is an example of persistence & intentionally keeping up with a story that seems to have a number of different angles. It's obvious The Daily Corinthian's readers can trust their newspaper to stay on top of this one. |
| Daily C | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 2nd Place | Daily Corinthian | | Four Murders | |
| Daily C | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 3rd Place | Delta Democrat Times | | Sewers face man-made problems | |

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| Weekly D | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 1st Place | The Lamar Times | | A Community Mourns | A must-read, comprehensive approach to the deaths of two officers in the line of duty. An opportunity not missed to flesh out the officers, their personalities & their passions. A celebration of love & respect. We all should celebrate what our blue-clad heroes do to serve us, especially if they are as committed to it as the two men. Thanks for satisfying work. |
| Weekly D | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 2nd Place | The Northside Sun | Anthony Warren & Wyatt Emmerich | Savannah Bidding Woes | |
| Weekly D | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 3rd Place | The Sea Coast Echo | Geoff Belcher & Dwayne Bremer | DHS ongoing stories | |
| Weekly E | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 1st Place | The Winona Times | Amanda Sexton Ferguson | CMI indepth | Doggedness is needed when reporting on anything with ties to the federal government, because of inherent complexity. But this was fast moving, & the focus on detail paid off when former employees began explaining their stories. Again, dogged inquiry into the details make this a stellar piece of work, which taxpayers & Head Start parents should be appreciating |
| Weekly E | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 2nd Place | The Columbian Progress | Adam Prestridge | Mother's Day Murder Mystery | |
| Weekly E | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 3rd Place | Madison County Journal | Michael Simmons | Campaign Finance Reports | |
| Weekly F | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 1st Place | Mississippi Business Journal | Ted Carter | Ridgeland Apartment conflict | Great serial coverage that brought attention to a big issue & seemingly had an effect on the outcome. |
| Weekly F | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 2nd Place | Deer Creek Pilot | Ray Mosby & Natalie Perkins | City bond issue | |
| Weekly F | 03 - IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATIVE COVERAGE | 3rd Place | Mississippi Business Journal | Ted Carter | Payday lending investigation | |

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| All Weekly | Bill Minor InDepth/Investigative Award | | The Lamar Times | Staff | A Community Mourns | This entry won because of the depth and breadth of the coverage of the two Hattiesburg police officers who were killed in May 2015. It's clear that the newspaper's entire staff worked to cover every angle of the officers' memorial services and the aftermath of the events. What set this entry apart from the others was the additional content — the historical information about other officers who were killed in the line of duty, the editorials, letters and editorial cartoon — that paired with the stories about the officers' lives and the community's response. What was missing, though, was hard information on what actually happened the night the officers were killed. It was hard to piece together from random details spread throughout the stories that they were called to a domestic dispute, and then made a traffic stop and were shot. This coverage needed more information about the actual chain of events to complete the story. Also, why was the same column of "quotables" repeated on pages 6A and 8A of the same day's newspaper? It's good additional content, but we only need to read it once. Put something else in the second space. |
| All Dailies | Bill Minor InDepth/Investigative Award | | Hattiesburg American | Staff | Battle Over Bellevue | A great overview of the incorporation question and perspectives from the various stakeholders. The additional content on how the process of incorporation works, subdivisions in the proposed city, what the current elected officials think and bios of the proposed city officials filled out the story and set this apart from the other entries. Very well-written and researched stories about the process and why the sides are for and against incorporation. |
| Daily A | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 1st Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Kate Royals, Geoff Pender & Mollie Bryant | Initiative 42 | A remarkable piece of journalism both editorially & graphically on the important & often confusing issue of education funding. |
| Daily A | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Michaela Gibson Morris | "Will the Doctor Be In?" series | |
| Daily A | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 3rd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | | Remembering '07 Egg Bowl | |
| Daily B | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 1st Place | Hattiesburg American | | Remembering Hurricane Katrina | This series stood out among other Katrina 10th anniversary series that were submitted because of the depth & breadth of the coverage, & the quality of writing. All of the stories & columns are very well written. The story on PTSD is well done & an important aspect of the lingering effects of the storm. |

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| Daily B | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 2nd Place | Enterprise-Journal | Ernest Herndon | Blue's battles | |
| Daily B | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 3rd Place | Enterprise-Journal | Ernest Herndon | Martial Arts Missionaries | |
| Daily C | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 1st Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Bryn Stole, Bob Darden & Ruthie Robison | Emmett Till murder: 60 years later | A well-done series about the people, places & fallout of this historical event. I learned a lot about the Emmett Till story I didn't know before. Very informative & well written. |
| Daily C | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 2nd Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Bryn Stole | Success stories | |
| Daily C | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 3rd Place | Delta Democrat Times | Sarah Kramer | Diabetes in the Delta | |
| Weekly D | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 1st Place | The Scott County Times | Chris Allen Baker & Tim Beeland | Katrina: 10 Years: The storm that set a new standard | Well done! Really compelling stories; well written & organized. A good reminder of just how important & instrumental a newspaper's role in any community is throughout the years. |
| Weekly D | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 2nd Place | The Lamar Times | | A community mourns | |
| Weekly D | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 3rd Place | The Lamar Times | Nikki Smith | England Travels | |
| Weekly E | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 1st Place | The Yazoo Herald | Jamie Patterson | Remembering Vietnam | Well executed series. Can't say enough good things about these stories. |
| Weekly E | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 2nd Place | The Columbian Progress | Mark Rogers & Buster Wolfe | Tornado trials | |
| Weekly E | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 3rd Place | The Winona Times | Amanda Sexton Ferguson | Season of Hope series | |
| Weekly F | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 1st Place | The Conservative | Reggie Ross | State of the Town | A well-planned & executed series on the status of communities within the coverage area. |
| Weekly F | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 2nd Place | The Gazebo Gazette | Margaret Adam | Three new priests | |
| Weekly F | 04 - PLANNED SERIES | 3rd Place | Deer Creek Pilot | Ray Mosby | Mayor on trial | |
| Daily A | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | Patrick Magee | Community mourns father & son | Story had a great lede. Difficult topic to cover, but it was was poignant & got the information out. |
| Daily A | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Michael Bonner | A Howland Wind of Change | |
| Daily A | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | The Sun Herald | Patrick Magee | Josephs remembered for their faith & love | |
| Daily B | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 1st Place | Vicksburg Post | Ernest Bowker | Goodbye Bruiser | Lovely tribute, well-researched & well-told. It really paints a picture. |
| Daily B | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | Hattiesburg American | Jason Munz | Hard times on the hardwood | |
| Daily B | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | Vicksburg Post | Ernest Bowker | Bad weather ups challenge of field maintenance | |
| Daily C | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 1st Place | Starkville Daily News | Joel Coleman | Bryant blossoming for Bulldogs | Good story on a young man making the most of an opportunity |

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| Daily C | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | Starkville Daily News | Robbie Faulk | Jones rewarded | |
| Daily C | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | Delta Democrat Times | Taylor Mitchell | Road Racing Success | |
| Weekly D | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 1st Place | The Mississippi Press | Warren Kulo | Helmets & Heels event a success | This is the clear winner in this category. I know "news" stories can be boring, but you have to draw your readers in with a creative lead. You did just that. Keep up the good writing! |
| Weekly D | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Charlie Smith | Colonels have thrived off | |
| Weekly D | 03 - 3FORT3 NEW3 3TORT | Ziiu Fiace | The Litterprise-rocsin | Charlie Sillitii | low expectations | |
| Weekly D | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | Monroe Journal | Melissa Meador | Aberdeen's Bray set for retirement | |
| Weekly E | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 1st Place | Madison County Journal | Tyler Cleveland | Jackson, Walsh receive Gene May scholarships | 1st Place- Good flow- good style- good subject |
| Weekly E | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Chronicle | James Pugh | Magnolia Heat | |
| Weekly E | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | The Yazoo Herald | Jamie Patterson & Taylor Hawkins | A second chance | |
| Weekly F | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 1st Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | CHS Tigers off to state again! | |
| Weekly F | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 2nd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | West Tally fans celebrate season | |
| Weekly F | 05 - SPORTS NEWS STORY | 3rd Place | The Conservative | Tish Butts | Jaguars win state track championship | |
| Daily A | 06 - SPORTS COLUMN | 1st Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Hugh Kellenberger | Hugh Kellenberger | Kellenberger has a strong, consistent voice throughout his columns. Great mix of insights & some humor, & his columns flow nicely. An easy, enjoyable read. |
| Daily A | 06 - SPORTS COLUMN | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Parrish Alford | Three columns | |
| Daily A | 06 - SPORTS COLUMN | 3rd Place | The Sun Herald | Patrick Ochs | Patrick Ochs | |
| Daily B | 06 - SPORTS COLUMN | 1st Place | Hattiesburg American | Ben Sutton | Ben Sutton columns | Quirky & fun, but full of heart when required. Really great writing. This is what a great sports column looks like. |
| Daily B | 06 - SPORTS COLUMN | 2nd Place | Enterprise-Journal | Ernest Herndon | Leather Britches | |
| Daily B | 06 - SPORTS COLUMN | 3rd Place | The Commercial Dispatch | Adam Minichino | Minichino column | |

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| Daily C | 06 - SPORTS COLUMN | 1st Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Bill Burrus | Will Valley be where wins stop?; Mullen must amp up; Stricklin had a plan; Only one choice | Sports Editor Bill Burrus really says what he thinks - & that's a good thing. Very well-written columns from someone who knows both the art of sports journalism & the sport & people he's writing about well. Hopefully Dan Mullen got Burrus' message on recruiting. |
| Daily C | 06 - SPORTS COLUMN | 2nd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Davis Potter | Davis Potter sports columns | 5 |
| Daily C | 06 - SPORTS COLUMN | 3rd Place | Delta Democrat Times | Taylor Mitchell | Sports Columns | |
| ALL WEEKLY | 06 - SPORTS COLUMN | 1st Place | Monroe Journal | Melissa Meador | On & Off the Field | Wonderful personalization of relevant topics & well written. |
| ALL WEEKLY | 06 - SPORTS COLUMN | 2nd Place | The Itawamba County Times | Scotty Nichols | Scotty Nichols' columns | |
| ALL WEEKLY | 06 - SPORTS COLUMN | 3rd Place | The Columbian Progress | Adam Prestridge | From the Bleachers | |
| Daily A | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | Patrick Ochs | The Perfect Season | A nostalgia story written the way they should be written. Nicely done. |
| Daily A | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 2nd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Daniel Paulling | A long, unlikely journey led to Ole Miss | |
| Daily A | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 3rd Place | The Sun Herald | Patrick Ochs | Fantasy Sports King | |
| Daily B | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 1st Place | Vicksburg Post | Cory Gunkel | Chance of a lifetime | This is a story that can be appreciated across the board. |
| Daily B | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 2nd Place | Hattiesburg American | Ben Sutton | Wise beyond his years | |
| Daily B | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 3rd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Sarah Cook | 822 pounds: Natchez men break state gator record | |
| Daily C | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 1st Place | The Oxford Eagle | Davis Potter | Fans soak in Oxford baseball's 'crazy ride' | Great use of out-of-the-ordinary sources for a feature from a different perspective in a state title run. |
| Daily C | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 2nd Place | The Bolivar Commercial | Donell Maxie | Bell rings true on the court | |
| Daily C | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 3rd Place | Daily Corinthian | Kimberly Shelton | Couple finds connection in great outdoors | |
| Weekly D | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 1st Place | The Lamar Times | Josh Mlot | Humility & the Spotlight | You have a gift for writing. Very powerful story. Sucked me in from the beginning. Very tough choice between this feature & the 'Brothers' feature. Your lede here, I thought, was very much more powerful. "Fourty-four seconds. That's all it took." had me from the get-go & led me through a great story. Great job! |
| Weekly D | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 2nd Place | The Lamar Times | Josh Mlot | Blood couldn't make us any closer | |
| Weekly D | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 3rd Place | The Lamar Times | Josh Mlot | Right on Target | |
| Weekly E | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 1st Place | The Yazoo Herald | Taylor Hawkins | Blake's Battle | 1st Place- Good Lead- good description of journey- good background & good closing |

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| Weekly E | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 2nd Place | The Itawamba County Times | Scotty Nichols | Water sports | |
| Weekly E | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 3rd Place | The Chronicle | James Pugh | Rain Down | |
| Weekly F | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 1st Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Wanted: Drivers, pit crew members for new racing team | |
| Weekly F | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 2nd Place | Mississippi Business Journal | Lisa Monti | Host families prepare for Braves season | |
| Weekly F | 07 - SPORTS FEATURE | 3rd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Tigers, Choctaws square off for 'The Egg' | |
| Daily A | 08 - GAME STORY | 1st Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Hugh Kellenberger | Rebels sweep | This is a quality gamer! Nice job |
| Daily A | 08 - GAME STORY | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Parrish Alford | 'Lolly-gagging' leads to improbable conversion | |
| Daily A | 08 - GAME STORY | 3rd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Michael Bonner | Alabama D too much for Prescott, MSU | |
| Daily B | 08 - GAME STORY | 1st Place | Hattiesburg American | Jason Munz | HHS stuns Laurel | You had me from the first sentence. Excellent story, loved the quotes & everything about it. |
| Daily B | 08 - GAME STORY | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Jake Martin | Mission accomplished | |
| Daily B | 08 - GAME STORY | 3rd Place | Hattiesburg American | Jason Munz | Eagles weather storm | |
| Daily C | 08 - GAME STORY | 1st Place | Starkville Daily News | Joel Coleman | Bulldogs sack Trojans | Good, solid, descriptive gamer by Joel Coleman. That entire MSU package is great. |
| Daily C | 08 - GAME STORY | 2nd Place | The Meridian Star | Reed Desalvo | Buzzer Beater | |
| Daily C | 08 - GAME STORY | 3rd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Davis Potter | Oxford routs Rebs for 5A state championship | |
| Weekly D | 08 - GAME STORY | 1st Place | The Panolian | Brad Greer | Number 1 Tigers | Great lede sucked me in. Had me interested, though I knew none of the parties. Liked the transition from the star everyone wanted to see - to the kid who really showed out. |
| Weekly D | 08 - GAME STORY | 2nd Place | The Mississippi Press | Warren Kulo | Wall's last second field goal | |
| Weekly D | 08 - GAME STORY | 3rd Place | Monroe Journal | Melissa Meador | Lady Noles end drought with fast-pitch title | |
| Weekly E | 08 - GAME STORY | 1st Place | The Wayne County News | Paul Keane | State Champs | 1st Place- Good narrative & story line that drew in reader. Good use of adjectives. |
| Weekly E | 08 - GAME STORY | 2nd Place | The Chronicle | James Pugh | Denied Again | |

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| Weekly E | 08 - GAME STORY | 3rd Place | The Newton County Appeal | Austin Bishop | Lady Cougars claim third straight 4A fast pitch championship | |
| Weekly F | 08 - GAME STORY | 1st Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Collins rallies to top Charleston for title | |
| Weekly F | 08 - GAME STORY | 2nd Place | The Conservative | Tish Butts | Jags take 2A district meet | |
| Weekly F | 08 - GAME STORY | 3rd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | West Tally Choctaws 'soldier through' to win | |
| Daily A | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 1st Place | Daily Journal | Derek Russell | Derek Russell columns | The column weaving an argument for vaccination into a hilarious tour of Disney World was brilliant. Excellent writing style. |
| Daily A | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | M. Scott Morris | M. Scott Morris columns | |
| Daily A | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 3rd Place | The Sun Herald | Paul Hampton | Paul Hampton | |
| Daily B | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 1st Place | The Commercial Dispatch | Slim Smith | Slimantics | How can a writer be long-winded, rambly & gloriously fun to read? Slimantics has the answer. |
| Daily B | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 2nd Place | Enterprise-Journal | Jack Ryan | The limits of parents; CSI: Toilet Paper; So now it's a lack of skill | |
| Daily B | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 3rd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Kevin Cooper | Bartering is often part of life | |
| Daily C | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 1st Place | The Oxford Eagle | Rob Sigler | Rob Sigler general interest columns | First Place: Rob Sigler does what I so admire about columnists who choose to take this direction: He doesn't settle for writing just about the news events of the day. He writes about life & its experiences, & he does it well. |
| Daily C | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 2nd Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Tim Kalich | A conversation with Sarah; King's accidental legacy; A carpetbagger's confession | |
| Daily C | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 3rd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Alyssa Schnugg | Alyssa Schnugg columns | |
| Weekly D | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 1st Place | The Carthaginian | Waid Prather | Waid Prather | Great explanation on the "controversial" news, & great take on Facebook also |

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| Weekly D | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 2nd Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Charlie Smith | A memorable haircut at Walmart; Yi-Fen Chou is not who he seems; How to restore the Christmas spirit | |
| Weekly D | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 3rd Place | Monroe Journal | Ray Van Dusen | Ray Van Dusen | |
| Weekly E | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 1st Place | The Yazoo Herald | Jamie Patterson | Jamie Patterson general interest columns | Good slice of life column. Vivid descriptions, & "Chasing the American Dream encourages making it on your own. A good lesson. |
| Weekly E | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 2nd Place | The Magee Courier | Donna McLean | Life Lines | |
| Weekly E | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 3rd Place | The Banner Independent | Angela Storey | Ponderings | |
| Weekly F | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 1st Place | Magnolia Gazette | Judy Causey | Judy Causey | Readable & relatable. Original & creative subject matter & easy-flowing pieces. Joy to read. |
| Weekly F | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 2nd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Fire can't destroy memories of home | |
| Weekly F | 09 - GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN | 3rd Place | The Baldwyn News | Brenda Daher | Magnolia Musings by Brenda Daher | |
| Daily A | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 1st Place | Daily Journal | Derek Russell | Derek Russell columns | First Place: Derek Russell embodies a writing style that keeps the reader's interest. Plus, he writes about what people are talking about. In these entries, he writes on the Christmas blues, the Mississippi controversy over the Ole Miss chancellor's firing, & the Confederate flag. I appreciate his views on all three, especially the latter. |
| Daily A | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Rod Guajardo | Rod Guajardo columns | |
| Daily A | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 3rd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Sam R. Hall | Commentary Column - Sam R. Hall | |

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| Daily B | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 1st Place | The Natchez Democrat | Ben Hillyer | School's out / MLK dream street / Unified vision | First Place: Columns are written in a down-to-earth style that captivate the reader by broaching relevant topics that are of specific interest to people of any culture & ethnic groups. The columns also do this: They see life through a positive perspective, which is a trend we need to see more in journalism & society as a whole. Nice job. |
| Daily B | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Kevin Cooper | Bond proposal doesn't pass smell taste | |
| Daily B | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 3rd Place | Enterprise-Journal | Jack Ryan | Surprise vote was a mistake; A show of respect; Fair questions about vaccines | |
| Daily C | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 1st Place | The Oxford Eagle | Rob Sigler | Rob Sigler commentary columns | First Place: Captivating perspectives on the horrors, & the effects, of Hurricane Katrina on all within her reach. Also, well-worded explanations of the types of decisions that newspaper editors face. |
| Daily C | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 2nd Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Charles Corder | Dumb words, acts; Rebel symbol; Chief tries to calm edgy public | |
| Daily C | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 3rd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Alyssa Schnugg | Alyssa Schnugg commentary columns | |
| Weekly D | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 1st Place | The Northside Sun | | Wyatt Emmerich commentary | Great stating of problem & solution on the power company, & just fantastic skewering of a crooked system on the dried waste contract. |
| Weekly D | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 2nd Place | The Carthaginian | Waid Prather | Waid Prather | |
| Weekly D | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 3rd Place | The Lamar Times | David Gustafson | Walking the Line | |
| Weekly E | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 1st Place | The Clarksdale Press- Register | Nathan Duff | Nathan Duff | Solid commentary, good work. Good reading. |
| Weekly E | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | | The Yazoo Herald | Jason Patterson | Jason Patterson's commentary columns | |
| Weekly E | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 3rd Place | The Star Herald | James Phillips | James Phillips | |

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| Weekly F | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 1st Place | Mississippi Business Journal | Jack Weatherly | 3 columns: Flag debate, Brian Williams, economic development | Very interesting stories. Great perspective & very detailed on subject at h&. Informative & pleasurable. |
| Weekly F | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 2nd Place | Magnolia Gazette | Guy Geller | Guy Geller | |
| Weekly F | 10 - COMMENTARY COLUMN | 3rd Place | Mississippi Business Journal | David Dallas | 3 columns: 3rd grade reading, Dan & Dixie, Dirt on Kemper Coal | Detailed pieces on real topics for ordinary people. Informative & wellwritten. |
| Daily A | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | Lauren Walck | Cantore: Katrina 'sets the bar for just how bad it can be' | Engaging lede. Nice details. Easy, quick read. Keeps its focus on Cantore, Katrina & Mississippi. Doesn't try to cover too much territory. |
| Daily A | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Brad Locke | A musical life: Belden's Dan Williams played with the best | |
| Daily A | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 3rd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Billy Watkins | A Monster Killed My Baby | |
| Daily B | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 1st Place | Enterprise-Journal | Ernest Herndon | Katrina ordeal | A different perspective on Katrina Great story |
| Daily B | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 2nd Place | Vicksburg Post | Jan Griffey | Life after loss: Widower recounts wife's battle against breast cancer | |
| Daily B | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 3rd Place | Vicksburg Post | Austin Vining | Just keep swimming | |
| Daily C | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 1st Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Ruthie Robison | Waiting for life | Excellent quotescaptures the essence of who he is. Best description of medical condition I've read. Feel like he's a friend telling me about his life. Excellent listening & choices by writer. |
| Daily C | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 2nd Place | The Meridian Star | Ida Brown | Ten Years Later | |
| Daily C | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 3rd Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Ruthie Robison | A love story | |
| Weekly D | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 1st Place | The Lamar Times | Beth Bunch | Sew & sew | A wonderful story about a lovely member of the community |
| Weekly D | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 2nd Place | The Lamar Times | Beth Bunch | Marching to the beat | · |
| Weekly D | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 3rd Place | The Mississippi Press | Warren Kulo | Real-life Santa shares magic | |
| Weekly E | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 1st Place | The Columbian Progress | Adam Prestridge | Behind the mask-ot | Excellent story on local kids & their impact in the community. |
| Weekly E | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 2nd Place | The Itawamba County Times | Adam Armour | The legend of the hog of Tombigbee Bottom | |

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| Weekly E | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 3rd Place | The Winona Times | Amanda Sexton Ferguson | Supporting Bradley | |
| Weekly F | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 1st Place | The Baldwyn News | Kayla McCarley | Healing H&s | Excellent story. Very well written. I enjoyed the recurring theme of her h&s. |
| Weekly F | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 2nd Place | The Conservative | Denise Grones | The Dr. Charles Rays | |
| Weekly F | 11 - FEATURE STORY | 3rd Place | The Baldwyn News | Brenda Daher | Freedom's Warriors | |
| Daily A | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | Amanda McCoy | Air Force Defenders get homecoming | Clearly a true moment captured at a general news assignment. Nice job getting into position. |
| Daily A | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Thomas Wells | Back to School | |
| Daily A | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Sun Herald | John Fitzhugh | In memory of Julie | |
| Daily B | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | Hattiesburg American | Eli Baylis | Liquori Tate funeral | Expressive photo Tells the story |
| Daily B | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Sam Gause | Back to the books | |
| Daily B | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Sam Gause | Praise & Prayer | |
| Daily C | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Oxford Eagle | Bruce Newman | Ole Miss Graduation | Overwhelming happiness on graduation day captured perfectly in an first-place shot. All the Eagle's entries were impressive. Incidentally, although "Remembrance Day' was the photo you wanted judged on another tearsheet, the 'Rebel Run' photo at the top of the page would have placed if entered. |
| Daily C | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Meridian Star | Paula Merritt | Santa Workshop | |
| Daily C | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Meridian Star | Paula Merritt | A Child is Born | |
| Weekly D | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Lamar Times | Matt Bush | A lasting legacy | Great news photo! Good composition & balance striking color. Photo evokes a feeling of sadness & loss & allows the reader to empathize with the child & sense his loss of innocence. |
| Weekly D | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Charlie Smith | B.B.'s grave 'perfect place' | |

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| Weekly D | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The South Reporter | Janice Wagg | A member of honor guard salutes remains of Cpl. George H. Mason | |
| Weekly E | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Chronicle | Eloria Newell James | I miss my baby | The photo profoundly captures the grief of the bereaved mother, who truly appears to be alone in a crowd. |
| Weekly E | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Chronicle | Suzanne Harenza | Paige pleads guilty to second degree murder | |
| Weekly E | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Itawamba County Times | Adam Armour | Student Symphony | |
| Weekly F | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Zach Wilson (left) of the U.S. Air Force | What a great way to frame this shot! Definitely a first place photo in this category. |
| Weekly F | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | Deer Creek Pilot | Connie Dickard | Festival fun bear | |
| Weekly F | 12 - GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | Deer Creek Pilot | Ray Mosby | Definite need | |
| Daily A | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Joe Ellis | Amanda Eisemenger | Great reaction, so hard to get true reaction to spot news. |
| Daily A | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Sun Herald | John Fitzhugh | William Martin commits suicide | |
| Daily A | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Sun Herald | John Fitzhugh | 'I saw five kids ejected' | |
| Daily B | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | Vicksburg Post | Justin Sellers | Firefighter | What an unbelievably lit photograph. |
| Daily B | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Sam Gause | Fire destroys Ridgecrest house | |
| Daily B | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | Enterprise-Journal | Matt Williamson | L&mark lost | |
| Daily C | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Bryn Stole | Boyfriend charged in woman's slaying | Crime has a cost, a human cost, & these kind of photos are hard to shoot. The scene in the background, the compassion of the officer made this the first place winner. |
| Daily C | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Andy Lo | Deadly days | |
| Daily C | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Bruce Newman | County Fire | |

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| Weekly D | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Sea Coast Echo | Hank Renken | Spot News I-10 Inferno | Great spot news shot! Good composition & balance allows the reader to see the details as if on the scene of the accident. |
| Weekly D | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Jamie Scrivener | Three teens die in wreck | |
| Weekly D | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Scott County Times | Chris Allen Baker | Driver critically injured in wreck | |
| Weekly E | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Columbian Progress | Mark Rogers | Flames damage Columbia Home | Firefighters are met at the door by a familiar sight. |
| Weekly E | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Clarksdale Press- Register | Rebekah Yearout | Roberson sentenced to life, no parole | |
| Weekly E | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Columbian Progress | Adam Prestridge | Woman dies in Thursday crash | |
| Weekly F | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Early-morning fire destroys residence | The picture tells the story. Good color & light. Great shot! |
| Weekly F | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Baldwyn News | Breda Daher | Fire destroys apartments | |
| Weekly F | 13 - SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Clearing tree from road | |
| Daily A | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | Tim Isbell | Field of Sparks | Different type of photo from a sports event & not easy to capture. |
| Daily A | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Lauren Wood | Agonizing Defeat | |
| Daily A | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Sun Herald | John Fitzhugh | Rockachaws advance to 4A South State series | |
| Daily B | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | Vicksburg Post | Justin Sellers | It's teeball time | Great photo You have captured the kids' excitement |
| Daily B | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | Hattiesburg American | Eli Baylis | Doc Sadler | |
| Daily B | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Sam Gause | Learning curve | |
| Daily C | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Oxford Eagle | Bruce Newman | State Champs | Clearly best captured moment in the lot. Photographer wins for being willing to move in & get the emotion of the event. |
| Daily C | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Bruce Newman | mhsaa state football championships | |

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| Daily C | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | Delta Democrat Times | Taylor Mitchell | Gens win the state championship | |
| Weekly D | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Lamar Times | Matt Bush | Excuse Me | While this is somewhat of an action shot, it is not detailing that of a game story or anything of the such. While your second place photo was great & took a lot of work to get that shot, this photograph has it all from the makeup of the photograph, to the crisp & clearness of the image to the action & facial expression of the other skater. Job well done! |
| Weekly D | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Lamar Times | Matt Bush | Back Nine | This is a tough choice between this photo & the winner. The photo gets second alone on artistic touch. Being a photographer, I know how hard it is to capture this kind of image, having to working on timing, lighting. Wish you had a better sky day with more colors in the sky, as this might have made it an even tougher choice. |
| Weekly D | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Calhoun County Journal | Joel McNeece | Preston Blue | |
| Weekly E | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Chronicle | James Pugh | Living the dream | Excellent photograph, feature subject & use of color for your "Sports" & newspaper information in top left corner. Placement & use of photo on page is excellent also. Photographer does an excellent job with subject matter. |
| Weekly E | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Chronicle | James Pugh | Underrated | |
| Weekly E | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Chronicle | James Pugh | Game changer | |
| Weekly F | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Baldwyn News | Jason Collum | Dominating Win | What a great moment of joy!!! |
| Weekly F | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | A barrage of gunfire is released | |

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| Weekly F | 14 - SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Charleston senior lineman Walter Barnes | |
| Daily A | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | John Fitzhugh | Rockin' & rollin' | Great shot from several st&points. His facial expression; getting the ball into the shot, &, best of all, his cap flying well behind his body & also getting that into the photo as well. Getting that expression, the cap & the ball out of glove into the same photo is incredible. Please assure me the cap wasn't Photoshopped in. :) State title game & this guy is truly going all out to make the play. Marvelous. |
| Daily A | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Lauren Wood | Over the Top | |
| Daily A | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | Daily Journal | Adam Robison | Elite Defeat | |
| Daily B | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Natchez Democrat | Sam Gause | Left hanging | Almost every conceivable action in baseball captured in one shot. |
| Daily B | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Sam Gause | Plowing ahead | |
| Daily B | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | Vicksburg Post | Justin Sellers | Heartbreaker | |
| Daily C | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Andy Lo | Down but never out | The pain and fatigue are evident on Helen Colquett's face, yet she still made that kick to bring her team to victory. Powerful storytelling in the face of adversity. |
| Daily C | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Andy Lo | Valley St. snaps its losing skid | |
| Daily C | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Andy Lo | Devils facing Hornets | |
| Weekly D | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Lamar Times | Matt Bush | Clutch Crusaders (top of page) | Another tough decision between first & second place. Coming from someone who shoots sports on a daily basis, this shot doesn't have the most action, however, shooting baseball is just so difficult to anticipate action. This shot is crisp, clear, & clean. This shot also has great makeup of the player's facial expression, to the body in the air, to the dirt kicking up around his h&s at the plate. I wish the catcher's mask was not in the photo, but I can't penalize you for that. |

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| Weekly D | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Lamar Times | Matt Bush | We're Jammin (top photo) | |
| Weekly D | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Neshoba Democrat | Chris Todd | Championship celebration | |
| Weekly E | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Wayne County News | Paul Keane | Brayden Doss slides into second base | This is GREAT photography! From stopping the action, right down to the b&aid on the runner's finger, the details in this image made me say YES!!!!! |
| Weekly E | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | Madison County Journal | Chris Todd | Madison's strongest | |
| Weekly E | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | Madison County Journal | Chris Todd | Track & Field | |
| Weekly F | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Conservative | Harding Hubbard, III | Jags travel to Ridgel& | Great action shot!!! |
| Weekly F | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Baldwyn News | Bob Tapp | Coby Agnew Goes In | |
| Weekly F | 15 - SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Baldwyn News | Jason Collum | Welcome to the Swamp | |
| Daily A | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Joe Ellis | Harlem Stokes | What a great photo, one that elicited an audible reaction when the page popped open. Joy, fear, anticipation, &, quite possibly, some sort of sugar rush for Mr. Stokes, all caught in a single photo. Great job |
| Daily A | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Adam Robison | Farm2School | |
| Daily A | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | Daily Journal | Adam Robison | Splish Splash | |
| Daily B | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Natchez Democrat | Ben Hillyer | First day done | This is a great photograph! The energy & joy of youth captured in a single frame. |
| Daily B | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | Hattiesburg American | Susan Broadbridge | Hump Day | |
| Daily B | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | Enterprise-Journal | Matt Williamson | Sax in silhouette | |
| Daily C | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Oxford Eagle | Bruce Newman | Slippin' & slidin' | Great action. I feel the fun! |
| Daily C | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Bruce Newman | Double Decker Celebration | |

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| Daily C | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Daily Leader | Kaitlin Mullins | Heroes | |
| Weekly D | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Lamar Times | Matt Bush | Hattiesburg firefighters | Excellent photo that captures the emotion of losing a fellow officer in the line of duty. Composition & quality adds to this first place winner. |
| Weekly D | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Calhoun County Journal | Lisa McNeece | Owen & Roxie | |
| Weekly D | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Calhoun County Journal | Lisa McNeece | Arion | |
| Weekly E | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 1st Place | The Yazoo Herald | Jamie Patterson | A pot of cold at the end of the rainbow | Great photo capture! I couldn't stop looking at this photo! |
| Weekly E | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Itawamba County Times | Adam Armour | Columbus | |
| Weekly E | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Star Herald | James Phillips | Christmas comes to Kosciusko | |
| Weekly F | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Baldwyn News | Jason Collum | Bull in a China Shop | Good photo, good placement, good job. What made it st& out was the size of the photo & being able to see facial expressions. |
| Weekly F | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 2nd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Four-year-old Sur-Yiah Stokes of Webb | |
| Weekly F | 16 - FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH | 3rd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Members of the FabPhi Dance Troupe | |
| Daily A | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | John Fitzhugh | Before, After & Now | This was a really smart way to reflect on such a significant event. Your hard work paid off. |
| Daily A | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Adam Robison | Time getting a Face Lift | |
| Daily A | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 3rd Place | Daily Journal | Thomas Wells | Chainsaw Artwork | |
| Daily B | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 1st Place | The Natchez Democrat | Ben Hillyer | Echoes of football past | The photos are compelling and take you back in history. Combined you see what once was and the story woven around shows you the remnants of what's left in the proud history of a community. |
| Daily B | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Sam Gause | Step in time | |
| Daily B | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 3rd Place | Enterprise-Journal | Matt Williamson | Top notch | |
| Daily C | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 1st Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Andy Lo, Bob Darden, Tim Kalich | Nearly 900 strong | Photos tell the fun of the day for Bikes, Blues & Bayous. Nice coverage of the diversity of those enjoying & participating in the event. |
| Daily C | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 2nd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Bruce Newman | No Horsing Around | |
| Daily C | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 3rd Place | The Bolivar Commercial | Donell Maxie | Hawks Fly High | |

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| | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 1st Place | | | | Amazing use of light in these photos helps to focus the viewer's eye, but the framing and angles offer perspective and depth, bringing the story to life. Photographer does a great job of capturing emotion, action and story in both wide and close shots. That variety puts this package over the top. Excellent use of varying sizes an shapes of images in the layout. Very nice |
| Division D | | | The Carthaginian | Waid Prather | behind the scenes | job. |
| Division D | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 2nd Place | The Lamar Times | Beth Bunch | Thanksgiving | |
| Division D | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 3rd Place | The Lamar Times | Matt Bush | Anatomy of a Gatorade Shower | |
| Division E | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 1st Place | The Yazoo Herald | Jason Patterson | One last time on the diamond, a season to remember | Photographer hit a home run with capturing facial expressions, but the project also provides the action, the emotion, the movement and and the breadth of the game; it's not all about being at bat. Good framing, good variety of photos and action, different angles all draw the viewer and aid in the storytelling. |
| Division E | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 2nd Place | The Yazoo Herald | Sheila Trimm Young | Bentonia's still got the blues | |
| Division E | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 3rd Place | The Star Herald | James Phillips | Ready, Set, Snow! | |
| Weekly F | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 1st Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | A few scenes from Saturday's Rally for a Cure | Told the story in pictures & did a great job of conveying the spirit of the event. |
| Weekly F | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 2nd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | A few scenes from Saturday's 4-H Shooting Sports | |
| Weekly F | 17 - PICTORIAL SERIES | 3rd Place | The Petal News, Hattiesburg | Zach Jones | Pomp & circumstance | |
| Daily A | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | John Fitzhugh & Kristie Lal | Persistence Pays | Really good display of multiple photos with text. |
| Daily A | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Adam Robison, Riley Manning | God was in it | |
| Daily A | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 3rd Place | The Sun Herald | Tim Isbell | Steps to Nowhere | |
| Daily B | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 1st Place | The Natchez Democrat | Sam Gause | Her turn to take care | Writing & photographs are incredibly moving to see & read. This is a great piece of journalism! |
| Daily B | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 2nd Place | Enterprise-Journal | Matt Williamson | Boys of Distinction | |

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| Daily B | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 3rd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Sam Gause | Karate kids | |
| Division C | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 1st Place | The Oxford Eagle | Alyssa Schnugg, Bruce Newman | Oxford's cemeteries contain bits of history | Innovative photos and use of lighting and storytelling on important subject. |
| Division C | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 2nd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Alyssa Schnugg, Bruce Newman | Deck the Halls | |
| Division C | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 3rd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Stephanie Rebman, Bruce Newman | Kudzu King | |
| Division D | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 1st Place | The South Reporter | Staff | Tornado rips through county | The destruction, the rescue, the damage and the survival. This package has it all; in both words and photos, this team brings the disaster and the human response home for readers. Coverage includes all the standards, and more. Well done! |
| Division D | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 2nd Place | The Calhoun County Journa | Joel McNeece | Bill Williams | |
| Division D | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 3rd Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Timothy Jones, Charlie Smith, Jamie Scrivener | They're safe: Delta State shooting creates big scare | |
| Division E | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 1st Place | Madison County Journal | Emily Polson | Sam Clark's Creations | A good lead reveals the character of the subject as well as the tale to come, while still drawing the reader in. While a greater variety of photos would have been welcomed (what exists leaves the viewer wanting more), the photographer excellently captured the life of the sculptures as well as the life of the human subject. And the story wraps up the tale with energy and realism. This packaged does as the subject of the story says of his art: "It's like the playing never quit." Nice job. |
| Division E | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 2nd Place | The Yazoo Herald | Jamie Patterson, Allie Jordan | Yazoo native brings art, marketing to Mexico | |
| Division E | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 3rd Place | The Magee Courier | Kat Romero | BRC Homecoming | |
| Weekly F | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 1st Place | The Baldwyn News | Jason Collum | Being the Blessing | Good story, good layout & presentation, GREAT photos. |
| Weekly F | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 2nd Place | The Petal News, Hattiesburg | Nikki Smith | The Steeletos | |
| Weekly F | 18 - PHOTO-STORY COMBINATION | 3rd Place | The Baldwyn News | Jason Collum & Brenda Daher | Blue Debut | |

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| Daily A | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | Amanda McCoy | Nancy Fauth | |
| Daily A | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 2nd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Joe Ellis | Dave Greer | |
| Daily A | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 3rd Place | Daily Journal | Adam Robison | Duke One Up's her Father | |
| Daily B | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 1st Place | Vicksburg Post | Justin Sellers | Willie Dixon | |
| Daily B | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 2nd Place | Vicksburg Post | Justin Sellers | Candy Take Back | |
| Daily B | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 3rd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Sam Gause | The gunslinger | |
| Daily C | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 1st Place | The Oxford Eagle | Bruce Newman | Puncher's Chance | |
| Daily C | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 2nd Place | Delta Democrat Times | Bill Johnson | Turning over a new leaf | |
| Daily C | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 3rd Place | The Bolivar Commercial | Donell Maxie | Harmony Davis | |
| Weekly D | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 1st Place | The Lamar Times | Matt Bush | Battle Frog Combantant | This is an amazing image. I love the patriotism, combined with the seriousness of this athlete as he runs. |
| Weekly D | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 2nd Place | The South Reporter | Sue Watson | Curtis Stewart kicks back for Bikers & Blues fun | |
| Weekly D | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 3rd Place | The Lamar Times | Chuck Lick | Coach Todd Monken (top) | |
| Weekly E | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 1st Place | The Columbian Progress | Mark Rogers | Tornado Trials | The expression of the woman's face perfectly captures the anguish & heartache she must be feeling. |
| Weekly E | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 2nd Place | The Star Herald | James Phillips | Father-Daughter Dance 2015 (top photo) | |
| Weekly E | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 3rd Place | The Columbian Progress | Mark Rogers | #history | |
| Weekly F | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 1st Place | The Petal News, Hattiesburg | Zach Jones | Determination | The photographer captured this young man's strength & determination beautifully. |
| Weekly F | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 2nd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Magnolia Mitchell of Charleston | |

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| Weekly F | 19 - PERSONALITY PORTRAIT | 3rd Place | The Baldwyn News | Jason Collum | Joys of Motherhood | |
| Daily A & B | 20 - GRAPHIC | 1st Place | The Natchez Democrat | Ben Hillyer | Taking a slice | Love the increments. It's clear & easy to understand. |
| Daily A & B | 20 - GRAPHIC | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Ben Hillyer | Sure signs of spring | |
| Daily A & B | 20 - GRAPHIC | 3rd Place | The Natchez Democrat | | From your phone | |
| Daily C | 20 - GRAPHIC | 1st Place | The Daily Leader | | Time for change | Very nicely done subtle, interacts well with the story without detracting from it. A very nice job. |
| Daily C | 20 - GRAPHIC | 2nd Place | The Daily Leader | Luke Horton | Fourth | |
| Daily C | 20 - GRAPHIC | 3rd Place | Delta Democrat Times | Sarah Kramer & Leanne Hughes | Mighty Mississippi Music Festival | |
| Weekly D | 20 - GRAPHIC | 1st Place | Monroe Journal | Ray Van Dusen | Recovery | Your illustration tells the story without the article. Color was good. Only thing that could have been better was for the graphic to be crisper. |
| Weekly D | 20 - GRAPHIC | 2nd Place | The Lamar Times | Zach Jones | Student population | |
| Weekly D | 20 - GRAPHIC | 3rd Place | The Northside Sun | Anthony Warren, Nikki Hodum | Drivers Beware! | |
| Weekly E | 20 - GRAPHIC | 1st Place | The Yazoo Herald | Jamie Patterson, Jason Patterson | Five years later | The idea itself was simple enough, but the execution took far more forethought & planning. The payoff was a great tie-in to a look back at a tragic event & the miles covered since. |
| Weekly E | 20 - GRAPHIC | 2nd Place | The Chronicle | James Pugh | Football high school logos | |
| Weekly E | 20 - GRAPHIC | 3rd Place | The Yazoo Herald | Jason Patterson | 2015 A look back at the year's biggest stories | |
| Weekly F | 20 - GRAPHIC | 1st Place | The Baldwyn News | Jason Collum | Bearcats Illustrated | Looks like the real deal. Sharp & clean with good photos. Stellar job! |
| Weekly F | 20 - GRAPHIC | 2nd Place | Mississippi Business Journal | Frank Brown | Stock game ticker artwork | |
| Weekly F | 20 - GRAPHIC | 3rd Place | The Baldwyn News | Jason Collum | Fall for You | |
| ALL NEWSPAPERS | 21 - EDITORIAL CARTOON | 1st Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Marshall Ramsey | Prayers for Paris, Isis in Mississippi, Flag for General Lee, Trump's First Day in Office | "Trump's First Day." Funny cartoon very well composed that captures the ridiculousness of this year's presidential race. |
| ALL NEWSPAPERS | 21 - EDITORIAL CARTOON | 2nd Place | The Lamar Times | Ricky Nobile | Our attendance | |
| ALL NEWSPAPERS | 21 - EDITORIAL CARTOON | 3rd Place | Mississippi Business Journal | Ricky Nobile | MSU has been chosen to be the next center for drone research | |

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| Daily A & B | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 1st Place | Enterprise-Journal | Matt Williamson, Karen Freeman | Jan. 6, June 28, Oct. 18 front pages | Good design Interesting photos Interesting & informative stories Particularly like Fly or furl? You gave information on the situation & let your residents give opinions. |
| Daily A & B | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Daily Journal | Daily Journal front pages | |
| Daily A & B | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 3rd Place | Vicksburg Post | | Front Pages | |
| Daily C | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 1st Place | The Daily Leader | | Front page | Great presentation of the Page 1 editorial, & strong work overall. Attractive & inviting. |
| Daily C | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 2nd Place | Delta Democrat Times | | Front Pages | |
| Daily C | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 3rd Place | Daily Corinthian | | Front pages | |
| Weekly D | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 1st Place | The Sea Coast Echo | Geoff Belcher | Front Page: Family Tradition, Mystery Girl & Inferno | Great layout; solid headlines; great positioning of art & stories. Well done. |
| Weekly D | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 2nd Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Charlie Smith | Front pages - Enterprise- Tocsin | |
| Weekly D | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 3rd Place | The Panolian | | Front pages Nov. 20, May 29, May 22 | |
| Weekly E | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 1st Place | The Clarksdale Press- Register | | Clarksdale Press Register Front Pages-September | Excellent use of eye-catching design. |
| Weekly E | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 2nd Place | The Columbian Progress | | C-P Front Pages | |
| Weekly E | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 3rd Place | Madison County Journal | | Madison County Journal Front Page | |
| Weekly F | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 1st Place | The Prentiss Headlight | Holley Cochran | Stop!, Play Ball!, Memorial Day 2015 | Great graphic design |
| Weekly F | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 2nd Place | The Petal News, Hattiesburg | | The Petal News | |
| Weekly F | 22 - FRONT PAGE | 3rd Place | The Conservative | Amanda Sexton Ferguson | Conservative Front Page | |
| Daily A | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | Paul Hampton | | Very provocative editorial pages. Good use of artwork, like the graphic of the Constitution with the gay marriage editorial. Editorials written with an edge. Layout is airy and unlike many stodgy editorial pages. |
| Daily A | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Staff | | |

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| Daily A | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | Daily Journal | Daily Journal staff | | |
| Daily B | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | Vicksburg Post | | Editorial pages | Good design easy to read Good local directed columns & editorials You succeeded at putting "emphasis on information & opinions primarily focused on local news & events." |
| Daily B | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | | The Natchez Democrat | |
| Daily B | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | The Commercial Dispatch | Birney Imes | Editorial Page, March | |
| Daily C | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | The Oxford Eagle | | Editorial page | Nice variety of topics, issues & approaches. This is what a newspaper opinion page should be about. |
| Daily C | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | Delta Democrat Times | Sarah Kramer, Jon Alverson, Catherine Kirk | Editorial Pages | |
| Daily C | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Tim Kalich | Editorial Page or Section: November, June, May | |
| Weekly D | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | The Northside Sun | Wyatt Emmerich | Northside Sun editorial page | Well written commentaries addressing issues on a broad range of topics. Good job! |
| Weekly D | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Panolian | John Howell, Rupert Howell | Ed pages Oct 9, Sept. 25, July 15 | |
| Weekly D | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | The Scott County Times | Tim Beel& | Opinion Page | |
| Weekly E | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | The Winona Times | | Winona Times Editorial pages | Excellent mix of locally-written opinion pieces, & the best page design of the bunch, to boot. I like the "Your View" feature. Nice way to give readers a voice. |
| Weekly E | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Yazoo Herald | Jason Patterson, Jamie Patterson | Editorial Section | |
| Weekly E | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | The Columbian Progress | | C-P Editorial Page or Section | |
| Weekly F | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | The Petal News, Hattiesburg | David Gustafson | Op/Ed pages | Superb use of page. Successfully incorporates visual pieces in with page. Clean, easy-to-follow layout. Ideal. |
| Weekly F | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | Mississippi Business Journal | Ross Reily | 3 pages: BB King; Coliseum trade mart; Ross Holloway | |

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| Weekly F | 23 - EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | Deer Creek Pilot | Ray Mosby & Natalie Perkins | Editorial Page May | |
| Daily A | 24 - EDITORIALS | 1st Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Sam R. Hall | Editorials - The Clarion- Ledger - Sam R. Hall | Clearly articulated, strong arguments, particularly on the complex Initiative 42 debate. |
| Daily A | 24 - EDITORIALS | 2nd Place | The Sun Herald | Paul Hampton | Paul Hampton | |
| Daily A | 24 - EDITORIALS | 3rd Place | Daily Journal | Joe Rutherford, Daily Journal editorial board | Daily Journal editorials | |
| Daily B | 24 - EDITORIALS | 1st Place | Enterprise-Journal | Jack Ryan | The merits of the rule of law; Setting up for a nasty fight; \$1 million? Unbelievable | Great work in a strong field of entries. These editorials go beyond the vital work of holding public leaders to account, moving to the next step of proposing creative community solutions. |
| Daily B | 24 - EDITORIALS | 2nd Place | The Commercial Dispatch | | Our View | |
| Daily B | 24 - EDITORIALS | 3rd Place | Hattiesburg American | Lici Beveridge, Tim Doherty | Editorials by Lici Beveridge & Tim Doherty | |
| Daily C | 24 - EDITORIALS | 1st Place | Starkville Daily News | Jim Gaines | Hiding from the flag/Old fears fail/Here we go again | These editorials put current issues in historical context to bring sense of the senseless. Jim's humorous style & strong arguments make for excellent opinion copy. |
| Daily C | 24 - EDITORIALS | 2nd Place | The Daily Leader | Luke Horton | Editorials | |
| Daily C | 24 - EDITORIALS | 3rd Place | Delta Democrat Times | Jon Alverson | Editorials | |
| Weekly D | 24 - EDITORIALS | 1st Place | The Northside Sun | Wyatt Emmerich | Wyatt Emmerich | Good shedding light on corruption. |
| Weekly D | 24 - EDITORIALS | 2nd Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Charlie Smith | Don't panic about election | |
| Weekly D | 24 - EDITORIALS | 3rd Place | The Carthaginian | Waid Prather | The Carthaginian | |
| Weekly E | 24 - EDITORIALS | 1st Place | New Albany Gazette | T. Wayne Mitchell | No alcohol in park | Extremely effective because they are short & because he writes simply & with clarity. May all editorials be such. |
| Weekly E | 24 - EDITORIALS | 2nd Place | Madison County Journal | Jim Prince | Editorials | |
| Weekly E | 24 - EDITORIALS | 3rd Place | The Yazoo Herald | Jason Patterson | Editorials | |
| Weekly F | 24 - EDITORIALS | 1st Place | The Prentiss Headlight | Holley Cochran | From The Center 10-7, From the Center 8-26, From the Center 4-22 | Unique perspective & great read. Applicable to the average person. Likable, not too heavy content - but well thought out & communicated. |
| Weekly F | 24 - EDITORIALS | 2nd Place | Mississippi Business Journal | Ross Reily, Ted Carter | 3 editorials: convention hotel; payday loans; state flag | |

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| Weekly F | 24 - EDITORIALS | 3rd Place | Deer Creek Pilot | Ray Mosby | The Editorial Ray Mosby | |
| All | Emmerich Editorial Excellence Award | | The Clarion-Ledger | Sam R. Hall | Our View | This selection of editorials has the complete package: Well-written and well-supported arguments taking a strong stand on key community issues. Sam Hall of The Clarion-Ledger pulled no punches in these editorials, and he did it from a position of education and local commitment, holding city, county, and state leaders to the standards all readers should apply to our public servants. |
| Daily A | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | Daily Journal | | Sports section | Nice crisp, clean design. Strong typography, graphic displays, use of color & photos nicely done |
| Daily A | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Sun Herald | | Sports sections for June 14; Nov. 1, 4, 5; & Nov. 29 | |
| Daily B | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | Hattiesburg American | | Hattiesburg American sports section | Great overall design, like what you've done with the photos & the flow of the pages. There were some minor things that were bothersome: awkward white spaces with some of the headlines, cutline font is too cartoony & speaking of that font, noticed that throughout some of the pages, there were different sized letters which made you wonder if your eyesight was going or if it was done intentionally. The pages that did not have this added were much better. |
| Daily B | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | Vicksburg Post | | The Vicksburg Post Sports | |
| Daily C | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | Delta Democrat Times | Taylor Mitchell | Sports Sections | First Place: Especially strong design on the front pages. Strong headlines, catchy & excellent fonts & styles. Stories throughout the sections were a good mix of local high school & college sports. |
| Daily C | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Staff | | |
| Daily C | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Bill Burrus | | |
| Weekly D | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | The Panolian | Myra Bean | sports Aug. 21, Nov. 6, Nov. 13 | |
| Weekly D | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Charlie Smith, Paul Putnam | Sports section - Enterprise- Tocsin | |
| Weekly D | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | The South Reporter | | SportsReport from The South Reporter | |

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| Weekly E | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | Madison County Journal | | MCJ Sports | By far the best of the bunch in terms of design. Good variety of subjects with good writing & use of illustrations. |
| Weekly E | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Chronicle | James Pugh | The Chronicle Sports | |
| Weekly E | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | The Newton County Appeal | | NCA Sports | |
| Weekly F | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | Deer Creek Pilot | Natalie Perkins | Sports Page February | Excellent use of space. Clear, relevant pictures. Great writing. |
| Weekly F | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Sports page | |
| Weekly F | 25 - SPORTS PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | The Conservative | | Conservative sports | |
| Daily A | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | Daily Journal | Daily Journal | Daily Journal lifestyle pages/section | Excellent variety of local content. Good focus on the community. Strong, eye-catching layout. |
| Daily A | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Sun Herald | | Features sections for April 1, July 26 & Oct. 2 | |
| Daily A | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Sherry Lucas, Steven Ward | Zombies Rule Life section. Oct 30 2015 | |
| Daily B | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | The Natchez Democrat | | Natchez Democrat Style | Excellent layouts. Quality local content. |
| Daily B | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Commercial Dispatch | Jan Swoope | Lifestyles Page, July | |
| Daily B | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | Hattiesburg American | | Hattiesburg American Life section | |
| Daily C | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Ruthie Robison | Lifestyle Page or Section: Oct. 25, Oct. 11, Aug. 9 | Excellent local focus. Good variety of content. Strong layouts. |
| Daily C | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Oxford Eagle | | Lifestyles sections | |
| Daily C | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | Delta Democrat Times | Sarah Kramer, Mary Alford | Accent Section | |
| Weekly D | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | The Neshoba Democrat | Devna Bose | Best Lifestyle Page | Great use of graphic design with copy |
| Weekly D | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Panolian | Rita Howell | Panola People | |

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| Weekly D | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | The Scott County Times | Chris Allen Baker, Tim Beel& | Best Lifestyle Page | |
| Weekly E | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | Madison County Journal | | MCJ Lifestyles | All entries are exceptionally designed. |
| Weekly E | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Wayne County News | Paul Keane | February 26, April 2 & April 16 | |
| Weekly E | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 3rd Place | The Columbian Progress | | C-P Lifestyles Page or Section (1-3) | |
| Weekly F | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 1st Place | Deer Creek Pilot | Natalie Perkins | Lifestyle page October | Nice layout; good source of local happenings. |
| Weekly F | 26 - LIFESTYLES PAGE OR SECTION | 2nd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Krista McFerrin | Tallahatchie Life & Style | |
| Daily A | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 1st Place | The Clarion-Ledger | | Hurricane Katrina 10 years later | Wow! This special section is why newspapers are important to their readers & community. 44 pages documenting the devastation of Katrina, the recovery & resilience of Mississippians & the missteps encountered along the way. Photography & design enhanced the storytelling of this ambitious project (we always fall for before-&-after photos). Kudos to the team that conceptualized this section & the who must have worked crazy hours to pull this off. Well done! |
| Daily A | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 2nd Place | The Sun Herald | | Katrina+10: Mississippi's Story - print section | |
| Daily A | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 3rd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | | Best of MS Preps | |
| Daily B | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 1st Place | Vicksburg Post | | Profile | Unique look at Vicksburg. Well written & engaging stories coupled with nice art makes for a great read. |
| Daily B | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | | 150th annivesary edition | |
| Daily B | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 3rd Place | Enterprise-Journal | | Perspective 2015 | |
| Daily C | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 1st Place | The Oxford Eagle | Staff | Profile 2015 | |
| Daily C | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 2nd Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Staff | Farming 2015 | |
| Daily C | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 3rd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Staff | FYI | |
| Weekly D | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 1st Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Charlie Smith, Jamie Scrivener | B.B. King Commemorative Edition | |
| Weekly D | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 2nd Place | The Lamar Times | | Spotlight on the Pine Belt | |
| Weekly D | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 3rd Place | The Scott County Times | | Profile 2015 | |

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| Weekly E | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 1st Place | The Chronicle | James Pugh & Karen Magee | Game of Yards | The perfect size to bring along to the games with all of the information any fan could want. |
| Weekly E | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 2nd Place | New Albany Gazette | | Explore Magazine - June 26, 2015 | |
| Weekly E | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 3rd Place | The Wayne County News | | State Champs | |
| Weekly F | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 1st Place | The Baldwyn News | | Baldwyn Community & Life | Great cover & layout with interesting stories to back it up. |
| Weekly F | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 2nd Place | The Petal News, Hattiesburg | | The Petal Guide | |
| Weekly F | 27 - SPECIAL SECTION | 3rd Place | Mississippi Business Journal | Frank Brown | NEXT: A guide to life after high school | |
| Daily A | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | . 1st Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Katie Eubanks | Magnolia magazine | Magnolia magazine combines strong visuals with compelling design & solid writing; well-planned with easy to identify departments presented in a convenient & reader-friendly format. Cover design offers a strong, clean entry to each month with a good balance between art, typeface & cover lines. Overall, Magnolia reads from cover to cover like a magazine that is well-planned with a fresh take each month. |
| Daily A | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Daily Journal | Mud & Magnolias | |
| Daily B | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | . 1st Place | The Natchez Democrat | | Natchez the Magazine | Well written & interesting stories. Fantastic art. Modern & clean layout. I was particularly impressed at the variety of stories in each issue. |
| Daily B | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | 2nd Place | The Commercial Dispatch | Stacy Clark | Catfish Alley | |
| Daily B | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | . 3rd Place | Vicksburg Post | | Vicksburg Living | |
| Daily C | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | . 1st Place | Daily Corinthian | | Crossroads Magazine | Good variety of news & features with a local focus. |
| Daily C | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | 2nd Place | Starkville Daily News | Camille Watts, Don Norman | Town & Gown Magazine | |
| Daily C | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | 3rd Place | The Daily Leader | | Brookhaven Magazine | |

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| Weekly D | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | 1st Place | The Lamar Times | | Signature Magazine | Excellent magazine! Reflects a great job of mixing great photography with a good mix of stories & an appealing layout. A shout out on the mix of advertising as well. This judge, for one, also liked the large format of your magazine. |
| Weekly D | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | 2nd Place | The Northside Sun | Jimmye Sweat | Northside Sun Magazine | |
| Weekly D | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | 3rd Place | The Lamar Times | | PineBeltSPORTS: The Magazine | |
| Weekly E | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | 1st Place | New Albany Gazette | | New Albany Magazine - Spring/Summer & Fall/Winter | I love your New Albany magazine! Great photography blends with well-written stories & attractive ads. altogether a great job on a magazine that keeps its readers in mind. |
| Weekly E | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | 2nd Place | The Chronicle | | The Chronicle Magazine | |
| Weekly E | 28 - MAGAZINE PERIODICAL | 3rd Place | Madison County Journal | | Madison County Magazine | |
| Daily A | 29 - DESIGN | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | | | |
| Daily A | 29 - DESIGN | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | | | |
| Daily B | 29 - DESIGN | 1st Place | Enterprise-Journal | Matt Williamson & Josh Troy | | Headlines sized correctly. Really nice looking paper. |
| Daily B | 29 - DESIGN | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | | | |
| Daily B | 29 - DESIGN | 3rd Place | Vicksburg Post | | | |
| Daily C | 29 - DESIGN | 1st Place | The Oxford Eagle | | Design | The Oxford Eagle wins first place. The typography is good, with strong readable - if a little too spaced - body text. Picture selection is good with a strong commitment to using graphics & bugs to break up gray text. Some major reproduction issues on inside color but overall the best of the class |
| Daily C | 29 - DESIGN | 2nd Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Charles Corder | Honor & Glory' | |
| Daily C | 29 - DESIGN | 3rd Place | Daily Leader | | Design | |
| Weekly D | 29 - DESIGN | 1st Place | The Northside Sun | | design | This paper has a very nice overall appearance. Color is crisp & photos are sharp. Clean layout. Consistent section headings make pages easy to navigate for reader. |
| Weekly D | 29 - DESIGN | 2nd Place | Monroe Journal | Monroe Journal , Raleigh Downs | Design: Dec. 2, Dec. 9 & Dec. 16 | |
| Weekly D | 29 - DESIGN | 3rd Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Charlie Smith | Design - Enterprise-Tocsin | |

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| Weekly E | 29 - DESIGN | 1st Place | Madison County Journal | | Madison County Journal Design | Clean layout & good use of white space carried this entry to first place. Lifestyle lead pages show extra design effort, & overall photo reproduction is strong, too. |
| Weekly E | 29 - DESIGN | 2nd Place | The Newton County Appeal | | The Newton County Appeal | |
| Weekly E | 29 - DESIGN | 3rd Place | The Wayne County News | | Design | |
| Weekly F | 29 - DESIGN | 1st Place | Mississippi Business Journal | Ross Reily, Tacy Rayburn, Frank Brown | Design: April 17, April 24, May 1 editions | Mississippi Business Journal: Very clean design makes this an attractive & inviting newspaper. Good graphics & well-organized. |
| Weekly F | 29 - DESIGN | 2nd Place | The Baldwyn News | | Baldwyn News-Design | |
| Weekly F | 29 - DESIGN | 3rd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin, Krista McFerrin | Design | |
| Daily A | 30 - HEADLINE | 1st Place | Daily Journal | John L. Pitts | Three headlines | Three terrific plays on words. |
| Daily A | 30 - HEADLINE | 2nd Place | The Sun Herald | Arthur Jaramillo | Sigh of the Tiger; Four on the floor; Huskies run for Myles | |
| Daily A | 30 - HEADLINE | 3rd Place | The Sun Herald | Nate Thurman | The Beautiful Shame; Proud sun of Moss Point; Hush Funds | |
| Daily B | 30 - HEADLINE | 1st Place | The Natchez Democrat | Ben Hillyer | A blonde walks in a bar / In flu bloom | The headline "blonde" took a pun and made it relevant with a story about the craft beer scene. |
| Daily B | 30 - HEADLINE | 2nd Place | Enterprise-Journal | Matt Williamson and Ernest Herndon | Oil (ka) boom; Magnolia animal control all bite, no bark; Bowsky: 'They can come get my truck' | |
| Daily B | 30 - HEADLINE | 3rd Place | Hattiesburg American | Robyn Jackson | Robyn Jackson headlines | |
| Daily C | 30 - HEADLINE | 1st Place | Delta Democrat Times | | Headlines | Nice headlines that serve that elusive triple role of being clever, clear & informative at the same time. |
| Daily C | 30 - HEADLINE | 2nd Place | Picayune Item | Jesse Wright | Minor Mistake | |
| Daily C | 30 - HEADLINE | 3rd Place | The Oxford Eagle | | Legal pot effort sprouts | |
| Weekly D | 30 - HEADLINE | 1st Place | The Lamar Times | Beth Bunch | Jonathan Tyler pulls over; Sew & sew; Timber sales making | Clever, engaging headlines |
| Weekly D | 30 - HEADLINE | 2nd Place | The Sea Coast Echo | Geoff Belcher | Headline Auditor's Sights | |

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| Weekly D | 30 - HEADLINE | 3rd Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Charlie Smith | Our beloved King, Peacemaker killed, Fido, trust us - this is for the best | |
| Weekly E | 30 - HEADLINE | 1st Place | The Columbian Progress | Adam Prestridge | Poultry in motion | Clever twist of a common expression. |
| Weekly E | 30 - HEADLINE | 2nd Place | The Wayne County News | Paul Keane | & the B&(s) played on, War Eagles exorcise & War Eagles stem | |
| Weekly E | 30 - HEADLINE | 3rd Place | The Wayne County News | Paul Keane | Elite Eight is GR8, How Sweet (16) it is & On Track | |
| Weekly F | 30 - HEADLINE | I1st Place | The Petal News, Hattiesburg | Beth Bunch | 'Trash'ing; Gator bait; How sweet it is | Great play on words; Wiity, funny headlines intrigue me to read the story. Good job! |
| Weekly F | 30 - HEADLINE | 2nd Place | The Petal News, Hattiesburg | Beth Bunch | 8-cent memories; All that glitters; Petal's big catch | |
| Weekly F | 30 - HEADLINE | 3rd Place | The Petal News, Hattiesburg | Beth Bunch | Baby, it's cold outside; New crown for Petal dentist; Petal Animal unleashes | |
| Daily A | 31 - LEDE | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | Lauren Walck | 'It was almost like watching a move' | The writer perfectly used an anecdotal lede to set the stage for the story. |
| Daily A | 31 - LEDE | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Derek Russell | Daily Journal lede entries | |
| Daily A | 31 - LEDE | 3rd Place | The Sun Herald | Paul Hampton | Congress drives me to distraction | |
| Daily B | 31 - LEDE | 1st Place | Vicksburg Post | Jan Griffey | Life after loss: Widower recounts wife's battle against breast cancer | Powerful start to a tear-jerking story. Great way to bring emotions to the surface. |
| Daily B | 31 - LEDE | 2nd Place | Vicksburg Post | Ernest Bowker | Butler's career took detour to Popeyes | |
| Daily B | 31 - LEDE | 3rd Place | Hattiesburg American | Tim Doherty | Tim Doherty ledes | |
| Daily C | 31 - LEDE | 1st Place | The Greenwood Commonwealth | Tim Kalich | Hotelier known for his generosity | It's difficult to capture the subject of an obituary without falling into the maudlin. This author made me wish I knew the man. |
| Daily C | 31 - LEDE | 2nd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Stephanie Rebman | Kudzu King | |
| Daily C | 31 - LEDE | 3rd Place | The Oxford Eagle | Alyssa Schnugg | Saying goodbye to a renaissance man | |

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| Weekly D | 31 - LEDE | 1st Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | Charlie Smith | Ledes - Enterprise-Tocsin, Charlie Smith | Three strong ledes from hard news to feature. |
| Weekly D | 31 - LEDE | 2nd Place | The Lamar Times | Zach Jones | I thee wed | |
| Weekly D | 31 - LEDE | 3rd Place | The Neshoba Democrat | Debbie Burt Myers | Twins, step-mon die in wreck | |
| Weekly E | 31 - LEDE | 1st Place | The Columbian Progress | Adam Prestridge | Getting tatted becoming more popular | This lede sets a compelling tone & stage that show the writer's talent at making the reader feel in that moment. |
| Weekly E | 31 - LEDE | 2nd Place | Madison County Journal | Duncan Dent | School district may outsource food resources | |
| Weekly E | 31 - LEDE | 3rd Place | Madison County Journal | Tyler Clevel& | Search continues for artist's stolen vehicle | |
| Weekly F | 31 - LEDE | 1st Place | The Petal News, Hattiesburg | Zach Jones | Eatery to drop anchor | The writer's ability to be clever & "punny" did not override the need to be informative. Although I thought it was a little too long, I think this writer showed skill & creativity. Good job. |
| Weekly F | 31 - LEDE | 2nd Place | The Sun-Sentinel | Clay McFerrin | Praying to the Lord keeps 'Big Ma' going | |
| Weekly F | 31 - LEDE | 3rd Place | Deer Creek Pilot | Ray Mosby | What next | |
| Daily A | 32 - WEBSITE | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | | Sunherald.com | Love it! Clean, uncluttered design, easy to navigate & find things, even like the headline fonts. Your videographers shine - great angles, good use of sound & outst&ing content. Truly an effort to be proud of. |
| Daily A | 32 - WEBSITE | 2nd Place | Daily Journal | Daily Journal | Daily Journal website | |
| Daily A | 32 - WEBSITE | 3rd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | | ClarionLedger.com | |
| Daily B & C | 32 - WEBSITE | 1st Place | Vicksburg Post | | Vicksburg Post Website | Clear display & quality content make for a great site. |
| Daily B & C | 32 - WEBSITE | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | | The Natchez Democrat | |
| Daily B & C | 32 - WEBSITE | 3rd Place | The Oxford Eagle | | www.oxfordeagle.com | |
| ALL WEEKLIES | 32 - WEBSITE | 1st Place | The Wayne County News | | Wayne County News Website | On-line dem& TV channel is an awesome idea. The afternoon updates are a great way to reach readers while also generating additional revenue. It also reflects a lot of work. Great job on keeping your community informed. |
| ALL WEEKLIES | 32 - WEBSITE | 2nd Place | The Calhoun County Journal | Joel McNeece | calhouncountyjournal.com | |
| ALL WEEKLIES | 32 - WEBSITE | 3rd Place | Mississippi Business Journal | | website: www.msbusiness.com | |

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| ALL DAILIES | 33 - USE OF ONLINE VIDEO | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | Amanda McCoy | Hurricane Katrina: Surviving the Point | Excellent storytelling. |
| ALL DAILIES | 33 - USE OF ONLINE VIDEO | 2nd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Therese Apel | Mississippi storm death toll rises to 8 | |
| ALL DAILIES | 33 - USE OF ONLINE VIDEO | 3rd Place | The Sun Herald | Amanda McCoy | Prayers & Plywood: "Katrina+10: Mississippi's Story" app intro | |
| ALL WEEKLIES | 33 - USE OF ONLINE VIDEO | 1st Place | The Chronicle | Jason Niblett | Shop Small in Jones County, Mississippi | Excellent use of journalism to promote the community & local businesses. |
| ALL WEEKLIES | 33 - USE OF ONLINE VIDEO | 2nd Place | The Wayne County News | | Home Turf (Highlights Show) | |
| ALL WEEKLIES | 33 - USE OF ONLINE VIDEO | 3rd Place | The Wayne County News | Paul Keane | Cold case solved | |
| ALL NEWSPAPERS | 34 - DANIEL M. PHILLIPS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AWARD | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | Wesley Muller | Bay St. Louis federal probe | Thorough reporting & good use of FOI request. A good example of how investigating one discrepancy can lead to uncovering more. I'm curious to know where the money went! |
| ALL NEWSPAPERS | 34 - DANIEL M. PHILLIPS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AWARD | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | Vershal Hogan | FOI requests lead to questions about proposed city development | |
| ALL NEWSPAPERS | 34 - DANIEL M. PHILLIPS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AWARD | 3rd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | Mollie Bryant | JSU firings, suits raise questions | |
| ALL DAILIES | 35 - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD | 1st Place | Daily Journal | Michaela Gibson Morris | "Will the Doctor Be In?" series | A comprehensive series looking at the pressing problem of a primary care shortage in rural areas. Good combination of explaining the problem, providing examples of primary care physicians who have made their practices in rural areas & programs trying to increase the number of young doctors working in rural areas. I was impressed with the graphics & sidebars, too; they supported the stories while also adding extra information, & were visually pleasing. |
| ALL DAILIES | 35 - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD | 2nd Place | The Natchez Democrat | | Please Fix / You Asked | |
| ALL DAILIES | 35 - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD | 3rd Place | Vicksburg Post | | The Breast Cancer Pink Edition | |

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| ALL WEEKLIES | 35 - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD | 1st Place | The Columbian Progress | | Kindergarten | This project truly does a community service by helping raise what are likely much-needed funds for the kindergarten classrooms. It was fun to read the students' responses. I'm sure this will be a keepsake for many of them to look back on. |
| ALL WEEKLIES | 35 - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD | 2nd Place | The Columbian Progress | | Help sought for family | |
| ALL WEEKLIES | 35 - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD | 3rd Place | The Star Herald | | Trick or Treat on the Square | |
| Daily A | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 1st Place | The Sun Herald | | | Sun Herald- Smart & clean layout & design. Good incorporation of online products with traditional print edition. Nice photography & sized well to fit nicely in layout & with stories. Excellent writing. Writing, photos & layout worked well together to make a great product. |
| Daily A | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 2nd Place | The Clarion-Ledger | | | The Clarion-Ledger |
| Daily A | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 3rd Place | Daily Journal | | | Daily Journal |
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| Daily B | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 1st Place | The Natchez Democrat | | | |
| Daily B | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 2nd Place | Enterprise-Journal | | | |
| Daily B | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 3rd Place | Vicksburg Post | | | |
| Daily C | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 1st Place | Oxford Eagle | | | Excellent publication. A complete package from layout to copy to photos. Well designed, clean. Photos & copy worked well together & with layout. Good combination of local, regional & national news. Good Job! |
| Daily C | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 2nd Place | Daily Corinthian | | | |
| Daily C | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 3rd Place | Greenwood Commonwealth | | | |
| Weekly D | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 1st Place | The Lamar Times | | | Excellent design; good use of photos. Informative, well written articles. Good job overall. |
| Weekly D | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 2nd Place | The Northside Sun | | | |
| Weekly D | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 3rd Place | The Enterprise-Tocsin | | | |
| Weekly E | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 1st Place | Madison County Journal | | | Nice work. Clean layout. Good stories. Photos went well with the stories. Easy paper to read & informative. |
| Weekly E | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 2nd Place | The Columbian Progress | | | Clean looking pages, good writing, & content. Like the way topics (sections) of interest are separated. An easy paper to read. Some of the photos were bordered, some weren't. |

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| Weekly E | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 3rd Place | The Yazoo Herald | | | Nice layout. Photos were a little weak. Some of the back & white were just gray. |
| Weekly F | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 1st Place | The Sun Sentinel | | | Top-notch. Great readability, vivid pictures & graphics/ads. Pictures are really top notch & the unique layout & thorough coverage makes it a memorable read. Despite the size - nothing is lost - great newspaper. |
| Weekly F | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 2nd Place | The Petal News | | | Great use of space. Coverage of local news very well suited to newspaper. Pictures & graphics are vivid & articles are newsworthy. |
| Weekly F | 36 - GENERAL EXCELLENCE | 3rd Place | MS Business Journal | Clay McFerrin, Krista McFerrin | | Visually appealing. Great overall coverage & excellent pictures. |