

2020 MPA Better Newspaper Contest



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Statewide Contest Spotlights Quality Journalism

Members of Montana Press Association reviewed 2,739 entries submitted by 83 Michigan newspapers/Individual members this year. The competition inspires all journalists to produce their best work, which in turn, nurtures stronger communities.

“To my way of thinking, every single person in this industry who has come through the past year deserves recognition. If we were presenting these awards in person - as was tradition before 2020 - I'd ask for a round of applause to celebrate and recognize all of us. In the midst of the chaos that was last year, a number of member papers submitted their best work as part of the Michigan Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest. Today, awards were given to those entries that stood out to our judges as some of the best of the best. What is clear from this contest and from our collective efforts over the past year is that Michigan journalists and our hometown newspapers are talented, passionate and dedicated to making sure our readers stay informed.” —Julie Stafford, President Michigan Press Association, and publisher of the Greenville Daily News.

The 2020 “Newspaper of the Year” award is presented to the top newspaper in eight circulation classes based on points accumulated (100 for first, 70 for second and 40 for third) in all Editorial contest categories. Winners of those awards are listed below.

Daily Newspapers of the Year			Weekly/News Media Publication Newspapers of the Year		
Circulation Class	Total Points	Newspaper	Circulation Class	Total Points	Newspaper
Class A	1,170	Detroit Free Press	Class A	1770	Huron County View
Class B	860	Traverse City Record-Eagle	Class B	2180	Leelanau Enterprise
Class C	1520	Midland Daily News	Class C	670	Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News
Class D	1260	Greenville Daily News	Class D	1170	Michigan Advance

Circulation Class Breakdown: *Daily Class A – over 20,000; Daily Class B – 11,001-20,000; Daily Class C – 5,001-11,000; Daily Class D – 5,000 and under; Weekly Class A/News Media – over 15,000; Weekly Class B/News Media – 7,001-15,000; Weekly Class C/News Media – 3,001-7,000; Weekly Class D/News Media – 3,000 and under.*

The 2020 Advertising Contest this year awarded the Excellence in Advertising Award to the overall winner in all the advertising categories. We based this award on points accumulated (100 for first, 70 for second and 40 for third) in all nine advertising categories. The three finalists are: Tecumseh Herald, Tri-County Times, and Cadillac News, with the winner being the **Tecumseh Herald**.

The MPA Public Service Award recognizes a distinguished example of meritorious public service by a newspaper or newspaper individual that has made a significant contribution to the betterment of their community. The three finalists are: Grand Rapids Press for “Mental Health Series”, Detroit News “Detroit Homeowners overtaxed \$600 million”, and Detroit Free Press for “Free Press coverage of the coronavirus pandemic”, with the award going to **Detroit News**.

The MPA Rookie Writer Award recognizes exemplary efforts of new writers just breaking into journalism. The three finalists are: Caitlin Taylor of The Monroe News, Zahra Ahmad of the Flint Journal and Andrew Rosenthal of the Traverse City Record-Eagle, with the award going to **Zahra Ahmad**.

The MPA Public Notice Journalism Award recognizes stories that exemplify the importance of public notice in newspapers. The finalists Greenville Daily News for “Montcalm County commissioner goes AWOL” with the award going to **Greenville Daily News**.

Best coverage of the Coronavirus in Michigan recognizes Submissions for this category should focus on coverage of the Covid 19 pandemic in Michigan. Coverage of health care, community impact etc. may be included. The

four finalists (had a tie for second place) are Leelanau Enterprise for “Covid 19 2020-04-09”, Detroit News for “Testing needed to reopen economy, but Michigan trails other states” Michigan Advance for “The toll coronavirus has taken on Michigan” and Detroit Free Press for “Detroit Free Press coverage of the coronavirus pandemic” with the award going to **Michigan Advance**.

The Best FOIA Story Award recognizes the best story using FOIA as the main tool to gain information. This award will shine a spotlight on the importance of FOIA in getting information about what is going on in government. the best story using FOIA as the main tool to gain information. This award will shine a spotlight on the importance of FOIA in getting information about what is going on in government. The three finalists are: Traverse City Record-Eagle for “TCAPS transparency”, Greenville Daily News for “FOIA-related stories which culminated to Bob Clingenpeel’s resignation”, and Bridge Magazine for “Wolf kills and deer heads: Trouble at the DNR”, with the award going to **Greenville Daily News**.

The 2021 MPA Better Newspaper Contest opens August 1, 2021.

Best Columnist

Daily A - Best Columnist

10 Entries

First Place

Grand Rapids Press

Letter from the Editor: Journalists record the pain of community protests, and they live it, too

John Hiner

Second Place

Grand Rapids Press

INTERFAITH INSIGHT - A personal confession: I am a racist

Douglas Kindschi

Third Place

Detroit Free Press

Nancy Kaffer

Daily B - Best Columnist

11 Entries

First Place

The Monroe News

Best columnist entry

Caitlin Taylor

Second Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Brendan Quealy

Third Place

Battle Creek Enquirer

Collection of columns from Nick Buckley

Nick Buckley

Daily C - Best Columnist

9 Entries

First Place

Midland Daily News

It really can be a new you

Kate Hessling

Second Place

Petoskey News-Review

You can wait

Jeremy McBain

Third Place

Ludington Daily News

On the Other Hand by Steve Begnoche

Steve Begnoche

Daily D - Best Columnist

9 Entries

First Place

Niles Daily Star

Ambrosia Neldon

Second Place

Huron Daily Tribune

I was attacked

Scott Nunn

Third Place

Huron Daily Tribune

Mary Drier

Weekly/News Media A - Best Columnist

4 Entries

First Place

Huron County View

View From Here - Seth Stapleton

Seth Stapleton

Second Place

Tri-County Times

Thankful for our local police officers

Sharon Stone

Third Place

Tri-County Times

That's Not Entertainment

Vera Hogan

Honorable Mention

Tri-County Times

Is Lowering Flags Becoming Misplaced Display

Vera Hogan

Weekly/News Media B - Best Columnist

2 Entries

First Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Multiple Columns

Eric Carlson

Second Place

Leelanau Enterprise

Confessions of a Hallmark Christmas movie junkie

Amy Hubbell

Weekly/News Media C - Best Columnist

30 Entries

First Place

Grosse Pointe News

When Hogs Squeal

Eddie B. Allen Jr.

Second Place

Oceana's Herald-Journal

The best Thanksgiving of all

Mary Beth Crain

Third Place

Grosse Pointe News

Seeking liberty and justice for all

Mary Anne Brush

Honorable Mention

Tecumseh Herald

Imagine That

Mary Kay McPartlin

Weekly/News Media D - Best Columnist

6 Entries

First Place

Michigan Advance

Susan J. Demas

Second Place

Oscoda Press

Sunrise Reflections column by Jason Ogden

Jason Ogden

Third Place

The Clinton Local, LLC.

At the Movies with Nate Adams

Nate Adams

Honorable Mention

The Advance

Dialogue: 3 samples by Marcia Loader

Marcia Loader

Best Editorial

Daily A - Best Editorial

2 Entries

First Place

Detroit News

University board secrecy undermines public trust

Ingrid Jacques

Second Place

Lansing State Journal

COVID concerns should not mean less transparency in government

LSJ Editorial Board

Daily B - Best Editorial

6 Entries

First Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Editorial: We all should take pride in community outrage over TCAPS secrecy

Nathan Payne

Second Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Editorial: A quick trip to the cleaners

Allison Batdorff

Third Place

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Editorial: Gov's husband's request didn't float our boat

Allison Batdorff

Daily C - Best Editorial

2 Entries

First Place *Midland Daily News*

Support your local newspaper and your right to know

Kate Hessling

Second Place *The Daily News, Iron Mountain*

Putting on a mask isnt too much to ask

Betsy Bloom

Daily D - Best Editorial

3 Entries

First Place *Greenville Daily News*

Arm yourself with facts against fake news

Elisabeth Waldon

Second Place *Huron Daily Tribune*

County commissioners missing the boat by abandoning remote meeting attendance

Scott Nunn

Weekly/News Media A - Best Editorial

2 Entries

First Place *Tri-County Times*

The government sells your data

Hannah Ball

Second Place *Tri-County Times*

Raging about Radium Girls

Hannah Ball

Weekly/News Media B - Best Editorial

3 Entries

First Place *Leelanau Enterprise*

Welcome 2020!

John Elchert

Second Place *Leelanau Enterprise*

Letter went over the line

John Elchert

Third Place *Leelanau Enterprise*

Keep calm Leelanau, remain resilient

John Elchert

Weekly/News Media C - Best Editorial

15 Entries

First Place *Grosse Pointe News*

Leadership lacking in Shores

Barb Arrigo

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

Move forward with yes votes

Eric Hamp

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

Work together to make things right

Eric Hamp

Honorable Mention *Grosse Pointe News*

Who's behind the recall effort?

Barb Arrigo

Weekly/News Media D - Best Editorial

8 Entries

First Place *The Advance*

Look for the facts in 2020

Marcia Loader

Second Place

Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper

Support Leelanaus young families: vote Yes on early childhood millage

Jacob Wheeler

Third Place

Flintside

Say its name

Alexandria Brown

Honorable Mention

Oscoda Press

More info on COVID-19 cases should be shared

Jason Ogden

Best Newspaper Design

Daily A - Best Newspaper Design

1 Entries

First Place *Grand Rapids Press*

The Grand Rapids Press for Sunday, August 25, 2019 for best newspaper design category

Grand Rapids Press staff

Daily B - Best Newspaper Design

2 Entries

First Place *Jackson Citizen Patriot*

Shootings on the Rise

Stephanie Giluk

Second Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Record-Eagle staff

Daily C - Best Newspaper Design

2 Entries

First Place *Ludington Daily News*

Daily News - Jan. 2, 2020

David Bossick

Second Place *Midland Daily News*

May 30, 2020 edition of the Midland Daily News

Bill Petzold

Daily D - Best Newspaper Design

4 Entries

First Place *Niles Daily Star*

Niles Daily Star

Ambrosia Neldon, Emily Sobecki, Sarah Culton

Second Place *Sturgis Journal*

September 7, 2019 full Journal

Staff

Third Place *Greenville Daily News*

Greenville Daily News design

Darrin Clark

Weekly/News Media A - Best Newspaper Design

2 Entries

First Place *Tri-County Times*

Tri-County Times 2/23/20

Jennifer Ward

Second Place *Huron County View*

Huron County View

Seth Stapleton, Liz LaFave, Jane Vanderpoel

Weekly/News Media C - Best Newspaper Design

7 Entries

First Place *Grosse Pointe News*

Grosse Pointe News full issue

Jody McVeigh, John Minnis, Mary Anne Brush, Bob St. John

Second Place *Tecumseh Herald*
The Tecumseh Herald - November 14, 2019
 The Tecumseh Herald Staff

Third Place *The Tri-City Times*
Best Newspaper Design
 Staff

Weekly/News Media D - Best Newspaper Design
3 Entries

First Place *Michigan Advance*
Michigan Advance
 Joe Wright, Nelle Dunlap, Susan J. Demas

Second Place *The Advance*
The last paper before the world stopped...March 11, 2020
 Marcia Loader

Third Place *The Clinton Local, LLC.*
Good-bye, heated community debate, celebrations and so much more!
 Michael Walters, Amanda Morris

Best Page or Pages Design

Daily A - Best Page or Pages Design
3 Entries

First Place *Grand Rapids Press*
Al Kalines legacy
 Grand Rapids Press staff

Second Place *Grand Rapids Press*
The Great Lakes State looks great at 183, but how did she get here?
 Grand Rapids Press staff

Third Place *Grand Rapids Press*
People want to know: Who is responsible?
 Grand Rapids Press staff

Daily B - Best Page or Pages Design
5 Entries

First Place *The Ann Arbor News*
Ann Arbor downtown boom
 Stephanie Giluk

Second Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*
Oct. 19, 2019, A1
 Record-Eagle staff

Third Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*
July 5, 2020, A1
 Record-Eagle staff

Honorable Mention *Traverse City Record-Eagle*
March 28, 2020, A1
 Record-Eagle staff

Daily C - Best Page or Pages Design
7 Entries

First Place *Cadillac News*
Christmas
 Sarah Adams

Second Place *Midland Daily News*
100 things Midland is thankful for
 Katy Kildee, Kate Hessling

Third Place *Midland Daily News*
Fair folk portraits
 Katy Kildee

Honorable Mention *Midland Daily News*
May 30, 2020 front page
 Bill Petzold

Daily D - Best Page or Pages Design
14 Entries

First Place *Niles Daily Star*
Superheroes save the day
 Emily Sobecki

Second Place *Niles Daily Star*
Cleaning service expands
 Emily Sobecki

Third Place *Manistee News-Advocate*
Page design front page Oct. 16, 2019
 News Advocate Staff

Honorable Mention *Sturgis Journal*
Best Page/Page Design entry
 Candice Phelps, Journal Staff

Weekly/News Media A - Best Page or Pages Design
6 Entries

First Place *Tri-County Times*
Living Local pages
 Lorie Gavulic

Second Place *Macomb Chronicle*
Photos of the Year
 Jason Clancy

Third Place *West Bloomfield Beacon*
Still roaring
 Jason Clancy

Weekly/News Media B - Best Page or Pages Design
2 Entries

First Place *Leelanau Enterprise*
Cherry Timeline
 Amy Hubbell, Mike Anderson

Second Place *Leelanau Enterprise*
Snow Business
 Daniel Fortune, Mike Anderson

Weekly/News Media C - Best Page or Pages Design
10 Entries

First Place *Oceana's Herald-Journal*
In loving memory of Kaitlynn Scott
 Amanda Dodge

Second Place *Tecumseh Herald*
Quilts on display at Clinton Arts Center
 Cory Mathis

Third Place *Oceana's Herald-Journal*
Celebrating 150 years of writing the first draft of history
 Amanda Dodge

Honorable Mention *Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News*
Out for a Sunday Drive
 Eric Hamp, Krista Tacey-Cater

Weekly/News Media D - Best Page or Pages Design
2 Entries

First Place *Michigan Advance*
A tale of two oil pipelines and their place in the presidential race
 Laina G. Stebbins, Susan J. Demas

Second Place *The Clinton Local, LLC.*
Graduation -- COVID style
 Michael Walters, Amanda Morris

Best Sports Column

Daily A - Best Sports Column

17 Entries

First Place **Detroit Free Press**

Almont-Denby and the quest to find out what really happened

Jeff Seidel

Second Place **Detroit News**

Hiatus may cause us to rethink priority we put on organized youth sports

John Niyo

Third Place **Lansing State Journal**

I've run hundreds of miles through Lansing at night. This is what it's like.

Matthew Miller

Honorable Mention **Kalamazoo Gazette**

Girls wrestling state finals at Ford Field may not be far away

Patrick Nothaft

Daily B - Best Sports Column

16 Entries

First Place **Bay City Times**

Dear Baseball: Heartbroken seniors farewell letter touches all who love the game

Lee Thompson

Second Place **Battle Creek Enquirer**

Eddie Sturm has been the face of Climax-Scotts football for two decades

Bill Broderick

Third Place **Traverse City Record-Eagle**

A tiny ripple to an emotional wave

Mark Urban

Honorable Mention **Traverse City Record-Eagle**

Injured Rayder saved girl's life at Frankfort game

James Cook

Daily C - Best Sports Column

10 Entries

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

You can support MHSAA coronavirus decision and hurt for the athletes

Bill Khan

Second Place **Alpena News**

Posens Momrik as passionate as ever 10 years after heart attack

James Andersen

Third Place **Midland Daily News**

Better than real life: MDN sports writers making a splash in video baseball game

Bill Petzold

Honorable Mention **Midland Daily News**

It just puts a smile on your face

Dan Chalk

Daily D - Best Sports Column

9 Entries

First Place **Manistee News-Advocate**

If there was ever a time for teamwork, it's now

Dylan Savela

Second Place **Manistee News-Advocate**

Baseball is back: Saints lead the way, open season safely

Dylan Savela

Third Place

Who needs Lions when you have Bearcats

Mark Birdsall

Honorable Mention

Two thumbs up sort of

Alex Freeman

Huron Daily Tribune

Greenville Daily News

Weekly/News Media A - Best Sports Column

1 Entries

First Place

Paul Adams personal column (Sports)

Paul Adams

Huron County View

Weekly/News Media C - Best Sports Column

6 Entries

First Place

Without new sports, old sports have to do for now

Andy Roberts

Second Place

Commend MHSAA for giving sports a chance

Andy Roberts

Third Place

Matters of the heart

Peter Jakey

Honorable Mention

Coach Watson closes in on 500 wins

Peter Jakey

White Lake Beacon

Presque Isle County Advance/Onaway Outlook

Presque Isle County Advance/Onaway Outlook

Weekly/News Media D - Best Sports Column

5 Entries

First Place

Detroit Lions NFL Draft grades out good, but not perfect

Robert Myers

Second Place

Sunrise Reflections Sports Columns

Jason Ogden

Third Place

Patience the best play for Detroit Lions

Robert Myers

Benzie County Record Patriot

Oscoda Press

Business/Agriculture News

Daily A - Business/Agriculture News

25 Entries

First Place

Driven by Greed: The story of UAW corruption

Staff

Second Place

Out of Gear

Phoebe Wall Howard

Third Place

Wolverine tannery cleanup

Garret Ellison

Honorable Mention

Michigan businesses and the pandemic

Staff

Detroit News

Detroit Free Press

Grand Rapids Press

Bridge Magazine

Daily B - Business/Agriculture News

22 Entries

First Place

Perch for profit

Caitlyn French

Bay City Times

Second Place

Ann Arbors changing skyline
Ryan Stanton

Third Place

UAW strike
Heather Jordan, Kaytie Boomer

The Ann Arbor News

Saginaw News

Daily C - Business/Agriculture News

19 Entries

First Place

COVID-19 in congregate housing
Hannah Hubbard

Second Place

DuPont employees face ongoing pay issues
Ashley Schafer

Third Place

Stay home impact on business
Ryan Bentley

Honorable Mention

Cadillac 4 theater
Karen Hopper Usher

Ludington Daily News

Midland Daily News

Petoskey News-Review

Cadillac News

Daily D - Business/Agriculture News

13 Entries

First Place

PBB has not gone away
Sara Eisinger

Second Place

Farmers vs. floods
Elisabeth Waldon

Third Place

Cormorants damaging fish populations
Mary Drier

Honorable Mention

Realtor struggles differ across border
Tom LaVenture

Huron Daily Tribune

Greenville Daily News

Huron Daily Tribune

The Daily Globe

Weekly/News Media A - Business/Agriculture News

4 Entries

First Place

Hardship in the dairy industry
Seth Stapleton

Second Place

Local businesses dealing with varying degrees of struggles
Seth Stapleton

Third Place

Too little, too late for dairy farmers?
Tim Jagielo

Huron County View

Huron County View

Tri-County Times

Weekly/News Media B - Business/Agriculture News

7 Entries

First Place

Last farmer standing
Alan Campbell

Second Place

Group questions Brazil cherry imports
Alan Campbell

Third Place

CHERRY ANTI-DUMPING CLAIM DENIED
Alan Campbell

Leelanau Enterprise

Leelanau Enterprise

Leelanau Enterprise

Weekly/News Media C - Business/Agriculture News

15 Entries

First Place

Keihin to shut down
Tom Wearing

Second Place

Presque Isle County Advance/Onaway Outlook
Lamphrey count steady and new lab operational
Mary Ann Heidemann

Third Place

Oceana's Herald-Journal
Shelby's Media Technologies helps improve education one desk at a time
Sharon Hallack

Honorable Mention

Growers fight freezing weather
Stacy Sobotka

The Tri-City Times

The Record

Weekly/News Media D - Business/Agriculture News

15 Entries

First Place

Pandemic Business Stories: Area businesses cope; Rupp's stand on belief auto wash essential; Off to the races despite COVID
Melissa Burnor

Second Place

New hotel in downtown Flint symbolizes city's comeback
Marjory Raymer

Good, solid business reporting.

Third Place

Virtual courts provide access to justice during shutdown
Kelly Caplan

Honorable Mention

"Taste the Love"
Michael Walters

The Advance

Flintside

Michigan Lawyers Weekly

The Clinton Local, LLC.

Feature Photo

Daily A - Feature Photo

18 Entries

First Place

Family Visit
Mandi Wright

Second Place

Teen suicide
Dale Young

Third Place

A different kind of graduation
Jake May

Honorable Mention

Overcoming COVID
Jake May

Detroit Free Press

Bridge Magazine

Flint Journal

Flint Journal

Daily B - Feature Photo

28 Entries

First Place

Kids hangout during 51st annual African Cultural Festival
Rachel Ellis

Second Place

No Excuses, Not Even COVID-19
Kaytie Boomer

Third Place

Boat builder
Mike Krebs

Saginaw News

Bay City Times

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Honorable Mention
Cool Luigi
 J. Scott Park
Jackson Citizen Patriot

Daily C - Feature Photo
 18 Entries
First Place
Hallway Pep
 Katy Kildee
Midland Daily News

Second Place
bump jump
 Jillian Fellows
Petoskey News-Review

Third Place
Family portrait
 Betsy Bloom
The Daily News, Iron Mountain

Honorable Mention
Ashes To Go
 Katy Kildee
Midland Daily News

Daily D - Feature Photo
 20 Entries
First Place
Lake Superior
 Jason Juno
The Daily Globe

Second Place
Crash course
 Coulter Stuart
Huron Daily Tribune

Third Place
Canine comfort
 Cory Smith
Greenville Daily News

Honorable Mention
Sunrise on Sunset Blvd.
 Tyler Leipprandt
Huron Daily Tribune

Individual - Feature Photo
 1 Entries
First Place
The Barber shop of Karle Manke in Owosso, Michigan
Seth Herald

Weekly/News Media A - Feature Photo
 4 Entries
First Place
Lighting up the sky
 Paul Adams
Huron County View

Second Place
Star spangled spectacle
 Seth Stapleton
Huron County View

Third Place
Wheres the VIEW? Ugly Heights Rainbow
 Paul Adams
Huron County View

Weekly/News Media B - Feature Photo
 7 Entries
First Place
Slime time
 Patrick McAbee
The Citizen, Ortonville

Second Place
PEACHY PARADISE
 Daniel Fortune
Leelanau Enterprise

Third Place
Kids sledding
 Eric Carlson
Leelanau Enterprise

Honorable Mention
Trapped Porky
 Kaula Collier
Leelanau Enterprise

Weekly/News Media C - Feature Photo
 21 Entries
First Place
Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

The Barber Is In!
 Krista Tacey-Cater
Second Place
Thunder Moon
 Larry Sobczak
The Record

Third Place
Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

Enjoying the Moment
 Cheryl Holladay
Honorable Mention
Ice art
 Renee Landuyt
Grosse Pointe News

Weekly/News Media D - Feature Photo
 8 Entries
First Place
Rep. Brenda Lawrence speaks against gun violence at a demonstration in Ferndale
 Ken Coleman
Michigan Advance

Second Place
Elizabeth Warren at her emotional final campaign stop in Detroit
 Allison Donahue
Michigan Advance

Third Place
MSU students gather for a St. Patrick's Day house party despite the coronavirus pandemic
 Anna Liz Nichols
Michigan Advance

Feature Story

Daily A - Feature Story
 30 Entries
First Place
A hot dog truck rolled through destroyed Sanford. This is what they saw.
 John Carlisle
Detroit Free Press

Second Place
Nearly killed by COVID-19, Michigan doctors, nurses return humbled, smarter
 Robin Erb
Bridge Magazine

Third Place
The Journey Home
 Zahra Ahmad
Flint Journal

Honorable Mention
Unimaginable pain: Coronavirus robs Michigan woman of whole family
 Francis X. Donnelly
Detroit News

Daily B - Feature Story
 33 Entries
First Place
Arthur, downtown Ann Arbors well-known panhandler, dies at 66
 Ryan Stanton
The Ann Arbor News

Second Place
Firefighter uses burned toys to teach fire safety
 Caitlin Taylor, Tom Hawley
The Monroe News

Third Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*
Predatory rental scammers on the hunt in northern Michigan
 Brendan Quealy

Honorable Mention *Traverse City Record-Eagle*
'I fought for myself'
 Mardi Link

Daily C - Feature Story
 27 Entries

First Place *Petoskey News-Review*
Fight for the right thing
 William Perkins

Second Place *Midland Daily News*
A day to remember
 Lori Qualls

Third Place *Alpena News*
Everybody's happy at an elk hunt
 Julie Riddle

Honorable Mention *The Daily News, Iron Mountain*
A Father for Christmas
 Theresa Proudfit

Daily D - Feature Story
 30 Entries

First Place *Greenville Daily News*
Taking nothing for granted
 Cory Smith

Second Place *Niles Daily Star*
Girl power
 Sarah Culton, Emily Sobecki

Third Place *Niles Daily Star*
Girl online
 Sarah Culton, Emily Sobecki

Honorable Mention *Greenville Daily News*
A lasting vision
 Brandon Schreur

Weekly/News Media A - Feature Story
 4 Entries

First Place *Grosse Pointe Times*
South Pole workers recount memories both chilling and humorous
 K. Michelle Moran

Honorable Mention *Grosse Pointe Times*
When metro Detroit went dry
 Maria Allard, Tiffany Esshaki

Second Place *Chalkbeat*
Detroit students learn to find inner strength after experiencing trauma, living through COVID-19
 Eleanore Catolico

Third Place *Fraser-Clinton Twp. Chronicle*
Two murders, four years, a case gone cold in Clinton Township
 Nick Mordowanec

Weekly/News Media B - Feature Story
 7 Entries

First Place *Leelanau Enterprise*
Life and death in the time of COVID
 Amy Hubbell

Second Place *The Citizen, Ortonville*
Area youth go 'Shop with a Hero'
 Shelby Stewart

Third Place *Leelanau Enterprise*
Coburns Challenge
 Chris Olson

Weekly/News Media C - Feature Story
 34 Entries

First Place *Grosse Pointe News*
Love letters and broken hearts
 Jody McVeigh

Second Place *The Tri-City Times*
Combs times two at Weston
 Maria Brown

Third Place *Oceana's Herald-Journal*
The day the dog fell through the floor
 Mary Beth Crain

Weekly/News Media D - Feature Story
 21 Entries

First Place *Encore Magazine*
The Father of Legal Pot
 Chris Killian

Second Place *Flintside*
The ruralization of Flint's Civic Park neighborhood
 Marjory Raymer, Alexandria Brown

Third Place *Encore Magazine*
'We're Still Here': Recognition of Kalamazoos indigenous roots has been a long time coming
 Kara Norman

Honorable Mention *Benzie County Record Patriot*
"Miracle Dog" reunited with family after being lost on Lake Michigan
 Robert Myers

Government/Education News

Daily A - Government/Education News
 62 Entries

First Place *Detroit News*
Second chance granted
 Christine Ferretti

Second Place *Bridge Magazine*
Michigan's substitute teacher crisis
 Ron French, Mike Wilkinson

Third Place *Bridge Magazine*
15,000 kids take two years of kindergarten. Is Lansing listening?
 Ron French

Honorable Mention *Lansing State Journal*
10 years later, Kalamazoo River oil spill casts a shadow on debate over Enbridge's Line 5
 Carol Thompson

Daily B - Government/Education News
 23 Entries

First Place *The Ann Arbor News*
Racism at Saline schools
 Martin Slagter

Second Place *Jackson Citizen Patriot*
City of Jackson paid \$100,000 to former attorney in settlement agreement
 Taylor DesOrmeau

Third Place *Saginaw News*
CMU sex assault
 Cole Waterman, Winter Keefer

Honorable Mention

The firing of Howard Lazarus
Ryan Stanton

The Ann Arbor News

Third Place

Veteran US Coast Guard couple together 74 years
David Fleet

The Citizen, Ortonville

Daily C - Government/Education News

15 Entries

First Place

Bay head used false ID to promo millage
Ilsa Matthes

The Daily Press

Honorable Mention

Childrens Center launches new program for children at home
Amy Hubbell

Leelanau Enterprise

Second Place

Manton commission candidates almost left off ballot due to filing snafu

Cadillac News

Weekly/News Media C - Government/Education News

23 Entries

First Place

How does your garden grow?
Maria Brown

The Tri-City Times

Third Place

Overnight, we turned from educators to relief sponsors
Dan Chalk

Midland Daily News

Second Place

FOIA gaffe series
Eddie B. Allen Jr.

Grosse Pointe News

Honorable Mention

Manton commissioner resigns amid allegation of sexual harassment
Chris Lamphere

Cadillac News

Third Place

Volunteers prep stadium
Tom Wearing

The Tri-City Times

Daily D - Government/Education News

16 Entries

First Place

Potential cuts threaten future of education

The Daily Globe

Honorable Mention

On the road again
Maria Brown

The Tri-City Times

Second Place

The next chapter
Ambrosia Neldon

Niles Daily Star

Weekly/News Media D - Government/Education News

15 Entries

First Place

Michigan almost had robust sick leave in 2018. Republicans killed it.
Susan J. Demas

Michigan Advance

Third Place

Ionia County Road Commission
Elisabeth Waldon

Greenville Daily News

Second Place

How do you teach science experiments at home? How educators are adjusting to the school shutdown.

Michigan Advance

Honorable Mention

Sobriety court's first grad
Arielle Breen

Manistee News-Advocate

Third Place

The Homefront: Confronting Kalamazoo's Homelessness Crisis
Staff

Encore Magazine

Weekly/News Media A - Government/Education News

12 Entries

First Place

Inside the Detroit right-to-read case: How a settlement came together and a groundbreaking precedent fell apart

Chalkbeat

Koby Levin

Second Place

Michigans reopening economy needs child care. This educators struggle shows that rebooting centers won't be easy.

Chalkbeat

Koby Levin

Third Place

Grosse Pointe Shores retirees outraged over spike in costs for health care benefits

Grosse Pointe Times

K. Michelle Moran

Honorable Mention

Teacher, coach resigns after allegations of misconduct
Ben Muir

Huron County View

News Enterprise Reporting

Daily A - News Enterprise Reporting

28 Entries

First Place

Detroit woman was secret hoarder. Nobody knew until she was found dead, eaten by her dog.

Detroit Free Press

Tresa Baldas, Eric Seals

Honorable Mention

Detroit water shutoffs

Bridge Magazine

Joel Kurth

Second Place

Poisoned Michigan
Jim Malewitz, Riley Beggin

Bridge Magazine

Third Place

Christopher is dead: Chilling 911 calls detail final moments of fatal hostage situation

Kalamazoo Gazette

Ryan Boldrey

Weekly/News Media B - Government/Education News

9 Entries

First Place

Fewer children in Township
Shelby Stewart

The Citizen, Ortonville

Second Place

COMING HOME
Eric Carlson

Leelanau Enterprise

Daily B - News Enterprise Reporting

25 Entries

First Place

Homelessness in Monroe County series
Tyler Eagle, Caitlin Taylor, Tom Hawley

The Monroe News

Second Place

Arrest in cold case doesn't end mystery of 13-year-olds murder in 1974

Bay City Times

Colet Waterman

Third Place **Bay City Times**
Old power plants in Michigan leave legacy of coal ash behind
 Heather Jordan
Honorable Mention **Muskegon Chronicle**
High Great Lakes water levels cause havoc across Michigan
 Lynn Moore

Daily C - News Enterprise Reporting
First Place **Midland Daily News**
Troubled Waters
 Ashley Schafer, Mitchell Kukulka, Victoria Ritter, Lori Qualls, Dan Chalk, Tony Lascari, Katy Kildee

Second Place **Midland Daily News**
Are we keeping our schools secured?
 Mitchell Kukulka, Hope O'Dell

Third Place **Livingston County Daily Press & Argus**
Livingston judge pleads guilty to perjury
 Kayla Daugherty

Honorable Mention **Cadillac News**
Ranking the area's beaches
 Karen Hopper Usher

Daily D - News Enterprise Reporting
11 Entries
First Place **Greenville Daily News**
Local businesses and COVID
 Cory Smith

Second Place **Greenville Daily News**
Plight of the 2020 Ionia Free Fair
 Karen Bota

Third Place **Greenville Daily News**
Road Department employee survey responses shine light on concerns
 Elisabeth Waldon

Honorable Mention **Huron Daily Tribune**
Unemployment impacts on county residents
 Scott Nunn

Weekly/News Media A - News Enterprise Reporting
5 Entries
First Place **Chalkbeat**
Ready or Not: What happens when students from Detroit enter college
 Lori Higgins

Second Place **Macomb Chronicle**
The intricacies of dual positions
 Alex Szwarc

Weekly/News Media B - News Enterprise Reporting
12 Entries
First Place **Leelanau Enterprise**
Water, water everywhere
 Amy Hubbell, Eric Carlson, Chris Olson, Alan Campbell

Second Place **Leelanau Enterprise**
Short-term rentals
 Eric Carlson

Third Place **Leelanau Enterprise**
SCHOOL LETTER DRAWS FIRE FROM PUBLIC
 Amy Hubbell

Honorable Mention **Leelanau Enterprise**
MAN ALLEGES RACIAL PROFILING IN S-B
 Eric Carlson

Weekly/News Media C - News Enterprise Reporting
13 Entries
First Place **Flint Beat**

Flint Beat Gun Violence Coverage
 Amy Diaz, Jiquanda Johnson, Sean Campbell

Second Place **Grosse Pointe News**
Pointes join outcry for police fairness
 Eddie B. Allen Jr.

Third Place **Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News**
Eighty years of opportunity
 Krista Tacey-Cater

Honorable Mention **Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News**
'Spread the word, slow down around roadkill'
 Krista Tacey-Cater

Weekly/News Media D - News Enterprise Reporting
15 Entries
First Place **Encore Magazine**
The Homefront: Confronting Kalamazoo's Homelessness Crisis
 Ben Lando, Marie Lee, Chris Killian, Miranda Drake

Second Place **Glen Arbor Sun Newspaper**
Black/Latina/Brown/Anishinaabeg Like Me: Voices from People of Color in Leelanau County
 Staff

Third Place **Michigan Advance**
I didn't expect to get tackled trying to do my job
 Ken Coleman

Honorable Mention **Michigan Advance**
A tale of two oil pipelines and their place in the presidential race
 Laina G. Stebbins

News Photo

Daily A - News Photo
17 Entries
First Place **Flint Journal**
"Walk with Us"
 Jake May

Second Place **Kalamazoo Gazette**
Five structures destroyed
 Joel Bissell

Third Place **Detroit Free Press**
Strike is over
 Ryan Garza

Honorable Mention **Flint Journal**
Family mourns slain security guard
 Jake May

Daily B - News Photo
24 Entries
First Place **Muskegon Chronicle**
Muskegon community honors slain teen at vigil
 Cory Morse

Second Place **Jackson Citizen Patriot**
Lost it All
 J. Scott Park

Third Place **Battle Creek Enquirer**
Albion marches for justice on Juneteenth
 Alyssa Keown

Honorable Mention *Traverse City Record-Eagle*
Visit through window
 Jan-Michael Stump

Daily C - News Photo
 10 Entries

First Place *Midland Daily News*
Rally for Racial Justice
 Katy Kildee

Second Place *Midland Daily News*
Wading Through
 Katy Kildee

Third Place *Ludington Daily News*
Bad weather cancels fire training at fair
 Jeff Kiessel

Honorable Mention *Livingston County Daily Press & Argus*
A new kind of graduation
 Gillis Benedict

Daily D - News Photo
 9 Entries

First Place *Greenville Daily News*
'There's not enough water in the county for this fire'
 Cory Smith

Second Place *Huron Daily Tribune*
Temps spike as Helen Stephens Memorial Pool opens
 Sara Eisinger

Third Place *Greenville Daily News*
'We can count on people'
 Cory Smith

Honorable Mention *Huron Daily Tribune*
Bad Axe Meijer opens its doors
 Aurora Abraham

Individual - News Photo
 1 Entries

First Place *Seth Herald*
Senators vote to approve the extension of Governor Gretchen Whitmer's emergency declaration in Lansing
 Seth Herald

Weekly/News Media A - News Photo
 3 Entries

First Place *Huron County View*
Protester Baillie Fritz chants I can't breathe
 Paul Adams

Second Place *Huron County View*
Former Laker student Terrance Dubs, left, puts his arm around DAndre Cook
 Paul Adams

Third Place *Huron County View*
A fire in the Port Crescent State Park
 Seth Stapleton

Weekly/News Media B - News Photo
 4 Entries

First Place *Leelanau Enterprise*
Raising Shanty
 Daniel Fortune

Second Place *The Citizen, Ortonville*
School: Day 1
 Patrick McAbee

Third Place *The Citizen, Ortonville*
BHS Senior: Go one day at a time
 Patrick McAbee

Weekly/News Media C - News Photo
 13 Entries

First Place *Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News*
Jail baptism next step of living
 Krista Tacey-Cater

Second Place *Hastings Banner*
Local government goes virtual
 Rebecca Pierce

Third Place *The Record*
Protest March
 Larry Sobczak

Honorable Mention *Hastings Banner*
Shooting rampage case bound over for trial
 Scott Harmsen

Weekly/News Media D - News Photo
 6 Entries

First Place *Michigan Advance*
Sanders speaks to a packed Ann Arbor crowd before Michigan primary
 Andrew Roth

Second Place *Michigan Advance*
Lansing police officer stands guard as a counter-protester's car burns
 Anna Liz Nichols

Third Place *The Advance*
Harvest time
 Melissa Burnor

Photo Story

Daily A - Photo Story
 16 Entries

First Place *Detroit Free Press*
A season in pictures and words
 Brian Kaufman

Second Place *Bridge Magazine*
Flint's last basketball team
 Dale Young

Third Place *Detroit Free Press*
Stay Home. Stay Safe.
 Kimberly P. Mitchell

Honorable Mention *Grand Rapids Press*
Black Lives Matter protesters demand change in Grand Rapids
 Cory Morse

Daily B - Photo Story
 19 Entries

First Place *Muskegon Chronicle*
The Big Red Zone
 Cory Morse

Second Place *The Ann Arbor News*
April and Jacob
 Jenna Kieser

Third Place *Holland Sentinel*
Hope College Pull
 Daytona Niles

Honorable Mention *Jackson Citizen Patriot*
Nurse comes home after treating COVID-19 patients
 J. Scott Park

Daily C - Photo Story
 10 Entries
First Place *Midland Daily News*
Mid-Michigan Dam Failures
 Katy Kildee
Second Place *Midland Daily News*
Fresh Meat Training Camp
 Katy Kildee
Third Place *Ludington Daily News*
LHS Homecoming
 Jeff Kiessel

Daily D - Photo Story
 10 Entries
First Place *Huron Daily Tribune*
Night aglow
 Tyler Leipprandt
Second Place *Greenville Daily News*
Show of solidarity
 Cory Smith
Third Place *Niles Daily Star*
Carvers continue to sculpt
 Emily Sobecki
Honorable Mention *Manistee News-Advocate*
Portagers pull it off
 Dylan Savela

Weekly/News Media A - Photo Story
 4 Entries
First Place *Huron County View*
Solidarity for social injustice HCV
 Paul Adams, Seth Stapleton
Second Place *Huron County View*
Celebration of music in Port Austin
 Seth Stapleton
Third Place *Huron County View*
Laker Seniors finding a way
 Seth Stapleton, Paul Adams, Jane Vanderpoel

Weekly/News Media B - Photo Story
 1 Entries
First Place *Leelanau Enterprise*
CHILLY CHILI
 Daniel Fortune

Weekly/News Media C - Photo Story
 13 Entries
First Place *Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News*
DNR Sign Shop
 Krista Tacey-Cater
Second Place *Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News*
 108,012
 Krista Tacey-Cater
Third Place *Grosse Pointe News*
Season's creepings
 Renee Landuyt

Weekly/News Media D - Photo Story
 7 Entries
First Place *Encore Magazine*
Porch Portraits
 Brian K. Powers
Second Place *Michigan Advance*
Here's the moment when Trump read aloud the impeachment vote results at his Battle Creek rally
 Andrew Roth
Third Place *Benzie County Record Patriot*
Escaping winter
 Robert Myers

Special Section
Daily A - Special Section
 9 Entries
First Place *Detroit Free Press*
We Remember: Coronavirus Pandemic in Michigan
 Detroit Free Press Staff
Second Place *Grand Rapids Press*
Michigan's Mental Health Crisis
 Grand Rapids Press staff
Third Place *Detroit Free Press*
Lives with Limits: The coronavirus pandemic in Michigan
 Detroit Free Press Staff

Daily B - Special Section
 3 Entries
First Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*
Rise
 Record-Eagle staff
Second Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*
The Playbook
 Record-Eagle staff
Third Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*
Grand Traverse Scene
 Record-Eagle staff

Daily C - Special Section
 8 Entries
First Place *The Daily News, Iron Mountain*
Remembering Burt Angeli
 Staff
Second Place *Alpena News*
Progress 2019
 Staff
Third Place *The Daily News, Iron Mountain*
Logging Today
 Staff

Daily D - Special Section
 11 Entries
First Place *Niles Daily Star*
Horizons
 Staff
Second Place *Sturgis Journal*
Shoreline
 Candice Phelps, Journal Staff
Third Place *The Daily Globe*
Progress 2020 -- Gogebic County Business
 The Staff

Weekly/News Media A - Special Section

4 Entries

First Place

Shop Local

Sales Team, Editorial Staff, Graphics Department

Tri-County Times

Second Place

Women in Agriculture

John Bonke, Liz LaFave, Jane Vanderpoel

Huron County View

Third Place

Fall Sports Preview

Paul Adams, Liz LaFave, Jane Vanderpoel

Huron County View

Weekly/News Media B - Special Section

2 Entries

First Place

2020 Wedding Guide

Advertising Department, Editorial Department, Creative Department

Leelanau Enterprise

Second Place

How To Choose 2019

Advertising Department, Creative Department

Leelanau Enterprise

Weekly/News Media C - Special Section

11 Entries

First Place

2020 Manitou Beach Guide

Cory Mathis

Tecumseh Herald

Second Place

Homefront Winter 2019-2020

Nanci Heiney

Tecumseh Herald

Third Place

Homefront Fall 2019

Nanci Heiney

Tecumseh Herald

Honorable Mention

Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

Summer Seasons 2020

Staff

Weekly/News Media D - Special Section

7 Entries

First Place

The Homefront: Confronting Kalamazoo's Homelessness Crisis

Staff

Encore Magazine

Second Place

Hurray for the Heroes!

The Advance Staff

The Advance

Third Place

2019 Benzie County Fall Sports

Robert Myers, Bob Allen

Benzie County Record Patriot

Sports Feature

Daily A - Sports Feature

22 Entries

First Place

Michigan State star Cassius Winston's grief is so heavy, not even basketball can ease it

Shawn Windsor

Detroit Free Press

Second Place

Grand Blancs Camden Witucki is the best football player youve never heard about

Brendan Savage

Flint Journal

Third Place

79 U.S. veterans, 10 former Lions, 1 heck of a day in Washington

Benjamin Raven

Grand Rapids Press

Honorable Mention

Joe Murphy, Red Wings' No. 1 pick, is homeless again and refusing help

Jeff Seidel

Detroit Free Press

Daily B - Sports Feature

31 Entries

First Place

Akron-Fairgrove proves there is hope after a 44-game losing streak

Lee Thompson

Bay City Times

Second Place

Big Red Zone - For kids in the tough town of Muskegon, athletic success means the promise of a better life

Scott DeCamp

Muskegon Chronicle

Third Place

Bullock Creek basketball player saves dad, but still scared to leave him alone

Hugh Bernreuter

Saginaw News

Honorable Mention

Co-operation between schools tackles declining high school sports numbers

Jake Atnip

Traverse City Record-Eagle

Daily C - Sports Feature

15 Entries

First Place

Urka to lead all-female crew in monumental sports broadcast

Noah Genson

Ludington Daily News

Second Place

Running into history

Jillian Fellows

Petoskey News-Review

Third Place

Victory day a win-win

Dan Chalk

Midland Daily News

Honorable Mention

Double duty: Dows Emrich a soccer coach by day, ER nurse by night

Fred Kelly

Midland Daily News

Daily D - Sports Feature

7 Entries

First Place

Theres no way this is ever going to happen

Alex Freeman

Greenville Daily News

Second Place

A family affair

Dylan Savela

Manistee News-Advocate

Third Place

Back on the bike

Alex Freeman

Greenville Daily News

Weekly/News Media A - Sports Feature

4 Entries

First Place

Glory Days

Paul Adams

Huron County View

Second Place

The beginning of greatness

Paul Adams

Huron County View

Weekly/News Media B - Sports Feature

6 Entries

First Place

1,000-point scorers all in the family
Chris Olson

Leelanau Enterprise

Second Place

Remembering 'Mr. Tiger' Al Kaline
David Fleet

The Citizen, Ortonville

Third Place

Life, football, legacy of Pop Warner
Chris Olson

Leelanau Enterprise

Weekly/News Media C - Sports Feature

15 Entries

First Place

From Football To Boxing A Flint Mans Journey To The Olympic
Boxing Trials
Royce Stephens

Flint Beat

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

Four years a football player
Krista Tacey-Cater

Third Place

For athletes missing sport, Whitehall Russell & Zweigel know how it feels
Andy Roberts

White Lake Beacon

Weekly/News Media D - Sports Feature

9 Entries

First Place

Flint native imparting global basketball knowledge to Mott players
Patrick Hayes

Flintside

Second Place

Virus leads to cancellation of spring sports
Melissa Burnor

The Advance

Third Place

Canceled season cost Myers
Robert Myers

Benzie County Record Patriot

Honorable Mention

Oscoda soccer defeats Alcona in away match Oscoda soccer defeats
Ben Murphy

Oscoda Press

Sports Photo

Daily A - Sports Photo

15 Entries

First Place

Detroit Tigers Gatorade bath
Michael Mulholland

Grand Rapids Press

Second Place

Michigans veterans lead the way in win over Creighton
Mike Mulholland

Grand Rapids Press

Third Place

Victory
Joel Bissell

Kalamazoo Gazette

Honorable Mention

Marching to victory
Joel Bissell

Kalamazoo Gazette

Daily B - Sports Photo

28 Entries

First Place

Helmets flying
Jenna Kieser

The Ann Arbor News

Second Place

Face Wash
J. Scott Park

Jackson Citizen Patriot

Third Place

Wrestling grimace
Riley Yuan

Saginaw News

Honorable Mention

Muskegon Big Reds Football
Cory Morse

Muskegon Chronicle

Daily C - Sports Photo

11 Entries

First Place

Rivals Collide
Katy Kildee

Midland Daily News

Second Place

Sweet Victory
Katy Kildee

Midland Daily News

Third Place

Headed for the hoop
Gillis Benedict

Livingston County Daily Press & Argus

Daily D - Sports Photo

7 Entries

First Place

Confidence Builder
Cory Smith

Greenville Daily News

Second Place

A touchdown to remember
Dylan Savela

Manistee News-Advocate

Third Place

Family Feud
Cory Smith

Greenville Daily News

Honorable Mention

Bearcats dreams of state championship end with tough 21-20 loss to Beal City
Mark Birdsall

Huron Daily Tribune

Weekly/News Media A - Sports Photo

3 Entries

First Place

Harbor Beach cross country coach Debbie Anderson reacts
Paul Adams

Huron County View

Second Place

Very few times has Bill Sweeney shown much emotion
Paul Adams

Huron County View

Third Place

Harbor Beach's Dylan Kadar is mobbed by his teammates
Paul Adams

Huron County View

Weekly/News Media B - Sports Photo

3 Entries

First Place

Norse fall in title game
Daniel Fortune

Leelanau Enterprise

Second Place *Leelanau Enterprise*
Pleva
 Daniel Fortune

Weekly/News Media C - Sports Photo
 18 Entries

First Place *Iosco County News-Herald*
IN A DOWNPOUR
 Ben Murphy

Second Place *Iosco County News-Herald*
HITS THE EDGE
 Ben Murphy

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

DRIVE KILLER

Erick Simons

Honorable Mention *Oceana's Herald-Journal*
Hart wins 2OT thriller in opener over Holton, 48-40
 Andy Roberts

Weekly/News Media D - Sports Photo
 9 Entries

First Place *The Clinton Local, LLC.*
Victory is ours
 Linda McCombs

Second Place *The Advance*
D'Ondre Shaw
 Marcia Loader

Third Place *The Advance*
Cole Giesige (16) outruns a pair of San Creek Aggies
 Melissa Burnor

Sports Writing

Daily A - Sports Writing

13 Entries

First Place *Flint Journal*
Being named Flint Beechers AD bittersweet for Mike Williams after father dies from COVID-19
 Brendan Savage

Second Place *Detroit Free Press*
Detroit Tigers unified in Black Lives Matter movement, kneeling together before opener
 Jeff Seidel

Third Place *Kalamazoo Gazette*
How a Paw Paw football player went from cheerleader to field goal kicker

Patrick Nothafft

Honorable Mention *Lansing State Journal*
How Cassius Winston wore pain on his shoulder and honored his brother's life
 Nate Atkins

Daily B - Sports Writing

22 Entries

First Place *Bay City Times*
One of states smallest schools, All Saints finds reward through faith and football

Lee Thompson

Second Place *Bay City Times*
Smalltown Cass City stands tall in toe-to-toe battle with big-city Loyola
 Lee Thompson

Third Place *Battle Creek Enquirer*
MHSAA suspends all winter tournaments, here's what players, coaches are saying

Bill Broderick

Honorable Mention *Times Herald*
Zoot suit riot: Marine City boys basketball upsets St. Clair with wild finish

Brandon Folsom

Daily C - Sports Writing

11 Entries

First Place *Alpena News*
Parents fuming over missing kids photos

James Andersen

Second Place *Livingston County Daily Press & Argus*
Knee infection nearly cost Brighton wrestler state title

Bill Khan

Third Place *Livingston County Daily Press & Argus*
Best story wasn't at front of the pack

Bill Khan

Honorable Mention *Midland Daily News*
Freeland coach Tom Zolinski has passed away

Fred Kelly

Daily D - Sports Writing

8 Entries

First Place *Manistee News-Advocate*
A touchdown to remember

Dylan Savela

Second Place *The Daily Globe*
'It was a miracle'

Jason Juno

Third Place *Manistee News-Advocate*
Portagers edge Defenders with second-half comeback

Dylan Savela

Honorable Mention *Greenville Daily News*
Any given Friday morning

Alex Freeman

Weekly/News Media A - Sports Writing

3 Entries

First Place *Huron County View*
TEARS OF JOY Harbor Beach girls win emotional cross country regional

Paul Adams

Second Place *Huron County View*
Believers: Ugly wins first district title since 2008

Paul Adams

Third Place *Huron County View*
End of an era

Paul Adams

Weekly/News Media B - Sports Writing

6 Entries

First Place *Leelanau Enterprise*
Angers steps down as Lakers football coach

Chris Olson

Second Place *Leelanau Enterprise*
Leland twins ski for Lakers team

Chris Olson

Third Place *Leelanau Enterprise*
Lakers Fall
 Daniel Fortune

Weekly/News Media C - Sports Writing
 9 Entries

First Place *Oceana's Herald-Journal*
Pirates make history - again
 Andy Roberts

Second Place *White Lake Beacon*
Reeths-Puffer on to semis after huge quarterfinal win over W.W. Tower
 Andy Roberts

Third Place *White Lake Beacon*
Wildcats make statement with regional route of Sanford Meridian
 Andy Roberts

Weekly/News Media D - Sports Writing
 4 Entries

First Place *The Advance*
Taking down Goliath
 Melissa Burnor

Second Place *The Advance*
Penalty dashes Royals' district hopes
 Marcia Loader

Third Place *The Clinton Local, LLC.*
Sports Columnist "Jeff Sez"
 Jeff Szczesniak

Spot News Story

Daily A - Spot News Story
 20 Entries

First Place *Detroit Free Press*
Mid-Michigan flooding disaster
 Jeff Seidel, Keith Matheny, And the Detroit Free Press Staff

Second Place *Detroit Free Press*
Police, protesters clash in Detroit; 21-year-old dead after shooting
 Staff

Third Place *Flint Journal*
Missing Swartz Creek man found dead, mutilated and partially eaten in rural basement
 Flint Journal staff

Honorable Mention *Lansing State Journal*
3 dead, 3 critically injured in plane crash west of airport
 Craig Lyons, Megan Banta, Justin Mack, Matthew Dae Smith

Daily B - Spot News Story
 19 Entries

First Place *Saginaw News*
500-year flood slams mid-Michigan
 Saginaw News staff

Second Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*
Danielle Cornish Her life before: Homeless woman, 41, dies of exposure
 Mardi Link

Third Place *The Ann Arbor News*
University of Michigan provost faces sexual misconduct allegations
 Steve Marowski, Martin Slagter

Honorable Mention *Daily Telegram*
Adrian Mall condemned
 Spencer Durham

Daily C - Spot News Story
 14 Entries

First Place *Midland Daily News*
Homes in peril
 Staff

Second Place *Cadillac News*
A positive outcome
 Rick Charmoli

Third Place *Cadillac News*
Swastikas spray-painted on sidewalk
 Karen Hopper Usher

Honorable Mention *Livingston County Daily Press & Argus*
2 adult foster care facilities shut down after police raid
 Kayla Daugherty

Daily D - Spot News Story
 18 Entries

First Place *Greenville Daily News*
I've got to go out and look for him
 Elisabeth Waldon

Second Place *Greenville Daily News*
Flat River Community Players lose almost everything in blaze at 129-year-old building
 Cory Smith

Third Place *Niles Daily Star*
'Say his name'
 Sarah Culton

Honorable Mention *The Daily Globe*
Lac du Flambeau man sentenced for role in Valliere murder
 Richard Jenkins

Weekly/News Media A - Spot News Story
 6 Entries

First Place *Chalkbeat*
Summer school began in Detroit Monday, but protesters blocked some students from attending classes in person
 Eleanore Catolico, Lori Higgins

Second Place *Fraser-Clinton Twp. Chronicle*
Clinton Township man guilty of first-degree murder in deaths of sister, her boyfriend
 Nick Mordowanec

Weekly/News Media B - Spot News Story
 4 Entries

First Place *The Citizen, Ortonville*
Brandon EMS response, efforts saves township man
 Shelby Stewart

Second Place *The Citizen, Ortonville*
Dam breach, flood sweeps away cabin
 David Fleet

Third Place *The Citizen, Ortonville*
As COVID spreads schools, churches, governments cope
 Shelby Stewart

Honorable Mention *The Citizen, Ortonville*
Health Costs: Michigan's flavored vape ban
 Shelby Stewart

Weekly/News Media C - Spot News Story
 13 Entries

First Place Hastings Banner

Shooting rampage case bound over for trial
Rebecca Pierce

Honorable Mention Grosse Pointe News

Petition language for board recall rejected
Mary Anne Brush

Second Place Iosco County News-Herald

Heavy 150-year rainfall hits hard over two days in Iosco County
Jenny Haglund

Third Place Tecumseh Herald

Officials Respond as Virus Spreads
Jackie Koch

Weekly/News Media D - Spot News Story

10 Entries

First Place Michigan Advance

Tyrants Get The Rope: Small anti-Whitmer protest rocks Capitol, reporter hit by gun

Anna Liz Nichols, Susan J. Demas

Second Place Michigan Advance

Breaking: Judge grants AGs request for temporary Line 5 shutdown
Laina G. Stebbins

Third Place Michigan Advance

Inman found not guilty on lying to FBI, mistrial declared on bribery, extortion charges

Nick Manes

Honorable Mention Flintside

Sewing for Safety: Flints Shay Oliver and friends craft homemade face masks for health workers

Santiago Ochoa

Best Coverage of the Coronavirus in Michigan

Open Class - Best Coverage of the Coronavirus in Michigan

78 Entries

First Place Michigan Advance

The toll coronavirus has taken on Michigan
Staff

Second Place-tie Leelanau Enterprise

COVID 19 2020-04-09

Editorial Department

Second Place-tie Detroit News

'Testing needed to reopen economy, but Michigan trails other states

Craig Mauger

Second Place is a tie between the Leelanau Enterprise and the Detroit News.

Third Place Detroit Free Press

Detroit Free Press coverage of the coronavirus pandemic

Detroit Free Press Staff

Honorable Mention Bridge Magazine

Bridge in the pandemic

Bridge Staff

Best FOIA Story

Open Class - Best FOIA Story

14 Entries

First Place Greenville Daily News

FOIA-related stories which culminated to Bob Clingenpeels resignation

Elisabeth Waldon

Second Place Bridge Magazine

Wolf kills and deer heads: Trouble at the DNR

John Barnes

Third Place Traverse City Record-Eagle

TCAPS transparency

Brendan Quealy

Honorable Mention Jackson Citizen Patriot

FOIA of investigation into high school coach and teacher reveals pattern of sexual misconduct

Taylor DesOrmeau, Marie Weidmayer

Best Headline

Open Class - Best Headline

36 Entries

First Place Detroit Free Press

Some pomp, despite the circumstances

Janet Graham

Second Place Grand Rapids Press

A whiff of summer

Grand Rapids Press staff

Third Place Jackson Citizen Patriot

After 70 years of marriage, couple dies minutes and inches apart

Taylor DesOrmeau

Honorable Mention Daily Telegram

No fair

David Panian

Best Photo

Open Class - Best Photo

27 Entries

First Place Traverse City Record-Eagle

Under construction

Mike Krebs

Second Place Detroit Free Press

Hoop Dreams

Ryan Garza

Third Place Houghton Lake Resorter & Roscommon County Herald-News

A NEW PATH WITH GOD

Krista Tacey-Cater

Honorable Mention The Ann Arbor News

Empty Streets

Nicole Hester

Best Podcast

Open Class - Best Podcast

15 Entries

First Place Detroit Free Press

We Live It: Audio stories during the pandemic

Staff

Second Place Detroit News

Sins of Detroit podcast: Bad science convicts the wrongfully accused

George Hunter

Third Place The Monroe News

'After the Pandemic,' wishes

Paula Wethington

Honorable Mention Tri-County Times

Throwback Thursday throws out screen time

Tim Jagielo

Best Video Presentation

Open Class - Best Video Presentation

- 20 Entries
First Place *Detroit Free Press*
 Facebook Live video coverage of Detroit police protests
 Staff
Second Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*
 'I don't want it to be forgotten'
 Mike Krebs
Third Place *Flint Beat*
 Remembering Dan Holbrook, owner of Dan's Quickstop in Flint, MI
 Mark Felix
Honorable Mention *Flint Beat*
 Parking Lot Preaching - Flint pastor steps outside of church walls to bring the word to members
 Jamal Bransford

Best Website

- Open Class - Best Website**
 16 Entries
First Place *GreatLakesNow.org*
 Great Lakes Now
 Staff
Second Place *Bridge Magazine*
 Bridge Michigan
 Bridge Staff
Third Place *Flintside*
 Flintside.com
 Patrick Hayes

Best Writing

- Open Class - Best Writing**
 29 Entries
First Place *Detroit Free Press*
 Georgea Kovanis
Second Place *Flint Journal*
 The Journey Home
 Zahra Ahmad
Third Place *Bridge Magazine*
 Robin Erb
Honorable Mention *Detroit Free Press*
 Searching for normal: A grieving Detroit writer goes looking for a new barber
 Bill Laitner

Most Innovative Story Telling

- Open Class - Most Innovative Story Telling**
 15 Entries
First Place *Detroit Free Press*
 She was prostituting, pregnant, doing drugs by 14. Now, Taylor girl fights to save her own life.
 Georgea Kovanis, Mandi Wright, Brian McNamara
Second Place *Grand Rapids Press*
 Finding their voices: Michigan residents confront mental health
 Julie Mack, Scott Levin
Third Place *Saginaw News*
 High waves threaten dream homes
 Heather Jordan, Kaytie Boomer
Honorable Mention *The Ann Arbor News*

Remembering how Ann Arbor saved the Michigan Theater 40 years ago
 Ryan Stanton

Public Notice Journalism Award

- Open Class - Public Notice Journalism Award**
 1 Entries
First Place *Greenville Daily News*
 Montcalm County commissioner goes AWOL
 Elisabeth Waldon

Public Service Award

- Open Class - Public Service Award**
 11 Entries
First Place *Detroit News*
 Detroit homeowners overtaxed \$600 million
 Christine MacDonald, Mark Betancourt
Second Place *Detroit Free Press*
 Free Press coverage of the coronavirus pandemic
 Detroit Free Press Staff
Third Place *Grand Rapids Press*
 Mental health series
 Julie Mack
Honorable Mention *Encore Magazine*
 The Homefront: Confronting Kalamazoo's Homelessness Crisis
 Staff

Rookie Writer

- Open Class - Rookie Writer**
 11 Entries
First Place *Flint Journal*
 Zahra Ahmad for rookie of the year writer for The Flint Journal
 Zahra Ahmad
Second Place *Traverse City Record-Eagle*
 Andrew Rosenthal
Third Place *The Monroe News*
 Rookie writer -- Caitlin Taylor
 Caitlin Taylor
Honorable Mention *Michigan Advance*
 Allison Donahue

Community Business Promotions

- Open Class - Community Business Promotions**
 16 Entries
First Place *Leelanau Enterprise*
 Valentine's Day
 Creative Department, Advertising Department
Second Place *The Advance*
 Last-minute gift suggestions from A-Z!
 Eric May, Darin Wolfe, Ashliegh Bruneau
Third Place *Leelanau Enterprise*
 Featured Realtor
 Creative Department, Advertising Department

Entertaining Services

Open Class - Entertaining Services

8 Entries

First Place

TCA Adding Color to Your Community

Cory Mathis

Second Place

YMCA - Kids are back in school 50% off coupon

Cadillac News

Third Place

Lakewood on the Green - Golf Guide Ad

Cadillac News

Honorable Mention

Southern Lakes Parks & Rec

Terese Allen, Lorie Gavulic

Real Estate

Open Class - Real Estate

8 Entries

First Place

Bob Fox Fresh Perspective

Cory Mathis

Second Place

Lone Oak Properties Red Mill Pond

Nanci Heiney

Third Place

Tammy Tipton Team

Tiffany Marchand, Rebecca Andreski

Honorable Mention

Five Star - Greg Bosscher - SOLD SIGN

Cadillac News

New and Used Vehicles

Open Class - New and Used Vehicles

7 Entries

First Place

Suburban Chevrolet American Baseball

Nanci Heiney

Second Place

Cloverland Motors

Daily Globe Advertising

Third Place

Betten Baker - Black Friday Full Page

Cadillac News

Honorable Mention

Classic Chevy - Classified Liner - Under \$10,000 Specials

Cadillac News

Best Health Care ad

Open Class - Best Health Care ad

3 Entries

First Place

Carter Rehab Center Heavy Christmas Shopping

Cory Mathis

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

The Brook

Alycia Nielsen, Patty Tribelhorn

Third Place

Cadillac Urgent Care - ReOpen Ad

Tecumseh Herald

Cadillac News

Cadillac News

Tri-County Times

Tecumseh Herald

Tecumseh Herald

Tri-County Times

Cadillac News

Tecumseh Herald

The Daily Globe

Cadillac News

Cadillac News

Tecumseh Herald

Cadillac News

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Restaurants

Open Class - Restaurants

10 Entries

First Place

Embers Bar and Grill Red Head Foodie

Nanci Heiney

Second Place

Red Crown Quality Eats

Paul Biondi, Donna Zetterlund

Third Place

Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe

Julie Sutton, John Pigott, Ken Schop

Honorable Mention

Knot Just A Bar Polish Dinner

Advertising Department, Creative Department

Best Digital Ad

Open Class - Best Digital Ad

2 Entries

First Place

Highpoint - GMC Ring in the New Year

Cadillac News

Second Place

Highpoint - Cadillac

Cadillac News

Small Ads Work

Open Class - Small Ads Work

8 Entries

First Place

Tecumseh Antique Appeal One Night Stand

Nanci Heiney

Second Place

Dean's Body Shop - OOPS

Cadillac News

Third Place

Tecumseh Veterinary Play Hard. Have Fun.

Cory Mathis

Honorable Mention

Abelman's Clothing

Daily Globe Advertising

General Retail

Open Class - General Retail

25 Entries

First Place

Sawyers Jewelers

Terese Allen, Lorie Gavulic

Second Place

L&J Meats - Prepare for Holidays

Cadillac News

Third Place

Sieler's Water Systems Man's Best Friend

Nanci Heiney

Honorable Mention

Billmier Camera

Tecumseh Herald

Grosse Pointe News

Grosse Pointe News

Leelanau Enterprise

Cadillac News

Cadillac News

Tecumseh Herald

Cadillac News

Tecumseh Herald

The Daily Globe

Tri-County Times

Cadillac News

Tecumseh Herald

Tri-County Times

Coreena Storms, Rebecca Andreski

Open Class - Home Furnishings

9 Entries

First Place *Cadillac News*

Store More Mini Barns & Cabins - Need More Storage

Cadillac News

Second Place *Tri-County Times*

Lauricella Painting

Kathleen Smith, Lorie Gavulic

Third Place *The Advance*

Turn your Tax Refund ... Tammy's Furniture

Eric May, Ashliegh Bruneau

Honorable Mention *Tecumseh Herald*

Integrity Painting and Construction Pros Spring Opening

Cory Mathis

Home Services

Open Class - Home Services

15 Entries

First Place *Leelanau Enterprise*

Trapper Ron

Advertising Department, Creative Department

Second Place *Cadillac News*

Moore Mechanical - Coming Soon to Cadillac

Cadillac News

Third Place *Tri-County Times*

Byron Plumbing

Kathleen Smith, Lorie Gavulic

Honorable Mention *Tri-County Times*

Mr. Electric

Kathleen Smith, Lorie Gavulic