



# Nebraska Press Association

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LINCOLN — Sweepstakes winners in the Nebraska Press Association’s Better Newspaper Contest are the weekly Orchard Antelope County News and the daily Norfolk Daily News.

By placing first among all the Nebraska weeklies entered, the Orchard Antelope County News will display the Loral Johnson Community Weekly Sweepstakes Award for one year. This year marks the 15th annual presentation of the Loral Johnson Community Newspaper Sweepstakes Award. Loral had a passion for community journalism throughout his life, and this award is given in memory of his enthusiasm. The Orchard Antelope County News finished with 18 first-place awards, 8 judged second best awards and 7 judged third best awards for a point total of 296. This is their first year to win this award, and they beat out the second place winner by 154 points.

The Norfolk Daily News was the winner in the daily category, which excludes dailies in Omaha and Lincoln. It finished with 7 first-place awards, 14 for second and 10 for third for a point total of 250. This is the second time the Norfolk Daily News has won the daily sweepstakes. They beat out the second place winner by 12 points. The dailies are judged in 47 categories, and the weeklies in 47 categories. Both focused on writing, photography, advertising, digital, design and creativity.

Other weeklies in the top three were, second, Gering Courier, and the Arlington Citizen, third.

Finishing second in the daily category was the Scottsbluff Star-Herald with the Kearney Hub, third.

More than 3,800 separate entries, representing 9 dailies and 62 weeklies, were judged by members of the Texas Press Association.

First, second and third place winners were announced Saturday night at an Awards Banquet at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln, where more than 160 journalists attended.

### 2018 Newspaper Winners

01 - Use of Computer Graphics - Produced In House  
 Class A  
 1st Place  
 Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
 Title: Mind Your Mobile Manners  
 By: LuAnn Schindler  
 2nd Place  
 Petersburg Press  
 Title: Scavenger Hunt  
 By: Julie Dickerson  
 3rd Place  
 Arlington Citizen  
 Title: Soaring Stunts  
 By: Sandra Diaz

1st Place  
 Humphrey Democrat  
 Title: Could This Be Humphrey?  
 By: Claire Wagner  
 2nd Place  
 Chadron Record  
 Title: Go, Do! Spring  
 By: Jason Hofer  
 3rd Place  
 North Bend Eagle  
 Title: Gallery of East Husker Conference Champions  
 By: Nathan Arneal

01 - Use of Computer Graphics - Produced In House  
 Class B

01 - Use of Computer Graphics - Produced In House  
 Class C  
 1st Place  
 Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette  
 Title: Year in Review Sports Cover

By: Mike Overmann

2nd Place

Ord Quiz

Title: State Golf Page

By: Megan Dietz

3rd Place

Sutton Clay Co. News

Title: Fine Arts Special Section Front Page

By: Ashley D. Swanson

01 - Use of Computer Graphics - Produced In House

Class D

1st Place

Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

Title: It's Right at Our Doorstep

By: Sandra Diaz

2nd Place

Hickman Voice News

Title: DIY Corner

By: Brittany Wolken

3rd Place

Wahoo Newspaper

Title: Saunders County Fishing Permit Holders

By: Lisa Brichacek

01 - Use of Computer Graphics - Produced In House

Daily

1st Place

North Platte Telegraph

Title: Eclipse Day

By: Joan von Kampen

2nd Place

Grand Island Independent

Title: Events Happening on the Sandhills Journey Scenic

Byway

By: Sarah Mindrup

3rd Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Road Map to Success

By: Dennis Meyer

02 - Building Circulation

Class A

1st Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: Connecting With Alumni

By: Carrie Pitzer

Judge's Comments: Great idea.

2nd Place

Clearwater-Ewing Record-News

Title: Explore the CREN

By: Tara Purdie

3rd Place

Hemingford Ledger

Title: Imagine Life Without It

By: Dalene Loudon

02 - Building Circulation

Class B

1st Place

Gretna Breeze

Title: You Give, We Give

By: Melissa Vanek

2nd Place

Grant Tribune-Sentinel

Title: Donut Promotion

By: Samantha Goff & Staff

3rd Place

Wilber Republican

Title: Get Back in Touch

By: Staff

02 - Building Circulation

Class C

1st Place

Papillion Times

Title: Vala's Pumpkin Circulation Offer

By: Melissa Vanek

2nd Place

Albion News

Title: Customer Appreciation Day

By: Julie Dickerson

3rd Place

Neligh News & Leader

Title: Launching Our Redesigned Website

By: Staff

02 - Building Circulation

Class D

1st Place

Seward Co. Independent

Title: Happy Easter

By: Nichole Javorsky & Brenda Clark

2nd Place

Fairbury Journal-News

Title: Ray's Apple/K&D/D's Donuts

By: Jennifer Lewis

3rd Place

Bellevue Leader

Title: In the Game

By: Stan Carter

02 - Building Circulation

Daily

1st Place

North Platte Telegraph

Title: Eclipse Black Out Special

By: Amy Estrada & Circulation Department

2nd Place

Kearney Hub

Title: Digital Subscription Campaign

By: Cathy Headlee & Scott Casper

3rd Place

Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Telemarketing Nights  
By: Circulation

03 - Reader Interaction/Contest  
Class A  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Facebook Fun  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Stapleton Enterprise  
Title: Blast from the Past  
By: Marcia Hora & Kendra Cutler  
3rd Place  
Mullen Hooker Co. Tribune  
Title: Valentine's Day Contest  
By: Gerri Peterson

03 - Reader Interaction/Contest  
Class B  
1st Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Destinations Photo Contest  
By: Kerri Rempp  
2nd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Student Letters  
By: Samantha Goff  
3rd Place  
Ashland Gazette  
Title: Holiday Drawing Contest  
By: Suzi Nelson

03 - Reader Interaction/Contest  
Class C  
1st Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Photo Contest  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: Preppin' Pumpkins  
By: Tara Purdie & Joan Wright  
3rd Place  
Ord Quiz  
Title: Football Contest  
By: Heidi Dawe & Megan Dietz

03 - Reader Interaction/Contest  
Class D  
1st Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Mommy & Me Photo Contest  
By: Pat Checketts, Brenda Clark & Alison Koch  
No 2nd or 3rd Place Awarded. Only 2 entries received in

Class D.

03 - Reader Interaction/Contest  
Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Freedom Awards  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Kids in Ag  
By: Stephanie Bates  
3rd Place  
York News-Times  
Title: Pirate Jim's Treasure Hunt  
By: Eric Eckert & Garrett Schwarz

04 - Community Promotion Advertisement  
Class A  
1st Place  
Friend Sentinel  
Title: Classroom of the Week  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Lyons Mirror-Sun  
Title: Autism  
By: Alyssa Cates  
3rd Place  
Ralston Recorder  
Title: Kids Take Over  
By: Paul Swanson

04 - Community Promotion Advertisement  
Class B  
1st Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Shop Local  
By: Julie Pfister  
2nd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: National Newspaper Week  
By: Samantha Goff  
3rd Place  
Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer  
Title: Christmas in Tekamah  
By: Joe Zink & Ashley Olson

04 - Community Promotion Advertisement  
Class C  
1st Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: Join Us at the Library  
By: Joan Wright  
2nd Place  
Sidney Sun-Telegraph  
Title: Spring Promotion

By: Jennifer Valesco  
3rd Place  
Imperial Republican  
Title: Citywide Garage Sales  
By: Jana Pribbeno & Karen Hayes

04 - Community Promotion Advertisement

Class D  
1st Place  
Wahoo Newspaper  
Title: Wahoo Hometown Holidays  
By: Sandy Hutson  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Relay for Life Event – April 2017 “Candy Land”  
By: Brenda Clark  
3rd Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Lemonade Days  
By: Staff

04 - Community Promotion Advertisement

Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Readers are Leaders  
By: Kimberly Rahe, Ana Salazar & Mike Konz  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Give Cancer the Boot  
By: Kelli Ganskow  
3rd Place  
York News-Times  
Title: Extra Mile Educator  
By: Caleb Groves

05 - Agricultural Advertisement

Class A  
1st Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
Title: Ready for the 2017 Wheat Harvest  
By: Dalene Louden  
2nd Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
Title: Farmer’s Co-op Now Carrying  
By: Dalene Louden  
3rd Place  
Stapleton Enterprise  
Title: A&B Hay Company  
By: Marcia Hora & Kendra Cutler

05 - Agricultural Advertisement

Class B  
1st Place  
Plattsmouth Journal

Title: Meat Garden  
By: Jill Bedell  
2nd Place  
Elgin Review  
Title: FFA – 50 Years  
By: Lynell Morgan  
3rd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Tjaden Ranch  
By: Samantha Goff

05 - Agricultural Advertisement

Class C  
1st Place  
West Point News  
Title: CC Pork Producers  
By: Dorothy Litz & Karlie Cole  
2nd Place  
West Point News  
Title: West Point Chevy – Ag Week  
By: Dorothy Litz & Lynsi Ell  
3rd Place  
Albion News  
Title: Contact Dallas Choat  
By: Julie Dickerson

05 - Agricultural Advertisement

Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Novozymes  
By: Lynette Hansen & Rachel Birdsall  
2nd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Advertise in National Ag Week Section  
By: Brittany Wolken  
3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Gene Steffy Chrysler  
By: Lynette Hansen & Alyssa Cates

05 - Agricultural Advertisement

Daily  
1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Aulick’s Leasing  
By: Aaron Raines & Ashley Young  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Panhandle Co-op  
By: Dalene Louden & Aaron Raines  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Stoltenberg Irrigation  
By: Lora Ruzicka

06 - Small Ad - Under 1/4 page or less than 3 x 10 1/2"

Class A

1st Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: Stealth Broadband

By: Samantha Cleveland

2nd Place

Springview Herald

Title: Bassett Swimming Pool

By: Amy Johnson

3rd Place

Stapleton Enterprise

Title: Salute to Veterans

By: Marcia Hora

06 - Small Ad - Under 1/4 page or less than 3 x 10 1/2"

Class B

1st Place

Chadron Record

Title: Purple People Eater

By: Julie Pfister

2nd Place

Elgin Review

Title: Spaghetti Feed

By: Lynell Morgan

3rd Place

Plattsmouth Journal

Title: Happily Ever After Begins with Smart Planning – Cass County Bank

By: Jill Bedell

06 - Small Ad - Under 1/4 page or less than 3 x 10 1/2"

Class C

1st Place

Neligh News & Leader

Title: Welcome John David

By: Tara Purdie & HollyAnn Wright

2nd Place

Aurora News-Register

Title: Pets are Family

By: Dani Lemburg

3rd Place

Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette

Title: St. John's Lutheran Church

By: Mike Overmann

06 - Small Ad - Under 1/4 page or less than 3 x 10 1/2"

Class D

1st Place

Seward Co. Independent

Title: Seward Bowling Center – Bowling Leagues

By: Pat Checketts & Dave Fiala

2nd Place

Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

Title: MCH Auxiliary Casino Night

By: Lynette Hansen & Jen Stolz

3rd Place

Wahoo Newspaper

Title: SMC Boo in Wahoo Costume Winners

By: Sandy Hutson

06 - Small Ad - Under 1/4 page or less than 3 x 10 1/2"

Daily

1st Place

Scottsbluff Star-Herald

Title: Angela's Bridal

By: KC Heath & Caitlyn Carter

2nd Place

York News-Times

Title: La Carreta – Eclipse Poster Ad

By: Courtney Kinnison

3rd Place

Scottsbluff Star-Herald

Title: Union Bar & Grill

By: Aaron Raines & KC Heath

07 - Signature Page

Class A

1st Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: State Volleyball

By: Samantha Cleveland

2nd Place

Gering Courier

Title: Halloween Safety Tips

By: Ilene Anderson

3rd Place

Friend Sentinel

Title: Exeter-Milligan Timberwolves Volleyball State

Champions

By: Staff

07 - Signature Page

Class B

1st Place

Elgin Review

Title: EMS Week

By: Lynell Morgan

2nd Place

Creighton News

Title: Honor Roll Sig Page

By: Sandy Schroth

3rd Place

Elgin Review

Title: 4th of July

By: Lynell Morgan

07 - Signature Page

Class C

1st Place

Ord Quiz

Title: Bowling Signature Page

By: Heidi Dawe & Megan Dietz

2nd Place  
Imperial Republican  
Title: Honoring Our Veterans  
By: Jana Pribbeno, Chris Fidler & Karen Hayes  
3rd Place  
Albion News  
Title: FFA Week  
By: Staff

07 - Signature Page  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: State Football Page  
By: Enterprise Design Team  
2nd Place  
Ogallala Keith Co. News  
Title: Great American Solar Eclipse  
By: Marilee Perlinger  
3rd Place  
Bellevue Leader  
Title: Plattsmouth Harvest Festival  
By: Melanie Whitaker & John Cromwell

07 - Signature Page  
Daily  
1st Place  
Beatrice Daily Sun  
Title: Back to School ABC's  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
Title: Bullying Prevention  
By: Julie Murrish & Apryl Lee  
3rd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Christmas A to Z  
By: Ilene Anderson & Conny Herdt

08 - Classified Section  
Class A  
1st Place  
Arlington Citizen  
By: Enterprise Design Team  
2nd Place  
Milford Times  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
By: LuAnn Schindler, Joan Wright & Angie Hupp

08 - Classified Section  
Class B  
1st Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
By: Staff

2nd Place  
Plattsmouth Journal  
By: Jill Bedell  
3rd Place  
Wilber Republican  
By: Dave Fiala

08 - Classified Section  
Class C  
1st Place  
Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette  
By: Mike Overmann  
2nd Place  
Geneva Nebraska Signal  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Imperial Republican  
By: Staff

08 - Classified Section  
Class D  
1st Place  
Bellevue Leader  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Ogallala Keith Co. News  
By: Brian McElvain

08 - Classified Section  
Daily  
1st Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
By: Staff

09 - Advertising Campaign  
Class A  
1st Place  
Thedford Thomas Co. Herald  
Title: Sandhill Family Dental Campaign  
By: Marcia Hora  
2nd Place  
Gering Courier  
Title: Grocery Shopping for Seniors  
By: Dalene Loudon  
3rd Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
Title: Class of 2017

By: Dalene Louden

09 - Advertising Campaign

Class B

1st Place

Elgin Review

Title: Bank of Elgin - Agriculture

By: Lynell Morgan

2nd Place

Creighton News

Title: Brockhaus Funeral Home Campaign

By: Sandy Schroth

3rd Place

Creighton News

Title: College Subscription Campaign

By: Sandy Schroth

09 - Advertising Campaign

Class C

1st Place

West Point News

Title: Grain States

By: Dorothy Litz & Karlie Cole

2nd Place

Aurora News-Register

Title: Kiner Inc.

By: Dani Lemburg

3rd Place

Sutton Clay Co. News

Title: Sutton American Legion

By: Tory Duncan

09 - Advertising Campaign

Class D

1st Place

Hickman Voice News

Title: TCA Outdoor

By: Brittany Wolken

2nd Place

Seward Co. Independent

Title: Seward Smiles Family Dentistry

By: Alison Koch, Brenda Clark & Dave Fiala

3rd Place

Seward Co. Independent

Title: Mueri Drug – Mother's Day & Father's Day

By: Alison Koch & Brenda Clark

09 - Advertising Campaign

Daily

1st Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Nebraska Community Foundation Series

By: Staff

2nd Place

York News-Times

Title: McCormicks – Winter Heating Service Campaign

By: Caleb Groves & Courtney Kinnison

3rd Place

North Platte Telegraph

Title: Big Red Liquor

By: Samantha Geisler & Adam Goodwin

10 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color

Class A

1st Place

Hemingford Ledger

Title: Have a Blessed Holiday

By: Dalene Louden

2nd Place

Gering Courier

Title: Team Black Friday

By: Dalene Louden

3rd Place

Ralston Recorder

Title: King Kong

By: Amy Corrigan

10 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color

Class B

1st Place

Chadron Record

Title: Bruce Hill Creative Shapes

By: Staff

2nd Place

Gretna Breeze

Title: Silver Ridge Festival of Trees

By: Ann Hinrichs

3rd Place

Lexington Clipper-Herald

Title: Posh Farm Catering

By: Heather Heinemann & Dan Voris

10 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color

Class C

1st Place

West Point News

Title: Siffring Landscape Spring Tab

By: Dorothy Litz & Lynsi Ell

2nd Place

North Platte Bulletin

Title: Davis Family Sugar Shack

By: Darla Golden

3rd Place

Ord Quiz

Title: St. Mary's Kindergarten Roundup

By: Heidi Dawe & Megan Dietz

10 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color

Class D

1st Place

Wahoo Newspaper

Title: Catholic Schools Report Card

By: Kathy Meduna

2nd Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Tall Tree Tastings  
By: Jennifer Lewis

3rd Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: M&D Auto Service  
By: Jennifer Lewis

10 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color  
Daily  
1st Place  
Hastings Tribune  
Title: Largest Municipal Museum between Chicago &  
Denver

By: Kathy Avis  
2nd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Heritage Homes

By: Amanda Johnson  
3rd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Garden Gate Valentine's Day  
By: Dalene Louden & Bambi Loxterkamp

11 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Class A

1st Place  
Stapleton Enterprise  
Title: Creative Printers Online  
By: Marcia Hora

2nd Place  
Wauneta Breeze  
Title: Panhandle Solar  
By: Sheri Hink-Wagner  
3rd Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
Title: Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
By: Dalene Louden

11 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Class B

1st Place  
Waverly News  
Title: Reid's Pharmacy  
By: Cheryl Ludvik

2nd Place  
North Bend Eagle  
Title: Tiger Golf Classic  
By: Nathan Arneal

3rd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: In and Out Wine  
By: Staff

11 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Black and White

Class C  
1st Place  
Ord Quiz  
Title: Glenn Miller Orchestra  
By: Heidi Dawe & Megan Dietz

2nd Place  
Ord Quiz  
Title: Pheasants Forever  
By: Heidi Dawe & Megan Dietz

3rd Place  
Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette  
Title: Advanced Family Eyecare  
By: Mike Overmann

11 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Class D

1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Page Warrior Training Branch  
By: Lynette Hansen & Alyssa Cates

2nd Place  
Ogallala Keith Co. News  
Title: Banner Medical Group – CDL Exams  
By: Marilee Perlinger

3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: NP Dodge Real Estate  
By: Lynette Hansen & Rachel Birdsall

11 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Daily

1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Kearney Clinic, P.C.  
By: Andrea Dzingle

2nd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Brad Rodgers, M.D.  
By: Andrea Dzingle

3rd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Big Red Nebraska Popcorn  
By: KC Heath

12 - Single Classified Advertising Idea - Color (DAILIES  
ONLY)

Daily  
1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Wheels  
By: Dalene Louden, KC Heath & Caitlyn Carter

2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Courtesy Ford & Cornhusker Auto  
By: Denise Webbert & Roseann Indra

3rd Place



Grand Island Independent  
Title: Roe Buick  
By: Mindy Smidt

13 - Single Classified Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Class A

1st Place  
Milford Times  
Title: Bus Driver  
By: Dave Fiala & Alison Koch  
2nd Place  
Friend Sentinel  
Title: Riley Electric Services  
By: Alison Koch & Dave Fiala  
3rd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Bus Driver Help Wanted  
By: Samantha Cleveland

13 - Single Classified Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Class B

1st Place  
Wisner News-Chronicle  
Title: TeamMates  
By: Marilyn Raabe  
2nd Place  
Wilber Republican  
Title: School Bus Drivers  
By: Dave Fiala & Patrick Checketts  
3rd Place  
Creighton News  
Title: Help Wanted: Michael Foods  
By: Sandy Schroth

13 - Single Classified Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Class C

1st Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Help Wanted  
By: Dani Lemburg  
2nd Place  
Geneva Nebraska Signal  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Ord Quiz  
Title: G3 Contracting  
By: Heidi Dawe & Megan Dietz

13 - Single Classified Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Class D

1st Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Bryan Health Help Wanted  
By: Brittany Wolken  
2nd Place

Hickman Voice News  
Title: Family 1st Dental – Fulltime  
By: Brittany Wolken  
3rd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Railcrew Xpress Help Wanted  
By: Brittany Wolken

13 - Single Classified Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Daily

1st Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Norfolk Home Realty  
By: Suzie Wachter & Kelli Ganskow  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Advance Services, Inc.  
By: Suzie Wachter & Kelli Ganskow  
3rd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Brad Rodgers  
By: Andrea Dzingle & Bridgett Lavene

14 - Creative Ad Writing  
Class A

1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Sign of the Times  
By: Samantha Cleveland  
2nd Place  
Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
Title: Create a Destination Business  
By: LuAnn Schindler  
No 3rd Place was Awarded.

14 - Creative Ad Writing  
Class B

1st Place  
Bloomfield Knox Co. News/Monitor  
Title: Rolling into the New Year  
By: Pammela Maxwell & Samantha Cleveland  
2nd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Scrabble Birthday, Bang for your Buck, Route 61  
Roller Dome  
By: Samantha Goff  
No 3rd Place Awarded.

14 - Creative Ad Writing  
Class C

1st Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
Title: Valentine's Day  
By: Karla Fehr  
2nd Place  
Ord Quiz

Title: Terrorific Trunk Show  
By: Heidi Dawe & Megan Dietz  
3rd Place

Sutton Clay Co. News  
Title: Breast Cancer Awareness  
By: Karla Fehr & Ashley D. Swanson

14 - Creative Ad Writing  
Class D  
1st Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Seward Vision, Sharon Hartmann, and SCI  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: MHCS, St. John's Lutheran, and Seward Lumber  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Ridgewood, Seward Co. Ag Society, and Lee's Refrigeration  
By: Staff

14 - Creative Ad Writing  
Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: No Ordinary Love, Keep the Beat, Allergies Anyone?  
By: Andrea Dzingle & Bridgett Lavene  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Monument Grill, NNW, Oregon Trail Plumbing  
By: Aaron Raines, KC Heath, Dalene Louden, Greg Awtry & Ashley Young  
3rd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Elegance Head to Toe, Norfolk Home Realty  
By: Suzie Wachter, Cheyanne Fowlkes, Roseann Indra & Kelli Ganskow

15 – Best New Idea – Ads/Marketing  
Less than 4 entries were received in Classes A, B & C so they were all judged with Class D.  
Class D  
1st Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Dave's Aurora Christmas Story  
By: Dave Bradley & Staff  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: "Post-It Note" Floating Spaces  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Albion News  
Title: Boone Central Schools New Teachers  
By: Jim Dickerson & Julie Dickerson

15 - Best New Idea – Ads/Marketing  
Daily  
1st Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Living Healthy  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: NCAA Basketball National Championship Tournament  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
Title: Gateway Realty  
By: Staff

16 - Sports Action Photo  
Class A  
1st Place  
Gering Courier  
Title: Gering Long Jumper  
By: Jeff Fielder  
2nd Place  
Wauneta Breeze  
Title: Don't Let Go!  
By: Diane Stamm  
3rd Place  
Wauneta Breeze  
Title: Altering the Shot  
By: Diane Stamm

16 - Sports Action Photo  
Class B  
1st Place  
Pender Times  
Title: Catcher Dives for Tag  
By: Jason Sturek  
2nd Place  
Lexington Clipper-Herald  
Title: Minutemen Go 1-2 in East West Shootout  
By: Ben Arrowood  
3rd Place  
Elgin Review  
Title: Wrestling – All Tangled Up  
By: Dennis Morgan

16 - Sports Action Photo  
Class C  
1st Place  
So. Sioux City Dakota Co. Star  
Title: Leaping to Victory  
By: Jason Sturek  
2nd Place  
Albion News  
Title: Kick Slide  
By: Joe Flanagan

3rd Place  
Hartington Cedar Co. News  
By: Tyler Schank

16 - Sports Action Photo  
Class D  
1st Place  
Wahoo Newspaper  
Title: Hurdling the Competition  
By: Jason Unger  
2nd Place  
Bellevue Leader  
Title: Looking Up  
By: Joey Waller  
No 3rd Place Awarded.

16 - Sports Action Photo  
Daily  
1st Place  
York News-Times  
Title: A Bit of Home Cooking  
By: Ken Kush  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Clearing the Bar  
By: Darin Epperly  
3rd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Ponca Stiff Arm  
By: Darin Epperly

17 - Sports Feature Photo  
Class A  
1st Place  
Gering Courier  
Title: Kiss from Little Brother  
By: Jeff Fielder  
2nd Place  
Ralston Recorder  
Title: Scream  
By: Joey Waller  
3rd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Diaper Division  
By: Carrie Pitzer

17 - Sports Feature Photo  
Class B  
1st Place  
North Bend Eagle  
Title: Mud Bowl  
By: Nathan Arneal  
2nd Place  
Gretna Breeze  
Title: Golden Dragon  
By: Joey Waller

3rd Place  
Waverly News  
Title: Champion  
By: Michael Wunder

17 - Sports Feature Photo  
Class C  
1st Place  
Papillion Times  
Title: Trophy  
By: Joey Waller  
2nd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Bench Reaction  
By: Richard Rhoden  
3rd Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
Title: Harvard Wrestling  
By: Tory Duncan

17 - Sports Feature Photo  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Breakthrough Class?  
By: Grant Egger  
2nd Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Victory  
By: Trevor Gill  
3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Keep Your Focus, No Matter What  
By: Stephanie Croston

17 - Sports Feature Photo  
Daily  
1st Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
Title: Win in Memoriam  
By: Derek Noehren  
2nd Place  
Hastings Tribune  
Title: Line of Elation  
By: Amy Roh  
3rd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Can You Believe It?  
By: Darin Epperly

18 - Sports Page  
Class A  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
By: Logan Lawson  
2nd Place

Gering Courier  
By: Jeff Fielder  
3rd Place (TIE)  
Hemingford Ledger  
By: Amber Ningen  
3rd Place (TIE)  
Arlington Citizen  
By: Scott Strenger & Grant Egger

18 - Sports Page  
Class B  
1st Place  
North Bend Eagle  
By: Nathan Arneal  
2nd Place  
Plattsmouth Journal  
By: Brent Hardin  
3rd Place  
Wilber Republican  
By: Staff

18 - Sports Page  
Class C  
1st Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
West Point News  
By: Mike O'Brien  
3rd Place  
Imperial Republican  
By: Staff

18 - Sports Page  
Class D  
1st Place  
Bellevue Leader  
By: Joey Waller, Brody Hilgenkamp & Tyler Schuster  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
By: Scott Strenger & Grant Egger  
3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
By: Scott Strenger & Grant Egger

18 - Sports Page  
Daily  
1st Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
By: Jay Prauner  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
By: Jeremy Woznick  
3rd Place  
Hastings Tribune  
By: Nick Blasnitz & Mike Zimmerman

19 - Sports Column  
Class A  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Play by Play  
By: Logan Lawson  
2nd Place  
Wauneta Breeze  
Title: Nebraska High School Hall of Fame Brings Back  
Memories  
By: Diane Stamm  
3rd Place  
Gering Courier  
By: Jeff Fielder

19 - Sports Column  
Class B  
1st Place  
North Bend Eagle  
Title: Technology Finish, White Lights  
By: Nathan Arneal  
2nd Place  
Elgin Review  
Title: Spinning Tales – Husker Fans All Stirred Up/Frost &  
the Future  
By: Dennis Morgan  
3rd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Pitching with Pritch  
By: Larry Pritchett

19 - Sports Column  
Class C  
1st Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: Mid-Week Huddle  
By: Carissa Soukup & Angie Hupp  
2nd Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
Title: Struggle is Real  
By: Jordyn Hulinsky  
3rd Place  
West Point News  
By: Mike O'Brien

19 - Sports Column  
Class D  
1st Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Sports Vine  
By: Darren Ivy  
2nd Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Legacy of the Game  
By: Gordon Hopkins

3rd Place  
Bellevue Leader  
By: Brody Hilgenkamp

19 - Sports Column  
Daily  
1st Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: 996 Wins...and Counting; Frost Well-Prepared for  
Nebraska Job  
By: Bob Hamar  
2nd Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
Title: What's Next?  
By: Derek Noehren  
3rd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Speirs Flies to 200th Victory; Sports More than Scores  
By: Tom Behmer

20 - Sports Writing  
Class A  
1st Place  
Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
Title: Fry Finds Balance Motivation in Quest for Gold  
By: LuAnn Schindler  
2nd Place  
Arlington Citizen  
Title: Smith has His Moment, Medals 5th  
By: Grant Egger  
3rd Place  
Milford Times  
Title: Eagles Down Mustangs on Late Night  
By: Stephanie Croston

20 - Sports Writing  
Class B  
1st Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Hail Mary! Hail Yes!  
By: Russ Pankonin  
2nd Place  
Gretna Breeze  
Title: Sweet Repeat  
By: Joey Waller  
3rd Place  
Plattsmouth Journal  
Title: LSU Fans Make Plattsmouth Home Base for CWS  
By: Brent Hardin

20 - Sports Writing  
Class C  
1st Place  
West Point News  
Title: Legacy of Success  
By: Mike O'Brien

2nd Place  
Imperial Republican  
Title: It's a Repeat!  
By: Russ Pankonin  
3rd Place  
Gothenburg Times  
Title: Roller Derby  
By: Ellen Mortensen  
20 - Sports Writing

Class D  
1st Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Victory  
By: Trevor Gill  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
Title: Checkered Flag  
By: Grant Egger  
3rd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Playing with Heart  
By: Jacilyn Bruns

20 - Sports Writing  
Daily  
1st Place  
Hastings Tribune  
Title: #6 Strong  
By: Tyler Schuster  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Community Shows Up to Support Panthers  
By: Tom Behmer  
3rd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Through Their Eyes  
By: Ryan Edwards

21 - Photo Page  
Class A  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Orchard Celebration  
By: Samantha Cleveland & Carrie Pitzer  
2nd Place  
Arlington Citizen  
Title: A Visit to the Dunklau Dairy  
By: Leeanna Ellis  
3rd Place  
Milford Times  
Title: No Place like Milford for Fun Days  
By: Emily Hemphill & Amanda Woita

21 - Photo Page  
Class B

1st Place

Gretna Breeze

Title: Christmas

By: Rachel George

2nd Place

North Bend Eagle

Title: Images of Old Settlers

By: Nathan Arneal & Mary Le Arneal

3rd Place

North Bend Eagle

Title: Runaways Find Home on Stage

By: Nathan Arneal

21 - Photo Page

Class C

1st Place

So. Sioux City Dakota Co. Star

Title: 2017 Sports Photos Year in Review

By: Chad Watkins

2nd Place

Albion News

Title: Albion Fire & Rescue has Served Area for 130 Years

By: Jim Dickerson

3rd Place

Sutton Clay Co. News

Title: The Great American Eclipse

By: Tory Duncan, Ashley D. Swanson & Jordyn Hulinsky

21 - Photo Page

Class D

1st Place

Seward Co. Independent

Title: Melodrama

By: Stephanie Croston

2nd Place

Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

Title: Gateway to the West Days

By: Staff

3rd Place

Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

Title: Blair Homecoming

By: Joe Burns

21 - Photo Page

Daily

1st Place

Scottsbluff Star-Herald

Title: Awestruck at Agate

By: Irene North & Candice Peterson

2nd Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Taking the 'Plunge'

By: Kathryn Harris, Jake Wragge & Sheryl Schmeckpeper

3rd Place

North Platte Telegraph

Title: Wrap It Up!

By: Tammy Bain & Kamie Stephen

22 - Feature Photography

Class A

1st Place

Milford Times

Title: Remembering Their Sacrifice

By: Emily Hemphill

2nd Place

Hemingford Ledger

Title: All Eyes on Eclipse

By: Casper Ningen

3rd Place

Arlington Citizen

Title: Speed Racers

By: Joe Burns

22 - Feature Photography

Class B

1st Place

North Bend Eagle

Title: Bird Bath

By: Nathan Arneal

2nd Place

Elgin Review

Title: Father & Son

By: Dennis Morgan

3rd Place

Waverly News

Title: Tunnel Vision

By: Michael Wunder

22 - Feature Photography

Class C

1st Place

Aurora News-Register

Title: Memorial Day

By: Janelle Kesterson

2nd Place

Albion News

Title: It was One Hot Smoke-Filled Room, Fire Training

By: Jim Dickerson

3rd Place

Sutton Clay Co. News

Title: Splashing into the School Year

By: Ashley D. Swanson

22 - Feature Photography

Class D

1st Place

Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief

Title: Broken Bow Firemen Watch Flames

By: Mona Weatherly

2nd Place

Blair Washington Co. Enterprise

Title: Keeping the Beat

By: Joe Burns

3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: BMX Bike  
By: Amanda Woita

22 - Feature Photography  
Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Flag Retirement  
By: Jeff Damron  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Visions of Sugar Plums  
By: Darrin Epperly  
3rd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Corncob Crane  
By: Lori Potter

23 - News Photography  
Class A  
1st Place  
Doniphan Herald  
Title: Flag Day is June 14  
By: Jodi Sadd  
2nd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Power of Prayer  
By: Pammela Maxwell  
3rd Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
Title: Chicago Opens at Post Playhouse  
By: Lyle Fodnes

23 - News Photography  
Class B  
1st Place  
North Bend Eagle  
Title: Cover Crop Inspection  
By: Nathan Arneal  
2nd Place  
Waverly News  
Title: Eagle Grocery  
By: Michael Wunder  
3rd Place  
Wilber Republican  
Title: County Hosts Ag Day  
By: Mark Gaschler

23 - News Photography  
Class C  
1st Place  
So. Sioux City Dakota Co. Star  
Title: Boys Watch It Burn  
By: Laura Sullivan

2nd Place  
Papillion Times  
Title: Tribute  
By: Eric Taylor  
3rd Place  
West Point News  
Title: Rescue Drill  
By: Willis Mahannah

23 - News Photography  
Class D  
1st Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Diller Picnic  
By: Minette Tomasch  
2nd Place  
Wahoo Newspaper  
Title: Deere Check  
By: Lisa Brichacek  
3rd Place  
Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief  
Title: Veterans Raise Flags, Bow Heads for Cpl. Seadore  
By: Kirsty Dunbar

23 - News Photography  
Daily  
1st Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Star Party  
By: Jake Wragge  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Kayaking  
By: Jake Wragge  
3rd Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
Title: For the Fall  
By: Job Vigil

24 - Breaking News Photography  
Class A  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Squealing  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
2nd Place  
Wauneta Breeze  
Title: Car Fire  
By: Dianne Stamm  
3rd Place  
Osmond Republican  
By: Tyler Schank

24 - Breaking News Photography  
Class B  
1st Place

Bloomfield Knox Co. News/Monitor

Title: Lifenet Lands

By: Cory Loomix

2nd Place

Lexington Clipper-Herald

Title: Three Vehicle Crash Sends Two to Hospital

By: Ben Arrowood

3rd Place

North Bend Eagle

Title: Horse About Town

By: Nathan Arneal

24 - Breaking News Photography

Class C

1st Place

Albion News

Title: Fighting Fire (Bosselman's Fire)

By: Jim Dickerson

2nd Place

Hebron Journal-Register

Title: Bales Catch Fire

By: Nancy McGill

3rd Place

Aurora News-Register

Title: Aurora Manhunt

By: Travis Blase

24 - Breaking News Photography

Class D

1st Place

Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

Title: Fire Destroys Barn

By: Joe Burns

2nd Place

Blair Washington Co. Enterprise

Title: Fire Destroys Semi-Tractor

By: Leeanna Ellis

3rd Place

Hickman Voice News

Title: Explosive Situation

By: Tammy Jo Dirks

24 - Breaking News Photography

Daily

1st Place

Hastings Tribune

Title: Fire Wall

By: Jim Headley

2nd Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Garage Fire

By: Darin Epperly

3rd Place

Grand Island Independent

Title: G.I. Woman in Critical Condition

By: Andrew Carpenean

25W - Use of Color — News - WEEKLIES ONLY

Class A

1st Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: Ribbon of Hope

By: Carrie Pitzer & Samantha Cleveland

2nd Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: Quinceanera

By: Carrie Pitzer

3rd Place

Arlington Citizen

Title: Works of Art

By: Sandra Diaz

25W - Use of Color — News - WEEKLIES ONLY

Class B

1st Place

Plattsmouth Journal

Title: Everything Chocolate Seven

By: Patti Jo Peterson

2nd Place

Grant Tribune-Sentinel

Title: Back to School Cover

By: Darci Tomky

3rd Place

Wilber Republican

Title: We Remember – Memorial Day 2017

By: Staff

25W - Use of Color — News - WEEKLIES ONLY

Class C

1st Place

Aurora News-Register

Title: Eclipse Coverage

By: Staff

2nd Place

Aurora News-Register

Title: A'ROR'N Good Time

By: Staff

3rd Place

Ord Quiz

Title: Senior Spotlight

By: Heidi Dawe & Megan Dietz

25W - Use of Color — News - WEEKLIES ONLY

Class D

1st Place

Blair Washington Co. Enterprise

Title: Pucker Up

By: Sandra Diaz

Judge's Comments: Lots of color with a fun centerpiece treatment.

2nd Place

Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

Title: Trail Project Restarted



By: Sandra Diaz  
3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: On Broadway  
By: Stephanie Croston

26 - Personal Column  
Class A  
1st Place  
Callaway Courier  
By: Michael A. Wendorff  
2nd Place  
Friend Sentinel  
By: Amanda Woita  
3rd Place  
Gering Courier  
By: Morgan Wallace

26 - Personal Column  
Class B  
1st Place  
Chadron Record  
By: Kerri Rempp  
2nd Place  
Humphrey Democrat  
By: Patrick Murphy  
3rd Place  
Plattsmouth Journal  
By: Patti Jo Peterson

26 - Personal Column  
Class C  
1st Place  
Papillion Times  
By: Eugene Curtin  
2nd Place  
Alliance Times-Herald  
By: Evan Mehne  
3rd Place  
Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette  
By: Emily Heinzen

26 - Personal Column  
Class D  
1st Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
By: Jill Martin  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
By: Mark Rhoades  
3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
By: Stephanie Croston

26 - Personal Column  
Daily

1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
By: Mary Jane Skala  
2nd Place  
Kearney Hub  
By: Lori Potter  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
By: Jeff Bahr

27 - Breaking News  
Class A  
1st Place  
Osmond Republican  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Arlington Citizen  
Title: Arlington Bank Robbed at Gunpoint  
By: Leeanna Ellis  
3rd Place  
Arlington Citizen  
Title: 'I Probably Wouldn't Be Here'  
By: Leeanna Ellis

27 - Breaking News  
Class B  
1st Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Chemicals, 17 Pressure Cookers Seized  
By: Kerri Rempp  
2nd Place  
Plattsmouth Journal  
Title: Shooting Threat Closes School  
By: Brent Hardin  
3rd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: GVFD Responds to a Record 8 Fires  
By: Brooke Robertson

27 - Breaking News  
Class C  
1st Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Aurora Manhunt  
2nd Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: Tragic Ending  
By: Joan Wright & Angie Hupp  
3rd Place  
West Point News  
Title: Bank Robbery  
By: Willis Mahannah

27 - Breaking News  
Class D  
1st Place

Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Driver Dies in Crash after Fleeing Traffic Stop  
By: Leeanna Ellis  
2nd Place  
Wahoo Newspaper  
Title: Escape Attempt Starts in Saunders County  
By: Lisa Brichacek  
3rd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Quick Actions by 8-Year-Old  
By: Darren Ivy

27 - Breaking News  
Daily  
1st Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Drugs Now on Hand for Legal Injections  
By: Kent Warneke  
2nd Place  
Hastings Tribune  
Title: Local Surgeon, Nurse Assisted Shooting Victims  
By: Shay Burk  
3rd Place  
Hastings Tribune  
Title: Ball of Fire  
By: Will Vraspir

28 - Feature Series  
Class A  
1st Place  
Milford Times  
Title: Centennial Alumni  
By: Emily Hemphill  
2nd Place  
Gering Courier  
Title: Hometown Heroes  
By: Jeff Fielder  
3rd Place  
Stapleton Enterprise  
Title: Look Who's New to You  
By: Marcia Hora & Kendra Cutler

28 - Feature Series  
Class B  
1st Place  
Bassett Rock Co. Leader  
Title: Korean Soldier Coming Home  
By: Cathy Doke  
2nd Place  
Lexington Clipper-Herald  
Title: Fond Memories of Former Jail  
By: Kevin Zelaya  
3rd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Veteran Flights  
By: Brooke Robertson

28 - Feature Series  
Class C  
1st Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
Title: Alzheimer's: The Quiet Disease  
By: Ashley D. Swanson  
2nd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: History of Hamilton County  
By: Travis Blase  
3rd Place  
Hartington Cedar Co. News  
Title: Cuba  
By: Rob Dump

28 - Feature Series  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Country Classrooms  
By: Leeanna Ellis  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Where's Lloyd?  
By: Katie Rohman  
3rd Place  
Wahoo Newspaper  
Title: Pioneer Farm Families  
By: Lisa Brichacek & Sam Farmer

28 - Feature Series  
Daily  
1st Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Together a Greater Nebraska  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Eclipse Coverage  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Hastings Tribune  
Title: Tribbies Taking on Different Tasks  
By: Staff

29 - Single Feature Story  
Class A  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Look for Me in Rainbows  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
2nd Place  
Ralston Recorder  
Title: Artist at Work  
By: Brody Hilgenkamp

3rd Place  
Arlington Citizen  
Title: Hoofing It Around Washington County  
By: Leeanna Ellis

29 - Single Feature Story  
Class B  
1st Place  
Plattsmouth Journal  
Title: Plattsmouth Lineman Helps Return Power to  
Floridians  
By: Patti Jo Peterson  
2nd Place  
Plattsmouth Journal  
Title: Soldier Overcoming PTSD Fears  
By: Patti Jo Peterson  
3rd Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Night of Gambling Cut Short in Las Vegas  
By: Kerri Rempp

29 - Single Feature Story  
Class C  
1st Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: Hands of Time  
By: Joan Wright  
2nd Place  
Papillion Times  
Title: Oscar Meyer  
By: Eric Taylor  
3rd Place  
Alliance Times-Herald  
Title: Behind the Face is a Heart  
By: Renita Buss

29 - Single Feature Story  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
Title: End of the Line  
By: Hillary Rosencrants  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
Title: Death is Not the End  
By: Hillary Rosencrants  
3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: 'God's Calling'  
By: Teresa Hoffman

29 - Single Feature Story  
Daily  
1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Stepping Up, Speaking Out  
By: Irene North

2nd Place  
York News-Times  
Title: I'm Yours, You're Mine  
By: Melanie Wilkinson  
3rd Place  
Beatrice Daily Sun  
Title: Cemetery Finds New Life  
By: Scott Koperski

30 - In-depth Writing  
Class A  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Gone With the Wind  
By: Cadrien Livingston  
2nd Place  
Gering Courier  
Title: Safety  
By: Jeff Fielder  
3rd Place  
Milford Times  
Title: Mold in City Hall  
By: Emily Hemphill

30 - In-depth Writing  
Class B  
1st Place  
Creighton News  
Title: FAA Regulates Drones  
By: Sandy Schroth  
2nd Place  
Lexington Clipper-Herald  
Title: Embrace Lexington  
By: Malena Ward  
3rd Place  
Pender Times  
Title: Plea Deal Gives Galvan-Hernandez Chance to Leave  
Prison in His Lifetime  
By: Jason Sturek

30 - In-depth Writing  
Class C  
1st Place  
Papillion Times  
Title: Tori the Pig  
By: Eric Taylor  
2nd Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: Supreme Court to Review  
By: Joan Wright  
3rd Place  
Alliance Times-Herald  
Title: Great American Eclipse  
By: Staff

30 - In-depth Writing

Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Blair Library Opens  
By: Katie Rohman  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Dana Coverage  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
Title: Solar Sensation  
By: Staff

30 - In-depth Writing  
Daily  
1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Human Trafficking  
By: Irene North  
2nd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Broken Bow School Recall Vote Planned for Tuesday  
By: Erika Pritchard  
3rd Place  
Hastings Tribune  
Title: Couple Defends Tribal Affiliation for Old School  
By: Will Vraspir

31 - Public Notice and Its Promotion  
Class A  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
No 2nd & 3rd Places were Awarded.

31 - Public Notice and Its Promotion  
Class B  
1st Place  
Elgin Review  
By: Lynell Morgan  
2nd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
By: Staff  
No 3rd Place was Awarded.

31 - Public Notice and Its Promotion  
Class C Entries were Judged with Class D  
Class D  
1st Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Albion News  
By: Julie Dickerson  
No 3rd Place was Awarded.

31 - Public Notice and Its Promotion  
Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
By: Mike Konz & Andrea Dzingle  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
By: Staff  
No 3rd Place was Awarded.

32 - Editorial Page  
Class A  
1st Place  
Arlington Citizen  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Milford Times  
By: Staff  
No 3rd Place was Awarded.

32 - Editorial Page  
Class B  
1st Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Chadron Record  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Wisner News-Chronicle  
By: Staff

32 - Editorial Page  
Class C  
1st Place  
Imperial Republican  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
West Point News  
By: Willis Mahannah  
3rd Place  
Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette  
By: Staff

32 - Editorial Page  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune (TIE)  
By: Staff  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise (TIE)  
By: Staff  
No 2nd & 3rd Places Awarded.

32 - Editorial Page

Daily  
1st Place  
Grand Island Independent  
By: Bette Pore

2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
By: Kent Warneke  
3rd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
By: Jeff Van Patten, Candice Peterson & Brad Staman

33 - Editorial  
Class A Entries were Judged with Class B  
Class B  
1st Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
By: Brooke Robertson & Russ Pankonin  
2nd Place  
Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer  
By: Mark Jackson  
3rd Place  
Chadron Record  
By: Kerri Rempp

33 - Editorial  
Class C  
1st Place  
West Point News  
By: Willis Mahannah  
2nd Place  
Imperial Republican  
By: Russ Pankonin & Jan Schultz  
3rd Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
By: Tory Duncan, Ashley D. Swanson & Jordyn Hulinsky

33 - Editorial  
Class D  
1st Place  
Bellevue Leader  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
By: Timothy Linscott

33 - Editorial  
Daily  
1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
By: Greg Awtry  
2nd Place  
Hastings Tribune  
By: Staff

3rd Place  
York News-Times  
By: Carrie Colburn

34 - News Writing  
Class A  
1st Place  
Arlington Citizen  
Title: A Priceless Gift  
By: Leeanna Ellis  
2nd Place  
Doniphan Herald  
Title: The Great Nebraska Eclipse  
By: Christine Hollister  
3rd Place  
Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
Title: Alternate Route Approved for Keystone XL Pipeline  
Application  
By: LuAnn Schindler

34 - News Writing  
Class B  
1st Place  
Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer  
Title: Schmidt Found Not Guilty at Trial  
By: Mark Jackson  
2nd Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Parents Hope Lawsuit will Help Others  
By: Kerri Rempp  
3rd Place  
Wilber Republican  
Title: Body Found Believed to be Loofe  
By: Jill Martin, Emily Hemphill & Kevin Zadina

34 - News Writing  
Class C  
1st Place  
South Sioux City Dakota Co. Star  
Title: County Divided: Immigration Enforcement Program  
Draws Strong Opinions  
By: Michelle Kuester  
2nd Place  
Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette  
Title: Elkhorn Attorney Steve Grasz Attends Hearing as  
President's Recommendation for Federal Judgeship  
By: Mary Lou Rodgers  
3rd Place  
Albion News  
Title: Smoyer-Wathen Case is Resolved  
By: Jim Dickerson

34 - News Writing  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise

Title: Students Schooled on Sexting Risks  
By: Leeanna Ellis  
2nd Place

Blair Washington Co. Enterprise

Title: No Chair for Trent

By: Katie Rohman

3rd Place

Wahoo Newspaper

Title: Heart Finds New Home in Wahoo

By: Lisa Brichacek

34 - News Writing

Daily

1st Place

Grand Island Independent

Title: CNHS Helps Special Needs Animals with HEART  
Program

By: Kelli Rollin

2nd Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Distracted Driving

By: Andrea Larson

3rd Place

Hastings Tribune

Title: Holstein Street Dedicated for Fallen Soldier

By: Will Vraspir

35 - Best New Idea – News

Class A Entries were Judged with Class B

Class B

1st Place

Grant Tribune-Sentinel

Title: Blank Front Page

By: Staff

2nd Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: Facebook Live for News

By Staff

3rd Place

Gering Courier

Title: Where Are They Now?

By: Jeff Fielder

35 - Best New Idea – News

Class C Entries were Judged with Class D

Class D

1st Place

Fairbury Journal-News

Title: Varsity Letters

By: Jim Phelps

2nd Place

Ord Quiz

Title: Veterans Day Salute

By: Heidi Dawe, Megan Dietz & Lacy Griffith

3rd Place

Seward Co. Independent

Title: SCI News Now – Daily Update E-mail Blast

By: Staff

35 - Best New Idea – News

Daily

1st Place

Grand Island Independent

Title: Staff Profiles

By: Staff

2nd Place

Scottsbluff Star-Herald

Title: Poster

By: Steve Frederick

3rd Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Flipbook

By: Staff

36 - Headline Writing

Class A

1st Place

Arlington Citizen

By: Staff

2nd Place

Ralston Recorder

By: Staff

3rd Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

By: Carrie Pitzer

36 - Headline Writing

Class B

1st Place

Bloomfield Knox Co. News/Monitor

By: Carrie Pitzer

2nd Place

Grant Tribune-Sentinel

By: Staff

3rd Place

Creighton News

By: Sandy Schroth

36 - Headline Writing

Class C

1st Place

Aurora News-Register

By: Paula Johnson

2nd Place

Papillion Times

By: Staff

3rd Place

Gothenburg Times

By: Ellen Mortensen

36 - Headline Writing

Class D

1st Place  
Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief  
By: Mona Weatherly

2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
By: Staff

3rd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
By: Staff

36 - Headline Writing  
Daily

1st Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
By: Tim Pearson

2nd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
By: Sarah Mindrup

3rd Place  
Kearney Hub  
By: Courtney Follmer

37 - Front Page  
Class A

1st Place  
Gering Courier  
By: Jeff Fielder

2nd Place  
Arlington Citizen  
By: Staff

3rd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
By: Carrie Pitzer

37 - Front Page  
Class B

1st Place  
Chadron Record  
By: Kerri Rempp

2nd Place  
North Bend Eagle  
By: Nathan Arneal  
3rd Place  
Plattsmouth Journal  
By: Patti Jo Peterson

37 - Front Page  
Class C

1st Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Kurt Johnson

2nd Place  
Gothenburg Times  
By: Ellen Mortensen  
3rd Place

Imperial Republican  
By: Staff

37 - Front Page  
Class D

1st Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
By: Staff

2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
By: Staff

3rd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
By: Staff

37 - Front Page  
Daily

1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
By: Candice Peterson

2nd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
By: Sarah Mindrup

3rd Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
By: Staff

38 - General Excellence  
Class A

1st Place  
Arlington Citizen  
By: Staff

2nd Place  
Gering Courier  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
By: Staff

38 - General Excellence  
Class B

1st Place  
Chadron Record  
By: Staff

2nd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
By: Staff

3rd Place  
Wisner News-Chronicle  
By: Staff

38 - General Excellence  
Class C

1st Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Staff

2nd Place Albion News By: Staff	Orchard Antelope Co. News Title: Progress Edition By: Staff
3rd Place Papillion Times By: Staff	40 - Special Single Section Class B 1st Place Plattsmouth Journal Title: Live It Up By: Patti Jo Peterson, Brent Hardin & Jill Bedell
38 - General Excellence Class D 1st Place Blair Washington Co. Enterprise By: Staff	2nd Place Gretna Guide & News Title: Progress & Newcomers Guide By: Staff
2nd Place Bellevue Leader By: Staff	3rd Place Chadron Record Title: Eclipse By: Staff
3rd Place Seward Co. Independent By: Staff	
38 - General Excellence Daily 1st Place Scottsbluff Star-Herald By: Staff	40 - Special Single Section Class C 1st Place Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette Title: Progress & Newcomers Guide By: Staff
2nd Place Hastings Tribune By: Staff	2nd Place Neligh News & Leader Title: Health Excellence By: Staff
3rd Place North Platte Telegraph By: Staff	3rd Place Ord Quiz Title: Senior Book By: Heidi Dawe & Megan Dietz
39 – Lifestyles (DAILIES ONLY) Daily 1st Place Kearney Hub By: Staff	40 - Special Single Section Class D 1st Place Hickman Voice News Title: Unwind By: Staff
2nd Place North Platte Telegraph By: Staff	2nd Place Blair Washington Co. Enterprise Title: 2017 Progress By: Staff
3rd Place Norfolk Daily News By: Sheryl Schmeckpeper	3rd Place Seward Co. Independent Title: Deep Roots, High Hopes By: Staff
40 - Special Single Section Class A 1st Place Springview Herald Title: Region 24 Complex Wildfire of 2012 – 5 Years of Reflection By: Staff	40 - Special Single Section Daily 1st Place Grand Island Independent Title: Nebraska Statehood: 150th Central Nebraska Through the Years By: Pete Letheby
2nd Place Ralston Recorder Title: Ralston Resources By: Staff	2nd Place
3rd Place	



York News-Times  
Title: York County History  
By: Melanie Wilkinson, Kerri Pankratz & Melanie Leitz  
3rd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Sports Review  
By: Jeremy Woznick

41 - Special Section (Multiple Publication Days)

Class A  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Senior Sections  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Friend Sentinel  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Arlington Citizen  
Title: Washington County Fair Preview & Awards  
By: Staff

41 - Special Section (Multiple Publication Days)

Class B  
1st Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Go, Do!  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: School Activities Magazines: Sports & Join the Club  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Progress  
By: Staff

41 - Special Section (Multiple Publication Days)

Class C Entries were Judged with Class D

1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Home & Acreage  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Tribune  
Title: Salute to Ag/Ag Outlook  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Mature Living  
By: Staff

41 - Special Section (Multiple Publication Days)

Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub

Title: UNK Today  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Out Yonder  
By: Steve Frederick & Ilene Anderson  
3rd Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
Title: Faces of...Business, Agriculture, Education, Health  
By: Staff

42 - Youth Coverage

Class A  
1st Place  
Doniphan Herald  
By: Randy Sadd, Jodi Sadd & Christine Hollister  
2nd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Friend Sentinel  
By: Staff

42 - Youth Coverage

Class B  
1st Place  
Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
North Bend Eagle  
By: Mary Le Arneal, Molly Nicola & Nathan Arneal

42 - Youth Coverage

Class C  
1st Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
West Point News  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Staff

42 - Youth Coverage

Class D  
1st Place  
Hickman Voice News  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
By: Staff  
3rd Place

Bellevue Leader  
By: Staff  
  
42 - Youth Coverage  
Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
By: Staff

43 – Specialty/Lifestyle Sections  
Class A Entries were Judged with Class B  
Class B  
1st Place  
Elgin Review  
Title: Beef Month  
By: Lynell Morgan  
2nd Place  
Gering Courier  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Holiday Edition  
By: Staff

43 – Specialty/Lifestyle Sections  
Class C Entries were Judged with Class D  
Class D  
1st Place  
West Point News  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Wahoo Newspaper  
Title: Trends/Milestones/Church  
By: Staff

43 – Specialty/Lifestyle Sections  
Daily  
1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Farm & Ranch  
By: Spike Jordan  
2nd Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
Title: Corn  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent (TIE)

By: Terri Hahn & Pete Letheby  
3rd Place  
Kearney Hub (TIE)  
By: Amanda Push

44 - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
Grand Island Independent  
By: Staff

45 - BEST NIE PROGRAM  
Hickman Voice News  
By: Staff

46 - Web Sites  
Class A  
1st Place  
Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
By: LuAnn Schindler, Tara Purdie, Joan Wright & Angie Hupp  
2nd Place  
Gering Courier  
By: Jeff Fielder, Maunette Loeks & Kelly Zwetzig  
3rd Place  
Friend Sentinel  
By: Staff

46 - Web Sites  
Class B  
1st Place  
Wilber Republican  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Gordon Sheridan Co. Journal-Star  
By: Jordan Huether  
3rd Place  
Ashland Gazette  
By: Staff

46 - Web Sites  
Class C  
1st Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
West Point News  
By: Mike O'Brien

46 - Web Sites  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise

By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Bellevue Leader  
By: Hailey Stolze & Brody Hilgenkamp  
3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
By: Staff

#### 46 - Web Sites

Daily  
1st Place  
Grand Island Independent  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
By: Maunette Loeks, Kelly Zwetzig & Brian Nickodemus  
3rd Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
By: Staff

#### 47 - Online Video

Class A  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Volunteers Round Up 1,500 Pigs  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
2nd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: AMH 65th Anniversary  
By: Carrie Pitzer & Dylan Widger  
3rd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Uprooted Traveling Boutique  
By: Carrie Pitzer

#### 47 - Online Video

Class B  
No entries were received in Class B

#### 47 - Online Video

Class C  
1st Place  
Hartington Cedar Co. News  
Title: Computer Coding  
By: Jake Higgins  
2nd Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: 1991 State Team Provides Send-Off to Current Team  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: Archdiocese Timeline & Changes  
By: Joan Wright & Tara Purdie

#### 47 - Online Video

Class D

1st Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Fairbury Wrestling Preview  
By: Trevor Gill  
2nd Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Make a Wish  
By: Trevor Gill  
3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Blair Public Library & Technology Center Grand  
Opening  
By: Katie Rohman

#### 47 - Online Video

Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: 2017 Loup City Women's March  
By: Jeff Damron, Amanda Push & Heather Riggleman  
2nd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Cruise Nite 2017  
By: Jeff Damron & Amanda Push  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Blacksmith Uses Heat & Hammer to Create Endless  
Possibilities  
By: Zach Mayhew

#### 48 - Online Coverage of Breaking News

Class A  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Sydney Loofe  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Semi Overturns  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
3rd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Fatal Accident  
By: Carrie Pitzer

#### 48 - Online Coverage of Breaking News

Class B  
No Entries Received in Class B

#### 48 - Online Coverage of Breaking News

Class C Entries were Judged with Class D  
Class D  
1st Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: Searching for Sydney  
By: Joan Wright & Tara Purdie

2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Dana Campus Plans Unveiled  
By: Leeanna Ellis & Katie Rohman

3rd Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Downtown Fire  
By: Trevor Gill

48 - Online Coverage of Breaking News  
Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: 2017 Trial of Kearney Police Officer Derek Payton  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Tornadoes Rip Through Western Nebraska, Eastern Wyoming  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Osmond Grocery Store Fire  
By: Staff

49 - Best Use of Social Media  
Class A  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Sydney Loofe  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: State Sports Coverage  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Gering Courier  
Title: Sports Updates on Twitter  
By: Jeff Fielder

49 - Best Use of Social Media  
Class B entries were Judged with Class C  
Class C  
1st Place  
Hartington Cedar Co. News  
Title: State VB  
By: Rob Dump & Jake Higgins  
2nd Place  
Hartington Cedar Co. News  
Title: State One Act Play  
By: Rob Dump & Jake Higgins  
3rd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel (TIE)  
Title: Voting for Top Stories  
By: Staff  
3rd Place

Grant Tribune-Sentinel (TIE)  
Title: Tribune Time Machine  
By: Samantha Goff

49 - Best Use of Social Media  
Class D  
1st Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Bonham Opening  
By: Trevor Gill  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Dana Coverage  
By: Leeanna Ellis & Katie Rohman  
3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Facebook Live of Honor Flight Arrival  
By: Jill Martin

49 - Best Use of Social Media  
Daily  
1st Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Eclipse Coverage  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: 2017 Loup City Women's March  
By: Amanda Push, Jeff Damron & Heather Riggleman  
3rd Place  
Kearney Hub (TIE)  
Title: 2017 Great American Eclipse  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
North Platte Telegraph (TIE)  
Title: Missing Children Gallery  
By: Kamie Stephen

50 - Best Digital Ad Idea  
Class B  
No Entries were Received in Class B

50 - Best Digital Ad Idea  
Class A Entries were Judged with Class C  
Class C  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Need for Speed  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
2nd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Click for a Tow  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
3rd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Aurora Mall

By: Karla Senff

50 - Best Digital Ad Idea

Class D

1st Place

Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

Title: St. Mary's Episcopal Church

By: Rachel Birdsall

2nd Place

Fairbury Journal-News

Title: Fairbury Journal-News – More Than a Newspaper

By: Trevor Gill

3rd Place

Seward Co. Independent

Title: Sharon Hartmann – Always a Good Idea

By: Dave Fiala & Pat Checketts

50 - Best Digital Ad Idea

Daily

1st Place

Scottsbluff Star-Herald

Title: Wagner Floral

By: Dalene Loudon & Nicci Vorse

2nd Place

North Platte Telegraph

Title: Alicia Forbes, Stephen Barkley, Lesli Torres

By: Staff

3rd Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Langel Auto

By: Denise Webbert & Kelli Ganskow

NEWS PHOTO OF THE YEAR

Total Eclipse

By: Steve Frederick

Scottsbluff Star-Herald

SPORTS PHOTO OF THE YEAR

Brawl for All 2

By: Chad Watkins

South Sioux City Dakota Co. Star

FEATURE PHOTO OF THE YEAR

It's Sacred

By: Laura Beahm

Hastings Tribune

EDITORIAL OF THE YEAR

Why You Should Care About Public Notices

By: Staff

Blair Washington Co. Enterprise

ADVERTISEMENT OF THE YEAR

Thank You for Choosing Jefferson Community Health & Life for Your Healthcare Needs

By: Jennifer Lewis

Fairbury Journal-News

CLASS A SWEEPSTAKES:

1st Place: Orchard Antelope Co. News

2nd Place: Gering Courier

3rd Place: Arlington Citizen

CLASS B SWEEPSTAKES:

1st Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel

2nd Place: Chadron Record

3rd Place: North Bend Eagle

CLASS C SWEEPSTAKES:

1st Place: Aurora News-Register

2nd Place: Neligh News & Leader

3rd Place: West Point News

CLASS D SWEEPSTAKES:

1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent

3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise

WEEKLY SWEEPSTAKES AWARD:

1st Place: Orchard Antelope Co. News

2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

3rd Place: Aurora News-Register

DAILY SWEEPSTAKES AWARD:

1st Place: Norfolk Daily News

2nd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald

3rd Place: Kearney Hub