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KEARNEY — Sweepstakes winners in the Nebraska Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest are the weekly Orchard Antelope County News and the daily Scottsbluff Star-Herald.

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 16th 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 13 first-place awards, 6 judged second best awards and 4 judged third best awards for a point total of 244. This is their second year to win this award, and they beat out the second place winner by 46 points.

The Scottsbluff Star-Herald was the winner in the daily category, which excludes dailies in Omaha and Lincoln. It finished with 7 first-place awards, 12 for second and 8 for third for a point total of 220. This is the fourth time the Scottsbluff Star-Herald has won the daily sweepstakes. They beat out the second place winner by 6 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, Seward County Independent, and the Hickman Voice News, third.

Finishing second in the daily category was the Norfolk Daily News with the Grand Island Independent, third.

More than 3,500 separate entries, representing 9 dailies and 69 weeklies, were judged by members of the Louisiana Press Association.

The inaugural Edgecombe Family Community Newspaper Digital Sweepstakes Awards were given at the 2019 convention. The first weekly newspaper to win this award is the Orchard Antelope County News, finishing with 3 first-place awards, 4 judged second best awards and 1 judged third best awards for a point total of 68. They beat out the second place winner by 16 points.

The Kearney Hub is the first daily newspaper to win the Digital Sweepstakes Award, with 2 first-place awards, 3 second-place awards and 2 third-place awards, for a point total of 56. They beat out the second place winner by 26 points.

Other weeklies in the top three were second, Fairbury Journal-News and tied for third, Hartington Cedar County News and Ord Quiz.

Finishing second in the daily category was the Grand Island Independent with the Norfolk Daily News, third.

First, second and third place winners were announced Saturday night at an Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn in Kearney, where more than 150 journalists attended.

01 - Use of Computer Graphics - Produced In House

Class A

1st Place

Arlington Citizen

Title: Beating the Heat

By: Sandy Diaz

2nd Place

Clearwater-Ewing Record-News

Title: Nebraska Nice

By: LuAnn Schindler

3rd Place

Arlington Citizen

Title: Sizzlin' Fun For All Ages

By: Alaina Albright

01 - Use of Computer Graphics - Produced In House

Class B

1st Place

Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer

Title: Tax Decrease

By: Mark Jackson & Meg Beachler

2nd Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: Detasseling: 101

By: Carrie Pitzer

3rd Place

Bloomfield Knox Co. News/Monitor

Title: Distracted Driving

By: Trisha Zach

01 - Use of Computer Graphics - Produced In House

Class C

1st Place

Neligh News & Leader

Title: The Battle Against Bullying

By: Staff

2nd Place

Ord Quiz

Title: OHS State Track

By: Megan Dietz & Heidi Dawe

3rd Place

Neligh News & Leader

Title: Valentine's Day Heart

By: Staff

01 - Use of Computer Graphics - Produced In House

Class D

1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Catch and Release  
By: Alaina Albright  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
Title: Hitting High Note  
By: Alaina Albright  
3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Seward County Newspaper Timeline  
By: Amanda Woita

01 - Use of Computer Graphics - Produced In House

Daily  
1st Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: The Incredibles  
By: Dennis Meyer  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Wonder Woman  
By: Dennis Meyer  
3rd Place  
York News-Times  
Title: City of York Annual Budget  
By: Kerri Pankratz

02 - Building Circulation

Class A  
1st Place  
Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska  
Title: Wherever Life Takes You  
By: Darren Ivy  
2nd Place  
Milford Times  
Title: Sweetheart of a Deal  
By: Nichole Javorsky & Brenda Clark  
3rd Place  
Springview Herald  
Title: Still Have Neighbors Running Over to Fetch the Paper?  
By: Amy Johnson

02 - Building Circulation

Class B  
1st Place  
Elgin Review  
Title: All Across the State  
By: Lynell Morgan  
2nd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Subscription Combo  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
3rd Place  
Gretna Breeze  
Title: The County has Spoken!  
By: Staff

02 - Building Circulation

Class C  
1st Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: Journalism Matters  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Such a Good Sport  
By: Richard Rhoden, Dave Bradley & Karla Senff  
3rd Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: A Great Gift Idea  
By: Staff

02 - Building Circulation

Class D

1st Place

Bellevue Leader

Title: Kids Take Over Preview

By: Paul Swanson & Melanie Whitaker

2nd Place

Hickman Voice News

Title: Subscriptions & Holiday Gifts

By: Katherine Crawford

3rd Place

Bellevue Leader

Title: Hop into Spring Circulation Offer

By: Melissa Vanek

02 - Building Circulation

Daily

1st Place

York News-Times

Title: Gift of News

By: Courtney Kinnison

2nd Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Gift Subscription

By: Staff

3rd Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Spring Savings at Home Show

By: Staff

03 - Reader Interaction/Contest

Class A

1st Place

Hemingford Ledger

Title: Match the Couples Contest

By: Tammy Berry

2nd Place

Theford Thomas Co. Herald

Title: Babies of 2017

By: Marcia Hora & Kendra Cutler

3rd Place

Springview Herald

Title: Springview Herald School Supply Winners

By: Staff

03 - Reader Interaction/Contest

Class B

1st Place

North Bend Eagle

Title: Vacation Eagle

By: Molly Nicola & Mary Le Arneal

2nd Place

Elgin Review

Title: Husker Ticket Giveaway

By: Lynell Morgan

3rd Place

Chadron Record

Title: Cutest Couple Contest

By: Kerri Rempp & Julie Pfister

03 - Reader Interaction/Contest

Class C

1st Place

Aurora News-Register

Title: Photo Contest

By: Staff

2nd Place

Gothenburg Times

Title: Back to School

By: John Verser

3rd Place

Imperial Republican

Title: March Madness

By: Jana Pribbeno, Karen Hayes & Russ Pankonin

03 - Reader Interaction/Contest

Class D

1st Place

Hickman Voice News

Title: Facebook Findings, Animal Run, Photo Contest

By: Staff

2nd Place

Seward Co. Independent

Title: Puppy Love Valentine's Day Pet Photo Contest

By: Brenda Clark

3rd Place

Bellevue Leader

Title: Women of Distinction

By: Staff

03 - Reader Interaction/Contest

Daily

1st Place

Kearney Hub

Title: Freedom Awards

By: Scott Casper, Mike Konz & Staff

2nd Place

Scottsbluff Star-Herald

Title: Open Forum: Democracy & the Future of Journalism

By: Staff

3rd Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Milestones in Business

By: Lizz Kemling, Lisa McGill & Staff

04 - Community Promotion Advertisement

Class A

1st Place

Hemingford Ledger

Title: Pheasants Forever 17th Annual Banquet

By: Dalene Louden

2nd Place

Clearwater-Ewing Record-News

Title: Summer FunFest

By: Staff

3rd Place

Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska

Title: 131st Annual Scotts Bluff County Fair

By: Katherine Crawford & Darren Ivy

04 - Community Promotion Advertisement

Class B

1st Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: Building Respect

By: Rich Burgess & Carrie Pitzer

2nd Place

Chadron Record

Title: Crawford Fourth of July

By: Julie Pfister

3rd Place

Elgin Review

Title: A Great Public School

By: Lynell Morgan

04 - Community Promotion Advertisement

Class C

1st Place

Gothenburg Times

By: Staff

2nd Place

Neligh News & Leader

Title: Old Mill Days

By: Staff

3rd Place

Ord Quiz

Title: The Big Give to Valley County  
By: Megan Dietz & Heidi Dawe

04 - Community Promotion Advertisement  
Class D  
1st Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Fairbury Lemonade Days  
By: Jennifer Lewis  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Crossmakers of Seward  
By: Patty Lavelle & Dave Fiala  
3rd Place  
Bellevue Leader  
Title: A2A Parade  
By: Paul Swanson & Jordan Adkisson

04 - Community Promotion Advertisement  
Daily  
1st Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Community Pages  
By: Pam Zoucha & Roseann Indra  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Old West Balloon Fest  
By: Ilene Anderson & Doug Southard  
3rd Place  
York News-Times  
Title: Ag Hall of Fame  
By: Caleb Groves

05 - Agricultural Advertisement  
Class A  
1st Place  
Petersburg Press  
Title: John Temme 2018 Thank You  
By: Julie Dickerson  
2nd Place  
Wauneta Breeze  
Title: Sandman Grow Yard  
By: Diane Stamm  
3rd Place  
Stapleton Enterprise  
Title: Creative Printers Salutes Ag Producers  
By: Marcia Hora

05 - Agricultural Advertisement  
Class B  
1st Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Ag Week  
By: Samantha Goff  
2nd Place  
Elgin Review  
Title: A Dirty Job  
By: Lynell Morgan  
3rd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Two Rivers Irrigation  
By: Carrie Pitzer

05 - Agricultural Advertisement  
Class C  
1st Place  
Albion News  
Title: Celebrating FFA  
By: Julie Dickerson & Chrissy Rasmussen  
2nd Place  
West Point News  
Title: C.C. Pork Producers  
By: Dorothy Litz & Karlie Cole

3rd Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
Title: Jim's Agri-Air  
By: Karla Fehr

05 - Agricultural Advertisement  
Class D  
1st Place  
Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief  
Title: Taylor Charolais  
By: Cyndi Ruzicka & Donnis Hueftle-Bullock  
2nd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Herefords – Nebraska Association Tour  
By: Katherine Crawford  
3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Novozymes  
By: Rachel Birdsall & Lynette Hansen

05 - Agricultural Advertisement  
Daily  
1st Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Central Valley Ag  
By: Pam Zoucha & Brenda Mather  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Henkel's Ag Company  
By: Nicci Vorse & KC Heath  
3rd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Kelley Bean Co.  
By: KC Heath & Nicci Vorse

06 - Small Ad - Under 1/4 page or less than 3 x 10 1/2"  
Class A  
1st Place  
Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska  
Title: Penny Carnival  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
Title: Farmers Co-op Park Stickers  
By: Dalene Loudon  
3rd Place  
Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska  
Title: Request for Proposal  
By: Katherine Crawford

06 - Small Ad - Under 1/4 page or less than 3 x 10 1/2"  
Class B  
1st Place  
Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer  
Title: Farmer's Day Off  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Poker Run  
By: Jessy Hilkemeier  
3rd Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Tommy's Car Lot  
By: Julie Pfister

06 - Small Ad - Under 1/4 page or less than 3 x 10 1/2"  
Class C  
1st Place  
Albion News  
Title: Harner Financial  
By: Julie Dickerson  
2nd Place

Sutton Clay Co. News  
Title: Sweet Treat!  
By: Karla Fehr  
3rd Place  
Geneva Nebraska Signal  
Title: Geneva Dirtworks, Inc.  
By: Julie Sulzbach

06 - Small Ad - Under 1/4 page or less than 3 x 10 1/2"  
Class D  
1st Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Seafood Buffet at Pizza Kitchen  
By: Brenda Clark  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: 40% Off Citizen Watches  
By: Patty Lavelle & Dave Fiala  
3rd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Don's Backwoods Taxidermy  
By: Katherine Crawford

06 - Small Ad - Under 1/4 page or less than 3 x 10 1/2"  
Daily  
1st Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
Title: Centennial Park  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Jackrabbit Run – A Great Day is in the Bag  
By: Mindy Smidt  
3rd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Happy Trails Boarding & Grooming  
By: Suzie Wachter & Roseann Indra

07 - Signature Page  
Class A  
1st Place  
St. Edward Advance  
Title: St. Edward Veterans Day  
By: Julie Dickerson, Chrissy Rasmussen & Gabby Christensen  
2nd Place  
Petersburg Press  
Title: Petersburg Fire Department Cruise Night  
By: Julie Dickerson & Chrissy Rasmussen  
3rd Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
Title: National Ag Day Sig Page  
By: Dalene Louden & Tammy Berry

07 - Signature Page  
Class B  
1st Place  
Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer  
Title: Veterans Day  
By: Mark Jackson, Cathy Miller & Janet Tiedtke  
2nd Place  
Elgin Review  
Title: Fall Sports – Reflecting Pride  
By: Lynell Morgan  
3rd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Mother's Day Letters  
By: Samantha Goff

07 - Signature Page  
Class C  
1st Place  
Falls City Journal  
Title: Summer is Here!

By: Chelsie Alexander  
2nd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Scare the Square  
By: Dave Bradley & Karla Senff  
3rd Place  
Papillion Times  
Title: Miss USA Sarah Rose  
By: Ann Hinrichs & Robin Leuschen

07 - Signature Page  
Class D  
1st Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Rock Creek Island Days  
By: Christina Weidner  
2nd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Celebrating Freedom  
By: Katherine Crawford  
3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Nebraska National Guard  
By: Brenda Clark & Staff

07 - Signature Page  
Daily  
1st Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Right to Life  
By: Chris Saegebarth & Kelli Ganskow  
2nd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Holy Week Spread  
By: Mindy Smidt  
3rd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Christmas A to Z  
By: Dalene Loudon, Conny Herdt & Connie Ernest

08 - Classified Section  
Class A  
1st Place  
Wauneta Breeze  
By: Diane Stamm & Shelby Brennan  
2nd Place  
Friend Sentinel  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska  
By: Darren Ivy

08 - Classified Section  
Class B  
1st Place  
North Bend Eagle  
By: Nathan Arneal & Mary Le Arneal  
2nd Place  
Pawnee Republican  
By: Ronald Puhalla  
3rd Place  
Wilber Republican  
By: Staff

08 - Classified Section  
Class C  
1st Place  
Geneva Nebraska Signal  
By: Julie Sulzbach  
2nd Place  
Albion News  
By: Staff  
3rd Place



Imperial Republican  
By: Staff

08 - Classified Section  
Class D  
1st Place  
Hickman Voice News  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
By: Dave Fiala & Staff  
3rd Place  
Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief  
By: Joan Jackson

08 - Classified Section  
Daily  
1st Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
By: Julie Murrish  
2nd Place  
York News-Times  
By: Cheri Knoell  
3rd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
By: Staff

09 - Advertising Campaign  
Class A  
1st Place  
Mullen Hooker Co. Tribune  
Title: Sandhills Horizon Massage  
By: Gerri Peterson  
2nd Place  
Stapleton Enterprise  
Title: Dynamic Insurance  
By: Marcia Hora  
3rd Place  
Thedford Thomas Co. Herald  
Title: Sandhills Dental  
By: Marcia Hora

09 - Advertising Campaign  
Class B  
1st Place  
North Bend Eagle  
Title: Diers Ford  
By: Nathan Arneal  
2nd Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Nebraska Northwestern Railroad  
By: Julie Pfister  
3rd Place  
Elgin Review  
Title: Planting Season – Bank of Elgin  
By: Staff

09 - Advertising Campaign  
Class C  
1st Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
Title: Clay Center Pool  
By: Ashley D. Swanson  
2nd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: East Park Villa  
By: Dave Bradley & Karla Senff  
3rd Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: Antelope County Fair  
By: Staff

09 - Advertising Campaign  
Class D  
1st Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Meadowlark Pharmacy  
By: Katherine Crawford  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Seward Smiles Family Dentistry  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Fairbury Journal-News Marketing  
By: Jennifer Lewis

09 - Advertising Campaign  
Daily  
1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Main Street Market Healthy Kids Cards  
By: Dalene Loudon & Doug Southard  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Benzel Pest Control  
By: KC Heath & Aaron Raines  
3rd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Horner Lieski McBride Kuhl  
By: Andrea Dzingle & Jane Fruge

10 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color  
Class A  
1st Place  
Friend Sentinel  
Title: Inspire Someone. Inspire Yourself. Citizens State Bank  
By: Nichole Javorsky & Dave Fiala  
2nd Place  
Ralston Recorder  
Title: SilverRidge  
By: Melanie Whitaker  
3rd Place  
Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska  
Title: Don't Miss the Kickoff for Fair Tickets  
By: Katherine Crawford

10 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color  
Class B  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Big Red Motorsports  
By: Jessie Hilkemeier  
2nd Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Wahlstrom Ford  
By: Julie Pfister  
3rd Place  
Elgin Review  
Title: Little Rock – Big Problem, Elgin Body & Glass  
By: Lynell Morgan

10 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color  
Class C  
1st Place  
Papillion Times  
Title: Papillion Animal Hospital Free Heartworm Test  
By: Melanie Whitaker  
2nd Place  
Ord Quiz  
Title: Grocery Kart Mobile App  
By: Megan Dietz & Heidi Dawe  
3rd Place  
North Platte Bulletin  
Title: Grandy's Moms Day

By: Darla Golden

10 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color

Class D

1st Place

Hickman Voice News

Title: Boss Snowplows

By: Katherine Crawford

2nd Place

Hickman Voice News

Title: Spring Landscaping Days

By: Katherine Crawford

3rd Place

Fairbury Journal-News

Title: Bert's Carpet

By: Jennifer Lewis

10 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color

Daily

1st Place

North Platte Telegraph

Title: Westfield Small Animal Clinic

By: Staff

2nd Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Starwood Dental

By: Denise Webbert & Cheyanne Fowlkes

3rd Place

Scottsbluff Star-Herald

Title: Union Bar & Grill

By: KC Heath & Aaron Raines

11 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Black and White

Class A

1st Place

Clearwater-Ewing Record-News

Title: Congratulations OC Powerlifters

By: LuAnn Schindler

2nd Place

Friend Sentinel

Title: Salad Luncheon & Card Party

By: Staff

3rd Place

Wauneta Breeze

Title: Bo Hardy

By: Diane Stamm

11 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Black and White

Class B

1st Place

Chadron Record

Title: Wolvington

By: Julie Pfister

2nd Place

Elgin Review

Title: A Great Vegetable Garden – Jerry's Feed Service

By: Lynell Morgan

3rd Place

Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer

Title: Hair on 32

By: Janet Tiedtke

11 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Black and White

Class C

1st Place

Aurora News-Register

Title: Just Add Candles

By: Karla Senff & Kurt Johnson

2nd Place

Crete News

Title: Solheim Law Firm

By: Dave Fiala & Nichole Javorsky

3rd Place

West Point News  
Title: FCS Hospital Hospice – When Caring Matters Most  
By: Dorothy Litz & Karlie Cole

11 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Class D  
1st Place  
Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief  
Title: Bow Family Furniture Library  
By: Renee Payne & Cyndi Ruzicka  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Chocolate & Kaffee Event  
By: Rachel Birdsall & Lynette Hansen  
3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Treasure Hunt – Davisson Furniture Center  
By: Patty Lavelle & Dave Fiala

11 - Single Retail Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Daily  
1st Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
Title: Paws and Claws  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Century Lumber  
By: Pam Zoucha & Kelli Ganskow  
3rd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Kearney Clinic  
By: Andrea Dzingle & Jane Fruge

12 - Single Classified Advertising Idea - Color (DAILIES ONLY)  
Daily  
1st Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: City of Grand Island - Employment  
By: Penny Galliard  
2nd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Business of the Week  
By: Zach Brown, Katie Simmons & Kaitlyn White  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Grand Auto Sales – Slam Dunk Deals  
By: Mindy Smidt

13 - Single Classified Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Class A  
Class A was combined with Class B

13 - Single Classified Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Class B  
1st Place  
Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
Title: Manager Wanted  
By: LuAnn Schindler  
2nd Place  
Gretna Breeze  
Title: Auction Block  
By: Echo Bronk  
3rd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: School Search  
By: Carrie Pitzer

13 - Single Classified Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Class C  
1st Place

Albion News  
Title: Odds and Ends  
By: Julie Dickerson  
2nd Place  
Geneva Nebraska Signal  
Title: Eye Wear Enthusiast  
By: Julie Sulzbach  
3rd Place  
North Platte Bulletin  
Title: KJ Boots & Western  
By: Darla Golden

13 - Single Classified Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Class D  
1st Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Hollman Angus  
By: Katherine Crawford  
2nd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Immediate Positions Open - Landmark  
By: Katherine Crawford  
3rd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Eagle Pool Help  
By: Katherine Crawford

13 - Single Classified Advertising Idea - Black and White  
Daily  
1st Place  
Columbus Telegram  
Title: 10 Minute Oil Change  
By: Ian Baumgart & Barbara Graham  
2nd Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
Title: Mark Kripal  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: ASInc/Advance Services Inc.  
By: Suzie Wachter & Kelli Ganskow

14 - Creative Ad Writing  
Class A  
1st Place  
Milford Times  
Title: One Sweet Deal  
By: Alison Koch & Brenda Clark  
2nd Place  
Springview Herald  
Title: Straight From the Heart, Spring Clean Your Smile, Book Now for Prom  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Mullen Hooker Co. Tribune  
Title: Osborn 40th Anniversary  
By: Gerri Peterson

14 - Creative Ad Writing  
Class B  
1st Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Tread Carefully  
By: Samantha Goff  
2nd Place  
Wilber Republican  
Title: All Eyes on Christmas  
By: Nichole Javorsky & Dave Fiala  
3rd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Straight Flush Beats Full House  
By: Samantha Goff

14 - Creative Ad Writing

Class C  
1st Place  
Ord Quiz  
Title: Don't Comprom 'eyes'  
By: Megan Dietz  
2nd Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: Tour of Homes  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Imperial Republican  
Title: McNair Scholarship Winners  
By: Jana Pribbeno, Karen Hayes & Russ Pankonin

14 - Creative Ad Writing  
Class D  
1st Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Warmest Wishes – Lee's Refrigeration Heating & Air  
By: Brenda Clark & Alison Koch  
2nd Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Berts Carpet, Tall Tree Tastings & Weigel Jewelry  
By: Jennifer Lewis  
3rd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Animal Run, Cortland Volunteer Fire Ice Cream, Johnson Co. Hospital  
By: Katherine Crawford

14 - Creative Ad Writing  
Daily  
1st Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Edgewood/Memory Care Assisted Living  
By: Pam Zoucha & Kelli Ganskow  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: ZM Lumber  
By: KC Heath, Kelly Zwetzig & Alfonso Moreno  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Habitat for Humanity – Habi-Q  
By: Amanda Johnson

15 – Best New Idea – Ads/Marketing  
Class A  
No entries were received in Class A.

Class B  
Class B was combined with Class C

Class C  
1st Place  
North Bend Eagle  
Title: Children's Christmas Drawings  
By: Mary Le Arneal  
2nd Place  
Papillion Times  
Title: Downtown Papillion Fun Lover's Guide  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: That's a Wrap  
By: Carrie Pitzer & Jessy Hilkemeier

Class D  
No entries were received in Class D

15 - Best New Idea – Ads/Marketing  
Daily  
1st Place  
York News-Times  
Title: Seeking Santa

By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Digital Marketing Seminar  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Merry Christmas from Neligh  
By: Chris Saegebarth & Brenda Mather

16 - Sports Action Photo  
Class A  
1st Place  
Callaway Courier  
Title: A Happy Reversal of Fortune Wrestling  
By: Michael A. Wendorff  
2nd Place  
Gering Courier  
Title: Girls Basketball Reaction  
By: Jeff Fielder  
3rd Place  
Wauneta Breeze  
Title: Going for the Goal Line  
By: Diane Stamm

16 - Sports Action Photo  
Class B  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Sandman  
By: Jenny Higgins  
2nd Place  
Plattsmouth Journal  
Title: Swimmer Creates Arc of Water  
By: Brent Hardin  
3rd Place  
Pender Times  
Title: Dodge Ball to the Face  
By: Jason Sturek

16 - Sports Action Photo  
Class C  
1st Place  
Cozad Tri-City Tribune  
Title: Putting His Faith in the Pole  
By: Kelly Ninas  
2nd Place  
South Sioux City Dakota Co. Star  
Title: Soccer Players Collide  
By: Jason Sturek  
3rd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Soccer  
By: Richard Rhoden

16 - Sports Action Photo  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Nichols Catch  
By: Grant Egger  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Make the Tag  
By: Stephanie Croston  
3rd Place  
Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief  
Title: Ethan Lesiak, Custer Co. Classic Bull Riding 2018  
By: Tim Conover

16 - Sports Action Photo  
Daily  
1st Place

Grand Island Independent  
Title: Oh (and) for Crying Out Loud  
By: Andrew Carpenean  
2nd Place  
York News-Times  
Title: Bareback Rider  
By: Steve Moseley  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Hastings' Season Ends  
By: Andrew Carpenean

17 - Sports Feature Photo  
Class A  
1st Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
Title: Plenty Western  
By: Spike Jordan  
2nd Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
Title: Muddy Arena at Sunset  
By: Spike Jordan  
3rd Place  
Friend Sentinel  
Title: Leave the Blocks  
By: Stephanie Croston

17 - Sports Feature Photo  
Class B  
1st Place  
Gretna Breeze  
Title: All ITG  
By: Joey Waller  
2nd Place  
Gretna Breeze  
Title: Runner  
By: Joey Waller  
3rd Place  
Wilber Republican  
Title: Championship Celebration  
By: Stephanie Croston

17 - Sports Feature Photo  
Class C  
1st Place  
Falls City Journal  
Title: Nebraska's Maurice Washington  
By: Brian McKim  
2nd Place  
Geneva Nebraska Signal  
Title: Calf Roping  
By: Greg Scellin  
3rd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: This One's for You, Dad  
By: Richard Rhoden

17 - Sports Feature Photo  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Four Decades Strong  
By: Grant Egger  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Blair Softball  
By: Grant Egger  
3rd Place  
Bellevue Leader  
Title: Bryan Shot  
By: Joey Waller

17 - Sports Feature Photo



Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: KHS Wrestler, Coaches Celebrate Match Victory  
By: Jeff Damron  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Championship Game  
By: Dave Brunz  
3rd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Sigh of Relief  
By: Darin Epperly

18 - Sports Page  
Class A  
1st Place  
Gering Courier  
By: Jeff Fielder  
2nd Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
By: Spike Jordan  
3rd Place  
Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska  
By: Darren Ivy

18 - Sports Page  
Class B  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
By: Tyson Agler & Carrie Pitzer  
2nd Place  
Chadron Record  
By: Brandon Davenport  
3rd Place  
North Bend Eagle  
By: Nathan Arneal

18 - Sports Page  
Class C  
1st Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Richard Rhoden  
2nd Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
By: Tory Duncan & Jordyn Hulinsky  
3rd Place  
West Point News  
By: Mike O'Brien

18 - Sports Page  
Class D  
1st Place  
Hickman Voice News  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
By: Scott Strenger

18 - Sports Page  
Daily  
1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
By: Jeremy Woznick  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
By: Jay Prauner  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
By: Staff

19 - Sports Column  
Class A  
1st Place  
Callaway Courier  
Title: Meanderings  
By: Michael A. Wendorff  
2nd Place  
Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
Title: Kyler Murray & Social Media/NCAA Volleyball Sportsmanship  
By: LuAnn Schindler  
3rd Place  
Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska  
Title: Sports Vine  
By: Darren Ivy

19 - Sports Column  
Class B  
1st Place  
Nebraska City News-Press  
By: Kirt Manion  
2nd Place  
North Bend Eagle  
Title: EHC Hoops, Winter Games  
By: Nathan Arneal  
3rd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Pitchin' with Pritch  
By: Larry Pritchett

19 - Sports Column  
Class C  
1st Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
Title: Being a Good Sport; End of Baseball  
By: Jordyn Hulinsky  
2nd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Big Rich Report  
By: Richard Rhoden  
3rd Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
Title: Winter Sports Ending; Being a Fan  
By: Tory Duncan

19 - Sports Column  
Class D  
1st Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: Folks Who Fish  
By: Gordon Hopkins  
2nd Place  
Ogallala Keith Co. News  
Title: A Link to Husker Basketball Program  
By: Harry Lipsiea  
3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
Title: Zam Driver Turned Writer  
By: Grant Egger

19 - Sports Column  
Daily  
1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Words of the Woz  
By: Jeremy Woznick  
2nd Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
Title: Death, Taxes & Paxton Hoops  
By: Ismael Rodriguez Jr.  
3rd Place  
Hastings Tribune  
Title: Biggest Curveball

By: Will Reynolds

20 - Sports Writing

Class A

1st Place

Ralston Recorder

Title: Match

By: Joey Waller

2nd Place

Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska

Title: Hoops Runs Deep in Schwartz Family

By: Darren Ivy

3rd Place

Arlington Citizen

Title: Friends and Faith

By: Grant Egger

20 - Sports Writing

Class B

1st Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: Perfect Tribute

By: Tyson Agler

2nd Place

Lexington Clipper-Herald

Title: All They Did Was Win, Win, Win

By: Benjamin Arrowood

3rd Place

Schuyler Sun

Title: 1958 SCHS Champs Stand Test of Time

By: Nathan Tenopir

20 - Sports Writing

Class C

1st Place

West Point News

Title: Finding Joy in Physical Competition

By: Mike O'Brien

2nd Place

Imperial Republican

Title: Lyndsy Boston Marathon

By: Russ Pankomin

3rd Place

Geneva Nebraska Signal

Title: BDS Wins State Championship

By: Greg Scellin

20 - Sports Writing

Class D

1st Place

Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief

Title: Rusty Moore

By: Tim Conover

2nd Place

Blair Washington Co. Enterprise

Title: What a Way to Go Out

By: Grant Egger

3rd Place

Bellevue Leader

Title: Felici Twins

By: Joey Waller

20 - Sports Writing

Daily

1st Place

Hastings Tribune

Title: Finding Strength During Tragedy

By: Shay Burk

2nd Place

Grand Island Independent

Title: No Ordinary Joe; Diamond Joe to be Honored at Fonner

By: Bob Hamar

3rd Place (Tie)

York News-Times  
By: Steve Marik  
3rd Place (Tie)  
North Platte Telegraph  
Title: Rally for Rusty  
By: Ismael Rodriguez Jr.

21 - Photo Page  
Class A  
1st Place  
Wymore Arbor State  
Title: Burke Bound  
By: Tiffany Henrichs  
2nd Place  
Wauneta Breeze  
Title: Food, Fun & Games at 2018 Harvest Festival  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
Title: Clearwater's Big Rodeo 2018  
By: Staff

21 - Photo Page  
Class B  
1st Place  
Bloomfield Knox Co. News/Monitor  
Title: Desperado Days  
By: Trisha Zach  
2nd Place  
North Bend Eagle  
Title: Old Settlers Images  
By: Nathan Arneal  
3rd Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Polar Plunge  
By: Kerri Rempp

21 - Photo Page  
Class C  
1st Place  
So. Sioux City Dakota Co. Star  
Title: Ponca Boys: Back-to-Back Titles  
By: Jason Sturek & Michelle Kuester  
2nd Place  
West Point News  
Title: Active Shooter Drill  
By: Willis Mahannah  
3rd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Youth Wrestlers  
By: Kurt Johnson

21 - Photo Page  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Sugarplum Festival  
By: Joe Burns  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: A Buzzin' Good Time  
By: Jill Martin  
3rd Place  
Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief  
Title: Building on Our Past Successes!  
By: Tim Conover & Cyndi Ruzicka

21 - Photo Page  
Daily  
1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: When Sheep Fly  
By: Steve Frederick & Candice Pederson

2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Old-Fashioned School Day  
By: Lauren Brant & Candice Pederson  
3rd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Stroll Under the Stars  
By: Dennis Meyer & Darin Epperly

22 - Feature Photography  
Class A  
1st Place  
Arnold Sentinel  
Title: Go, Dog, Go!  
By: Jessica Tickle  
2nd Place  
Gering Courier  
Title: Family Fun Day  
By: Jeff Fielder  
3rd Place  
Springview Herald  
Title: All the Thrills & Spills at the Keya Paha Co. Fair & Rodeo  
By: Kelsi McGee

22 - Feature Photography  
Class B  
1st Place  
Elgin Review  
Title: I'm a Winner  
By: Lynell Morgan  
2nd Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Homecoming  
By: Brandon Davenport  
3rd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Thank You for Your Service  
By: Tandy Overstreet

22 - Feature Photography  
Class C  
1st Place  
Albion News  
Title: Kids Fishing  
By: Jim Dickerson  
2nd Place  
West Point News  
Title: Water Fight Warrior  
By: Willis Mahannah  
3rd Place  
Hartington Cedar Co. News  
Title: Splash Down  
By: Elsie Stormberg

22 - Feature Photography  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
Title: Enjoying Nice Weather  
By: Joe Burns  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Flying into the Fair  
By: Jill Martin  
3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
Title: A Chance of Snows  
By: Joe Burns

22 - Feature Photography  
Daily  
1st Place  
Grand Island Independent

Title: State Fair Kicks Off Year 9 in GI (Girl & Goats)  
By: Barrett Stinson  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Hardwork  
By: Mark Gaschler  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Partners in Progress  
By: Barrett Stinson

23 - News Photography  
Class A  
1st Place  
Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
Title: Mother-Daughter Time  
By: Carm Thramer  
2nd Place  
Gering Courier  
Title: Heat of the Moment  
By: Jeff Fielder  
3rd Place  
Arlington Citizen  
Title: Ag Olympics  
By: Teresa Hoffman

23 - News Photography  
Class B  
1st Place  
Bloomfield Knox Co. News/Monitor  
Title: Seven Second Rider  
By: Trisha Zach  
2nd Place  
North Bend Eagle  
Title: The Princess & the Ferris Wheel  
By: Nathan Arneal  
3rd Place  
Lexington Clipper-Herald  
Title: Smoke on the Water  
By: Brian Neben

23 - News Photography  
Class C  
1st Place  
Hartington Cedar Co. News  
Title: Relay for Life  
By: Jake Higgins  
2nd Place  
Imperial Republican  
Title: Popcorn Harvest  
By: Russ Pankonin  
3rd Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: Bright Colors  
By: LuAnn Schindler

23 - News Photography  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Metal Heads  
By: Joe Burns  
2nd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Bob Doher Releases the Pigeons  
By: Jacilyn Bruns  
3rd Place  
Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief  
Title: Comstock Windmill Festival, 2018  
By: Tim Conover

23 - News Photography  
Daily

1st Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Run, Pig, Run  
By: Barrett Stinson  
2nd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: 'This is Going to be an Exciting Year'  
By: Barrett Stinson  
3rd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Pull for a Purpose  
By: Brad Staman

24 - Breaking News Photography  
Class A  
1st Place  
Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
Title: Buried  
By: LuAnn Schindler  
2nd Place  
Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska  
Title: Hail Storm Hits Communities  
By: Austin Sailors  
3rd Place  
Stapleton Enterprise  
Title: Weather Phenomenon  
By: Marcia Hora & Kendra Cutler

24 - Breaking News Photography  
Class B  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Oversized Load  
By: Jenny Higgins  
2nd Place  
Lexington Clipper-Herald  
Title: Fatal Crash Near Elwood  
By: Brian Neben  
3rd Place  
Plattsmouth Journal  
Title: Fire Destroys Plattsmouth Home  
By: Brent Hardin

24 - Breaking News Photography  
Class C  
1st Place  
Alliance Times-Herald  
Title: Rollover Sends Five to Hospital  
By: Shaun Friedrichsen  
2nd Place  
South Sioux City Dakota Co. Star  
Title: Grain Elevator Explodes  
By: Michelle Kuester  
3rd Place  
Falls City Journal  
Title: Falls City Business Destroyed by Fire  
By: Nikki McKim

24 - Breaking News Photography  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: House Fire  
By: Joe Burns  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Departments Busy Over Weekend  
By: Emily Hemphill  
3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Crews Respond to Highway 15 Crash  
By: Jill Martin

24 - Breaking News Photography

Daily

1st Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Hoskins House Fire

By: Aaron Beckman

2nd Place

Scottsbluff Star-Herald

Title: Cross Country Fire

By: Jeff Fielder

3rd Place

Grand Island Independent

Title: Fire Department Responds Twice to Structure Fire

By: Barrett Stinson

25W - Use of Color — News - WEEKLIES ONLY

Class A

1st Place

Clearwater-Ewing Record-News

By: LuAnn Schindler

2nd Place

Petersburg Press

By: Jim & Julie Dickerson & Helen Baumgartner

3rd Place

St. Edward Advance

By: Staff

25W - Use of Color — News - WEEKLIES ONLY

Class B

1st Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: Making Memories

By: Staff

2nd Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: These Colors Run

By: Carrie Pitzer & Jenny Higgins

3rd Place

Creighton News

By: Sandy Schroth

25W - Use of Color — News - WEEKLIES ONLY

Class C

1st Place

Cozad Tri-City Tribune

Title: Memorial Day Salute

By: Staff

2nd Place

Gothenburg Times

By: Staff

3rd Place

North Platte Bulletin

Title: Pain in the Crane

By: Joe Chitwood & Mark Lewis

25W - Use of Color — News - WEEKLIES ONLY

Class D

1st Place

Seward Co. Independent

Title: Dance is Life. Dance Yours in Color.

By: Staff

2nd Place

Seward Co. Independent

Title: Growing Adjectives

By: Staff

3rd Place

Blair Washington Co. Enterprise

Title: Repairing a Landmark

By: Alaina Albright

26 - Personal Column

Class A



1st Place  
Doniphan Herald  
By: Christine Hollister  
2nd Place  
Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
By: LuAnn Schindler  
3rd Place  
Wauneta Breeze  
By: Tom Pantera

26 - Personal Column  
Class B  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
2nd Place  
North Bend Eagle  
By: Nathan Arneal  
3rd Place  
Humphrey Democrat  
By: Patrick Murphy

26 - Personal Column  
Class C  
1st Place  
Hartington Cedar Co. News  
By: Rob Dump  
2nd Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
By: Ashley D. Swanson  
3rd Place  
Imperial Republican  
By: Lori Pankonin

26 - Personal Column  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
By: Teresa Hoffman  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
By: Emily Hemphill  
3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
By: Mark Rhoades

26 - Personal Column  
Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
By: Erika Pritchard  
2nd Place  
York News-Times  
By: Melanie Wilkinson  
3rd Place  
York News-Times  
By: Jessica Votipka

27 - Breaking News  
Class A  
1st Place  
Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska  
Title: Accident Forces Woman to Have Baby Early  
By: Darren Ivy  
2nd Place  
Lyons Mirror-Sun  
Title: 911 Call Leads to Discovery of Attempted Murder/Suicide  
By: Jessica Crimmins  
3rd Place  
Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
Title: Shutdown  
By: LuAnn Schindler, Joan Wright & Angie Hupp

27 - Breaking News  
Class B  
1st Place  
Plattsmouth Journal  
Title: Property Owner of Cockfighting Raid Found Dead  
By: Tim Rohwer  
2nd Place  
Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer  
Title: Former Clerk Pleads to Theft Charge  
By: Mark Jackson  
3rd Place  
Bloomfield Knox Co. News/Monitor  
Title: Santee Search  
By: Carrie Pitzer

27 - Breaking News  
Class C  
1st Place  
South Sioux City Dakota Co. Star  
Title: Explosion: City Declares State of Emergency  
By: Michelle Kuester  
2nd Place  
Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette  
Title: Bennington Schools Lockdown  
By: Mary Lou Rodgers  
3rd Place  
Alliance Times-Herald  
Title: Fire Levels Vitalix Friday Morning  
By: Shaun Friedrichsen

27 - Breaking News  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Family Returns Home from Church to Find House on Fire  
By: Joe Burns & Teresa Hoffman  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Chief: 'Timing was Crucial' in Fire Call  
By: Jill Martin  
3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
Title: Body Pulled from Missouri River  
By: Leeanna Ellis

27 - Breaking News  
Daily  
1st Place  
Columbus Telegram  
Title: Colfax Official Found Dead  
By: Sam Pimper & Matt Lindberg  
2nd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Tornado Touches Down in Doniphan  
By: Julie Blum  
3rd Place  
McCook Gazette  
Title: Multiple Fire Departments Fight High Winds to Save McCook Homes  
By: Connie Discoe

28 - Feature Series  
Class A  
1st Place  
Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska  
Title: Coffee Craze  
By: Darren Ivy  
2nd Place  
Doniphan Herald  
Title: Retirees Enjoying Life  
By: Christine Hollister  
3rd Place  
Friend Sentinel  
Title: Area Foreign Exchange Students Share Perspectives

By: Stephanie Croston

28 - Feature Series  
Class B  
1st Place  
Humphrey Democrat  
Title: Highway 81/91  
By: Patrick Murphy  
2nd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Getting to Know You  
By: Samantha Goff  
3rd Place  
North Bend Eagle  
Title: Eagle Eats Series  
By: Nathan Arneal & Molly Nicola

28 - Feature Series  
Class C  
1st Place  
Tecumseh Chieftain  
Title: Stories from the Kitchen  
By: Ann Wickett  
2nd Place  
Geneva Nebraska Signal  
Title: Alfred's Story  
By: Kathy Kahler  
3rd Place  
North Platte Bulletin  
Title: Clarke & Yancey  
By: Staff

28 - Feature Series  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Embracing Life  
By: Teresa Hoffman  
2nd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Get on Board with Cardboard Series  
By: Jacilyn Bruns & Austin Hough  
3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Breast Cancer Survivor Series  
By: Amanda Woita

28 - Feature Series  
Daily  
1st Place  
McCook Gazette  
Title: Special Olympics/Curtis Man/Agencies  
By: Lorri Sughroue  
2nd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Haunted Places  
By: Ashley Bebensee  
3rd Place  
Columbus Telegram  
Title: Think Pink  
By: Staff

29 - Single Feature Story  
Class A  
1st Place  
Doniphan Herald  
Title: Laura's Journey  
By: Christine Hollister  
2nd Place  
Arnold Sentinel  
Title: Hitting that Monday Deadline!  
By: Janet Larreau  
3rd Place

Arnold Sentinel  
Title: Community Rallies to Help Andre Family  
By: Pepper Werner

29 - Single Feature Story  
Class B  
1st Place  
Humphrey Democrat  
Title: Kenton's Story  
By: Patrick Murphy  
2nd Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Gibbons Honey  
By: Brandon Davenport  
3rd Place  
Lexington Clipper-Herald  
Title: Families Belong Together  
By: Brian Neben

29 - Single Feature Story  
Class C  
1st Place  
Tecumseh Chieftain  
Title: Hats Off for SkillsUSA  
By: Ann Wickett  
2nd Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
Title: Fishing with the Angels  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Geneva Nebraska Signal  
Title: 5th Generation Takes Over  
By: Greg Scellin

29 - Single Feature Story  
Class D  
1st Place  
Bellevue Leader  
Title: Miss USA Visits Grandma  
By: Eugene Curtin  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
Title: Heart of a Champion  
By: Stephanie Croston  
3rd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Epitome of a Small-Town Hero  
By: Austin Hough

29 - Single Feature Story  
Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Non-Discriminatory Disease  
By: Mary Jane Skala  
2nd Place  
Columbus Telegram  
Title: Special Kind of Delivery  
By: Matt Lindberg  
3rd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Living Donor  
By: Brad Staman

30 - In-depth Writing  
Class A  
1st Place  
Milford Times  
Title: Milford Trail Project  
By: Emily Hemphill  
2nd Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
Title: Quiet Please – Village Board Explores Railroad Quiet Zone

By: Spike Jordan  
3rd Place  
Milford Times  
Title: Milford City Hall Project  
By: Emily Hemphill

30 - In-depth Writing  
Class B  
1st Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Crow Butte Marsland Expansion  
By: Kerri Rempp  
2nd Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Election  
By: Kerri Rempp  
3rd Place  
Pender Times  
Title: Emerson-Hubbard Sports Co-op  
By: Jason Sturek

30 - In-depth Writing  
Class C  
1st Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Emergency Medical Services Controversy  
By: Kurt Johnson, Janelle Kesterson & Cheyenne Rowe  
2nd Place  
Alliance Times-Herald  
Title: Alliance Track – Running Down a Dream  
By: John Weare & Renita Buss  
3rd Place  
South Sioux City Dakota Co. Star  
Title: Grain Elevator Explosion: What Happened & What's Next?  
By: Michelle Kuester

30 - In-depth Writing  
Class D  
1st Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Under Fire, Southwest Rural Fire  
By: Jacilyn Bruns  
2nd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Saltillo Road & 68th Street and Accidents  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Bellevue Leader  
Title: Bellevue Police  
By: Eugene Curtin, Brody Hilgenkamp & Ron Petak

30 - In-depth Writing  
Daily  
1st Place  
York News-Times  
Title: City Council  
By: Melanie Wilkinson  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Vaping  
By: Lauren Brant & Irene North  
3rd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: State Aid  
By: Erika Pritchard, Tiffany Stoiber & Mike Konz

31 - Public Notice and Its Promotion  
Class A  
Class A was combined with Class B

31 - Public Notice and Its Promotion  
Class B  
1st Place

Elgin Review  
By: Lynell Morgan  
2nd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
By: Samantha Goff  
3rd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
By: Carrie Pitzer

31 - Public Notice and Its Promotion  
Class C  
1st Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Kurt Johnson & Karla Senff  
2nd Place  
Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette  
By Staff  
3rd Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
By Joan Wright

Class D  
1st Place  
Ogallala Keith Co. News  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
By: Staff

31 - Public Notice and Its Promotion  
Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
By: Mike Konz & Scott Casper  
2nd Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
By: Julie Murrish & Apryl Lee  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
By: Staff

32 - Editorial Page  
Class A  
1st Place  
Friend Sentinel  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Wauneta Breeze  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
By: Spike Jordan

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

32 - Editorial Page  
Class C  
1st Place  
Imperial Republican  
By: Staff

2nd Place  
West Point News  
By: Willis Mahannah  
3rd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Kurt Johnson

32 - Editorial Page  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
By: Staff

32 - Editorial Page  
Daily  
1st Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Hastings Tribune  
By: Darran Fowler  
3rd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
By: Kent Warneke

33 - Editorial  
Class A  
1st Place  
Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska  
By: Darren & Cassandra Ivy  
2nd Place  
Milford Times  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Mullen Hooker Co. Tribune  
By: Gerri Peterson

Class B  
1st Place  
Chadron Record  
By: Kerri Rempp  
2nd Place  
Pender Times  
By: Jason Sturek  
3rd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
By: Brooke Robertson

33 - Editorial  
Class C  
1st Place  
Hartington Cedar Co. News  
By: Rob Dump & Peggy Year  
2nd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Kurt Johnson  
3rd Place  
Imperial Republican  
By: Jan Schultz

33 - Editorial  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Seward Co. Independent

By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
By: Trevor Gill & Timothy Linscott

33 - Editorial  
Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
By: Mike Konz  
2nd Place  
Hastings Tribune  
By: Darran Fowler  
3rd Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
By: Todd von Kampen

34 - News Writing  
Class A  
1st Place  
Milford Times  
Title: MHS Students Walk Out of School in Protest  
By: Emily Hemphill  
2nd Place  
Ralston Recorder  
Title: Be Kind  
By: Brody Hilgenkamp  
3rd Place  
Doniphan Herald  
Title: Fears of Trafficking  
By: Christine Hollister

34 - News Writing  
Class B  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Darryl Lierman Trial  
By: Carrie Pitzer & Jenny Higgins  
2nd Place  
Grant Tribune-Sentinel  
Title: Sex Trafficking Not Far From Home  
By: Brooke Robertson  
3rd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: I Just Met My Mom  
By: Carrie Pitzer

34 - News Writing  
Class C  
1st Place  
David City Banner-Press  
Title: Sheriff's Race Moves Forward  
By: Matt Lindberg  
2nd Place  
Gothenburg Times  
By: Katy Soller  
3rd Place  
David City Banner-Press  
Title: Historic Home Causes Stir  
By: Eric Schucht

34 - News Writing  
Class D  
1st Place  
Ogallala Keith Co. News  
Title: Judge Suppresses Evidence in Trial Involving Deaths of Motorcyclists  
By: Kenneth Lipp  
2nd Place  
Ogallala Keith Co. News  
Title: Weekly Gets Probation  
By: Kenneth Lipp  
3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent



Title: Multiple Thefts Reported in Seward  
By: Emily Hemphill

34 - News Writing

Daily

1st Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: A Message of Hope

By: Andrea Larson

2nd Place

York News-Times

Title: In God We Trust

By: Melanie Wilkinson

3rd Place

Grand Island Independent

Title: Police Apprehend Suspect in Jan. 1 Homicide

By: Jeff Bahr

35 - Best New Idea – News

Class A

1st Place

Milford Times

Title: Fact or Opinion?

By: Staff

Judge's Comments: Good idea.

No 2nd or 3rd Place Awarded.

35 - Best New Idea – News

Class B Entries were Judged with Class C

Class C

1st Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: 24 Weather Coverage

By: Staff

2nd Place

Gothenburg Times

Title: Friends and Neighbors

By: Katy Soller, John Verser & Roxanne Converse-Whiting

3rd Place

North Bend Eagle

Title: Eagle Eats

By: Nathan Arneal & Molly Nicola

35 - Best New Idea – News

Class D Entries were Judged with Daily

Daily

1st Place

Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

Title: Mysteries at the Museum

By: Casey Sill

2nd Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Recreation Page

By: Staff

3rd Place

Seward Co. Independent

Title: To-Do List

By: Jill Martin

36 - Headline Writing

Class A

1st Place

Clearwater-Ewing Record-News

By: LuAnn Schindler

2nd Place

Wauneta Breeze

By: Staff

3rd Place

Milford Times

By: Emily Hemphill

36 - Headline Writing

Class B  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
2nd Place  
Wilber Republican  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Wisner News-Chronicle  
By: Staff

36 - Headline Writing  
Class C  
1st Place  
Gothenburg Times  
By: John Verser, Roxanne Converse-Whiting & Katy Soller  
2nd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Kurt Johnson  
3rd Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
By: Staff

36 - Headline Writing  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief  
By: Mona Weatherly  
3rd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
By: Staff

36 - Headline Writing  
Daily  
1st Place  
Hastings Tribune  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
By: Tim Pearson  
3rd Place  
York News-Times  
By: Staff

37 - Front Page  
Class A  
1st Place  
Milford Times  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Ralston Recorder  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
By: Spike Jordan

37 - Front Page  
Class B  
1st Place  
Chadron Record  
By: Kerri Rempp  
2nd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
3rd Place  
Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer  
By: Staff

37 - Front Page  
Class C

1st Place  
Gothenburg Times  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
By: Ashley D. Swanson  
3rd Place  
Alliance Times-Herald  
By: Shaun Friedrichsen & Jim Headley

37 - Front Page  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Seward Co. Independent  
By: Staff

37 - Front Page  
Daily  
1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
By: Candice Pederson  
2nd Place  
Hastings Tribune  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
York News-Times  
By: Kerri Pankratz

38 - General Excellence  
Class A  
1st Place  
Arlington Citizen  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Ralston Recorder  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Gering Courier  
By: Staff

38 - General Excellence  
Class B  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Chadron Record  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Gretna Breeze  
By: Staff

38 - General Excellence  
Class C  
1st Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Papillion Times  
By: Staff

38 - General Excellence  
Class D  
1st Place

Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Bellevue Leader  
By: Staff

38 - General Excellence  
Daily  
1st Place  
Grand Island Independent  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Hastings Tribune  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
By: Staff

39 – Lifestyles (DAILIES ONLY)  
Daily  
1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Kearney Hub  
By: Mary Jane Skala & Staff  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
By: Terri Hahn

40 - Special Single Section  
Class A  
1st Place  
Hemingford Ledger  
Title: County Fair  
By: Staff  
Judge's Comments:  
2nd Place  
Laurel Advocate  
Title: Laurel Q125  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Springview Herald  
Title: NSAA 2018 Girls State Basketball Class D1 Champions  
By: Staff

40 - Special Single Section  
Class B  
1st Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Remembering the Cowboy Line  
By: Kerri Rempp  
2nd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Antelope County Fair  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Creighton News  
Title: Creighton High School Class of 2018  
By: Sandy Schroth

40 - Special Single Section  
Class C  
1st Place  
Sutton Clay Co. News  
Title: Fine Arts Section  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Neligh News & Leader

Title: Fair Results  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette  
Title: Salute to Our Area Fire & Rescue Departments  
By: Staff

40 - Special Single Section  
Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
Title: Progress  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Harvesting Traditions  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Ogallala Keith Co. News  
Title: Christmas Section  
By: Staff

40 - Special Single Section  
Daily  
1st Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: Murder Mysteries  
By: Pete Letheby  
2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Veterans Day  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
York News-Times  
Title: Snapshots in Time  
By: Melanie Wilkinson, Melanie Leitz & Kerri Pankratz

41 - Special Section (Multiple Publication Days)  
Class A  
There were no entries in Class A.

41 - Special Section (Multiple Publication Days)  
Class B  
1st Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Progress  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Fall Sports, Winter Sports, Join the Club  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Chadron Record  
Title: Go, Do!  
By: Staff

41 - Special Section (Multiple Publication Days)  
Class C Entries were Judged with Class D  
1st Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
Title: Retirement Lifestyles  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Home & Acreage  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Sports Preview Editions  
By: Staff

41 - Special Section (Multiple Publication Days)  
Daily

1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: UNK Today  
By: Staff  
Judge's Comments: First-class special section. Comprehensive.

2nd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Stars  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Insight  
By: Staff

42 - Youth Coverage

Class A  
1st Place  
Doniphan Herald  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Crofton Journal  
By: Andrew Smolek  
3rd Place  
Friend Sentinel  
By: Staff

42 - Youth Coverage

Class B  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Chadron Record  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer  
By: Staff

42 - Youth Coverage

Class C  
1st Place  
West Point News  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette  
By: Staff

42 - Youth Coverage

Class D was judged with Daily  
Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
By: Staff

43 – Specialty/Lifestyle Sections

Class A Entries were Judged with Class B

Class B  
1st Place  
Doniphan Herald  
Title: Route 65 & Over  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Elgin Review  
Title: This is Beef Country

By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Chadron Record  
By: Staff

43 – Specialty/Lifestyle Sections  
Class C Entries were Judged with Class D  
Class D  
1st Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief  
Title: Spring Thing, Crazy Hot Summer, Senior Living 2018  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
West Point News  
By: Staff

43 – Specialty/Lifestyle Sections  
Daily  
1st Place  
Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
Title: Farm & Ranch  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
By: Terri Hahn  
3rd Place  
Norfolk Daily News  
Title: Bridal/Racing/Veterans  
By: Staff

44 - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Kurt Johnson

45 - BEST NIE PROGRAM  
Doniphan Herald  
By: Staff

46 - Web Sites  
Class A was judged with Class B  
Class B  
1st Place  
Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Bloomfield Knox Co. News/Monitor  
By: Staff

46 - Web Sites  
Class C  
1st Place  
Neligh News & Leader  
By: Staff  
2nd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Hartington Cedar Co. News  
By: Rob Dump, Jake Higgins, Kaylee Minnick

46 - Web Sites  
Class D was judged with Daily  
Daily  
1st Place

Norfolk Daily News

By: Staff

Judge's Comments: The newspaper's web site reveals a tremendous amount of local advertising and local content to benefit the publication's market. The web site's menus are easy to navigate, and the use of different backgrounds for each block of digital content makes the web page appealing, inviting the visitor to keep clicking.

2nd Place

Grand Island Independent

By: Stephanie Romanski & Erin Martinez

3rd Place

Kearney Hub

By: Staff

47 - Online Video

Class A was judged with Class B

Class B

1st Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: Heritage Day

By: Carrie Pitzer

2nd Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: Overcoming Coaching Adversity

By: Carrie Pitzer

3rd Place

Clearwater-Ewing Record-News

Title: Ag Adventure

By: LuAnn Schindler

47 - Online Video

Class C

1st Place

Hartington Cedar Co. News

Title: District Track

By: Jake Higgins

2nd Place

Hartington Cedar Co. News

Title: Cedar and Stanton FB

By: Jake Higgins

3rd Place

Neligh News & Leader

Title: AMH Clinic Opens

By: Joan Wright & Tara Purdie

47 - Online Video

Class D

1st Place

Fairbury Journal-News

Title: Saturday at the Cattlemen's Ball

By: Trevor Gill

2nd Place

Fairbury Journal-News

Title: Autumn Branson Signing to Wrestle in College

By: Trevor Gill

3rd Place

Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

Title: Recovering Items from Argo Hall

By: Leeanna Ellis

47 - Online Video

Daily

1st Place

Kearney Hub

Title: 10 Years After Her Murder, Kelcey Fike

By: Jeff Damron, Kim Schmidt & Amanda Push

2nd Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Norfolkkan Uses Chainsaw to Create Art

By: Darin Epperly, Grace Petersen & Kathryn Harris

3rd Place

Kearney Hub

Title: Junk Jaunt...

By: Lori Potter, Mary Jane Skala & Ana Salazar



48 - Online Coverage of Breaking News

Class A was judged with Class B

Class B

1st Place

Bloomfield Knox Co. News/Monitor

Title: Santee Search

By: Dylan Widger

2nd Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: ICE Raid

By: Carrie Pitzer

3rd Place

Clearwater-Ewing Record-News

Title: Ewing Storm – June 30

By: LuAnn Schindler & Carm Thramer

48 - Online Coverage of Breaking News

Class C

1st Place

Neligh News & Leader

Title: Darryl Lierman Trial

By: Joan Wright & Tara Purdie

2nd Place

Hartington Cedar Co. News

Title: Nursing Home

By: Rob Dump

3rd Place

Albion News

Title: Car Fire by Albion Dental Clinic

By: Gabby Christensen

Class D

1st Place

Hickman Voice News

Title: Brianna Titterington

By: Staff

2nd Place

Fairbury Journal-News

Title: Pla-More Café Purchased

By: Trevor Gill

3rd Place

Fairbury Journal-News

Title: Fire Department Receives New Tanker

By: Trevor Gill

48 - Online Coverage of Breaking News

Daily

1st Place

Grand Island Independent

Title: ICE Raids in Nebraska; Detainees Brought to Grand Island

By: Staff

2nd Place

Kearney Hub

Title: Minden Bus Barn Fire

By: Ashley Bebensee, Amanda Push & Erika Pritchard

3rd Place

Norfolk Daily News

Title: Pierce County Accident

By: Ashley Gracey, Kathryn Harris & Jake Wragge

49 - Best Use of Social Media

Class A Entries were Judged with Class B

Class B

1st Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News

Title: Facebook Live Scavenger Hunt

By: Staff

2nd Place

Clearwater-Ewing Record-News

Title: The Back Story

By: LuAnn Schindler

3rd Place

Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Homecoming Coronation  
By: Staff

49 - Best Use of Social Media  
Class C  
1st Place  
Gothenburg Times  
By: John Verser  
2nd Place  
Ord Quiz  
Title: Cars & Coffee  
By: Lisa Fischer  
3rd Place  
Ord Quiz  
Title: Meals on Wheels Needs Financial Assistance  
By: Lisa Fischer

49 - Best Use of Social Media  
Class D  
1st Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: 2018 Cattlemen's Ball of Nebraska  
By: Trevor Gill  
2nd Place  
Hickman Voice News  
Title: Hickman City Council Deliberates on Apartments  
By: Staff  
3rd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
Title: Athlete of the Week  
By: Grant Egger

49 - Best Use of Social Media  
Daily  
1st Place  
North Platte Telegraph  
Title: Winter Storm  
By: Katlynn Weathers & Tammy Bain  
2nd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Reader-Submitted Cloud Gallery  
By: Tiffany Stoiber  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: ICE Raids  
By: Staff

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

50 - Best Digital Ad Idea  
Class B  
1st Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Test Your Internet Speed  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
2nd Place  
Orchard Antelope Co. News  
Title: Husker Raffle  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
3rd Place  
Bloomfield Knox Co. News/Monitor  
Title: Click for Inventory  
By: Carrie Pitzer

50 - Best Digital Ad Idea  
Class C  
1st Place  
Ord Quiz  
Title: Official Chant Football, Softball & Cross Country Apparel  
By: Megan Dietz

2nd Place  
Ord Quiz  
Title: Wolf Real Estate  
By: Megan Dietz  
3rd Place  
Aurora News-Register  
Title: Aurora Mall  
By: Karla Senff

50 - Best Digital Ad Idea  
Class D  
1st Place  
Fairbury Journal-News  
Title: New Bows at Blue River Archery  
By: Trevor Gill  
2nd Place  
Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
Title: MCH & Health System Baby Expo  
By: Jen Stolz & Lynette Hansen  
3rd Place  
Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief  
Title: Culligan Water  
By: Joan Jackson

50 - Best Digital Ad Idea  
Daily  
1st Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Roadway Heroes  
By: Diana Briseno & Rita Woodward  
2nd Place  
Kearney Hub  
Title: Kearney Eye Institute  
By: Diana Briseno & Jacey Anderson  
3rd Place  
Grand Island Independent  
Title: GI Central Catholic – Free Tuition  
By: Amanda Johnson

NEWS PHOTO OF THE YEAR  
House Fire  
By: Aaron Beckman  
Norfolk Daily News

SPORTS PHOTO OF THE YEAR  
Putting His Faith in the Pole  
By: Kelly Ninas  
Cozad Tri-City Tribune

FEATURE PHOTO OF THE YEAR  
Iconographer Aleksei Vronskii  
By: Erika Pritchard  
Kearney Hub

EDITORIAL OF THE YEAR  
Why I Stood for Freedom of the Press  
By: Nikki McKim  
Falls City Journal

ADVERTISEMENT OF THE YEAR  
Color Run  
By: Carrie Pitzer  
Orchard Antelope Co. News

PRINT CLASS A SWEEPSTAKES:  
1st Place: Morrill Voice News of Western Nebraska  
2nd Place: Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
3rd Place: Hemingford Ledger

PRINT CLASS B SWEEPSTAKES:  
1st Place: Orchard Antelope Co. News  
2nd Place: Chadron Record  
3rd Place: Elgin Review

PRINT CLASS C SWEEPSTAKES:  
1st Place: Aurora News-Register  
2nd Place: Neligh News & Leader (TIE)  
2nd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News (TIE)

PRINT CLASS D SWEEPSTAKES:  
1st Place: Seward Co. Independent  
2nd Place: Hickman Voice News  
3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

PRINT WEEKLY SWEEPSTAKES AWARD:  
1st Place: Orchard Antelope Co. News  
2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent  
3rd Place: Hickman Voice News

PRINT DAILY SWEEPSTAKES AWARD:  
1st Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald  
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News  
3rd Place: Grand Island Independent

DIGITAL CLASS B SWEEPSTAKES:  
1st Place: Orchard Antelope Co. News  
2nd Place: Clearwater-Ewing Record-News  
3rd Place: Bloomfield Knox Co. News/Monitor

DIGITAL CLASS C SWEEPSTAKES:  
1st Place: Hartington Cedar Co. News (TIE)  
1st Place: Ord Quiz (TIE)  
2nd Place: Neligh News & Leader

DIGITAL CLASS D SWEEPSTAKES:  
1st Place: Fairbury Journal-News  
2nd Place: Hickman Voice News  
3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

DIGITAL WEEKLY SWEEPSTAKES AWARD:  
1st Place: Orchard Antelope Co. News  
2nd Place: Fairbury Journal-News  
3rd Place: Ord Quiz (TIE)  
3rd Place: Hartington Cedar Co. News (TIE)

DIGITAL DAILY SWEEPSTAKES AWARD:  
1st Place: Kearney Hub  
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent  
3rd Place: Norfolk Daily News