



**Arkansas Press Association's
Better News-Editorial**

**2011
Contest
Winners**

**2011 Total Entries: 2280 from 68 member newspapers
Judged by members of the South Carolina Press Association**

News Story

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Molly Fleming
I killed on I-30

Second Place

Daily Siftings Herald, Arkadelphia
Joe Phelps
Police search for suspect

Third Place

Paragould Daily Press
Janie Ginocchio
3 life sentences

Honorable Mention

Daily Siftings Herald, Arkadelphia
Joe Phelps
Accused rapist

Medium Dailies

First Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Andrea Bruner
Rollover closes road

Second Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
Ray King
Jail escapees caught

Third Place

The Courier, Russellville
Adam Franks
Council Circus

Honorable Mention

Batesville Daily Guard
Lacy Mitchell
Lyon fire determined

Larger Dailies

First Place

NW Arkansas Times, Fayetteville
Kate Ward
Lina's Life

Second Place

NW Arkansas Times, Fayetteville
Ron Wood
Scam prompts law review

Third Place

The Morning News, Springdale
Steve Caraway
Friends call lockhart reclusive

Honorable Mention

Benton County Daily Record,
Bentonville
Bob Caudle
Officer charged in chase shooting

Smaller Weeklies

First Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Cassi Lapp
Valley disquieted by gruesome discovery

Second Place

White Hall Journal
Rick Joslin
Local JPs displeased with clerk's bungles

Third Place

Courier-Index, Marianna
Alan Smith
PETA asking city to exhume dog's body

Honorable Mention

Montgomery County News,
Mount Ida
Cherie Whisenhunt
Trusted with angels

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Carroll County News Weekend,
Berryville
Mike Ellis
Large crowd on hand

Second Place

Glenwood Herald
Danielle Cummings
Pike County man charged

Third Place

Ashley County Ledger, Hamburg
David Moyers
Frierson's attorneys file federal suit

Honorable Mention

Nashville Leader
John Balch
20th flood victim recovered

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Cabot Star-Herald
Ed Galucki
Tornado rakes county

Second Place

Lovely County Citizen,
Eureka Springs
C. D. White
Caution, wide turns

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
John Hofheimer
Audit shows PCSSD fast and loose

Honorable Mention

Maumelle Monitor
Bill Lawson
PCSSD board member admits FOIA

Feature Story

Smaller Dailies

First Place

Times-Herald, Forrest City
Tamara Johnson
The Road to Recovery

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Luke Jones
Ball of fire lights up Christmas

Third Place

Banner-News, Magnolia
 Jamie Davis
Dead in the family

Honorable Mention

Paragould Daily Press
 Janie Ginocchio
Teen finds way to create brighter picture

Medium Dailies**First Place**

The Courier, Russellville
 Mary Kincy
The long goodbye

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times
 David Holsted
St. Joe men bring monster to life

Third Place

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
 Frank Wallis
Celebrity steer dies at 14

Honorable Mention

Batesville Daily Guard
 Andrea Bruner
Sister dedicated to promise made in 1955

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Rogers Morning News
 Ryan McGeeney
Aging Out

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
 Bobby Ampezzan
Life with the lion

Third Place

Rogers Morning News
 Kevin Kinder
A mother's mission

Honorable Mention

NW Arkansas Times, Fayetteville
 Ron Wood
A mother's pain

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
 Charles Estes
One small community

Second Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
 Pea Ridge
 Annette Beard
Family photo treasure unclaimed

Third Place

Courier-Index, Marianna
 David Nichol
Identification chip helps reunite dog

Honorable Mention

The Times of NE Benton County,
 Pea Ridge
 Annette Beard
Toddler survives near drowning

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Carroll County News Midweek,
 Berryville
 Kathryn Lucariello
The living hell of Rachel Love

Second Place

Carroll County News Weekend,
 Berryville
 Anna Mathews
Have goats, will travel

Third Place

DeWitt Era-Enterprise
 C.F. Scott
Long lone rider

Honorable Mention

Nashville News
 Terrica Hendrix
Lock-down locks

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Sherwood Voice
 Kate Knable
Sherwood vet treats exotic animals

Second Place

The Times, North Little Rock
 Jeremy Peppas
UP's last steam engine

Third Place

Maumelle Monitor
 Bill Lawson
Bill Russell- An All-American life

Honorable Mention

Sherwood Voice
 Kate Knable
Area authors map routes

In-Depth Series**Reporting****Smaller Dailies****First Place**

Banner-News, Magnolia
 Jamie Davis
Prosecutor to seek death penalty

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
 Matt Burks
Bauxite School Board violates law

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
 Molly M. Fleming
Former inmate details abuse st jail

Honorable Mention

Paragould Daily Press
 John Griffith
City considers curbing club hours

Medium Dailies**First Place**

The Courier, Russellville
 Mary Kincy, Adam Franks
Dunn Trial

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Guard Staff
Guion storm 1929

Third Place

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
Frank Wallis
Tour of Duty

Honorable Mention

Batesville Daily Guard
Angelia Roberts
Solider killed

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Cathy Frye, Amy Upshaw
Swept Away: The Albert Pike Flood

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Northwest Arkansas staff
Going for Broke

Third Place

Northwest Arkansas Times,
Fayetteville
Communities- 5 day series

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

Courier-Index, Marianna
Kendall Owens
LC Cooperative Clinic

Second Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Annette Beard, Cassi Lapp
Pea Ridge Homes Tour

Third Place

White Hall Journal
Rick Joslin
Autism Awareness

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Newton County Times, Jasper
Jack Boles, Jeff Dezort
Mr. Boles goes to Cambodia

Second Place

Booneville Democrat
Glenn M. Parrish
Booneville Community Hospital

Third Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Lareign Ward
Animal Welfare

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Cabot Star-Herald
Priscilla Campbell, Ed Galucki,
Tori Moss, Allison Goodman
Volunteers in Action

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
John Hofheimer
To Haiti and back

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Rick Kron
Cabot scores big

Investigative Reporting**Smaller Dailies****First Place**

Paragould Daily Press
Janie Ginocchio
GCT football documents

(WINNER OF THE I.F. STONE AWARD)**Second Place**

Paragould Daily Press
Janie Ginocchio, Wendy Miller,
John Griffith
Misuse of county credit card alleged

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Warren Watkins
ADEQ: Superior provides inventory

Medium Dailies**First Place**

The Courier, Russellville
Mary Kincy, Adam Franks
Justice for Dale Young

Second Place

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
Frank Wallis
ADEQ Hammers

Third Place

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
Joanne Bratton
Family surprised by killers furlough

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
C.S. Murphy, Seth Blomeley,
Bill Simmons
State cars

Second Place

Northwest Arkansas Times,
Fayetteville
Kate Ward
Undetected for years

Third Place

Benton County Daily Record,
Bentonville
Tabatha Hunter
State says NWACC raises invalid

Small & Medium Weeklies**First Place**

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Annette Beard, Cassi Lapp
Ambulance service is public business

Second Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Lareign Ward
Mayor accepts blame for error

Third Place

Nashville News
Terrica Hendrix
Landfill unauthorized checks

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

The Times, North Little Rock
Jeremy Peppas
Attorney: Man's mafia link hurts Baggett

Second Place

Lovely County Citizen,
Eureka Springs
Bill King
Deputies gone wild

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Jeffrey Smith, Nancy Dockter
How can you learn here?

Honorable Mention

Maumelle Monitor
Bill Lawson
Coach charged in sex case

Sports News Story**Smaller Dailies****First Place**

Saline Courier, Benton
Sam Pierce
Mr. Perfect- Wells retires 15 straight

Second Place

Camden News
Kelly Blair
CF player hospitalized in LR

Third Place

Blytheville Courier News
Aaron Fitzpatrick
Conference champs

Honorable Mention

Blytheville Courier News
Mark Brasfield
Defense keys Chicks' win

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Batesville Daily Guard
Paul Glover
Lady Pioneers win 7th title

Second Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
David McCollum
Bears break through with Dumas' block

Third Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
Robert Turbeville
Coleman's plays, Shelton's calls

Larger Dailies**First Place**

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Bob Wisener
Take a bow

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Doug Crise
Marvelous Mulerider

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Tim Cooper
LR Parkview player collapses

Honorable Mention

Texarkana Gazette
Louie Avery
Boyd, oh Boyd

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

Carlisle Independent
Mark Buffalo
Undefeated conference champs

Second Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
John McGee
Hawks Sweep

Third Place

Courier-Index, Marianna
Fred Conley
Lady Cougars claim conference

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Glenwood Herald
Mike Wallace
Trojans Triumphant

Second Place

Nashville Leader
John R. Schirmer
'Ideal place to coach' attracts former Scrapper

Third Place

Booneville Democrat
Glenn M. Parrish
Rattlers respond to challenge

Honorable Mention

Dumas Clarion
Terry Hawkins
Bobcats Claw past Leopards

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas
Panthers beat Greenwood first time

Second Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Kyle Mooty
Eagles fall just short in title tilt

Third Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Kyle Mooty
Lady Jackets fall in semis

Sports Feature Story**Smaller Dailies****First Place**

Stuttgart Daily Leader
Sarah Morris
Why Hunt?

Second Place

Times-Herald, Forrest City
 Fred Conley
Make no mistake

Third Place

Paragould Daily Press
 Chad Miller
Taekwondo champ kicks cancer

Honorable Mention

Stuttgart Daily Leader
 Bruce Guthrie
Pitching pair

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Pine Bluff Commercial
 Robert Turbeville
Bonded by background

Second Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
 J. David Harten
Learning to 'Live Strong'

Third Place

Evening Times, West Memphis
 Ryan Riordan
Rockets trying to go out with a bang

Honorable Mention

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
 David McCollum
Shaking things up in 1984

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
 Doug Crise
Minor league, major routine

Second Place

Times Record, Fort Smith
 Kevin Taylor
Linked to the game

Third Place

Times Record, Fort Smith
 Scott Faldon
Game on for Caddell

Honorable Mention

Jonesboro Sun
 Ben Cowens
Walking miracle

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

White Hall Journal
 Rick Joslin
A Thanksgiving Story

Second Place

White Hall Journal
 Rick Joslin
Glory Days

Third Place

Wynne Progress
 James Jennings
Boxing club reaches out

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Newton County Times, Jasper
 Jeff Brasel
Villines ready to rough it up

Second Place

DeWitt Era-Enterprise
 C.F. Scott
Women on the run

Third Place

Glenwood Herald
 Danielle Cummings
Beyond the diamond

Honorable Mention

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
 George "Clay" Mitchell
Gatling transfers

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
 Graham Thomas
Impact player

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
 Jason King
Remembering 'True Wildcat'

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
 Jason King
True GRITS

Honorable Mention

The Leader, Jacksonville
 Todd Traub
Blood, sweat, and tears

Sports Column**Smaller Dailies****First Place**

Blytheville Courier News
 Aaron FitzPatrick
An undeserving 'Dance Dad's' lament

Second Place

Paragould Daily Press
 Chad Miller
Tebow's super ad shouldn't be sacked

Third Place

Paragould Daily Press
 Mike McKinney
Baseball pitcher in a league of her own

Honorable Mention

Saline Courier, Benton
 Sam Pierce
Sportswriter remembers his biggest fan

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Harrison Daily Times
 Jeff Brasel
The emperor has no clothes

Second Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
 David McCollum
Madden's rant throws damper

Third Place

El Dorado News-Times
 Tony Burns
Championship season began long time ago

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Benton County Daily Record,
 Bentonville
 Kurt Voigt
Gean focuses on future

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette
 Johnny Green
Tigers' Sorenson

Third Place

Times Record, Fort Smith
 Scott Faldon
Building it likely not worth risk

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

The Times of NE Benton County,
 Pea Ridge
 John McGee
America seen at its best

Second Place

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
 Charlet Estes
Girltalk with a lady-legend

Third Place

Wynne Progress
 James Jennings
Checking in

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Nashville Leader
 John R. Schirmer
Scrapperettes played for #8

Second Place

Glenwood Herald
 Mike Wallace
Another ten feet

Third Place

Glenwood Herald
 Danielle Cummings
A love story of a little red piglet

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
 Kent Marts
A local umpire's perspective

Second Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
 Kyle Mooty
Winning leads to more worries

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
 Todd Traub
Light-hitting Conseco does right

Editorial**Smaller Dailies****First Place**

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
 Jacob Brower
Faith comes from within

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
 Warren Watkins
Plenty of fault to go around

Third Place

Paragould Daily Press
 Janie Ginocchio
Lessons learned

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
 Rick Fahr
Cabin window

Second Place

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
 Thomas A. Garrett
Has waste district board listened

Third Place

The Courier, Russellville
 Mary Kincy
Disaster, Day 47

Honorable Mention

Batesville Daily Guard
 Andrea Bruner, Angelia Roberts
Political dollars and sense

Larger Dailies**First Place**

The Morning News, Springdale
 Doug Thompson
A safe haven for sex offenders?

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
 Paul Greenberg
Beyond outrage

Third Place

Texarkana Gazette
 Ethel Channon
Business as usual

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
 Charlet Estes
Fraudsters, fill your plates

Second Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
 Pea Ridge
 Annette Beard
Public transparency is requisite

Third Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
 Pea Ridge
 Annette Beard
It's the public's right to know

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Dumas Clarion
 Terry Hawkins
Street vendors

Second Place

Dumas Clarion
Terry Hawkins
Bad move APERS

Third Place

Glenwood Herald
Mike Wallace
Thank the governor

Honorable Mention

DeWitt Era-Enterprise
C.F. Scott
A no-brainer? Apparently

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Kent Marts, Gary Burton
A forum by the people; for the people

Second Place

Maumelle Monitor
Bill Lawson
Developers rule the roost no more

Third Place

Stone County Leader, Mt. View
Lori Freeze
Awards highlight events of 2010

News/Political Column**Smaller Dailies****First Place**

Blytheville Courier News
Andy Weld
Both sides may be right

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Warren Watkins
The envelope please

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Kristal Kuykendall
More, uh, inaccuracies in Greenberg's ads

Honorable Mention

Saline Courier, Benton
Matt Burks
Bauxite residents prove

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Batesville Daily Guard
Rick Baber
More on the 4th Amendment follies

Second Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Rick Fahr
Discussions around the lunch table

Third Place

Harrison Daily Times
James L. White
Be careful what you believe these days

Honorable Mention

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
Sonny Garrett
Why would anyone start using meth?

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Texarkana Gazette
Les Minor
Time to put away the water guns

Second Place

Times Record, Fort Smith
John Brummett
We're sorry, world

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Paul Greenberg
Christmas wars

Honorable Mention

The Morning News, Springdale
Doug Thompson
Ducking, Dodging doesn't work

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

Wynne Progress
James Jennings
Is this a local issue

Second Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Leo Lynch
Filing fees garner much money

Third Place

Wynne Progress
James Jennings
They don't want to hear from you

Honorable Mention

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Annette Beard
Bias freely admitted

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

DeWitt Era-Enterprise
Christina Verderosa
Thank a (woman) veteran

Second Place

DeWitt Era-Enterprise
C.F. Scott
Burn, baby, burn or not

Third Place

Dumas Clarion
Terry Hawkins
Dr. Laura

Honorable Mention

Carroll County News Midweek,
Berryville
Linda Caldwell
Republican win means more stagnation

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

The Leader, Jacksonville
Garrick Feldman
Comparing pardons by governors

Second Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
 Kyle Mooty
The right thing to do

Third Place

The Times, North Little Rock
 Mike Dougherty
PCSSD's Hopson: Man of backbone?

Honorable Mention

The Leader, Jacksonville
 Garrick Feldman
Justice Jim was a man of his time

General Interest
Column
Smaller Dailies**First Place**

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
 Warren Watkins
Angela, this is for you

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
 Jacob Brower
Entering my 30s ungracefully

Third Place

Stuttgart Daily Leader
 Lori Crawford
The 'glitz and glamour' isn't all

Honorable Mention

Paragould Daily Press
 Janie Ginocchio
Not too old to learn from mom

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Batesville Daily Guard
 Lacy Mitchell
Krystal's 'Precious Miracle'

Second Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
 Rick Fahr
Health care (no) money can buy

Third Place

Evening Times, West Memphis
 Mike Douglas
Can the soul choose not to escape

Honorable Mention

Evening Times, West Memphis
 Mike Douglas
Fathers give

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Times Record, Fort Smith
 John Brummett
Erect a pedestal

Second Place

The Morning News, Springdale
 Heather Orrick Nichols
Local Marchaltese close to family

Third Place

Rogers Morning News
 Gwen Rockwood
Tree yield proves dream

Honorable Mention

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
 Paul Greenberg
Of time and the river

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

White Hall Journal
 Wayne A. Norton
A change of heart

Second Place

White Hall Journal
 Wayne A. Norton
Political disagreement

Third Place

Wynne Progress
 James Jennings
Finding Christmas in a vending machine

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Nashville Leader
 Louie Graves
Mules saw Patee

Second Place

Atkins Chronicle
 Beckie Tyson
How do you define tradition

Third Place

DeWitt Era-Enterprise
 Christina Verderosa
Confessions of a real winner

Honorable Mention

DeWitt Era-Enterprise
 Christina Verderosa
Real trial was a real trial

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
 Douglas Grant
You don't deserve a break

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mt. View
 John Berry
Toyota victim of accident

Third Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
 Kyle Mooty
Get these creeps out of our school

Humorous Column
Smaller Dailies
First Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
 Luke Jones
Difficult life questions

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
 Brent Davis
The Shock & Awe sisters

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Brent Davis
Wife deserves a 'bless her heart'

Honorable Mention

Times-Herald, Forrest City
David Nichol
Fare at the fair ain't fair

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Batesville Daily Guard
Angelia Roberts
Judging by the weight

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Rick Baber
Flying nekkid

Third Place

Harrison Daily Times
David Holsted
Saving the national economy

Honorable Mention

The Courier, Russellville
Mary Kincy
My royal affair

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Jennifer Christman
World cheese dip fest not for Swissies

Second Place

The Morning News, Springdale
Bob Caudle
Parade control not so simple

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Melinda Gassaway
Hoop-de-dooos in high heels

Honorable Mention

The Morning News, Springdale
Bob Caudle
Dragnet: undercover ice cream

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Cassi Lapp
The first step to recovery

Second Place

Wynne Progress
James Jennings
The joys of shopping season

Third Place

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Charlet Estes
Paraphrases to parapraxes

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

DeWitt Era-Enterprise
C.F. Scott
You wont' be my Valentine

Second Place

Atkins Chronicle
Van A. Tyson
Dealing with heat

Third Place

DeWitt Era-Enterprise
C.F. Scott
Thank you, Entergy

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Stone County Leader, Mt. View
Gary Keith
Grandma's story recalled

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mt. View
Gary Keith
Excessive drink

Third Place

Village Voice, Hot Springs Village
Bill Elderton
Origins of telemarketer

Honorable Mention

Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Andra Atteberry
Laugh more

Headline Writing**Smaller Dailies****First Place**

Stuttgart Daily Leader
Lori Crawford
Flushing the water issue

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Warren Watkins
Farmer's house campaign produces fruit

Third Place

Stuttgart Daily Leader
Bruce Guthrie
When it 'Counce'

Honorable Mention

Daily Siftings Herald, Arkadelphia
Wendy Ledbetter
At the Cow wash

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Harrison Daily Times
James L. White
City council chickens out

Second Place

El Dorado News-Times
Chris Qualls
Kepp your shirt on

Third Place

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
Linda Masters
Just a mere trifle

Honorable Mention

Batesville Daily Guard
Stephanie Ewell
Coke bottling plant loses fizz

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Texarkana Gazette
Geneva Stovall
Udder Chaos

Second Place

Times Record, Fort Smith
John Dunn
Know when to hold 'em

Third Place

Jonesboro Sun
Maria Flora
An attorney walks into a bar...

Honorable Mention

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Randal Hunhoff
Pecking disorder

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

Courier-Index, Marianna
Tamara Johnson
PETA asking city to exhume dog's body

Second Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Annette Beard
Gun range in city shot down

Third Place

White Hall Journal
Rick Joslin
It's hotter than blazes

Honorable Mention

White Hall Journal
Rick Joslin
Boomerang blessing

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Kenneth Fry
Sun finally sets on Moon's career

Second Place

Dumas Clarion
Linda Lambert
'Joint' effort leads to 200 plant haul

Third Place

DeWitt Era-Enterprise
C.F. Scott
After waiting sew long

Honorable Mention

Booneville Democrat
Glenn M. Parrish
Game and Fish was out of line

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Cabot Star-Herald
Ed Galuck, Jesse Gonzales
Those dam beavers

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Jonathan Feldman
Halter falters...

Third Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Gary Burton
Dawn Hill hopes for mulligan

Honorable Mention

The Leader, Jacksonville
Rick Kron
Dogs collar runaway thief

Single News**Photograph****Smaller Dailies****First Place**

Times-Herald, Forrest City
David Nichol
Driver rescued

Second Place

Camden News
Mary Brown
Night fire

Third Place

Blytheville Courier News
Mark Brasfield
Second homicide of 2010

Honorable Mention

Saline Courier, Benton
Daniel Sample
Benton house lost to fire

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Pine Bluff Commercial
Ralph Fitzgerald
Armed standoff

Second Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Liberty Parks
Haiti

Third Place

El Dorado News-Times
Michael Orrell
Vetern's Day tribute

Honorable Mention

Pine Bluff Commercial
Ralph Fitzgerald
Not a drive thru

Larger Dailies**First Place**

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Mara Kuhn
A family mourns

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette
Eric S. Shelton
Herman Houston cries

Third Place

Texarkana Gazette
Christena Dowsett
Up in flames

Honorable Mention

Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Rick McFarlad
Pulled from the railing

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

White Hall Journal
Teresa Bennett
Injury accident

Second Place

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Karen Johnson
Total loss

Third Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Annette Beard
Tractor accident

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Paris Express
Pat McHughes
Accident investigation

Second Place

Paris Express
Pat McHughes
Memorial opens

Third Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Kenneth Fry
Training exercise

Honorable Mention

Nashville News
Cecil Harris
Main Street fire

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Jeff Della Rosa
Head on crash

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Jeffrey Smith
Storm aftermath

Third Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Kyle Mooty
Smyrna Fire

Honorable Mention

Stone County Leader, Mt. View
Ed Schuh
Highway 87 accident

Single Feature**Photograph****Smaller Dailies****First Place**

Banner-News, Magnolia
Aaron Morris
Family day

Second Place

Camden News
Mary Brown
Foggy morning walk

Third Place

Camden News
Mary Brown
Jackson Lindsey leads his horse

Honorable Mention

Saline Courier, Benton
Molly Fleming
First band practice

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Pine Bluff Commercial
Ralph Fitzgerald
Honoring fallen hero

Second Place

El Dorado News-Times
Jim Lemon
Bubble Fest

Third Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
Ralph Fitzgerald
Pumpkin time

Honorable Mention

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
Kevin Pieper
Mock disaster

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Texarkana Gazette
Eric J. Shelton
Food of friendship

*****THE 2011 APA PHOTO
OF THE YEAR*****

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette
Christena Dowsett
Shedding light

Third Place

Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Little Rock
Benjamin Krain
The splash that refreshes

Honorable Mention

NW Arkansas Times, Fayetteville
Andy Shupe
Puppy power

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

Carlisle Independent
Allison Goodman
Squeaky clean

Second Place

White Hall Journal
Teresa Bennett
She's no deal breaker

Third Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Cassi Lapp
Fred McKinney

Honorable Mention

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Cassi Lapp
Curious youngster lean

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

DeWitt Era-Enterprise
C.F. Scott
Wild ride at the fair

Second Place

DeWitt Era-Enterprise
C.F. Scott
Mirror, Mirror on the table

Third Place

Carroll County News Midweek,
Berryville
Mike Ellis
Ride 'em Cowgirl

Honorable Mention

Nashville News
Dewayne Holloway
Dancing with the Scrappers

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

The Times Dispatch, Walnut Ridge
Gretchen Hunt
Board break

Second Place

Enterprise-Leader, Lincoln
Lynn Kutter
Pair of princesses

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scolli
Too close for comfort

Honorable Mention

Enterprise-Leader, Lincoln
Rod Russell
Local schools graduate Seniors

Single Sports Action**Photograph****Smaller Dailies****First Place**

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Jacob Brower
Bisons celebrate homecoming

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Daniel Sample
Hornets outrun Panthers

Third Place

Paragould Daily Press
Mike McKinney
PHS shuts out Rivercrest

Honorable Mention

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Jacob Brower
Bison blocks punt

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Pine Bluff Commercial
Ralph Fitzgerald
Zebras complete comeback

Second Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
Ralph Fitzgerald
Comeback 'Cats

Third Place

The Courier, Russellville
Joshua Mashon
TCW Back to School Bash

Honorable Mention

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Liberty Parks
UCA Softball

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Rogers Morning News
Marc F. Henning
Defense sets tone

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette
Tanner Spendley
TC digs out win

Third Place

NW Arkansas Times, Fayetteville
Andy Shupe
Lady Mounties Upend Lady Bulldogs

Honorable Mention

Rogers Morning News
Marc F. Henning
Rogers High steamrolls rival

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

Carlisle Independent
Mark Buffalo
Carlisle's Dylan Cooper

Second Place

Carlisle Independent
Mark Buffalo
Gold receiver Chris Hart

Third Place

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Bobby Stapleton
This ain't leapfrog

Honorable Mention

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Bobby Stapleton
Better watch out

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Booneville Democrat
Glenn M. Parrish
Defensive starter

Second Place

Dumas Clarion
Terry Hawkins
Not quite enough

Third Place

Nashville News
Dewayne Holloway
Dinofest softball action

Honorable Mention

Nashville News
 Dewayne Holloway
Jason Ware of Mineral Springs

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Westside Eagle Observer, Gravette
 Randy Moll
Safe at the plate

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mt. View
 Ed Schuh
Rodeo

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
 David Scolli
Red Devils win 6A East

Honorable Mention

Madison County Record, Huntsville
 Mike Haley
13th year very good for Rodeo

Single Sports Feature**Photograph****Smaller Dailies****First Place**

Banner-News, Magnolia
 Aaron Morris
Panther Spirit

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
 Molly M. Fleming
Getting some air

Third Place

Paragould Daily Press
 Mike McKinney
Birdie!

Honorable Mention

Camden News
 Mary Brown
The team is 'on fire' too

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Pine Bluff Commercial
 Ralph Fitzgerald
One game short

Second Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
 Ralph Fitzgerald
'We're family'

Third Place

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
 Neal Denton
State Champs

Honorable Mention

Pine Bluff Commercial
 Ralph Fitzgerald
The thrill of victory

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
 Jason Ivester
Tigers top Bulldogs

Second Place

The Morning News, Springdale
 Marc F. Henning
Great Scott

Third Place

NW Arkansas Times, Fayetteville
 Andy Shupe
Purple Punchout

Honorable Mention

Texarkana Gazette
 Eric J. Shelton
Atlanta's Willie Poindexter

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

White Hall Journal
 Marilyn Cook
Player of the week

Second Place

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
 Bobby Stapleton
Soak time

Third Place

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
 Bobby Stapleton
Here's the proof

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Nashville News
 Dewayne Holloway
Devils clip Hornets wings

Second Place

Dumas Clarion
 Alison Shepherd
8&U State champs

Third Place

Dumas Clarion
 Terry Hawkins
Flying high

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Stone County Leader, Mt. View
 Ed Schuh
Fish Derby

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
 David Scolli
Hitting the lights

Third Place

Stone County Leader, Mt. View
 Lori Freeze
T-ball action

Picture Page/**Photo Essay****Smaller Dailies****First Place**

Saline Courier, Benton
 Daniel Sample, Josh Barron
Saline Summer Daze

Second Place

Camden News
Mary Brown
Red, White, & Blue

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Lynda Hollenbeck
Great day for Irish

Honorable Mention

Stuttgart Daily Leader
Lori Crawford
Learning to Swim

Medium Dailies**First Place**

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
Kevin Pieper
Week in photos

Second Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
Ralph Fitzgerald
The trail to victory

Third Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Reaching the summit

Honorable Mention

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
Kevin Pieper
Faces of red, white & blue

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Rick McFarland, Benjamin Krain,
Stephen B. Thornton
Albert Pike flood

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Stephen B. Thornton
Shepherds All

Third Place

Rogers Morning News
Marc F. Henning
Saturday at the fair

Honorable Mention

Benton County Daily Record,
Bentonville
Sarah Bentham
LPGA Tournament

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

White Hall Journal
Jenni Williams, Tracy Walker,
Teresa Bennett
2010 Founders Day

Second Place

Wynne Progress
James Jennings
Homecoming 2010

Third Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Annette Beard
Mule Jump

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Nashville Leader
Matt Williams, John R. Schirmer
Downtown blaze

Second Place

Dumas Clarion
Terry Hawkins
DHS Homecoming

Third Place

Dumas Clarion
Terry Hawkins
Very good year

Honorable Mention

Carroll County News Midweek,
Berryville
Anna Mathews, Linda Caldwell
Ice Cream Social

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Lovely County Citizen, Eureka Springs
Chip Ford
Voices from the Silent City Cemetery

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scollie
Air Show

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
David Scollie
North vs. South

Honorable Mention

Stone County Leader, Mt. View
Ed Schuh
Musical Instruments

Best Front Page**Smaller Dailies****First Place**

Blytheville Courier News
Andy Weld

Second Place

Stuttgart Daily Leader
Lori Crawford

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Wendy Jones, Luke Jones, Jacob
Brower, Warren Watkins

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway

Second Place

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
Jason Wilson

Third Place

The Courier, Russellville
Mary Kincy

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Benton County Daily Record,
Bentonville

Second Place

The Morning News, Springdale

Third Place

Times Record, Fort Smith
 Stephen Peterson, Gerald Stoddard

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

The Times of NE Benton County,
 Pea Ridge
 Annette Beard, Cassi Lapp,
 Teresa Hufford

Second Place

White Hall Journal
 Rick Joslin

Third Place

Carlisle Independent

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Nashville Leader

Second Place

Carroll County News Midweek,
 Berryville
 Linda Caldwell

Third Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
 Kenneth Fry, Jenny McClure

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

The Leader, Jacksonville
 Christy Hendricks

Second Place

Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
 Douglas Grant

Third Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
 Gary Burton

Best Features Page**Small and Medium Dailies****First Place**

Pine Bluff Commercial
 Ralph Fitzgerald

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
 Andrea Bruner, Lacy Mitchell,
 Kay Tharp

Third Place

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
 Greg Jelinek

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Times Record, Fort Smith
 John Dunn, Catherine Peterson

Second Place

The Morning News, Springdale
 Kelly Barnett, staff

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
 Tena Chen

Small and Medium Weeklies**First Place**

The Times of NE Benton County,
 Pea Ridge
 Annette Beard, Cassi Lapp,
 Teresa Hufford

Second Place

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
 Charlet Estes

Third Place

Nashville Leader
 Emily Alexander, John R. Schirmer

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
 Jenny DeShields

Second Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
 Melissa Gute

Third Place

The Times Dispatch, Walnut Ridge

Best Sports Page**Smaller Dailies****First Place**

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
 Jacob Brower

Second Place

Stuttgart Daily Leader
 Bruce Guthrie

Third Place

Paragould Daily Press

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
 Stewart Cole, Mark Burke,
 Adam Sweeney

Second Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
 Robert Turbeville, Scott Loftis,
 Ralph Fitzgerald

Third Place

Harrison Daily Times
 Emily Griffeth, Josh Phillips

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Times Record, Fort Smith
 Jeff Brasher, Eric Burney

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
 Mike Smith

Third Place

Jonesboro Sun
 Kevin Turbeville, Tony Manley

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

Carlisle Independent
 Mark Buffalo

Second Place

White Hall Journal
 Rick Joslin

Third Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Dover Times
Joseph Brown

Second Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
George "Clay" Mitchell

Third Place

Dumas Clarion
Terry Hawkins

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Graham Thomas

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Todd Traub, Christy Hendricks

Third Place

Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Jenny DeShields

Best Special Issue**Smaller Dailies****First Place**

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Election 2010

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Top Ten Stories of 2010

Third Place

Times-Herald, Forrest City
Farm Family Salute

Medium Dailies**First Place**

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
Happy Holidays

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Community Focus

Third Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
First Lady visit

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Jonesboro Sun
Outlook 2010

Second Place

Arkansas Times, Little Rock
Natives Guide

Third Place

Jonesboro Sun
Frozen in Time

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Annette Beard, Teresa Hufford
Fair

Second Place

White Hall Journal
Founder's Day

Third Place

White Hall Journal
Rick Joslin
Football

Medium &**Larger Weeklies****First Place**

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Melissa Gute, Jeff Della Rosa,
Graham Thomas, Gary Burton
Faces

Second Place

Nashville Leader
Football 2010

Third Place

Nashville News
Albert Pike Flood Extra

Honorable Mention

Atkins Chronicle
Picklefest

Coverage of Politics**Smaller Dailies****First Place**

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Warren Watkins, Luke Jones,
Wendy Jones, Jacob Brower

Second Place

Paragould Daily Press

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton
Matt Burks

Medium Dailies**First Place**

The Courier, Russellville

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Andrea Bruner, Lacy Mitchell,
Larry Stroud, Angelia Roberts

Third Place

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
Frank Wallis

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Texarkana Gazette
Paige Alexander, Jim Williamson,
Lynn LaRowe, Greg Bischof
Brandy Chewing

Second Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Mark Gregory, Don Thomason,
Jim Newsom

Third Place

Arkansas Times, Little Rock

Small and Medium Weeklies**First Place**

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Annette Beard, Cassi Lapp

Second Place

White Hall Journal
Rick Joslin, Wayne A. Norton

Third Place

Dumas Clarion

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

The Leader, Jacksonville
John Hofheimer, Rick Kron,
Garrick Feldman

Second Place

Stone County Leader, Mt. View

Third Place

The Times Dispatch, Walnut Ridge

Coverage of Business/**Agriculture****Smaller Dailies****First Place**

Paragould Daily Press
Daily Press Staff

Second Place

Stuttgart Daily Leader
Leigh Kreimeier, Lori Crawford,
Sarah Morris, Bill Shrum

Third Place

Times-Herald
Forrest City

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Harrison Daily Times
Donna Braymer

Second Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
Michael Lee, Amy Widner,
Rachel Grant

Third Place

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
Frank Wallis, Joanne Bratton,
Josh Dooley

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Texarkana Gazette
Eric Nicholson, Kristie Avery,
Aaron Brand

Second Place

Jonesboro Sun

Third Place

The Morning News, Springdale
Kim Souza, Christie Swanson

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Annette Beard, Cassi Lapp

Second Place

Courier-Index, Marianna

Third Place

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend
Karen Johnson, Charlet Estes

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Dumas Clarion

Second Place

Nashville Leader
Louie Graves, John Balch,
Emily Alexander

Third Place

DeWitt Era-Enterprise
C.F. Scott, Christina Verderosa

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

The Leader, Jacksonville
John Hofheimer, Joan McCoy

Second Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Jeff Della Rosa, Melissa Gute

Third Place

The Times Dispatch, Walnut Ridge

Coverage of Education**Smaller Dailies****First Place**

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Warren Watkins, Luke Jones,
Jacob Brower, Wendy Jones

Second Place

Times-Herald, Forrest City

Third Place

Camden News
Tammy Frazier

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Batesville Daily Guard
Lacy Mitchell

Second Place

The Courier, Russellville

Third Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
Rachel Grant, Michael Lee

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Rogers Morning News
Caleb Fort, Bailey McBride,
Dan Craft

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Claudia Lauer, Cynthia Howell

Third Place

Arkansas Times, Little Rock

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge

Annette Beard, Cassi Lapp

Second Place

Courier-Index, Marianna
Courier-Index Staff

Third Place

White Hall Journal
Teresa Bennett, Wayne A. Norton
& Rick Joslin

Medium Weeklies**First Place**

Nashville Leader
Emily Alexander, John R. Schirmer,
Matt Williams

Second Place

Newton County Times, Jasper
Jeff Dezort

Third Place

Atkins Chronicle
Ginnie Tyson

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

The Leader, Jacksonville
Nancy Dockter, Jeffrey Smith,
Rick Kron, John Hofheimer

Second Place

Maumelle Monitor
Bill Lawson

Third Place

Madison County Record, Huntsville
Kyle Mooty, Matt Shelnett

Coverage of Tourism**Small and Medium Dailies****First Place**

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home
Frank Wallis, Staff

Second Place

The Courier, Russellville

Third Place

The Daily Record, Little Rock
Rebecca Brockman

Larger Dailies**First Place**

NW Arkansas Times, Fayetteville
Kate Ward, Tony Hernandez, Staff

Second Place

Arkansas Times, Little Rock

Third Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Jennifer Nixon, Jack Schnedler, Ellis
Widner, Tracy M. Rogers

Small and Medium Weeklies**First Place**

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
Annette Beard, Cassi Lapp

Second Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Kenneth Fry, Lareign Ward

Third Place

Newton County Times, Jasper
Jeff Dezort, Staff

Larger Weeklies**First Place**

The Times Dispatch, Walnut Ridge

Second Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs
Melissa Gute, Jeff Della Rosa

Third Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Rick Kron, Joan McCoy
Jeffrey Smith, Garrick Feldman

Community Coverage**Smaller Dailies****First Place**

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Second Place

Paragould Daily Press

Third Place

Saline Courier, Benton

Honorable Mention

Stuttgart Daily Leader
Leigh Kreimeier, Lori Crawford,
Sarah Morris, Bill Shrum

Medium Dailies**First Place**

Batesville Daily Guard

Second Place

Harrison Daily Times

Third Place

The Courier, Russellville

Larger Dailies**First Place**

Texarkana Gazette

Second Place

Jonesboro Sun

Third Place

NW Arkansas Times, Fayetteville

Honorable Mention

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Smaller Weeklies**First Place**

White Hall Journal

Second Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge

Third Place

Wynne Progress

Medium Weeklies

First Place

Dover Times

Second Place

Carroll County News Weekend,
Berryville

Honorable Mention

Atkins Chronicle

Newton County Times, Jasper

Larger Weeklies

First Place

Village Voice, Hot Springs Village

Second Place

Westside Eagle Observer, Gravette

Third Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs

Honorable Mention

Lovely County Citizen,
Eureka Springs

Editorial Cartoonist

Portfolio

All Newspapers

First Place

The Times, North Little Rock
Vic Harville

Second Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
John Deering

Third Place

Jonesboro Sun
Maarten Bels

Best Web Design

Small and Medium Dailies

First Place

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway
Nick Stahl

Second Place

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
Online Staff

Second Place

Arkansas Times, Little Rock
Kai Caddy, Lindsey Miller

Third Place

Rogers Morning News
Jon Schleuss, Cody Kinsey,
Matthew Costa

All Weeklies

First Place

Ashley County Ledger, Hamburg
David Moyers, Jan Roberts,
Sheila Prescott

Second Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Jenny McClure

Third Place

The Times Dispatch, Walnut Ridge
Angie Skimahorn

Freelance Writing

Smaller Dailies

First Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Erica Sirratt
Pangburn council ends

Second Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Erica Sirratt
All 3 Pangburn lawmen fired

Third Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy
Erica Sirratt
*Kensett city council violates Sunshine
Law*

Medium Dailies

First Place

Batesville Daily Guard
Leslie Malland
Polluted?

Second Place

Pine Bluff Commercial
Larry Fugate
Shut down: State nursing board

Third Place

The Courier, Russellville
Meredith Martin-Moats
On this farm

Larger Dailies

First Place

Arkansas Times, Little Rock
Kat Robinson
Best breakfast

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette
Neil Abeles
Adventures in Sulphur River Bottom

Third Place

The Sentinel-Record, Hot Springs
Corbet Deary
Eagle's end

Small and Medium Weeklies

First Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren
Brad Ball
*Remembering King Elementary
School*

Second Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
John McGee
Blackhawks lose a heartbreaker

Third Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge
John McGee
Blackhawks plucked by Lions

Larger Weeklies

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Stephen Steed
What lawmakers cost

Second Place

The Leader, Jacksonville
Stephen Steed
O'Brien told don't shred documents

Third Place

Weekly Vista, Bella Vista
Jan Burgess
The ring of kindness

General Excellence

Smaller Dailies (10 papers)

First Place

The Daily Citizen, Searcy

Second Place

Saline Courier, Benton

Third Place

Paragould Daily Press

Medium Dailies (8 papers)

First Place

Pine Bluff Commercial

Second Place

Batesville Daily Guard

Third Place

The Baxter Bulletin, Mt. Home

Honorable Mention

Log Cabin Democrat, Conway

Larger Dailies (10 papers)

First Place

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Second Place

Texarkana Gazette

Third Place

Times Record, Fort Smith

Honorable Mention

The Morning News, Springdale

Smaller Weeklies (7 papers)

First Place

The Times of NE Benton County,
Pea Ridge

Second Place

White Hall Journal

Third Place

Pacesetting Times, Horseshoe Bend

Medium Weeklies (15 papers)

First Place

Nashville Leader

Second Place

DeWitt Era-Enterprise

Third Place

Press Argus-Courier, Van Buren

Larger Weeklies (18 papers)

First Place

The Leader, Jacksonville

Second Place

Herald Leader, Siloam Springs

Third Place

Stone County Leader, Mt. View

Honorable Mention

Weekly Vista, Bella Vista

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