LINCOLN — Sweepstakes winners in the Nebraska Press Association’s Better Newspaper Contest are the weekly Gering Courier and the daily Kearney Hub.

By placing first among all the Nebraska weeklies entered, the Gering Courier will display the Loral Johnson Community Weekly Sweepstakes Award for one year. This year marks the eleventh 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 Gering Courier finished with 13 first-place awards, 8 judged second best awards and 12 judged third best awards. This is their fourth year to win this award, and they beat out the second place winner by 40 points. The Gering Courier has won this award in 2005, 2006 and 2009.

The Kearney Hub was the winner in the daily category, which excludes dailies in Omaha and Lincoln. It finished with 10 first-place awards, 12 for second and 9 for third. The Kearney Hub has won this award in 1989, 1991, 1992, 1994, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2013. The dailies are judged in 44 categories, and the weeklies in 44 categories. Both focused on writing, photography, advertising, design and creativity.

Other weeklies in the top three were, second, Aurora News-Register, and the Sutton Clay County News, third.

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

More than 4,000 separate entries, representing 12 dailies and 79 weeklies, were judged by members of the South Dakota Press Association.

First, second and third place winners were announced Saturday night at an Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn-Midtown in Grand Island, where more than 190 journalists attended.

### 2014 Newspaper Winners

1. Use of Computer Graphics – Produced in House
   - **Class A Weekly**
     - 1st Place: Hyannis Grant Co. News
       - By: James Ducey
       - Title: Ranch Maps
     - 2nd Place: Lyons Mirror-Sun
       - By: Jamie Horter
       - Title: Track The Poker Run
     - 3rd Place: Lyons Mirror-Sun
       - By: Jamie Horter
       - Title: Student Enrollment

2. Use of Computer Graphics – Produced in House
   - **Class B Weekly**
     - 1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
       - By: Kris Moody
       - Title: Drawing Up A Plan
     - 2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
       - By: Nathan Arneal
       - Title: Lambley Closes Book
     - 3rd Place: North Bend Eagle
       - By: Nathan Arneal
       - Title: EHC Champions

3. Use of Computer Graphics – Produced in House
   - **Class C Weekly**
     - 1st Place: Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer
       - By: Ashley Olson and Mark Jackson
       - Title: Thanksgiving Recipe
     - 2nd Place: Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer
       - By: Katie Novak and Allison Jones
       - Title: Happy Holidays
     - 3rd Place: Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer
       - By: Perky Weatherly and Katie Novak
       - Title: Increased Valuations
1. Use of Computer Graphics – Produced in House
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Omaha Catholic Voice
By: Lisa Maxson and Joe Ruff
Title: 40 Days
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune
By: Leanna Ellis
Title: Bertrand Returns
3rd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
By: Corbey Dorsey
Title: Fall Sports Preview

2. Building Circulation
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Alliance Times-Herald
By: Tom Shaal
Title: Daily Scoop Contest
2nd Place: Omaha Catholic Voice
By: Staff
Title: Tradition
3rd Place: Bellevue Leader
By: Melissa Vanek
Title: You Give, We Give

2. Building Circulation
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Nick Cavallaro
Title: Picking Up The Pieces
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Dennis Meyer
Title: Fall Sports Preview
3rd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Chris Culver
Title: Sky’s The Limit

2. Building Circulation
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Christine Hollister and Randy & Jodi Sadd
Title: Keep Up With Your Community
2nd Place: Friend Sentinel
By: Rachelle Hinrichs & Jaci Thorburn
Title: St. Patrick’s Day
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Staman
Title: News Racks Into Art

2. Building Circulation
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Erin Huber
Title: Thanks Readers
No 2nd or 3rd place awarded.

2. Building Circulation
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Papillion Times
By: Melissa Vanek & Ann Hunrecks
Title: Swing Into Summer
2nd Place: Hebron Journal-Register
By: Christy Farnstrom
Title: Valentino’s - Subscriptions
3rd Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Kathi Viergutz
Title: Can’t Seem To Put Us Down?

3. Reader Interaction
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Wauneta Breeze
2nd Place: Doniphan Herald
3rd Place: Oakland Independent

3. Reader Interaction
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Gretna Guide & News
2nd Place: Wilber Republican
3rd Place: Milford Times

3. Reader Interaction
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer
2nd Place: Imperial Republican
3rd Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald

3. Reader Interaction
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief
2nd Place: Crete News
3rd Place: Aurora News-Register

3. Reader Interaction
Daily
1st Place: Hastings Tribune
2nd Place: North Platte Telegraph
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
Advertising
4. Community Promotion Advertisement
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Callaway Courier
By: Michael Wendorff
Title: It Pays to Shop
2nd Place: Gering Courier
By: Ilene Anderson
Title: Sugar Valley Rally
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Ilene Anderson & Carol Steele
Title: Live Drug Free

4. Community Promotion Advertisement
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Gretna Breeze
By: Mike King
Title: Salute To Gretna High School Arts
2nd Place: Wilbur Republican
By: Patti Danbom and Patrick Checketts
Title: DeWitt July 4th
3rd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Shari Friedel, Jan Rahn and Tim Linscott
Title: Newspaper Week

4. Community Promotion Advertisement
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Papillion Times
By: Shon Barenklau
Title: Starlight Movies
2nd Place: West Point News
By: Paula Nesladek
Title: EMT Salute
3rd Place: Papillion Times
By: Paul Swanson
Title: Salute To Heroes

4. Community Promotion Advertisement
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Bellevue Leader
By: Paul Swanson
Title: Kids Take Over
2nd Place: Wahoo Newspaper
By: Sandy Hutson and Cheryl Ludvik
Title: Hometown Holidays
3rd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Jill Bartling
Title: Veteran Salute

4. Community Promotion Advertisement
Daily
1st Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Staff
Title: Get Fit Challenge
2nd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Kimberly Rahe and Penny Parker
Title: 125 Years Of Reporting

3rd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Staff
Title: Keeping In Touch

5. Agricultural Advertisement
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Friend Sentinel
By: Patrick Checketts and Patti Danbom
Title: Burt Co. Insurance Agency
2nd Place: Oakland Independent
By: Patti Krysl and Ali Peterson
Title: Citizens State Bank — Livestock Friendly

5. Agricultural Advertisement
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Milford Times
By: Pat Daehling & Patti Danbom
Title: Farmers & Merchants Bank
2nd Place: Elgin Review
By: Lynell Morgan
Title: Bank of Elgin
3rd Place: Wisner News-Chronicle
By: Jamie Parker
Title: Crop Production Services

5. Agricultural Advertisement
Class C Weekly
1st Place: West Point News
By: Paula Nesladek
Title: Farmers & Merchants Bank — Recipe For Success
2nd Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald
By: Kathy Gundell
Title: Homestead Bank
3rd Place: Albion News
By: Bethany Rachow
Title: Sup’s Feed Service

5. Agricultural Advertisement
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Dani Lemburg
Title: United Farmers Coop.
2nd Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette
By: Mike Overmann
Title: Nebraska Humane Society
3rd Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Patti Danbom & Charity Down
Title: The Cattle National Bank
5. Agricultural Advertisement
Daily
1st Place: York News-Times
By: Valerie Nunnenkamp
Title: York Jewelry
2nd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Gay Hill & Chad Dixon
Title: Frank Implement
3rd Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
By: Staff
Title: Homestead Land Co.

6. Best Small Ad (Under 1/4 page or less than 3x10-1/2")
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Lyons Mirror-Sun
By: Ali Peterson
Title: Fall Fun — Sue’s Flower Shoppe
2nd Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Randy Sadd
Title: Fish Fry
3rd Place: Hemingford Ledger
By: Staff
Title: “Barn” In The USA

6. Best Small Ad (Under 1/4 page or less than 3x10-1/2")
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Burwell Tribune
By: Steve Jeffries
Title: Merry Christmas Jeffries
2nd Place: Gretna Breeze
By: Echo Bronk
Title: Fall Craft Boutique — Bryan High School
3rd Place: Ravenna News
By: Sherry Thom
Title: AH/AC

6. Best Small Ad (Under 1/4 page or less than 3x10-1/2")
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Chadron Record
By: Ginger Campbell
Title: Happy 60th B-day
2nd Place: Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer
By: Meg Beachler and Renee Lombardo
Title: Flu Shots
3rd Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Kathi Viergutz
Title: Sun Theatre

6. Best Small Ad (Under 1/4 page or less than 3x10-1/2")
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
By: Lindcey McDonald
Title: Lenten Specials
2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Patti Danbom and Pat Daehling
Title: Sheri’s

3rd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Dave Bradley
Title: Laurie Pfeifer – Outstanding

6. Best Small Ad (Under 1/4 page or less than 3x10-1/2")
Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
By: Melodee Hauserman and Andrea Dzingle
Title: Haunted Theatre
2nd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Peggi Carabajal and Dalene D. Louden
Title: VBS
3rd Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
By: Amy Stokebrand and Sarah Dalton
Title: Dee’s Hallmark — Blooming Expressions

7. Signature Page
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
By: Ilene Anderson & Carol Steele
Title: Breast Cancer Awareness
2nd Place: Hemingford Ledger
By: Staff
Title: Get Your Red On
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Ilene Anderson & Carol Steele
Title: Halloween

7. Signature Page
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Ralston Recorder
By: Paul Swanson
Title: Kids Take Over
2nd Place: Burwell Tribune
By: Staff
Title: Fair Photos
3rd Place: Gretna Guide & News
By: Darcy Iske and Mike Overmann
Title: Veterans Day 2013

7. Signature Page
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Imperial Republican
By: Karen Hayes, Chris Fidler and Jana Pribbeno
Title: WWII Vets
2nd Place: Papillion Times
By: Paul Swanson
Title: Fire Prevention Week
3rd Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Jo Atkinson
Title: 4-H Week
7. Signature Page
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Alliance Times-Herald
By: Aaron Wade
Title: Good Luck At State
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune
By: Rachel Birdsell
Title: Gateway To The West Days
3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune
By: Patti Krysl
Title: Congrats All-State Music

8. Classified Section
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Callaway Courier
2nd Place: Wauneta Breeze
3rd Place: Oakland Independent

Class B Weekly
1st Place: Elgin Review
By: Lynell Morgan
Title: Bank of Elgin
2nd Place: Elgin Review
Title: Elgin City Hall – Dog Tags
3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Erin Huber
Title: Harvard Rest Haven

Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Jo Atkinson
Title: Stone Hearth Estates
2nd Place: Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer
By: Allison Jones & Renee Lombardo
Title: Golden Living Centers
3rd Place: Papillion Times
By: Jen Carter & Troy Snow
Title: Spotlight Students – Five Points Bank

Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune
By: Patti Krysl & Rachel Birdsell
Title: Siffring Landscaping
2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Patti Danbom & Charity Down
Title: Greckel Construction
3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune
By: Ali Peterson & Jen Stolz
Title: Get To Know…Enterprise Publishing

Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
By: Melodee Hauserman & Andrea Dzingle
Title: Central Nebraska Imaging
2nd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Janelle Keeler & KC Heath
Title: Bentley’s Fine Jewelry
3rd Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
By: Becky Reedy
Title: Fox Funeral Home
10. Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
By: Ilene Anderson
Title: Caddies
2nd Place: Hemingford Ledger
By: Staff
Title: Reeling In A Fiber New Year
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Ilene Anderson
Title: Computer Connection

10. Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Wisner News-Chronicle
By: Jamie Parker
Title: Prime Stop Happy Holidays
2nd Place: Gretna Breeze
By: Scott Barry and Kathy Nue
Title: Body Pros
3rd Place: Gretna Guide & News
By: Darcy Iske
Title: Little Ridges Child Care

10. Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Chadron Record
By: Linda Teahon and Ginger Campbell
Title: Big Bat’s Shell
2nd Place: West Point News
By: Megan Hassler
Title: Memories Bi-Design
3rd Place: Papillion Times
By: Dylan Pueppke and Troy Snow
Title: Kajoma’s

10. Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Bellevue Leader
By: Troy Snow
Title: DJ Home Improvement
2nd Place: Fairbury Journal-News
By: Jennifer Lewis
Title: Canning Truck Service
3rd Place: Bellevue Leader
By: Scott Barry
Title: Extreme Image

10. Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color
Daily
1st Place: York News-Times
By: Justine Ehlers
Title: York Jewelry
2nd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Janelle Keller and KC Heath
Title: Johnson Cashway Lumber
3rd Place: Hastings Tribune

By: Deb Bunde
Title: Mr. Tire

11. Single Retail Advertising Idea – Black & White
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Hemingford Ledger
By: Staff
Title: Walker Construction
2nd Place: Friend Sentinel
By: Patrick Checketts and Patti Danbom
Title: Generations Bank
3rd Place: Callaway Courier
By: Michael Wendorff
Title: Dueling Pianos

11. Single Retail Advertising Idea – Black & White
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Gretna Breeze
By: Scott Barry and Brian Beerman
Title: We’ll Smoke U BBQ
2nd Place: Gering Citizen
By: Lisa Betz
Title: Century Lumber

11. Single Retail Advertising Idea – Black & White
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald
By: Kathy Gundell
Title: Flash Electric
2nd Place: Albion News
By: Bethany Rachow
Title: Boone County Fitness
3rd Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Kathi Viergutz
Title: Diva Nails

11. Single Retail Advertising Idea – Black & White
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Paula Johnson
Title: Paper Sale
2nd Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazzette
By: Darcy Iske
Title: Esprit
3rd Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette
By: Darcy Iske
Title: Mt. Michael Fall Festival
11. Single Retail Advertising Idea – Black & White Daily
1st Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Gay Hill and Chad Dixon
Title: Becky’s
2nd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Melodee Hauserman and Andrea Dzingle
Title: Cervical Cancer Month
3rd Place: North Platte Telegraph
By: Judy Feeney and Brenda Clark
Title: Auto One Voted Used Car Dealership

1st Place: York News-Times
By: Erica Ketchum & Valerie Nunnenkamp
Title: GM Service Tech
2nd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Kim Mendez & Dalene Louden
Title: Race Is On — Team Auto Center
3rd Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
By: Amy Stokerbrand & Sarah Dalton
Title: Twin Rivers – Showcase Event

Class A Weekly
1st Place: Oakland Independent
By: Cindy Harper & Ali Peterson
Title: Olson Pearson
2nd Place: Wauneta Breeze
By: Susan Jones
Title: I Want That
No 3rd place awarded.

1st Place: Geneva Nebraska Signal
By: Cheryl Baker & JoAnn Edgecombe
Title: Geneva City Wide Garage Sales
2nd Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Kathi Viergutz
Title: Senior Center Garage Sale
No 3rd place awarded.

14. Ad Copywriting Class A Weekly
1st Place: Wauneta Breeze
By: Susan Jones & Sheri Hink-Wagner
No 2nd or 3rd place awarded.

14. Ad Copywriting Class B Weekly
1st Place: Milford Times
By: Pat Daehling & Patti Danbom
No 3rd place awarded.

14. Ad Copywriting Class C Weekly
1st Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald
By: Kathy Gundell
No 3rd place awarded.

14. Ad Copywriting Class D Weekly
1st Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette
By: Staff
No 3rd place awarded.
14. Ad Copywriting
Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
By: Melodee Hauserman & Andrea Dzingle
2nd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Jenny Fisher & Ilene Anderson
3rd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Classified staff & Alexis Dvorak

Sports
15. Sports Action Photo
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Joe Burns
Title: Pitcher
2nd Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Jimmy Rash
Title: Jumper
3rd Place: Friend Sentinel
By: Stephanie Croston
Title: Basketball Stretch

15. Sports Action Photo
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Tecumseh Chieftain
By: Ann Wickett
Title: JCC’s Justin Damme
2nd Place: Gretna Guide & News
By: Mike Fischer
Title: Travis Agagah-Football
3rd Place: Gretna Guide & News
By: Mike Fischer
Title: Gretna’s Mitch Drey

15. Sports Action Photo
Class C Weekly
1st Place: West Point News
By: Mike O’Brien
Title: Softball
2nd Place: Albion News
By: Joe Flanagan
Title: Gettin’ His Kicks
3rd Place: Bridgeport News-Blade
By: Coleen McKay
Title: Bulldogs Sprint

15. Sports Action Photo
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
By: Corbey Dorsey
Title: Cozad’s Tysen Werner
2nd Place Cozad Tri-City Tribune
By: Corbey Dorsey
Title: Big Plays Boost
3rd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
By: Corbey Dorsey
Title: Minutemen Score Big

15. Sports Action Photo
Daily
1st Place: York News-Times
By: Steve Moseley
Title: Bull Riders
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Matt Dixon
Title: High Jump
3rd Place: Hastings Tribune
By: Laura Beahm
Title: Basketball Scramble

16. Sports Feature Photo
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Friend Sentinel
By: Stephanie Croston
Title: Celebrating A Championship
2nd Place: Wauneta Breeze
By: Diane Stamm
Title: Two For Two
3rd Place: Wauneta Breeze
By: Diane Stamm
Title: Double The Fun

16. Sports Feature Photo
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Pender Times
By: Mark Vrbicky
Title: Rounds Third Toward State
2nd Place: Wilber Republican
By: Jane White
Title: Pheasant Hunt
3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Tory Duncan
Title: Helping Hand

16. Sports Feature Photo
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Imperial Republican
By: Jan Schultz
Title: Lady Longhorns
2nd Place: West Point News
By: Mike O’Brien
Title: Jumping For Joy
3rd Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Greg Viergutz
Title: Tears Of Joy
16. Sports Feature Photo
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
By: Corbey Dorsey
Title: State Champs
2nd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
By: Corbey Dorsey
Title: Soccer State Bound
3rd Place: Wahoo Newspaper
By: Lisa Brichacek
Title: Warrior Spirit

16. Sports Feature Photo
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Barrett Stinson
Title: Cinco No Cinch
2nd Place: Hastings Tribune
By: Amy Roh
Title: Heartbreak
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Rick Tucker
Title: Diving Into Competition

17. Sports Page
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
2nd Place: Friend Sentinel
3rd Place: Wauneta Breeze

17. Sports Page
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Wayne Herald
2nd Place: Pender Times
3rd Place: Gering Citizen

17. Sports Page
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gothenburg Times
2nd Place: Plattsmouth Journal
3rd Place: South Sioux City Dakota Co. Star

17. Sports Page
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Fairbury Journal-News
2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent
3rd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune

17. Sports Page
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
2nd Place: Kearney Hub
3rd Place: Beatrice Daily Sun

18. Sports Column
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
By: Jeff Fielder
2nd Place: Callaway Courier
By: Michael Wendorff
Only two entries received.

18. Sports Column
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Milford Times
By: Logan Tuttle
2nd Place: Gering Citizen
By: Terry Gaston
3rd Place: Ravenna News
By: Monte Steele

18. Sports Column
Class C Weekly
1st Place: South Sioux City Dakota Co. Star
By: Blake Branch
2nd Place: West Point News
By: Mike O’Brien
3rd Place: Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer
By: Mark Jackson

18. Sports Column
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Dave Bradley
2nd Place: Crete News
By: Andy McCallister
3rd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
By: Kelly Ninas

18. Sports Column
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Dale Miller
2nd Place: Hastings Tribune
By: Mike Zimmerman
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Connor O’Gara

19. Sports Writing
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Jason W. Brooks
Title: Hilgenkamp, Lorsch Inducted Into Hall Of Fame
2nd Place: Oakland Independent
By: Curt Hineline
Title: Hardcore Wrestling Match Draws…
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Jeremy Woznick
Title: Getting Defensive
19. Sports Writing
Class B Weekly
1st Place: North Bend Eagle
By: Nathan Arneal
Title: Lambley Closes Book on 51-Year Coaching Career
2nd Place: Wilber Republican
By: Jane White
Title: Higel Takes the Challenge, Owns It
3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Tory Duncan
Title: Big Mike Shines

19. Sports Writing
Class C Weekly
1st Place: West Point News
By: Mike O’Brien
Title: Born To Rodeo
2nd Place: Plattsmouth Journal
By: Brent Hardin
Title: Teen Raises Awareness About Concussions
3rd Place: Hartington Cedar Co. News
By: Jacob Snyder
Title: Rough Ride

19. Sports Writing
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Hickman Voice News
By: Gerry Baksy
Title: Hickman Players Left All On The Field
2nd Place: Crete News
By: Andy McCallister
Title: Tigers Upend No. 16 Bulldogs
3rd Place: Fairbury Journal-News
By: Shawn Friedrichsen
Title: Pearce Brings Skill To Roller Derby

19. Sports Writing
Daily
1st Place: North Platte Telegraph
By: Roger Bluhm
Title: Still an Athlete
2nd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Nathan Hart
Title: This One’s for You
3rd Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
By: Luke Nichols
Title: How Sweet It Is

Photography
20. Photo Page
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Staman
Title: Working Back In Time

20. Photo Page
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Staff
Title: Honoring Those Who Have Served
2nd Place: Gretna Breeze
By: Vince Mancuso
Title: A Day Of Mexican Culture
3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Staff
Title: Sutton, Edger Enjoy Festival Fun

20. Photo Page
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Papillion Times
By: Antone Oseka
Title: Sending A Message
2nd Place: Papillion Times
By: Antone Oseka
Title: Papio Bay Goes To The Dogs
3rd Place: Papillion Times
By: Antone Oseka
Title: Fire Drill

20. Photo Page
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune
By: Joe Burns and Leeanna Ellis
Title: Look Out Below
2nd Place: Omaha Catholic Voice
By: Lisa Maxson
Title: Work Of Hands & Hearts
TIE: 3rd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
By: Corbey Dorsey
Title: 2013 Pony Express
3rd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
By: Corbey Dorsey
Title: The Wild West Comes Alive

20. Photo Page
Daily
1st Place: North Platte Telegraph
By: Andrew Bottrell
Title: Fun In The Snow
2nd Place: Hastings Tribune
By: Laura Beahm
Title: State Basketball
TIE: 3rd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Barrett Stinson & Matt Dixon
Title: Tuesday At The Fair
3rd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Barrett Stinson
Title: A Treat For All Ages
21. Feature Photography  
Class A Weekly  
1st Place: Doniphan Herald  
By: Jim Rash  
Title: Wingin’ It  
2nd Place: Doniphan Herald  
By: Jim Rash  
Title: Bring On the Snow!  
3rd Place: Lyons Mirror-Sun  
By: Jamie Horter  
Title: Finally, the Rain Came

21. Feature Photography  
Class B Weekly  
1st Place: Gretna Breeze  
By: Antone Oseka  
Title: Board on a Snow Day  
2nd Place: Wayne Herald  
By: Michael Carnes  
Title: Flippin’ Out  
TIE: 3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News  
By: Kris Moody  
Title: Apple Bobbing  
3rd Place: Gretna Breeze  
By: Vince Mancuso  
Title: Face Painting

21. Feature Photography  
Class C Weekly  
1st Place: Imperial Republican  
By: Jan Schultz  
Title: Hey, Santa  
2nd Place: Bridgeport News-Blade  
By: Kevin Myers  
Title: Autumn Colors  
3rd Place: Papillion Times  
By: Mike Bell  
Title: Dog & Pony Show

21. Feature Photography  
Class D Weekly  
1st Place: Fairbury Journal-News  
By: Jim Headley  
Title: Dairy Cow  
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune  
By: Joe Burns  
Title: Playing In The Rain  
3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise  
By: Joe Burns  
Title: Bursting In Air

21. Feature Photography  
Daily  
1st Place: Grand Island Independent  
By: Matt Dixon  
Title: Time To Plant  
2nd Place: Kearney Hub

By: Helen Glatter  
Title: Jumpin’ Bluejays  
3rd Place: Norfolk Daily News  
By: Darin Epperly  
Title: Let ‘Er Loose

22. News Photography  
Class A Weekly  
1st Place: Friend Sentinel  
By: Stephanie Hyland  
Title: Controlled Burn  
2nd Place: Wauneta Breeze  
By: Diane Stamm  
Title: Sunday Storm  
3rd Place: Gering Courier  
By: Brad Staman  
Title: Demo Begins

22. News Photography  
Class B Weekly  
1st Place: Kimball Western Nebraska Observer  
By: Daniel Thompson  
Title: Roadwork  
2nd Place: Waverly News  
By: Jay Omar  
Title: Controlled Burn  
3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News  
By: Kris Moody  
Title: Firefighters

22. News Photography  
Class C Weekly  
1st Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald  
By: Paul Pack  
Title: Storm Packs A Punch  
2nd Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald  
By: David Penner  
Title: Snowed In  
3rd Place: Gothenburg Times  
By: Elizabeth Barrett  
Title: Clean Up

22. News Photography  
Class D Weekly  
1st Place: Aurora News-Register  
By: Laurie Pfeifer  
Title: Fire Chief Talks to Accident Victims  
2nd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune  
By: Corbey Dorsey  
Title: Fire Damage  
3rd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune  
By: Corbey Dorsey  
Title: Waterslide

22. News Photography  
Daily  
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Barrett Stinson
Title: Sky-High Wishes
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Barrett Stinson
Title: Paying Their Respects
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Rick Tucker
Title: To Honor Every Veteran

23. Breaking News Photography
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Staman
Title: Pickup Train Accident
Judges Comments: Great view point. Clear shot.
2nd Place: Callaway Courier
By: Michael Wendorff
Title: Chimney Fire
3rd Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Tricia Barber
Title: No Injury Crash

23. Breaking News Photography
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Kris Moody
Title: Tornado Street Damage
2nd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Kris Moody
Title: Firefighters
3rd Place: Wisner News-Chronicle
By: Jeff Recker
Title: Semi Accident

23. Breaking News Photography
Class C Weekly
1st Place: South Sioux City Dakota Co. Star
By: Blake Branch
Title: Homefire
2nd Place: Imperial Republican
By: Jan Schultz
Title: High Speed Chase Arrests
3rd Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Elizabeth Barrett
Title: Railroad Cars Toppled

23. Breaking News Photography
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Falls City Journal
By: Jason Schock
Title: Pickup Collision
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Kurt Johnson
Title: Barn Fire
3rd Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Stephanie Hyland
Title: Farm Buildings Burn

23. Special Edition or Section
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Barrett Stinson
Title: Firefighters
2nd Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
By: Scott Koperski
Title: Bank Robbery Arrests
3rd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Bob Berry
Title: Trail Of Destruction – Wayne Tornado

24. Use of Color – News (Weeklies Only)
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Arlington Citizen
2nd Place: Friend Sentinel
3rd Place: Lyons Mirror-Sun

24. Use of Color – News (Weeklies Only)
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Gretna Guide & News
2nd Place: Verdigre Eagle
3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News

24. Use of Color – News (Weeklies Only)
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gothenburg Times
2nd Place: Papillion Times
3rd Place: Albion News

24. Use of Color – News (Weeklies Only)
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
3rd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune

25. Lifestyles
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Hyannis Grant Co. News
2nd Place: Doniphan Herald
3rd Place: Gering Courier

25. Lifestyles
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
No 2nd or 3rd place awarded.

25. Lifestyles
Class C Weekly
1st Place: West Point News
No 2nd or 3rd place awarded.

25. Lifestyles
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Wahoo Newspaper
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
3rd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune

25. Lifestyles
Daily
1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
2nd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
3rd Place: Kearney Hub

26. Special Single Edition or Section
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Oakland Independent
2nd Place: Doniphan Herald
3rd Place: Gering Courier

26. Special Single Edition or Section
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Wayne Herald
2nd Place: Gering Citizen
3rd Place: Wayne Herald

26. Special Single Edition or Section
Class C Weekly
1st Place: West Point News
2nd Place: Chadron Record
3rd Place: South Sioux City Dakota Co. Star

26. Special Single Edition or Section
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Seward Co. Independent
2nd Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette
3rd Place: Alliance Times-Herald

27. Special Edition or Section, Multiple Publication Dates
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Chadron Record
Title: Progress
2nd Place: Chadron Record
Title: Working Women
3rd Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald
Title: Red & Wild

27. Special Edition or Section, Multiple Publication Dates
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Wayne Herald
Title: Community Honor Roll
2nd Place: Gering Citizen
Title: Falls Sports Preview
3rd Place: Grand Island Independent
Title: State Volleyball 2013

27. Special Edition or Section, Multiple Publication Dates
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Chadron Record
Title: Progress 2013
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
Title: Retirement Lifestyles
3rd Place: Hickman Voice News
Title: Mature Times

27. Special Edition or Section, Multiple Publication Dates
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief
Title: Progress 2013
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
Title: Retirement Lifestyles
3rd Place: Hickman Voice News
Title: Home & Garden

27. Special Edition or Section, Multiple Publication Dates
Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
Title: Hub’s 125th
2nd Place: Hastings Tribune
Title: Outlook
3rd Place: Grand Island Independent
Title: State Volleyball 2013

28. Personal Column
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Callaway Courier
By: Michael Wendorff
2nd Place: Wauneta Breeze
By: Diane Stamm
3rd Place: Hemingford Ledger
By: Amber Ningen

28. Personal Column
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Gering Citizen
By: Jon-Lee Campbell
2nd Place: Wayne Herald
By: Michael Carnes
3rd Place: Ralston Recorder
By: Elizabeth Brown

27. Special Edition or Section, Multiple Publication Dates
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Tecumseh Chieftain
Title: Community Honor Roll
2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
Title: In Remembrance
28. Personal Column
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Elizabeth Barrett
2nd Place: Papillion Times
By: Adam Klinker
TIE: 3rd Place: Valentine Midland News
By: Lyn Messersmith
3rd Place: Papillion Times
By: Mike Bell

28. Personal Column
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Fairbury Journal-News
By: Fred Arnold
2nd Place: Omaha Catholic Voice
By: Deacon Randy Grosse
3rd Place: Fairbury Journal-News
By: Jim Headley

28. Personal Column
Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
By: Mike Konz
2nd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Mary Jane Skala
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Lori Potter

29. Youth Coverage
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Oakland Independent
2nd Place: Gering Courier
3rd Place: Wauneta Breeze

29. Youth Coverage
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Verdigre Eagle
2nd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
3rd Place: Gordon Sheridan Co. Journal-Star

29. Youth Coverage
Class C Weekly
1st Place: West Point News
2nd Place: Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer
3rd Place: Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief

29. Youth Coverage
Daily
1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
2nd Place: Kearney Hub
3rd Place: North Platte Telegraph

30. Specialty Pages
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Oakland Independent
2nd Place: Hemingford Ledger
3rd Place: Wauneta Breeze

30. Specialty Pages
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Ponca Nebraska Journal-Leader
2nd Place: Gering Citizen
3rd Place: Gordon Sheridan Co. Journal-Star

30. Specialty Pages
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald
2nd Place: South Sioux City Dakota Co. Star
3rd Place: Plattsmouth Journal

30. Specialty Pages
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune
3rd Place: Aurora News-Register

31. Breaking News
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Christine Hollister
Title: Platte River Flooding
2nd Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Christine Hollister
Title: Gibbon Apes Stolen
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Stuman
Title: Strange End To Tourney

31. Breaking News
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Kris Moody
Title: Tornado Hits Edgar
2nd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Kris Moody
Title: Mother Nature Round Two
3rd Place: Wayne Herald
By: Michael Carnes
Title: PCF Moving
31. Breaking News
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Chadron Record
By: Kerri Rempp
Title: Tornado
2nd Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Elizabeth Barrett
Title: Heroic Rescue
3rd Place: Papillion Times
By: Kirby Kaufman
Title: RV Fire

31. Breaking News
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
By: Staff
Title: Fast & Furious
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Laurie Pfeifer
Title: Cemetery Vandalism
3rd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Kurt Johnson
Title: Barn Fire

31. Breaking News
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Tracy Overstreet
Title: Dispute Turns Violent
TIE: 2nd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Brandon Nelson
Title: Heavy Weather
2nd Place: North Platte Telegraph
By: Staff
Title: Flooding
3rd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Maunette Loeks
Title: Couple Behind Bars

32. Feature Series
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Staman
Title: McKinley School
2nd Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Christine Hollister
Title: Cardinal Pride
No 3rd place awarded.

32. Feature Series
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Gretna Guide and News
By: Ashley Zajak and Darcy Iske
Title: Daycations
2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
By: Nathan Armeal
Title: School Bond Issue

3rd Place: Wilber Republican
By: Jane White
Title: Firemen

32. Feature Series
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Papillion Times
By: Adam Klinker
Title: Whiskey Brewing
2nd Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald
By: Kevin Zelaya
Title: Retiring Teachers
3rd Place: Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer
By: Katie Novak
Title: Success Stories

32. Feature Series
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune
By: Tricia Barber, Leanna Ellis and Teresa Hoffman
Title: High School Reunion
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Staff
Title: Technology
3rd Place: Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief
By: David Merrill
Title: Turning The Tide

32. Feature Series
Daily
1st Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
By: Chris Dunker
Title: Dempster Industries
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Tracy Overstreet & Harold Reutter
Title: Developing CAAP Land
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Mary Jane Skala
Title: Lincoln Highway

33. Single Feature Story
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Christine Hollister
Title: Local Veteran Remembers WWII
2nd Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Christine Hollister
Title: My Funny Valentine
3rd Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Leanna Ellis
Title: Plenty of Pairs
33. Single Feature Story
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Kris Moody
Title: Some People Are Different
2nd Place: Humphrey Democrat
By: Patrick Murphy
Title: Smiles Turned To Sorrow
TIE: 3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Kris Moody
Title: Surviving The Holocaust
3rd Place: Waverly News
By: Peggy Brown
Title: Waverly Family Celebrates Son’s Short Life

33. Single Feature Story
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Plattsmouth Journal
By: Patti Jo Peterson
Title: Plattsmouth Man Bit In Yard
2nd Place: Hartington Cedar Co. News
By: Deanna Anderson
Title: Honor Flight Brings Back Memories For Eickhoff
3rd Place: West Point News
By: Bev Wieler
Title: Three Bald Eagles Take Flight After Found Near Dead In Field Near West Point.

33. Single Feature Story
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Laurie Pfeifer
Title: Unpleasant Memories
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Kurt Johnson
Title: Link to JFK
3rd Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette
By: Emily Heinzen
Title: Stabbing Remembered

33. Single Feature Story
Daily
1st Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
By: Chris Dunker
Title: A SWAT Tale
2nd Place: North Platte Telegraph
By: Heather Johnson
Title: Treasure Trove
3rd Place: Hastings Tribune
By: Donna Christensen & Andy Raun
Title: Voice From The Past

34. In-Depth Writing
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Leeanna Ellis
Title: Raising Awareness — Daycare
3rd Place: Coleridge Blade
By: Deanna Anderson
Title: Victims Of Tornado Damage

34. In-Depth Writing
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Ralston Recorder
By: Adam Klinker
Title: Ralston Arena
2nd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Jan Rahn
Title: School Study
3rd Place: Gordon Sheridan Co. Journal-Star
By: Clint Andersen
Title: Potash History

34. In-Depth Writing
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Papillion Times
By: Scott Stewart, Elizabeth Brown, Adam Klinker
Title: Learning Community
2nd Place: Papillion Times
By: Mike Bell, Elizabeth Brown
Title: School Bond
3rd Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Elizabeth Barrett
Title: Lake Helen

34. In-Depth Writing
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Staff
Title: Inside the Numbers
2nd Place: Ogallala Keith Co. News
By: Mary Pierce
Title: Touching Lives – Nursing Shortage
3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune
By: Teresa Hoffman
Title: Ft. Calhoun Bond Issue

34. In-Depth Writing
Daily
1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Christina Woodworth
Title: Scraping By
2nd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Kim Schmidt
Title: Juvenile Injustice
3rd Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
By: Chris Dunker
Title: Debts Unpaid
35. Public Notice & Its Promotion  
Class A Weekly  
1st Place: Petersburg Press  
Judges Comments: Very clever ad!  
2nd Place: Gering Courier  
No 3rd place awarded.

35. Public Notice & Its Promotion  
Class B Weekly  
1st Place: Elgin Review  
2nd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News  
No 3rd place awarded.

35. Public Notice & Its Promotion  
Class C Weekly  
1st Place: Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer  
2nd Place: Albion News  
No 3rd place awarded.

35. Public Notice & Its Promotion  
Class D Weekly  
1st Place: Ogallala Keith Co. News  
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register  
3rd Place: Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief

36. Editorial Page  
Class A Weekly  
1st Place: Wauneta Breeze  
2nd Place: Callaway Courier  
3rd Place: Gering Courier

36. Editorial Page  
Class B Weekly  
1st Place: Pender Times  
2nd Place: Gering Citizen  
3rd Place: Fairbury Journal-News

36. Editorial Page  
Class C Weekly  
1st Place: Hartington Cedar Co. News  
2nd Place: Imperial Republican  
3rd Place: Norfolk Daily News

36. Editorial Page  
Class D Weekly  
1st Place: Ogallala Keith Co. News  
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register  
3rd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
38. News Writing
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Hemingford Ledger
By: Amber Ningen
Title: Mortaro Resigns
2nd Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Staman
Title: Colossal Failure
3rd Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Leeanna Ellis
Title: Replacing Flags

38. News Writing
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Gretna Breeze
By: Vince Mancuso
Title: Saturday’s Shooting
2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
By: Nathan Arneal
Title: Bond Supporters
3rd Place: Gering Citizen
By: Lauren Smith-Kuckkahn
Title: Federal Shutdown

38. News Writing
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Chadron Record
By: Kerri Rempp
Title: Boating Near Tragedy
2nd Place: Papillion Times
By: Scott Stewart & Elizabeth Brown
Title: Out Of Time For Outlets
3rd Place: Plattsmouth Journal
By: Patti Jo Peterson
Title: Lucky To Be Alive

38. News Writing
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Crete News
By: Jenn Lampila
Title: Kalkwarf Finishes Marathon
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Laurie Pfeifer
Title: Lost GIS Info
3rd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Kurt Johnson
Title: County Valuations Jump

38. News Writing
Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
By: Jessica Kokesh
Title: Victim’s Mom
2nd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Bart Schaneman
Title: Potter Bus Crash
3rd Place: Hastings Tribune
By: Will Vraspir
Title: Guide Rock Homicide

39. Reader Contest
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
By: Ilene Anderson & Carol Steele
Title: Pick the Bowl Winners
2nd Place: Wausa Gazette
By: Crystal Wells
Title: Football Contest
3rd Place: Hyannis Grant Co. News
By: Sharon Wheelock
Title: Windmill Poem Contest

39. Reader Contest
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Wilber Republican
By: Patti Danbom & Patrick Checketts
Title: Register to Win a Free Turkey
2nd Place: Mullen Hooker Co. Tribune
By: Gerri Peterson
Title: “Guess the Due Date”
3rd Place: Burwell Tribune
By: Cindy Johnson
Title: Christmas Writing Contest

39. Reader Contest
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Greg Viergutz
Title: Best Feature Story Contest
Only two entries received. No 2nd place awarded.

39. Reader Contest
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
By: Ali Peterson & Leeanna Ellis
Title: National Dog Day
2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Staff
Title: Where Is This?
3rd Place: Omaha Catholic Voice
By: John Bosco, Joan Karre, Joe Ruff
Title: Colors of Christmas

39. Reader Contest
Daily
1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Staff
Title: Scared of Santa Contest
2nd Place: York News-Times
By: Kathy Larson, Erica Ketchum, Jenn Coffman, Valerie Nunnenkamp
Title: Match the Morph
No 3rd place awarded.
40. General Excellence
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
2nd Place: Wauneta Breeze
3rd Place: Oakland Independent

40. General Excellence
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
2nd Place: Gering Citizen
3rd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel

40. General Excellence
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gothenburg Times
2nd Place: Imperial Republican
3rd Place: Chadron Record

40. General Excellence
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
3rd Place: Bellevue Leader

40. General Excellence
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
2nd Place: Kearney Hub
3rd Place: Norfolk Daily News

41. Web Sites
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Wauneta Breeze
2nd Place: Friend Sentinel
3rd Place: Oakland Independent

41. Web Sites
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Gordon Sheridan Co. Journal-Star
2nd Place: Syracuse Journal-Democrat
3rd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel

41. Web Sites
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Nebraska City News-Press
2nd Place: Plattsmouth Journal
3rd Place: Tekamah Burt Co. Plaindealer

41. Web Sites
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Crete News
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
3rd Place: Seward Co. Independent

41. Web Sites
Daily
1st Place: Beatrice Daily Sun

42. Online Video
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Leeanna Ellis
Title: Powder Puff
2nd Place: Gering Courier
By: Maunette Loeks & Brad Staman
Title: Demolition
No 3rd place awarded.

42. Online Video
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Kris Moody
Title: Tornado
2nd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Kris Moody
Title: Memorial
3rd Place: Syracuse Journal-Democrat
By: Tammy Pearson
Title: Wiener Dog Race

42. Online Video
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Nebraska City News-Press
By: Tammy Pearson
Only one entry was entered.

42. Online Video
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Fairbury Journal-News
By: Staff
Title: 9/11
2nd Place: Crete News
By: Jenn Lampila
Title: Football
3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
By: Leeanna Ellis
Title: Lil Red

42. Online Video
Daily
1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Kathryn Harris, Jerry Guenther & Jake Wragge
Title: Pig Wrestling
2nd Place: York News-Times
By: Eric Eckert & Melanie Wilkinson
Title: Church Moving
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Erik O’Brien
Title: Sports Review
Front Page
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Wauneta Breeze
2nd Place: Arlington Citizen
3rd Place: Cambridge Clarion

Front Page
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Waverly News
2nd Place: Ashland Gazette
No 3rd place awarded.

Front Page
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gothenburg Times
Judges Comments: Very nice front page layout. Really like quote at top. Like teaser box at bottom.
2nd Place: South Sioux City Dakota Co. Star
3rd Place: Papillion Times

Front Page
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
2nd Place: Wahoo Newspaper
No 3rd place awarded.

Front Page
Daily
1st Place: North Platte Telegraph
2nd Place: Kearney Hub
3rd Place: Columbus Telegram

Headline Writing
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Oxford Standard
2nd Place: Arlington Citizen
3rd Place: Gering Courier

Headline Writing
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Waverly News
2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
3rd Place: Ashland Gazette

Headline Writing
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gothenburg Times
2nd Place: Schuyler Sun
3rd Place: Papillion Times

Headline Writing
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
2nd Place: O’Neill Holt Co. Independent
No 3rd place awarded.

Headline Writing
Daily
1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
2nd Place: North Platte Telegraph
3rd Place: Grand Island Independent

Photo of the Year
By: Matt Dixon, Grand Island Independent
Title: A Time to Plant, A Time to Reap

Editorial of the Year
By: Bill Dunn/Don Smith, Grand Island Independent
Title: Vavricek Should Step Down

Best NIE Program
Broken Bow Custer Co. Chief

Weekly Class A Award
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
2nd Place: Wauneta Breeze
3rd Place: Doniphan Herald

Weekly Class B Award
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
2nd Place: Gering Citizen
3rd Place: Gretna Breeze

Weekly Class C Award
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gothenburg Times
2nd Place: Papillion Times
3rd Place: West Point News

Weekly Class D Award
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
2nd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

Weekly Sweepstakes Award
Class - Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News

Daily Sweepstakes Award
Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
3rd Place: Norfolk Daily News