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LINCOLN — Sweepstakes winners in the Nebraska Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest are the weekly Gering Courier and the daily Grand Island Independent.

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 12th 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 11 first-place awards, 11 judged second best awards and 15 judged third best awards. This is their fifth year to win this award, and they beat out the second place winner by 83 points. The Gering Courier has won this award in 2005, 2006, 2009 and 2014.

The Grand Island Independent was the winner in the daily category, which excludes dailies in Omaha and Lincoln. It finished with 15 first-place awards, 13 for second and 9 for third. The Grand Island Independent has won this award in 1996, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2011. The dailies are judged in 48 categories, and the weeklies in 48 categories. Both focused on writing, photography, advertising, digital, design and creativity.

Other weeklies in the top three were, second, Grant Tribune-Sentinel, and the Sutton Clay County News, third.

Finishing second in the daily category was the Norfolk Daily News with the Kearney Hub, third.

More than 3,400 separate entries, representing 10 dailies and 73 weeklies, were judged by members of the Arizona Newspapers Association.

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

2015 Newspaper Winners

1. Use of Computer Graphics – Produced in House
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Leeanna Ellis
Title: When Hollywood Came to Arlington
2nd Place: Petersburg Press
By: Julie Dickerson
Title: 2013 Total Property Taxes...
No Third Place Awarded

1. Use of Computer Graphics – Produced in House
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Gretna Guide & News
By: Darcy Iske
Title: How to Cook a Turkey
2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
By: Nathan Arneal

Title: Nebraska Dept. of Roads
Only Two Entries Received in this Class.

1. Use of Computer Graphics – Produced in House
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Tecumseh Chieftain
By: Elaine Karel
Title: Back to School
2nd Place: Albion News
By: Julie Dickerson
Title: Property Valuation
3rd Place: Imperial Republican
By: Chris Fidler
Title: Imperial's Moisture

1. Use of Computer Graphics – Produced in House
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise

By: Lyndsey Nielsen
Title: Epic Game
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
By: Lyndsey Nielsen
Title: Introducing Interactivity
Only Two Entries Received in this Class.

1. Use of Computer Graphics – Produced in House
Daily
1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Dennis Meyer
Title: Mr. Wildcat
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Dennis Meyer
Title: Electrifying
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Nathan Hart
Title: Drawn to Excellence

2. Building Circulation
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
By: Staff
Title: Eighth Grade Trip
2nd Place: Gering Courier
By: Staff
Title: Creating News Rack Art
3rd Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Staff
Title: 200th New Subscriber

2. Building Circulation
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Karla Fehr
Title: Get in the Game
2nd Place: Gretna Breeze
By: Staff
Title: Pumpkin Patch
3rd Place: Elgin Review
By: Staff
Title: Elgin News Comes in 3 Shapes & Sizes

2. Building Circulation
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Papillion Times
By: Melissa Vanek
Title: We've Got News for You Wraparound
2nd Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald
By: Staff
Title: Food Donation
3rd Place: Geneva Nebraska Signal
By: John Edgecombe
Title: Go Green – Online Subscription

2. Building Circulation
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Omaha Catholic Voice
By: John Bosco, Randy Grosse, Joan Karre & Karen Suchy
Title: Voluntary Subscriptions
2nd Place: Bellevue Leader
By: Staff
Title: Food Pantry
3rd Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette
By: Mike Overmann & Darcy Iske
Title: Go On...Take a Shot

2. Building Circulation
Daily
1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Staff
Title: Gift Subscription...Husker Gift
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Staff
Title: Fishing with Fetch
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Cathy Headlee, Andrea Dzingle & Penny Parker
Title: Gift Subscription...Gift Card

3. Reader Interaction/Contest
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Doniphan Herald
2nd Place: Lyons Mirror-Sun
3rd Place: Wauneta Breeze

3. Reader Interaction/Contest
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Kimball Western Nebr. Observer
2nd Place: Gretna Guide & News
3rd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel

3. Reader Interaction/Contest
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Imperial Republican
2nd Place: So. Sioux City Dakota Co. Star
3rd Place: Ord Quiz

3. Reader Interaction/Contest
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
2nd Place: Falls City Journal
3rd Place: Omaha Catholic Voice

3. Reader Interaction/Contest
Daily
1st Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
2nd Place: Kearney Hub
3rd Place: York News-Times

Advertising

4. Community Promotion Advertisement
Class A Weekly

1st Place: Petersburg Press

By: Julie Dickerson

Title: Hot Time in Petersburg

2nd Place: Friend Sentinel

By: Patrick Checketts, Pat Daehling & Shanae Yeackley

Title: Christmas Services

3rd Place: Gering Courier

By: Ilene Anderson & Carol Steele

Title: Sugar Valley Rally

4. Community Promotion Advertisement
Class B Weekly

1st Place: Ponca Nebr. Journal-Leader

By: Richard & Judy Volkman

Title: Victory Celebration

2nd Place: Milford Times

By: Staff

Title: Seward Co. Fair

3rd Place: Gering Citizen

By: Lisa Betz & Anthony Brathwaite

Title: Sugar Valley Rally

4. Community Promotion Advertisement
Class C Weekly

1st Place: Imperial Republican

By: Jana Pribbeno, Chris Fidler & Karen Hayes

Title: Fun Day

2nd Place: Geneva Nebraska Signal

By: Cheryl Baker

Title: Win a Free Turkey

3rd Place: Hartington Cedar Co. News

By: Megan Lammers

Title: Cedar Co. Fair

4. Community Promotion Advertisement
Class D Weekly

1st Place: Bellevue Leader

By: John Cromwell & Jordan Adkisson

Title: Save the Sarpy Caboose

2nd Place: Wahoo Newspaper

By: Lisa Brichacek & Cheryl Ludvik

Title: Hometown Holidays

3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

By: Tricia Barber & Art Staff

Title: Sugarplum Festival

4. Community Promotion Advertisement
Daily

1st Place: Kearney Hub

By: Penny Parker & Kimberly Rahe

Title: Freedom Awards

2nd Place: North Platte Telegraph

By: Julie Murrish, Becky Parker & Apryl Lee

Title: Finding the Balance

3rd Place: Beatrice Daily Sun

By: Staff

Title: Best Wishes Orangemen

5. Agricultural Advertisement
Class A Weekly

1st Place: Hemingford Ledger

By: Dalene Louden

Title: Ready for the 2014 Wheat Harvest

2nd Place: Hemingford Ledger

By: Dalene Louden

Title: 365 Sunrises and 7 Billion Mouths To Feed

3rd Place: Friend Sentinel

By: Patti Danbom & Pat Daehling

Title: Farmer's Merchants Bank

5. Agricultural Advertisement
Class B Weekly

1st Place: Wisner News-Chronicle

By: Marilyn Raabe

Title: Beef Up Your Appetite — Prime Stop

2nd Place: Milford Times

By: Pat Daehling & Patti Danbom

Title: Farmers Mutual Farmguard — Suhr & Lichty

3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News

By: Erin Huber

Title: Celebrating 60 Years — Fairfield Coop

5. Agricultural Advertisement
Class C Weekly

1st Place: Imperial Republican

By: Sara Prittens, Chris Fidler & Karen Hayes

Title: Tillage Replacement Parts

2nd Place: Gothenburg Times

By: Kathi Viergutz

Title: Maline Seed & Fence

3rd Place: West Point News

By: Karlie Wagner

Title: Farmers & Merchants Bank

5. Agricultural Advertisement
Class D Weekly

1st Place: Seward Co. Independent

By: Pat Daehling & Shanae Yeackley

Title: Got a Family Farm? Kirby Roth Insurance

2nd Place: Ogallala Keith Co. News

By: Joni Pelster

Title: Farmers...They're Out of This World, Ogallala NAPA

3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

By: Lynette Hansen & Art Staff

Title: Washington Co. Fair

5. Agricultural Advertisement
Daily

1st Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald

By: Dalene Louden

Title: Kids in Ag Photo Contest

2nd Place: North Platte Telegraph
By: Jackie Jo Curtis & Apryl Lee
Title: We Bank on Our Farmers & Ranchers, Farmers State Bank

3rd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Todd Birchard & Lori Ziska
Title: Plan to Plant for Success

6. Best Small Ad (Under 1/4 page or less than 3x10-1/2")
Class A Weekly

1st Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Randy Sadd
Title: Tiff's Tavern "Ned Wrecks"

2nd Place: Hemingford Ledger
By: Dalene Louden

Title: Thank You-Parker
3rd Place: Wauneta Breeze
By: Sheri Hink-Wagner
Title: Chateau "Driving Miss Daisy"

6. Best Small Ad (Under 1/4 page or less than 3x10-1/2")
Class B Weekly

1st Place: Gretna Guide & News
By: Mike Overmann
Title: Talented and Gifted Academy

2nd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Shari Friedel

Title: 60 and Still Got It!
3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Erin Huber
Title: Doggone It! City of Harvard

6. Best Small Ad (Under 1/4 page or less than 3x10-1/2")
Class C Weekly

1st Place: Chadron Record
By: Julie Pfister & Mike Burg
Title: Don Zuver Construction

2nd Place: Chadron Record
By: Julie Pfister & Mike Burg
Title: Ugly Sweater Party — Wild's Bar & Grill

3rd Place: Imperial Republican
By: Jana Pribbeno, Chris Fidler & Karen Hayes
Title: Congratulations Josie — Imperial Jaycees

6. Best Small Ad (Under 1/4 page or less than 3x10-1/2")
Class D Weekly

1st Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Charity Down & Hailey Behlen
Title: Soup Supper — Izaak Walton League

2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Dave Bradley

Title: Father's Day — Schneider's
3rd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Dani Lemburg
Title: The Window Guy

6. Best Small Ad (Under 1/4 page or less than 3x10-1/2")
Daily

1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Chris Saegebarth & Janet Morris

Title: Love Your Lawn! — Lawnco
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Mindy Smidt & Teresa Verplank

Title: Pease, Love, Murder — Miletta Vista Winery
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Kimberly Rahe
Title: Kahuna Beach Party

7. Signature Page
Class A Weekly

1st Place: Gering Courier
By: Ilene Anderson & Carol Steele
Title: Cheerleaders

2nd Place: Petersburg Press
By: Bethany Rachow
Title: Cardinal Achievers
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Ilene Anderson & Carol Steele
Title: Together We Stand — Breast Cancer

7. Signature Page
Class B Weekly

1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Erin Huber
Title: Congratulations! Sutton Mustangs Basketball

2nd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Shari Friedel
Title: Get Your Mardi Gras On!

3rd Place: Ravenna News
By: Nancy Jackson & Sherry Thom
Title: Women In Business!

7. Signature Page
Class C Weekly

1st Place: Albion News
By: Bethany Rachow
Title: Boone Co. FFA

2nd Place: Geneva Nebraska Signal
By: Julie Hayek
Title: Congratulations BOS Eagles

3rd Place: O'Neill Holt Co. Independent
By: Terry Miles
Title: 2014 O'Neill Softball

7. Signature Page
Class D Weekly

1st Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Pat Daehling, Patrick Checketts & Shanae Yeakley
Title: Utica Heritage Days

2nd Place: Bellevue Leader
By: Paul Swanson, Michaela Clark & Staff
Title: Salute to Bellevue...
3rd Place: Aurora News-Register

By: Jill Bartling
Title: Back-to-Back

7. Signature Page
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Amanda Johnson
Title: Back to School
2nd Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
By: Staff
Title: Congratulations Orangemen!
3rd Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
By: Staff
Title: Earth Day

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

8. Classified Section
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Gretna Guide & News
2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
3rd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel

8. Classified Section
Class C Weekly
1st Place: O'Neill Holt Co. Independent
2nd Place: Imperial Republican
No Third Place Awarded.

8. Classified Section
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent
No Third Place Awarded.

8. Classified Section
Daily
1st Place: York News-Times
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News
No Third Place Awarded.

9. Advertising Campaign
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
By: RC Heath & Carol Steele
Title: Century Lumber Center
2nd Place: Lyons Mirror-Sun
By: Ali Peterson
Title: First National Bank NE
3rd Place: Friend Sentinel
By: Staff
Title: Classroom Of The Week

9. Advertising Campaign
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Gretna Guide & News
By: Darcy Iske & Mike Overmann
Title: Gretna Physical Therapy
2nd Place: Ravenna News
By: Nancy Jackson
Title: Farmer's Cooperative
3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Erin Huber
Title: Harvard Rest Haven

9. Advertising Campaign
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald
By: Heather Strickland
Title: The Pinnacle Agency
2nd Place: Papillion Times
By: Christian Estaniqui & Amy Corrigan
Title: Shadow Lake Collision Center
3rd Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Kathi Viergutz
Title: Gothenburg Clinic

9. Advertising Campaign
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Staff
Title: Ridgewood Rehab
2nd Place: Ogallala Keith Co. News
By: Marilee Perlinger
Title: Ogallala Community Hospital
3rd Place: Ogallala Keith Co. News
By: Joni Pelster
Title: Lake Mac Auto Body

9. Advertising Campaign
Daily
1st Place: Hastings Tribune
By: Carla Carda
Title: Carmichael Construction
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Vickie Hrabanek & Kelli Gaskow
Title: Riverpoint – Downtown Norfolk
3rd Place: Hastings Tribune
By: Carla Carda
Title: David Barrientez Roofing

10. Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Wauneta Breeze
By: Diane Stamm
Title: Hometown Agency
2nd Place: Friend Sentinel
By: Patrick Checketts & Patti Danbom
Title: Friend Insurance Center
3rd Place: Hemingford Ledger

By: Dalene Louden
Title: Holiday Homecoming

10. Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color
Class B Weekly

1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News

By: Karla Fehr

Title: Jim's Agri-Air

2nd Place: Milford Times

By: Pat Daehling & Shanae Yeackley

Title: Serving Up The Holidays — Pizza Kitchen

3rd Place: Greta Guide & News

By: Mike Overmann

Title: Flu Shot/Mist — USave Pharmacy

10. Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color
Class C Weekly

1st Place: West Point News

By: Karey Rahn

Title: It's Spring — West Point Garden Center

2nd Place: Albion News

By: Bethany Rachow

Title: Make Yourself At Home — Cardinal Inn

3rd Place: Albion News

By: Bethany Rachow

Title: Albion Country Club

10. Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color
Class D Weekly

1st Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette

By: Darcy Iske

Title: Have An Old iPod — Ridgewood Retirement
Community

2nd Place: Fairbury Journal-News

By: Jennifer Lewis & Susan Bartels

Title: MSA Promotions

3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

By: Staff

Title: Holstein Veterinary Clinic

10. Single Retail Advertising Idea - Color
Daily

1st Place: North Platte Telegraph

By: Julie Murrish & Adam Goodwin

Title: #1 Local Band

2nd Place: Beatrice Daily Sun

By: Staff

Title: First Impressions Are Everything — Homestead House

3rd Place: Grand Island Independent

By: Amanda Johnson & Mia Wyatt

Title: Building Healthy Employees — Central District Health

11. Single Retail Advertising Idea – Black & White
Class A Weekly

1st Place: Friend Sentinel

By: Patrick Checketts & Hailey Behlen

Title: Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

2nd Place: Hemingford Ledger

By: Dalene Louden

Title: Appreciation Night — Hemingford Chamber

3rd Place: Gering Courier

By: Ilene Anderson & Carol Steele

Title: Brighten Someone's Life — The Flower Basket

11. Single Retail Advertising Idea – Black & White
Class B Weekly

1st Place: Elgin Review

By: Staff

Title: Bright Ideas For Your Farm — Bank of Elgin

2nd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel

By: Shari Friedel

Title: Home Show — Mastre Homes

3rd Place: Ravenna News

By: Nancy Jackson

Title: Village Treasures

11. Single Retail Advertising Idea – Black & White
Class C Weekly

1st Place: West Point News

By: Barb Smith

Title: St. Francis Memorial Hospital

2nd Place: Ord Quiz

By: Megan Dietz

Title: National Dental Hygiene Month — Complete Family
Dentistry

3rd Place: Albion News

By: Bethany Rachow

Title: Albion Public Library

11. Single Retail Advertising Idea – Black & White
Class D Weekly

1st Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune

By: Lincey McDonald

Title: Experience the Freedom of Free Checking — First
Bank & Trust

2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent

By: Charity Down & Shanae Yeackley

Title: Congratulations on Your Retirement!

3rd Place: Ogallala Keith Co. News

By: Marcia Barnhill

Title: Party Girl Creations

11. Single Retail Advertising Idea – Black & White
Daily

1st Place: North Platte Telegraph

By: Renee Jones & Apryl Lee

Title: The Future of Tough — Bill Summers Ford

2nd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald

By: K.C. Heath

Title: It's All About You — Angela's Bridal

3rd Place: Kearney Hub

By: Tiffany Fisher & Michelle Hopken

Title: Sidewalk Sales – Conestoga Mall

12. Single Classified Advertising Idea - Color Daily

1st Place: Norfolk Daily News

By: Mari Ortmeier & Kelli Ganskow

Title: Battle in the Sky — Car Dealers

2nd Place: Grand Island Independent

By: Amanda Johnson & Joleen Robinson

Title: Friday the 13th — Cornhusker Autoplex

3rd Place: North Platte Telegraph

By: Judy Feeney & Adam Goodwin

Title: We've Got the Keys to Your New Car — Jerry Remus

13. Single Classified Advertising Idea – Black & White Class A Weekly

1st Place: Oakland Independent

By: Staff

Title: Lee Valley, Inc.

2nd Place: Friend Sentinel

By: Patrick Checketts & Shanae Yeackley

Title: Floor Installer

3rd Place: Gering Courier

By: Casey Harvey

Title: Sam Poynter

13. Single Classified Advertising Idea – Black & White Class B Weekly

1st Place: Wilber Republican

By: Pat Daehling & Patti Danbom

Title: Roofing — Golden Rule Contractors

2nd Place: Milford Times

By: Patrick Checketts & Shanae Yeackley

Title: Auction — Underwood Realty

3rd Place: Wilber Republican

By: Patrick Checketts & Shanae Yeackley

Title: Nurse Aides Needed — Tabitha

13. Single Classified Advertising Idea – Black & White Class C Weekly

1st Place: Gothenburg Times

By: Jo Atkinson

Title: Dietary Aide — Hilltop Estates

2nd Place: Geneva Nebraska Signal

By: Julie Hayek

Title: Open House

3rd Place: Imperial Republican

By: Jana Pribbeno, Chris Fidler & Karen Hayes

Title: Marisa's Playhouse

13. Single Classified Advertising Idea – Black & White Class D Weekly

1st Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune

By: Lincey McDonald

Title: Wanted — All Points Coop

2nd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune

By: Lincey McDonald

Title: The YMCA — Something Bigger

3rd Place: Seward Co. Independent

By: Pat Daehling & Brenda Clark

Title: Homes in Seward — Woods Bros. Realty

13. Single Classified Advertising Idea – Black & White Daily

1st Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald

By: Peggi Carabajal & KC Heath

Title: 50% Off — Dandy Duct

2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News

By: Denise Webbert & Janet Morris

Title: Family 1st Dental

3rd Place: Kearney Hub

By: Becky Hilsabeck & Doreen Lemburg

Title: Sports Reporter — Kearney Hub

14. Ad Copywriting

Class A Weekly

1st Place: Wauneta Breeze

By: Sheri Hink-Wagner

2nd Place: Friend Sentinel

By: Staff

3rd Place: Gering Courier

By: Ilene Anderson & Carol Steele

14. Ad Copywriting

Class B Weekly

1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News

By: Erin Huber

2nd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News

By: Kara Fehr

3rd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel

By: Shari Friedel

14. Ad Copywriting

Class C Weekly

1st Place: Gothenburg Times

By: Kathi Viergutz

2nd Place: West Point News

By: Staff

No 3rd Place Awarded.

14. Ad Copywriting

Class D Weekly

1st Place: Seward Co. Independent

By: Staff

Only One Entry Received in This Class.

14. Ad Copywriting

Daily

1st Place: Norfolk Daily News

By: Brandi Lanman & Roseann Indra

2nd Place: Kearney Hub

By: Andrea Dzingle & Bridgette LaVene

3rd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald

By: Duncan Baker & Ilene Anderson

15. Best New Idea – Ads/Marketing
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Wauneta Breeze
By: Sheri Hink-Wagner & Diane Stamm
Title: Sport Book
Only One Entry Received in This Class.

15. Best New Idea – Ads/Marketing
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Staff
Title: Bingo
Only One Entry Received in This Class.

15. Best New Idea – Ads/Marketing
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Imperial Republican
By: Jana Pribbeno, Chris Fidler & Karen Hayes
Title: The Quest for the Gem
2nd Place: Papillion Times
By: Staff
Title: Subscription Drive
Only Two Entries Received in this Class.

15. Best New Idea – Ads/Marketing
Class D Weekly
No Entries Received in This Class.

15. Best New Idea – Ads/Marketing
Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
By: Kent Lutt, Lori Filthard & Rebecca Parish
Title: Community Heroes
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Kelli Ganskow & Staff
Title: Fit ‘n Fun Family Festival
3rd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Doug Southard & Wes Fairhead
Title: WyoBraska Golf Card

Sports

16. Sports Action Photo
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Jimmy Rash
Title: Legion Ball Heats Up
2nd Place: Oakland Independent
By: James Schrock
Title: Baseball Leap
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Mark Rein
Title: Getting Down and Dirty

16. Sports Action Photo
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Pender Times
By: Jason Sturek

Title: Wrestling
2nd Place: Kimball Western Nebraska Observer
By: Daniel Thompson
Title: Bucked Off
3rd Place: Stromsburg Polk Co. News
By: Erin Dickey
Title: Football Pass

16. Sports Action Photo
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Greg Viergutz
Title: Splashdown
2nd Place: Chadron Record
By: Kevin Oleksy
Title: Eye on the Ball
3rd Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald
By: Paul Pack
Title: Boys Basketball

16. Sports Action Photo
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Steve Marik
Title: Feeling Suffocated
2nd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
By: Kelly Ninas
Title: Celebrating Hustle Play
3rd Place: Fairbury Journal-News
By: Jim Phelps
Title: Baseball Collision

16. Sports Action Photo
Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
By: Rick Tucker
Title: KHS Girls Stroke to 2nd Place
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Matt Dixon
Title: Timeless Tradition
3rd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Barrett Stinson
Title: The Dog Days of August

17. Sports Feature Photo
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Wauneta Breeze
By: Diane Stamm
Title: Volleyball Returning Letter Winners
2nd Place: Gering Courier
By: Randy Henry
Title: Lady Dawgs
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Staman
Title: A Big Loud Crowd

17. Sports Feature Photo
Class B Weekly
1st Place: North Bend Eagle
By: Nathan Arneal
Title: Under Construction
2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
By: Nathan Arneal
Title: State Track and Field
3rd Place: Pender Times
By: Mark Vrbicky
Title: Flood Gates

17. Sports Feature Photo
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Crete News
By: Andy McCallister
Title: 110-Meter Hurdles
2nd Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald
By: Paul Pack
Title: Elwood Volleyball Team
3rd Place: Imperial Republican
By: Russ Pankonin
Title: This is How It's Done

17. Sports Feature Photo
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Falls City Journal
By: Jason Schock
Title: Tigers, That's Who!
2nd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
By: Kelly Ninas
Title: Cherishing the Moment
3rd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
By: Kelly Ninas
Title: High Jumper

17. Sports Feature Photo
Daily
1st Place: Hastings Tribune
By: Laura Beahm
Title: Girls Soccer
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Matt Dixon
Title: St. Cecilia's All-Around Player
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Rick Tucker
Title: Minden Girls Basketball Players

18. Sports Page
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
2nd Place: Arlington Citizen
3rd Place: Friend Sentinel

18. Sports Page
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel

2nd Place: Gering Citizen
3rd Place: Wisner News-Chronicle

18. Sports Page
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Albion News
2nd Place: Plattsmouth Journal
3rd Place: West Point News

18. Sports Page
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune
2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent
3rd Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette

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

19. Sports Column
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
By: Kurstin Barrett
2nd Place: Callaway Courier
By: Michael A. Wendorff
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Tori Mueller

19. Sports Column
Class B Weekly
1st Place: North Bend Eagle
By: Nathan Arneal
2nd Place: Ravenna News
By: Monte Steele
3rd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Larry Pritchett

19. 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: Crete News
By: Andy McCallister

19. Sports Column
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Dave Bradley
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Steve Marik
3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
By: Tyler Dahlgren

19. Sports Column

Daily

1st Place: Fremont Tribune

By: Brent Wasenius

2nd Place: Grand Island Independent

By: Bob Hamar

3rd Place: Grand Island Independent

By: Dale Miller

20. Sports Writing

Class A Weekly

1st Place: Arlington Citizen

By: Leeanna Ellis

Title: Looking Back on a Championship

2nd Place: Arlington Citizen

By: Jason Brooks

Title: The Report of Cancellations on Youth Football

3rd Place: Friend Sentinel

By: Stephanie Croston

Title: Clause Wins Nebraska Amateur Title

20. Sports Writing

Class B Weekly

1st Place: Wisner News-Chronicle

By: Jeff Recker

Title: Everyone Should Have a Chance to Win

2nd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News

By: Tory Duncan

Title: Ultimate Assist

3rd Place: North Bend Eagle

By: Lincoln Arneal

Title: Lux Soars to Record Height

20. Sports Writing

Class C Weekly

1st Place: Plattsmouth Journal

By: Brent Hardin

Title: Wrestlers Enjoy Outdoor Matches

2nd Place: Imperial Republican

By: Jan Schultz

Title: Josie Peterson

3rd Place: So. Sioux City Dakota Co. Star

By: Alexandra Krula

Title: It's a 'Brotherhood' in Siouxland Rugby

20. Sports Writing

Class D Weekly

1st Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette

By: Morgan O'Rear

Title: New NSAA Rule Endangers Elkhorn Tradition

2nd Place: Wahoo Newspaper

By: Kris Byars

Title: Team Makes Westrom's Dreams Come True

3rd Place: Seward Co. Independent

By: Stephanie Croston

Title: Shoots to Win

20. Sports Writing

Daily

1st Place: Grand Island Independent

By: Bob Hamar

Title: His Moment in the Sun

Judges Comments: Nice treatment of a special moment.

2nd Place: Kearney Hub

By: Buck Mahoney

Title: Fresh Start

3rd Place: Kearney Hub

By: Connor O'Gara

Title: Double Time

21. Photo Page

Class A Weekly

1st Place: Gering Courier

By: Brad Staman

Title: Learning the Old Ways

2nd Place: Gering Courier

By: Brad Staman

Title: Freedom Isn't Free

3rd Place: Petersburg Press

By: Jim & Julie Dickerson

Title: Punkin' Chunkin'

21. Photo Page

Class B Weekly

1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News

By: Tory Duncan & Kris Moody

Title: Damaged, but Not Broken

2nd Place: North Bend Eagle

By: Nathan Arneal & Lincoln Arneal

Title: EHC Champions

3rd Place: Wilber Republican

By: Jane White

Title: Celebrating DeWitt Style

21. Photo Page

Class C Weekly

1st Place: Gothenburg Times

By: Vinny Benedetto & Elizabeth Barrett

Title: Pony Express Rodeo

2nd Place: West Point News

By: Staff

Title: Pilger Recovery Continues

3rd Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald

By: Corbey Dorsey, Kevin Zelaya & Paul Pack

Title: Dawson Co. Fair

21. Photo Page

Class D Weekly

1st Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune

By: Corbey Dorsey

Title: Year in Sports

2nd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune

By: Lincey McDonald

Title: Rodeo

3rd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Kurt Johnson & Steve Marik
Title: County Fair

21. Photo Page
Daily

1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Darin Epperly & Mitch Schweers
Title: Thoughts & Prayers
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Barrett Stinson
Title: Here Come the Birds
3rd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Matt Dixon
Title: Ready, Set...March

22. Feature Photography
Class A Weekly

1st Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Staman
Title: End Is Near
2nd Place: Friend Sentinel
By: Laura Smith
Title: Dorchester Legion Retires Flags
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Staman
Title: Releasing a Lesson

22. Feature Photography
Class B Weekly

1st Place: Wisner News-Chronicle
By: Marjorie Vogt
Title: Fire Dept. Ice Bucket Challenge
2nd Place: Elgin Review
By: Lynell Morgan
Title: Vietnam Moving Wall
3rd Place: Milford Times
By: Logan Tuttle
Title: Mutton Bustin'

22. Feature Photography
Class C Weekly

1st Place: West Point News
By: Willis Mahannah
Title: Snow Wipe Out
2nd Place: Crete News
By: Jenn Lampila
Title: Disappointing Sheep Ride
3rd Place: So. Sioux City Dakota Co. Star
By: Blake Branch
Title: Doves of Destiny

22. Feature Photography
Class D Weekly

1st Place: Falls City Journal
By: Jason Schock
Title: Kaboom!

2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Doug Carroll
Title: Clutching Flag

3rd Place: Fairbury Journal-News
By: Sandy Zabokrtsky
Title: Egg on Your Face

22. Feature Photography
Daily

1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Matt Dixon
Title: Bee With a Twist of Déjà vu
2nd Place: North Platte Telegraph
By: Diane Wetzel
Title: Kids Klub Muddy Fun
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Helen Glatter
Title: Taste of Victory

23. News Photography
Class A Weekly

1st Place: Lyons Mirror-Sun
By: Jamie Korter
Title: Homecoming — Making Boys Pretty
2nd Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Staman
Title: Snow Day — Fun Day
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Staman
Title: Coloring Up Gering

23. News Photography
Class B Weekly

1st Place: Pawnee Republican
By: Ray Kappel
Title: Ear Exam
2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
By: Nathan Arneal
Title: Goodbye To Old Glory
3rd Place: Wisner News-Chronicle
By: Jeff Recker
Title: Twice The Devastaton

23. News Photography
Class C Weekly

1st Place: Chadron Record
By: Kevin Olesky
Title: Catholic Ladies Collect Donations
2nd Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Elizabeth Barrett
Title: Eggs-citement
No third place awarded.

23. News Photography
Class D Weekly

1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
By: Joe Burns

Title: Washington County Courthouse
2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Jill Martin
Title: Controlled Burn
3rd Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette
By: Mary Lou Rodgers
Title: 9/11 Artifact

23. News Photography
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Matt Dixon
Title: Tire Race
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Matt Dixon
Title: Blue Ribbon Teacher
3rd Place: Hastings Tribune
By: Laura Beahm
Title: Airman Welcomed Back to Hastings

24. Breaking News Photography
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Callaway Courier
By: Michael A. Wendorff
Title: Burning Plane
2nd Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Joe Burns
Title: Fire
3rd Place: Callaway Courier
By: Michael A. Wendorff
Title: Dawson Co. Home Fire

24. Breaking News Photography
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Tory Duncan
Title: Sutton 'In Pieces'
2nd Place: Ravenna News
By: Sherry Thom
Title: Basnetts Injured In Car/Truck Collision
3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Kris Moody
Title: Damaged But Not Broken

24. Breaking News Photography
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Hartington Cedar Co. News
By: Amber Baesler
Title: Coleridge Tornado — Dunn
2nd Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald
By: Dean Erickson
Title: House Fire
3rd Place: Hartington Cedar Co. News
By: Rob Dump
Title: Life Saver — Dog Rescue

24. Breaking News Photography
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Falls City Journal
By: Jason Schock
Title: Fire Tragedy Averted
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
By: Leeanna Ellis
Title: Highway 91 Crash
3rd Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Stephanie Hyland
Title: Two-Vehicle Accident Injures One

24. Breaking News Photography
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Matt Dixon
Title: Fire Razes Block
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Barrett Stinson
Title: Officer & Suspect
3rd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Matt Dixon
Title: Pickup Rollover

News and Editorial
25. Use of Color – News (Weeklies Only)
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier (Issue: 12-25-14)
2nd Place: Gering Courier (Issue: 5-29-14)
3rd Place: Doniphan Herald (Issue: 5-29-14)

25. Use of Color – News (Weeklies Only)
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News (Issue: 5-28-14)
2nd Place: Wilber Republican (Issue: 12-24-14)
3rd Place: Gretna Guide & News (Issue: 11-5-14)

25. Use of Color – News (Weeklies Only)
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gothenburg Times (Issue: 11-26-14)
2nd Place: O'Neill Holt Co. Independent (Issue: 10-2-14)
3rd Place: Plattsmouth Journal (Issue: 10-2-14)

25. Use of Color – News (Weeklies Only)
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune (Issue: 9-11-14)
2nd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune (Issue: 1-2-14)
3rd Place: Cozad Tri-City Tribune (Issue: 7-10-14)

26. Lifestyles
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
No 2nd or 3rd Place Awarded.

26. Lifestyles
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Gering Citizen
2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
3rd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel

26. Lifestyles
Class C Weekly
1st Place: West Point News
2nd Place: So. Sioux City Dakota Co. Star
No 3rd Place Awarded.

26. Lifestyles
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Wahoo Newspaper
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
3rd Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette

26. Lifestyles
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
2nd Place: Kearney Hub
3rd Place: Norfolk Daily News

27. Special Single Edition Section
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Oakland Independent
By: Staff
Title: Burt Co. Fair
2nd Place: Wauneta Breeze
By: Diane Stamm & Sheri Hink-Wagner
Title: Athletes
3rd Place: Hemingford Ledger
By: Staff
Title: Christmas

27. Special Single Edition Section
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Wisner News-Chronicle
By: Staff
Title: Pilger Tornado
2nd Place: Milford Times
By: Staff
Title: Milford Family Fun Days 150th Birthday
3rd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Staff
Title: Holiday Edition

27. Special Single Edition Section
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Plattsmouth Journal
By: Patti Jo Peterson
Title: Pride & Progress
2nd Place: Hartington Cedar Co. News
By: Staff
Title: Welcome to Hartington
3rd Place: Chadron Record

By: Staff
Title: Christmas Greetings

27. Special Single Edition Section
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
By: Staff
Title: Agriculture Outlook
2nd Place: Bellevue Leader
By: Staff
Title: Saluting Our Heroes
3rd Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Staff
Title: Happy 4th of July

27. Special Single Edition Section
Daily
1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Jay Prawner, Tom Behmer & Nick Benes
Title: Fall Sports
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Staff
Title: 125 Years of Nebraska Football
3rd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Mary Pat Hoag
Title: 4-H

28. Special Edition Section Multiple
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Hemingford Ledger
By: Staff
Title: Progress Sections
2nd Place: Gering Courier
By: Aaron Henry
Title: Music Scene
3rd Place: Hemingford Ledger
By: Staff
Title: Hemingford Heroes

28. Special Edition Section Multiple
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Wisner News-Chronicle
By: Staff
Title: Pilger Tornado
2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
By: Nathan Arneal
Title: Fall Sports Review
3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Staff
Title: Salute To Agriculture

28. Special Edition Section Multiple
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Chadron Record
By: Staff
Title: Go, Do!
2nd Place: South Sioux City Dakota Co. Star

By: Staff
Title: Breast Cancer Awareness
3rd Place: Chadron Record
By: Staff
Title: Progress

28. Special Edition Section Multiple
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
By: Staff
Title: Retirement Lifestyles
2nd Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette
By: Staff
Title: Sports Sections
No 3rd Place Awarded.

28. Special Edition Section Multiple
Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
By: Staff
Title: UNK Today
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Staff
Title: Together in Progress
3rd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Staff
Title: Pride

29. Personal Column
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Christine Hollister
2nd Place: Callaway Courier
By: Michael A. Wendorff
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Staman

29. Personal Column
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Brooke Pankonin
2nd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Tim Linscott
3rd Place: Stromsburg Polk Co. News
By: Erin Dickey

29. Personal Column
Class C Weekly
1st Place: So. Sioux City Dakota Co. Star
By: Blake Branch
2nd Place: Hartington Cedar Co. News
By: Rob Dump
3rd Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Elizabeth Barrett

29. Personal Column
Class D Weekly

1st Place: Falls City Journal
By: Nikki McKim
2nd Place: Fairbury Journal-News
By: Fred Arnold
3rd Place: Ogallala Keith Co. News
By: Jordan Shearer

29. Personal Column
Daily
1st Place: Hastings Tribune
By: Shay Burk
2nd Place: York News-Times
By: Melanie Wilkinson
3rd Place: York News-Times
By: Steve Moseley

30. Youth Coverage
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
2nd Place: Arlington Citizen
3rd Place: Oakland Independent

30. Youth Coverage
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Stromsburg Polk Co. News
2nd Place: Gretna Guide & News
3rd Place: Gering Citizen

30. Youth Coverage
Class C Weekly
1st Place: West Point News
2nd Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald
3rd Place: Plattsmouth Journal

30. Youth Coverage
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
2nd Place: Omaha Catholic Voice
No 3rd Place Awarded.

30. Youth Coverage
Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News
3rd Place: Grand Island Independent

31. Specialty Pages
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Lyons Mirror-Sun
2nd Place: Gering Courier
3rd Place: Wauneta Breeze

31. Specialty Pages
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
3rd Place: Elgin Review

31. Specialty Pages
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Chadron Record
2nd Place: Plattsmouth Journal
3rd Place: Geneva Nebraska Signal

31. Specialty Pages
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
3rd Place: Wahoo Newspaper

31. Specialty Pages
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
2nd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
3rd Place: North Platte Telegraph

32. Breaking News
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Laurel Advocate
By: Deanna Anderson
Title: Tornado Touches Down North of Laurel
2nd Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Leeanna Ellis, Tricia Barber & Katie Rohman
Title: Overflowing Its Banks
3rd Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Tricia Barber & Joe Burns
Title: Fire Destroys Rural Arlington Home

32. Breaking News
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Kris Moody
Title: Sutton 'In Pieces'
2nd Place: Wilber Republican
By: Jane White
Title: Neighbors Help Neighbors in Storm's Wake
3rd Place: Wisner News-Chronicle
By: Jeff Recker
Title: Twice the Devastation

32. Breaking News
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Hartington Cedar Co. News
By: Staff
Title: Tornado Cleanup
2nd Place: Geneva Nebraska Signal
By: Greg Scellen
Title: Storms Slam County
3rd Place: Crete News
By: Jenn Lampila
Title: Kingwood Fires

32. Breaking News
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Falls City Journal

By: Jason Schock & Nikki McKim
Title: We All Feel Betrayed
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Kurt Johnson
Title: Aventine's Tax Protest
3rd Place: Wahoo Newspaper
By: Kris Byars & Lisa Brichacek
Title: Library Starts Cleanup

32. Breaking News
Daily
1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Staff
Title: Pilger Tornado
2nd Place: Hastings Tribune
By: Andy Raun, Shay Burk & John Huthmacher
Title: It was Heartbreaking
3rd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Maunette Loeks
Title: Kimball Oilman Killed in Crash

33. Feature Series
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Christine Hollister & Jodi Sadd
Title: Breast Cancer Series
2nd Place: Wauneta Breeze
By: Sheri Hink-Wagner, Diane Stamm & Christi Christner
Title: Bronco Trails
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Morgan Wallace
Title: Teaching Tristan

33. Feature Series
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Tory Duncan
Title: Extension
2nd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Tim Linscott
Title: Automobile Auction
3rd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Jan Rahn & Tim Linscott
Title: Pioneer Families in Perkins County

33. Feature Series
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Elizabeth Barrett
Title: Domestic Violence Series
2nd Place: Chadron Record
By: Kevin Oleksy
Title: Taxes & Education
3rd Place: Plattsmouth Journal
By: Patti Jo Peterson
Title: School Bullying

33. Feature Series
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Ogallala Keith Co. News
By: Jordan Shearer & Mary Pierce
Title: Housing Crunch
2nd Place: Omaha Catholic Voice
By: Randy Grosse, Joe Ruff & John Bosco
Title: Renewing the Rite of Christian Funerals
3rd Place: Ogallala Keith Co. News
By: Jordan Shearer
Title: Counting Cattle

33. Feature Series
Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
By: Lori Potter
Title: Korean War Hero Flight
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Mike Avok, Kathryn Harris & Andrea Larson
Title: Immigration Series
3rd Place: North Platte Telegraph
By: Heather Johnson
Title: Finding Fitness

34. Single Feature Story
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Oakland Independent
By: Curt Himeline
Title: From Near Death to New Life
2nd Place: Gering Courier
By: Kendall Uhrich
Title: Coming Home to Teach
3rd Place: Lyons Mirror-Sun
By: Jamie Horter & James Schrock
Title: Honorary Veteran's Trip to Washington, D.C.

34. Single Feature Story
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Milford Times
By: Logan Tuttle
Title: Pencil from 1960
2nd Place: Humphrey Democrat
By: Patrick Murphy
Title: It's A Wonderful Life
3rd Place: Wisner News-Chronicle
By: Jeff Recker
Title: The Storm as Only...

34. Single Feature Story
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gothenburg Times
By: Elizabeth Barrett
Title: A Community that Cares
2nd Place: Gordon Sheridan Co. Journal Star
By: Brent BonFleur
Title: Barth Gains National Attention
3rd Place: Plattsmouth Journal

By: Patti Jo Peterson
Title: One in a Million Girl

34. Single Feature Story
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
By: Laurie Pfeifer
Title: Fender 12-String at Home with The Eagles
2nd Place: Ogallala Keith Co. News
By: Mary Pierce
Title: Blessed to Have Known Her
3rd Place: Bellevue Leader
By: Adam Klinker
Title: On His Merits

34. Single Feature Story
Daily
1st Place: York News-Times
By: Maegan Detlefs
Title: A Sacrifice, A Gift
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Sheryl Schmeckpeper
Title: Loss Gives Way to New Life in Pilger
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Amanda Brandt
Title: Human Side of Sports

35. In-depth Writing
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Wauneta Breeze
By: Sheri Hink-Wagner
Title: School Improvement List
2nd Place: Niobrara Tribune
By: Valorie Zach
Title: Names on Vietnam Memorial
No 3rd Place Awarded.

35. In-depth Writing
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Pawnee Republican
By: Ray Kappel
Title: Drugs
2nd Place: Wisner News-Chronicle
By: Jeff Recker
Title: Valuations Rise
3rd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Tim Linscott
Title: Colorado Marijuana Law

35. In-depth Writing
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Hartington Cedar Co. News
By: Deanna Anderson & Stephanie Smolek
Title: Open Enrollment
2nd Place: Lexington Clipper-Herald
By: Ben Schwartz
Title: Culture of Contempt

3rd Place: Valentine Midland News
By: Laura Vroman
Title: City Sales Tax

35. In-depth Writing
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune
By: Katie Rohman
Title: Pains of Progress
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
By: Leeanna Ellis
Title: Behind Bars
3rd Place: Omaha Catholic Voice
By: Susan Szalewski
Title: Feeding the Hungry

35. In-depth Writing
Daily
1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Natasha Rausch
Title: Human Trafficking
2nd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Ashley White & Amanda Brandt
Title: Dismas Prison Issue
3rd Place: Hastings Tribune
By: Jim Headley
Title: Vaping

36. Public Notice & Its Promotion
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Wauneta Breeze
No 2nd or 3rd Place Awards Given.

36. Public Notice & Its Promotion
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
No 2nd or 3rd Place Awards Given. Only three entries received. Other two entries disqualified.

36. Public Notice & Its Promotion
Class C Weekly
No Winner in This Class. Only three entries received and two were disqualified.

36. Public Notice & Its Promotion
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
2nd Place: Ogallala Keith Co. News
3rd Place: Wahoo Newspaper

36. Public Notice & Its Promotion
Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
2nd Place: North Platte Telegraph
No 3rd Place Awarded. Only three entries received and one was disqualified.

37. Editorial Page
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Arlington Citizen
2nd Place: Gering Courier
3rd Place: Wauneta Breeze

37. Editorial Page
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
2nd Place: Gering Citizen
3rd Place: Wisner News-Chronicle

37. Editorial Page
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Imperial Republican
2nd Place: West Point News
3rd Place: Hartington Cedar Co. News

37. Editorial Page
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Fairbury Journal-News
2nd Place: Aurora News-Register
3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise

37. Editorial Page
Daily
1st Place: Kearney Hub
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News
3rd Place: Grand Island Independent

38. Editorial
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Staman
2nd Place: Niobrara Tribune
By: Valorie Zach
No 3rd Place Awarded.

38. Editorial
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Pender Times
By: Jason Sturek
2nd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Tim Linscott
3rd Place: Gering Citizen
By: Staff

38. Editorial
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Chadron Record
By: Kerri Rempp & Kevin Oleksy
2nd Place: Papillion Times
By: Staff
3rd Place: So. Sioux City Dakota Co. Star
By: Staff

38. Editorial

Class D Weekly
1st Place: Bellevue Leader
By: Staff
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
By: Staff
3rd Place: Elkhorn Douglas Co. Post-Gazette
By: Mary Lou Rodgers & Penny Overmann

38. Editorial
Daily
1st Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Steve Frederick
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Don Smith & Jim Faddis
3rd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Kent Warneke

39. News Writing
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Christine Hollister & Randy Sadd
Title: End of an Era — Mid-NE Speedway
2nd Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Leanna Ellis
Title: Picking Up the Pieces
3rd Place: Hemingford Ledger
By: Mary Wernke
Title: Fresh Food, Healthy Choices

39. News Writing
Class B Weekly
1st Place: North Bend Eagle
By: Nathan Arneal
Title: Adventure of a Lifetime
2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
By: Nathan Arneal
Title: NDOR Plan for Hwy. 30
3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
By: Kris Moody
Title: Edgar Still Rebuilding...

39. News Writing
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Chadron Record
By: Kerri Rempp
Title: Grant Upset with Progress
2nd Place: West Point News
By: Willis Mahannah
Title: Zapped
No 3rd Place Awarded.

39. News Writing
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Bellevue Leader
By: Eugene Curtin
Title: Commissioners Says Berlowitz...
2nd Place: Omaha Catholic Voice

By: David Gouger
Title: Spiritual Moms...
3rd Place: Bellevue Leader
By: Scott Stewart
Title: Sarpy 911...

39. News Writing
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Lauren Sedam
Title: In Search of Students
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Kent Warneke
Title: New Plant To Bring More Than 200 Jobs
3rd Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
By: Scott Koperski
Title: It's a Part Of Beatrice History, And Now It's Gone

40. Best New Idea News
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Doniphan Herald
2nd Place: Gering Courier
3rd Place: Lyons Mirror-Sun

40. Best New Idea News
Class B Weekly
No Entries Received in This Class.

40. Best New Idea News
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Imperial Republican
Only One Entry Received in This Class.

40. Best New Idea News
Class D Weekly
No Entries Received in This Class.

40. Best New Idea News
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
2nd Place: North Platte Telegraph
3rd Place: Kearney Hub

41. General Excellence
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Arlington Citizen
2nd Place: Friend Sentinel
3rd Place: Lyons Mirror-Sun

41. General Excellence
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
2nd Place: Kimball Western Nebraska Observer
3rd Place: Waverly News

41. General Excellence
Class C Weekly

1st Place: Chadron Record
2nd Place: Albion News
3rd Place: Imperial Republican

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

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

42. Web Sites
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Wauneta Breeze
2nd Place: Arlington Citizen
3rd Place: Gering Courier

42. Web Sites
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
2nd Place: Milford Times
3rd Place: Wilber Republican

42. Web Sites
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gordon Sheridan Co. Journal Star
2nd Place: Chadron Record
3rd Place: Plattsmouth Journal

42. Web Sites
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent
3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune

42. Web Sites
Daily
1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
3rd Place: York News-Times

43. Online Video
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Leanna Ellis
Title: Recreating Ellis Island
2nd Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Leanna Ellis
Title: Touring Pilger
3rd Place: Arlington Citizen
By: Leanna Ellis
Title: Practice Burn

43. Online Video
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Pender Times
By: Mark Vrbicky
Title: Fall 2014 Recap
2nd Place: North Bend Eagle
By: Nathan Arneal & Lincoln Arneal
Title: District Track Meet
3rd Place: Pender Times
By: Mark Vrbicky
Title: Wrestling Match

43. Online Video
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Gordon Sheridan Co. Journal Star
By: Brent BonFleur & Jordan Huether
Title: Sports Highlights
Only One Entry Received in This Class.

43. Online Video
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
By: Staff
Title: County Fair
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune
By: Leanna Ellis
Title: State Track Meet
3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
By: Katie Rohman & Jason Brooks
Title: Storm Damage

43. Online Video
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Elissa Reetz
Title: Marvelous Mutts
2nd Place: York News-Times
By: Eric Eckert & Maegen Detlefs
Title: Prison Dog Program
3rd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Chabella Guzman
Title: Les Mis Set Design

44. Online Coverage of Breaking News
Class A Weekly
No Entries Received in This Class.

44. Online Coverage of Breaking News
Class B Weekly
No Entries Received in This Class.

44. Online Coverage of Breaking News
Class C Weekly
1st Place: West Point News
By: Staff
Title: June Tornado Coverage
Only One Entry Received in This Class.

44. Online Coverage of Breaking News
Class D Weekly
No Entries Received in This Class.

44. Online Coverage of Breaking News
Daily
1st Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Kathryn Harris & Staff
Title: June Tornado Coverage
2nd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Staff
Title: Fire Razes Downtown Block
3rd Place: Kearney Hub
By: Ashley White
Title: Gibbons Packing Plant Shooting

45. Best Use of Social Media
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Doniphan Herald
By: Staff
Title: Funeral Notice
2nd Place: Wauneta Breeze
By: Staff
Title: Facebook
3rd Place: Gering Courier
By: Brad Staman
Title: McFarland Resigns

45. Best Use of Social Media
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
By: Brooke Pankonin
Title: Flashback Friday
Only One Entry Received in This Class.

45. Best Use of Social Media
Class C Weekly
1st Place: West Point News
By: Staff
Title: June Tornado Coverage
2nd Place: Chadron Record
By: Kevin Oleksy
Title: Chadron Gas War
3rd Place: West Point News
By: Staff
Title: Cuming County Fair

45. Best Use of Social Media
Class D Weekly
No Entries Received in This Class.

45. Best Use of Social Media
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Stephanie Romanski
Title: June Tornado Coverage
2nd Place: Kearney Hub

By: Amanda Brandt
Title: Derek Foster Story
3rd Place: Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Maunette Loeks
Title: Monument Marathon

46. Best Digital Ad Idea
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Friend Sentinel
By: Shanae Yeakley & Patrick Checketts
Title: Friend Area Fund
2nd Place: Friend Sentinel
By: Hailey Behlen & Charity Down
Title: Home & Country LLC
Only Two Entries Received in This Class.

46. Best Digital Ad Idea
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Wilber Republican
By: Hailey Behlen & Patrick Checketts
Title: Jefferson Community Health Care Center
2nd Place: Wilber Republican
By: Hailey Behlen & Patrick Checketts
Title: Healthy Connections
3rd Place: Wilber Republican
By: Patti Danbom & Patrick Checketts
Title: Joint Health

46. Best Digital Ad Idea
Class C Weekly
No Entries Received in this Class.

46. Best Digital Ad Idea
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Brenda Clark & Patrick Checketts
Title: Seward Lumber
2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Hailey Behlen & Patrick Checketts
Title: County Fair
3rd Place: Seward Co. Independent
By: Brenda Clark & Patrick Checketts
Title: Country Club

46. Best Digital Ad Idea
Daily
1st Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Bryanne Swerczek
Title: First Brokers
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News
By: Sarah Noel & Kelli Ganskow
Title: The Riverpoint
3rd Place: Grand Island Independent
By: Bryanne Swerczek
Title: Hearing Clinic

Front Page
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Hemingford Ledger
2nd Place: Gering Courier
3rd Place: Oxford Standard

Front Page
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
2nd Place: Gretna Breeze
3rd Place: Atkinson Graphic

Front Page
Class C Weekly
1st Place: Papillion Times
2nd Place: Tecumseh Chieftain
3rd Place: Chadron Record

Front Page
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Fairbury Journal-News
2nd Place: Blair Washington Co. Pilot-Tribune
3rd Place: Bellevue Leader

Front Page
Daily
1st Place: Beatrice Daily Sun
2nd Place: Norfolk Daily News
3rd Place: North Platte Telegraph

Headline Writing
Class A Weekly
1st Place: Arnold Sentinel
2nd Place: Hemingford Ledger
3rd Place: Arlington Citizen

Headline Writing
Class B Weekly
1st Place: Gretna Breeze
2nd Place: Ralston Recorder
3rd Place: Bassett Rock Co. Leader

Headline Writing
Class C Weekly
1st Place: West Point News
2nd Place: Auburn Nemaha Co. Herald
3rd Place: Geneva Nebraska Signal

Headline Writing
Class D Weekly
1st Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise
2nd Place: David City Banner-Press
3rd Place: Bellevue Leader

Headline Writing
Daily
1st Place: Columbus Telegram

2nd Place: Sidney Sun-Telegraph
No 3rd Place Awarded.

Photo of the Year
By: Rick Tucker, Kearney Hub
Title: KHS Girls Stroke to 2nd Place

Editorial of the Year
By: Jason Sturek, Pender Times
Title: 7 People Should Not Have Built a Jail

Freedom of Information
Scottsbluff Star-Herald
By: Steve Frederick and Bart Schaneman

Best NIE Program
Kearney Hub

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

Weekly Class B Award
1st Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
2nd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News
3rd Place: North Bend Eagle

Weekly Class C Award
1st Place (TIE): Chadron Record
1st Place (TIE): West Point News
2nd Place: Imperial Republican
3rd Place: Gothenburg Times

Weekly Class D Award
1st Place: Aurora News-Register
2nd Place: Seward Co. Independent
3rd Place: Blair Washington Co. Enterprise

Weekly Sweepstakes Award
1st Place: Gering Courier
2nd Place: Grant Tribune-Sentinel
3rd Place: Sutton Clay Co. News

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

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