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**Georgia Press Association**

**Georgia Press Association honors Better Newspaper Contest winners**

JEKYLL ISLAND, GA. - The Georgia Press Association honored winners of the 2015 Freedom of Information Award and the 2015 Better Newspaper Contest on Friday at the Westin Jekyll Island Hotel during the group's 129th annual convention.

The Augusta Chronicle won the prestigious Freedom of Information Award for doing the most during 2014 to uphold the principles of the First Amendment and to protect the public’s right to know. The Chronicle was honored for work on three separate stories — each requiring the determination of reporters to overcome roadblocks erected by government officials to close off information. Reporters Sandy Hodson, Travis Highfield, Tracey McManus and Tom Corwin covered the stories.

Winners in the Georgia Press Association Better Newspaper Contest were honored for their outstanding achievements in newspaper journalism. Entries were judged in eight divisions based on circulation. The daily divisions are Division A (circulation of 30,000 or more), Division B (8,000 to 29,999) and Division C (less than 8,000). Weekly divisions are Division D (all tri-weekly and bi-weekly papers), Division E (weeklies with circulation of 4,000 to 14,999), Division F (3,000 to 3,999), Division G (less than 3,000) and Division H (all weekly newspapers of 15,000 or more and all associate media members).

The 2015 contest was the second year of an award for emerging journalists. One daily newspaper journalist and one weekly newspaper journalist under the age of 30 with less than five years experience writing professionally for a newspaper was honored for demonstrating excellence in the field of journalism and maintaining high standards of quality and ethics. The daily newspaper winner was Tyler Estep of the Gwinnett Daily Post of Lawrenceville. The weekly newspaper winner was Cailin O’Brien of the Clayton News Daily of Jonesboro.

There were 616 awards presented in 36 categories to 78 newspapers. Winners by category are:

General Excellence: Division A: 1st Place, The Augusta Chronicle; General Excellence: Division A: 2nd Place, Savannah Morning News; General Excellence: Division A: 3rd Place, The Telegraph, Macon; General Excellence: Division B: 1st Place, Athens Banner-Herald; General Excellence: Division B: 2nd Place, Marietta Daily Journal; General Excellence: Division B: 3rd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times; General Excellence: Division C: 1st Place, The Cherokee Tribune, Canton; General Excellence: Division C: 2nd Place, Times-Georgian, Carrollton; General Excellence: Division C: 3rd Place, The Moultrie Observer; General Excellence: Division D: 1st Place, The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge; General Excellence: Division D: 2nd Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe; General Excellence: Division D: 3rd Place, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup; General Excellence: Division E: 1st Place, The Eatonton Messenger; General Excellence: Division E: 2nd Place, The Clayton Tribune; General Excellence: Division E: 3rd Place, The News Observer, Blue Ridge; General Excellence: Division E: 3rd Place, White County News, Cleveland; General Excellence: Division F: 1st Place, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro; General Excellence: Division F: 2nd Place, The Blackshear Times; General Excellence: Division F: 3rd Place, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville; General Excellence: Division G: 1st Place, The Champion, Decatur; General Excellence: Division G: 2nd Place, Barrow Journal, Winder; General Excellence: Division G: 3rd Place, The Madison County Journal, Danielsville; General Excellence: Division H: 1st Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe; General Excellence: Division H: 2nd Place, Cherokee Ledger-News, Woodstock; General Excellence: Division H: 3rd Place, Columbia County News-Times, Evans;

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