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**Georgia Press Association**

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

JEKYLL ISLAND, GA. - The Georgia Press Association honored the winner of the 2016 Freedom of Information Award and the 2016 Better Newspaper Contest on Friday at the Jekyll Island Club during the group's 130th annual convention.

The Valdosta Daily Times won the prestigious Freedom of Information Award for doing the most during 2015 to uphold the principles of the First Amendment and to protect the public’s right to know. The Daily Times was honored specifically for a yearlong campaign that educated its readers and government officials about open government laws and requirements and advocated for stronger policies encouraging more openness.

Through The Daily Times and editor Jim Zachary’s commitment to news coverage on the topic of freedom of information, strong editorials, speaking engagements, educational seminars and lobbying of state and local lawmakers, the paper worked to create a culture of open government where the public has the expectation of access to all government meetings and records, and local officials know they will be held accountable for meeting their open-government obligations.

Two young reporters were honored as winners of the Emerging Journalist Awards. 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 Travis Highfield of The Augusta Chronicle. The weekly newspaper winner was Laura Corley, formerly of the Douglas County Sentinel of Douglasville. Corley is now a reporter with The Telegraph in Macon.

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 25,000 or more), Division B (8,000 to 24,999) 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 photograph chosen as the Photo of the Year was taken by Emily Deaton of The Press-Sentinel, Jesup (attached). Deaton was a summer intern with the weekly newspaper when she took the photo in 2015, which won the feature photo award for Division E. All first-place winners in photo categories are considered for Photo of the Year.

There were 645 awards presented in 37 categories to 78 newspapers. Winners by category are:

General Excellence: Division A: 1st Place, Savannah Morning News; General Excellence: Division A: 2nd Place, The Augusta Chronicle; 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, Thomasville Times-Enterprise; 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, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville; General Excellence: Division E: 1st Place, The Clayton Tribune; General Excellence: Division E: 2nd Place, White County News, Cleveland; General Excellence: Division E: 3rd Place, The News Observer, Blue Ridge; General Excellence: Division F: 1st Place, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville; General Excellence: Division F: 2nd Place, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro; General Excellence: Division F: 3rd Place, The Blackshear Times; General Excellence: Division G: 1st Place, The Champion, Decatur; General Excellence: Division G: 2nd Place, Barrow Journal, Winder; General Excellence: Division G: 3rd Place, Jefferson Reporter/News & Farmer, Louisville; General Excellence: Division H: 1st Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe; General Excellence: Division H: 2nd Place, Columbia County News-Times, Evans; General Excellence: Division H: 3rd Place, Cherokee Ledger-News, Woodstock

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Serious Column: Division A: 1st Place, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, Dusty Nix; Serious Column: Division A: 2nd Place, Savannah Morning News, Tom Barton; Serious Column: Division A: 3rd Place, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, Alva James Johnson; Serious Column: Division B: 1st Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Judy Elliott; Serious Column: Division B: 2nd Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Fletcher Page; Serious Column: Division B: 3rd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Stuart Taylor; Serious Column: Division C: 1st Place, Times-Georgian, Carrollton, Joe Garrett; Serious Column: Division C: 2nd Place, The Cherokee Tribune, Canton, Juanita Hughes; Serious Column: Division C: 3rd Place, The Cherokee Tribune, Canton, Chris Collett; Serious Column: Division D: 1st Place, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville, Joe Williams; Serious Column: Division D: 2nd Place, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup, Jamie Denty; Serious Column: Division D: 3rd Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, Stephen Milligan; Serious Column: Division E: 1st Place, The Jackson Herald, Jefferson, Mike Buffington; Serious Column: Division E: 2nd Place, The Tifton Gazette, Angye Morrison; Serious Column: Division E: 3rd Place, White County News, Cleveland, Billy Chism; Serious Column: Division F: 1st Place, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville, Blake Giles; Serious Column: Division F: 2nd Place, The Blackshear Times, Robert M. Williams Jr.; Serious Column: Division F: 3rd Place, The Elberton Star, Gary Jones; Serious Column: Division G: 1st Place, Barrow Journal, Winder, Chris Bridges; Serious Column: Division G: 2nd Place, The Commerce News, Mark Beardsley; Serious Column: Division G: 3rd Place, Barrow Journal, Winder, Alex Pace; Serious Column: Division H: 1st Place, Cherokee Ledger-News, Woodstock, Erika Neldner; Serious Column: Division H: 2nd Place, Cherokee Ledger-News, Woodstock, Erika Neldner; Serious Column: Division H: 3rd Place, Columbia County News-Times, Evans, Steve Crawford

Humorous Column: Division A: 1st Place, The Augusta Chronicle, Glynn Moore; Humorous Column: Division A: 2nd Place, The Augusta Chronicle, Bill Kirby; Humorous Column: Division A: 3rd Place, The Telegraph, Macon, Joe Kovak Jr.; Humorous Column: Division B: 1st Place, Rome News-Tribune, Severo Avila; Humorous Column: Division B: 2nd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Dick Yarbrough; Humorous Column: Division B: 3rd Place, The Newnan Times-Herald, John Winters; Humorous Column: Division D: 1st Place, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup, Derby Waters; Humorous Column: Division D: 2nd Place, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup, Dink NeSmith; Humorous Column: Division D: 3rd Place, The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge, Lynn Roberts; Humorous Column: Division E: 1st Place, Tribune & Georgian, St. Marys, Fred Hill; Humorous Column: Division E: 2nd Place, The Dahlonega Nugget, Matt Aiken; Humorous Column: Division E: 3rd Place, The Summerville News, Jason Espy; Humorous Column: Division F: 1st Place, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro, Dave Brown; Humorous Column: Division F: 2nd Place, Donalsonville News, Dan Ponder; Humorous Column: Division F: 3rd Place, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro, T. Michael Stone; Humorous Column: Division G: 1st Place, The Dawson News, T. Gamble III; Humorous Column: Division G: 2nd Place, The Dawson News, T. Gamble III; Humorous Column: Division G: 3rd Place, Americus Times-Recorder, Stick Miller

Sports Column: Division A: 1st Place, Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville, Will Hammock; Sports Column: Division A: 2nd Place, The Augusta Chronicle, Scott Michaux; Sports Column: Division A: 3rd Place, Savannah Morning News, Nathan Dominitz; Sports Column: Division B: 1st Place, Marietta Daily Journal, John Bednarowski; Sports Column: Division B: 2nd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, John Bednarowski; Sports Column: Division B: 3rd Place, Rome News-Tribune, Jim Alred; Sports Column: Division D: 1st Place, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville, Derrick Mahone; Sports Column: Division D: 2nd Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, David Johnson; Sports Column: Division D: 3rd Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, Brock Toole; Sports Column: Division E: 1st Place, The Dahlonega Nugget, Greg Finan Jr.; Sports Column: Division E: 2nd Place, The Tifton Gazette, Becky Taylor; Sports Column: Division E: 3rd Place, The Dahlonega Nugget, Greg Finan Jr.; Sports Column: Division F: 1st Place, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro, T. Michael Stone; Sports Column: Division F: 2nd Place, The Elberton Star, Mark Berryman; Sports Column: Division F: 3rd Place, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville, Ryne Dennis; Sports Column: Division G: 1st Place, Walker County Messenger, Lafayette, Scott Herpst; Sports Column: Division G: 2nd Place, Walker County Messenger, Lafayette, Scott Herpst; Sports Column: Division G: 3rd Place, The Madison County Journal, Danielsville, Zach Mitcham; Sports Column: Division H: 1st Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Jim Rice; Sports Column: Division H: 2nd Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Kim Cooper; Sports Column: Division H: 3rd Place, Columbia County News-Times, Evans, Scott Rouch

Hard News Writing: Division A: 1st Place, The Augusta Chronicle, Steve Crawford and Valerie Rowell; Hard News Writing: Division A: 2nd Place, The Telegraph, Macon, Liz Fabian; Hard News Writing: Division A: 3rd Place, The Augusta Chronicle, Tracey McManus; Hard News Writing: Division B: 1st Place, The Newnan Times-Herald, Sarah Fay Campbell; Hard News Writing: Division B: 2nd Place, The Newnan Times-Herald, Molly Stassfort; Hard News Writing: Division B: 3rd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Ricky Leroux; Hard News Writing: Division C: 1st Place, LaGrange Daily News, Melanie Ruberti; Hard News Writing: Division C: 2nd Place, LaGrange Daily News; Hard News Writing: Division C: 3rd Place, The Cherokee Tribune, Canton, Jessica Lindley; Hard News Writing: Division D: 1st Place, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville, Laura Corley; Hard News Writing: Division D: 2nd Place, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup, Derby Waters; Hard News Writing: Division D: 3rd Place, The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge, Shelby Farmer; Hard News Writing: Division E: 1st Place, Tribune & Georgian, St. Marys, Johna Strickland Rush; Hard News Writing: Division E: 2nd Place, White County News, Cleveland, Debbie Gilbert; Hard News Writing: Division E: 3rd Place, The Clayton Tribune, Mat Payne; Hard News Writing: Division F: 1st Place, The Blackshear Times, Robert M. Williams Jr.; Hard News Writing: Division F: 2nd Place, The Blackshear Times, Wayne Hardy; Hard News Writing: Division F: 3rd Place, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville; Hard News Writing: Division G: 1st Place, The Telfair Enterprise, McRae; Hard News Writing: Division G: 2nd Place, The Champion, Decatur, Andrew Cauthen; Hard News Writing: Division G: 3rd Place, The Champion, Decatur, Carla Parker; Hard News Writing: Division H: 1st Place, Cherokee Ledger-News, Woodstock, Carolyn Mathews; Hard News Writing: Division H: 2nd Place, Columbia County News-Times, Evans, Steve Crawford and Valerie Rowell; Hard News Writing: Division H: 3rd Place, Columbia County News-Times, Evans, Valerie Rowell

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Best Use of Graphics and Illustration: Division DAILY: 1st Place, Savannah Morning News, Phillip Ameling; Best Use of Graphics and Illustration: Division DAILY: 2nd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Terry Richards; Best Use of Graphics and Illustration: Division DAILY: 3rd Place, The Moultrie Observer, Kevin C. Hall; Best Use of Graphics and Illustration: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge, Shelby Farmer; Best Use of Graphics and Illustration: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, Columbia County News-Times, Evans, Jim Blaylock; Best Use of Graphics and Illustration: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, The Clayton Tribune, Klark Byrd

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Editorial Cartoonist: Division DAILY: 1st Place, The Augusta Chronicle, Rick McKee; Editorial Cartoonist: Division DAILY: 2nd Place, Savannah Morning News, Mark Streeter; Editorial Cartoonist: Division DAILY: 3rd Place, Savannah Morning News, Mark Streeter; Editorial Cartoonist: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville, Chuck Cunningham; Editorial Cartoonist: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Bob Glover; Editorial Cartoonist: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, The Champion, Decatur, Fitzroy James

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