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Georgia Press Association announces 2022 Better Newspaper Contest winners

Jekyll Island, Ga. - The Georgia Press Association honored the winners of the 2022 Better Newspaper Contest on Friday, June 3 at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel during the group's 135th annual convention.

The Augusta Press won the prestigious Freedom of Information Award which is awarded to the newspaper that did the most during 2021 to uphold the principles of the First Amendment and to protect the public's right to know. The online newspaper and podcast, whose editor is Debbie Van Tuyll, began publishing on January 11, 2021.

The award is based on The Augusta Press' fight against the Wayne County Sheriff's Office to receive equal access to its media events, press releases and other media notice on an equal basis to other media serving Richmond County. The Augusta Press tirelessly pursued public records from a variety of city officials, and fought multiple legal battles over access this year. Judging for the award is provided by the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Zoe Nicholson of the Savannah Morning News was honored as the winner of GPA's Emerging Journalist Award. The award goes to a journalist younger than 30 who has less than five years of experience writing professionally for a newspaper in the state and demonstrates excellence and maintains high standards of quality and ethics. As the growth and development reporter, Nicholson tackles some of the most complicated topics from Savannah's burgeoning affordable housing crisis and reparations for descendants of former slaves.

The Photo of the Year was taken by Ethan Reddish of The Post-Searchlight in Bainbridge. It documents the arrival of Bo, a 34-year-old male elephant, at Elephant Refuge North America in Attapulcus. All first-place winners in photo categories are considered for Photo of the Year.

Winners in the GPA Better Newspaper Contest were honored for their outstanding achievements in newspaper journalism. Entries were judged in seven divisions based on circulation. The daily divisions are Division A (circulation of 8,000 or more) and Division B (circulation of 7,999 or less). The weekly divisions are Division C (circulation of 6,000 to 15,000), Division D (circulation of 3,000 to 5,999), Division E (weeklies with circulation of less than 3,000) and Division F (all weekly newspapers with more than 15,000 in circulation and all associate media members of GPA).

This year's judging was done by members of the Louisiana Press Association.

General Excellence Awards are based on overall evaluation of the newspaper. Points toward General Excellence are earned based on awards in contest categories and in Georgia Press Association's advertising contest.

General Excellence

Division A

Third Place: Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville

Second Place: Marietta Daily Journal

First Place: The Brunswick News

Division B

Third Place: LaGrange Daily News

Second Place: Times-Georgian, Carrollton

First Place: The Valdosta Daily Times

Division C

Third Place: Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville

Second Place: The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

First Place: The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third Place: The Newnan Times-Herald

Second Place: The Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth

First Place: Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

Division E

Third Place: The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville

Second Place: The Madison County Journal, Danielsville

First Place: The Covington News

Division F

Third Place: Augusta Press

Second Place: Appen Media Group

First Place: Smoke Signals, Big Canoe

Best Web Photo

Daily Newspapers

Third place: Thomas Hartwell, Marietta Daily Journal

Second place: Derrick Davis, The Brunswick News

First place: Derrick Davis, The Brunswick News

Weekly Newspapers

Third place: Jay Phillips, The Champion Decatur

Second place: Clay Neely, The Newnan Times-Herald

First place: Larry Stanford, The Jackson Progress-Argus

Best Newspaper Website

Daily newspapers

Third place: Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville

Second place: Rome News Tribune

First place: Brian Clark, Marietta Daily Journal

Weekly newspapers

Third place: Rockdale Citizen, Conyers

Second place: Clayton News, Jonesboro

First place: Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth

Best Use of Graphics and Illustration

Albert and Dorothy Jenkins Award

Daily newspapers

Third place: Derrick Davis, The Brunswick News

Second place: Phillip Clements, Marietta Daily Journal

First place: Derrick Davis, The Brunswick News

Weekly newspapers

Third place: Karen Webster, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe
Second place: Karen Webster, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe
First place: Matt Aiken, The Dahlonega Nugget

Best Online News Project

All newspapers
Third Place: The Champion, Decatur
Second place: The Albany Herald
First place: Savannah Morning News

Best Photo Gallery on a Newspaper Website

Daily newspapers
Third place: Joshua Jones, Athens Banner-Herald
Second place: Tom Seegmueller, The Albany Herald
First place: Richard Burkhart, Savannah Morning News

Weekly newspapers
Third place: Taylor Beck, The Covington News
Second place: Clay Neely, The Newnan Times-Herald
First place: Clay Neely, The Newnan Times-Herald

Editorial Cartoonist

All newspapers
Third place: Chuck Cunningham, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville
Second place: Dwight Henderson, Pickens County Progress, Jasper
First place: Chuck Cunningham, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

Best Magazine Overall Design

Daily newspapers
Third Place: LaGrange Daily News
Second Place: The Brunswick News
First Place: Marietta Daily Journal

Weekly newspapers
Third Place: The Newnan Times-Herald
Second Place: The Dahlonega Nugget
First Place: The Covington News

Photo Portfolio

Daily newspapers
Third Place: Joshua L. Jones, Athens Banner Herald
Second Place: Derrick Davis, The Brunswick News
First Place: Zachary Dailey, West Georgia Woman Magazine

Weekly newspapers

Third Place: Shannon Ballew, The Cherokee Tribune, Canton
Second Place: Larry Stanford, Jackson Progress Argus
First Place: Rose Scoggins, The Elberton Star

Best Use of Multimedia Journalism

Daily newspapers

Third Place: Ryne Dennis & Mark Weiszer, Athens Banner-Herald
Second Place: Mike Haskey, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer
First Place: Richard Burkhart, Savannah Morning News

Weekly newspapers

Second Place: Darien Southerland, The Cherokee Tribune, Canton
First Place: Darien Southerland, The Cherokee Tribune, Canton

Page One

Division A

Third place: Phillip Clements, Marietta Daily Journal
Second place: The Brunswick News
First place: Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville

Division B

Third place: The Albany Herald
Second place: The Griffin Daily News
First place: Times-Georgian, Carrollton

Division C

Third place: David Clemons, The Walton Tribune
Second place: The Cherokee Tribune, Canton
First place: David Clemons, The Walton Tribune

Division D

Third place: Lake Oconee News, Greensboro
Second place: The News Observer, Blue Ridge
First place: Tribune & Georgian, St. Mary's

Division E

Third place: Taylor Beck, The Covington News
Second place: The Moultrie Observer
First place: Josh Lurie, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville

Division F

Third place: Appen Media Group
Second place: Isadora Pennington, Springs Publishing
First place: Springs Publishing

Best Magazine Single Photo

Division A

Third Place: Zachary Dailey, West Georgia Woman Magazine
Second Place: Zachary Dailey, West Georgia Woman Magazine
First Place: Zachary Dailey, West Georgia Woman Magazine

Division D

Third Place: Chris Martin, The Newnan Times-Herald

Second Place: Terry Massey, Lake Life Magazine
First Place: Chris Martin, The Newnan Times-Herald

Business Writing

Division A

Third place: Curt Yeomans, Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville
Second place: Joshua Mixon, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer
First place: Becky Purser, The Telegraph, Macon

Division B

Third place: Terry Richards, The Valdosta Daily Times
Second place: John Bailey, Rome News-Tribune
First place: Alex Mauldin, The Albany Herald

Division C

Third place: Joe Parker, The Cherokee Tribune, Canton
Second place: Denise Etheridge, The Walton Tribune, Monroe
First place: Ron Daniel, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville

Division D

Third place: Michael Prochaska, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville
Second place: Debbie Lurie-Smith, The Jones County News, Gray
First place: The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

Division E

Third place: Tom Spigolon, The Covington News
Second place: Taylor Beck, The Covington News
First place: Taylor Beck, Covington News

Division F

Third place: Patrick Fox, Appen Media Group
Second place: Appen Media Group
First place: Springs Publishing

Magazine Product

Division A

Third place: The Brunswick News
Second place: The Brunswick News
First place: Marietta Daily Journal

Division B

Third place: The Union-Recorder, Milledgeville
Second place: The Union-Recorder, Milledgeville
First place: Times-Georgian, Carrollton

Division D

Third place: Waycross Journal Herald
Second place: The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge
First place: Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth

Division E

Third place: The Leader Tribune, Fort Valley
Second place: The Leader Tribune, Fort Valley
First place: The Covington News

News Photo

Division A

Third place: Richard Burkhart, Savannah Morning News

Second place: Curt Yeomans, Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville

First place: Curt Yeomans, Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville

Division B

Third place: Riley Bunch, The Valdosta Daily Times

Second place: Joshua L. Jones, Athens Banner Herald

First place: Joshua L. Jones, Athens Banner Herald

Division C

Third place: Derrick Mahone, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville

Second place: Jane Newton, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville

First place: Deborah Stewart, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third place: Max Caylor, Pickens County Progress, Jasper

Second place: Michael Prochaska, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

First place: Ethan Reddish, The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge

Division F

Third place: Wayne Tidwell, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe

Second place: Carl Appen, Appen Media Group

First place: Chamian Cruz, Appen Media Group

Best Magazine Original Writing

Division A

Third place: Madison Hogan, Marietta Daily Journal

Second place: Lindsey Adkison, The Brunswick News

First place: Angela Dailey, West Georgia Woman Magazine

Division B

Third place: Shiann Sivell, LaGrange Daily News

Second place: Bruce Ethridge, The Valdosta Daily Times

First place: James Swift & Randy Parker, The Daily Tribune News, Cartersville

Division C

Third place: Mark Stokes, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

Second place: Eric Denty, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

First place: Mark Stokes, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

Division D

Third place: Justin Hubbard, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

Second place: Jill Holloway, The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge

First place: Lynn Hobbs, Lake Life

Division E

Third place: Matthew Brown, The Moultrie Observer

Second place: Payton D. Fletcher, The Moultrie Observer

First place: Wayne Grandy, The Moultrie Observer

J.C. Williams Trophy for Editorial Page

Division A

Second Place: The Brunswick News

First Place: Marietta Daily Journal

Division B

Third Place: LaGrange Daily News

Second Place: The Albany Herald

First Place: The Valdosta Daily Times

Division C

Third Place: The Cherokee Tribune, Canton

Second Place: The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

First Place: The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third Place: Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth

Second Place: Smoke Signals, Big Canoe

First Place: The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

Division E

Third Place: Franklin County Citizen Leader, Lavonia

Second Place: The Elberton Star

First Place: The Madison County Journal, Danielsville

Otis A. Brumby Trophy for Serious Column

Division A

Third place: Mark Murphy, Savannah Morning News

Second place: Maxine Bryant, Savannah Morning News

First place: Dick Yarbrough, Marietta Daily Journal

Division B

Third place: Jim Zachary, The Valdosta Daily News

Second place: Dean Poling, The Valdosta Daily News

First place: Jim Zachary, The Valdosta Daily News

Division C

Third place: Terry Howard, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville

Second place: Eric Denty, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

First place: Patrick Graham, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third place: Matt Aiken, The Dahlonega Nugget

Second place: T. Michael Stone, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro

First place: Jake Cantrell, The Dahlonega Nugget

Division E

Third place: Gary Jones, The Elberton Star

Second place: David Maxwell, Donalsonville News

First place: Zach Mitcham, The Madison County Journal, Danielsville

Division F

Third place: Carol Niemi, Springs Publishing

Second place: Dr. Bob Anderson, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe

First place: Valerie Biggerstaff, Appen Media Group

Best Magazine Commentary

All Newspapers

Third place: Toby Nix, The Newnan Times-Herald

Second place: Madison Hogan, Marietta Daily Journal

First place: Michael Prochaska, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

Enterprise Story

Division A

Third place: Mark Rice, Columbus Ledger Enquirer
Second place: Raisa Habersham, Savannah Magazine
First place: Tim Chitwood, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer

Division B

Third place: Stephanie Allen, Athens Banner-Herald
Second place: Wayne Ford, Athens Banner-Herald
First place: LaGrange Daily News

Division C

Third place: John Eden, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup
Second place: Denise Etheridge, The Walton Tribune, Monroe
First place: Drew Davis, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

Division D

Third place: Mollie Allen, The News Observer, Blue Ridge
Second place: Sarah Fay Campbell, The Newnan Times-Herald
First place: Mark Engel, The Eatonton Messenger

Division E

Third place: Timberly Spikes, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville
Second place: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen Leader, Lavonia
First place: Taylor Beck, The Covington News

Best Magazine Themed Issue

Division A

Third place: West Georgia Woman Magazine
Second place: West Georgia Woman Magazine
First place: The Brunswick News

Division B

Third place: Times-Georgian, Carrollton
Second place: The Press-Sentinel, Jesup
First place: LaGrange Daily News

Division D

Third place: The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge
Second place: Lake Life Magazine
First place: Lake Life Magazine

Spot News Photo

Division A

Third place: Terry Dickson, The Brunswick News
Second place: Terry Dickson, The Brunswick News
First place: Derrick Davis, The Brunswick News

Division B

Third place: Riley Bunch, The Valdosta Daily Times
Second place: Randy Parker, The Daily Tribune News, Cartersville
First place: Riley Bunch, The Valdosta Daily Times

Division C

Third place: Derrick Mahone, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville
Second place: Drew Davis, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup
First place: Derrick Mahone, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville

Division D

Third place: Will Davis, Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth
Second place: Stephanie Hill, White County News, Cleveland
First place: Will Davis, Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth
Division E

Third place: Cat Webb, Calhoun Times
Second place: Larry Stanford, Jackson Progress-Argus
First place: Parish Howard, Jefferson Reporter News & Farmer, Louisville
Division F
Third place: Sydney Dangremond, Appen Media Group
Second place: Paul Sayegh, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe
First place: Paul Sayegh, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe

Lifestyle Coverage

Division A
Third place: Marietta Daily Journal
Second place: The Brunswick News
First place: The Brunswick News
Division B
Third place: The Albany Herald
Second place: The Valdosta Daily Times
First place: Brandon Park, The Union-Recorder, Milledgeville
Division C
Third place: The Walton Tribune, Monroe
Second place: The Cherokee Tribune, Canton
First place: The Press-Sentinel, Jesup
Division D
Third place: Smoke Signals, Big Canoe
Second place: The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville
First place: The Eatonton Messenger
Division E
Third place: Newton Citizen, Covington
Second place: The Madison County Journal, Danielsville
First place: The Moultrie Observer

Religion Writing

Division A
Third place: Lindsey Adkison, The Brunswick News
Second place: Dean Poling, The Valdosta Daily Times
First place: Hunter Riggall, Marietta Daily Journal
Division C
Third place: Kandice Bell, The Newnan Times-Herald
Second place: Alaina Clarke, The Jones County News, Gray
First place: The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville
Division E
Third place: Tom Spigolon, The Covington News
Second place: David Maxwell, Donalsonville News
First place: Beth Sexton, Rockdale Citizen, Conyers

Best Magazine Cover Design

Division A

Third place: Madison Hogan, Robin Harrison, Marietta Daily Journal

Second place: Times-Georgian, Carrollton

First place: West Georgia Woman Magazine

Division C

Third place: Sandy Hisler, Chris Martin, Jackie Kennedy, The Newnan Times-Herald

Second place: Patrick Graham, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

First place: Sandy Hisler, Chris Martin, Jackie Kennedy, The Newnan Times-Herald

Division E

Third place: Andrea Banker, The Leader Tribune, Ft. Valley

Second place: Taylor Beck, The Covington News

First place: Jill Stringfellow, Derek Schaper, The Moultrie Observer

Breaking News Writing

Division A

Third place: Tim Chitwood, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer

Second place: Joe Kovac Jr., The Telegraph, Macon

First place: Tim Chitwood, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer

Division B

Third place: Ken Denney, Laura Camper, Jay Luzardo

Times-Georgian, Carrollton

Second place: LaGrange Daily News

First place: James Swift, The Daily Tribune News, Cartersville

Division C

Third place: Drew Davis, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

Second place: Derrick Mahone, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville

First place: David Clemons, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third place: Angela Reinhardt, Pickens County Progress, Jasper

Second place: Jill Holloway, The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge

First place: Will Davis, Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth

Division E

Second place: Heather Middleton, Henry Herald, McDonough

First place: Matthew Brown, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville

Division F

Third place: Sydney Dangremon, Appen Media Group

Second place: Augusta Press

First place: Augusta Press

Best Magazine In-House Photography

Division A

Third place: West Georgia Woman Magazine

Second place: The Brunswick News

First place: West Georgia Magazine

Division D

Third place: Chris Martin, The Newnan Times-Herald

Second place: Sara Moore, The Newnan Times-Herald

First place: Leigh Lofgren, Lake Life Magazine

Division E

Third place: Victor Kulkosky, The Leader Tribune, Ft. Valley

Second place: Jill Stringfellow and Jack R. Jordan, The Moultrie Observer

First place: Keith Russell, The Moultrie Observer

Headline Writing

Division A

Third place: Gwinnett Daily Journal, Lawrenceville

Second place: Kristen Hansen, Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville

First place: Marietta Daily Journal

Division B

Third place: LaGrange Daily News

Second place: Bruce Guthrie, Times-Georgian, Carrollton

First place: Dan Minish, Times-Georgian, Carrollton

Division C

Third place: David Clemons, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Second place: The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

First place: David Clemons, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third place: Pickens County Progress, Jasper

Second place: Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth

First place: Clay Neely, Rebecca Leftwitch, The Newnan Times-Herald

Division E

Third place: Zach Mitcham, The Madison Journal, Danielsville

Second place: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen, Lavonia

First place: Taylor Beck, The Covington News

Feature Photo

Division A

Third place: Robin Rayne, Marietta Daily Journal

Second place: Terry Dickson, The Brunswick News

First place: Robin Rayne, Marietta Daily Journal

Division B

Third place: Tara Fletcher, The Albany Herald

Second place: Amanda Usher, The Valdosta Daily Times

First place: Rodney Manley, The Courier Herald, Dublin

Division C

Third place: Shannon Ballew, The Cherokee Tribune, Canton

Second place: Davontay Wilson, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

First place: Derrick Mahone, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville

Division D

Third place: Lelia Scoggins, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro

Second place: Leigh Lofgren, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro

First place: Ethan Reddish, The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge

Division E

Third place: Larry Stanford, Jackson Progress-Argus

Second place: Timberly Spikes, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville

First place: Zach Mitcham, The Madison County Journal, Douglasville

Division F

Third place: Denise Ray, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe
Second place: Jerry Deeds, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe
First place: June Lewis, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe

Special Issues/Special Sections

Division A

Third place: West Georgia Woman Magazine
Second place: The Brunswick News
First place: Marietta Daily Journal

Division B

Third place: Times-Georgian, Carrollton
Second place: Clay Reynolds, The Courier Herald, Dublin
First place: LaGrange Daily News

Division C

Third place: The Northeast Georgian, Cornelia
Second place: The Walton Tribune, Monroe
First place: The Walton Tribune Monroe

Division D

Third Place: Newnan Times-Herald
Second Place: The Eatonton Messenger
First Place: The News Observer, Blue Ridge

Division E

Third place: Jay Phillips, The Champion, Decatur
Second place: Mary Beth Yeary, The Tifton Gazette
First place: The Covington News

Division F

Third place: Smoke Signals, Big Canoe
Second place: Appen Media Group
First place: Smoke Signals, Big Canoe

Feature Writing

Division A

Third place: Nick Wooten, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer
Second place: Tim Chitwood, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer
First place: Mark Rice, Columbus Ledger Enquirer

Division B

Third place: Bryce Ethridge, The Valdosta Daily Times
Second place: Dean Poling, The Valdosta Daily Times
First place: Severo Avila, Rome News Tribune

Division C

Third place: Mark Stokes, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup
Second place: Derrick Mahone, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville
First place: Ron Daniel, Richard Grant, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville

Division D

Third place: Mark Engel, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro
Second place: Debbie Lurie Smith, The Jones County News, Gray
First place: Matt Aiken, The Dahlonega Nugget

Division E

Third place: Parish Howard, Jefferson Reporter News & Farmer

Second place: David Maxwell, Donalsonville News
First place: Tom Spigolon, The Covington News
Division F
Third place: Melissa Lowrie, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe
Second place: Sydney Dangremond, Appen Media Group
First place: Anita Rosen, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe

Lifestyle/Feature Column

Division A
Third place: Larry Hobbs, The Brunswick News
Second place: Gordon Jackson, The Brunswick News
First place: Damon Poirier, Marietta Daily Journal
Division B
Third place: Josh Sewell, Times-Georgian, Carrollton
Second place: Josh Sewell, Times-Georgian, Carrollton
First place: Damon Poirier, The Valdosta Daily Times
Division D
Third place: The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville
Second place: Angela Reinhardt, Pickens County Progress, Jasper
First place: Brando Chonoko, Tribune & Georgian, St. Mary's
Division E
Third place: Zach Mitcham, The Madison County Journal, Danielsville
Second place: Dean Poling, The Tifton Gazette
First place: Jack R. Jordan, The Moultrie Observer
Division F
Third place: Steve Hudson, Appen Media Group
Second place: Charles Seabrook, Springs Publishing
First place: Ann Pike, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe

Hal M. Stanley Trophy, Layout and Design

Division A
Third place: Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville
Second place: The Brunswick News
First place: The Brunswick News
Division C
Third place: The Press-Sentinel, Jesup
Second place: David Clemons, The Walton Tribune, Monroe
First place: Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville
Division D
Third place: The Dahlonega Nugget
Second place: Emily Laser, The Newnan Times-Herald
First place: Josh Lurie, The Jones County News, Gray
Division E
Third place: The Covington News
Second place: David Maxwell, Donalsonville News
First place: Josh Lurie, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville

Photo Essay

Division A

Third place: Madeleine Cook, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer

Second place: Adriana Boatwright, Savannah Magazine

First place: Adriana Boatwright, Savannah Magazine

Division B

Third place: Bryce Ethridge, The Valdosta Daily Times

Second place: Bryce Ethridge, The Valdosta Daily Times

First place: Joshua L. Jones, Athens Banner Herald

Division C

Third place: DaVontay Wilson, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

Second place: Janet Newton, Karen Cox, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville

First place: Eric Denty, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

Division D

Third place: Lauren Malek, The Eatonton Messenger

Second place: Joe Adgie, The Newnan Times-Herald

First place: The Newnan Times-Herald

Division E

Third place: Lauren McCurley, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville

Second place: David Maxwell, Donalsonville News

First place: David Maxwell, Donalsonville News

Division F

Third place: Mike Adams, Augusta Press

Second place: Katy Ross, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe

First place: Debbie Reddin Van Tuyl, Augusta Press

Education Writing

Division A

Third place: Mark Rice, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer

Second place: Thomas Hartwell, Marietta Daily Journal

First place: Curt Yeomans, Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville

Division B

Third place: Brittanye Blake, The Valdosta Daily Times

Second place: Stephanie Allen, Athens Banner Herald

First place: Marie NeSmith, The Daily Tribune, Cartersville

Division C

Third place: Shannon Ballew, The Cherokee Tribune, Canton

Second place: Stephen Milligan, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

First place: Ron Daniel, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville

Division D

Third place: Lauren Malek, The Eatonton Messenger

Second place: Mark Engel, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro

First place: Jake Cantrell, The Dahlonega Nugget

Division E

Third place: Jay Phillips, The Champion, Decatur

Second place: Jack R. Jordan, The Moultrie Observer

First place: Taylor Beck, The Covington News

H.H. Dean Trophy, Editorial Writing

Division A

Third Place: Marietta Daily Journal
Second Place: The Brunswick News
First Place: The Brunswick News

Division B

Third Place: John Bailey, Rome News Tribune
Second Place: John Bailey, Rome News Tribune
First Place: The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third Place: Glen Harbison, The News Observer, Blue Ridge
Second Place: Mike Buffington, The Jefferson Jackson Herald
First Place: Michael Prochaska, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

Division E

Third Place: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen Leader, Shane Scoggins
Second Place: Kevin C. Hall, The Moultrie Observer
First Place: Dean Poling, The Tifton Gazette

Joe Parham Trophy for Humorous Column

Division A

Third place: Dean Poling, The Valdosta Daily Times
Second place: Dick Yarbrough, Marietta Daily Journal
First place: Severo Avila, Rome News Tribune

Division C

Third place: Denise Ethridge, The Walton Tribune, Monroe
Second place: Drew Davis, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup
First place: Stephen Milligan, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third place: Molly Ann McLean, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville
Second place: Matt Aiken, The Dahlonega Nugget
First place: Caleb Smith, Pickens County Progress, Jasper

Division E

Third place: Richard Harris, The Journal, Buena Vista
Second place: Dan Ponder, Donalsonville News
First place: Zach Mitcham, The Madison County Journal, Danielsville

Division F

Third place: Tim Sullivan, Springs Publishing
Second place: Brent Carroll, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe
First place: Sylvia Cooper, Augusta Press

Sports Feature Photo

Division A

Third place: Jason Vorhees, The Telegraph, Macon
Second place: Dale Zanine, Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville
First place: Anthony Stalcup, Marietta Daily Journal

Division B

Third place: Joshua L. Jones, Athens Banner-Herald
Second place: Gil Pound, The Union-Recorder, Milledgeville
First place: Mike Adams, Augusta Press

Division C

Third place: Brett Fowler, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Second place: Melinda Pease, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

First place: Brett Fowler, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third place: Enoch Autry, The Clayton Tribune

Second place: Justin Hubbard, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

First place: Emily Dozie, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

Division E

Third place: Anthony Banks, The Covington News

Second place: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen Leader, Lavonia

First place: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen Leader, Lavonia

Sports Section or Pages

Division A

Third place: The Brunswick News

Second place: Marietta Daily Journal

First place: Derrick Davis, Terry Wilson, The Brunswick News

Division B

Third place: Times-Georgian, Carrollton

Second place: The Albany Herald

First place: Shane Thomas, The Valdosta Daily Times

Division C

Second place: The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

First place: Brett Fowler, David Clemons, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third place: Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth

Second place: The Eatonton Messenger

First place: Brad Harrison, The Jones County News, Gray

Division E

Third place: The Covington News

Second place: Will Hammock, Rockdale Citizen, Conyers

First place: Larry Stanford, Jackson Progress-Argus

Sports Coverage Story

Division A

Third place: Will Hammock, Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville

Second place: Derrick Davis, The Brunswick News

First place: John Bednarowski, Marietta Daily Journal

Division B

Third place: Marc Weiszer, Athens Banner-Herald

Second place: Gil Pound, The Union-Recorder, Milledgeville

First place: Shane Thomas, The Valdosta Daily Times

Division C

Third place: David Johnson, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Second place: Stephen Milligan, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

First place: Greg Yarman, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third place: Emily Dozier, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

Second place: Justin Hubbard, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

First place: Jake Cantrell, The Dahlonega Nugget

Division E

Third place: Shane Scoggins, Franklin County Citizen Leader, Lavonia

Second place: Lance McCurley, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville

First place: Zach Mitcham, The Madison County Journal, Danielsville

Sports Feature Story

Division A

Third place: Will Hammock, Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville

Second place: Derrick Davis, The Brunswick News

First place: Derrick Davis, The Brunswick News

Division B

Third place: Shane Thomas, The Valdosta Daily Times

Second place: Alex Farrer, Rome News-Tribune

First place: Ryne Dennis, Athens Banner-Herald

Division C

Third place: David Johnson, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Second place: Chris Bridges, The Newnan Times-Herald

First place: Springs Publishing

Division D

Third place: Brad Harrison, The Jones County News, Gray

Second place: Lane McCurley, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro

First place: Phillip B. Hubbard, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro

Division D

Third place: Jay Phillips, The Champion, Decatur

Second place: Becky Taylor, The Tifton Gazette

First place: Chris Starrs, Henry Herald, McDonough

Sports Column

Division A

Third place: Derrick Davis, The Brunswick News

Second place: John Bednarowski, Marietta Daily Journal
First place: Derrick Davis, The Brunswick News

Division B

Third place: Shane Thomas, The Valdosta Daily Times

Second place: Clay Reynolds, The Courier Herald, Dublin

First place: Gil Pound, The Union-Recorder, Milledgeville

Division C

Third place: Chris Bridges, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Second place: David Clemons, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

First place: David Johnson, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third place: Becky Taylor, The Tifton Gazette

Second place: The Dahlonega Nugget

First place: Justin Hubbard, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

Sports Photo

Division A

Third place: Cecil Copeland, Marietta Daily Journal

Second place: Anthony Stalcup, Marietta Daily Journal

First place: Cecil Copeland, Marietta Daily Journal

Division B

Third place: Joshua L. Jones, Athens Banner Herald

Second place: Joshua L. Jones, Athens Banner Herald

First place: Shane Thomas, The Valdosta Daily Times

Division C

Third place: Cassie Johns, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Second place: Brett Fowler, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

First place: Brett Fowler, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third place: Justin Hubbard, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

Second place: Kyle Funderburk, The Jackson Herald, Jefferson

First place: Mark Turner, White County News, Cleveland

Division E

Third place: Tim Godbee, Calhoun Times

Second place: Larry Stanford, Jackson Progress Argus

First place: Rose Scoggins, The Elberton Star

Division F

Third place: Mike Adams, Augusta Press

Second place: Mike Adams, Augusta Press

First place: Augusta Press

Investigative Reporting

Division B

Third place: Joe Kovac Jr., The Macon Telegraph, Macon

Second place: LaGrange Daily News

First place: LaGrange Daily News

Division D

Third place: Denise Ethridge, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Second place: Dan Pool, Pickens County Progress, Jasper

First place: Michael Prochaska, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

Division E

Third place: Taylor Beck, The Covington News

Second place: Jay Phillips, The Champion, Decatur

First place: Taylor Beck, The Covington News

Division F

Third place: Scott Hudson, Augusta Press

Second place: Tyler Strong, Augusta Press

First place: Appen Media Group

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Division A

Third place: The Brunswick News

Second place: Zoe Nicholson, Katie Nussbaum, Savannah Morning News

First place: Marietta Daily Journal

Division B

Third place: Scott Hudson, Sylvia Cooper, The Augusta Press

Second place: Denise Etheridge, The Walton Tribune, Monroe

First place: Jim Zachary, Valdosta Daily Times

Division D

Third place: Shellie Smithley, The True Citizen, Waynesboro

Second place: Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth

First place: Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth

Division E

Third place: Tom Spigolon, Taylor Beck, The Covington News

Second place: Taylor Beck, The Covington News

First place: Taylor Beck, The Covington News

Magazine Human Interest Feature

Division A

Third place: Amanda Thomas, West Georgia Woman Magazine

Second place: Lindsey Adkison, The Brunswick News

First place: Amanda Thomas, West Georgia Woman Magazine

Division C

Third place: Mark Stokes, The Press Sentinel, Jesup

Second place: Eric Denty, The Press Sentinel, Jesup

First place: Mark Stokes, The Press Sentinel, Jesup

Division D

Third place: The Newnan Times-Herald

Second place: Hank Segars, Lake Life Magazine

First place: Debbie Lurie Smith, Lake Life Magazine

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Division A

Third place: The Brunswick News

Second place: Marietta Daily Journal

First place: Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville

Division B

Third place: The Daily Tribune News, Cartersville

Second place: The Albany Herald

First place: The Valdosta Daily Times

Division C

Third place: The Press-Sentinel, Jesup

Second place: Derrick Mahone, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville

First place: The Walton Tribune, Monroe

Division D

Third place: The Journal Sentinel, Reidsville

Second place: The Hartwell Sun

First place: The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville

Division E

Third place: David Maxwell, The Donalsonville News

Second place: The Covington News

First place: Calhoun Times

Division F

Third place: Appen Media Group

Second place: Springs Publishing

First place: Smoke Signals, Big Canoe

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