

PRESS RELEASE
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Georgia Press Association

Georgia Press Association honors 2023 Better Newspaper Contest winners

JEKYLL ISLAND, GA. - The Georgia Press Association honored winners of the 2023 Freedom of Information Award and the 2023 Better Newspaper Contest on Friday at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel during the group's 136th annual convention.

The Elberton Star won the prestigious Freedom of Information Award for doing the most during 2022 to uphold the principles of the First Amendment and to protect the public's right to know. The Star was honored for work investigating a political contribution made by Elbert Memorial Hospital — a contribution the public hospital later took back.

Two journalists under the age of 30 with less than five years of experience were honored with the Emerging Journalist Award. The daily newspaper winner was Hunter Riggall of the Marietta Daily Journal. The weekly newspaper winner was Liz Wright of The Augusta Press.

The photo of the year was taken by Beth Farrington for the Morgan County Citizen of Madison. It won the first-place award in the Spot News Photo category of the contest in Division D. It was then chosen from among all first-place photos as the overall photo winner. Farrington's photo shows a fireman comforting a dog receiving oxygen after being rescued from a house fire in Morgan County last summer.

Winners in the Georgia Press Association Better Newspaper Contest were honored for their outstanding achievements in newspaper journalism. Entries were judged in six divisions based on circulation or in daily/weekly divisions. The daily divisions are Division A (circulation of 8,000 or more) and Division B (circulation less than 8,000). Weekly divisions are Division C (circulation 3,800-15,000), Division D (circulation 2,000-3,799), Division E (circulation less than 2,000) and Division F (all weekly newspapers of 15,000 or more and all associate media members).

Overall winners of General Excellence were:

Division A: 1st Place, The Brunswick News, Staff
Division A: 2nd Place, Savannah Morning News, Staff
Division A: 3rd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Staff

Division B: 1st Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Staff
Division B: 2nd Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Staff
Division B: 3rd Place, LaGrange Daily News, Staff

Division C: 1st Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, Staff
Division C: 2nd Place, Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth, Staff
Division C: 3rd Place, The Dahlonega Nugget, Staff

Division D: 1st Place, The Moultrie Observer, Staff
Division D: 2nd Place, Morgan County Citizen, Madison, Staff
Division D: 3rd Place, The Covington News, Staff

Division E: 1st Place, The Tifton Gazette, Staff
Division E: 2nd Place, The Journal, Buena Vista, Staff
Division E: 3rd Place, Jefferson Reporter/News & Farmer, Louisville, Staff

Division F: 1st Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Staff
Division F: 2nd Place, Appen Media Group Inc., Staff
Division F: 3rd Place, The Augusta Press, Staff

There were 490 awards presented in 46 categories to 61 newspapers. Winners by category are:

Page One: Division A: 1st Place, Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville, Staff; Page One: Division A: 2nd Place, The Brunswick News, Staff; Page One: Division A: 3rd Place, The Brunswick News, Staff; Page One: Division B: 1st Place, LaGrange Daily News, Staff; Page One: Division B: 2nd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Mary Beth Yeary and Nadia Harris; Page One: Division B: 3rd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Terry Richards; Page One: Division C: 1st Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, David Clemons; Page One: Division C: 2nd Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, David Clemons; Page One: Division C: 3rd Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, Chris Bridges; Page One: Division D: 1st Place, The Covington News, Staff; Page One: Division D: 2nd Place, Morgan County Citizen, Madison, Staff; Page One: Division D: 3rd Place, Morgan County Citizen, Madison, Staff; Page One: Division E: 1st Place, The Tifton Gazette, Mary Beth Yeary; Page One: Division E: 2nd Place, Clayton News, Jonesboro, Staff; Page One: Division E: 3rd Place, Jackson Progress-Argus, Staff; Page One: Division F: 1st Place, Rough Draft Atlanta, Isadora Pennington, Rico Figliolini and Collin Kelley; Page One: Division F: 2nd Place, Appen Media Group Inc., Staff; Page One: Division F: 3rd Place, Appen Media Group Inc., Staff

Layout and Design: Division A: 1st Place, The Brunswick News, Staff; Layout and Design: Division A: 2nd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Staff; Layout and Design: Division A: 3rd Place, LaGrange Daily News, Staff; Layout and Design: Division C: 1st Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, Staff; Layout and Design: Division C: 2nd Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Karen Webster; Layout and Design: Division C: 3rd Place, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro, Josh Lurie; Layout and Design: Division D: 1st Place, The Jones County News, Gray, Josh Lurie; Layout and Design: Division D: 2nd Place, Henry Herald, McDonough, Staff; Layout and Design: Division D: 3rd Place, Morgan County Citizen, Madison, Staff; Layout and Design: Division E: 1st Place, The Tifton Gazette, Staff; Layout and Design: Division E: 2nd Place, Clayton News, Jonesboro,

Staff; Layout and Design: Division E: 3rd Place, Jackson Progress-Argus, Kristen Hansen

Lifestyle Coverage: Division A: 1st Place, Savannah Morning News, Zach Dennis; Lifestyle Coverage: Division A: 2nd Place, The Brunswick News, Staff; Lifestyle Coverage: Division A: 3rd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Dean Poling and Nadia Harris; Lifestyle Coverage: Division C: 1st Place, The Daily Tribune News, Cartersville, Staff; Lifestyle Coverage: Division C: 2nd Place, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro, Staff; Lifestyle Coverage: Division C: 3rd Place, The Eatonton Messenger, Staff; Lifestyle Coverage: Division D: 1st Place, The Moultrie Observer, Staff; Lifestyle Coverage: Division D: 2nd Place, The Jones County News, Gray, Debbie Lurie-Smith; Lifestyle Coverage: Division D: 3rd Place, The Champion, Decatur, Gale Horton Gay; Lifestyle Coverage: Division F: 1st Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Staff; Lifestyle Coverage: Division F: 2nd Place, Appen Media Group Inc., Staff; Lifestyle Coverage: Division F: 3rd Place, Appen Media Group Inc., Staff;

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Writing: Division E: 2nd Place, The Berrien Press, Nashville, Staff; Headline Writing: Division E: 3rd Place, The Tifton Gazette, Staff; Community Service

Division DAILY: 1st Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Jim Zachary and staff; Community Service: Division DAILY: 2nd Place, The Brunswick News, Staff; Community Service: Division DAILY: 3rd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Staff; Community Service: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth, Staff; Community Service: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, The Madison County Journal, Danielsville, Zach Mitcham; Community Service: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, The Champion, Decatur, Staff

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Best Photo Gallery on a Newspaper Website: Division DAILY: 1st Place, Savannah Morning News, Richard Burkhart; Best Photo Gallery on a Newspaper Website: Division DAILY: 2nd Place, Savannah Morning News, Richard Burkhart; Best Photo Gallery on a Newspaper Website: Division DAILY: 3rd Place, Savannah Morning News, Richard Burkhart; Best Photo Gallery on a Newspaper Website: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, The Oglethorpe Echo, Basil Terhune; Best Photo Gallery on a Newspaper Website: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Paul Sayegh; Best Photo Gallery on a Newspaper Website: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, The Oglethorpe Echo, Basil Terhune;

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Hammock; Newspaper Website: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, The Oglethorpe Echo, Staff; Newspaper Website: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, Rough Draft Atlanta, Keith Pepper and Collin Kelley; Newspaper Website: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, Calhoun Times, Staff

News Photograph: Division A: 1st Place, Savannah Morning News, Richard Burkhart; News Photograph: Division A: 2nd Place, The Augusta Chronicle, Katie Goodale; News Photograph: Division A: 3rd Place, Savannah Morning News, Richard Burkhart; News Photograph: Division B: 1st Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Joshua L. Jones; News Photograph: Division B: 2nd Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Joshua L. Jones; News Photograph: Division B: 3rd Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Joshua L. Jones; News Photograph: Division C: 1st Place, Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth, Mark Wooley; News Photograph: Division C: 2nd Place, Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth, Will Davis; News Photograph: Division C: 3rd Place, Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth, Will Davis; News Photograph: Division D: 1st Place, The Jones County News, Gray, Debbie Lurie-Smith; News Photograph: Division D: 2nd Place, The Jackson Herald, Jefferson, Staff; News Photograph: Division D: 3rd Place, Franklin County Citizen Leader, Lavonia, Samantha Sinclair; News Photograph: Division E: 1st Place, The Braselton News, Ben Munro; News Photograph: Division E: 2nd Place, Jackson Progress-Argus, Larry Stanford; News Photograph: Division E: 3rd Place, Quitman Free Press, Lindsey Bailey; News Photograph: Division F: 1st Place, Appen Media Group Inc., Alex Popp; News Photograph: Division F: 2nd Place, Appen Media Group Inc., Amber Perry; News Photograph: Division F: 3rd Place, The Augusta Press, Skyler Q. Andrews

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Sports Photograph: Division A: 1st Place, The Telegraph, Macon, Jason Voorhees; Sports Photograph: Division A: 2nd Place, The Brunswick News, Derrick Davis; Sports Photograph: Division A: 3rd Place, The Augusta Chronicle, Katie Goodale; Sports Photograph: Division B: 1st Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Shane Thomas; Sports Photograph: Division B: 2nd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Dave Sundin; Sports Photograph: Division B: 3rd Place, Times-Georgian, Carrollton, Brian Carmicheal; Sports Photograph: Division C: 1st Place, Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth, Russ Campbell; Sports Photograph: Division C: 2nd Place, Monroe County Reporter, Forsyth, Russ Campbell; Sports Photograph: Division C: 3rd Place, The Newnan Times-Herald,

Chris Martin; Sports Photograph: Division D: 1st Place, The Moultrie Observer, Connie Southwell; Sports Photograph: Division D: 2nd Place, The Covington News, Garrett Pitts; Sports Photograph: Division D: 3rd Place, Morgan County Citizen, Madison, Cecil Copeland; Sports Photograph: Division E: 1st Place, The Tifton Gazette, Becky Taylor; Sports Photograph: Division E: 2nd Place, The Champion, Decatur, Jay Phillips; Sports Photograph: Division E: 3rd Place, Quitman Free Press, Jamon Williams

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Best Web Photo: 1st Place, The Brunswick News, Derrick Davis; Best Web Photo: 2nd Place, The Dahlonga Nugget, Keith Murden; Best Web Photo: 3rd Place, The Dahlonga Nugget, John Bynum

Special Issues: Division A: 1st Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Staff; Special Issues: Division A: 2nd Place, The Brunswick News, Staff; Special Issues: Division A: 3rd Place, The Brunswick News, Staff; Special Issues: Division B: 1st Place, Times-Georgian, Carrollton, Staff; Special Issues: Division B: 2nd Place, The Courier Herald, Dublin, Rodney Manley and staff; Special Issues: Division B: 3rd Place, The Courier Herald, Dublin, Clay Reynolds; Special Issues: Division C: 1st Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, Staff; Special Issues: Division C: 2nd Place, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup, Staff; Special Issues: Division C: 3rd Place, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville, Derrick Mahone; Special Issues: Division D: 1st Place, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville, Josh Lurie; Special Issues: Division D: 2nd Place, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville, Josh Lurie; Special Issues: Division D: 3rd Place, The Jones County News, Gray, Brad Harrison; Special Issues: Division F: 1st Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Staff; Special Issues: Division F: 2nd Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Steve Donoghue; Special Issues: Division F: 3rd Place, Rough Draft Atlanta, Joe Earle, Collin Kelley and Sammie Purcell

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Photo Essay: Division A: 1st Place, Savannah Morning News, Adriana Iris Boatwright; Photo Essay: Division A: 2nd Place, Savannah Morning News, Richard Burkhardt; Photo Essay: Division A: 3rd Place, The Brunswick News, Derrick Davis; Photo Essay: Division B: 1st Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Joshua L. Jones; Photo Essay: Division B: 2nd Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Joshua L. Jones; Photo Essay: Division B: 3rd Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Joshua L. Jones; Photo Essay: Division C: 1st Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Paul Sayegh; Photo Essay: Division C: 2nd Place, Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville, Sweetwater Camera Club; Photo Essay: Division C: 3rd Place, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup, Drew Davis; Photo Essay: Division D: 1st Place, The Oglethorpe Echo, Katie Tucker; Photo Essay: Division D: 2nd Place, Pickens County Progress, Jasper, Robin Dunn; Photo Essay: Division D: 3rd Place, Donalsonville News, David Maxwell; Photo Essay: Division E: 1st Place, The Journal, Buena Vista, Richard Harris and Linda Adams; Photo Essay: Division E: 2nd Place, Quitman Free Press, Staff; Photo Essay: Division E: 3rd Place, The Tifton Gazette, Staff

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Parish Howard; Education Writing: Division E: 2nd Place, Jefferson Reporter/News &
Farmer, Louisville, Parish Howard; Education Writing: Division E: 3rd Place, Jackson
Progress-Argus, Larry Stanford

Religion Writing: Division DAILY: 1st Place, The Augusta Chronicle, Alexandra Koch;
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Writing: Division B: 1st Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Asia Ashley; Feature Writing:
Division B: 2nd Place, The Courier Herald, Dublin, Rodney Manley; Feature Writing:
Division B: 3rd Place, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, Mark Rice; Feature Writing: Division
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Atlanta, Dyana Bagby; Feature Writing: Division F: 3rd Place, Appen Media Group Inc.,
Amber Perry

Enterprise Story: Division A: 1st Place, Savannah Morning News, Laura Nwogu and
Raisa Habersham; Enterprise Story: Division A: 2nd Place, The Augusta Chronicle,
Abraham Kenmore; Enterprise Story: Division A: 3rd Place, Marietta Daily Journal,
Jacob Busch; Enterprise Story: Division B: 1st Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Asia
Ashley; Enterprise Story: Division B: 2nd Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Marc Weiszer;
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Sports Column: Division DAILY: 1st Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Ryne Dennis; Sports Column: Division DAILY: 2nd Place, The Courier Herald, Dublin, Clay Reynolds; Sports Column: Division DAILY: 3rd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Shane Thomas; Sports Column: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, The Tifton Gazette, Becky Taylor; Sports Column: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, The Clinch County News, Homerville, Len Robbins; Sports Column: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, The Dahlonge Nugget, Matt Aiken

Best Use of Graphics and Illustration: Division DAILY: 1st Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Philip Clements; Best Use of Graphics and Illustration: Division DAILY: 2nd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Philip Clements and Jennifer Hall; Best Use of Graphics and Illustration: Division DAILY: 3rd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Terry Richards; Best Use of Graphics and Illustration: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Karen Webster; Best Use of Graphics and Illustration: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, The Daily Tribune News, Cartersville, William Bramlett; Best Use of Graphics and Illustration: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, The Dahlonge Nugget, John Bynum

Business Writing: Division A: 1st Place, Savannah Morning News, Zoe Nicholson; Business Writing: Division A: 2nd Place, The Telegraph, Macon, Becky Purser; Business Writing: Division A: 3rd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Chart Riggall; Business Writing: Division B: 1st Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Wayne Ford; Business Writing: Division B: 2nd Place, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, Brittany McGee; Business Writing: Division B: 3rd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Terry Richards; Business Writing: Division C: 1st Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, Staff; Business Writing: Division C: 2nd Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, Stephen Milligan; Business Writing: Division C: 3rd Place, Lake Oconee News, Greensboro, Maureen Stratton; Business Writing: Division D: 1st Place, Pickens County Progress, Jasper, Angela Reinhardt; Business Writing: Division D: 2nd Place, The Covington News, Tom Spigolon; Business Writing: Division D: 3rd Place, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville, Bailey Ballard; Business Writing: Division E: 1st Place, The Champion, Decatur, Kathy Mitchell; Business Writing: Division E: 2nd Place, Jefferson Reporter/News & Farmer, Louisville, Parish Howard; Business Writing: Division E: 3rd Place, Quitman Free Press, Reilly Robbins; Business Writing: Division F: 1st Place, Appen Media Group Inc., Chamian Cruz; Business Writing: Division F: 2nd Place, Appen Media Group Inc., Jake Drukman; Business Writing: Division F: 3rd Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Wayne Tidwell

Serious Column: Division A: 1st Place, Savannah Morning News, Adam Van Brimmer; Serious Column: Division A: 2nd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Roger Hines; Serious Column: Division A: 3rd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Dick Yarbrough; Serious Column: Division B: 1st Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Dean Poling; Serious Column: Division B: 2nd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Jim Zachary; Serious Column: Division B: 3rd Place, LaGrange Daily News, Daniel Evans; Serious Column: Division C: 1st Place, The Dahlonge Nugget, Matt Aiken; Serious Column: Division C:

2nd Place, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup, Dink NeSmith; Serious Column: Division C: 3rd Place, The Daily Tribune News, Cartersville, James Swift; Serious Column: Division D: 1st Place, Donalsonville News, David Maxwell; Serious Column: Division D: 2nd Place, The Madison County Journal, Danielsville, Zach Mitcham; Serious Column: Division D: 3rd Place, The Blackshear Times, Jason Deal; Serious Column: Division E: 1st Place, The Berrien Press, Nashville, Skeeter Parker; Serious Column: Division E: 2nd Place, The Journal, Buena Vista, Richard Harris; Serious Column: Division E: 3rd Place, The Tifton Gazette, Dean Poling; Serious Column: Division F: 1st Place, Appen Media Group Inc., Hans Appen; Serious Column: Division F: 2nd Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Jim Brescia; Serious Column: Division F: 3rd Place, Appen Media Group Inc., Bob Myers

Sports Coverage: Division A: 1st Place, Savannah Morning News, Dennis Knight; Sports Coverage: Division A: 2nd Place, Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville, Will Hammock; Sports Coverage: Division A: 3rd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, John Bednarowski; Sports Coverage: Division B: 1st Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Ryne Dennis; Sports Coverage: Division B: 2nd Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Marc Weiszer; Sports Coverage: Division B: 3rd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Shane Thomas; Sports Coverage: Division C: 1st Place, The Newnan Times-Herald, Staff; Sports Coverage: Division C: 2nd Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, Jeff Byrd; Sports Coverage: Division C: 3rd Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, David Johnson; Sports Coverage: Division D: 1st Place, Franklin County Citizen Leader, Lavonia, Shane Scoggins; Sports Coverage: Division D: 2nd Place, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville, Lance McCurley; Sports Coverage: Division D: 3rd Place, White County News, Cleveland, Mark Turner; Sports Coverage: Division E: 1st Place, The Journal, Buena Vista, Richard Harris; Sports Coverage: Division E: 2nd Place, The Tifton Gazette, Becky Taylor; Sports Coverage: Division E: 3rd Place, Jackson Progress-Argus, Larry Stanford

Sports Feature Story: Division A: 1st Place, Rome News-Tribune, Alex Farrer; Sports Feature Story: Division A: 2nd Place, Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville, Will Hammock; Sports Feature Story: Division A: 3rd Place, Savannah Morning News, Dennis Knight; Sports Feature Story: Division B: 1st Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Marc Weiszer; Sports Feature Story: Division B: 2nd Place, Athens Banner-Herald, Marc Weiszer; Sports Feature Story: Division B: 3rd Place, Daily Citizen-News, Dalton, Staff; Sports Feature Story: Division C: 1st Place, The Union-Recorder, Milledgeville, Matthew Brown; Sports Feature Story: Division C: 2nd Place, The Newnan Times-Herald, Staff; Sports Feature Story: Division C: 3rd Place, The Daily Tribune News, Cartersville, Scott Power; Sports Feature Story: Division D: 1st Place, The Covington News, Garrett Pitts; Sports Feature Story: Division D: 2nd Place, The Covington News, Phillip B. Hubbard; Sports Feature Story: Division D: 3rd Place, The Covington News, Phillip B. Hubbard; Sports Feature Story: Division E: 1st Place, Jefferson Reporter/News & Farmer, Louisville, Parish Howard; Sports Feature Story: Division E: 2nd Place, Walker County Messenger, Lafayette, Scott Herpst; Sports Feature Story: Division E: 3rd Place, The Tifton Gazette, Becky Taylor

Magazine Product: Division DAILY: 1st Place, LaGrange Daily News, Staff; Magazine Product: Division DAILY: 2nd Place, The Brunswick News, Staff; Magazine Product: Division DAILY: 3rd Place, The Brunswick News, Staff; Magazine Product: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, The Oglethorpe Echo, Staff; Magazine Product: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, The Moultrie Observer, Staff; Magazine Product: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, Morgan County Citizen, Madison, Staff

Magazine Story: Division DAILY: 1st Place, The Brunswick News, Brittany Tate; Magazine Story: Division DAILY: 2nd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Madison Hogan; Magazine Story: Division DAILY: 3rd Place, The Brunswick News, Lindsey Adkison; Magazine Story: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, The Daily Tribune News, Cartersville, James Swift; Magazine Story: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, Morgan County Citizen, Madison, Leara Rhodes; Magazine Story: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, Morgan County Citizen, Madison, Leara Rhodes

Magazine Commentary: 1st Place, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville, T. Michael Stone; Magazine Commentary: 2nd Place, Times-Georgian, Carrollton, Ken Denney; Magazine Commentary: 3rd Place, The Daily Tribune News, Cartersville, Randy Parker

Magazine Cover Design: Division DAILY: 1st Place, The Brunswick News, Staff; Magazine Cover Design: Division DAILY: 2nd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Staff; Magazine Cover Design: Division DAILY: 3rd Place, The Brunswick News, Staff; Magazine Cover Design: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, The Covington News, Brian Worton; Magazine Cover Design: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville, Katie Marie O'Neal; Magazine Cover Design: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, Morgan County Citizen, Madison, Danielle Hawkins

Magazine Photography: Division DAILY: 1st Place, The Brunswick News, Staff; Magazine Photography: Division DAILY: 2nd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Hadley Photography; Magazine Photography: Division DAILY: 3rd Place, Times-Georgian, Carrollton, Kali Arcemont; Magazine Photography: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, Morgan County Citizen, Madison, Seeing Southern; Magazine Photography: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, Morgan County Citizen, Madison, Katie Hyatt; Magazine Photography: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, Chris Bridges

Humorous Column: Division A: 1st Place, Rome News-Tribune, Severo Avila; Humorous Column: Division A: 2nd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, David Carroll; Humorous Column: Division A: 3rd Place, Appen Media Group Inc., Pat Fox; Humorous Column: Division C: 1st Place, Times-Courier, Ellijay, Whitney Sherrill; Humorous Column: Division C: 2nd Place, The Walton Tribune, Monroe, Stephen Milligan; Humorous Column: Division C: 3rd Place, The News Observer, Blue Ridge, Glenn Harbison; Humorous Column: Division D: 1st Place, The Oconee Enterprise, Watkinsville, Molly Ann McLean; Humorous Column: Division D: 2nd Place, The Madison County Journal, Danielsville, Zach Mitcham; Humorous Column: Division D: 3rd Place, White County News, Cleveland, Emory Jones; Humorous Column: Division E:

1st Place, Times Journal Post, Brandy Ledbetter; Humorous Column: Division E: 2nd Place, The Berrien Press, Nashville, Skeeter Parker; Humorous Column: Division E: 3rd Place, The Tifton Gazette, Dean Poling

Lifestyle/Feature Column: Division A: 1st Place, Savannah Morning News, Jane Fishman; Lifestyle/Feature Column: Division A: 2nd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Matt DeBuschere; Lifestyle/Feature Column: Division A: 3rd Place, Gwinnett Daily Post, Lawrenceville, Curt Yeomans; Lifestyle/Feature Column: Division C: 1st Place, Times-Courier, Ellijay, Whitney Sherrill; Lifestyle/Feature Column: Division C: 2nd Place, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup, Drew Davis; Lifestyle/Feature Column: Division C: 3rd Place, The Press-Sentinel, Jesup, Dink NeSmith; Lifestyle/Feature Column: Division D: 1st Place, The Tifton Gazette, Dean Poling; Lifestyle/Feature Column: Division D: 2nd Place, The Madison County Journal, Danielsville, Zach Mitcham; Lifestyle/Feature Column: Division D: 3rd Place, Pickens County Progress, Jasper, Angela Reinhardt; Lifestyle/Feature Column: Division F: 1st Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Ann Pike; Lifestyle/Feature Column: Division F: 2nd Place, Appen Media Group Inc., Steve Hudson; Lifestyle/Feature Column: Division F: 3rd Place, Smoke Signals, Big Canoe, Tom Attaway

Magazine Human Interest Story: Division DAILY: 1st Place, The Brunswick News, Lindsey Adkison; Magazine Human Interest Story: Division DAILY: 2nd Place, The Brunswick News, Larry Hobbs; Magazine Human Interest Story: Division DAILY: 3rd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Madison Hogan; Magazine Human Interest Story: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, The Moultrie Observer, Kasmira Smith; Magazine Human Interest Story: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, The Moultrie Observer, Jack R. Jordan; Magazine Human Interest Story: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, Morgan County Citizen, Madison, Andrea Gable

Magazine Business Feature: 1st Place, The Moultrie Observer, Payton D. Fletcher; Magazine Business Feature: 2nd Place, Marietta Daily Journal, Madison Hogan; Magazine Business Feature: 3rd Place, Times-Georgian, Carrollton, Kashea McCowan

Magazine Themed Issue: Division DAILY: 1st Place, Times-Georgian, Carrollton, Staff; Magazine Themed Issue: Division DAILY: 2nd Place, The Valdosta Daily Times, Staff; Magazine Themed Issue: Division DAILY: 3rd Place, The Brunswick News, Staff; Magazine Themed Issue: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, The Union-Recorder, Milledgeville, Staff; Magazine Themed Issue: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, The Baldwin Bulletin, Milledgeville, Staff; Magazine Themed Issue: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, The Moultrie Observer, Staff

Multimedia Journalism: Division DAILY: 1st Place, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, Mike Haskey; Multimedia Journalism: Division DAILY: 2nd Place, Savannah Morning News, Richard Burkhart; Multimedia Journalism: Division DAILY: 3rd Place, Savannah Morning News, Nancy Guan; Multimedia Journalism: Division WEEKLY: 1st Place, The Post-Searchlight, Bainbridge, Ethan Reddish; Multimedia Journalism: Division WEEKLY: 2nd Place, The Cherokee Tribune, Canton, Darien Southerland and BG

Podcasts; Multimedia Journalism: Division WEEKLY: 3rd Place, The Dahlonaga
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