

2013

News,
Editorial
&
Photo
Journalism
Contest



HUGH MORTON Photographer of the Year

Community Newspaper Winner



MARK SCHULTZ

Chapel Hill News
Chapel Hill

Judge's comments: This photographer has a wonderful eye for composition. Overall these images show a remarkable sensitivity to people in the world around us.



Daily Newspaper Winner



SCOTT MUTERSBAUGH

The Times-News
Burlington

Judge's comments: There are some stellar photographs here. The sports action photos are impressive as well. Everything in the set was clean and well-executed and worthy of this division's first place prize!



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- ✓ open meetings
- ✓ open courts and judicial proceedings

LIBEL

- ✓ prepublication/prebroadcast review
- ✓ strategic planning and response
- ✓ litigation defense

SUBPOENAS

- ✓ anticipatory response to avoid issuance
- ✓ objections and motions to quash

ONLINE COUNSELING

- ✓ terms of use/terms of service
- ✓ privacy policies
- ✓ response to take-down demands
- ✓ Communications Decency Act/DMCA planning, management and response

ADVERTISING

- ✓ contract drafting and review
- ✓ content review
- ✓ political ad compliance
- ✓ statutory and regulatory compliance



Hugh Stevens



Amanda Martin



Matt Vaughn



Mike Tadych



Brandon Huffman



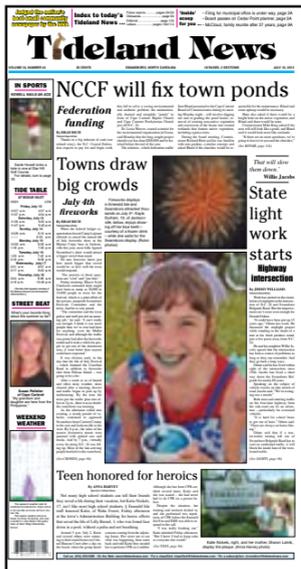
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GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Division A



FIRST PLACE Tideland News

Swansboro

Judge's comments: Well written stories and editorials. Advertising design and layout score high.

Division B



FIRST PLACE The Wake Weekly

Wake Forest

Judge's comments: Good overall newspaper. Editorial and advertising departments should be complimented.

Division C



FIRST PLACE The Mountaineer

Waynesville

Judge's comments: Good balance of news and features. Well written. Nice use of color. Easy to read.

Division D



FIRST PLACE The Sanford Herald

Sanford

Judge's comments: What makes this paper a stand-out is the quality of the writing (hats off to the editors!) and the number of local stories. Local story count surpasses the field. Terrific local paper.

Division E



FIRST PLACE The Star

Shelby

Judge's comments: Large number of terrific local stories, strong local sports section, and a robust classified liner section. Photos very well handled throughout the paper. Vibrant print job.

Division F



FIRST PLACE The Fayetteville Observer

Fayetteville

Judge's comments: This paper was a stand-out. Magnificent layouts with terrific use of alternate story forms, outstanding enterprise reporting stories, deep local story count.

SECOND PLACE The Perquimans Weekly

Hertford

Judge's comments: Strong editorials. Good flow of news throughout. Advertising is well done.



SECOND PLACE Black Mountain News

Black Mountain

Judge's comments: News and features are well balanced. Nice sports section.



SECOND PLACE The Franklin Press

Franklin

Judge's comments: Good opinion page, headlines and photos. Good job overall.



SECOND PLACE The Wilson Times

Wilson

Judge's comments: Beautiful care of photo assets. Good amount of local stories. Nice sports section. Nice obit treatment. Lots of small size local ads.



SECOND PLACE Salisbury Post

Salisbury

Judge's comments: Great local stories. Nice job localizing national election story. Lots of real estate ads.



SECOND PLACE The News & Observer

Raleigh

Judge's comments: Really strong active writing and local story count that's through the roof.



THIRD PLACE The News-Journal

Raeford

Judge's comments: Good reporting on many new stories. Advertising design and layout are strong.



THIRD PLACE Bertie Ledger-Advance

Windsor

Judge's comments: Articles well written. Good looking front page layout. Nice idea to thank subscribers.



THIRD PLACE Smoky Mountain News

Waynesville

Judge's comments: Good story on female football player.



THIRD PLACE The Daily Advance

Elizabeth City

Judge's comments: Strong writing, strong local news story count, strong headline writing, strong photos. Great job overall.



THIRD PLACE The Daily Reflector

Greenville



THIRD PLACE Winston-Salem Journal

Winston-Salem

Judge's comments: Good local story count. Outstanding promotion of online throughout. Strong writing. Beautiful typography.

DIVISION A

GENERAL NEWS REPORTING

1st Place
Sharon Roberts
The Mecklenburg Times
Charlotte
Queens University's neighbors mull next move
Very good job reporting. Concisely written. Fair. Many voices brought to the story. Excellent job.

2nd Place
Graziella Steele
The Mecklenburg Times
Charlotte
A home away from HOA Control
Very tight difference between first and second place. Well researched and written. Solid reporting.

3rd Place
David Donovan
NC Lawyers Weekly
Raleigh
Undoing the Dix deal
Solid writing. Well reasoned and well reported.

NEWS FEATURE WRITING

1st Place
Tony Brown
The Mecklenburg Times
Charlotte
Demolishing the myth
Writer takes the ordinary that we pass every day and turns it into extraordinary read.

2nd Place
Catharin Shepard
The News-Journal
Raeford
Community sends message: "Respect our soldiers"
Nice combination of news and feature reporting/writing.

3rd Place
Phillip Bantz
NC Lawyers Weekly
Raleigh
Dangerous practices
Well-done look at an under-reported subject.

FEATURE WRITING

1st Place
Catharin Shepard
The News-Journal
Raeford
Blind soldier sets aim for South Pole
Great story that holds my interest. I do hope you do a follow-up when he returns. This was a heart-warming story.

2nd Place
Jessica Webb
The Highlander
Highlands
Lincoln legend
This piqued my interest with something I did not know a lot about. Good research, and it makes the reader think.

3rd Place
Norma Dennis
Jamestown News
Jamestown
From horror to hope: Holocaust survivor remembers
Great story about a dark time in world history. Well written, and the fact box was well placed.

PROFILE FEATURE

1st Place
Todd Wetherington
Duplin Times
Kenansville
Shavonia West
What a story of courage. Couldn't stop reading. Lots of details. Exemplary writing.

2nd Place
Jeff Eason
The Blowing Rocket
Blowing Rock
Hiking blind
No handicap here. Great lead and smooth writing style. Not a dull moment, kept my interest throughout.

Community newspapers under 3,500 circulation

3rd Place
Amber Nimocks
NC Lawyers Weekly
Raleigh
Final exam
I really enjoyed this story. Unique story idea. Writer captured the man and his unheralded integral role in his profession. Well written.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTING

1st Place
Ken Buday
The Havelock News
Havelock
Big time for Little Big Town

2nd Place
Mike Staton
Duplin Times
Kenansville
Broadway bound

3rd Place
Drew Wilson
The Havelock News
Havelock
The perfect chili

EDUCATION REPORTING

1st Place
Drew Wilson
The Havelock News
Havelock
Applying concepts

2nd Place
Lenise Willis
Jamestown News
Jamestown
Haynes-Inman walking and rolling in style

3rd Place
Drew Wilson
The Havelock News
Havelock
Musical youth

NEWS ENTERPRISE REPORTING

1st Place
David Donovan
NC Lawyers Weekly
Raleigh
So far, so good

2nd Place
Bill Moss
Hendersonville Lightning
Hendersonville
County, towns make parks a high priority

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

1st Place
Bill Moss
Hendersonville Lightning
Hendersonville
Legal fights imperil restitution promises
In-depth research was needed for this article that accurately portrayed a man embroiled in a series legal battles. The pull-outs of the various restitution offers helped break up the article and made the story easy to follow.

SPORTS NEWS REPORTING

1st Place
Bill Rollins
Duplin Times
Kenansville
Lady Tigers denied

2nd Place
Ken Buday
The Havelock News
Havelock
Mustangs hold off Havelock Middle

3rd Place
Rich Levey
Tideland News
Swansboro
Lady pirates are state champs
Felt the excitement in their win while reading.

SPORTS FEATURE WRITING

1st Place
Bill Rollins
Duplin Times
Kenansville
92 state title games and counting

DIVISION A

2nd Place
Kelly Donaldson
Crossroads Chronicle
Cashiers
Battle for the ol' jug

3rd Place
Bill Rollins
Duplin Times
Kenansville
Best Duplin hoops team that nobody remembers

GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place
Drew Wilson
The Havelock News
Havelock
To the rescue

2nd Place
Drew Wilson
The Havelock News
Havelock
Too young, too soon

3rd Place
Lauren Collins
The Times-Leader
Grifton
Grifton fire, four survive

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place
Jennifer Pearce
Tideland News
Swansboro
Dance
The juxtaposition of these Marine fathers with their dancing daughters wins the day.

2nd Place
Tony Brown
The Mecklenburg Times
Charlotte
Daylight is good
The reflections make this image a winner.

3rd Place
Allison Potter
Lumina News
Wrightsville Beach
Wheels spin at Pinewood Derby
The faces are priceless!

SPORTS FEATURE PHOTO

1st Place
Drew Wilson
The Havelock News
Havelock
Ram nation takes state
Love the expression on her face as she's passed among the fans. I also like the placement of the photo in a dominant position on the page.

2nd Place
Ken Buday
The Havelock News
Havelock
Opening day
A cute, whimsical moment at opening day.

3rd Place
Ken Buday
The Havelock News
Havelock
Winning note
Good expression of a celebration.

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place
Ken Buday
The Havelock News
Havelock
Girls medal
Beautifully balanced photo that reflects the tremendous personal effort the swimmer is making.

2nd Place
Ryan Elvin
Duplin Times
Kenansville
Bowling over other team
Freezing the moment. Balance, motion and energy all captured in a very tight, well composed photo.

3rd Place
Emmy Errante
Lumina News
Wrightsville Beach
Fast times, ideal conditions in Pier-2-Pier swim
Their faces show the intense focus on their goal that makes this photo work so well.

PHOTO PAGE

1st Place
Ken Buday
The Havelock News
Havelock
Time for T-ball
Great moment and great expression.

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2nd Place
Drew Wilson
The Havelock News
Havelock
Patriotic night out on the town
Good coverage of event. Readers get a good feeling of the overall event.

3rd Place
Annette Pierce
The Roanoke Beacon
Plymouth
Pickin'
Good subject.

BEST VIDEO

1st Place
Ken Ripley, Joe Burnette, Vickie Ripley
Spring Hope Enterprise
Spring Hope
2013 Spring Hope Fireman's Day video
The video highlighted interesting details on the fire competitions that might not have been noted in a print story. The video showed a lot of action and kept the viewer entertained.

2nd Place
Ken Ripley
Spring Hope Enterprise
Spring Hope
2012 Pumpkin Festival video
An entertaining video that showed us a broad cross-section of the community and the variety of entertainment at the festival.

BEST MULTIMEDIA PROJECT

1st Place
Ken Ripley
Spring Hope Enterprise
Spring Hope
2012 Pumpkin Festival
The video shows every aspect of this festival. I am impressed with the number of photographs used. The slide show was nice.

EDITORIALS

1st Place
Gary Scott
Duplin Times
Kenansville
Collection of editorials

2nd Place
Bill Moss
Hendersonville Lightning
Hendersonville
McCrory to farmers: Drop dead

3rd Place
Jimmy Williams
Tideland News
Swansboro
Collection of editorials

LIGHTER COLUMNS

1st Place
Peter Williams
The Perquimans Weekly
Hertford
Tomatoes
Paints a good picture with the words.

2nd Place
Bill Humleker
Hendersonville Lightning
Hendersonville
Always better to do the easy things right

3rd Place
Bethany Gibbs
The Roanoke Beacon
Plymouth
Germaphobe
SERIOUS COLUMNS
1st Place
Todd Wetherington
Duplin Times
Kenansville
Bent Notes
Well written. Well done. Could be syndicated.

2nd Place
Peter Williams
The Perquimans Weekly
Hertford
Dad cards
Personal. Well done.

3rd Place
Ken Buday
The Havelock News
Havelock
Band, turkeys and school
Topics of interest.

SPORTS COLUMNS

1st Place
Bill Rollins
Duplin Times
Kenansville
Sports Bill
His columns are both informative and well-informed, showing an understanding of current news as well as background and history. His challenges to the NCHSAA's decisions are fair and his arguments are presented well.

HEADLINE WRITING

1st Place
Sharon Roberts
The Mecklenburg Times
Charlotte
Collection of headlines
Clever headlines that grabbed our attention and made us chuckle. They make the reader want to spend time with the story.



First Place, Sports Feature Photo, Division A, by Drew Wilson

DIVISION A



First Place, Feature Photography, Division A, by Jennifer Pearce

2nd Place
Ken Buday
 The Havelock News
 Havelock
 Skeeter, Newport, and winning
 Headlines show creativity and good play on
 words, yet draw the reader into the story.

3rd Place
Carol Brooks
 Jamestown News
 Jamestown
 Collection of headlines
 The headline "Flowers Bakery is the Breadwinner
 in Hostess Bid" was one of the best we read in this
 division. Good employment of double meaning.

EDITORIAL PAGE
1st Place
Staff
 The Havelock News
 Havelock
 Havelock News Editorial Pages

2nd Place
Kelly Donaldson
 Crossroads Chronicle
 Cashiers
 March 6, 20 & 27, 2013 editions

3rd Place
Staff
 Tideland News
 Swansboro
 Editorial Page

GENERAL EXCELLENCE FOR WEB SITES
1st Place
Bill Moss
 Hendersonville Lightning
 Hendersonville
 www.HendersonvilleLightning.com

2nd Place
Staff
 The Havelock News
 Havelock
 www.HaveNews.com

3rd Place
Scott Brings Plenty
 The Cherokee One Feather
 Cherokee
 www.TheOneFeather.com

APPEARANCE & DESIGN
1st Place
Staff
 The Havelock News
 Havelock
 Havelock News
2nd Place
Staff
 Duplin Times
 Kenansville
 May 16 & 23, 2013 editions

3rd Place
Staff
 The Highlander
 Highlands
 The Highlander

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SPORTS COVERAGE
1st Place
Staff
 Tideland News
 Swansboro
 Sports coverage
 Good mix of sports. Great photos.

2nd Place
Staff
 The Havelock News
 Havelock
 Havelock News
 Good variety of reporting styles. Enjoyed
 profiles on well performing athletes.

USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS
1st Place
Staff
 The Havelock News
 Havelock
 Havelock News
 Well done, both in layout and photo quality.
 Excellent use of photos in section fronts. The
 Havelock News strikes a nice balance between
 photos and text.

2nd Place
Staff
 The Roanoke Beacon
 Plymouth
 The Roanoke Beacon
 The Roanoke Beacon's sports photos give it the
 edge over most of the competition.

3rd Place
Staff
 Tideland News
 Swansboro
 Tideland News
 Good effort at providing colorful coverage
 of community events and local people in the
 news. The paper is at its best when it uses more
 than one photo to help tell the story.

NEWS COVERAGE
1st Place
Staff
 Duplin Times
 Kenansville
 May 16 & 23, 2013 editions

2nd Place
Staff
 The Havelock News
 Havelock
 The Havelock News

3rd Place
Bill Moss
 Hendersonville Lightning
 Hendersonville
 Building on the rise

BEST COMMUNITY COVERAGE
1st Place
Staff
 Duplin Times
 Kenansville
 August 8 & 15, 2013 editions
 With front pages, complex calendars and
 detailed attention to the little people who make
 up a community, this paper stands out.

2nd Place
Staff
 The Havelock News
 Havelock
 Havelock News
 The Havelock community should be proud to have
 this kind of community journalism in its paper. Well
 designed stories add to its coverage.

3rd Place
Kelly Donaldson, Jessica Webb
 Crossroads Chronicle
 Cashiers
 August 14 & 21, 2013 editions
 Nice job throughout.

SPECIAL SECTION
1st Place
Staff
 Crossroads Chronicle
 Cashiers
 Best of Cashiers

2nd Place
Staff
 The Highlander
 Highlands
 Leaf Season

3rd Place
Staff
 The Highlander
 Highlands
 Best of Highlands

BEST NICHE PUBLICATION
1st Place
Staff
 Duplin Times
 Kenansville
 Duplin County Welcome Guide
 2013-2014

2nd Place
Staff
 Standard Laconic
 Snow Hill
 Greene Living: The Refuge

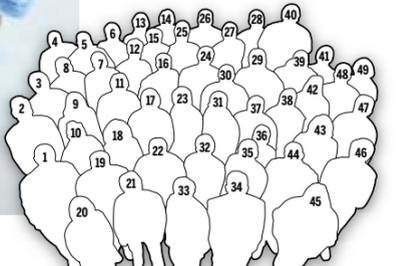
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CONGRATULATIONS!



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We're proud of the journalists at The Charlotte Observer and the McClatchy Publishing Center in Charlotte, who won 37 awards this year from the North Carolina Press Association. It's the 17th consecutive year in which we've won at least 20 awards from the NCPA. More importantly, it continues a tradition of journalism that not only distinguishes The Charlotte Observer and CharlotteObserver.com, but also connects day after day with our communities and readers.



EXCELLENCE

It's what we do!

- Rick Thames
- Doug Miller
- David Scott
- Gary Wright
- David T. Foster III
- Pam Kelley
- Roland Wilkerson
- Rick Rothacker
- Sarah Crosland
- Liz Spangler
- Kathleen Purvis
- Peter St. Onge
- Elizabeth Leland
- Todd Sumlin
- Fannie Flono
- Bert Fox
- Robin Johnston
- Ann Doss Helms
- David Perlmutter
- Rebekah Lewis
- Hope Paasch
- Kathy Sheldon
- Gary Schwab
- Taylor Batten
- David Puckett
- Tony Lone Fight
- Mike Persinger
- Fred Clasen-Kelly
- Rogelio Aranda
- Kelvin Hart
- Dave Enna
- Deon Roberts
- Michael Weinstein
- Michael Gordon
- Theoden Janes
- Barry Talley
- Jack Russell
- Cristina Wilson
- Cleve Woolson
- Jeff Siner
- Sergio Tovar
- Caroline McMillan-Portillo
- Cheryl Carpenter
- Eric Edwards
- Tracie Stafford
- Ely Portillo
- John Arwood
- Andrew Dunn
- Maria David

FIRSTS

Education reporting: CMS success stories: Ann Doss Helms
Best Niche Publication: Carolina Bride: Staff
Photo Page: Ready to rise up: Jeff Siner
Sports News Reporting: NASCAR's big crisis: Is racing real?: David Perlmutter, Jim Utter
News Section Design: Staff
Profile Feature: Running for her life: Theoden Janes
Best Video: Sights and sounds from the 49ers first football game: Todd Sumlin
Appearance & Design: Staff
News Feature: Money Rock: A cocaine dealer's redemption: Pam Kelley
Editorial Page: Staff
Special Section: Living Here: Staff

Sports Coverage: Staff
Editorials: Fannie Flono
Sports Feature Writing: Breaking through: Gary Schwab, David Scott
Deadline News Reporting: Tearful widow: Ask your God to forgive you: Elizabeth Leland

SECONDS

Feature Photography: A new bass in Norman: Jeff Siner
Best Niche Publication: Carolina Bride: Staff
General News Reporting: Mental health breakdown: Michael Gordon
Sports Feature Photo: Wonder from down under: Jeff Siner
Profile Feature: Riding with Rock: Kathleen Purvis

Business Writing: Big money buying homes: Andrew Dunn, Deon Roberts
Arts & Entertainment Reporting: We're funny that way: Pam Kelley
Deadline News Reporting: Builder blamed for racing deaths: David Perlmutter
Multimedia Project: Breaking through: Staff

THIRDS

Education reporting: Ashley Park class of 2017: Ann Doss Helms
Public Service Award: 0-78: Staff
Best Niche Publication: SouthPark: Staff
Graphics: David Puckett
General News Photography: Woman found dead at scene of blaze: Davie Hinshaw

Sports Columns: Tom Sorensen
Sports Photography: Patriots D picks up slack: Jeff Siner
Business Writing: From idea to marketplace: Caroline McMillan-Portillo
Online Breaking News: Kroger buys Harris Teeter: Staff
Arts & Entertainment Reporting: A cocktail with a cloud - and questions: Helen Schwab
General Excellence for Web Sites: www.CharlotteObserver.com: Staff
Multimedia Project: Tour the world in Charlotte food: Helen Schwab, David Puckett
Illustration/Photo Illustration: Fan the flames: Todd Sumlin

DIVISION B

GENERAL NEWS REPORTING

1st Place

Mike Gates

The Chatham News

Siler City

Chatham residents participate in Moral Monday protest

2nd Place

Joseph Martin

Cherokee Scout

Murphy

Possum drop will go on Monday

3rd Place

Bill Willcox

The Chatham News

Siler City

Mayor owes \$286,000 to state, feds in back taxes

ONLINE BREAKING NEWS

1st Place

Joseph Martin

Cherokee Scout

Murphy

Mother of two killed in 2-car wreck

2nd Place

Joseph Martin

Cherokee Scout

Murphy

Road collapses

NEWS FEATURE WRITING

1st Place

Lee Hinnant

The State Port Pilot

Southport

Unique dredge ship keeps inlets clear

This had writing that danced. The piece had spirited and knowledgeable writing about something most readers might find banal.

2nd Place

Amanda Jones Hoyle

Triangle Business Journal

Raleigh

Food fight

A smart way of explaining changes to a vital, everyday market, this piece is written clearly and uses data to paint a picture reflected on an individual woman's choices.

3rd Place

Amanda Hutcheson

The State Port Pilot

Southport

Immigration impasse for Southport couple

FEATURE WRITING

1st Place

Eliot Duke

The Thomasville Times

Thomasville

Book inspires student's paper crane promise

Almost had me in tears while I read it. Writer seemed to connect with the parties involved and was able to convey it to the readers. Well written.

2nd Place

Morgan Harper

The State Port Pilot

Southport

'Little Pink Houses' what the doctor ordered

Sometimes, the idea makes the story so easy to write. This is one of them, and the writer went with the flow to put together a good story.

3rd Place

Jeremiah Reed

The Transylvania Times

Brevard

Freedom sweet after ordeal in Iraq

This is a great story and very well written. The writer did a great job on interviewing and getting the facts.

PROFILE FEATURE

1st Place

Joel Burgess

Black Mountain News

Black Mountain

We went on

Great lead!

2nd Place

David Leone

The Wake Weekly

Wake Forest

One of the faithful

Perfect structure and solid storytelling.

3rd Place

Jennifer Harris

Warren Record

Warrenton

Love, determination unite Frenchman

with American father
An uncomplicated telling of a complicated story.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTING

1st Place

Randall Rigsbee

The Chatham News

Siler City

Local woman pens new book about

Aunt Bee

Community newspapers 3,500-10,000 circulation

2nd Place

Renee Sloan

The State Port Pilot

Southport

Rock n' Roll 'Southport tradition'

3rd Place

Randall Rigsbee

The Chatham News

Siler City

Washtub bass playing helps keep local

man feeling young

EDUCATION REPORTING

1st Place

Anna Fortenberry

news@norman

Denver

A walking, talking history book

Very appealing subject matter. Loved the layout.

2nd Place

Clellie Allen

The Wake Weekly

Wake Forest

UNC coach passes on reading tips

Interesting and well written.

3rd Place

Barbara Hootman

Black Mountain News

Black Mountain

Pack a lunch, pack a device

Made some good points.

NEWS ENTERPRISE REPORTING

1st Place

Staff

The Alamance News

Graham

What are DOJ's cases against the

sheriff?

The paper clearly devoted a lot of space and resources to investigating a touchy issue. Well done.

2nd Place

Amanda Jones Hoyle

Triangle Business Journal

Raleigh

State of credits

Numbers are the backbone here with interesting insights about the merit and practical purpose of tax credits - nice investigation.

3rd Place

Eric Crews

The Transylvania Times

Brevard

Proposed biomass project draws op-

position and support

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

1st Place

Tomas Murawski

The Alamance News

Graham

Can she be believed?

After extensively covering a lawsuit, this newspaper took the time to check the veracity of the claims made by one of the most outspoken actors in the case. Nice job collecting all the pieces.

2nd Place

Kristy Bailey

The Alamance News

Graham

Loaves & Fishes

Tax returns can be rough to slog through but this paper made the effort and put together an informative piece that explained to the community the problems with a local charity.

3rd Place

Linda Beaulieu, Ryan Houser

Montgomery Herald

Troy

Keeping an eye on Handy

Despite local government's failure to adhere to open meeting laws, this paper stuck with their story.

SPORTS NEWS REPORTING

1st Place

Anna Fortenberry, John Fortenberry

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Denver

Mustangs win state football title

2nd Place

Doug Rutter

The State Port Pilot

Southport

Streak snapped

3rd Place

Thadd White

Bertie Ledger-Advance

Windsor

LA lads bag sixth straight title; Heart of

a Champion

SPORTS FEATURE WRITING

1st Place

Joel Burgess

Black Mountain News

Black Mountain

Ripmaster closing in on 50

2nd Place

Terry Pope

The State Port Pilot

Southport

'Pink Ladies' battle in an all-boys league

DIVISION B



First Place, Feature Photography, Division B, by Scott Wallace

3rd Place

Anna Fortenberry

news@norman

Denver

The coach's wife

GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place

Scott Wallace

Cherokee Scout

Murphy

Cat-astrophy

A great shot capturing the cat hanging on for dear life.

2nd Place

Micah Henry

Taylorsville Times

Taylorsville

Landmark burns

The shadowy figures of what appear to be innocent children on bikes juxtaposes the seriousness of the blaze.

3rd Place

Clellie Allen

The Wake Weekly

Wake Forest

Cougars run over Caps

It's clear who the winning team is in these photos, both offense and defense. Good shots.

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place

Scott Wallace

Cherokee Scout

Murphy

Fun at fall carnival

We can just hear the assignment editor say: 'Go out and bring back the joy, the glee the fun and wonder that kids have at this carnival.' This photographer did just that! Bravo!

2nd Place

Scott Wallace

Cherokee Scout

Murphy

Spelling showdown

The four faces, all determined, captured at a student's angle. Well composed and balanced image.

3rd Place

Jim Harper

The State Port Pilot

Southport

Safe at second

Perfect moment! Makes us smile.

SPORTS FEATURE PHOTO

1st Place

Lee Moody

The Chatham News

Siler City

A good day outside

A charming photo that captures the essence of childhood.

2nd Place

Megan Bannerman

Black Mountain News

Black Mountain

The future of tennis

Cute photo. It conveys a nice range of expression.

3rd Place

Seth Mabry

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Denver

Soccer girl

A good photo.

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place

Scott Wallace

Cherokee Scout

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Murphy

Flipping out

Perfect exposure and focus force you to see the kayaker and not just the kayak.

2nd Place

Jim Harper

The State Port Pilot

Southport

Coastal draws first blood

The tight crop and strong colors make you feel the frustration on her face with letting that goal get into the net.

3rd Place

Seth Mabry

news@norman

Denver

Mustangs fall

The intense drive of the player going strong to the hoop makes this a terrific basketball photo.

PHOTO PAGE

1st Place

Megan Bannerman

Black Mountain News

Black Mountain

Splish splash

Great moments, good composition.

2nd Place

Scott Wallace

Cherokee Scout

Murphy

Gunfights erupt in Hiwassee Dam as

paintball opens

Good overall coverage of event.

3rd Place

Jim Harper

The State Port Pilot

Southport

New fall tradition is launched

Lots of overall pictures showing scene.

BEST VIDEO

1st Place

Jason Tyson

The State Port Pilot

Southport

Southport's 2013 Spring Festival Chili

Cook-off

From the "church ladies" and the "Reggae guy" to the professionally clad chef, this video gave a real feel for the people in the local population, probably better than any written story could do.

BEST MULTIMEDIA PROJECT

1st Place

Jason Tyson, Terry Pope

The State Port Pilot

Southport

Dr. Conrad puts the cap on 49-year career
The overlapping of retirement and music in the video was enjoyable and well done. The video went well with the news story.

2nd Place

Terry Pope

The State Port Pilot

Southport

Training leads to good health

Nice layout on page. The video was informative and complemented the news piece.

EDITORIALS

1st Place

DIVISION B

3rd Place
Joseph Martin
 Cherokee Scout
 Murphy
 There are real heroes
 Good to see this point of view in a general newspaper. Well written

SPORTS COLUMNS

1st Place
Anna Fortenberry
 news@norman
 Denver
 Selection of columns
 The judging criteria for this category include "the writer's ability to uplift, inform or entertain." She does all three. Her column on heroes on and off the field gave attention to an often overlooked subject - the team's supporters.

2nd Place
Jamie Shell
 The Avery Journal-Times
 Newland
 Call to the Pen
 His columns show a depth of understanding and the results of good research while keeping the reader's attention and proving his points.

3rd Place
Jon Galloway
 Montgomery Herald
 Troy
 A reminder of what sports is all about
 This columnist has a down-to-earth approach. Reading his column is like chatting with a fellow fan over lunch.

HEADLINE WRITING

1st Place
Ed Harper
 The State Port Pilot
 Southport
 Collection of headlines
 Witty yet clear headlines.

2nd Place
Terry Pope
 The State Port Pilot
 Southport
 Collection of headlines
 Creative headlines that quickly help the reader understand the issues presented.

3rd Place
David Leone
 The Wake Weekly
 Wake Forest
 Couple dons 'brew suede shoes'
 The headline on the non-stop freeway concisely summarizes the story. Every word added significant meaning.

EDITORIAL PAGE

1st Place
Clellie Allen, Jay Lamm, Jean McCamy
 The Wake Weekly
 Wake Forest
 Info blocked at school doors
 Great local editorials that have a significant impact on the community coupled with nice, clean layout and political cartoons with a local focus.

2nd Place
Tom Boney, Staff
 The Alamance News
 Graham
 December 13, 20 & 27, 2012 editions
 Great editorial on the DOJ's suit against the local Sheriff's Office. Well researched with a well reasoned conclusion.

3rd Place
Ken Fortenberry
 news@norman
 Denver
 Editorial pages from December 2012
 Interesting, well-written editorials.

GENERAL EXCELLENCE FOR WEB SITES

1st Place
Staff
 The State Port Pilot
 Southport
 www.StatePortPilot.com

2nd Place
Deirdre Brown, Staff
 The Chatham News
 Siler City
 www.ChathamNewsandRecord.com

APPEARANCE & DESIGN

1st Place
Jeff Davis, Staff
 The Chatham News
 Siler City
 October 18 & 25, 2012 editions

2nd Place
W. Curt Vincent
 The Bladen Journal
 Elizabethtown
 Petition aims to change town's government

3rd Place
Staff
 The Wake Weekly
 Wake Forest
 Budget reflects economic thaw; Eaton arrested 'for a cause'

Community newspapers 3,500-10,000 circulation

SPORTS COVERAGE

1st Place
Staff
 The State Port Pilot
 Southport
 Sports coverage
 Good stories, pictures and a clean layout. Like the schedule down the side, very easy to read.

2nd Place
Staff
 Cherokee Scout
 Murphy
 Cherokee Scout
 Writing is strong and good variety of sports. Well written column.

3rd Place
D. Clay Best, Staff
 The Clayton News-Star
 Clayton
 February 13 & 17, 2013 editions
 Strong writing, nice use of photos. Nice column as well.

USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS

1st Place
Jeff Davis, Staff
 The Chatham News
 Siler City
 April 11 & 18, 2013 editions
 News of Chatham stands out for its pages with single dominant photo. Page 1s and sports pages are especially strong.

2nd Place
Staff
 The State Port Pilot
 Southport
 Use of Photographs
 Photos are nicely played in section fronts. Color reproduction is among the best we've seen in any class.

3rd Place
Staff
 Cherokee Scout
 Murphy
 Cherokee Scout
 Nice sports action, and picture pages in "Community" section are fun to look at.

NEWS COVERAGE

1st Place
Staff
 The State Port Pilot
 Southport
 News coverage

2nd Place
Staff
 Cherokee Scout
 Murphy
 Cherokee Scout

3rd Place
Staff
 The Chronicle
 Winston-Salem
 News coverage issues

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First Place, General News Photography, Division B, by Scott Wallace

Smoky Mountain news

Not your cookie-cutter newspaper...



...not your average staff

2013 NC Press Association News, Editorial and Photojournalism Contest

Congratulations to our award-winning staff!

- FIRST PLACE **News Enterprise Reporting**
Andrew Kasper
- SECOND PLACE **News Enterprise Reporting**
Becky Johnson
- SECOND PLACE **News Feature Writing**
Garret K. Woodward
- SECOND PLACE **Profile Feature**
Garret K. Woodward
- SECOND PLACE **Special Section**
Garret K. Woodward, Travis Bumgardner, Micah McClure
- THIRD PLACE **Education Reporting**
Caitlin Bowling, Becky Johnson, Andrew Kasper
- THIRD PLACE **General News Reporting**
Becky Johnson
- THIRD PLACE **Investigative Reporting**
Becky Johnson, Andrew Kasper
- THIRD PLACE **General Excellence for Websites**
Travis Bumgardner
- THIRD PLACE **Best Niche Publication**
Garret K. Woodward, Travis Bumgardner, Micah McClure, Emily Moss
- Media and the Law Award**
Andrew Kasper

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Past Awards

2012
 First Place General News Reporting
 First Place News Feature Writing
 First Place Education Reporting
 First Place Investigative Reporting
 First Place Sports News Reporting
 First Place General Excellence for Websites
 Second Place Education Reporting

2011
 First Place Education Reporting
 First Place Investigative Reporting
 First Place Appearance and Design
 Second Place General Excellence
 Second Place General Excellence for Websites
 Third Place News Feature Writing
 Third Place Education Reporting
 Third Place News Enterprise Reporting
 Third Place Headline Writing
 Third Place News Coverage

2010
 First Place General News Reporting
 First Place Education Reporting
 First Place Investigative Reporting
 Second Place Feature Writing
 Second Place News Enterprise Reporting
 Second Place Editorials
 Second Place Serious Columns
 Second Place News Coverage
 Third Place News Feature
 Third Place A&E Reporting
 Third Place Sports Feature Writing
 Third Place General Excellence for Websites
 Media and Law Award
 Duke Divinity Award

2009
 First Place News Enterprise Reporting
 Second Place Community Service
 Second Place Investigative Reporting
 Third Place Appearance and Design

2008
 First Place Community Service
 First Place News Enterprise Reporting
 Second Place General News Reporting
 Third Place Investigative

2007
 First Place Community Service
 Second Place News Enterprise Reporting
 Second Place Profile Writing

2006
 First Place General News Reporting
 First Place Sports Columns
 Third Place Investigative Reporting
 Third Place News Enterprise Reporting
 Third Place Criticism

2005
 First Place General News Reporting
 Second Place Investigative Reporting
 Third Place Editorial Writing

2004
 First Place General News Reporting
 First Place Investigative Reporting
 Second Place Investigative Reporting
 Second Place Sports News Reporting
 Second Place Lighter Columns
 Third Place Serious Columns

DIVISION C

Community newspapers over 10,000 circulation

GENERAL NEWS REPORTING

1st Place

John Tucker

INDY Week

Durham

The brief life of Derek Walker

The story was seamless, poignant and relayed in such a manner that the cliched "we didn't see it coming" aspect was overshadowed by the raw emotion Tucker conveyed.

2nd Place

Billy Ball

INDY Week

Durham

Double agent

Ball presents an illuminating profile of someone who appears to be a rising political player in North Carolina.

3rd Place

Becky Johnson

Smoky Mountain News

Waynesville

Under the rug: Sweepstakes in limbo

Encapsulates solid news reporting. Well done.

ONLINE BREAKING NEWS

1st Place

Jake Frankel

Mountain Xpress

Asheville

Ballots in question for 1,000 registered voters at Warren Wilson College

2nd Place

Renee Sloan, Jackie Torok

The Brunswick Beacon

Shallotte

Grand jury indicts Murray in killing of 3-year-old boy

3rd Place

Eric Ginsburg

YES! Weekly

Greensboro

Fast food strike announced in Greensboro

NEWS FEATURE WRITING

1st Place

Caitlin Byrd

Mountain Xpress

Asheville

Collateral damage

2nd Place

Garret K. Woodward

Smoky Mountain News

Waynesville

In search of 'White Lightnin'

3rd Place

Andrew Kenney

Cary News

Cary

At last, answers to a mother's grief

FEATURE WRITING

1st Place

Gloria Lloyd

Chapel Hill News

Chapel Hill

Lincoln dressmaker has local ties

Interesting and well written from start to finish.

2nd Place

Chris Vitiello

INDY Week

Durham

The inexhaustible energy source

The writing was so tight and well done here it would be very hard to find a criticism.

3rd Place

Barry Yeoman

INDY Week

Durham

A good death

Good writing, excellent topic.

PROFILE FEATURE

1st Place

Renee Sloan

The Brunswick Beacon

Shallotte

Oyler among first women to serve in U.S. Marine Corps

I can see the interviewer's skill here. Easy to follow, enjoyed reading about the subject.

Well written and very memorable.

2nd Place

Garret K. Woodward

Smoky Mountain News

Waynesville

Walking the dog

Appreciate the subject selection as a person who many in your community may be curious about. Well written.

3rd Place

Brian Slattery

The Brunswick Beacon

Shallotte

Leland family adjusts to life with quintuplets

Fun feature about family going through a unique experience. Answers a lot of questions readers may have about this situation.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTING

1st Place

Dane Smith

Mountain Xpress

Asheville

Pitchfork features local songwriter, Asheville music fans puzzled

2nd Place

Laura Lewis

The Brunswick Beacon

Shallotte

Welcome, Willie

3rd Place

Craig Lindsey

INDY Week

Durham

Theater of pain

EDUCATION REPORTING

1st Place

Will Huntsberry

INDY Week

Durham

Class dismissed

The depth of sources and compelling layout made a complex story more interesting.

2nd Place

Jake Frankel

Mountain Xpress

Asheville

Building knowledge

The graphics really help tell the story here, and we appreciate the amount of space editors gave over to the faces and comments of those involved in the story. An interesting and dynamic way to tell the tale.



First Place, Sports Photography, Division C, by Kelly Snow

3rd Place

Caitlin Bowling, Becky Johnson, Andrew Kasper

Smoky Mountain News

Waynesville

School resource officers

The three writers should be commended for their dogged pursuit of this story.

NEWS ENTERPRISE REPORTING

1st Place

Andrew Kasper

Smoky Mountain News

Waynesville

Bracing for the worst

This is a total package piece! Wow! Great story, graphics and informational content!

2nd Place

Becky Johnson

Smoky Mountain News

Waynesville

Junaluska's crossroads

Very interesting subject and presentation! A great package piece.

3rd Place

Tim Reaves

Independent Tribune

Concord

10 years after: Dream endures for 'new' Kannapolis

Very nice package, composition and story!

DIVISION C

Community newspapers over 10,000 circulation

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

1st Place

Lisa Sorg

INDY Week

Durham

Muddy waters

In a concise manner, this article showed the impact a community newspaper's investigation can have even on a state level.

2nd Place

Jordan Green, Chad Nance, Brian Clarey, Alex Ashe

YES! Weekly

Greensboro

Equity & Appraisals: The distressing relationship between race and real estate in Winston-Salem

Delving into how race impacted the judgements explored an issue many in the community suspected but could not support without the newspaper's research.

3rd Place

Becky Johnson, Andrew Kasper

Smoky Mountain News

Waynesville

Steep slope scrutiny

Very explanatory series on a subject many papers would not bother to cover.

SPORTS NEWS REPORTING

1st Place

J. Mike Blake

Cary News

Cary

Falcons still airborne

2nd Place

Nicholas Hall

Carteret County News-Times

Morehead City

Collection of sports stories

3rd Place

Kelly Snow

The Courier-Times

Roxboro

Rockets' bats come alive just in time

SPORTS FEATURE WRITING

1st Place

Neil Morris

INDY Week

Durham

Boxes of fame

2nd Place

Brian Clarey

YES! Weekly

Greensboro

Shadenfreude at the ACC

3rd Place

Andy Moore

Wilkes Journal-Patriot

North Wilkesboro

No. 52: East honors Delaina Adams Smith

GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place

Mark Schultz

The Durham News

Raleigh

Vigil remembers Ocampo

2nd Place

Aaron Moody

Eastern Wake News

Zebulon

Donation music to their ears

3rd Place

Hannah Sharpe

The Pilot

Southern Pines

Hundreds attend officer's funeral

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place

Tim Chandler

The Courier-Times

Roxboro

Celebration

Captures the moment with faces and eyes. Excellent image that tells a whole story.

2nd Place

Harry Lynch

The Durham News

Raleigh

The flight of the butterfly

Nice closeup with good depth of focus.

3rd Place

Hannah Sharpe

The Pilot

Southern Pines

At Fire Academy, teamwork rules

Perfect timing that captures the fun.

SPORTS FEATURE PHOTO

1st Place

Michael Paul

The Brunswick Beacon

Shallotte

John McNeil somersaults after scoring against North Brunswick

A spontaneous moment captured at just the right instant.

2nd Place

Brian Clarey

YES! Weekly

Greensboro

Shadenfreude at the ACC

2nd Place

Michael Paul

The Brunswick Beacon

Shallotte

'This one was for my brother'

A moving and powerful photo capturing a coach's tribute to his late brother.

3rd Place

Hannah Sharpe

The Pilot

Southern Pines

Pinewild play

Great shot of a chip shot.

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place

Kelly Snow

The Courier-Times

Roxboro

Person running back Marquis Torain dives into the endzone

A terrific photo that captures the amazing ballet that is football well played.

2nd Place

James Nix

Independent Tribune

Concord

Up the middle

Every face captures a distinct reaction, and the focused drive of the scoring player is captured cleanly.

3rd Place

Jaelyn Anthony

Lincoln Times-News

Lincolnton

Wrestling Regionals

Painful to see, but genuine and poetic.

PHOTO PAGE

1st Place

Justin Cook

INDY Week

Durham

The Passion of Dean

Great subject and nice interaction with subject.

2nd Place

Jeremy Lange

INDY Week

Durham

Saturday at the grandstands

Nice dominant image. Simple but effective layout.

3rd Place

Jeremy Lange

INDY Week

Durham

Swing your partner, round and round

Nice expressions.

BEST VIDEO

1st Place

Hannah Sharpe

The Pilot

Southern Pines

Into the garden with WPMS Garden Club

Cinematographic skill captured the enthusiastic engagement of the kids. Interviews helped the viewer understand all that goes into the project.

BEST MULTIMEDIA PROJECT

1st Place

Hannah Sharpe

The Pilot

Southern Pines

Moore County winter sports spotlight

The photograph spread encourages the reader to check out the athletes' videos, which are all really well done.

2nd Place

Stuart High

The News-Reporter

Whiteville

Sports of all sorts

DIVISION C

Community newspapers over 10,000 circulation

2nd Place

Michaela Duckett

The Charlotte Post

Charlotte

Collection of columns

A unique subject that will surely keep young readers interested in newspapers. Well written and intriguing.

3rd Place

Bob Scott

The Franklin Press

Franklin

Collection of columns

Columns with a strong, burly message that pull no punches and thumb their noses at the thought police.

SERIOUS COLUMNS

1st Place

John Deem

Lake Norman Citizen

Huntersville

Collection of columns

2nd Place

Jim Longworth

YES! Weekly

Greensboro

BSA officials; NRA; Lawmakers obsessed with nipples

3rd Place

Barbara McRae

The Franklin Press

Franklin

Collection of columns

SPORTS COLUMNS

1st Place

J. Mike Blake

Cary News

Cary

Collection of columns

Engaging and moving. His piece on the lasting impact of a coach's off-the-field encouragement spoke to the true importance the coach-player relationship can have.

2nd Place

Justin Parker

Lake Norman Citizen

Huntersville

Collection of columns

It's encouraging to see a columnist recognize aspects of a player's performance that might not make it onto the stat sheet.

3rd Place

Zach Colburn

Wilkes Journal-Patriot

North Wilkesboro

Collection of columns

Columns show a thoughtful approach to sports, focusing on the people, interactions and experiences that give them their value.

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HEADLINE WRITING

1st Place

John Nagy

The Pilot

Southern Pines

Collection of headlines

Cool Hand Lucas was a great play on a popular reference. Giving a Hoot was fun and clear.

2nd Place

Staff

The Franklin Press

Franklin

Collection of headlines

'Books and bullets' is quick, to the point, and pithy. Good use of nouns that drive home problems facing all schools. 'Meth nap' was clever.

3rd Place

Tom Embrey

The Pilot

Southern Pines

Collection of headlines

New Leash made me want to read the story and find out more. Drive-In Help was cute.

EDITORIAL PAGE

1st Place

Staff

The Franklin Press

Franklin

Franklin Press editorial pages

GENERAL EXCELLENCE FOR

WEB SITES

1st Place

Staff

INDY Week

Durham

www.INDYWeek.com

2nd Place

Staff

The Pilot

Southern Pines

www.ThePilot.com

3rd Place

Travis Bumgardner

Smoky Mountain News

Waynesville

www.SmokyMountainNews.com

APPEARANCE & DESIGN

1st Place

Staff

The Pilot

Southern Pines

May 5 & 8, 2013 editions

2nd Place

Staff

INDY Week

Durham

May 22 & 29, 2013 editions

3rd Place

Shelagh Clancy

The Brunswick Beacon

Shallotte

The Brunswick Beacon

SPORTS COVERAGE

1st Place

D. Clay Best, Staff

Garner Cleveland Record

Smithfield

February 3 & 6, 2013 editions

Nice layout, easy to read. Love the feature photo from inside the basketball locker room. Overall well done.

2nd Place

Hunter Chase

The Pilot

Southern Pines

September 22 & 29, 2013 editions

Good headlines. Nice clean look.

3rd Place

Michael Paul

The Brunswick Beacon

Shallotte

The Brunswick Beacon

Football, fishing and golf all on one page! Nice.

USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS

1st Place

Staff

Carteret County News-Times

Morehead City

Carteret County News-Times

Multi-photo stories on the front page set the News-Times apart, both in design and content. Individual photos are very nicely done. Good moments and good work.

2nd Place

Staff

The Pilot

Southern Pines

August 4 & 25, 2013 editions

Care is given to give visual interest to section fronts. Photos are played well inside as well.

3rd Place

Mark Schultz, Jim Kenny

The Durham News

Raleigh

August 7 & 28, 2013 editions

Eye-catching front page photos. The way they are played makes you want to pick up this paper.

NEWS COVERAGE

1st Place

Staff

The Mountaineer

Waynesville

News Coverage

2nd Place

Staff

The Franklin Press

Franklin

News Coverage

3rd Place

Staff

Mooreville Tribune

Mooreville

March 3 & 10, 2013 editions

BEST COMMUNITY COVERAGE

1st Place

Staff

Carteret County News-Times

Morehead City

Carteret County News-Times

This paper screams local ahead of the rest. Putting obits on right side of page A3 is quite ambitious.

2nd Place

Staff

Mooreville Tribune

Mooreville

December 19 & 30, 2012 editions

Lots of local news throughout. Quite versatile. Especially liked pictures of "Wanted Suspects" with top ten bond amounts.

3rd Place

Staff

North Raleigh News

Raleigh

August 14 & 28, 2013 editions

Great variety of community news hits the reader right from the front page. Daybook is the best community calendar in the bunch.

SPECIAL SECTION

1st Place

Staff

The Mountaineer

Waynesville

Lake Junaluska Centennial

2nd Place

Garret K. Woodward, Micah McClure, Travis Bumgardner

Smoky Mountain News

Waynesville

WNC Travel Guide

DIVISION C

Community newspapers over 10,000 circulation

3rd Place

Staff

Carteret County News-Times

Morehead City

Outlook 2013

BEST NICHE PUBLICATION

1st Place

Staff

INDY Week

Durham

INDY Eats - Guide to Dining in the Triangle

Unique, eye catching, fabulous fresh design, artistic and creative drawings and layout that screams "I'm cool and fun to look at."

2nd Place

Frank Ruggiero, Johnny Hayes, Staff

The Mountain Times

Boone

Autumn Times

Big bold layout with beautiful scenic photography that will attract visitors to pick it up.

3rd Place

Micah McClure, Garret K Woodward, Emily Moss, Travis Bumgardner

Smoky Mountain News

Waynesville

Calling Haywood home

Classy directory to lure families and businesses to relocate to the area.

CRITICISM

1st Place

Craig Lindsey

INDY Week

Durham

Collection of criticisms

Lindsey has a talent for writing short, declarative sentences in a simple yet elegant conversational style. A pleasure to read.

2nd Place

David Fellerath

INDY Week

Durham

Collection of criticisms

The author's engaging lead paragraphs pull the reader into the reviews.

3rd Place

Brandon Soderberg

INDY Week

Durham

Collection of criticisms

Soderberg shares an educated, thorough look into the subject in each of his reviews. His opinions appear backed by facts.



First Place, Feature Photography, Division C, by Tim Chandler

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Cooke Communications News, Editorial & Photojournalism Winners! Thank you for your hard work and commitment to excellence!

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The Daily Reflector (Greenville, NC)

1st Feature Writing, Michael Abramowitz

1st Deadline News Reporting, Jane Dail,

Ginger Livingston, Katherine Ayers

1st Editorial Page, Brian Colligan, Mark Rutledge,

Al Clark

1st Sports Feature Photo, Aileen Devlin

1st Online Breaking News, Staff

1st Multimedia Project, Staff

2nd Feature Section Design, Steve Cagle

2nd General News Photography, Aileen Devlin

2nd Arts & Entertainment Reporting, Natalie Sayewich

2nd Profile Feature, Jane Dail

3rd News Section Design, Staff

3rd Headline Writing, Chris Siegel

3rd Appearance & Design, Staff

3rd News Enterprise Reporting, Kristin Zachary

3rd Editorials, Mark Rutledge

3rd Illustration/Photo Illustration, Aileen Devlin

Rocky Mount Telegram (Rocky Mount, NC)

1st Website General Excellence, Staff

1st Arts & Entertainment, Brie Handgraaf

1st General News, Darla Slipke

2nd Sports Features, Justin Hite

2nd Graphics, Ross Chandler

2nd Feature Photo, Hannah Potes

2nd Sports Feature Photo, Alan Campbell

3rd General News Photo, Alan Campbell

3rd Online Breaking News, Brie Handgraaf

3rd Sports News, Nick Piotrowicz

The Daily Advance (Elizabeth City, NC)

1st Best Community Coverage, Staff

1st Headline Writing, Bob Montgomery

1st Appearance & Design, Staff

1st Criticism, Robert Kelly-Goss

2nd Feature Section Design, Chris Day, Jason Balduf,

Will Harris

2nd News Section Design, Chris Day, Jason Balduf,

Will Harris

2nd Editorial Page, Staff

2nd Lighter Columns, Robert Kelly-Goss

3rd General Excellence for Web Sites, Chris Day,

Will Harris, Jason Balduf

Duplin Times/Duplin Today (Kenansville, NC)

1st Sports Columns, Bill Rollins

1st Best Niche Publication, Staff

1st News Coverage, Staff

1st Criticism Columns, Todd Wetherington

1st Serious Columns, Todd Wetherington

1st Profile Feature, Todd Wetherington

1st Best Community Coverage, Staff

1st Sports News Reporting, Bill Rollins

1st Editorials, Gary Scott

1st Sports Feature Writing, Bill Rollins

2nd

DIVISION D

GENERAL NEWS REPORTING

1st Place
Darla Slipke
Rocky Mount Telegram
Rocky Mount
Hutcheson murder trial
Nicely done. The reader is drawn into the story.

2nd Place
Jon Jimison
The Wilson Times
Wilson
‘Tears of love’
Nicely written. Compelling.

3rd Place
Darrick Ignasiak
The Dispatch
Lexington
Accident dashes young man’s dream days before fulfillment
Well done.

DEADLINE NEWS REPORTING

1st Place
Darrick Ignasiak
The Dispatch
Lexington
DCSO probes 2 Arcadia deaths
Excellent lead paragraph immediately pulls the reader into the story. The interview of the first person on the scene connects the story to the reader in a profound way.

2nd Place
Olivia Neeley
The Wilson Times
Wilson
‘My heart dropped’
The reader is on scene as the reporter selects imagery and phrases which make the emotions and significance of the event vivid. Solid reporting.

3rd Place
Jean Gordon
The Daily Courier
Forest City
Children rescued from fast moving creek
Excellent lead paragraph and good use of quotes throughout. Solid job of providing information.

ONLINE BREAKING NEWS

1st Place
Corey Friedman, Gray Whitley, Brad Coville
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Man killed in car
This story no doubt had the community on edge. Good reporting and photography.

2nd Place
Janet Conner-Knox, Gray Whitley
The Wilson Times
Wilson
‘I just want to breathe’
This high profile case was surely followed closely by the local community. Good coverage from all sides.

3rd Place
Brie Handgraaf
Rocky Mount Telegram
Rocky Mount
Search suspended for missing tractor-trailer driver
Timely updates and good photography.

NEWS FEATURE

1st Place
Olivia Neeley
The Wilson Times
Wilson
‘I just want to hold her’
Heartbreaking story, meaningful quotes, thorough interviewing. Reads quickly and kept me interested to the end. Exceptional.

2nd Place
Lisa Boykin Batts
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Rescue and recovery
Starts with a story worth telling. Vivid description and clear writing make it all the more readable.

3rd Place
Janet Conner-Knox, Jon Jimison
The Wilson Times
Wilson
‘It is a firing,’ Mayor responds, thanks 301 volunteers; 301 key to the city’s future
Good job airing all sides. First story resulted in a contrite response from the mayor. Nice to see good journalism prompt such an action.

FEATURE WRITING

1st Place
Lisa Boykin Batts
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Turning back the clock

2nd Place
Rochelle Moore
The Wilson Times
Wilson
An extraordinary White Christmas

3rd Place
Olivia Neeley
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Anchors away

Daily newspapers under 12,500 circulation

PROFILE FEATURE

1st Place
Corey Friedman
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Vets’ van man out
Writer uses the now to circle back and give readers a richly detailed look at the life of this quirky philanthropist. Readers who have never met him will end up caring about Eddie Price.

2nd Place
Bryan Hanks
The Free Press
Kinston
A father to many
Hanks takes his time in the telling, but a good use of quotes and solid writing keep the story moving along to create a fine portrait of a modest man.

3rd Place
Kim Gilliland
The News-Topic
Lenoir
A once-promising life ends too soon
This story gives meaning to the life of a man who could have been dismissed as just another addict. The sources’ raw emotions come through in the telling with bittersweet results.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTING

1st Place
Brie Handgraaf
Rocky Mount Telegram
Rocky Mount
A proud procession
The photo pulled me into this story immediately. Such a beautiful and rich heritage, and I can feel the pride of the tribe and the journalist capturing the moment.

2nd Place
Matthew Clark
The Daily Courier
Forest City
Tangled in film
I always enjoy a “blast from the past” retro piece, and felt the urge to cheer Michael on for his passion to preserve his past.

3rd Place
Lisa Boykin Batts
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Married to the artist
I loved being invited into the living room to share the story of these two lovely artists living their dream.

EDUCATION REPORTING

1st Place
Corey Friedman
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Trial by fire
Strong lede and solid reporting in this comprehensive look at a different kind of school. Friedman’s piece captures the experience of training at one of NC’s most demanding fire training academies.

2nd Place
Chip Pate
The Sanford Herald
Sanford
New rules of the game
Good use of source material and statistics without losing the story. This writer tackles a broad topic with ease. This is a fine piece of journalism.

3rd Place
Stephanie Creech
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Mother’s complaints spark change
A thoughtful, poignant story of a mother and son and a struggle for inclusion of special needs students. Good reporting and strong photography.

NEWS ENTERPRISE REPORTING

1st Place
Olivia Neeley
The Wilson Times
Wilson
‘We care about our children’
This series did a wonderful job of detailing this serious problem, but what really made the series stand out was the humanity the writer wove into the stories.

2nd Place
Jon Jimison
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Trial and error
A deft exploration of significant changes to the court-appointed attorney system. It tells readers what they need to know.

3rd Place
Alan Wooten
The Daily Dispatch
Henderson
Pieces of a puzzle
This is a classic example of a reporter putting a complicated case in context.

DIVISION D

Daily newspapers under 12,500 circulation

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

1st Place
Olivia Neeley
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Uncovering new evidence
Thanks to The Wilson Times, an additional key witness to a 1976 murder was finally uncovered, one of the reasons the man sentenced to life for the killing may get a new trial. The series answered all of the questions a reader would have about the case.

2nd Place
Matthew Clark
The Daily Courier
Forest City
Authority buys Owens’ property
Through public records requests and good old fashioned reporting, the series lays out all of the developments and issues involved in an easily understood writing style.

3rd Place
Nash Dunn
The Dispatch
Lexington
Information underload?
A very in depth report. The series prompted a pledge by the board to be more open about its process, which shows how important newspapers can be to the communities they serve.

BUSINESS WRITING

1st Place
Rochelle Moore
The Wilson Times
Wilson
The extra mile
Great job placing a face to the issue. Good use of available data.

2nd Place
Jon Jimison
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Critical decisions
Very thorough. Great local example of the healthcare sector at a crossroads.

3rd Place
Jon Jimison
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Gambling with the lottery
Plenty of numbers here.



First Place, Feature Photography, Division D, by Mark Dolejs

SPORTS NEWS REPORTING

1st Place
Travis Durkee
The Daily Courier
Forest City
IM 50/70 Little League World Series
Talk about comprehensive! This reporter went the extra mile. Having your local team go to the Little League World Series is a sports reporter’s dream, but this reporter touched every base to bring his readers along.

2nd Place
Alan Wooten
The Daily Dispatch
Henderson
Kelly brings magic
Probably as good an account of a single game as you’ll find anywhere - proof that the best story isn’t necessarily the longest.

3rd Place
Nick Piotrowicz
Rocky Mount Telegram
Rocky Mount
An Important First Step
This reporter clearly enjoys delving into the machinery behind the sports rather than offering simple game coverage - and he does a very good job.

SPORTS FEATURE WRITING

1st Place
Paul Durham
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Fight club

2nd Place
Justin Hite
Rocky Mount Telegram
Rocky Mount
Home Sweet Home

3rd Place
Kellen Holtzman
The Daily Dispatch
Henderson
Leap of faith

GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
1st Place
Garrett Byers
The Daily Courier
Forest City
Children rescued from creek
These images convey the horror and heroics of a chaotic situation. Good work by the shooter to stay focused and shoot the important moments.

2nd Place
Brad Coville
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Tearful goodbye
Raw, emotional. Image says it all.

3rd Place
Alan Campbell
Rocky Mount Telegram
Rocky Mount
A day of prayer

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place
Mark Dolejs
The Daily Dispatch
Henderson
Round and round
A wonderful enterprise photo worth much more than a glance.

2nd Place
Hannah Potes
Rocky Mount Telegram
Rocky Mount
Getting connected
A moment of pure delight is beautifully captured by the photographer. This shot really draws the reader into the page.

3rd Place
Brad Coville
The Wilson Times
Wilson
She’s on a mission
The photographer positioned himself perfectly and chose just the right moment to get the most out of this scene.

SPORTS FEATURE PHOTO

1st Place
Brad Coville
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Great Scott
Nicely set up, tempted me to read the story and find out who was in the picture.

2nd Place
Mark Dolejs
The Daily Dispatch
Henderson
Spring Sports 2013
Great variety of athletes doing what athletes do. Nice representation of different sports.

3rd Place
Alan Campbell
Rocky Mount Telegram
Rocky Mount
Gryphons fall short in OT
The shot we all try to get following a tough loss. The emotion is evident.

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place
Donnie Roberts
The Dispatch
Lexington
Atkins upends Yellow Jackets
Tough choice between 1st and 2nd. Both were near perfect timing, and it came down to the framing, angle and storytelling aspects.

2nd Place
Mark Dolejs
The Daily Dispatch
Henderson
Ending with a win
Great image of a moment, framed and timed well.

DIVISION D

(Sports photography continued)

3rd Place

Mark Dolejs

The Daily Dispatch

Henderson

Rivals collide at Raider Stadium

Rare moment in track with being in focus at the right time and right place.

PHOTO PAGE

1st Place

Mark Dolejs

The Daily Dispatch

Henderson

Year in review

2nd Place

Wesley Beeson

The Sanford Herald

Sanford

Scenes from the Lee Regional Fair

3rd Place

Allison Moore Pridgen, Gray Whitley, Brad Coville

The Wilson Times

Wilson

Moments in time

ILLUSTRATION/PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

1st Place

Robert Oden

The Wilson Times

Wilson

'Error' come to light?

I often see graphic elements that are compelling but not informative. This one is both.

2nd Place

Mark Dolejs, Alan Wooten

The Daily Dispatch

Henderson

Pieces of a puzzle

Creative use of mug shots. I like the addition of the cocaine in the center.

3rd Place

Allison Moore Pridgen, Brad Coville

The Wilson Times

Wilson

A Second Amendment amendment?

Eye-catching. Quickly gets to the subject matter by combining gun with ballot.

BEST VIDEO

1st Place

Anna Johnson

The Sanford Herald

Sanford

National Night Out 2013

2nd Place

Anna Johnson, Wesley Beeson

The Sanford Herald

Sanford

Scenes from the 2013 Lee Regional Fair

3rd Place

Will Doran

The Sanford Herald

Sanford

Miss Lee Regional Fair 2013 pageant

MULTIMEDIA PROJECT

1st Place

Anna Johnson, Jennifer Gentile, Will Doran, Wesley Beeson

The Sanford Herald

Sanford

Lee Regional Fair Blog

The photographs, videos and stories cover every aspect of this event. The blog is user-friendly and informative.

2nd Place

Stephanie Creech, Brad Coville, Chad Lucas

The Wilson Times

Wilson

Hidden in a box of memories

The series of stories are enhanced by the web videos and informational timeline. Plenty of great pictures and documents, too.

3rd Place

Bryan Hanks, Jessika Morgan, Jon Dawson

The Free Press

Kinston

North Johnston, North Lenoir eye win column

EDITORIALS

1st Place

Staff

Statesville Record & Landmark

Statesville

Collection of editorials

These strong arguments take bold stands on local issues where a big difference can be made by small papers.

2nd Place

Jennifer Gentile

The Sanford Herald

Sanford

Collection on editorials

3rd Place

Corey Friedman

The Wilson Times

Wilson

Collection of editorials

Daily newspapers under 12,500 circulation

LIGHTER COLUMNS

1st Place

Amy Fuhrman

Statesville Record & Landmark

Statesville

Collection of columns

2nd Place

Robert Kelly-Goss

The Daily Advance

Elizabeth City

Collection of columns

3rd Place

Chad Killebrew

The Dispatch

Lexington

Collection of columns

SERIOUS COLUMNS

1st Place

Leonard Rizzo

Tryon Daily Bulletin

Tryon

Special cases

2nd Place

Travis Durkee

The Daily Courier

Forest City

Collection of columns

3rd Place

Chad Killebrew

The Dispatch

Lexington

Collection of columns

SPORTS COLUMNS

1st Place

Randy Jones

The Wilson Times

Wilson

Collection of columns

Good mix of humor, emotion and serious news.

2nd Place

Jason Queen

The Dispatch

Lexington

Collection of columns

Nice piece on a teenage baseball player losing his mother. Very touching.

3rd Place

Travis Durkee

The Daily Courier

Forest City

Collection of columns

Very personal and emotional columns.

CRITICISM

1st Place

Robert Kelly-Goss

The Daily Advance

Elizabeth City

Colleciton of criticisms

The first review of the paintings was excellently done, expressive and well-felt. Overall, writing is very good.

2nd Place

Jon Dawson

The Free Press

Kinston

Collection of criticisms

3rd Place

Neil Morris

The Sanford Herald

Sanford

Collection of criticisms

HEADLINE WRITING

1st Place

Bob Montgomery

The Daily Advance

Elizabeth City

Collection of headlines

2nd Place

Staff

The Wilson Times

Wilson

Collection of headlines

3rd Place

Stephanie Creech

The Wilson Times

Wilson

Collection of headlines

GRAPHICS

1st Place

Robert Oden

The Wilson Times

Wilson

Collection of graphics

2nd Place

Ross Chandler

Rocky Mount Telegram

Rocky Mount

Collection of graphics

3rd Place

Richard Clark

The Free Press

Kinston

Collection of graphics

DIVISION D

Daily newspapers under 12,500 circulation

EDITORIAL PAGE

1st Place

Alan Wooten

The Daily Dispatch

Henderson

The Daily Dispatch

Solid page with intelligent local comment and lots of entry points for readers.

2nd Place

Staff

The Daily Advance

Elizabeth City

Court case grounds for Hollowell

resignation

Many good points to this page.

3rd Place

Staff

The Dispatch

Lexington

Collection of editorial pages

Good local insights.

GENERAL EXCELLENCE FOR WEB SITES

1st Place

Staff

Rocky Mount Telegram

Rocky Mount

www.RockyMountTelegram.com

Clean design. Well organized and ease of navigation. Lots of interactive tools.

2nd Place

Staff

The Daily Courier

Forest City

www.TheDigitalCourier.com

Like the overall look.

3rd Place

Chris Day, Will Harris, Jason Balduf

The Daily Advance

Elizabeth City

www.DailyAdvance.com

Really good overall.

APPEARANCE & DESIGN

1st Place

Staff

The Daily Advance

Elizabeth City

The Daily Advance

2nd Place

Staff

The Dispatch

Lexington

The Dispatch

3rd Place

Staff

Statesville Record & Landmark

Statesville

May 18 & 19, 2013 editions

SPORTS COVERAGE

1st Place

Staff

The Wilson Times

Wilson

Not friends on the field

Great depth of coverage, including several sports both in male and female athletics.

2nd Place

Travis Durkee, Matt Clark, Jacob Conley, Paul Schenkel

The Daily Courier

Forest City

September 20 & 21, 2013 editions

A very close second. Great work and coverage.

3rd Place

Staff

The Sanford Herald

Sanford

The Sanford Herald

NEWS SECTION DESIGN

1st Place

Allison Moore Pridgen, Robert Oden

The Wilson Times

Wilson

Ready for a revolution?: The Whirligig

Maker

I really like the large photo at the top of this front page! Great photo and layout.

2nd Place

Chris Day, Jason Balduf, Will Harris

The Daily Advance

Elizabeth City

The Daily Advance

3rd Place

Staff

The Daily Dispatch

Henderson

The Daily Dispatch

FEATURE SECTION DESIGN

1st Place

Staff

The Washington Daily News

Washington

Getting lost; The life of an artist,

displayed

2nd Place

Chris Day, Jason Balduf, Will Harris

The Daily Advance

Elizabeth City

The Daily Advance

BEST NICHE PUBLICATION

1st Place

Annette Jordan, JD Walker, Charles Wade, Paul Church

The Courier-Tribune

Asheboro

Thrive: Life in Our Town and Beyond -

September 2013

This has it all: clean, modern design, gorgeous photography, tasteful ads. A dramatic cover

draws you in.

2nd Place

Staff

The Washington Daily News

Washington

Washington the Magazine

Color, typography and bright, lively photographs say summer is on the way. Love the minimalism of the What's in Store pages.

3rd Place

Annette Jordan, JD Walker, Charles Wade, Paul Church

The Courier-Tribune

Asheboro

Thrive: Life in Our Town and Beyond -

August 2013

Variety of design - each article getting its own custom treatment - keeps the eye moving and keeps things wonderfully unpredictable.

BEST COMMUNITY COVERAGE

1st Place



Halifax Media Group newspapers have years of tradition of delivering quality journalism to N.C. readers and advertisers. Our commitment to North Carolina and community journalism speaks for itself with almost 100 awards for Halifax Media newspapers in this year's NCPA News and Photojournalism contest!



Award-winning excellence across the state in ...

BEST COMMUNITY COVERAGE

- StarNews, Wilmington 1st Place
- Havelock News, Havelock 2nd Place
- The Gazette, Gastonia 2nd Place
- The Dispatch, Lexington 3rd Place

NEWS REPORTING (GENERAL, INVESTIGATIVE & DEADLINE)

- The Gazette, Gastonia 1st Place
- The Dispatch, Lexington 1st Place
- The Star, Shelby 1st Place
- The Dispatch, Lexington 3rd Place
- StarNews, Wilmington 3rd Place
- Times-News, Hendersonville 3rd Place
- Sun Journal, New Bern 3rd Place

GENERAL EXCELLENCE FOR WEB SITES

- Times-News, Burlington 1st Place
- Havelock News, Havelock 2nd Place
- Sun Journal, New Bern 3rd Place

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY (INCLUDING FEATURE)

- Havelock News, Havelock 1st Place
- The Dispatch, Lexington 1st Place
- Times-News, Hendersonville 1st Place
- Havelock News, Havelock 2nd Place
- The Gazette, Gastonia 2nd Place
- Times-News, Burlington 2nd Place
- Havelock News, Havelock 3rd Place
- Times-News, Burlington 3rd Place



Congratulations ...

Havelock News, Havelock Dailies Division A

- 1st Education Reporting
- 1st Photo Page
- 1st Sports Photography
- 1st Arts & Entertainment Reporting
- 1st Sports Feature Photo
- 1st Use of Photographs
- 1st Appearance & Design
- 1st Editorial Page
- 1st General News Photography
- 2nd Photo Page
- 2nd Headline Writing
- 2nd News Coverage
- 2nd Sports Feature Photo
- 2nd Sports Coverage
- 2nd Best Community Coverage
- 2nd Sports News Reporting
- 2nd General News Photography
- 2nd General Excellence for Web Sites
- 3rd Education Reporting
- 3rd Arts & Entertainment Reporting
- 3rd Sports Feature Photo
- 3rd Serious Columns

The Free Press, Kinston Dailies Division D

- 2nd Profile Feature
- 2nd Criticism
- 3rd Graphics
- 3rd Multimedia Project

Times-News, Burlington Dailies Division E

- 1st Photo Page
- 1st Best Video
- 1st Arts & Entertainment Reporting
- 1st General Excellence for Web Sites
- 1st Illustration/Photo Illustration
- 1st Profile Feature
- 2nd Photo Page
- 2nd Graphics
- 2nd Appearance & Design
- 2nd Sports Photography
- 2nd Criticism
- 2nd Illustration/Photo Illustration
- 3rd General News Photography
- 3rd Sports Photography
- 3rd Sports News Reporting

The Dispatch, Lexington Dailies Division D

- 1st Sports Photography
- 1st Deadline News Reporting
- 2nd Sports Columns
- 2nd Appearance & Design
- 2nd Special Section
- 3rd Feature Section Design
- 3rd Serious Columns
- 3rd Best Community Coverage
- 3rd Investigative Reporting
- 3rd Editorial Page
- 3rd Lighter Columns
- 3rd General News Reporting

The Gazette, Gastonia Dailies Division E

- 1st News Feature
- 1st News Section Design
- 1st Investigative Reporting
- 1st Graphics
- 1st Sports Coverage
- 2nd Feature Photography
- 2nd Best Community Coverage
- 2nd Headline Writing
- 2nd Special Section
- 2nd Sports Feature Photo
- 2nd Online Breaking News
- 3rd Feature Photography
- 3rd Photo Page

The Star, Shelby Dailies Division E

- 1st General News Reporting
- 1st Appearance & Design
- 2nd News Section Design
- 2nd Business Writing
- 2nd Editorial Page
- 2nd Sports News Reporting
- 3rd Graphics
- 3rd Education reporting

Times-News, Hendersonville Dailies Division E

- 1st Serious Columns
- 1st Sports Photography
- 1st Best Niche Publication

- 2nd Feature Writing
- 3rd Feature Writing
- 3rd General News Reporting
- 3rd Best Video

The Daily News, Jacksonville Dailies Division E

- 1st Feature Photography
- 2nd Sports Columns
- 3rd Arts & Entertainment Reporting
- 3rd Online Breaking News

Sun Journal, New Bern Dailies Division E

- 2nd Deadline News Reporting
- 3rd General Excellence for Web Sites

StarNews, Wilmington Dailies Division F

- 1st Best Community Coverage
- 1st Headline Writing
- 1st Arts & Entertainment Reporting
- 2nd Education reporting
- 2nd Sports Columns
- 2nd Special Section
- 2nd Headline Writing
- 2nd Feature Writing
- 3rd Sports News Reporting
- 3rd Appearance & Design
- 3rd Headline Writing
- 3rd Deadline News Reporting

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Headline Writing • 1st place • The Mecklenburg Times • Sharon Roberts
News Feature Writing • 1st place • The Mecklenburg Times • Tony Brown
Feature Photography • 2nd place • The Mecklenburg Times • Tony Brown
General News Reporting • 2nd place • The Mecklenburg Times • Graziella Steele

News Enterprise Reporting • 1st place • NC Lawyers Weekly • David Donovan
General News Reporting • 3rd place • NC Lawyers Weekly • David Donovan
News Feature Writing • 3rd place • NC Lawyers Weekly • Phillip Bantz
Profile Feature • 3rd place • NC Lawyers Weekly • Amber Nimocks



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DIVISION E

Daily newspapers 12,500-35,000 circulation

GENERAL NEWS REPORTING

1st Place
Staff
The Star
Shelby
E. coli outbreak
Thorough, tenacious coverage of E. coli outbreak with strong sidebars and good use of informational graphics and social media.

2nd Place
Mark Wineka
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
So, how do you feel about the direction of the country?
Well-reported look at voter disenchantment. Profile sections feature good imagery and demonstrate strong reporting and interviewing ability.

3rd Place
Emily Weaver
Times-News
Hendersonville
Suspect in triple homicide kills himself after manhunt
Detailed, descriptive account reconstructed through interviews with neighbors, family, authorities and 911 transcript. Strong sidebars profile the shooter.

DEADLINE NEWS REPORTING

1st Place
Jane Dail, Ginger Livingston, Katherine Ayers
The Daily Reflector
Greenville
Quick response ends shooting
The writing and dramatic photographs were simply outstanding.

2nd Place
Drew Wilson
Sun Journal
New Bern
2-year-old pulled from house fire
This was a great human interest story. The dramatic photo of the fireman rushing the child to the ambulance was captivating.

3rd Place
Paul B. Johnson
The High Point Enterprise
High Point
Family tragedy - 3 drown in High Point retention pond
I felt like I was on the scene of this tragic event. The writing was very good, but the photographs of the men looking for the bodies really helped the story come to life.

ONLINE BREAKING NEWS

1st Place
Staff
The Daily Reflector
Greenville
Fifth Street fire
Timely updates; good video; good coverage.

2nd Place
Staff
The Gaston Gazette
Gastonia
Teen faces double murder charge
Great job by newspaper staff - good coverage and photos.

3rd Place
Jannette Pippin
The Daily News
Jacksonville
Longtime legislator dies at 77
Great depth of coverage for this breaking news story.

NEWS FEATURE

1st Place
Diane Turbyfill
The Gaston Gazette
Gastonia
Killer confession
Good get on the letter, and the story is well told. Good job casting some doubt on the confession, too.

2nd Place
Jimmy Tomlin
The High Point Enterprise
High Point
Know risk, know reward
A great tie-in to a national story that also serves a good purpose by explaining the pros and cons of the procedure.

3rd Place
Jimmy Tomlin
The High Point Enterprise
High Point
Lethal dose
An interesting local look at a national story. The account of the progression of the disease was well-written.

FEATURE WRITING

1st Place
Michael Abramowitz
The Daily Reflector
Greenville
What bugs cicadas? Habitat destruction

2nd Place
Gina Malone
Times-News
Hendersonville
Lincoln's birthplace: Mystery or myth?

3rd Place
Joey Millwood
Times-News
Hendersonville
A bounty of beards

PROFILE FEATURE

1st Place
Molly McGowan
The Times-News
Burlington
Rude awakening
Very sad story. I have been in journalism 20 years and have never read this before. I had to read it twice because it was so moving.

2nd Place
Jane Dail
The Daily Reflector
Greenville
Citizens on patrol
Great writing to go along with a great subject.

3rd Place
Jimmy Tomlin
The High Point Enterprise
High Point
A castaway for life
Touched on the subjects I wanted to know about her life. Article was not boring. Good job!

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTING

1st Place
Charity Apple
The Times-News
Burlington
Peace by pieces

2nd Place
Natalie Sayewich
The Daily Reflector
Greenville
Sanders Family Christmas

3rd Place
Chris Thomas
The Daily News
Jacksonville
Teens make film at local library

EDUCATION REPORTING

1st Place
Cammie Bellamy
The Daily Tar Heel
Chapel Hill
New school, old ground

2nd Place
Sarah Campbell
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
Sound machines

3rd Place
Graham Cawthon
The Star
Shelby
Eating up taxpayer dollars? SBI investigates school spending

NEWS ENTERPRISE REPORTING

1st Place
Madeline Will, Andy Thomason, Caitlin McCabe, Jordan Bailey
The Daily Tar Heel
Chapel Hill
Sexual assault on campus series
This was a great body of work that focuses intense scrutiny on an issue that deserves attention that results in drastic changes.

2nd Place
David Nivens
The High Point Enterprise
High Point
Bursting at the seams

This reporter did an amazing job telling the story from all angles - got peoples' attention - resulting in change.

3rd Place
Kristin Zachary
The Daily Reflector
Greenville

A judicial 'no man's land'; Officials: inmates fail without care
A great story about an issue being played out in communities throughout the country. Thanks for calling attention to this problem.

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

1st Place
Michael Barrett
The Gaston Gazette
Gastonia
Foster Care System spurs controversy
This series demonstrates how local newspapers can significantly impact their communities. Comprehensive reporting on all sides of the issue. Great job!

2nd Place
Nathan Hardin
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
East Spencer Mayor: 'There is a problem'
Thanks to reviews of public records and emails, along with many interviews, the Salisbury Post drew attention to things that would not have otherwise come to light.

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DIVISION E

Daily newspapers 12,500-35,000 circulation

3rd Place
Pat Kimbrough
 The High Point Enterprise
 High Point
 Mayor subject of SBI probe
 Good use of public records to get to the bottom of the story. Pat Kimbrough demonstrated persistence and resourcefulness in developing this series.

BUSINESS WRITING
1st Place
Emily Ford
 Salisbury Post
 Salisbury
 Pillowtex 10 years later - then vs. now
 Excellent stories on a topic important to the community. Good, clear, interesting writing including use of narrative style that draws you in.

2nd Place
Staff
 The Star
 Shelby
 Are we getting a casino here?
 The Star got out in front of this story when there were only rumblings about it and didn't let it go. Thorough reports detailing all sides of the story.

3rd Place
Nathan Hardin
 Salisbury Post
 Salisbury
 County looks to buy Salisbury Mall
 Hardin played the watchdog in keeping on top of the actions of government officials until he got his story. He then continued to follow it through as it developed.

SPORTS NEWS REPORTING
1st Place
Scott Schlaufman
 The Robesonian
 Lumberton
 St. Pauls wrestling series
 A well-covered feel-good story. The initial report outlined the team's problem and the financial need. Follow-ups detailed the successful fund drive and the victory celebration. Well done.

2nd Place
Clark Leonard
 The Star
 Shelby
 'National Scale': Is Shelby on its way to being baseball landmark like other major tournament host cities?
 A well-written, well-researched story. I was impressed that the writer was able to get a lot of information in a compact package.

3rd Place
Adam Smith
 The Times-News

Burlington
 Danger zone: Tar Heels crumble late in loss
 This reporter knows his basketball and paints a vivid word picture of a team in trouble. He goes beyond the account of the game to outline the importance of the team's loss for chances for a successful season.

SPORTS FEATURE WRITING
1st Place
Mark Wineka
 Salisbury Post
 Salisbury
 'Hawkeye': George Hargrave broke color barriers as a golfer while never losing passion for the game
 A well-written feature on an interesting character.

2nd Place
Kelly Parsons
 The Daily Tar Heel
 Chapel Hill
 Players see blurry future
 This article - along with the graphic used - illustrates a local effort to combat a national issue.

3rd Place
Steve Wiseman
 The Herald-Sun
 Durham
 Dawkins takes season away to finally heal
 Despite not being able to interview the subject, this reporter did well to interview several other sources and get as complete a picture as possible.

GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
1st Place
Bernard Thomas
 The Herald-Sun
 Durham
 Officer shoots, kills armed man
 Powerful image. Easy winner. Multiple emotional states, lots of information conveyed. Good framing, depth.

2nd Place
Aileen Devlin
 The Daily Reflector
 Greenville
 'Let's let this be the time to stop'
 Excellent photography. Good selection of images that detail the event well and keep the reader engaged.

3rd Place
Scott Muthersbaugh
 The Times-News
 Burlington
 'Shop with a cop'
 Fun image. Conveys the story perfectly. Great capture.



First Place, Feature Photography, Division E, by John Althouse

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
1st Place
John Althouse
 The Daily News
 Jacksonville
 Eye got it
 I love this photo. Makes one appreciate the wonders of nature and the talent of a very patient photographer.

2nd Place
Mike Hensdill
 The Gaston Gazette
 Gastonia
 Sliders
 Striking juxtaposition of the stunning similarities and the dramatic differences of these two individuals make this a knock-out image. Crisp shot with beautiful color and composition.

3rd Place
John Clark
 The Gaston Gazette
 Gastonia
 Stars and Stripes
 Impressive photo. Great composition with extraordinary detail. A photo that keeps drawing the viewer back in.

SPORTS FEATURE PHOTO
1st Place
Aileen Devlin
 The Daily Reflector
 Greenville
 Pirates raid Kenan
 Really enjoyed the photographer's ability to blur the massive crowd as the backdrop. It creates an extremely artistic shot.

2nd Place
Mike Hensdill
 The Gaston Gazette
 Gastonia
 High five
 Fantastic view point playing with the foreshortening. I really like the tightlipped facial expression.

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY
1st Place
Patrick Sullivan
 Times-News
 Hendersonville
 In new territory
 The sharp focus on the faces of the players celebrating framed against the background celebration stood out.

2nd Place
Scott Muthersbaugh
 The Times-News
 Burlington
 Close quarters
 This image competed well against football and baseball images where timing caught awkward moments. This is a tough shot to get.

3rd Place
Scott Muthersbaugh
 The Times-News
 Burlington
 Going for a rebound
 You just had to keep looking at this image in the lineup.

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 Todd Sumlin
 Todd Sumlin
 Bernard Thomas
 Jerry Wolford
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 Jerry Wolford

Newspaper

The Sanford Herald
 The Sanford Herald
 The Fayetteville Observer
 The Daily Dispatch
 Salisbury Post
 The Dispatch
 The Charlotte Observer
 The Charlotte Observer
 The Herald-Sun
 News & Record
 News & Record
 News & Record

Place/Category

2nd/Photo Page
 2nd/Best Video
 3rd/Feature Photo
 1st/Photo Page
 1st/Feature Photography
 2nd/Sports Feature Photo
 2nd/Sports Photography
 2nd/Illustration/Photo Illustration
 3rd/Sports Photography
 2nd/Best Video
 1st/Sports Photography
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DIVISION E

Daily newspapers 12,500-35,000 circulation



First Place, General News Photography, Division E, by Bernard Thomas

PHOTO PAGE

1st Place
Scott Muthersbaugh
The Times-News
Burlington
Recycled wonders
Great job making an interesting visual story out of a simple assignment. Good use of a dominant image and detail photos.

2nd Place
Scott Muthersbaugh
The Times-News
Burlington
Rugged maniacs
Lots of good action here and some interesting angles.

3rd Place
John Clark
The Gaston Gazette
Gastonia
Let's go Panthers
Nice mix of action pictures and feature pictures.

ILLUSTRATION/PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

1st Place
Linda Bowden
The Times-News
Burlington
Where do the Democrats go from here?
Eye catching, creative. Like the placement of the headline.

2nd Place
Linda Bowden
The Times-News
Burlington
The mosquitoes have landed
Quickly conveys to readers why they should take steps to avoid these pests.

3rd Place
Aileen Devlin
The Daily Reflector
Greenville
Trick or truth?
The starkness of the black and white layout adds to the spookiness.

BEST VIDEO
1st Place
Scott Muthersbaugh
The Times-News
Burlington
The Zombie Walk

2nd Place
Andy Morrissey
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
Sheriff's office hoping sale of historic 'Tommy' gun leads to some new gear

3rd Place
Mike Dirks
Times-News
Hendersonville
Square Dance Dane Elementary

MULTIMEDIA PROJECT
1st Place
Staff
The Daily Reflector
Greenville
Ficklen anniversary
The interactive timeline is interesting and done really well. The trivia contest and use of social media and the web is smart.

2nd Place
Christine Nguyen, John McCann, Mark Donovan
The Herald-Sun
Durham
GameDay: Episode 6 (Sept. 26, 2013)

EDITORIALS

1st Place
Andy Thomason
The Daily Tar Heel
Chapel Hill
Rape is a violent crime; Protect free speech; Officials owe answers

2nd Place
Elizabeth Cook
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
Collection of editorials

3rd Place
Mark Rutledge
The Daily Reflector
Greenville
Collection of editorials

LIGHTER COLUMNS

1st Place
Elizabeth Cook
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
Collection of columns

2nd Place
Mark Wineka
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
Collection of columns

3rd Place
Jimmy Tomlin
The High Point Enterprise
High Point
Collection of columns

SERIOUS COLUMNS

1st Place
Bruce Benson
Times-News
Hendersonville
Collection of columns

2nd Place
Mark Wineka
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
Collection of columns

3rd Place
Jimmy Tomlin
The High Point Enterprise
High Point
Collection of columns

SPORTS COLUMNS

1st Place
Mark Wineka
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
Collection of columns
Columns highlight the not-so-obvious, but truly special, engaging and page turning stories often found just off the field in sports reporting. The hands down favorite.

2nd Place
Rick Scoppe
The Daily News
Jacksonville
Collection of columns
No one can say this columnist is without opinions, but he is also not without heart. This columnist was able to truly be a part of each piece while still allowing the story to unfold.

3rd Place
Ronnie Gallagher
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
Collection of columns
You know you are good when you can craft a complete and engaging column about a line coach without even talking to him, and yet the reader hardly notices.

CRITICISM

1st Place
Dawn Baumgartner Vaughan
The Herald-Sun
Durham
Collection of criticisms
Very good reading, even inviting. Writer does a good job of storytelling.

2nd Place
Madison Taylor
The Times-News
Burlington
Collection of criticisms
The writer weaves a good tale about what he critiques, even explaining why the reader should be interested.

3rd Place
Cliff Bellamy
The Herald-Sun
Durham
Collection of criticisms
Good material.

HEADLINE WRITING

1st Place
Vince Wheeler
The High Point Enterprise
High Point
Collection of headlines

DIVISION E

Daily newspapers 12,500-35,000 circulation

2nd Place
Erin Wetzelberger
The Gaston Gazette
Gastonia
Collection of headlines
Nice play on words.

3rd Place
Chris Siegel
The Daily Reflector
Greenville
Collection of headlines

GRAPHICS

1st Place
Randy Erwin
The Gaston Gazette
Gastonia
Book report, Workhorse and NC prisoners

2nd Place
Linda Bowden
The Times-News
Burlington
Obamacare; The Road(s) ahead;
Coming of age

3rd Place
Lauren Frame
The Star
Shelby
Collection of graphics

EDITORIAL PAGE

1st Place
Brian Colligan, Mark Rutledge, Al Clark
The Daily Reflector
Greenville
Collection of editorial pages
Clear winner. This contestant did everything well.

2nd Place
Staff
The Star
Shelby
What change could do more good than harm?
Solid section. Readers are served well.

3rd Place
Chris Verner
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
Salisbury Post editorial pages

GENERAL EXCELLENCE FOR WEB SITES

1st Place
Staff
The Times-News
Burlington
TheTimesNews.com
Liked community calendar! Like the headlines that linked directly to photos and stories.

2nd Place
Staff
The Daily Tar Heel

Chapel Hill
DailyTarHeel.com
Great videos, and very clean layout. Easy to read.

3rd Place
Staff
Sun Journal
New Bern
NewBernSJ.com

APPEARANCE & DESIGN

1st Place
Staff
The Star
Shelby
Shelby is official World Series home; Losing Religion?

2nd Place
Staff
The Times-News
Burlington
The Times-News

3rd Place
Staff
The Daily Reflector
Greenville
Breaking silence on domestic violence

SPORTS COVERAGE

1st Place
Staff
The Gaston Gazette
Gastonia
Gazette Sports Coverage
Quality work. Loved the right rail/scoreboard.

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DIVISION F

GENERAL NEWS REPORTING

1st Place

John Frank, Lynn Bonner

The News & Observer

Raleigh

2013 legislative session

Selected entries of legislative coverage offered readers real depth and insight to the motivations and issues driving the session.

2nd Place

Michael Gordon

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Mental health breakdown

Excellent package detailing the strains on police, hospitals and families caused by the reduction of care for mental health patients.

3rd Place

Greg Phillips, Drew Brooks, Henry Cuninghame, Ali Rockett

The Fayetteville Observer

Fayetteville

Brace yourself; At Bragg, business as usual; et al

This was a really nice job detailing the effects of sequestration on the area. Every newspaper likely did such stories but few did it better than this.

DEADLINE NEWS REPORTING

1st Place

Elizabeth Leland

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Tearful widow: Ask your God to forgive you

2nd Place

David Perlmutter

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Builder blamed for racing deaths

3rd Place

Ashley Withers

StarNews

Wilmington

Berger asked to resign after McCrory incident

ONLINE BREAKING NEWS

1st Place

J. Andrew Curliss

The News & Observer

Raleigh

After audit, pressure mounts for changes at Rural Center

Extraordinary effort by a reporter who knows how to dig.

2nd Place

John Frank, Annalise Frank, Craig Jarvis, Lynn Bonner

The News & Observer

Raleigh

Fiery debate in NC Senate, then approval of abortion restrictions

Great depth of coverage and perspective on an important breaking news story.

3rd Place

Staff

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Kroger buys Harris Teeter

No doubt this story was hugely important to readers.

NEWS FEATURE

1st Place

Pam Kelley

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Money Rock: A cocaine dealer's redemption

This story is a true testament to the value of institutional knowledge of a beat and a community. The fact that the reporter had a 25-year history with the subject is remarkable.

2nd Place

Chick Jacobs

The Fayetteville Observer

Fayetteville

The Peaceful Revolution

To read a thoroughly reported history piece - and updates on the key players - about the civil way one city was spared was incredibly refreshing.

3rd Place

Paul Woolverton

The Fayetteville Observer

Fayetteville

'I became a scapegoat'

A detailed and balanced look at one man's proclaimed innocence in a crime committed 35 years earlier. A continued investigation by the paper could mean more awards in the future.

FEATURE WRITING

1st Place

Wesley Young

Winston-Salem

Always upbeat; Secret to longevity?

Coffee

Well written. Opening draws me in. I feel like I know Gladys after reading this story, which means that the writer did a great job.

2nd Place

F.T. Norton

StarNews

Wilmington

65 years later, letters returned and a first love is recalled

Good topic, great story. Good job of conveying her surprise, the discovery and the story behind both.

3rd Place

Greg Phillips

The Fayetteville Observer

Fayetteville

Tardis replicas are cool

The story does well at explaining the Dr. Who fervor that this father and daughter share. The sidebar goes the extra mile in explaining the whole Dr. Who phenomena.

PROFILE FEATURE

1st Place

Theoden Janes

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Running for her life

After reviewing a category filled with strong storytelling, I stepped away for a day. This piece haunted me with its subject matter, excellent detail and superb writing.

2nd Place

Kathleen Purvis

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Riding with Rock

This is just a great piece of storytelling and a very interesting subject.



First Place, Sports Feature Photo, Division F, by Chris Seward

Daily newspapers over 35,000

3rd Place

Mackensy Lunsford

Asheville Citizen-Times

Asheville

Jonathon Flaum is a modern-day milkman

Interesting subject and interesting topic, well told.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT REPORTING

1st Place

Ben Steelman

StarNews

Wilmington

How UNCW stacks up

Great headline; well-written, surely of great interest to the local community.

2nd Place

Pam Kelley

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

We're funny that way

This must have provoked community conversation and controversy - love it.

3rd Place

Helen Schwab

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

A cocktail with a cloud - and questions

Fascinating and important - the stories no doubt led to the end of the line for this cocktail.

DIVISION F

Daily newspapers over 35,000

EDUCATION REPORTING

1st Place

Ann Doss Helms

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

CMS success stories

Good to read information on a success story to give hope for other schools. Nice graphics, stats, and thorough coverage.

2nd Place

J. Andrew Curliss

StarNews

Wilmington

Achievement gap widens

Interesting and compelling story. Easy to follow flow of information from statistics to solutions.

3rd Place

Ann Doss Helms

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Ashley Park class of 2017

NEWS ENTERPRISE REPORTING

1st Place

John Ramsey

The Fayetteville Observer

Fayetteville

Bitter pills: The painkiller epidemic

The Fayetteville Observer is blessed to have such a talented and intense writer on their staff. John Ramsey has put serious efforts into this very 'real' story.

2nd Place

Dan Kane, John Frank, J. Andrew Curliss

The News & Observer

Raleigh

Sustained examination of tax policy in NC

The amount of investigative reporting that must have gone into the very lengthy series is simply amazing.

3rd Place

John Murawski

The News & Observer

Raleigh

NC's coastal counties

Lots of serious analysis and research has gone into this. Incredible use of maps, graphics, diagrams and photography are a superior touch. This is top-notch enterprise reporting!

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

1st Place

Staff

Asheville Citizen-Times

Asheville

Police chief's car in wreck

A 'watchdog' success. The coverup would not have been revealed had it not been for the dogged reporting by the paper's staff.

2nd Place

J. Andrew Curliss

The News & Observer

Raleigh

Investigaton of N.C. Rural Center

Strong story of a public program off the rails. Your investigation appeared more informative than the state audit. Real results.

3rd Place

Dan Kane, J. Andrew Curliss, John Drescher

The News & Observer

Raleigh

UNC academic fraud scandal

Comprehensive, detailed. Attacking college sports can really hit a nerve; probably had more readers than any of the other entries.

BUSINESS WRITING

1st Place

John Boyle

Asheville Citizen-Times

Asheville

The \$13M Baily Ponzi case: Lives ruined, trust broken

A clear winner. Nice detail in a compelling story about how one man's sins become many people's downfall. Well reported.

2nd Place

Andrew Dunn, Deon Roberts

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Big money buying homes

Good effort here to discern a development within the local housing market.

3rd Place

Caroline McMillan

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

From idea to marketplace

A simple but well-written story about how an idea comes to fruition. Nice work.

SPORTS NEWS REPORTING

1st Place

David Perlmutter, Jim Utter

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

NASCAR's big crisis: Is racing real?

What set this apart was the attached breakdown of "How It Happened," allowing readers to better understand the event that triggered the larger scandal.

2nd Place

David Morrison

News & Record

Greensboro

The revenue race

This in-depth series explores the revenue side of college athletics in a way that is both engaging and comprehensive. The packaging of this series adds interest for readers and makes the articles more approachable.

3rd Place

Brian Mull

StarNews

Wilmington

Decision time for UNCW athletics, et al

This series examines several points of view, clearly lays out the process and the stakes, and follows developments in good detail.

SPORTS FEATURE WRITING

1st Place

Gary Schwab, David Scott

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Breaking through

A really well-researched and well-written series. Great details, solid interviews and very worthy of a first-place finish.

2nd Place

Chick Jacobs

The Fayetteville Observer

Fayetteville

Where once there was a racetrack

This piece takes the reader back to another time and combines great, descriptive writing and an expert's feel. A very solid submission.

3rd Place

Greg Barnes

The Fayetteville Observer

Fayetteville

The glory days are gone

Great detail, great interviews and very well-written. A cautionary tale about a local kid who almost made it big, but for one poor decision.

GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place

Jerry Wolford

News & Record

Greensboro

Thank you Jesus

This is a photo that does everything a news photo should and more. The emotion and the story of the situation are packaged perfectly in the frame.

2nd Place

Corey Lowenstein

The News & Observer

Raleigh

Early voters flock to poll

Simply a wonderful capture. A simple image that says so much.

3rd Place

Davie Hinshaw

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Woman found dead at scene of blaze

The sharp reality of the moment captured here puts the reader there, feeling what those neighbors feel. Very solid work.

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place

Jerry Wolford

News & Record

Greensboro

Last day of school

What an amazing photo with such genuine emotion. A stand out. Everything about this photo is perfect.

2nd Place

Jeff Siner

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

A new bass in Norman

Readers get to see fish as most of us never do/will. I bet a lot more readers read this story because of the photo. A work of art.

3rd Place

Cindy Burnham

The Fayetteville Observer

Fayetteville

Littlest swimmers make a big splash

Such an engaging photograph. Great color and perspective.

SPORTS FEATURE PHOTO

1st Place

Chris Seward

The News & Observer

Raleigh

Fans welcome Canes home

This is a sports photo, but not just a sports photo: the photographer has been able to go above and beyond to the point where it becomes a work of art - something that we as photographers all strive to, but rarely, do.

2nd Place

Jeff Siner

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Wonder from down under

A wonderfully captured, well-lit and most impressively composed photograph. Well done!

3rd Place

Andrew Craft

The Fayetteville Observer

Congratulations
to the entire Wilson Times newsroom
on a record-breaking



and counting...

North Carolina Press Association Editorial Contest Awards

First Place

Jon Jimison, N.C. Bar Association Media and the Law Award of Excellence
Paul Durham, Sports Feature Writing
Brad Coville, Sports Feature Photo
Olivia Neeley, Investigative Reporting
Randy Jones, Sports Columns
Corey Friedman, Education Reporting
Corey Friedman, Profile Feature
Allison Moore Pridgen & Robert Oden, News Section Design

Robert Oden, Graphics
Olivia Neeley, News Enterprise Reporting
Rochelle Moore, Business Writing
Lisa Boykin Batts, Feature Writing
Corey Friedman, Gray Whitley & Brad Coville, Online Breaking News
Sports Staff, Sports Coverage
Olivia Neeley, News Feature
Robert Oden, Illustration/Photo Illustration

Second Place

Brad Coville, General News Photography
Jon Jimison, News Enterprise Reporting
Sports Staff, Headline Writing
Jon Jimison, Business Writing
Janet Connor-Knox & Gray Whitley, Online Breaking News

Lisa Boykin Batts, News Feature
Rochelle Moore, Feature Writing
Stephanie Creech, Brad Coville & Chad Lucas, Multimedia Project
Olivia Neeley, Deadline News Reporting
Jon Jimison, General News Reporting

Third Place

Brad Coville, Feature Photography
Allison Moore, Gray Whitley & Brad Coville, Photo Page
Lisa Boykin Batts, Arts & Entertainment Reporting
Stephanie Creech, Education Reporting
Stephanie Creech, Headline Writing
Jon Jimison, Business Writing

Olivia Neeley, Feature Writing
Bradley Hearn, Special Section
Janet Connor-Knox & Jon Jimison, News Feature
Corey Friedman, Editorials
Allison Moore Pridgen & Brad Coville, Illustration/Photo Illustration



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DIVISION F

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First Place, Feature Photography, Division F, by Jerry Wolford

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

1st Place
Joseph Rodriguez
 News & Record
 Greensboro
 Tim Thornton
You can feel the emotion, backed by strong composition and framing.

2nd Place
Chuck Liddy
 The News & Observer
 Raleigh
 Broken
Rare to see such a tight shot that has it all Great moment where we see into the eyes and the play.

3rd Place
Jeff Siner
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 Patriots 'D' picks up slack
This is a storytelling image backed with a great caption that gets us into the game. The sharpness and peak timing are showstopping.

PHOTO PAGE

1st Place
Jeff Siner
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 Ready to rise up
Very nice quiet, subtle moments. Great use of light, details and dominant images.

2nd Place
Erin Brethauer
 Asheville Citizen-Times
 Asheville
 High steppin'
Great variety of moments. Good use of light. Beautiful, clean design.

3rd Place
Jerry Wolford
 News & Record
 Greensboro
 Mitchell's on Market
Great subtle moments. Good variety and clean design.

ILLUSTRATION/PHOTO

ILLUSTRATION

1st Place
Justin Morrison
 The Fayetteville Observer
 Fayetteville
 Health debate toned down in 2012
Impressive. Creative take on a topic that can be extremely hard to illustrate. This layout takes it up a notch. Great work.

2nd Place
Justin Morrison
 The Fayetteville Observer
 Fayetteville
 Travelers set to hit the road
Creative and fun. Different take draws readers in.

3rd Place
Todd Sumlin
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 Fan the flames
I like this -- it speaks directly to the topic of grilling recipes. Kudos.

BEST VIDEO

1st Place
Todd Sumlin
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 Sights and sounds from the 49ers first football game

2nd Place
Jon Ostendorff
 Asheville Citizen-Times
 Asheville
 Family of bears hold Asheville women hostage

3rd Place
Erin Brethauer
 Asheville Citizen-Times
 Asheville
 High steppin' to the beat

MULTIMEDIA PROJECT

1st Place
John Ramsey, Andrew Craft, Raul Rubiera, Mariano Santillan
 The Fayetteville Observer
 Fayetteville
 Bitter pills
Absolutely unbelievable series. From the stories to the art to the depth of coverage, this is a very well-done series that targets a very important problem within our culture.

2nd Place
Staff
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 Breaking through
This is a great story that is incredibly well done. The photos also tell the story beautifully.

3rd Place
Helen Schwab, David Puckett
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 Tour the world in Charlotte food
This is a very unique and awesome idea. As someone who has never been to North Carolina, I would want to view this before my first trip.

EDITORIALS

1st Place
Fannie Flono
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 Collection of editorials
I'm impressed with the way this paper willingly broke its mold to develop an editorial position using photos and graphics. The writing propels, then compels the reader.

2nd Place
Doug Clark
 News & Record
 Greensboro
 Collection of editorials

3rd Place
John Railey
 Winston-Salem Journal
 Winston-Salem
 Winning sterilization compensation
An impressive campaign that paid dividends.

LIGHTER COLUMNS

1st Place
Casey Blake
 Asheville Citizen-Times
 Asheville
 Answer Woman columns

2nd Place
Myla Barnhardt
 News & Record
 Greensboro
 Collection of columns

3rd Place
Jeri Rowe
 News & Record
 Greensboro
 Collection of columns

SERIOUS COLUMNS

1st Place
Bill Kirby Jr.
 The Fayetteville Observer
 Fayetteville
 Collection of columns

2nd Place
Josh Shaffer
 The News & Observer
 Raleigh
 Shaffer: Raleigh uproots 83-year-old widow

3rd Place
Susan Ladd
 News & Record
 Greensboro
 Collection of columns

SPORTS COLUMNS

1st Place
Lennox Rawlings
 Winston-Salem Journal
 Winston-Salem
 Collection of columns
Strip away the sentimentality and what remains is hard-hitting news, emotion, humor and a deep knowledge of sports at North Carolina State.

2nd Place
Brian Mull
 StarNews
 Wilmington
 Collection of columns
Touching story on Ed Emory where the writer really captured the emotion of his story. And some good advice to the people running the Panthers.

3rd Place
Tom Sorensen
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 Collection of columns
This columnist knows golf. Nice mix of news and emotion. Column about what golf means to him was right on the mark.

DIVISION F

Daily newspapers over 35,000

CRITICISM

1st Place
John Murawski
 The News & Observer
 Raleigh
 Book review: Atheist calls for abolishing religion

2nd Place
David Menconi
 The News & Observer
 Raleigh
 Collection of criticisms

3rd Place
Michael Hewlett
 Winston-Salem Journal
 Winston-Salem
 Rain Pryor shines in one woman show

HEADLINE WRITING

1st Place
Ted Newman
 StarNews
 Wilmington
 Collection of headlines

2nd Place
Scott Nunn
 StarNews
 Wilmington
 Collection of headlines

3rd Place
Steve McDaniel
 StarNews
 Wilmington
 Collection of headlines

GRAPHICS

1st Place
Mariano Santillan
 The Fayetteville Observer
 Fayetteville
 Collection of graphics

2nd Place
Margaret Baxter
 News & Record
 Greensboro
 100 years of T-shirts; If N.C. Builds It...; Earth Day 2013 Climate Worries

3rd Place
David Puckett
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 Collection of graphics

EDITORIAL PAGE

1st Place
Staff
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 Collection of editorial pages
A clear winner. Lots of viewpoints, well designed.

2nd Place
Burgetta Wheeler, Ned Barnett, Jim Jenkins
 The News & Observer
 Raleigh
 Collection of editorial pages
Clear, cogent editorials. Nice reader response.

3rd Place
Tim White
 The Fayetteville Observer
 Fayetteville
 Collection of opinion pages
Plenty of local focus. Nice job.

GENERAL EXCELLENCE FOR WEB SITES

1st Place
Staff
 The News & Observer
 Raleigh
 www.NewsObserver.com
Loved the "Stay Connected" feature at bottom. Really clean, very inviting, tons of content under each tab.

2nd Place
Staff
 The Fayetteville Observer
 Fayetteville
 www.FayObserver.com
Great addition of graphic content attached, ie. video, etc.

3rd Place
Staff
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 www.CharlotteObserver.com
Lots of related stories associated with lead story. Good depth of coverage.

APPEARANCE & DESIGN

1st Place
Staff
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 Appearance and Design

2nd Place
Staff
 The News & Observer
 Raleigh
 UNC campus faces crime inquiry

3rd Place
Staff
 StarNews
 Wilmington
 October 6 & 7, 2012 editions

SPORTS COVERAGE

1st Place
Staff
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 Sports coverage
Outstanding work! From the quality of writing to the depth of photography, it was a joy to read.

2nd Place
Andrew Carter, Chris Wright, Luke DeCock, Joe Giglio
 The News & Observer
 Raleigh
 A close call/unstoppable
I love the flow within your paper. The writing is crisp and fun to read.

3rd Place
Staff
 The Fayetteville Observer
 Fayetteville
 College football signing day
The signing day spread is beautiful!

NEWS SECTION DESIGN

1st Place
Staff
 The Charlotte Observer
 Charlotte
 News Section Design

2nd Place
Staff
 News & Record
 Greensboro
 News & Record News Design 2013

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- The school is being more than doubled in size (architectural design above).

Curious what you were up against this year?

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DIVISION A continued from page 8

(Best Niche Publication cont.)

3rd Place

Staff

The Times-Leader

Grifton

Ayden Magazine - Making a

Splash

Attractive ads, useful map, nice design with wrap around text.

2nd Place

Ken Ripley

Spring Hope Enterprise

Spring Hope

Collection of criticisms

He displayed knowledge of the script

as well as the theater in general, and

combined that information into

compelling reviews. The writing is

clear, yet packed with information.

CRITICISM

1st Place

Todd Wetherington

Duplin Times

Kenansville

Bent notes

Writer's extensive knowledge of the

music industry shows in his writing.

He deftly weaves historical facts into

his reviews, helping the reader put the

subject into context.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES THE 2013 RECIPIENTS OF THE NCBA MEDIA AND THE LAW AWARDS

NONDAILY NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Andrew Kasper

Smoky Mountain News

DAILY NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Jon Jimison

The Wilson Times

BEST SERIES (DAILY OR NONDAILY NEWSPAPER)

The Charlotte Observer

Gary Wright, Cleve Wootson and Fred Clasen-Kelly

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First place

Sports Columns,
Mark Wineka

Business Writing,
Emily Ford

Sports Feature Writing,
Mark Wineka

Lighter Columns,
Elizabeth Cook

Second place

Serious Columns,
Mark Wineka

General News Reporting,
Mark Wineka

Investigative Reporting
Nathan Hardin

Best Video,
Andy Morrissey, Jon C. Lakey,
Nathan Hardin

Education Reporting,
Sarah Campbell

Editorials,
Elizabeth Cook

Lighter Columns,
Mark Wineka

Third place

Feature Section Design,
Andy Mooney

Best Community Coverage,
Staff

Sports Columns,
Ronnie Gallagher

Business Writing,
Nathan Hardin

Editorial Page,
Chris Verner, Elizabeth Cook

Special Section,
Staff

Sports Coverage,
Ronnie Gallagher,
Mike London, Ryan Bisesi,
David Shaw



Images by Mark Schultz,
Hugh Morton Photographer of the Year
Community Newspaper Winner

DIVISION B continued from page 12

BEST COMMUNITY COVERAGE

1st Place

Staff

The Chatham News

Siler City

December 6 & 13, 2012 editions

Great community news coverage

always brings letters like those in this

paper. Nice locally engineered opinion

pages as well.

2nd Place

Staff

The State Port Pilot

Southport

Best community coverage

Covering community news with a nice

flair. Lots for the reader to digest.

3rd Place

Staff

The Chronicle

Winston-Salem

Community coverage

The Chronicle is quite innovative.

SPECIAL SECTION

1st Place

Staff

The Alamance News

Graham

Alamance Business Report

2nd Place

Staff

The State Port Pilot

Southport

N.C. Fourth of July Festival

Program 2013

3rd Place

Staff

Cherokee Scout

Murphy

Peaks & Valleys

BEST NICHE PUBLICATION

1st Place

Staff

Montgomery Herald

Troy

Discover Montgomery County

Great directory to the community that

local residents would find useful as well

as visitors. Design makes it easy to read.

2nd Place

Staff

The State Port Pilot

Southport

Cape Fear Coast Fall 2013

Beautifully designed ads, nice pop out

quotes and "go and do."

3rd Place

Staff

The Mebane Enterprise

Mebane

North Carolina's Eastern Living

Magazine

Attractive cover design, interesting

stories.

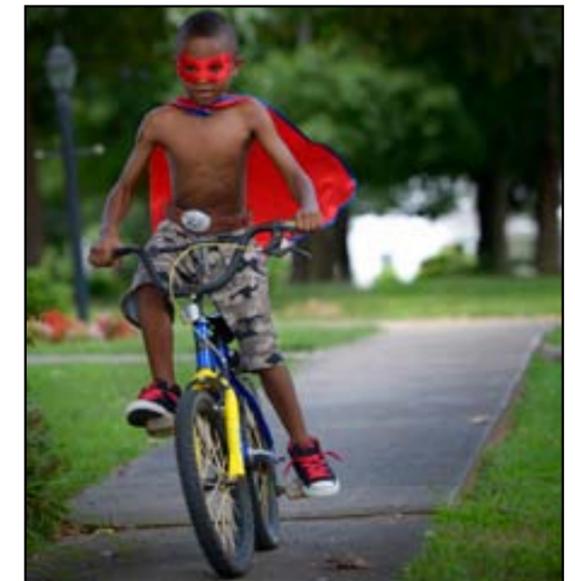


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Daily Newspaper Winner



Salisbury Post

SPECIALTY DIVISION

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

1st Place
Staff

Triangle Business Journal
Raleigh
November 16 & 23, 2012 issues



2nd Place
Liz Irwin

The Mecklenburg Times
Charlotte
Higher-rise education



APPEARANCE & DESIGN

1st Place

Dathan Kazsuk

Triangle Business Journal
Raleigh
May 10 & 17, 2013 editions



SPECIAL AWARDS

Duke University/Green-Rossiter Award for Distinguished Newspaper Work in Higher Education

Community Division

Kristy Bailey

The Alamance News
Graham

State rescinds \$954,000 for ACC building projects; do-over required

Daily Division

Jane Stancill, Dan Kane, J. Andrew Curliss

The News & Observer
Raleigh

Friday was esteemed nationally, revered in N.C.

Henry Lee Weathers Freedom of Information Award

Under 20,000 circulation

Corey Friedman, Jon Jimison

The Wilson Times
Wilson

Justice out of sight?; Town: Pay our wages if you want public records; Opening the door

Over 20,000 circulation

Bruce Henderson, Cameron Steele, Gavin Off

The Charlotte Observer
Charlotte

NC sheriffs wage fight over gun records

Media and the Law Awards

Nondaily Newspaper Article

Andrew Kasper

Smoky Mountain News
Waynesville

Daily Newspaper Article

Jon Jimison

The Wilson Times
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Best Series (daily or nondaily)

Gary Wright, Cleve Wootson and Fred Clasen-Kelly

The Charlotte Observer
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N.C. Rep. Marilyn Avila receives the prestigious NCPA Lassiter Award in 2014 to honor her strong and courageous battle to keep government open to the people. Avila's work in the N.C. House of Representatives in 2013 alone makes her richly deserving of the award. On many occasions, she rallied support against strong political headwinds within her own Republican House caucus to amend anti-newspaper public notice legislation by replacing the bad bills with the NCPA-backed Florida-Tennessee statewide compromise legislation.

NORTH CAROLINIAN OF THE YEAR CHARLIE ROSE



"Charlie Rose is a shining reflection of his N.C. roots," said NCPA Board President Les High, who nominated Rose for North Carolinian of the Year. "He has set incredibly high standards in journalism, raised the task of interviewing to an art form and been a standard-bearer for the best of broadcast journalism." The North Carolinian of the Year is one of the highest honors the NCPA bestows. It celebrates a person who has brought honor and recognition to North Carolina and who reflects pride in his or her North Carolina ties.

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS



1st Place
Caitlin Bowling, Becky Johnson
Smoky Mountain News
Waynesville
Lake Junaluska's crossroads
A well-presented series that outlined a decision to be made by a lake community and a larger municipality. Use of sidebars like "The Players" made it easy to follow the issue. Good follow-up. Nice work.

2nd Place
Staff
Carteret County News-Times
Morehead City
Fumigation plan dropped in face of public opposition
After learning about the plan from a citizen, the newspaper did a good job presenting the issue. That prompted public officials to seek more public input. The newspaper editorialized, but didn't take a position.

3rd Place
Ken Fortenberry
News@Norman
Denver
School district management
A clear first rate and effort. News@norman exposed numerous problems in the school district and the coverage resulted in reforms.

DIVISION E continued from page 29

(Sports Coverage continued)

2nd Place
Staff
The Daily Tar Heel
Chapel Hill
SportsMonday and SportsFriday, Sept. 16 & 20, 2013
A near dead-heat for first. Love the page's flow and the artwork. The writing is crisp and clean.

3rd Place
Staff
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
February 16 & 17, 2013 editions

NEWS SECTION DESIGN

1st Place
Staff
The Gaston Gazette
Gastonia
Gazette News Section
Love this front page! This one is definitely a winner!

2nd Place
Staff
The Star
Shelby
The aging crisis; Hundreds to lose benefits

3rd Place
Staff
The Daily Reflector
Greenville
Board approves incentives for teachers

FEATURE SECTION DESIGN

1st Place
Kenneth Fine
The Goldsboro News-Argus
Goldsboro
Goldsboro News-Argus

2nd Place
Steve Cagle
The Daily Reflector
Greenville
Raptor Rescue

3rd Place
Sarah Campbell
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
Brides go back to basics

BEST COMMUNITY COVERAGE

1st Place
Staff
The Goldsboro News-Argus
Goldsboro
Goldsboro News-Argus

Very thorough coverage of the community, but what put it at the top was the series on increasing violence in Goldsboro. The two installments were insightful and very well-written.

2nd Place
Staff
The Gaston Gazette
Gastonia
Fix me, please
One of the liveliest front pages I've ever seen. Nice localization of bigger topics. Extra points for the "Christmas Wishes" campaign.

3rd Place
Staff
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
Sept. 1 & 27, 2013 editions
Solid local coverage throughout. Staff photography was excellent. A newspaper that takes seriously its commitment to covering local news and features.

SPECIAL SECTION

1st Place
Staff
The Daily Tar Heel
Chapel Hill
Daily Tar Heel mail home edition for new students
Excellent presentation and comprehensive content. The depth of the content, facts and stories rivals what is found in the metro paper entries.

2nd Place
Staff
The Gaston Gazette
Gastonia
Discover Gaston
Wonderful splashy cover! Well organized, great reproduction. Mix of stories and "fast facts" makes this edition accessible to readers.

3rd Place
Staff
Salisbury Post
Salisbury
Graduates 2013
Attention to community comes through clear in this section. The content is compelling. Names, photos, profiles and more are impressive.

BEST NICHE PUBLICATION

1st Place
Jeff Zehr, Diane Norman
Times-News
Hendersonville
Mountain traditions
Gorgeous photography dominates this cleanly designed publication. Love the type treatment.

DAILY NEWSPAPERS UNDER 25,000 CIRCULATION



1st Place
Nash Dunn, Chad Killebrew
The Dispatch
Lexington
Economic Development
Commission series
Economic development commissions often operate with less scrutiny than elected boards. The research for this series provided the public with detailed information as well as highlighting some concerns. Reforms followed.

2nd Place
Staff
The Wilson Times
Wilson
Hidden hunger
Good example of starting the ball rolling through reporting... and keeping it rolling by showing results.

DAILY NEWSPAPERS OVER 25,000 CIRCULATION



1st Place
John Ramsey
The Fayetteville Observer
Fayetteville
Bitter pills
Multi-faceted, in-depth study. Use of statistics and graphics clearly shined a spotlight on the problem. More than numbers, though, the series covered every aspect of the problem and humanized it as well. This entry had everything, including a list of results --- and that's what community service is about.

2nd Place
John Railey
Winston-Salem Journal
Winston-Salem
Delivering help to sterilization victims
This newspaper went to bat to obtain compensation for victims of forced sterilization. It would have been easy to rationalize that scarce editorial resources should go to something impacting a larger group. Looking out for those who lack the power to look out for themselves is something all newspapers should remember. This paper didn't give up until it got results.

3rd Place
Staff
The Charlotte Observer
Charlotte
0-78
The headline says it all. A citizen never prevailed in a complaint against the PD. The Observer's detailed look at a Citizens Review Board resulted in awareness of the problem and proposed changes. We suspect the paper won't give up on this until changes are adopted.

DIVISION F continued from page 35

(News Section Design continued)

3rd Place

Staff

The News & Observer

Raleigh

Case cited by Cline ends in plea

FEATURE SECTION DESIGN

1st Place

Staff

News & Record

Greensboro

News & Record Feature Section Design

2013

2nd Place

Staff

Winston-Salem Journal

Winston-Salem

Soups to savor

3rd Place

Staff

The News & Observer

Raleigh

Home & Garden

BEST COMMUNITY COVERAGE

1st Place

Staff

StarNews

Wilmington

September 4 & 11, 2013 editions

This paper put the focus on local news: seven of the eight front-page stories were generated by its staff and were focused on local issues. This paper's photography and design are terrific and the reporting was solid. An exceptional newspaper that serves its community well.

2nd Place

Staff

News & Record

Greensboro

Best Community Coverage

Feature sections were all very local and had tremendous use of art. Very good writing and reporting. Love the interactive nature of asking for economic development ideas.

3rd Place

Staff

The Fayetteville Observer

Fayetteville

Best Community Coverage

Does the little things well: The Business Observer column is a great little feature that ties the paper to its community.

SPECIAL SECTION

1st Place

Staff

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Living Here

In-depth guide to a major metro area. Plenty of facts presented and includes stories offering insights to the area that a neighbor might provide. This is what a major metro daily should offer readers.

2nd Place

Tammy Miller, Sherry Jones

StarNews

Wilmington

Voter Guide 2012

Voters need this kind of help and the edition is packed with pertinent political information. Solid design and useful to readers.

3rd Place

Staff

The Fayetteville Observer

Fayetteville

Discover Fayetteville

Tons of work produced a treasure trove of information. Nicely organized, easy to read.

BEST NICHE PUBLICATION

1st Place

Staff

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Carolina Bride July/September 2013

Clean, elegant design and high-quality photography. Lovely, moving photos in the Wedding Stories section are enhanced by sophisticated layout. From front to back, an easy winner.

2nd Place

Staff

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

Carolina Bride April/June 2013

The people who put this publication together clearly know what they're doing. Page design, typography, photography, clever headlines, ads that enhance, not detract - it all adds up to a gorgeous product.

3rd Place

Staff

The Charlotte Observer

Charlotte

SouthPark

The boulevard, fashion and music pages are wonderful. Very creative and lively.

The Fayetteville Observer

NORTH CAROLINA'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER



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FIRST PLACE

News enterprise reporting: John Ramsey

Serious columns: Bill Kirby Jr.

Public service award: John Ramsey

Graphics: Mariano Santillan

Multimedia project: John Ramsey, Andrew Craft, Raul Rubiera, Mariano Santillan

Illustration/photo illustration: Justin Morrison

SECOND PLACE

News feature: Chick Jacobs

General excellence for web sites: Staff

Sports feature writing: Chick Jacobs

Illustration/photo illustration: Justin Morrison

THIRD PLACE

Feature photography: Cindy Burnham

Best community coverage: Staff

General news reporting: Greg Phillips, Drew Brooks, Henry Cuningham, Ali Rockett

Sports feature photo: Andrew Craft

News feature: Paul Woolverton

Editorial page: Tim White

Special section: Staff

Sports coverage: Staff

Sports feature writing: Greg Barnes

Feature writing: Greg Phillips



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Green-Rossiter Award, "Outstanding reporting on higher education," **Jane Stancil, Dan Kane, J. Andrew Curliss**

First, general news reporting, "2013 legislative session," **John Frank, Lynn Bonner**

First, sports feature photo, "Fans welcome Canes home," **Chris Seward**

First, online breaking news, "After audit, pressure mounts for changes at Rural Center," **J. Andrew Curliss**

First, general excellence for web sites, newsobserver.com, **Staff**

First, criticism, "Book Review: Atheist calls for abolishing religion," **John Murawski**

Second, news enterprise, "Sustained examination of tax policy in N.C.," **Dan Kane, J. Andrew Curliss, John Frank**

Second, serious columns, "Raleigh uproots 83-year-old widow," **Josh Shaffer**

Second, investigative reporting, "Investigation of N.C. Rural Center," **J. Andrew Curliss**

Second, general news photography, "Early voters flock to poll," **Corey Lowenstein**

Second, appearance & design, **Staff**

Second, sports photography, "Broken," **Chuck Liddy**

Second, editorial pages, **Ned Barnett, Jim Jenkins, Burgetta Wheeler**

Second, online breaking news, "Fiery debate in N.C. Senate, then approval of abortion restrictions," **John Frank, Annalise Frank, Craig Jarvis, Lynn Bonner**

Second, sports coverage, "A close call/unstoppable," **Andrew Carter, Chris Wright, Luke DeCock, Joe Giglio**

Second, criticism, "Finding a long-lost rocker," "Bennet can still send it to the moon," "Focus on homegrown art," **David Menconi**

Third, feature section design, "Dream homes for kids," **Staff**

Third, news enterprise reporting, "N.C.'s coastal counties," **John Murawski**

Third, news section design, "Case cited by Cline ends in plea," **Staff**

Third, investigative reporting, "UNC academic fraud scandal," **Dan Kane, J. Andrew Curliss, John Drescher**



Chapel Hill News

First, feature writing, "Lincoln dressmaker has local ties," **Gloria Lloyd**

Durham News

First, general news photography, "Vigil remembers Ocampo," **Mark Schultz**

Second, feature photography, "The flight of the butterfly," **Harry Lynch**

Third, use of photographs, **Mark Schultz, Jim Kenny**

Eastern Wake News

Second, general news photography, "Donation music to their ears," **Aaron Moody**

Garner-Cleveland Record

First, sports coverage, **D. Clay Best** and **Staff**

North Raleigh News

Third, best community coverage, **Staff**