Brawl at City Hall by Mitch Sneed
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!
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STORY OF THE YEAR

Alabama Media Group
Former students share harrowing stories of life inside Alabama’s worst religious private school
by: Anna Claire Vollers

MOST IMPROVED

Division A
TimesDaily (Florence)

Division B
The Clanton Advertiser

Division C
Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)

Division D
The Brewton Standard

Division E
280 Living (Birmingham)

PHOTO OF THE YEAR

The Outlook (Alexander City)
Brawl at City Hall (on the cover)
by: Mitch Sneed

AD OF THE YEAR

The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Municipal Utilities Board
by: Adam Rhoden
GENERAL EXCELLENCE
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser

BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
TuscaloosaNews.com
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
MontgomeryAdvertiser.com
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
TimesDaily.com

BEST PRODUCTION AND PRINTING
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
2nd: The Decatur Daily
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser

BEST PUBLIC SERVICE
1st: Alabama Media Group
Gov. Robert Bentley had affair, says fired Alabama top cop
by: John Archibald and staff
2nd: Alabama Media Group
Front Line on Mental Health
by: staff
3rd: Alabama Media Group
How a breakdown in our ethics, laws and oversight imperils state government
by: Kyle Whitmire

FOI-FIRST AMENDMENT
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
McKendrick Resignation
by: Drew Taylor
2nd: Alabama Media Group
How a breakdown in our ethics, laws and oversight imperils state government
by: Kyle Whitmire
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Gov. Robert Bentley
by: Mary Sell, Robert Palmer, Tom Smith

BEST LIFESTYLE/FAMILY PAGES
1st: The Anniston Star
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser

BEST SPORTS COVERAGE
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
by: staff
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
by: Brad Zimanek, sports staff
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
by: staff

BEST LOCAL ECONOMIC COVERAGE
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
by: staff
2nd: The Anniston Star
by: staff
3rd: The Decatur Daily
by: Evan Belanger, Keith Clines

BEST LOCAL EDUCATION COVERAGE
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
by: staff
2nd: The Decatur Daily
by: staff
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser
by: Deangelo McDaniel, Ashley Remkus

BEST LAYOUT AND DESIGN
1st: The Anniston Star
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser

BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
1st: Alabama Media Group
‘Challenged’ teen kept in basement 2 years remains gravely ill
by: Carol Robinson
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
Tornado Heartbreak, help and healing
by: Angel Coker
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News
Recovering: Five years after the deadly storms of 2011
by: Zach Tyler

BEST BUSINESS STORY OR COLUMN
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
Telemedicine bridges gap
by: Jennifer Edwards
2nd: Alabama Media Group
How Jay Grinney navigated HealthSouth through its - and his - darkest days
by: Kelly Poe
3rd: The Decatur Daily
Rentals create concerns
by: Bayne Hughes

BEST FEATURE STORY COVERAGE
1st: Montgomery Advertiser
Finding Freedom Within: From projects, prison and parole to hope of a new life on the outside
by: Kelsey Davis
2nd: Alabama Media Group
The 93-year journey of Kool Korner sandwich shop’s forever-young Ildefonso Ramirez
by: Bob Carlton
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser
Mother Put Baby in Oven Set on Broil: Thriving After Childhood Horror
by: Marty Roney

BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS / EDITORIAL CONTENT
1st: Montgomery Advertiser
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
3rd: The Decatur Daily

BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS COVERAGE
1st: The Anniston Star
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser

BEST EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION
1st: The Anniston Star
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News

BEST EDITORIAL
1st: The Decatur Daily
State AG hiding info from public
by: Eric Fleischauer
Lawmakers look at marijuana oil

Legalization would help those who suffer severe seizures

by: Jim Rainey

3rd: The Tuscaloosa News

Berry coach back after suspension

by: Joey Chandler

BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

1st: Montgomery Advertiser

Turner Entrusts Son to His Friend

by: Paul Payne

2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)

Smile still shines

by: Alex Byington

3rd: The Tuscaloosa News

The Life of Snake

by: Aaron Suttles

BEST LOCAL SPORTS COLUMN

1st: TimesDaily (Florence)

AHSAA, Muscle Shoals responses ring hollow

by: Gregg Dewalt

2nd: Alabama Media Group

Growing friction between UAB football coach Bill Clark and AD Mark Ingram, sources say

by: Kevin Scarbinsky

3rd: The Anniston Star

Reinstate Harrell, give title rings to all White Plains players

by: Joe Medley

2nd: The Decatur Daily

Worshiper

by: John Godbey

3rd: Alabama Media Group

Superhero window washers thrill patients at Children’s of Alabama

by: Joe Songer

2nd: Alabama Media Group

Police must be trained to deal with the mentally ill

by: John Hammontree

3rd: Alabama Media Group

Selma justice? Last suspect in civil rights slaying dies a pillar of the community

by: John Archibald

BEST SPORTS NEWS IN-DEPTH COVERAGE

1st: Alabama Media Group

Woman recants domestic violence claim that factored into Jovon Robinson’s dismissal at Auburn

by: James Crepea

2nd: The Tuscaloosa News

A Coach to leave Alabama

by: Aaron Suttles, Andrew Bone

3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)

It’s official: UNA will move to Division I, ASUN

by: Jennifer Edwards, Gregg Dewalt, Jeff McIntyre

BEST HUMOROUS COLUMN

1st: The Anniston Star

“Cursive, foiled again!”

by: Lisa Davis

2nd: Alabama Media Group

The bra struggle is real, y’all. Here’s what men just don’t understand

by: Kelly Kazek

3rd: Montgomery Advertiser

Goin’ batty: Whit Strikes Again

by: Marty Roney

BEST HUMAN INTEREST COLUMN

1st: Alabama Media Group

I’ve just been diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease

by: Mike Oliver

2nd: Alabama Media Group

Death fishing for Ted, saying goodbye to a wild and crusty pirate

by: Ben Raines

3rd: Alabama Media Group

A-plus: Autauga forges family bond, wins championship

by: Stacy Long

BEST NEWS PHOTO

1st: Montgomery Advertiser

Mother and Son

by: Jeronimo Nisa

2nd: Alabama Media Group

Memorial Day observed at The Alabama National Cemetery

by: Joe Songer

3rd: The Anniston Star

Community prayers

by: Bill Wilson

BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO

1st: Montgomery Advertiser

Pensacola Tornado Neighborhood Clean-Up

by: Mickey Welsh

2nd: The Decatur Daily

Standoff

by: Crystal Vander Weit

3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)

House fire

by: Allison Carter

The Decatur Daily – News Photo
To be frank, courthouse commotion for weenies

TimesDaily (Florence) – Best Headline

BEST SPECIAL SECTION - GLOSSY
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
Shoals Woman, November 2016
by: Sheronda Allen
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Shoals Woman, August 2016
by: Sheronda Allen
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser
334: Newcomers Guide
by: staff

BEST NICHES PUBLICATION
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
Faces of Hope
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
Bama Still Rolling
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Explore the Shoals

CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
9-11 Memorial Stairclimb video and social media
by: Matt McKean
2nd: Alabama Media Group
The Hand in the Trunk
by: Robert Clay
3rd: Alabama Media Group
5-Star linebacker Ben Davis announces his commitment
by: Justin King, Laura Goldman

ONLINE BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE
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by: Tom Smith, Matt McKeen, Jim Hannon

BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
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Southern Girls Project
by: staff
2nd: Alabama Media Group
Alabama’s best BBQ sandwich
by: staff

BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
Tuscaloosa
by: staff
2nd: Alabama Media Group
Birmingham Magazine
by: Julia Sayers, Laura Buchanan, Kelsey Freeman

SPECIAL TEAM
The Anniston Star – Sports Photo
3rd: Alabama Media Group
Five-year anniversary of the April 27, 2011, tornadoes
by: staff

BETTER NEWSPAPER CONTEST
DIVISION A

BEST SPORTS PHOTO
1st: Alabama Media Group
Baseball pileup
by: Julie Bennett
2nd: The Anniston Star
Special team
by: Trent Penny
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News
Unnecessary Roughness
by: Gary Cosby Jr.

BEST PHOTO ESSAY
1st: The Decatur Daily
Spelling Bee
by: Crystal Vander Weit
2nd: The Decatur Daily
Special Swimmers
by: Crystal Vander Weit
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Pegasus closes
by: Allison Carter

BEST USE OF GRAPHICS OR ILLUSTRATIONS
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
Defining moment
by: staff
2nd: Alabama Media Group
Top 10 Bentley ‘Luv Guv’ beer names: Can you do better?
by: J.D. Crowe
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News
Living by Mom’s Rules
by: staff

BEST HEADLINE
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
Her future is Fulbright
by: Kris Hasse
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
To Russia with Gloves
by: staff
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
To be frank, courthouse commotion for weenies
by: Connor Bucy

OTHER CATEGORIES:

BEST FASHION
1st: Alabama Media Group
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News

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by: staff

BETTER NEWSPAPER CONTEST
DIVISION A
Sellers’ Remorse?

By Justin Averette

The owner of the hotel said he plans to purchase the St. James Hotel in downtown Selma, which is being considered for a new hotel. The hotel, which is located at 200 Main St. in downtown Selma, is currently owned by Lee Champion.

FOI-First Amendment Award

The Opelika-Auburn News – FOI-First Amendment Award

by: Denise Sinclair, Chris Norwood, Brian Ogle

BEST PRODUCTION AND PRINTING

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
2nd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
3rd: The Selma Times-Journal

by: Lee Champion

by: staff

by: staff

BEST PUBLIC SERVICE

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
2nd: The Selma Times-Journal
3rd: The Daily Home (Talladega)

Drivers Beware

by: Mitch Sneed

by: Troy Turner

by: staff

by: Anthony Cook, Lew Gilliland, Brad Sellers

FOI-FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
2nd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
3rd: The Selma Times-Journal

Community College Merger

by: Meagan Hurley

by: Elsie Hodnett, Chris Norwood, Anthony Cook

by: Justin Fedich

BEST EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
2nd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
3rd: The Selma Times-Journal

by: staff

by: Troy Turner

by: Anthony Cook, Lew Gilliland, Brad Southern

BEST LIFESTYLE/FAMILY PAGES

1st: The Selma Times-Journal
2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News

by: staff

by: staff
2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Round House Closes
by: Tyra Jackson

3rd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
Pokemon good for business
by: Elayne Smith

BEST FEATURE STORY

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
'It Was About Love'
by: Tom Green

2nd: The Daily Sentinel (Scottsboro)
Keeping Beesy
by: Danielle Kirkland

3rd: The Clanton Advertiser
Sibling dogs share bond
by: Anthony Richards

BEST NEWS FEATURE

1st: The Dothan Eagle
We made it!
by: Lance Griffin

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Dog Imaging
by: Sara Falligant

3rd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
A heart to deal with it
by: David Atchison

BEST EDITORIAL

1st: The Selma Times-Journal
Time for city to change language in information policy
by: staff

2nd: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Stop pointing fingers and fix city’s financial mess
by: Mitch Sneed, Kenneth Boone

3rd: The Selma Times-Journal
Council put eggs in one basket and lost
by: staff

BEST HUMAN INTEREST

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
Memories of an Olympic Feat
by: Jaine Treadwell

2nd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
Sibling dogs share bond
by: Jaine Treadwell

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Wayfaring stranger
by: Jaine Treadwell

BEST EDITORIAL COLUMN OR COMMENTARY

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
Pause in merger isn’t enough
by: Troy Turner

2nd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
Rising from the Rubble: Remembering what’s important on the day we promised not to forget
by: Anthony Cook

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Pointing to Heaven in which direction?
by: Troy Turner

BEST SPORTS NEWS

IN-DEPTH COVERAGE

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
The recruitment of Jake Bentley
by: David Mundee, Jeremy Wise, Ken Rogers

2nd: The Dothan Eagle
Signing Day 2016
by: Erik Bacharach

3rd: The Cullman Times
You’ll Never Forget The Fire
by: Josh Vitale

BEST LOCAL SPORTS COLUMN

1st: The Dothan Eagle
Arnie’s visit
by: Ken Rogers

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Turtle Power the force guiding Auburn softball
by: Dana Sulonen

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Gus Malzahn going back to being a head coach
by: Dana Sulonen

BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

1st: The Troy Messenger
Paying Tribute
by: Jonah Enfinger

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
The Gift of Life
by: Todd Van Emst

3rd: The Troy Messenger
Service dog pays tribute
by: Jonah Enfinger

BEST SPORTS FEATURE PHOTO

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
Supermoon Spectacular
by: Kenneth Boone

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Big Times At Timbergut
by: Cliff Williams

3rd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
Farm Day
by: Bob Crisp

BEST LOCAL SPORTS PHOTO

1st: The Selma Times-Journal
Schools cancel games with Marion amid outbreak
by: Daniel Evans

BEST HUMOROUS COLUMN

1st: The Daily Home (Talladega)
Minnows and a marriage license: $11, please
by: Julia Harwell Segars

2nd: The Enterprise Ledger
From Harambe to ‘Hallelujah,’ see ya ’16
by: Kyle Mooy

3rd: The Troy Messenger
Tizapa’s clutch OT kick lifts Bearcats to 6A title over Daphne
by: Jake Winfrey

3rd: The Cullman Times
Malcom, 47, remembered for support of anything and everything Hanceville
by: Rob Ketcham
Workers swing into action

The Fort Payne Times-Journal
– Best Headline

BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
1st: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Brawl at City Hall
by: Mitch Sneed

2nd: The Pullman Times
Prayers on the scene
by: Tiffany Owens

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Tallassee Mill Fire
by: Todd Van Emst

BEST SPORTS PHOTO
1st: The Cullman Times
SEE YOU MONDAY
by: Rob Ketcham

2nd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
Emily Gamino
by: Bob Crisp

3rd: The Cullman Times
Mirror, Mirror on the ball
by: Amanda Shavers-Davis

BEST PHOTO ESSAY
1st: The Troy Messenger
Paying Tribute/Lifeflight service
by: Jonah Enfinger

2nd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
Rodeo page
by: Bob Crisp

3rd: The Dothan Eagle
– Best Headline

3rd: The Clanton Advertiser
Under the Big Peach
by: Keith McCoy

BEST USE OF GRAPHICS OR ILLUSTRATIONS
1st: The Daily Sentinel (Scottsboro)
Late shift heartache
by: Elizabeth Law

2nd: The Troy Messenger
Learn to Work
by: Perry Brown

3rd: The Selma Times-Journal
Falling Slightly
by: Justin Averette

BEST HEADLINE
1st: The Selma Times-Journal
Safelite Replaced
by: Justin Averette

2nd: The Fort Payne Times-Journal
Hole in 117
by: staff

3rd: The Dothan Eagle
Here’s the kicker: Wicksburg’s newest player is a seventh-grade girl
by: staff

BEST SPECIAL SECTION - NEWSPRINT
1st: The Cullman Times
Profile

2nd: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Gridiron Guide

3rd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
Graduation magazine: A time to remember - Class of 2016
by: Buddy Roberts and staff

BEST NICHES PUBLICATION
1st: The Cullman Times
Classic Cullman
by: staff

2nd: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Lake Martin Living, Oct. 2016
by: staff

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
2017 Calendar
by: Jessica Henderson, Todd Van Emst

The Cullman Times – Niche Publication

CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA
1st: The Selma Times-Journal
Battle of Selma
by: Justin Fedich

2nd: The Selma Times-Journal
2016 Bridge Crossing Jubilee
by: Justin Fedich

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Garrison Brooks: Once in a Generation
by: Dana Sulonen, Will Sammon

ONLINE BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE
1st: The Selma Times-Journal
Man dies during standoff at Selma Police Department,
by: Blake Deshazo

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Opelika Black Bear
by: Meagan Hurley, Jim Little, Todd Van Emst

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Toomer’s Tree Fire
by: staff

BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
Opelika Black Bear
by: Meagan Hurley, Jim Little, Todd Van Emst

2nd: The Selma Times-Journal
Selma Mayor Forum
by: Justin Averette

3rd: The Selma Times-Journal
Gridiron Cover Contest
by: Daniel Evans

BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL
1st: The Daily Sentinel (Scottsboro)
Legacy
by: staff

2nd: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Lake Martin Living
by: staff

3rd: The Fort Payne Times-Journal
DeKalb Living
by: staff
FINDING SHELTER
Five public storm shelters open to Shelby County residents

What makes a storm shelter?

Storm shelters in north and southwestern states are rare, but the need to have them in the event of severe weather.

Shelby County EMA

Editor's note: Today, we are featuring a series about finding storm shelters in Shelby County.

1. The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)

Shelby County’s biggest stories from February, according to restaurant reviews

2. Call News (Citronelle)

Storm shelters in north and southern states are rare, but the need to have them in the event of severe weather.

3. The Lagniappe (Mobile)

Mobile County’s best local economic coverage

BEST LAYOUT AND DESIGN

1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)

BEST SPORTS COVERAGE

1st: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)

2nd: Call News (Citronelle)

3rd: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City)

BEST LIFESTYLE/FAMILY PAGES

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1st: Birmingham Business Journal

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BEST LOCAL EDUCATION COVERAGE

1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)

2nd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)

3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)

BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS COVERAGE

1st: Birmingham Business Journal

Big money comes to Birmingham

2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)

Spill has national impact

3rd: The Lagniappe (Mobile)

Mobile County’s best lifestyle/family page

BEST BUSINESS STORY OR COLUMN

1st: Birmingham Business Journal

Big money comes to Birmingham

2nd: Birmingham Business Journal

Birmingham’s new real estate reality

3rd: Birmingham Business Journal

Will more airlines ever land at BHM?

BEST BUSINESS STORY

1st: Birmingham Business Journal

Big money comes to Birmingham

2nd: Call News (Citronelle)

Fire claims 83 year old

3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)

Rooster catchers end ‘N’town crowing

BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS / EDITORIAL CONTENT

1st: Call News (Citronelle)

by: staff

2nd: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)

by: staff

3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)

by: Angela Lambeth, Josh Dewberry

BEST LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE

1st: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)

2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)

3rd: Call News (Citronelle)

BEST LAYOUT AND DESIGN

1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)

BEST SPORTS COVERAGE

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BEST SPORTS COVERAGE

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2nd: Call News (Citronelle)

3rd: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City)

BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

1st: The Advertiser-Gleam (Guntersville)

Rooster catchers end N’town crowing

by: Cindy McGregor
LeFlore girls win title in 34-0 style

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BEST FEATURE STORY COVERAGE
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Motion to adjourn
by: Emily Sparacino

2nd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gibertown)
Running from the Flames
by: Dee Ann Campbell

3rd: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Presidential audience
by: Jay Beard

BEST NEWS FEATURE STORY COVERAGE
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)

LeFlore girls win title in 34-0 style

2nd: The Alabama Baptist
Mocking the Alabama Supreme Court
by: Bob Terry

3rd: Birmingham Business Journal
Don’t let lawmakers take the easy way out again
by: Ty West

BEST HUMOROUS COLUMN
1st: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
The mean old pee can lady
by: Huck Treadwell

2nd: Call News (Citronelle)
My Lines Feel Dirty: Swearing off HGTV
by: Emmett Burnett

3rd: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
It’s column day
by: James Jimenez

BEST HUMAN INTEREST COLUMN
1st: Call News (Citronelle)
I Am Okra
by: Emmett Burnett

2nd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
Philippe Sky Walker
by: Pete Black

3rd: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Dance like everybody is watching
by: Dee Ann Campbell

BEST EDITORIAL COLUMN OR COMMENTARY
1st: The Lagniappe (Mobile)
Hidden Agenda
by: Ashley Trice

2nd: The Lagniappe (Mobile)
Damn the Torpedoes
by: Rob Holbert

3rd: Birmingham Business Journal
Why the $60M historic tax credit budget nightmare is impossible
by: Ty West

BEST SPORTS NEWS IN-DEPTH COVERAGE
1st: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
Monroe Academy championship run
by: Josh Dewberry and Mike Qualls

2nd: The Randolph Leader (Roanoke)
Handley High School football state championship
by: Tim Altork

3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Blind faith
by: Baker Ellis

BEST SPORTS SINGLE EVENT STORY
1st: Call News (Citronelle)
Jags Shake Up Football
by: Tommy Hicks

2nd: Call News (Citronelle)
LeFlore Girls Win Title
by: Mark R. Kent

3rd: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City)
Career night brings end to Central’s season
by: Mark Clark

BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Double the trouble
by: Baker Ellis

2nd: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Blessed to be back
by: Sharron J. Allen

3rd: The Montgomery Independent
Basketball will return to Garrett Coliseum
by: Tim Gayle

BEST LOCAL SPORTS COLUMN
1st: The Advertiser-Gleam (Guntersville)
Lake & fishing rejuvenated her
by: Anthony Campbell

2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)

3rd: Call News (Citronelle)
Candlelight Vigil: United In Loss
by: Bonita Roberts
Best Spot News Photo
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Train hits truck, closes highway
by: Gary Waters
2nd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
Storms hit Lenox
by: Josh Dewberry
3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
Three homes burn
by: Josh Dewberry

Best Special Section - Glossy
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Profile 2016
by: staff
2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Shelby County Football 2016
by: Alec Etheredge
3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Visitors Guide 2016
by: staff

Best Sports Photo
1st: The Randolph Leader (Roanoke)
Upside down basketball player
by: Tim Altork
2nd: Call News (Citronelle)
St. Paul’s, St. Luke’s Win Titles
by: Tom Ewart
3rd: Call News (Citronelle)
Jags Shake Up Football
by: Bobby McDuffie

Best Photo Essay
1st: Call News (Citronelle)
Devastation
by: Rhonda Gray
2nd: The Alabama Baptist
The Value of the Church
by: Neisha Roberts
3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
Back in time
by: Josh Dewberry

Best Use of Graphics or Illustrations
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Finding shelter
by: Layken Rubin
2nd: Birmingham Business Journal
Inside the future of UAB’s campus
by: Derek Morrow
3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
How did Shelby County vote?
by: Jamie Dawkins

Best Special Section - Newsprint
1st: Birmingham Business Journal
Education Guide
by: staff
2nd: Call News (Citronelle)
Fall Outdoors Guide
by: staff
3rd: Call News (Citronelle)
Football Preview - Believe The Hype
by: staff

Creative Use of Multimedia
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Special Sections on website
by: staff
2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Videos of big sports plays
by: Alec Etheredge
3rd: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City)
“Spotted” photo galleries
by: staff

Best Magazine Periodical
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Hoover’s Magazine
by: staff
2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Shelby Living
by: staff
3rd: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
July, September Land + Lake
by: staff
**GENERAL EXCELLENCE**
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
2nd: The Greenville Advocate
3rd: The Brewton Standard

**BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE**
1st: The Brewton Standard
brewtonstandard.com
by: staff
2nd: Hartselle Enquirer
hartselleenquirer.com
by: staff
3rd: The Clay Times-Journal (Lineville)
claytimesjournal.com
by: staff

**BEST PRODUCTION AND PRINTING**
1st: The Greenville Standard
2nd: The Greenville Advocate
3rd: Hartselle Enquirer

**BEST PUBLIC SERVICE**
1st: The Greenville Advocate
MOVE OVER Law
by: Andy Brown

**FOI-FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD**
1st: Sumter County Record-Journal (Livingston)
Emelle Mayor gives up salary
by: Tommy McGraw
2nd: The Moundville Times
Chief fired
by: Travis Vaughn
3rd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
Knowing your neighbors - sex offenders
by: staff

**BEST EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION**
1st: The Dadeville Record
2nd: The Tuskegee News
3rd: The Auburn Villager

**BEST LIFESTYLE/FAMILY PAGES**
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
2nd: The Brewton Standard
3rd: Hartselle Enquirer

**BEST SPORTS COVERAGE**
1st: The Demopolis Times
by: Nicholas Finch
2nd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
by: staff
3rd: The Greenville Advocate
by: Jonathan Bryant

**BEST LOCAL ECONOMIC COVERAGE**
1st: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
by: Alison James
2nd: The Greenville Advocate
by: staff
3rd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
by: Andy Brown

**BEST LOCAL EDUCATION COVERAGE**
1st: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
2nd: The Dadeville Record
3rd: The Greenville Advocate

**BEST LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE**
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
2nd: The Greenville Standard
3rd: The Greenville Advocate

**BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS / EDITORIAL CONTENT**
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
2nd: The Greenville Advocate
3rd: The Greenville Standard

**BEST BUSINESS STORY OR COLUMN**
1st: Washington County News (Chatom)
Farmers vs. Drought
by: Jason Boothe
2nd: Opelika Observer
Virtual reality arcade to open downtown
by: Morgan Bryce

**BEST SPOT NEWS STORY**
1st: The Dadeville Record
Two arrested after dog shot, woman takes stick to shooter
by: Mitch Sneed
2nd: The Moulton Advertiser
Father, son murdered in Hillsboro
by: Jeff Edwards
3rd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
FAA, NTSB take over crash investigation
by: Jan Murray

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**MOVE OVER**

**The Greenville Advocate – Public Service**

**2nd: The Greenville Advocate**
Amendment One
by: Andy Brown

**3rd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)**
Are you prepared?
by: Cassie Gibbs, Laura Fezie

**BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS COVERAGE**
1st: Opelika Observer
Changing city streets
by: Nickolaus Hines
2nd: Sumter County Record-Journal (Livingston)
York Police cut back
by: Herman Ward, Jr.
3rd: Opelika Observer
When free is not free; An in-depth look at downtown Opelika’s ‘free’ wireless internet
by: Nickolaus Hines

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**Scene**

**The Southeast Sun – Lifestyle/Family Page**

**Men in Pink**

Men join the fight against breast cancer.

**Moved Over**

**The Greenville Advocate – Spot News Story**

The Southeast Sun – Lifestyle/Family Page

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**Two arrested after dog shot, woman takes stick to shooter**

**By Mitch Sneed**

A woman is facing charges after being accused of throwing a beloved farm dog and the woman who confronted her over the incident was arrested for assault.

Aunt Millie Fitch, a resident of Franklin County, was bitten by a dog belonging to Leslie White and told police she shot the dog after a neighbor’s dog bit her. White was shot.

“Keep shot a dog that was an animal.A guy living...”
Non-daily newspapers 4,000 circulation and below

3rd: Opelika Observer
We all scream for ice cream; O-Town Ice Cream to open downtown later this month
by: Rebekah Martin

BEST NEWS FEATURE STORY COVERAGE
1st: The Baldwin Times
Baldwin County Drug Series
by: Cliff McCollum, John Underwood

2nd: The Auburn Villager
Muslim community reaches out to Auburn
by: Allison Blankenship

3rd: The Auburn Villager
The ties that bind
by: Allison Blankenship

BEST EDITORIAL
1st: The Baldwin Times
Gov. Bentley, tear down your wall
by: Gulf Coast Media editorial board

2nd: The Dadeville Record
Local elections show that every vote matters
by: staff

3rd: The Greenville Advocate
Move Over, It's the Law
by: Corey Williams

BEST HUMOROUS COLUMN
1st: The Baldwin Times
Elliott gets McMillan’s goat, mayor gets his
by: Cliff McCollum

2nd: The Baldwin Times
Namaste over there, away from the yoga
by: Cliff McCollum

3rd: The Auburn Villager
‘Superfans’ bring spirit to JHS
by: Brian Woodham

BEST LOCAL SPORTS COLUMN
1st: The Auburn Villager
Scouting AU’s rank in SEC
by: Mark Murphy

2nd: The Auburn Villager
The lost rivalry between Auburn, Florida
by: Brian Woodham

BEST SPORTS PHOTO
1st: The Greenville Advocate
Ride to Recovery
by: Jonathan Bryant

2nd: The Dadeville Record
Tuesday morning practice fishing
by: Cliff Williams

3rd: The Wilcox Progressive Era
(Camden)
Fire destroys Shell Creek Mansion
by: Ethan Van Sice

Letters: Foshee offered money, “sexual favors” to special education teacher

by: Cory Diaz
Published 6:21 pm Thursday, July 7, 2016

The Wetumpka Herald – Sports News In-Depth

BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY
1st: The Eufaula Tribune
Courtney Upshaw: Eufaula Roots
by: Kyle Mooty

2nd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Dedicated Describer - Gold recounts memories of broadcast career
by: Casey Strickland

3rd: The Auburn Villager
‘Superfans’ bring spirit to JHS
by: Brian Woodham

BEST SPORTS NEWS IN-DEPTH COVERAGE
1st: The Wetumpka Herald
Letters: Foshee offered money, “sexual favors” to special education teacher
by: Cory Diaz

2nd: The Greenville Advocate
The Streak is Over
by: Caleb Suggs

3rd: The Auburn Villager
The Big Hit
by: Jonathan Bryant

The Brewton Standard – News Photo

‘WE NEED HER HOME’

3rd: The Brewton Standard
2016 All-County Team
by: Corey Williams

BEST SPORTS SINGLE EVENT STORY
1st: The Moulton Advertiser
LCHS earns close win over ELHS in crazy finish
by: J.R. Tidwell

2nd: Hartselle Enquirer
The Streak is Over
by: Caleb Suggs

3rd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Brown honored by NBHS rushing record
by: Casey Strickland

BEST HUMAN INTEREST COLUMN
1st: The Dadeville Record
Not everyone schedules their own heart attack
by: David Granger

2nd: The Wilcox Progressive Era
(Camden)
White Privilege?
by: Ethan Van Sice

3rd: The Auburn Villager
Where’s the Golden Egg
by: Clif Knight

BEST LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE
1st: The Auburn Villager
Women participate in their fourth prayer time of the day during the holy month of Ramadan

by: Andreas Blankenship

3rd: Washington County News
(Chatom)
Snake Finally In Hall
by: Tommy Hicks

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(Chatom)
Snake Finally In Hall
by: Tommy Hicks

The Brewton Standard – News Photo

‘WE NEED HER HOME’
Sheriff's Office, Erik Lozano Rivera, 22, of 338 Road and Ike and Ann Road in McIntosh. Monday when he was involved in a single-vehicle crash. Rivera is believed to have been thrown through the bank. Emergency responders reported that he was taken in a ditch. After securing Rivera at the scene, EMS crews attended to him. Rivera is expected to recover.

According to reports at the Washington County Medical Center in Mobile for evaluation. Rivera is believed to have been thrown through the bank. Emergency responders reported that he was taken in a ditch. After securing Rivera at the scene, EMS crews attended to him. Rivera is expected to recover.

Drought has county farmers seeking supplements for their livestock for the coming season, according to reports. Farmers are dealing with droughts in recent years, and they are looking for ways to supplement their supplies.

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According to reports, Chad Singleton, 38, of 2880 Beaver Dam Road in Chatom, was arrested without incident earlier this week. Singleton was booked into the Washington County Jail around 3 p.m. on Nov. 17 and charged with possession of child pornography.

Child pornography. According to Deputy and resisting arrest. Suspect has been freed on $10,000 bond. The suspect is on parole and was arrested after a warrant was issued for an unrelated offense. The suspect is on parole and was arrested after a warrant was issued for an unrelated offense.
GENERAL EXCELLENCE
1st: Hoover Sun
2nd: The Madison Record
3rd: Vestavia Voice

BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE
1st: The St. Clair Times (Pell City)
   annistonstar.com/the_st_clair_times/
   by: staff
2nd: The Trussville Tribune
   trussvilletribune.com
   by: staff
3rd: Madison Weekly News
   madisonweeklynews.com
   by: John Few

BEST PRODUCTION AND PRINTING
1st: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
2nd: The Madison Record
3rd: Courier Journal (Florence)

BEST PUBLIC SERVICE
1st: 280 Living (Birmingham)
   Election coverage
   by: Erica Techo, Jon Anderson
2nd: Hoover Sun
   Heroin use in suburban Alabama
   by: Erica Techo
3rd: Vestavia Voice
   Middle School Alignment
   by: Emily Featherston

FOI-FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD
1st: Vestavia Voice
   Vestavia City Council discrimination settlement
   by: Emily Featherston
2nd: Hoover Sun
   Hoover Sportsplex Development and Resulting Transparency Demands
   by: Jon Anderson
3rd: The Homewood Star
   Homewood pursues $110 million bond for schools, parks, public safety projects
   by: Sydney Cromwell

BEST EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION
1st: The Cherokee Post (Centre)
2nd: Courier Journal (Florence)

BEST LIFESTYLE/FAMILY PAGES
1st: The Madison Record
2nd: Village Living (Mountain Brook)
3rd: Hoover Sun

BEST SPORTS COVERAGE
1st: Madison Weekly News
   by: Bob Labbe, John Few
2nd: The Madison Record
   by: staff
3rd: The Franklin Free Press (Russellville)
   by: Mike Self

BEST LOCAL ECONOMIC COVERAGE
1st: Hoover Sun
2nd: 280 Living (Birmingham)
3rd: Village Living (Mountain Brook)

BEST EDITORIAL COVERAGE
1st: Vestavia Voice
   by: staff
2nd: The Homewood Star
   by: Sydney Cromwell and staff
3rd: Madison Weekly News
   by: John Few

BEST LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE
1st: Vestavia Voice
2nd: Hoover Sun
3rd: The Cherokee Post (Centre)

BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS / EDITORIAL CONTENT
1st: Village Living (Mountain Brook)
   by: Gary Hanner, David Atchison, Janice Keith
2nd: Hoover Sun
   by: staff
3rd: The St. Clair Times (Pell City)
   by: Emily Featherston

BEST LAYOUT AND DESIGN
1st: The Birmingham Times
   by: Kacy Sesser-Dome
2nd: Vestavia Voice
   by: staff
3rd: Hoover Sun
   by: staff

BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
1st: Vestavia Voice
   Fire destroys two businesses in Olde Towne shopping center
   by: Erica Techo
2nd: The Franklin Free Press (Russellville)
   Tharptown to get new cafeteria
   by: John Pilati
3rd: The Franklin Free Press (Russellville)
   PCRS Ambulance Service
   by: John Pilati

BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS COVERAGE
1st: The St. Clair Times (Pell City)
   Prison Series
   by: Gary Hanner, David Atchison, Tim Lockette
2nd: The St. Clair Times (Pell City)
   A Cautionary Tale
   by: Gary Hanner
3rd: The Franklin Free Press (Russellville)
   Ambulance dispute
   by: John Pilati

BEST BUSINESS STORY OR COLUMN
1st: Village Living (Mountain Brook)
   Getting the Pig back home
   by: Ana Good
2nd: The Homewood Star
   The Midas Touch
   by: Sydney Cromwell
3rd: The Franklin Free Press (Russellville)
Renaissance in Russellville
by: John Pilati

BEST FEATURE STORY COVERAGE
1st: Cahaba Sun (Trussville)
Nguyens find Trussville in journey to freedom
by: Chris Megginson
2nd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
Santa given gift of life through early detection
by: Amy Tolson
3rd: The Trussville Tribune
John Floyd - 50 years of Southern Living
by: Kris Robinette

BEST NEWS FEATURE STORY COVERAGE
1st: The St. Clair Times (Pell City)
After the storm
by: Gary Hanner
2nd: Vestavia Voice
Feral Cat Infestation coverage
by: Emily Featherston
3rd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
Week of activities remembers heroes
by: Amy Tolson

BEST EDITORIAL
1st: The Franklin Free Press (Russellville)
Taking a stand for our nation’s flag
by: John Pilati
2nd: The Cherokee Post (Centre)
Honoring Tim Sanders
by: Scott Wright
3rd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Lunacy Abounds Among the 1%
by: Amy Tolson

BEST HUMAN INTEREST COLUMN
1st: The Cherokee Post (Centre)
Going Global
by: Cheryl Lewis
2nd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Silent and Listen
by: Steve Shelton
3rd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Love Them Through
by: Cathy Turner

BEST EDITORIAL COLUMN OR COMMENTARY
1st: The Franklin Free Press (Russellville)
Special session all bark, no bite
by: staff
2nd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Tubman No Token Representative
by: Tom Magazzu
3rd: The Franklin Free Press (Russellville)
Political pandering wastes time, money
by: John Pilati

BEST SPORTS NEWS IN-DEPTH COVERAGE
1st: The Franklin Free Press (Russellville)

2016 Baseball Playoff Preview
by: Mike Self
2nd: Hoover Sun
Hoover Football goes to Texas
by: Kyle Parmley
3rd: 280 Living (Birmingham)
Oak Mountain High School distance runner recovers after unexpected diagnosis
by: Sam Chandler

BEST FEATURE PHOTO
1st: Iron City Ink (Birmingham)
Canvas in a Cup
by: Sarah Finnegan
2nd: Hoover Sun
Ready to run
by: Sarah Finnegan
3rd: The Homewood Star
JROTC student saluting in stairwell
by: Sarah Finnegan

BEST NEWS PHOTO
1st: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
Combat Boot presentation
by: Bryan Bacon
2nd: The Trussville Tribune
Freedom Fest photo
by: Ron Burkett
3rd: Village Living (Mountain Brook)
Taste of Mountain Brook - Fire hose
by: Sarah Finnegan

HOLDEN RECOGNIZED FOR LIFE’S PASSION
Give That Man A Star
TUSCUMBIA - Alabama native, Edsel P. Holden, has been involved with music since childhood. His experience with music ranges from singing on stage since the age of twelve to helping assemble one of the biggest and longest running music festivals in Alabama, to assisting in the production of an educational concert series. That life-long passion culminated last week with a star unveiling ceremony for Holden at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. Many Alabama Music Hall of Fame inductees and Alabama Music Achievers whom the Hall of Fame were in attendance as well as family members and friends.

Edsel Holden, standing in center, is congratulated by family and friends at his star unveiling ceremony last week at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame in Tuscumbia. Holden has been involved in some capacity of public entertainment since he first performed at age twelve at Decatur’s Princess Theatre.

See HOLDEN... on Page 6

By Shay Allen
3rd: 280 Living (Birmingham)
Friday Night Lights
by: Ted Melton, Todd Lester, Todd Kwarcinski

BEST USE OF GRAPHICS OR ILLUSTRATIONS
1st: The Homewood Star
The Midas Touch, local businesses spreading success
by: Kristin Williams
2nd: Hoover Sun
Christmas: What to do in Hoover
by: Kristin Williams
3rd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
Veterans Day 2016
by: staff

BEST SPECIAL SECTION - NEWSPRINT
1st: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
Veterans Day 2016
by: staff
2nd: The St. Clair Times (Pell City)
Pigskin Preview 2016
by: Gary Hanner, Lavonte Young, Shane Dunaway
3rd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
Breast Cancer Awareness
by: staff

BEST SPECIAL SECTION - GLOSSY
1st: The Madison Record
FYI
by: staff
2nd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
75 Years of Redstone
by: staff
3rd: 280 Living (Birmingham)
Chelsea Magazine
by: staff

BEST NICHES PUBLICATION
1st: Hoover Sun
Football Magazine
by: staff
2nd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Give That Man a Star
by: Tom Magazu

BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
1st: Hoover Sun
Burning car rescue
by: Erica Techo
2nd: Hoover Sun
Lake Cyrus Shooting
by: Erica Techo
3rd: Vestavia Voice
Municipal Election Results coverage
by: Emily Featherston

BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL
1st: Hoover Sun
Madison Living
by: staff
ADVERTISING SWEEPSTAKES
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News

BEST CLASSIFIED PAGE OR SECTION
1st: The Decatur Daily
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser

BEST SINGLE AD 1/2 PAGE & UNDER B&W
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Austin’s Shoes-Converse
   by: Cherri Sutherland, Rita Stricklin
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Shoals Lighting-Keeping it Cool
   by: Cherri Sutherland, Lin Reynolds
3rd: The Decatur Daily
   Lynn Layton Chevy
   by: Rhonda Stennett

BEST SINGLE AD 1/2 PAGE & UNDER COLOR
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
   City of Florence
   by: Cherri Sutherland, Lin Reynolds
2nd: The Decatur Daily
   Colors Precision Paint
   by: Stephen Johnson, Beth Parker, Rhonda Stennett

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE - B&W
1st: Montgomery Advertiser
   YMCA Swim Registration
   by: staff

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE - COLOR
1st: Alabama Media Group
   Torch
   by: Fred Fluker
2nd: The Decatur Daily
   Pill Box Pharmacy
   by: Stephen Johnson
3rd: Alabama Media Group
   Yulista
   by: Fred Fluker

BEST REGULARLY SCHEDULED SPECIAL SECTION NEWSPRINT
1st: Montgomery Advertiser
   334: Education
   by: staff
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
   334: Newcomers Guide
   by: Rhonda Stennett
3rd: The Decatur Daily
   Design an Ad
   by: Stephen Johnson, Beth Parker, Rhonda Stennett

BEST ONE-TIME SPECIAL SECTION GLOSSY
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Shoals Woman of the Year, August
   by: Lin Reynolds, advertising staff
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Shoals Woman, Holiday issue
   by: Lin Reynolds and staff
3rd: The Decatur Daily
   Directions Magazine, February 2016
   by: Stephen Johnson

BEST IN-PAPER PROMOTION OF NEWSPAPER
1st: The Decatur Daily
   Teaser House ads
   by: Rhonda Stennett
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
   Pearl Harbor Keepsake promotion
   by: Aaron Henderson
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Shirley Neese Testimonial
   by: Brad Taylor, Lin Reynolds

THE TUSCALOOSA NEWS – ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

Montgomery Advertiser – Regularly Scheduled Special Section Newsprint

1st: Alabama Media Group
   Edwards Chevrolet 100th Anniversary
   by: Fred Fluker, Pam Wilson
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
   70th Anniversary
   by: staff
3rd: The Decatur Daily
   Home and Garden Show
   by: Stephen Johnson, Beth Parker, Rhonda Stennett

1st: The Tuscaloosa News
   Buffalo Rock campaign
   by: Emily Bryant; Patrick Brady
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Your Décor campaign
   by: Stacey Gallos, Rita Stricklin
3rd: The Decatur Daily
   TVTC Safety Training Centers campaign
   by: Beth Parker, Rhonda Stennett
Advertising Contest

DIVISION A

BEST ORIGINAL / CREATIVE IDEA

1st: Alabama Media Group
   The Clothes Tree
   by: Pam Wilson

2nd: Alabama Media Group
   Seasons 52
   by: Fred Fluker

3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Thank You Veterans
   by: Stacey Gallos, Rita Stricklin

BEST CLASSIFIED DISPLAY AD

1st: Alabama Media Group
   McConnell
   by: Fred Fluker

2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Shoals Homefront
   by: Brad Taylor, Rita Stricklin

3rd: The Tuscaloosa News
   Barkley GMC - Holiday Card
   by: Patrick Brady

BEST SIGNATURE PAGE

1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Congratulations UNA Lions Division II National Softball Champions!
   by: Lin Reynolds

2nd: The Decatur Daily
   Babies on Easter Parade
   by: Beth Parker

3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Make A House A Home
   by: Rita Stricklin

BEST NICHE PUBLICATION

1st: Montgomery Advertiser
   Oh Baby
   by: staff

2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Explore the Shoals
   by: Lin Reynolds, advertising staff

3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Tennessee Valley Brides magazine
   by: Lin Reynolds, Cecilia Brumley, Rita Stricklin

BEST USE OF HUMOR

1st: The Decatur Daily
   Family Pet Health Care
   by: Stephen Johnson, Beth Parker, Rhonda Stennett

2nd: The Decatur Daily
   Superior Carpet
   by: Rhonda Stennett

3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Booorific
   by: Stacey Gallos, Rita Stricklin

BEST PRESENTATION OF ONLINE ADVERTISING

1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
   TN Valley Brides
   by: Cecilia Brumley, Lin Reynolds

2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
   MontgomeryAdvertiser.com
   by: staff

BEST INNOVATIVE ONLINE ADVERTISING - SINGLE AD

1st: Alabama Media Group
   Small Voices
   by: Pam Wilson

2nd: Alabama Media Group
   Chattanooga
   by: Pam Wilson

3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   TN Valley Wheels
   by: staff

BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL

1st: Alabama Media Group
   Birmingham magazine
   by: staff

2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Homebuyers Guide
   by: staff

3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   TN Valley Wheels
   by: staff
2nd: The Clanton Advertiser
Mark’s Towing campaign
by: Zack Bates

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Cutest Kids campaign
by: Jessica Henderson

BEST ORIGINAL / CREATIVE IDEA
1st: The Selma Times-Journal
Precious Pearls
by: Tina Yelverton

2nd: The Cullman Times
Medical Directory May 2016
by: Chasity Barnett

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Christmas in July
by: Jessica Henderson

BEST CLASSIFIED DISPLAY AD
1st: The Dothan Eagle
Celebrate the Season
by: Michael O’Keefe

2nd: The Clanton Advertiser
Columbiana Wood Products
by: Kim McCulla

3rd: The Clanton Advertiser
Cobblestone Apartments
by: April Spivey

BEST SIGNATURE PAGE
1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
Football Contest
by: staff

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Join The Fight - Breast Cancer Awareness Month
by: Jessica Henderson, Susan May, and Abby Scroggins

3rd: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Halloween Safety
by: Audra Spears, Darlene Johnson, Hallie Holloway

BEST PRESENTATION OF ONLINE ADVERTISING
1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
clantronadvertiser.com
by: staff

2nd: The Clanton Advertiser
clantronadvertiser.com
by: staff

3rd: The Cullman Times
cullmantimes.com
by: Chasity Barnett and staff

BEST USE OF HUMOR
1st: The Dothan Eagle
Amanda’s Paw Spa
by: Taresa Lewis

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Elliott & Associates - Boat Insurance
by: Abby Scroggins

3rd: The Cullman Times
Better Hearing Center
by: Chasity Barnett, Christy Sanford

BEST NICHES PUBLICATION
1st: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Lake Martin Living - Hunting Issue
by: Kenneth Boone, Betsy Iler, Audra Spears

2nd: The Cullman Times
Classic Cullman
by: Terry Connor, Chasity Barnett and staff

3rd: The Selma Times-Journal
Selma, The Magazine - July 2016
by: staff

BEST INNOVATIVE ONLINE ADVERTISING - SINGLE AD
1st: The Selma Times-Journal
LEAP YEAR
by: staff

2nd: The Selma Times-Journal
Memorial Day Special
by: staff

3rd: The Clanton Advertiser
MorLyn’s Fine Jewelry
by: Zack Bates

ONLINE REVENUE BUILDER
1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
Once Upon A Time
by: Jessica Henderson

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Get Fit for 2016
by: Jessica Henderson

3rd: The Cullman Times
The Cullman Times Obituaries
by: Chasity Barnett

BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL
1st: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Lake Magazine
by: Kenneth Boone, Betsy Iler, Audra Spears

2nd: The Selma Times-Journal
Selma, The Magazine
by: staff

3rd: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Lake Martin Living
by: Kenneth Boone, Betsy Iler, Audra Spears

IN-PAPER PROMOTION
The Clanton Advertiser – Innovative Online Single ad

The Selma Times-Journal – Innovative Online Single ad

The Cullman Times – Use of Humor

The Outlook – Niche Publication
ADVERTISING SWEEPSTAKES
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
2nd: Call News (Citronelle)
3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)

BEST CLASSIFIED PAGE OR SECTION
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
by: staff
2nd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)
by: staff
3rd: Call News (Citronelle)
by: Rhonda Gray

BEST SINGLE AD 1/2 PAGE & UNDER COLOR
1st: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
Monroe County Hospital
by: Josh Dewberry
2nd: The Advertiser-Gleam (Guntersville)
Chow King Christmas
by: staff
3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Alabaster Optical
by: Ashley Murphy

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE B&W
1st: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Randy Baugh
by: Sherrie Hall
2nd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
Eastside Chapel
by: staff
3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
D&D Furniture
by: Josh Dewberry

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE COLOR
1st: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Municipal Utilities Board
by: Adam Rhoden
2nd: Call News (Citronelle)
Surrender Oak Fest
by: staff
3rd: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City)
Ken Davis for DA
by: Karnell Harris

BEST REGULARLY SCHEDULED SPECIAL SECTION GLOSSY
1st: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Land + Lake
by: staff
2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Profile 2016
by: staff
3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Football 2016

BEST ONE-TIME SPECIAL SECTION GLOSSY
1st: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Backyard Brawl
by: staff
2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
2016 Election Guide
by: staff
3rd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate
Day in the Life of Choctaw County
by: staff
BEST IN-PAPER PROMOTION OF NEWSPAPER
1st: Shelby County Reporter
Teacher Special
by: staff
2nd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate
Day in the Life of Choctaw County
by: Dan Melvin
3rd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate
BIG-AD Sale
by: Dee Ann Campbell

BEST ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN
1st: Call News (Citronelle)
Bay Area Physicians campaign
by: Rhonda Gray
2nd: Shelby County Reporter
Vulcan Termite campaign
by: Rhett McCreight
3rd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate
Johnson Dodge campaign
by: Dan Melvin

BEST ORIGINAL / CREATIVE IDEA
1st: Call News (Citronelle)
Quarterback house ad
by: Maggie Andrews
2nd: Shelby County Reporter
Chelsea Eye Care
by: Meagan Barton
3rd: The Monroe Journal
Monroe County Hospital
by: Josh Dewberry

BEST CLASSIFIED DISPLAY AD
1st: Shelby County Reporter
Lawn Mower for Sale
by: Daniel Holmes
2nd: Shelby County Reporter
We have pet goats
by: Kim McCulla
3rd: Shelby County Reporter
Job Fair
by: Daniel Holmes

BEST NICHE PUBLICATION
1st: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
Fall Discover
by: Glenda Price, Barbara Qualls, Josh Dewberry
2nd: The Arab Tribune
Arab Alabama magazine
by: staff
3rd: Shelby County Reporter
Hoover’s Magazine
by: staff

BEST SIGNATURE PAGE
1st: The Advertiser-Gleam (Guntersville)
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
by: staff
2nd: The Advertiser-Gleam (Guntersville)
Spring Home Improvement
by: staff
3rd: Call News (Citronelle)
Independence Day celebrations
by: staff

BEST USE OF HUMOR
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Lawn Mower for Sale
by: Daniel Holmes
2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
We have pet goats
by: Kim McCulla
3rd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)
BIG-AD Sale
by: Dee Ann Campbell

BEST PRESENTATION OF ONLINE ADVERTISING
1st: Shelby County Reporter
shelbycountyreporter.com
by: staff
2nd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
monroejournal.com
by: staff

BEST INNOVATIVE ONLINE ADVERTISING - SINGLE AD
1st: Shelby County Reporter
Chelsea Chiropractic
by: Meagan Barton
2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Bark & Wine
by: Daniel Holmes
3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Willow and Wine
by: Meagan Barton

ONLINE REVENUE BUILDER
1st: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)
SunTV Basketball!
by: staff
2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Best of the Best
by: staff

BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Shelby Living
by: staff
2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Hoover’s Magazine
by: staff
3rd: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Land + Lake
by: staff
ADVERTISING SWEETSTAKES
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
2nd: The Greenville Advocate
3rd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)

BEST CLASSIFIED PAGE OR SECTION
1st: The Brewton Standard
by: Charity Welcher, Erin Johnson
2nd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
by: staff
3rd: Hartselle Enquirer
by: staff

BEST SINGLE AD 1/2 PAGE AND UNDER COLOR
1st: The Brewton Standard
Alabama One Weight Loss
by: Erin Johnson
2nd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
David Hester
by: Nicole Pell
3rd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Rituals
by: Slayton Shaw

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE B&W
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Enterprise Paint
by: Slayton Shaw
2nd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Gentiva
by: Slayton Shaw
3rd: The Greenville Advocate
Greenville Storage
by: April Gregory

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE COLOR
1st: The Greenville Advocate
City of Greenville
by: April Gregory
2nd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Enterprise Paint
by: Slayton Shaw
3rd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Action of Enterprise
by: Andrea VanderMey Farquhar

BEST REGULARLY SCHEDULED SPECIAL SECTION NEWSPRINT
1st: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
Progress 2016
by: Andrea VanderMey Farquhar, Slayton Shaw

3rd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Football Preview
by: Andrea VanderMey Farquhar, Slayton Shaw

BEST ONE-TIME SPECIAL SECTION GLOSSY
1st: The Greenville Advocate
Butler County Career Academy
by: April Gregory
2nd: Hartselle Enquirer
How to Guide
by: staff
3rd: The Greenville Advocate
Butler County Schools Calendar
by: April Gregory

BEST IN-PAPER PROMOTION OF NEWSPAPER
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Happy Veterans Day
by: Slayton Shaw
2nd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
Kick-off Football Season
by: Nicole Pell
3rd: The Greenville Advocate
Put us in, Coach
by: Tracy Salter
Advertising Contest

DIVISION D

Non-daily newspapers 4,000 circulation and below

**BEST CLASSIFIED DISPLAY AD**

1st: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
   Aldridge Brothers
   by: Nicole Pell

2nd: The Greenville Advocate
   Manpower
   by: Niki Bennett

3rd: The Greenville Advocate
   Service Directory
   by: staff

**BEST SIGNATURE PAGE**

1st: The Brewton Standard
   Back to School
   by: staff

2nd: The Greenville Advocate
   Independence Day
   by: Courtney Neese

3rd: Hartselle Enquirer
   Football Fever Contest
   by: staff

**BEST ORIGINAL / CREATIVE IDEA**

1st: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
   JoBabies Car Wash
   by: Nicole Pell

2nd: The Greenville Advocate
   Classifieds are a Rip Off
   by: Andy Brown

3rd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
   bride
   by: Andrea VanderMey Farquhar, Slayton Shaw

**BEST USE OF HUMOR**

1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
   Dack Auto Service
   by: Slayton Shaw

2nd: The Brewton Standard
   Bonehead Boots
   by: staff

3rd: The Greenville Advocate
   Quality Cooperative - INVASION
   by: April Gregory

**BEST PRESENTATION OF ONLINE ADVERTISING**

1st: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
   franklincounrtytimes.com
   by: staff

2nd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
   southeastsun.com
   by: Andrea VanderMey Farquhar, Slayton Shaw

3rd: The Greenville Advocate
   greenvilleadvocate.com
   by: staff

**BEST INNOVATIVE ONLINE ADVERTISING - SINGLE AD**

1st: The Greenville Advocate
   First Realty
   by: April Gregory

2nd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
   Anytime Fitness
   by: Andrea VanderMey Farquhar

3rd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
   Glasgow
   by: Nicole Pell

**ONLINE REVENUE BUILDER**

1st: The Brewton Standard
   Fearless Forecasters
   by: staff

2nd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
   Disney on Ice Tickets
   by: staff

3rd: The Brewton Standard
   Friends to Follow
   by: staff

**BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL**

1st: The Greenville Advocate
   Camellia Magazine (spring & summer)
   by: staff

2nd: The Wetumpka Herald
   Elmore County Living magazine
   by: staff

3rd: The Brewton Standard
   brewton: the magazine
   by: staff
Get better legs.

Treat varicose or spider veins now for healthier legs
Less Incisions | Faster recovery | Better cosmetic results | Less postoperative pain

Get help with your pet's health.

Pets are available in awards.

2nd: The Madison Record
Graduation 2016
by: staff

BEST ONE-TIME SPECIAL SECTION GLOSSY

1st: 280 Living (Birmingham)
Chelsea Turns 20
2nd: The Madison Record
Football 2016

BEST IN-PAPER PROMOTION OF NEWSPAPER

1st: The Corner News (Auburn)
The Besties
by: Jessica Henderson
2nd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Dog Days Special
by: Russell Roden
3rd: Cahaba Sun (Trussville)
Thank You for Our First Year
by: Matthew Allen

BEST ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

1st: Hoover Sun
Vulcan Termite & Pest Control - Not Welcome Here campaign
by: Matthew Allen
2nd: 280 Living (Birmingham)
Greater Shelby County Chamber - How Membership Works for Me campaign
by: Matthew Allen
BEST SIGNATURE PAGE
1st: Hoover Sun
Holiday Gift Guide
by: staff
2nd: 280 Living (Birmingham)
Reasons to Shop Mt. Laurel
by: Don Harris
3rd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
Twickenham Square
by: Rhonda Stennett

BEST NICHES PUBLICATION
1st: The Madison Record
Madison Living
by: staff
2nd: The Madison Record
Madison FYI
by: staff
3rd: The Madison Record
Madison County Football
by: staff

3rd: Village Living (Mt. Brook)
Hufham Orthodontics - Brace Yourself for Football
by: Brittany Joffrion

BEST PRESENTATION OF ONLINE ADVERTISING
1st: The Corner News (Auburn)
thecornernews.com
by: staff
2nd: Courier Journal (Florence)
courierjournal.net
by: Russell Roden
3rd: Hoover Sun
hooversun.com
by: staff

BEST INNOVATIVE ONLINE ADVERTISING - SINGLE AD
1st: Hoover Sun
Hoover Tactical Firearms
by: Gail Kidd

BEST ORIGINAL / CREATIVE IDEA
1st: Iron City Ink (Birmingham)
Watts Realty Company
by: Michelle Haynes
2nd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Powell - Perma-Note
by: Tom Magazzu
3rd: Hoover Sun
Hoover Bucs Football Sponsors
by: Matthew Allen

BEST CLASSIFIED DISPLAY AD
1st: Courier Journal (Florence)
University Nissan - No Payments
by: Gwyn Jones, Gregg Scott
2nd: Courier Journal (Florence)
University Nissan - End of Summer
by: Jim Allen, Gregg Scott
3rd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Ray Miller Buick GMC
by: Andrea Gray, Judy Cox

BEST USE OF HUMOR
1st: Courier Journal (Florence)
Quips & Quotes
by: Jim Allen
2nd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
Chiropractic Solutions
by: Rhonda Stennett
3rd: Hoover Sun
Shoal Creek Community
by: Matthew Allen

ONLINE REVENUE BUILDER
1st: The Corner News (Auburn)
The Besties
by: Jessica Henderson
2nd: Hoover Sun
Daily e-blast
by: staff

BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL
1st: The Madison Record
Madison FYI
by: staff

Iron City Ink – Original/Creative Idea
The Redstone Rocket – Signature Page
The Griffin Team

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STORY OF THE YEAR

Alabama Media Group
Former students share harrowing stories of life inside Alabama’s worst religious private school
by: Anna Claire Vollers

MOST IMPROVED

Division A
TimesDaily (Florence)

Division B
The Clanton Advertiser

Division C
Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)

Division D
The Brewton Standard

Division E
280 Living (Birmingham)

AD OF THE YEAR

The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Municipal Utilities Board
by: Adam Rhoden

PHOTO OF THE YEAR

The Outlook (Alexander City)
Brawl at City Hall (on the cover)
by: Mitch Sneed

Isolation rooms at Solid Rock Ministries on Spring Hill Ave. and Ann Street in Mobile, Ala. are shown in this March 2015 file photo. Pastor John David Young, instructor William Knott and counselor Alecia Moffett were arrested on multiple counts of child abuse stemming from an investigation into a religious boot-camp-style school for troubled teens that operated first in Prichard, and later in Mobile. Their trial is scheduled for October 2016. The Mobile Press-Register photographed the Restoration Youth Academy in Prichard in 2012 and the Saving Youth Foundation/Solid Rock Ministries in 2015. (Sharon Steinmann/sssteinmann@al.com)
GENERAL EXCELLENCE
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser

BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
TuscaloosaNews.com
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
MontgomeryAdvertiser.com
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
TimesDaily.com

BEST PRODUCTION AND PRINTING
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
2nd: The Decatur Daily
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser

BEST PUBLIC SERVICE
1st: Alabama Media Group
Gov. Robert Bentley had affair, says fired Alabama top cop
by: John Archibald and staff
2nd: Alabama Media Group
Front Line on Mental Health
by: staff
3rd: Alabama Media Group
How a breakdown in our ethics, laws and oversight imperils state government
by: Kyle Whitmire

FOI-FIRST AMENDMENT
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
McKendrick Resignation
by: Drew Taylor
2nd: Alabama Media Group
How a breakdown in our ethics, laws and oversight imperils state government
by: Kyle Whitmire
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Gov. Robert Bentley
by: Mary Sell, Robert Palmer, Tom Smith

BEST LIFESTYLE/FAMILY PAGES
1st: The Anniston Star
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser

BEST SPORTS COVERAGE
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
by: staff
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
by: Brad Zimanek, sports staff
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
by: staff

BEST LOCAL ECONOMIC COVERAGE
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
by: staff
2nd: The Anniston Star
by: staff
3rd: The Decatur Daily
by: Evan Belanger, Keith Clines

BEST LOCAL EDUCATION COVERAGE
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
by: staff
2nd: The Decatur Daily
by: staff
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser
by: Evan Belanger, Deangelo McDaniel, Ashley Remkus

BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
1st: Alabama Media Group
‘Challenged’ teen kept in basement 2 years remains gravely ill
by: Carol Robinson
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
Tornado Heartbreak, help and healing
by: Angel Coker
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News
Tuscaloosa’s Road to Recovery
by: staff

BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS COVERAGE
1st: The Anniston Star
Recovering: Five years after the deadly storms of 2011
by: Zach Tyler
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
‘Mockingbird’ impact lives on
by: Mark Hughes Cobb
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News
Mother Put Baby in Oven Set on Broil: Thriving After Childhood Horror
by: Marty Roney

BEST BUSINESS STORY OR COLUMN
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
Telemedicine bridges gap
by: Jennifer Edwards
2nd: Alabama Media Group
How Jay Grinney navigated HealthSouth through its - and his - darkest days
by: Kelly Poe
3rd: The Decatur Daily
Rentals create concerns
by: Bayne Hughes

BEST FEATURE STORY COVERAGE
1st: Montgomery Advertiser
Finding Freedom Within: From projects, prison and parole to hope of a new life on the outside
by: Kelsey Davis
2nd: Alabama Media Group
The 93-year journey of Kool Korner sandwich shop’s forever-young Ildefonso Ramirez
by: Bob Carlton
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser
MLK Day: Conversations with Dr. King
by: Andrew Yawn

BEST NEWS FEATURE STORY COVERAGE
1st: Alabama Media Group
Former students share harrowing stories of life inside Alabama’s worst religious private school
by: Anna Claire Vollers
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
MLK Day: Conversations with Dr. King
by: Andrew Yawn
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News
A Search for Peace
by: Stephanie Taylor

BEST EDITORIAL
1st: The Decatur Daily
State AG hiding info from public
by: Eric Fleischauer
2nd: The Decatur Daily
Knee deep in surgery
by: David Elwell
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News
Tuscaloosa’s Road to Recovery
by: staff
Lawmakers look at marijuana oil

Legalization would help those who suffer severe seizures

By: Ben Raines

2nd: Alabama Media Group

Police must be trained to deal with the mentally ill

by: John Hammontree

3rd: Alabama Media Group

Police must be trained to deal with the mentally ill

by: John Hammontree

2nd: Alabama Media Group

Police must be trained to deal with the mentally ill

by: John Hammontree

BEST HUMOROUS COLUMN

1st: The Anniston Star

“Cursive, foiled again!”

by: Lisa Davis

2nd: Alabama Media Group

The bra struggle is real, y’all. Here’s what men just don’t understand

by: Kelly Kazek

3rd: Montgomery Advertiser

Goin’ batty: Whit Strikes Again

by: Marty Roney

1st: The Tuscaloosa News

Selma justice? Last suspect in civil rights slaying dies a pillar of the community

by: John Archibald

3rd: The Tuscaloosa News

Berry coach back after suspension

by: Joey Chandler

BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

1st: Montgomery Advertiser

Turner Entrusts Son to His Friend

by: Paul Payne

2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)

Smile still shines

by: Alex Byington

3rd: The Tuscaloosa News

The Life of Snake

by: Aaron Suttles

BEST LOCAL SPORTS COLUMN

1st: TimesDaily (Florence)

AHSAA, Muscle Shoals responses ring hollow

by: Gregg Dewalt

Best News Photo

1st: The Decatur Daily

Mother and Son

by: Jeronimo Nisa

2nd: Alabama Media Group

Memorial Day observed at The Alabama National Cemetery

by: Joe Songer

3rd: The Anniston Star

Community prayers

by: Bill Wilson

Best Spot News Photo

1st: Montgomery Advertiser

Pensacola Tornado Neighborhood Clean-Up

by: Mickey Welsh

2nd: The Decatur Daily

Standoff

by: Crystal Vander Weit

3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)

House fire

by: Allison Carter
BEST SPORTS PHOTO
1st: Alabama Media Group
Baseball piletup
by: Julie Bennett
2nd: The Anniston Star
Special team
by: Trent Penny
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News
Unnecessary Roughness
by: Gary Cosby Jr.

BEST PHOTO ESSAY
1st: The Decatur Daily
Spelling Bee
by: Crystal Vander Weit
2nd: The Decatur Daily
Special Swimmers
by: Crystal Vander Weit
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Pegasus closes
by: Allison Carter

BEST USE OF GRAPHICS OR ILLUSTRATIONS
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
Defining moment
by: staff
2nd: Alabama Media Group
Top 10 Bentley ‘Luv Guv’ beer names: Can you do better?
by: J.D. Crowe
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News
Living by Mom’s Rules
by: staff

BEST HEADLINE
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
Her future is Fulbright
by: Kris Hasse
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
To Russia with Gloves
by: staff
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
To be frank, courthouse commotion for weenies
by: Connor Bucy

BEST SPECIAL SECTION
- NEWSPRINT
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
College Football
by: staff
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
FOCUS 2016
by: staff
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser
College Football Gameday Preseason Section
by: staff

BEST SPECIAL SECTION
- GLOSSY
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
Shoals Woman, November 2016
by: Sherhonda Allen
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Shoals Woman, August 2016
by: Sherhonda Allen
3rd: Montgomery Advertiser
334: Newcomers Guide
by: staff

BEST NICHES
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
Faces of Hope
by: staff
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
Bama Still Rolling
by: staff
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Explore the Shoals
by: staff

CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
9-11 Memorial Stairclimb video and social media
by: Matt McKeen
2nd: Alabama Media Group
The Hand in the Trunk
by: Robert Clay
3rd: Alabama Media Group
5-Star linebacker Ben Davis announces his commitment
by: Justin King, Laura Goldman

ONLINE BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE
1st: Alabama Media Group
Gov. Robert Bentley had affair, says fired Alabama top cop
by: John Archibald and staff
2nd: The Decatur Daily
Tornado damages Neel as storm strikes area
by: staff
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Standoff at Super 8 Motel in Killen
by: Tom Smith, Matt McKeen, Jim Hannon

BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
1st: Alabama Media Group
Southern Girls Project
by: staff
2nd: Alabama Media Group
Alabama’s best BBQ sandwich
by: staff

SPECIAL TEAM
The Anniston Star – Sports Photo
3rd: Alabama Media Group
Five-year anniversary of the April 27, 2011, tornadoes
by: staff

The Anniston Star – Sports Photo
3rd: Alabama Media Group
Five-year anniversary of the April 27, 2011, tornadoes
by: staff

The Anniston Star – Sports Photo
3rd: Alabama Media Group
Five-year anniversary of the April 27, 2011, tornadoes
by: staff
Sellers’ Remorse?

Hotel deal may fall apart after information on buyer’s past comes to light

By Justin Averette

The man behind the deal to purchase the St. James Hotel from the city of Selma for an amount far less than its appraised value admitted Friday to previously committing federal fraud on a charge ofiddle-tier fraud and a related false statements. The council voted to call Moore, and he used in correspondence with the council members, is the same number listed as to call Moore, and he used in correspondence with the media.

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FOI-First Amendment Award

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
Community College Merger
by: Meagan Hurley

2nd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
ID of person killed in officer-involved shooting should be public
by: Elsie Hodnett, Chris Norwood, Anthony Cook

3rd: The Selma Times-Journal
Public records come with stipulations by: Justin Fedich

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Best Production and Printing

1st: The Outlook (Alexander City)
by: Lee Champion

2nd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
by: staff

3rd: The Daily Sentinel (Scottsboro)
by: staff

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Best Public Service

1st: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Drivers Beware
by: Mitch Sneed

2nd: The Selma Times-Journal
Sellers’ Remorse?
by: Justin Averette

3rd: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Tracking missing city golf course funds
by: Mitch Sneed, Kenneth Boone

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Best Local Economic Coverage

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
by: staff

2nd: The Selma Times-Journal

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Best Local Education Coverage

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
by: staff

2nd: The Troy Messenger

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Best Spot News Story

1st: The Selma Times-Journal
Judge Admits Sexting
by: Mitch Sneed

2nd: The Troy Messenger
Captured
by: Jessica Stuff, Stacy Graning

3rd: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Fight breaks out at council meeting
by: Mitch Sneed

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Best In-Depth News Coverage

1st: The Selma Times-Journal
Sellers’ Remorse
by: Justin Averette

2nd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
Brian Ogle assault
by: Denise Sinclair, Chris Norwood, David Atchison

3rd: The Selma Times-Journal
Selma Police Department strike
by: Justin Averette, Daniel Evans

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Best Business Story or Column

1st: The Selma Times-Journal
Sellers’ Remorse?
by: Justin Averette

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The Opelika-Auburn News – FOI-First Amendment

3rd: The Troy Messenger
by: Jaime Treadwell

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Best Editorial Page or Section

1st: The Outlook (Alexander City)
by: staff

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
by: Troy Turner

3rd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
by: Anthony Cook, Lew Gilliland, Brad Southern

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Best Lifestyle/Family Pages

1st: The Selma Times-Journal
2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News

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Best Use of Photographs/Editorial Content

1st: The Outlook (Alexander City)
2nd: The Selma Times-Journal
3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Round House Closes
by: Tyra Jackson

3rd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
Pokemon good for business
by: Elayne Smith

**BEST FEATURE STORY COVERAGE**

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
'It Was About Love'
by: Tom Green

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Dog Imaging
by: Sara Falligant

3rd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
A heart to deal with it
by: David Atchison

**BEST NEWS FEATURE STORY COVERAGE**

1st: The Dothan Eagle
We made it!
by: Lance Griffin

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Dog Imaging
by: Sara Falligant

3rd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
A heart to deal with it
by: David Atchison

**BEST EDITORIAL COLUMN OR COMMENTARY**

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
Pause in merger isn’t enough
by: Troy Turner

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Rising from the Rubble: Remembering what’s important on the day we promised not to forget
by: Anthony Cook

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Pointing to Heaven in which direction?
by: Troy Turner

**BEST HUMAN INTEREST COLUMN**

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
Memories of an Olympic Feat
by: Jaine Treadwell

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Wayfaring stranger
by: Jaine Treadwell

3rd: The Troy Messenger
Gift of tomatoes came at the perfect time
by: Troy Turner

**BEST LOCAL SPORTS COLUMN**

1st: The Dothan Eagle
Arnie’s visit
by: Ken Rogers

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Gus Malzahn going back to being a head coach
by: Dana Sulonen

3rd: The Selma Times-Journal
Farm Day
by: Dana Sulonen

**BEST SPORTS NEWS IN-DEPTH COVERAGE**

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
The recruitment of Jake Bentley
by: Dana Sulonen

2nd: The Dothan Eagle
Signing Day 2016
by: David Mundee, Jeremy Wise, Ken Rogers

**BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY**

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
Unbreakable Spirit
by: Erik Bacharach

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
The Turnaround of D.J. Smith
by: Erik Bacharach

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
‘You’ll Never Forget The Fire’
by: Josh Vitale

**BEST LOCAL SPORTS SINGLE EVENT**

1st: The Dothan Eagle
Sanders’ last-second kick lifts Rebels to victory
by: David Mundee

2nd: The Cullman Times
Tizapa’s clutch OT kick lifts Bearcats to 6A title over Daphne
by: Jake Winfrey

3rd: The Daily Home (Talladega)
Malcom, 47, remembered for support of anything and everything Hanceville
by: Rob Ketcham

**BEST SPORTS PHOTO**

1st: The Selma Times-Journal
Schools cancel games with Marion amid outbreak
by: Daniel Evans

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Supermoon Spectacular
by: Kenneth Boone

3rd: The Selma Times-Journal
Big Times At Timbergut
by: Cliff Williams

**BEST FEATURE PHOTO**

1st: The Selma Times-Journal
Supermoon Spectacular
by: Kenneth Boone

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
‘You’ll Never Forget The Fire’
by: Jaine Treadwell
Swallowed ‘hole’

Workers swing into action

The Fort Payne Times-Journal – Best Headline

BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO

1st: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Brawl at City Hall
by: Mitch Sneed

2nd: The Cullman Times
Prayers on the scene
by: Tiffany Owens

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Tallassee Mill Fire
by: Todd Van Emst

BEST SPORTS PHOTO

1st: The Cullman Times
SEE YOU MONDAY
by: Rob Ketcham

2nd: The Daily Home (Tallassee)
Emily Gamino
by: Bob Crisp

3rd: The Cullman Times
Mirror, Mirror on the ball
by: Amanda Shavers-Davis

BEST PHOTO ESSAY

1st: The Troy Messenger
Paying Tribute/Lifeflight service
by: Jonah Enfinger

2nd: The Daily Home (Tallassee)
Rodeo page
by: Bob Crisp

3rd: The Cullman Times – Niche Publication

Here’s the kicker:
Wicksburg’s newest player is a seventh-grade girl

The Cullman Times – Niche Publication

BEST SPECIAL SECTION – NEWSPRINT

1st: The Cullman Times
Profile

2nd: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Gridiron Guide

3rd: The Daily Home (Tallahassee)
Graduation magazine: A time to remember - Class of 2016
by: Buddy Roberts and staff

BEST NICHES

1st: The Cullman Times
Classic Cullman
by: staff

2nd: The Outlook (Alexander City)
Lake Martin Living, Oct. 2016
by: staff

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
2017 Calendar
by: Jessica Henderson, Todd Van Emst

BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL

1st: The Daily Sentinel (Scottsboro)
Battle of Selma
by: Justin Fedich

2nd: The Selma Times-Journal
2016 Bridge Crossing Jubilee
by: Justin Fedich

3rd: The Fort Payne Times-Journal
DeKalb Living
by: staff

CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

1st: The Selma Times-Journal
Man dies during standoff at Selma Police Department,
by: Blake Deshazo

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Opelika Black Bear
by: Meagan Hurley, Jim Little, Todd Van Emst

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
Toomer’s Tree Fire
by: staff

ONLINE BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

1st: The Selma Times-Journal

2nd: The Selma Times-Journal

3rd: The Clanton Advertiser

BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
Opelika Black Bear
by: Meagan Hurley, Jim Little, Todd Van Emst

2nd: The Selma Times-Journal
Selma Mayor Forum
by: Justin Averette

3rd: The Selma Times-Journal
Gridiron Cover Contest
by: Daniel Evans
GENERAL EXCELLENCE
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
2nd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
3rd: Call News (Citronelle)

BEST NEWSPAPER WEBSITE
1st: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
   monroejournal.com
2nd: Birmingham Business Journal
   bizjournals.com/birmingham
3rd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)
   choctawsun.org

BEST PRODUCTION AND PRINTING
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
   Finding shelter
   by: Briana Harris
2nd: Call News (Citronelle)
   School Choices
   by: Mark R. Kent
3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
   Frisco City council coverage
   by: Bo Bolton, Mike Qualls, Josh Dewberry

FOI-FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
   Sex offender edition
   by: Stephen Dawkins
2nd: Birmingham Business Journal
   Big money comes to Birmingham
   by: Brent Godwin
3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
   Mayor barred from finance industry
   by: Neal Wagner

BEST EDITORIAL PAGE OR SECTION
1st: Birmingham Business Journal
2nd: Call News (Citronelle)
3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)

BEST LIFESTYLE/FAMILY PAGES
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
   by: staff
2nd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
   by: staff
3rd: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City)
   by: Denise DuBois and staff

BEST SPORTS COVERAGE
1st: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)
2nd: Call News (Citronelle)
3rd: Call News (Citronelle)

BEST LOCAL ECONOMIC COVERAGE
1st: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
   by: staff

FINDING SHELTER
Five public storm shelters open to Shelby County residents

BEST LOCAL EDUCATION COVERAGE
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
   by: staff
2nd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)
   by: Dee Ann Campbell
3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
   by: staff

BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS COVERAGE
1st: Birmingham Business Journal
   Big Money Comes to Birmingham
   by: Brent Godwin
2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
   Spill has national impact
   by: Graham Brooks
3rd: The Lagniappe (Mobile)
   Mobile County Soccer Complex
   by: Jason Johnson

BEST BUSINESS STORY OR COLUMN
1st: Birmingham Business Journal
   Big Money Comes to Birmingham
   by: Brent Godwin
2nd: Birmingham Business Journal
   Birmingham’s new real estate reality
   by: Brent Godwin
3rd: Birmingham Business Journal
   Will more airlines ever land at BHM?
   by: Michael Seale

BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS / EDITORIAL CONTENT
1st: Call News (Citronelle)
   by: staff
2nd: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
   by: staff
3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
   by: Angela Lambeth, Josh Dewberry

BEST LAYOUT AND DESIGN
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
   by: staff
2nd: Call News (Citronelle)
   by: staff
3rd: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City)
   by: Denise DuBois and staff

BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
1st: The Advertiser-Gleam (Guntersville)
   Rooster catchers end N’town crowing
   by: Cindy McGregor

Non-daily newspapers 4,001 circulation and above
LeFlore girls win title in 34-0 style

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“Basically, since the return of our team, we have been working on this day, and we have been working on this day, and we have been working on this day,” Murphy said. “We actually had construction paint and sanding cribs going on, and it’s been hectic,” Murphy said. “I didn’t think we were going to be able to do it, but we did.”

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Best Local Sports Column

1st: The Advertiser-Glean (Guntersville)
Lake & fishing rejuvenated her
by: Anthony Campbell

2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Postseason chances
by: Baker Ellis

3rd: Call News (Citronelle)
Candlelight Vigil: United In Loss
by: Bonita Roberts
### BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO

1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)  
Train hits truck, closes highway  
by: Gary Waters  

2nd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)  
Storms hit Lenox  
by: Josh Dewberry  

3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)  
Three homes burn  
by: Josh Dewberry

### BEST HEADLINE

1st: Birmingham Business Journal  
Not enough cooks in the kitchen  
by: staff  

2nd: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)  
Knapp time ends  
by: Shannon J. Allen  

3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)  
Party animals  
by: staff

### BEST SPORTS PHOTO

1st: The Randolph Leader (Roanoke)  
Upside down basketball player  
by: Tim Altork  

2nd: Call News (Citronelle)  
St. Paul’s, St. Luke’s Win Titles  
by: Tom Ewart  

3rd: Call News (Citronelle)  
Jags Shake Up Football  
by: Bobby McDuffie

### BEST PHOTO ESSAY

1st: Call News (Citronelle)  
Devastation  
by: Rhonda Gray  

2nd: The Alabama Baptist  
The Value of the Church  
by: Neisha Roberts  

3rd: Call News (Citronelle)  
Back in time  
by: Josh Dewberry

### BEST USE OF GRAPHICS OR ILLUSTRATIONS

1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)  
Finding shelter  
by: Layken Rubin  

2nd: Birmingham Business Journal  
Inside the future of UAB’s campus  
by: Derek Morrow  

3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)  
How did Shelby County vote?  
by: Jamie Dawkins

### BEST SPECIAL SECTION - NEWSPRINT

1st: Birmingham Business Journal  
Education Guide  
by: staff  

2nd: Call News (Citronelle)  
Fall Outdoors Guide  
by: staff  

3rd: Call News (Citronelle)  
Football Preview - Believe The Hype  
by: staff

### BEST NICHES PUBLICATION

1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)  
Profile 2016  
by: staff  

2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)  
Shelby County Football 2016  
by: Alec Etheredge  

3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)  
Visitors Guide 2016  
by: staff

### BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

1st: Birmingham Business Journal  
by: staff  

2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)  
by: Graham Brooks  

3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)  
by: Graham Brooks

### ONLINE BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

1st: Birmingham Business Journal  
Coverage of a series of deals at the Cahaba Grand  
by: Brent Godwin, Rachael Gamlin
**General Excellence**
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
2nd: The Greenville Advocate
3rd: The Brewton Standard

**Best Newspaper Website**
1st: The Brewton Standard
brewtonstandard.com
by: staff
2nd: Hartselle Enquirer
hartselleenquirer.com
by: staff
3rd: The Clay Times-Journal (Lineville)
claytimesjournal.com
by: staff

**Best Production and Printing**
1st: The Greenville Standard
2nd: The Greenville Advocate
3rd: Hartselle Enquirer

**Best Public Service**
1st: The Greenville Advocate
MOVE OVER Law
by: Andy Brown

2nd: The Greenville Advocate
Amendment One
by: Andy Brown

3rd: The Greenville Advocate
Are you prepared?
by: Cassie Gibbs, Laura Fezie

**FOI-First Amendment Award**
1st: Sumter County Record-Journal (Livingston)
Emelle Mayor gives up salary
by: Tommy McGraw

2nd: The Moundville Times
Chief fired
by: Travis Vaughn

3rd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
Knowing your neighbors - sex offenders
by: staff

**Best Sports Coverage**
1st: The Demopolis Times
by: Nicholas Finch

2nd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
by: staff

3rd: The Greenville Advocate
by: Jonathan Bryant

**Best Local Economic Coverage**
1st: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
by: Alison James

2nd: The Greenville Advocate
by: staff

3rd: The Greenville Advocate
by: Jonathan Bryant

**Best Local News Coverage**
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
by: staff

2nd: The Greenville Advocate
by: staff

3rd: The Greenville Advocate
by: staff

**Best Use of Photographs / Editorial Content**
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
by: staff

2nd: The Greenville Advocate
by: staff

3rd: The Greenville Advocate
by: staff

**Best Editorial Page or Section**
1st: The Dadeville Record
2nd: The Tuskegee News
3rd: The Auburn Villager

**Best Lifestyle/Family Pages**
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
2nd: The Brewton Standard
3rd: Hartselle Enquirer

**Best Spot News Story**
1st: The Dadeville Record
Two arrested after dog shot, woman takes stick to shooter
by: Mitch Sneed

2nd: The Moulton Advertiser
Father, son murdered in Hillsboro
by: Jeff Edwards

3rd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
FAA, NTSB take over crash investigation
by: Jan Murray

**Best In-Depth News Coverage**
1st: Opelika Observer
Changing city streets
by: Nickolaus Hines

2nd: Sumter County Record-Journal (Livingston)
York Police cut back
by: Herman Ward, Jr.

3rd: Opelika Observer
When free is not free; An in-depth look at downtown Opelika’s ‘free’ wireless internet
by: Nickolaus Hines

**Best Business Story or Column**
1st: Washington County News (Chatom)
Farmers vs. Drought
by: Jason Boothe

2nd: Opelika Observer
Virtual reality arcade to open downtown
by: Morgan Bryce

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**Scene**

**Men in Pink**
Men join the fight against breast cancer

**The Southeast Sun – Lifestyle/Family Page**

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**Move Over Law**

Family seeks to raise awareness of law, prevent future tragedies

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**The Greenville Advocate – Public Service**

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**The Dadeville Record – Spot News Story**

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**Two arrested after dog shot, woman takes stick to shooter**

A hunter is facing charges after being accused of throw-
3rd: Opelika Observer
We all scream for ice cream; O-Town Ice Cream to open downtown later this month
by: Rebekah Martin

BEST NEWS FEATURE STORY COVERAGE
1st: The Baldwin Times
Baldwin County Drug Series
by: Cliff McCollum, John Underwood
2nd: The Auburn Villager
Muslim community reaches out to Auburn
by: Allison Blankenship
3rd: The Greenville Advocate
We need her home
by: Stephanie Snodgrass

BEST EDITORIAL
1st: The Baldwin Times
Gov. Bentley, tear down your wall
by: Gulf Coast Media editorial board
2nd: The Dadeville Record
Local elections show that every vote matters
by: staff
3rd: The Greenville Advocate
Move Over, It's the Law
by: Andy Brown

BEST HUMOROUS COLUMN
1st: The Baldwin Times
Elliott gets McMillan's goat, mayor gets his
by: Cliff McCollum
2nd: The Baldwin Times
Namaste over there, away from the yoga
by: Cliff McCollum
3rd: Washington County News (Chatom)
What Our Ladies Really Mean
by: Danny Daniels

BEST LOCAL SPORTS COLUMN
1st: The Auburn Villager
Scouting AU's rank in SEC
by: Mark Murphy
2nd: The Auburn Villager
The Streak is Over
by: Jonathan Bryant
3rd: The Moulton Advertiser
Graduation Day
by: Tom Chappell

BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY
1st: The Eufaula Tribune
Courtney Upshaw: Eufaula Roots
by: Kyle Mooty
2nd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Dedicated Describer - Gold recounts memories of broadcast career
by: Casey Strickland
3rd: The Auburn Villager
‘Superfans’ bring spirit to JHS
by: Brian Woodham

BEST SPORTS NEWS IN-DEPTH COVERAGE
1st: The Wetumpka Herald
Letters: Foshee offered money, “sexual favors” to special education teacher
by: Cory Diaz
2nd: The Greenville Advocate
Ride to Recovery
by: Jonathan Bryant
3rd: The Brewton Standard
2016 All-County Team
by: Corey Williams

BEST SPORTS SINGLE EVENT STORY
1st: The Moulton Advertiser
LCHS earns close win over ELHS in crazy finish
by: J.R. Tidwell
2nd: Hartselle Enquirer
The Streak is Over
by: Caleb Suggs
3rd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Brown honored by NBHS rushing record
by: Casey Strickland

BEST EDITORIAL COLUMN OR COMMENTARY
1st: The Tuskegee News
So much for representing Alabama values
by: Guy Rhodes
2nd: The Wilcox Progressive Era (Camden)
White Privilege?
by: Ethan Van Sice
3rd: The Auburn Villager
Where's the Golden Egg
by: Clif Knight

BEST FEATURE PHOTO
1st: The Greenville Advocate
Ride to Recovery
by: Jonathan Bryant
2nd: The Dadeville Record
Tuesday morning practice fishing
by: Cliff Williams
3rd: The Wilcox Progressive Era (Camden)
Fire destroys Shell Creek Mansion
by: Ethan Van Sice

Letters: Foshee offered money, “sexual favors” to special education teacher
by: Cory Diaz
Published 6:21 pm Thursday, July 7, 2016

The Wetumpka Herald – Sports News In-Depth

‘WE NEED HER HOME’
by: Tommy Hicks

Best News Photo
1st: The Wetumpka Herald
The Streak is Over
by: Tom Chappell
2nd: The Brewton Standard
We need her home
by: Stephanie Snodgrass
3rd: The Moulton Advertiser
Graduation Day
by: J.R. Tidwell
Elude in the nude

Naked Calvert man fled from deputies, according to charges

2nd: The Brewton Standard
The Zone - Football 2016
by: Corey Williams

BEST SPECIAL SECTION - GLOSSY

1st: The Red Bay News
Baymont Community & Life

2nd: The Greenville Advocate
Profile Magazine

3rd: The Atmore Advance
@more Magazine

BEST NICHE PUBLICATION

1st: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
Franklin Living
by: staff

2nd: The Baldwin Times
Big Beautiful Baldwin
by: staff

3rd: The Greenville Advocate
Humane Society Pet Calendar
by: Tracy Salter, Angie Long

BEST FEATURE STORY COVERAGE

1st: The Greenville Standard
PTSD
by: Mollie S. Waters

2nd: The Moulton Advertiser
Drug dog retired after successful career with sheriff’s department
by: Jeff Edwards

CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Missing child’s body found
by: Cassie Gibbs

2nd: The Brewton Standard
brevton: the magazine

3rd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
Flomaton robbers still at large
by: Stephanie Snodgrass

BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL

1st: The Brewton Standard
Camellia Magazine (Spring 2016)

2nd: The Greenville Advocate

3rd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
Franklin Living
3rd: The Franklin Free Press (Russellville)
Renaissance in Russellville
by: John Pilati

BEST FEATURE STORY COVERAGE
1st: Cahaba Sun (Trussville)
Nguyens find Trussville in journey to freedom
by: Chris Megginson
2nd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
Santa given gift of life through early detection
by: Amy Tolson
3rd: The Trussville Tribune
John Floyd - 50 years of Southern Living
by: Kris Robinette

BEST NEWS FEATURE STORY COVERAGE
1st: The St. Clair Times (Pell City)
After the storm
by: Gary Hanner
2nd: Vestavia Voice
Feral Cat Infestation coverage
by: Emily Featherston
3rd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
Week of activities remembers heroes
by: Amy Tolson

BEST EDITORIAL
1st: The Franklin Free Press (Russellville)
Taking a stand for our nation’s flag
by: John Pilati
2nd: The Cherokee Post (Centre)
Honoring Tim Sanders
by: Scott Wright
3rd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Lunacy Abounds Among the 1%
by: Tom Magazzu

BEST HUMOROUS COLUMN
1st: Courier Journal (Florence)
Disaster (Un)preparedness
by: Jim Fisher
2nd: The Franklin Free Press (Russellville)
Super Bowl of dog shows a bucket list event
by: John Pilati

2016 Baseball Playoff Preview
by: Mike Self
2nd: Hoover Sun
Hooer Football goes to Texas
by: Kyle Parmley
3rd: 280 Living (Birmingham)
Oak Mountain High School distance runner recovers after unexpected diagnosis
by: Sam Chandler

2nd: Madison Weekly News
The Facts
by: Bob Labbe
3rd: Madison Weekly News
The King is Gone
by: Bob Labbe

BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY
1st: The Trussville Tribune
Dreams Dashed
by: David Knox
2nd: Madison Weekly News
Champs Again
by: Bob Labbe
3rd: The Homewood Star
JROTC student saluting in stairwell
by: Sarah Finnegan

BEST SPORTS PHOTO
1st: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
Combat Boot presentation
by: Bryan Bacon
2nd: The Trussville Tribune
Freedom Fest photo
by: Ron Burkett
3rd: Village Living (Mountain Brook)
Taste of Mountain Brook - Fire hose
by: Sarah Finnegan

HOLDEN RECOGNIZED FOR LIFE’S PASSION
Give That Man A Star

TUSCUMBIA - Alabama native, Edsel P. Holden, has been involved with music since childhood. His experience with music ranges from singing on stage since the age of twelve, to helping assemble one of the biggest and longest running music festivals in Alabama, to assisting in the production of an educational concert series. That lifelong passion culminated last week with a star unveiling ceremony for Holden at the Alabama Music Hall of Fame in Tuscumbia. Many Alabama Music Hall of Fame inductees and Alabama Music Achievers whom the Hall of Fame were in attendance as well as family members and friends.

Director Dixie Griffin remarked during the event, “If anyone is deserving of a star today it is Edsel Holden for all his contributions to the music world.”

See HOLDEN... on Page 6
BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
1st: 280 Living (Birmingham)
Voters enter a polling location on Nov. 8.
by: Sarafin Finnegan
2nd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
State update
by: Bryan Bacon
3rd: The Homewood Star
Election day line at Homewood Library
by: Sydney Cromwell

BEST SPORTS PHOTO
1st: Hoover Sun
Hoover Football Champs - Gatorade
by: Sarah Finnegan
2nd: The Homewood Star
Homewood High School baseball player jumps over opponent
by: Scott Butler
3rd: The Madison Record
James Clemens crushes
by: staff

BEST PHOTO ESSAY
1st: Hoover Sun
Celebrate Hoover Day
by: Ron Burckett
2nd: The Homewood Star
Homewood basketball championship
by: Kyle Parmley, Frank Couch

3rd: 280 Living (Birmingham)
Friday Night Lights
by: Ted Melton, Todd Lester, Todd Kwarcinski

BEST HEADLINE
1st: Vestavia Voice
Every Bunny Reads Somebody
by: Emily Featherston
2nd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
No mystery on the diamond: Butler did it
by: staff
3rd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Give That Man a Star
by: Tom Magazin

BEST SPECIAL SECTION - NEWSPRINT
1st: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
Veterans Day 2016
by: staff
2nd: The St. Clair Times (Pell City)
Pigskin Preview 2016
by: Gary Hanner, Lavonte Young, Shane Dunaway
3rd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
Breast Cancer Awareness
by: staff

BEST SPECIAL SECTION - GLOSSY
1st: The Madison Record
FYI
by: staff
2nd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
75 Years of Redstone
by: staff
3rd: 280 Living (Birmingham)
Chelsea Magazine
by: staff

BEST NICHE PUBLICATION
1st: Hoover Sun
Football Magazine
by: staff
2nd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Kidsville News!
by: staff
3rd: The Madison Record
Progress
by: staff

CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA
1st: Hoover Sun
by: Sydney Cromwell, Cherie Olivier
2nd: 280 Living (Birmingham)
by: Erica Techo, Cherie Olivier, Frank Couch
3rd: The Homewood Star
by: Erica Techo, Cherie Olivier

BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
1st: Hoover Sun
 Burning car rescue
by: Erica Techo
2nd: Hoover Sun
Lake Cyrus Shooting
by: Erica Techo
3rd: Vestavia Voice
Municipal Election Results coverage
by: Emily Featherston

BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL
1st: The Madison Record
Madison Living
by: staff
ADVERTISING SWEEPSTAKES
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News

BEST CLASSIFIED PAGE OR SECTION
1st: The Decatur Daily
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser

BEST SINGLE AD 1/2 PAGE & UNDER B&W
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Austin’s Shoes-Converse
   by: Cherri Sutherland, Rita Stricklin
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Shoals Lighting-Keeping it Cool
   by: Cherri Sutherland, Lin Reynolds
3rd: The Decatur Daily
   Lynn Layton Chevy
   by: Rhonda Stennett

BEST SINGLE AD 1/2 PAGE & UNDER COLOR
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
   City of Florence
   by: Cherri Sutherland, Lin Reynolds
2nd: The Decatur Daily
   Colors Precision Paint
   by: Stephen Johnson, Beth Parker, Rhonda Stennett

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE - B&W
1st: Montgomery Advertiser
   YMCA Swim Registration
   by: staff

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE - COLOR
1st: Alabama Media Group
   Torch
   by: Fred Fluker
2nd: The Decatur Daily
   Pill Box Pharmacy
   by: Stephen Johnson
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Sheffield Hardware
   by: Cherri Sutherland, Lin Reynolds

BEST ONE-TIME SPECIAL SECTION GLOSSY
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Sheffield Hardware
   by: Cherri Sutherland, Lin Reynolds
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
   Newcomers Guide
   by: staff
3rd: The Decatur Daily
   Design an Ad
   by: Stephen Johnson, Beth Parker, Rhonda Stennett

BEST REGULARLY SCHEDULED SPECIAL SECTION NEWSPRINT
1st: Montgomery Advertiser
   334: Newcomers Guide
   by: staff
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
   Pearl Harbor Keepsake promotion
   by: Aaron Henderson
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Shirley Neese Testimonial
   by: Brad Taylor, Lin Reynolds

BEST ONE-TIME SPECIAL SECTION NEWSPRINT
1st: Alabama Media Group
   Edwards Chevrolet 100th Anniversary
   by: Fred Fluker, Pam Wilson
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
   70th Anniversary
   by: staff
3rd: The Decatur Daily
   Home and Garden Show
   by: Stephen Johnson, Beth Parker, Rhonda Stennett

BEST IN-PAPER PROMOTION OF NEWSPAPER
1st: The Decatur Daily
   Teaser House ads
   by: Rhonda Stennett
2nd: The Tuscaloosa News
   Pearl Harbor Keepsake promotion
   by: Aaron Henderson
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Shirley Neese Testimonial
   by: Brad Taylor, Lin Reynolds

ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN
1st: The Tuscaloosa News
   Buffalo Rock campaign
   by: Emily Bryant, Patrick Brady
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
   Your Décor campaign
   by: Stacey Gallos, Rita Stricklin
3rd: The Decatur Daily
   TVTC Safety Training Centers campaign
   by: Beth Parker, Rhonda Stennett
Advertising Contest
DIVISION A

BEST ORIGINAL / CREATIVE IDEA
1st: Alabama Media Group
The Clothes Tree
by: Pam Wilson
2nd: Alabama Media Group
Seasons 52
by: Fred Fluker
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Thank You Veterans
by: Stacey Gallos, Rita Stricklin

BEST CLASSIFIED DISPLAY AD
1st: Alabama Media Group
McConnell
by: Fred Fluker
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Shoals Homefront
by: Brad Taylor, Rita Stricklin
3rd: The Tuscaloosa News
Barclay GMC - Holiday Card
by: Patrick Brady

BEST SIGNATURE PAGE
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
Congratulations UNA Lions Division II National Softball Champions!
by: Lin Reynolds
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Babies on Easter Parade
by: Beth Parker
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Make A House A Home
by: Rita Stricklin

BEST NICHE PUBLICATION
1st: Montgomery Advertiser
Oh Baby
by: staff
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Explore the Shoals
by: Lin Reynolds, advertising staff
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Tennessee Valley Brides magazine
by: Lin Reynolds, Cecilia Brumley, Rita Stricklin

BEST USE OF HUMOR
1st: The Decatur Daily
Family Pet Health Care
by: Stephen Johnson, Beth Parker, Rhonda Stennett
2nd: The Decatur Daily
Superior Carpet
by: Rhonda Stennett
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Booorific
by: Stacey Gallos, Rita Stricklin

BEST PRESENTATION OF ONLINE ADVERTISING
1st: TimesDaily (Florence)
TN Valley Brides
by: Cecilia Brumley, Lin Reynolds
2nd: Montgomery Advertiser
MontgomeryAdvertiser.com
by: staff

BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL
1st: Alabama Media Group
Birmingham magazine
by: staff
2nd: TimesDaily (Florence)
Homebuyers Guide
by: staff
3rd: TimesDaily (Florence)
TN Valley Wheels
by: staff
ADVERTISING SWEEPSTAKES

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
2nd: The Dothan Eagle
3rd: The Troy Messenger

BEST CLASSIFIED PAGE OR SECTION

1st: The Dothan Eagle
2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News
3rd: The Troy Messenger

BEST SINGLE AD 1/2 PAGE & UNDER B&W

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
   Lee Spa Nails
   by: Susan May

2nd: The Dothan Eagle
   Conestoga Steak House
   by: Taresa Lewis

3rd: The Cullman Times
    Cullman Surgical Associates
    by: Chasity Barnett

ADVERTISING MARKETPLACE

WIREGRASS CLASSIFIED MARKETPLACE

INDEPENDENCE CLASSIFIED

The Opelika-Auburn News –
In-Paper Promotion

BEST SINGLE AD 1/2 PAGE & UNDER COLOR

1st: The Daily Sentinel (Scottsboro)
   Los Patrillos
   by: staff

2nd: The Cullman Times
    Mitch Smith Chevrolet
    by: Chasity Barnett

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
    Garden in the Park
    by: Jessica Henderson

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE B&W

1st: The Daily Sentinel (Scottsboro)
   Urgent Care
   by: staff

2nd: The Dothan Eagle
    Wiregrass Humane Society
    by: Tina Riley

3rd: The Dothan Eagle
    Ichiban Buffet
    by: Tina Riley

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE COLOR

1st: The Troy Messenger
   Family Firearms (How to Guide)
   by: Emilee Long, Perry Brown

2nd: The Enterprise Ledger
    Easter at the Farmers Market
    by: Taresa Lewis

3rd: The Troy Messenger
    Charles Henderson Child Health Center
    by: Brittney Meyer, Perry Brown

BEST REGULARLY SCHEDULED SPECIAL SECTION GLOSSY

1st: The Cullman Times
    Profile 2016
    by: Chasity Barnett, Yvonne Moore

2nd: The Enterprise Ledger
    Class of 2028
    by: creative staff

3rd: The Dothan Eagle
    2016 Parade of Homes
    by: Rosalyn Ward and creative staff

BEST ONE-TIME SPECIAL SECTION NEWSPRINT

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
   Auburn-Opelika Women’s Expo
   by: Christopher Griffin

2nd: The Cullman Times
    Think Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October 2016
    by: Chasity Barnett, Yvonne Moore

3rd: The Daily Sentinel (Scottsboro)
    20 under 40
    by: staff

BEST IN-PAPER PROMOTION OF NEWSPAPER

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
   Auburn-Opelika Women’s Expo
   by: Jessica Henderson

2nd: The Clanton Advertiser
    Kickoff Chilton County
    by: staff

3rd: The Opelika-Auburn News
    Black Friday
    by: Jessica Henderson

BEST ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

1st: The Opelika-Auburn News
   Win Your Style campaign
   by: Christopher Griffin

THE OFFICIAL 2016 NEWCOMERS GUIDE
JACKSON COUNTY
RECREATION • CULTURE • EVENTS • LEARNING
HEALTHCARE • LOCAL BUSINESS • COMMUNITIES

The Daily Sentinel –
One-Time Special Section
Best Niche Publication
1st: The Outlook (Alexander City)  
Lake Martin Living - Hunting Issue  
by: Kenneth Boone, Betsy Iler, Audra Spears

2nd: The Cullman Times  
Classic Cullman  
by: Terry Connor, Chasity Barnett and staff

3rd: The Selma Times-Journal  
Selma, The Magazine - July 2016  
by: staff

Best Use of Humor
1st: The Dothan Eagle  
Amanda's Paw Spa  
by: Taresa Lewis

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News  
Elliott & Associates - Boat Insurance  
by: Abby Scroggins

3rd: The Cullman Times  
Better Hearing Center  
by: Chasity Barnett, Christy Sanford

Best Original / Creative Idea
1st: The Selma Times-Journal  
Precious Pearls  
by: Tina Yelverton

2nd: The Clanton Advertiser  
Columbiana Wood Products  
by: Kim McCulla

3rd: The Clanton Advertiser  
Cobblestone Apartments  
by: April Spivey

Best Classified Display Ad
1st: The Dothan Eagle  
Celebrate the Season  
by: Michael O'Keefe

2nd: The Clanton Advertiser  
Columbiana Wood Products  
by: Kim McCulla

3rd: The Clanton Advertiser  
Cobblestone Apartments  
by: April Spivey

Best Signature Page
1st: The Opelika-Auburn News  
Football Contest  
by: staff

2nd: The Opelika-Auburn News  
Join The Fight - Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
by: Jessica Henderson, Susan May, and Abby Scroggins

3rd: The Outlook (Alexander City)  
Halloween Safety  
by: Audra Spears, Darlene Johnson, Hallie Holloway

Best Innovative Online Advertising - Single Ad
1st: The Selma Times-Journal  
LEAP YEAR  
by: staff

2nd: The Selma Times-Journal  
Memorial Day Special  
by: staff

3rd: The Clanton Advertiser  
MorLyn's Fine Jewelry  
by: Zack Bates
ADVERTISING SWEEPSTAKES
1st: Shelby County Reporter
2nd: Call News (Citronelle)
3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)

BEST CLASSIFIED PAGE OR SECTION
1st: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
by: staff
2nd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)
by: staff
3rd: Call News (Citronelle)
by: Rhonda Gray

BEST SINGLE AD 1/2 PAGE & UNDER COLOR
1st: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
Monroe County Hospital
by: Josh Dewberry
2nd: The Advertiser-Gleam (Guntersville)
Chow King Christmas
by: staff
3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Alabaster Optical
by: Ashley Murphy

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE B&W
1st: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Randy Baugh
by: Sherrie Hall
2nd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
Eastside Chapel
by: staff
3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
D&D Furniture
by: Josh Dewberry

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE COLOR
1st: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Municipal Utilities Board
by: Adam Rhoden
2nd: Call News (Citronelle)
Surrender Oak Fest
by: staff
3rd: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City)
Ken Davis for DA
by: Karnell Harris

BEST REGULARLY SCHEDULED SPECIAL SECTION GLOSSY
1st: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Land + Lake
by: staff
2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Profile 2016
3rd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
Football 2016

BEST ONE-TIME SPECIAL SECTION GLOSSY
1st: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Backyard Brawl
by: staff
2nd: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
2016 Election Guide
by: staff
3rd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate
Day in the Life of Choctaw County
by: staff

BEST REGULARLY SCHEDULED SPECIAL SECTION NEWSPRINT
1st: Call News (Citronelle)
CYBSA Umpire ad
by: Maggie Andrews
2nd: The Advertiser-Gleam (Guntersville)
First United Methodist Easter
by: staff
3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
Susie’s LLC
by: Dalana Brooks

BEST ONE-TIME SPECIAL SECTION NEWSPRINT
1st: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
Salute to the Vols
2nd: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
Howard Bentley Buick GMC
3rd: The Monroe Journal (Monroeville)
Estes Wood Company Celebrating 50 Years

Profile 2016
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1st: Shelby County Reporter
Teacher Special
by: staff
2nd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate
Day in the Life of Choctaw County
by: Dan Melvin
3rd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate
BIG-AD Sale
by: Dee Ann Campbell

BEST ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN
1st: Call News (Citronelle)
Bay Area Physicians campaign
by: Rhonda Gray
2nd: Shelby County Reporter
Vulcan Termite campaign
by: Rhett McCreight
3rd: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate
Johnson Dodge campaign
by: Dan Melvin

BEST ORIGINAL / CREATIVE IDEA
1st: Call News (Citronelle)
Quarterback house ad
by: Maggie Andrews
2nd: Shelby County Reporter
Chelsea Eye Care
by: Meagan Barton
3rd: The Monroe Journal
Monroe County Hospital
by: Josh Dewberry

BEST CLASSIFIED DISPLAY AD
1st: Shelby County Reporter
Lawn Mower for Sale
by: Daniel Holmes
2nd: Shelby County Reporter
We have pet goats
by: Kim McCulla
3rd: Shelby County Reporter
Job Fair
by: Daniel Holmes

BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL
1st: Shelby County Reporter
Shelby Living
by: staff
2nd: Shelby County Reporter
Hoover’s Magazine
by: staff
3rd: The Sand Mountain Reporter
Land + Lake
by: staff
Advertising Contest
DIVISION D
Non-daily newspapers 4,000 circulation and below

ADVERTISING SWEEPSTAKES
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
2nd: The Greenville Advocate
3rd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)

BEST CLASSIFIED PAGE OR SECTION
1st: The Brewton Standard
by: Charity Welch, Erin Johnson
2nd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
by: staff
3rd: Hartselle Enquirer
by: staff

BEST SINGLE AD 1/2 PAGE AND UNDER COLOR
1st: The Brewton Standard
Alabama One Weight Loss
by: Erin Johnson
2nd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
David Hester
by: Nicole Pell
3rd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Rituals
by: Slayton Shaw

BEST SINGLE AD 1/2 PAGE AND UNDER B&W
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Trinity Bank
by: Slayton Shaw

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE B&W
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Enterprise Paint
by: Slayton Shaw
2nd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Gentiva
by: Slayton Shaw
3rd: The Greenville Advocate
Greenville Storage
by: April Gregory

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE COLOR
1st: The Greenville Advocate
City of Greenville
by: April Gregory
2nd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Enterprise Paint
by: Slayton Shaw
3rd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Action of Enterprise
by: Andrea VanderMey Farquhar

BEST REGULARLY SCHEDULED SPECIAL SECTION GLOSSY
1st: The Greenville Advocate
Profile - Letters to Home
by: staff
2nd: The Greenville Advocate
Healthcare
by: staff
3rd: The Brewton Standard
Escambia County Bride & Groom
by: staff

BEST ONE-TIME SPECIAL SECTION NEWSPRINT
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Fort Rucker Appreciation
by: Andrea VanderMey Farquhar, Slayton Shaw
2nd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Veterans Day
by: Andrea VanderMey Farquhar, Slayton Shaw

BEST IN-PAPER PROMOTION OF NEWSPAPER
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Happy Veterans Day
by: Andrea VanderMey Farquhar, Slayton Shaw
2nd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
Kick-off Football Season
by: Nicole Pell
3rd: The Greenville Advocate
Butler County Schools Calendar
by: April Gregory

The Southeast Sun – Original/Creative Idea

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Cupcakes Y'all

Franklin County Times – Online Revenue Builder

The Brewton Standard – Single Ad 1/2 Pg & Under Color

The Greenville Advocate – Butler County Career Academy
by: April Gregory

Hartselle Enquirer – How to Guide
by: staff

The Greenville Advocate – Butler County Schools Calendar
by: April Gregory

The Greenville Advocate – Butler County Career Academy
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by: April Gregory

The Greenville Advocate – Butler County Schools Calendar
by: April Gregory
Advertising Contest
DIVISION D
Non-daily newspapers 4,000 circulation and below

BEST CLASSIFIED DISPLAY AD
1st: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
Aldridge Brothers
by: Nicole Pell
2nd: The Greenville Advocate
Manpower
by: Niki Bennett
3rd: The Greenville Advocate
Service Directory
by: staff

BEST SIGNATURE PAGE
1st: The Brewton Standard
Back to School
by: staff
2nd: The Greenville Advocate
Independence Day
by: Courtney Neese
3rd: Hartselle Enquirer
Football Fever Contest
by: staff

BEST ORIGINAL / CREATIVE IDEA
1st: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
JoBabies Car Wash
by: Nicole Pell
2nd: The Greenville Advocate
Classifieds are a Rip Off
by: Andy Brown
3rd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Cupcakes Y’All
by: Slayton Shaw

BEST USE OF HUMOR
1st: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Dack Auto Service
by: Slayton Shaw
2nd: The Brewton Standard
Bonehead Boots
by: staff
3rd: The Greenville Advocate
Quality Cooperative - INVASION
by: April Gregory

BEST PRESENTATION OF ONLINE ADVERTISING
1st: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
franklincountytimes.com
by: staff
2nd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
southeastsun.com
by: Andrea VanderMey Farquhar, Slayton Shaw
3rd: The Greenville Advocate
greenvilleadvocate.com
by: staff

BEST INNOVATIVE ONLINE ADVERTISING - SINGLE AD
1st: The Greenville Advocate
First Realty
by: April Gregory
2nd: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
Anytime Fitness
by: Andrea VanderMey Farquhar
3rd: Franklin County Times (Russellville)
Glasgow
by: Nicole Pell

ONLINE REVENUE BUILDER
1st: The Brewton Standard
Fearless Forecasters
by: staff

BEST MAGAZINE PERIODICAL
1st: The Greenville Advocate
Camellia Magazine (spring & summer)
by: staff
2nd: The Wetumpka Herald
Elmore County Living magazine
by: staff
3rd: The Brewton Standard
brevton: the magazine
by: staff
The Madison Record – 1/2 Page and Under B&W

BEST SINGLE AD 1/2 PAGE & UNDER COLOR

1st: The Madison Record
Urgent Care
by: Ashley Davis

2nd: The Corner News (Auburn)
Fringe
by: Abby Scroggins

3rd: Latino News
Pelham Chiropractic
by: Jairo Vargas

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE B&W

1st: The Redstone Rocket
Huntsville
Don Page Quality Stairs
by: Rhonda Stennett

2nd: The Corner News (Auburn)
Gibson’s BBQ
by: Abby Scroggins

3rd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Day-By-Day Support
by: Rhonda Stennett

BEST SINGLE AD OVER 1/2 PAGE COLOR

1st: 280 Living
(Birmingham)
DeSoto Caverns Tomb of the Risen Dead
by: Ashley Booker

2nd: Latino News
Guelaquetza Bakery
by: Jairo Vargas

3rd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Foodland Memorial Day
by: Andrea Gray

BEST REGULARLY SCHEDULED SPECIAL SECTION NEWSPRINT

1st: Hoover Sun
Women of Hoover
by: staff

2nd: Hoover Sun
Bluff Park Business Spotlight
by: staff

BEST ONE-TIME SPECIAL SECTION NEWSPRINT

1st: Hoover Sun
Bluff Park Business Spotlight
by: staff

2nd: The Madison Record
Graduation 2016
by: staff

BEST ONE-TIME SPECIAL SECTION GLOSSY

1st: 280 Living
(Birmingham)
Chelsea Turns 20
by: staff

2nd: The Madison Record
Football 2016

BEST IN-PAPER PROMOTION OF NEWSPAPER

1st: The Corner News (Auburn)
The Besties
by: Jessica Henderson

2nd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Dog Days Special
by: Russell Roden

3rd: Cahaba Sun
(Trussville)
Thank You for Our First Year
by: Matthew Allen

BEST ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

1st: Hoover Sun
Vulcan Termite & Pest Control - Not Welcome Here campaign
by: Matthew Allen

2nd: 280 Living
(Birmingham)
Greater Shelby County Chamber - How Membership Works for Me campaign
by: Matthew Allen

ADVERTISING SWEEPSTAKES

1st: Courier Journal (Florence)
2nd: The Madison Record
3rd: Hoover Sun

BEST CLASSIFIED PAGE OR SECTION

1st: Courier Journal (Florence)
by: Jim Allen, Russell Roden
2nd: The Madison Record
by: staff
3rd: The Corner News (Auburn)
by: staff

BEST SINGLE AD 1/2 PAGE AND UNDER B&W

1st: The Redstone Rocket
(Huntsville)
Don Page Quality Stairs
by: Rhonda Stennett

2nd: The Madison Record
Better Legs
by: Ashley Davis

3rd: Courier Journal (Florence)
Day-By-Day Support
by: Gwyn Jones

TOTAL SATURATION IN FOUR COUNTIES!

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**BEST SIGNATURE PAGE**

1st: Hoover Sun  
*Holiday Gift Guide*  
by: staff

2nd: 280 Living (Birmingham)  
*Reasons to Shop Mt. Laurel*  
by: Don Harris

3rd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)  
*Twickenham Square*  
by: Rhonda Stennett

**BEST NICHIE PUBLICATION**

1st: The Madison Record  
*Madison Living*  
by: staff

2nd: The Madison Record  
*Madison FYI*  
by: staff

3rd: Hoover Sun  
*hooversun.com*  
by: staff

**BEST ORIGINAL / CREATIVE IDEA**

1st: Iron City Ink (Birmingham)  
*Watts Realty Company*  
by: Michelle Haynes

2nd: Courier Journal (Florence)  
*Powell - Perma-Note*  
by: Tom Magazzu

3rd: Hoover Sun  
*Hoover Bucs Football Sponsors*  
by: Matthew Allen

**BEST CLASSIFIED DISPLAY AD**

1st: Courier Journal (Florence)  
*University Nissan - No Payments*  
by: Gwyn Jones, Gregg Scott

2nd: Courier Journal (Florence)  
*University Nissan - End of Summer*  
by: Jim Allen, Gregg Scott

3rd: Courier Journal (Florence)  
*Ray Miller Buick GMC*  
by: Andrea Gray, Judy Cox

**BEST USE OF HUMOR**

1st: Courier Journal (Florence)  
*Quips & Quotes*  
by: Jim Allen

2nd: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)  
*Chiropractic Solutions*  
by: Rhonda Stennett

3rd: Hoover Sun  
*Shoal Creek Community*  
by: Matthew Allen
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