

Winners Circle

2019

North and East Texas Press Association
Better Newspaper Contest Results

WINNER

Wills Point, Texas, Midlothian, McKinney, Palestine, Pilot, Tyler, Wylie, Longview, Point, Decatur, Rockwall, Dallas, Breckenridge, Gladewater, Lufkin, Athens, Sanger, Commerce, Duncanville, Coppell, Mount Vernon, Canton, Sanger, Soto, Paris, Gainesville, Plano, North & East Texas Press Association

Daily Division

General Excellence Daily

Greenville Herald Banner – 1st place

“Paper is clean and does a good job with photos and graphics. ‘Sunday Brunch’ should be read by everyone; impactful and well done. Tax and budget story very informative; well done.”

Tyler Morning Telegraph – 2nd place

“Nice feature on turkey hunter; well written and displayed. Good coverage of school name changing debate; Juneteenth was nice package. Sanderson Farm provides good info to readers; Heart transplant story; Photos on Easter Egg hunt not good reproductions.”

Texarkana Gazette – 3rd place

“Powerful opioid story, well laid out. All-District team well displayed good roundup; only one byline on local page front. Clean front pages, plenty of information. Clean lines throughout; but big photos photos to fill space.”

Cleburne Times-Review – 4th place

“Same headline on front of paper’s sports solid staff writing; lots of coverage from UIL football – Some photos on both covers. No sports cover on a Saturday? Layout is good with plenty of visuals to move reader around pages.”

Advertising Daily

The Lufkin Daily News – 1st place – “Loved it!”

Focus Daily News – 2nd place

Texarkana Gazette – 3rd place

The Paris News – 4th place

Page Design Daily

Corsicana Daily Sun – 1st place

The Lufkin Daily News – 2nd place

Tyler Morning Telegraph – 3rd place – “Love it!”

Cleburne Times-Review – 4th place

News Writing Daily

Tyler Morning Telegraph – 1st place

“Both stories are well written and backed by solid reporting. Very compelling news on both counts and very well executed.”



Cara Campbell/The Lufkin Daily News
1st place feature photo Daily division

The Lufkin Daily News – 2nd place

“Very solid, straight forward, well-written hard news.”

The Daily Sentinel – 3rd place

“Well written and reported stories. The jail story, though, was missing the time element. When did the budget workshop take place. Still – overall, very solid!”

Palestine Herald-Press – 4th place

“Solid stories and writing overall. The bullet train story may have been frontloaded just a tad with background info. I also would be interested in seeing if there was a local angle to peg the jail standards story to! But the bottom line is the writer tells informative stories.”

Feature Story Daily

Weatherford Democrat – 1st place

“Young boy, old soul – Good take on subject, especially getting usable quotes from a preteen. Lead should be broken up into two grafs.”

Tyler Morning Telegraph – 2nd place

“Secondhand Guru – Different take on the second-hand clothing/antiques trade. Nice slice of small town life. Accidental politician – Interesting look at issues facing smaller communities and the efforts of one man trying to make a difference.”

Texarkana Gazette – 3rd place

“You are what your food eats – Interesting subject, but way too long for a single-source story. Could have used input from a customer or department type. Is this a viable way of doing business? Railroad history – Fun read with plenty of background. Would like more detail on what converting railcar into restaurant will require.”

The Daily Sentinel – 4th place

“WWII veteran – This could have been three or four times longer and

still not have covered everything about the subject. I’m sure there were some great anecdotes that had to be left out. A mighty meander – Nice little weekend Travelodge piece. Could have benefitted from more on the condition of the river and its ecosystem. Interior art would have benefitted from being a color page.”

Editorials Daily

Texarkana Gazette – 1st place

“King and Council – Strong read regarding police chief and abuse of power. Barely dry – reads more news than editorial.”

Palestine Herald-Press – 2nd place

“Stanczak – Powerful read about a lack of compassion. Hiding – Premise is good, but finishes with a little bit of petty thoughts. Did this turn into investigation?”

Athens Daily Review – 3rd place

“Journalists – Good read. Fast food –Offers opinion on economic growth.”

The Paris News – 4th place

“Paris, hospital – Seems as if both parties were doing what needs to be done; Good read explaining the situation and providing a possible solution. School buses – Good piece calling for school district to step up its efforts of getting students to school safely each day.”

Column Writing Daily

Palestine Herald Press – 1st place

“The writer, by his own admission, may have gotten a late start on his journalism career. But you would never know it by reading his work. A wonderful conversational style, full of great perspectives. Bravo!”

The Lufkin Daily News – 2nd place

“Harvard has a wonderful way of writing about and using his stories to tug at your heart. Wonderful!”

The Marshall News Messenger – 3rd place

“Hague is an engaging writer that has a great way of putting things in a really thoughtful perspective.”

Texarkana Gazette – 4th place

“I was impressed by Minor’s range of writing – from detailed and more technical, to the wonderfully whimsical.”

The Lufkin Daily News (Honorable Mention)

Headline Writing Daily

Tyler Morning Telegraph – 1st place

“Clearly the best of the pack. All three headlines were just plain fun and worked with their respective stories. There is an art form to this and these folks are true artists!”

The Lufkin Daily News – 2nd place

“This was just too close to call. Great, witty headlines that tee up the stories!”



Hunt Mercier/Texarkana Gazette
1st place sports photo Daily division

The Daily Sentinel – 3rd place

“Solid headlines – and a couple of fun ones to boot!”

Focus Daily News – 4th place

“Headlines don’t always have to be pithy to be good. Here are some examples of double alliteration and good impact.”

Sports Writing Daily

Athens Daily Review – 1st place

“Two good subject matters to write about. Good getting several voices in features.”

The Marshall News Messenger – 2nd place

“Shaw – Where is he living now? In circulation area? How did you get feature? Reunion – Nice read, especially about Jamie Sexson.”

The Paris News – 3rd place

“Two solid features – lots of interpersonal info in minor family story, but would like to have seen that jump from in front.”

Greenville Herald Banner – 4th place

“Good story on Celeste football. Think it would have played better with a bigger photo and jump, along with a subhead. Nice track story.”

Daily Division

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Sports Photography Daily

Texarkana Gazette – 1st place

“Football – Good shot, plenty of action. Might have used ‘defended’ instead of guarded. Swimming – great photo, with reflection from pool giving reader ‘double vision.’”

The Daily Sentinel – 2nd place

“Football – good timing on tackle attempt. Baseball – Very good photo, especially showing concentration of center fielder even if teammate is rushing in front of him.”

Tyler Morning Telegraph – 3rd place

“Football No. 1 – Nice shot of instant action. Football No. 2 – Like that photo seems to convey difficulty Tyler had in defeating Highland Park.”

The Paris News – 4th place

“Basketball – Good action shot of play. Solid shot of action.”

Sports Coverage Daily

Texarkana Gazette – 1st place

“Does a good job covering Texas and area schools. Like the graphic (U.S. Open) on front. Would like to see subheads (decks) on front.”

The Daily Sentinel – 2nd place

“Decks needed on all front page stories. Like the boxscores or breakouts; scores in headlines. Decks; font on high school baseball playoffs headline?”

Tyler Morning Telegraph – 3rd place

“Nice lead package with softball. Needed to identify long jumper in photo; Head on lead story tells everything, no need to read the story. Be consistent with staff written briefs on front.”

Cleburne Times-Review – 4th place

“Easy write with State Championship. Color on front?”



Chelsea Purgahn/Tyler Morning Telegraph
1st place news photo Daily division

News Photography Daily

Tyler Morning Telegraph – 1st place

“Two wonderful photos – one conveying fluid motion; the other tenderness. Well composed and wonderfully executed. These photographers have a great eye!”

The Lufkin Daily News – 2nd place

The Daily Sentinel – 3rd place

“Both photos presented very different emotions. The fallen officer shot may have been better if shot from a head-on angle. But still, it illustrated the loneliness of loss. Well done!”

Texarkana Gazette – 4th place

“Great photos. The fire shot really tugs at your emotions.”

Feature Photo Daily

The Lufkin Daily News – 1st place

“Well composed and full of life. I love these shots – they make me smile! Well done!”

Greenville Herald Banner – 2nd place

“Kellar did a fine job of catching emotion – especially in the ‘Welcome relief’ shot. Rare childhood job.”

The Daily Sentinel – 3rd place

“This entry was a very close second. Great, fun action in the first shot; elegance in the second.”

Gainesville Daily Register – 4th place

Semi-Weekly Division

General Excellence Semi-Weekly

Hood County News – 1st place

“Great all-around newspaper. Lots of news, great photos, good layout.”

Kilgore News Herald – 2nd place

“Excellent paper with a lot of community coverage. Layout is a little ‘choppy’ but an overall very good newspaper.”

The Panola Watchman – 3rd place

“Good local newspaper with lots of information packaged well. Not crazy about the giant photos, although state champs was appropriate fill page ad.”

Mount Pleasant Tribune – 4th place

“Good community newspaper.”

Advertising Semi-Weekly

Hood County News – 1st place – *“Really eye catching.”*

Kilgore News Herald – 2nd place – *“Really good job.”*

The Panola Watchman – 3rd place – *“Really good job.”*

The Henderson News – 4th place – *“Informative.”*

Page Design Semi-Weekly

The Henderson News – 1st place

“Front – Liked the cutout a little, but it was also distracting. Several eye grabbers – good, 3-column photo was not. Life & Style – A jumbled hot mess, but I mean that in a mostly good way. Lots of information. Opinion – Lots of grey, but nice to have four voices on page. Sports – Lots of sports and information. Cutout was done very well.”

Kilgore News Herald – 2nd place

“Front – Good layout, lots there to pull you into the page. Big art, but not too big. Kill the color subheads. Life and Style – Very good dominant story but several additional elements. Sports – good.”

Hood County News – 3rd place

“Front – Glad to see four stories and multiple entry points. Life and Style – Good. Opinion – Big hospital column could have been a nice feature. Sports – Needs more local sports. That big ad – while very important – really takes away from local sports.”

Mount Pleasant Tribune – 4th place



Lucas Strough/Kilgore News Herald
1st place feature photo Semi-Weekly division

“Front – several different elements to grab you. Life and Style – Nice variety. Opinion – Ok. It’s a pretty grey page - lots of copy. Break it up with art. Sports – Seems light for district time. I’m looking for more information – stories, stats, calendar.”

News Writing Semi-Weekly

Mount Pleasant Tribune – 1st place (TIE)

Hood County News – 1st place (TIE)

The Henderson News – 2nd place

Kilgore News Herald – 3rd place

Jacksonville Progress – 4th place

Feature Writing Semi-Weekly

Hood County News – 1st place

“Spirits from ’42 – well written, interesting article. Very good pictures and graphic to enhance article. Long but kept my attention! Ava says thank you – Very good picture esp. with wall hanging and saying added to story. Well written and kept my attention.”

Jacksonville Progress – 2nd place

“Shelley – Informative story. Farm – Very good pictures and article. Informative and well written.”

The Panola Watchman – 3rd place

“Dairy – Well written and informative. Logo on cap on front pic caught my attention. Kept my attention. God – Good set of pictures and informative.”

Mount Pleasant Tribune – 4th place

“Chili cook off – Informative and light hearted. Kept my attention. Maybe another pic (close up) could have been added to it since talking so specifically about teams, esp. Jordan. Spelling? For a cause – Good picture and informative story. Enjoyed it.”

Semi-Weekly

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Editorial Semi-Weekly

Hood County News – 1st place

“VG1 – local topics with broader consequences. Good job.”

Jacksonville Progress – 2nd place

“Violence – Get a local perspective to back up your point. Your opinion is good but lacks a local voice/connection. Mud Creek – Good to offer a solution, but why are these venues important? Touched on – develop that more, tourists and money.”

Sulphur Springs News-Telegram – 3rd place

“Technology – Localize. Texas History – localize more.”

Column Writing Semi-Weekly

Kilgore News Herald/ Linda K. Ballard – 1st place

“Informative columns covering local topics.”

Hood County News/Roger Enlow – 2nd place – “*Good job.*”

Mount Pleasant Tribune/Tracy Farr – 3rd place

“Nice job trying it all together. A light touch on changing towns.”

Kilgore News Herald/Jase Graves – 4th place

“Nicely written, real-life columns.”

Sports Coverage Semi-Weekly

Waxahachie Daily Light – 1st place

“There’s a lot going on and many teams covered, plus some enterprise stories. Loved the photo pages and infoboxes.”

The Henderson News – 2nd place

“Lots of coverage and some creative use of graphics. Lots of quotes.”

Kilgore News Herald – 3rd place

“Lots of good work, but looking for more quotes, smaller photos and use of infographics. The tab section was well done.”

Sulphur Spring News-Telegram – 4th place

“Good mix of stories. Sports briefs was missing from other papers – good job including that. Also liked ‘Inside the Box Score’”

Sports Photography Semi-Weekly

Sulphur Springs News-Telegram – 1st place

“Picture captures the athlete’s emotions. You can even see the mud splashing up on the runner. Great shot.”



Isabel Reyna/Sulfur Springs News-Telegram
1st place news photo Semi-Weekly division

Kilgore News Herald – 2nd place

“These pictures make you feel like you are at the game. Cutline keeps you interested.”

The Panola Watchman – 3rd place

“Picture showed the raw emotion from the players and the coach.”

Jacksonville Progress – 4th place

“It was nice to see the players eyes in the pictures. Great action shot.”

Sports Writing – Semi Weekly

The Panola Watchman – 1st place

“Feature-style sports stories are a great approach. Good leads.”

Waxahachie Daily Light – 2nd place – “*Nice features.*”

Sulphur Springs News-Telegram – 3rd place

“Nice story on boxer. Develop stronger leads that flow into story. Pain, big hits, six grafts later before TKO. Don’t go with the negative reference in 2nd grit of basketball – call a blowout a blowout.”

Kilgore News Herald – 4th place

“Good lead on football story, not as strong on marathon. Move record up. Great to get a local, non-school athlete on the sports page.”

Headline Writing Semi-Weekly

Hood County News – 1st place

“Ooh-Whee, Marie – makes you read it. City doesn’t relish – catchy. Complicated sex – Catchy.”

The Henderson News – 2nd place

“Margin of error – attention getter. School Supply train – OK. It’s a ruff – good.”

Sulphur Springs News-Telegram – 3rd place

“Oil drilling – OK. Street rebuild – OK. Fill you hands – Like it.”

Kilgore News Herald – 4th place

“Property rites – catch attention. Movie store – OK. City tilts – good.”

Feature Photo Semi-Weekly

Kilgore News Herald – 1st place

“Use of the mirror was a great way to get the whole scene in the frame. Great emotion in the Santa selfie – or should I say elfie?”

Hood County News – 2nd place

“Touching photo at stock show. Great balls of fire – nice to catch the sparks.”

Mount Pleasant Tribune – 3rd place

“4th picture pointed to the story – to work those together may have added impact to photo. You can’t go wrong with the Tr. Cheerleaders trying to smile.”

Jacksonville Progress – 4th place

“Mud Nationals – good action shot. More of the human angle & muddy rider maybe would have elevated this one. A good picture of a common scene – reflects what the event was about with one photo.”

News Photo Semi-Weekly

Sulphur Springs News-Telegram – 1st place

“Both pictures are very good quality and tell a story. Really like the angle the drone/sheriff pic was taken from.”

Kilgore News Herald – 2nd place

“Really liked composition of salon fire pictures. Glad outline told firefighters were dousing flames inside. Good close up of firefighter in attic fire pic. Could tell it was a good pic. Too bad it didn’t come out as well in print as it did online.”

Hood County News – 3rd place

“Good angle and composition in the fire pictures. Liked girl’s face framed between the two rescue personal. Both cutlines told stories well.”

Jacksonville Progress – 4th place

“Great clarity & composition on wreck picture – tells the story. Main problem Rust and Rusk. Loved flames in forefront of pictures – helped tell story of heat and danger involved.”

Large Weekly Division 3

General Excellence Weekly Division 3

The Wylie News – 1st place

“A fine publication overall. Nice mix of well-written stories, content and photos. The design is inviting, clean and easy on the eyes. Well done.”

The Azle News – 2nd place

Van Zandt News – 3rd place

The Farmersville Times – 4th place

Advertising Weekly Division 3

The Canton Herald – 1st place

“Eye-catching, creative and well-designed. These ads would look good regardless of whether they were published in a slick magazine or on newsprint!”

The Wylie News – 2nd place

“Good design on all three. The assisted living ad was especially clean and classy.”

The Farmersville Times – 3rd place

“Ads were well done. A lot of text but it still works in each one.”

The Winnsboro News – 4th place

Page Design Weekly Division 3

The Wylie News – 1st place

“Clean, colorful and classy. Consistently well designed.”

Van Zandt News – 2nd place

“A very close second! Creative front-page look and some nice examples of bold art!”

The Farmersville Times – 3rd place – *“I love the front page!”*

The Azle News – 4th place

News Writing Weekly Division 3

The Farmersville Times – 1st place

“Overall solid reporting and good, straight-forward, clean writing. Solid hard news work.”

The Winnsboro News – 2nd place

The Wylie News – 3rd place

Large Weekly Division 3

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Feature Writing Weekly Division 3

The Farmersville Times – 1st place

“Nice writing style captured the subject matter well. And the artwork and packaging really topped it off nicely!”

Van Zandt News – 2nd place

The Wylie News – 3rd place

The Azle News – 4th place

Editorials Weekly Division 3

The Azle News – 1st place

“Great work! Short, sharp and to the point – especially “Bull” on the local council and mayor.”

Column Writing Weekly Division 3

The Azle News – 1st place – Mark Campbell

“Mark Campbell is just so darned funny. Off-beat and well-written. Bravo!

Mount Vernon Optic-Herald – 2nd place – Susan Reeves

“Reeves has a wonderful style. She can appeal to the angels of our better nature, and also show what makes a small town so special.”

The Farmersville Times – 3rd place – Wyndi Veigel and Chad Engbrock

““Both pieces were well written. It’s good to see newspapers who are willing to tell the world why we are so valuable!”

The Wylie News – 4th place – Sonia Duggan and Chad Engbrock

Headline Writing Weekly Division 3

The Azle News – 1st place

“Fun, fun, fun headlines that all related to their stories well.”

The Wylie News – 2nd place

The Farmersville Times – 3rd place

The Winnsboro News – 4th place

Sports Writing Weekly Division 3

The Winnsboro News – 1st place

“Interesting stories that show good sports reporting doesn’t just happen with a live game.”

The Farmersville Times – 2nd place

The Wylie News – 3rd place

Mount Vernon Optic-Herald – 4th place

Sports Photo Weekly Division 3

The Farmersville Times – 1st place

“An incredible job capturing the power of the decisive moment. Wonderful!”

Mount Vernon Optic-Herald – 2nd place

“Both photos bring home the power of sports. Great action depicted and well-composed.”

Van Zandt News – 3rd place

“I love the array of emotions shown in the volleyball photo!”

The Canton Herald – 4th place

Sports Coverage Weekly Division 3

The Azle News – 1st place

“Overall solid pages. Good writing, nice story variety and pleasing design.”

Van Zandt News – 2nd place

The Farmersville Times – 3rd place

The Winnsboro News – 4th place

News Photos Weekly Division 3

The Winnsboro News – 1st place

“Great news photos. Well composed and full of intensity.”

Mount Vernon Optic-Herald – 2nd place

“Solid news shots. Color and action!”

The Azle News – 3rd place

The Wylie News – 4th place

Feature Photo Weekly Division 3

The Wylie News – 1st place

“Wonderful! Sharp and colorful. Great angles and great composition. These photos really make me smile. Fun!”

The Farmersville Times – 2nd place

“Nice work! A more head-on angle on the 4th photo may have made it better. But it is still great. The 2nd photo is so colorful and fluid!”

Mount Vernon Optic-Herald – 3rd place

Medium Weekly Division 4

General Excellence Weekly Division 4

Bowie County Citizens Tribune – 1st place
Burleson Star – 2nd place
The Sachse News – 3rd place
Wills Point Chronicle – 4th place

Advertising Weekly Division 4

Burleson Star – 1st place
The Terrell Tribune – 2nd place
Bowie County Citizens Tribune – 3rd place
Wills Point Chronicle – 4th place

Page Design Weekly Division 4

The Sachse News – 1st place – *“Sports – good page.”*
The Princeton Herald – 2nd place – *“Nice look.”*
Bowie County Citizens Tribune – 3rd place
Wills Point Chronicle – 4th place

News Writing Weekly Division 4

Bowie County Citizens Tribune – 1st place
The Princeton Herald – 2nd place
The Clarksville Times – 3rd place
The Sachse News – 4th place

Feature Writing Weekly Division 4

The Sachse News – 1st place – *“Good job”*
Burleson Star – 2nd place – *“Nice read.”*
The Clarksville Times – 3rd place
Bowie County Citizens Tribune – 4th place

Editorials Weekly Division 4

Bowie County Citizens Tribune – 1st place

Column Writing Weekly Division 4

Burleson Star – 1st place – Roger White – *“Very funny!”*

The Clarksville Times – 2nd place – Ed Pryor

“Smiley sounds awesome!”

Bowie County Citizens Tribune – 3rd place – Kenny Mitchell

“Very touching! A lovely tribute.”

Headline Writing Weekly Division 4

Bowie County Citizens Tribune – 1st place
The Sachse News – 2nd place
The Princeton Herald – 3rd place
The Clarksville Times – 4th place

Sports Writing Weekly Division 4

Burleson Star – 1st place – *“Anderson is a great read.”*
The Sachse News – 2nd place
Bowie County Citizens Tribune – 3rd place
The Terrell Tribune – 4th place

Sports Photo Weekly Division 4

Wills Point Chronicle – 1st place
The Princeton Herald – 2nd place
The Sachse News – 3rd place
Burleson Star – 4th place

Sports Coverage Weekly Division 4

The Princeton Herald – 1st place
Burleson Star – 2nd place
Wills Point Chronicle – 3rd place
The Sachse News – 4th place

News Photo Weekly Division 4

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Wills Point Chronicle – 2nd place
The Princeton Herald – 3rd place
Bowie County Citizens Tribune – 4th place

Feature Photo Weekly Division 4

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The Sachse News – 2nd place
Wills Point Chronicle – 3rd place
Bowie County Citizens Tribune – 4th place

Small Weekly Division 5

General Excellence Weekly Division 5

Royse City Herald Banner – 1st place

“This newspaper just reached out and grabbed me. Crisp, clean design and a wonderful mix of well-written news and feature stories. They cover their area like a blanket. And I love the 2018 Top 10 stories countdown. First-rate!”

The Commerce Journal – 2nd place

“The Commerce Journal may seem like a small paper. But I give it high marks for doing a list of things right in a big way. Great design and stories that are well written. And they aren’t afraid to take chances on a different look i.e the ‘play day’ front page.”

The Springtown Epigraph – 3rd place

Advertising Weekly Division 5

Murphy Monitor – 1st place

“The National Newspaper week ad was very informative & presented a lot of useful info in a creative way. Overall the ads were very clean in their design and presented information very well.”

Gladewater Mirror – 2nd place

“Fun use of photos and design.”

The Quinlan-Tawakoni News – 3rd place

Page Design Weekly Division 5

Murphy Monitor – 1st place

“Front – very neat and well balanced. The heart insert works well, I think. Life & Style – Nice look, The waste free lunch design really pops. Opinion – Clean look, though only one real art element, the way it is used keeps the page from looking too grey. Sports – Clean look – full of action.”

The Springtown Epigraph – 2nd place

“Overall the pages display a good use of graphical art to balance the blocks of text.”

Gladewater Mirror – 3rd place

The Dublin Citizen – 4th place

News Writing Weekly Division 5

The Commerce Journal – 1st place

“Ryan Scott delivers just plain good old, no-nonsense news writing. Solid style and mechanics. His story of the little church closing its doors was very well done. I liked the way he gave it a perspective with the national trends that show some complexity.”

Royse City Herald Banner – 2nd place

Gladewater Mirror – 3rd place

The Dublin Citizen – 4th place

Feature Writing Weekly Division 5

The Dublin Citizen – 1st place

“Both pieces had a ‘catchy’ style to them and were well-packaged.

Wonderful ‘bet you didn’t know’ stories.”

Gladewater Mirror – 2nd place

The paragraphs in these stories seemed a little lengthy, but the writer really pulled me along – what interesting yarns!”

The Commerce Journal – 3rd place

“Nice work! Tip: at the start of the third paragraph of the second story, it should be ‘Nine-year-old...’ A number that begins a sentence should always be spelt out.”

The Springtown Epigraph – 4th place

Editorials Weekly Division 5

Gladewater Mirror – 1st place

“Solid, right-between-the-eyes editorials that do a great job tackling free speech; sticking up for it and challenging those who abuse it.”



**Suzanne Bardwell/Gladewater Mirror
1st place feature photo Small Weekly division**



Jim Bardwell/Gladewater Mirror
1st place news photo Small Weekly division

The Springtown Epigraph – 2nd place

“Good, straight-forward pieces. I particularly liked the abrasive mayor eulogy, which was honest and respectable and provided good perspective of the late mayor.”

The Dublin Citizen – 3rd place

Column Writing Weekly Division 5

The Dublin Citizen – 1st place

“Sarah writes with economy – at times staccato. But she does wonders packing plenty to think about – or enjoy – in small amount of space. Wonderful!”

Gladewater Mirror – 2nd place

“Suzanne possesses a wonderful writing style that – in her two entries – reaches back in time to give perspective to present day.”

The Dublin Citizen – 3rd place

The Springtown Epigraph – 4th place

Headline Writing Weekly Division 5

The Dublin Citizen – 1st place

“This person – or persons – know how to write headlines! Fun and catchy! And they use subheads very effectively.”

The Springtown Epigraph – 2nd place

Gladewater Mirror – 3rd place

Sports Writing Weekly Division 5

The Dublin Citizen – 1st place

“Good, solid entries that shows the reporter not only knows how to cover a game with flare, but also provide good perspective in feeling up a team’s season.”

The Springtown Epigraph – 2nd place

“I loved the letter jacket story. A perfect example of how not all engaging sports stories happen on the field or court.”

Gladewater Mirror – 3rd place

“I would like to see the paragraphs in the first story broken up more. Still, both stories showed lovely writing/reporting.”

Murphy Monitor – 4th place

Sports Photo Weekly Division 5

Gladewater Mirror – 1st place

“Jim Bardwell offered up two outstanding photos. He captured the decisive moment in both – and threw in a look at a range of emotions for good measure.”

Murphy Monitor – 2nd place

“Solid sports photography. Loved the ‘catching a win’ shot.”

The Springtown Epigraph – 3rd place

The Dublin Citizen – 4th place

Sports Coverage Weekly Division 5

Murphy Monitor – 1st place

“Solid layout, design and use of photos and graphic elements. Writing is snappy.”

The Springtown Epigraph – 2nd place

Gladewater Mirror – 3rd place

News Photo Weekly Division 5

Gladewater Mirror – 1st place

“Both photos were well-composed with the funeral photo providing a very touching image. Cutlines were well done, and the water leak cutlines worked well to give the image perspective.”

The Springtown Epigraph – 2nd place

The Commerce Journal – 3rd place

Feature Photo Weekly Division 5

Gladewater Mirror – 1st place

“Great photos that really made me smile. Well composed and creative, esp the Halloween shot! The cutline for the rodeo photo helped give added context to the image.”

Murphy Monitor – 2nd place

“While the photo of the hurdling football player seemed more like a sports photo, it was just too well executed to pass up.”

The Commerce Journal – 3rd place

Special Section

Special Section - Daily

The Lufkin Daily News – 1st place

“Lufkin just hits you with everything AND the kitchen sink with this progress edition. And every bit of it is smartly reported, written, illustrated and packaged. Absolutely fantastic!”

The Daily Sentinel – 2nd place

“An absolutely wonderful product. Well-written stories and well-executed design, layout, etc. They presented a lot of useful content in a variety of ways that really works! Super effort!”

Athens Daily Review – 3rd place

“A fantastic football guide. Slick, colorful and super design. Well-written stories. I love the packaging of the MVP predictions. Very creative.”

Texarkana Gazette – 4th place

“The Gazette should be applauded for taking on a mammoth task of profiling such a massive ‘playing field’ of teams. All presented is clean design – well-written stories and solid photography.”

Special Section - Semi Weekly

Hood County News – 1st place

“Each page is very eye appealing and makes you want to read what the picture represents.”

Sulphur Springs News-Telegram – 2nd place

“All articles were good about keeping it home town people and such a variety of different articles that it attracts many people with different lifestyles and interests.”

Jacksonville Progress – 3rd place

“Lots of informative articles for many different interests.”

The Panola Watchman – 4th place

“Great job of taking the reader from the start to the finish of the journey for the championship.”

Special Section - Weekly

The Canton Herald – 1st place

“A very well written, photographed and designed newcomers guide. Very elegant and inviting look and it really shows off the area well. Makes me want to move there!”

The Wylie News – 2nd place – TIE

The Princeton Herald – 2nd place – TIE

“If something works – don’t fix it; replicate! That’s what David Jenkins succeeded in doing very well for both these publications. Equal care went into both and it shows and shines!”



**The Canton Herald Newcomer's Guide
1st place Special Section Weekly division**

Murphy Monitor – 3rd place

“Nothing flashy or overly fancy. But great content and presented in a clean, straight forward way. I loved the little profiles!”

Wills Point Chronicle – 4th place – “Fun layout!”

‘When you raise the camera to your eye you become responsible for contextualizing the history of the person you are photographing. It is critical that photographers take that responsibility as seriously as they do the photograph itself. Stories need to be approached with intellectual curiosity rather than a mere visual curiosity. It is also critical they consider the people they are photographing as collaborators, not ‘subjects.’
Photojournalist Neeta Sata

Journalist of the Year

Journalist of the Year - Daily

The Lufkin Daily News – 1st place – Austin King
The Daily Sentinel - 2nd place – Josh Edwards
Greenville Herald Banner - 3rd place – Houjun Choi
Cleburne Times-Review – 4th place – Matt Smith

Journalist of the Year – Semi-Weekly

Jacksonville Progress – 1st place – Jo Anne Embleton
“Well written mix of community stories. Lots of names and quotes. This is what we’re supposed to do.”
Hood County News – 2nd place – Kathy Cruz
“Excellent work. Government reporting is important – you made what can be complicated into something readers can digest.”
Kilgore News Herald – 3rd place – James Draper
“Good mix of well written stories.”

Waxahachie Daily Light – 4th place – Ashley Ford

“Good mix of stories but writing had several GSP errors. Good leads, just watch the spelling and grammar.”

Journalist of the Year - Weekly

The Farmersville Times – 1st place – Wyndi Veigel
“Solid leads and very good writing backed by sound reporting. The writer has a really good command of writing good hard news and features. Great work!”
The Wylie News – 2nd place – Sonia Duggan
“Duggan has a nice style of writing and shows good creativity in many of her leads. Solid reporting and writing, covering a variety of stories.”
The Dublin Citizen – 3rd place – Paul Gaudette
The Commerce Journal – 4th place – Ryan Scott

Community Service

Community Service - Daily

Texarkana Gazette – 1st place – Opioid addition
“A powerful, well-written/reported and packaged series that brought home what is a national crisis. Full of informative data and perspectives. And it also did a great job of putting a human face on the problem. Well done!”
The Daily Sentinel – 2nd place – Investigation into county hospital board finances
“The body of work by the Daily Sentinel highlights the true service a newspaper can provide its community: dogged reporting that demands public accountability!”
The Lufkin Daily News – 3rd place - School district \$75 million bond

Community Service - Weekly

The Farmersville Times – 1st place – Summer Reading Club
“Everything about this project was simply fun and fantastic! The paper pulled together an entire community to help kids love to read. The presentation was also first rate.”
The Dublin Citizen – 2nd place – Water drive for FD
“Water always seems like something we take for granted – until we are desperate for it. The newspaper shows how big a heart it has and its community– in helping those who put their lives on the line.”
Mount Vernon Optic-Herald – 3rd place – Love our library
“A very nice project that showed a lot of focus and support on the part of the newspaper.”



Daily Community Service
Texarkana Gazette – Opioid series

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**Daily
Tyler Morning Telegraph**

- 1st – Tyler Morning Telegraph – 645**
- 2nd – The Lufkin Daily News – 625**
- 3rd – Texarkana Gazette – 445**
- 4th – The Daily Sentinel – 375**
- 5th – Greenville Herald Banner – 225 (tie)**
- 5th – Palestine Herald Press – 225 (tie)**
- 6th – Athens Daily Review – 175**

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Semi-Weekly Hood County News

- 1st – Hood County News – 1,000**
2nd – Kilgore News-Herald – 800
3rd – Sulphur Springs News Telegram – 425
4th – The Henderson News – 375
5th – Mount Pleasant Tribune – 300
6th – The Panola Watchman – 275

Photographer of the Year



Tim Monzingo/The Daily Sentinel
Daily Photographer of the Year

Photographer of The Year - Daily

The Daily Sentinel – 1st place – Tim Monzingo
The Paris News – 2nd place – Lora Arnold
Cleburne Times-Review – 3rd place – Jessica Pounds
Tyler Morning Telegraph – 4th place – Chelsea Purgahn

Photographer of The Year - Semi-Weekly

Sulphur Springs News-Telegram – 1st place – Isabel Reyna
Mount Pleasant – 2nd place – Tracy Farr
Henderson Daily News – 3rd place – Tory Van Blarcum
Jacksonville Progress – 4th place – Jay Neal

Photographer of The Year - Weekly

Mount Vernon Optic-Herald – 1st place – John Reeves
Gladewater Mirror – 2nd place – Jim Bardwell
Wills Point Chronicle – 3rd place – David Kapitan
The Dublin Citizen – 4th place – Marilyn Krebs



Isabel Reyna/Sulphur Springs News-Telgram
Semi-Weekly Photographer of the Year



John Reeves/Mt. Vernon Optic Herald – Weekly Photographer of the Year