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ANA Announces 2015 BNC Winners

The *Arizona Republic* (daily newspaper) and *Payson Roundup* (non-daily newspaper) took home the coveted award for Arizona Newspaper of the Year during the Arizona Newspapers Association's 2015 Better Newspapers Contest. Newspaper of the Year Awards are calculated from honors won in the Excellence in Advertising Contest added together with winning entries from the Better Newspapers Contest.

Randy Hoeft, *Yuma Sun*, and Murphy Woodhouse, *Nogales International*, were named the ANA 2015 Photographers of the Year. Dennis Wagner, *Arizona Republic* and Alexis Bechman, *Payson Roundup*, were named the ANA 2015 Journalists of the Year.

This year, 54 newspapers and 8 high schools entered in the Better Newspapers Contest for a total of 1,633 entries. The Better Newspapers Contest consists of eight categories that measure the overall quality of the newspapers and 24 categories that honor individuals who contribute to journalism excellence. A special thank you to the Nebraska Press Association, for judging the entries this year.

Attached is a complete list of winners by category or they can be viewed @ www.ananews.com. The awards were presented on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 at the conclusion of the ANA Fall Convention and Annual Meeting, at Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino, Ariz. Congratulations to all the winners!

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Newspaper Winners by Category

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place –TIE Lake Powell Chronicle
Maricopa Monitor

2nd Place Arizona Capitol Times

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st Place Payson Roundup

2nd Place Green Valley News and Sun

3rd Place Jewish News of Greater Phoenix

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st Place Phoenix Business Journal

2nd Place –TIE Navajo Times

West Valley View

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place Sierra Vista Herald

2nd Place Arizona Daily Sun

3rd Place Casa Grande Dispatch

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Arizona Republic

#1 REPORTING & NEWSWRITING EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Lake Powell Chronicle

2nd Maricopa Monitor

3rd Eloy Enterprise

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st Green Valley News and Sun

2nd Payson Roundup

3rd Aztec Press (PCC/Tucson)

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st Navajo Times

2nd Phoenix Business Journal

3rd Explorer Newspaper

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Arizona Daily Sun

2nd Today's News-Herald

3rd Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Arizona Republic

#2 DEPARTMENTAL NEWS & COPYWRITING EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Lake Powell Chronicle

2nd Maricopa Monitor

3rd Coolidge Examiner

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st Payson Roundup

2nd White Mountain Independent

3rd Jewish News

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st Navajo Times
- 2nd West Valley View
- 3rd Explorer Newspaper

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st Sierra Vista Herald
- 2nd Casa Grande Dispatch
- 3rd Arizona Daily Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st Arizona Daily Star

#3 PAGE DESIGN EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd Nogales International
- 3rd Camp Verde Journal

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st Green Valley News and Sun
- 2nd Payson Roundup
- 3rd Sedona Red Rock News

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st Explorer Newspaper
- 2nd Phoenix Business Journal
- 3rd Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st Casa Grande Dispatch
- 2nd Today's News-Herald
- 3rd Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st Arizona Republic

#4 EDITORIAL PAGE EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st Camp Verde Journal
- 2nd Arizona Capitol Times
- 3rd Nogales International

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st Payson Roundup
- 2nd Green Valley News and Sun
- 3rd Jewish News

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st Explorer Newspaper
- 2nd West Valley View
- 3rd Phoenix Business Journal

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st Yuma Sun
- 2nd Daily Courier
- 3rd Today's News-Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st Arizona Republic

#5 BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st Nogales International
- 2nd Coolidge Examiner
- 3rd The Bugle

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st White Mountain Independent
- 2nd Aztec Press (PCC/Tucson)
- 3rd Fountain Hills Times

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st Navajo Times
- 2nd Phoenix Business Journal
- 3rd West Valley View

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st Yuma Sun
- 2nd Sierra Vista Herald
- 3rd Casa Grande Dispatch

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st The Arizona Republic

#6 COMMUNITY SERVICE/JOURNALISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st Arizona Range News
- 2nd Maricopa Monitor
- 3rd None Selected

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st Payson Roundup
- 2nd Fountain Hills Times
- 3rd Aztec Press (PCC/Tucson)

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st Phoenix Business Journal
- 2nd None Selected
- 3rd None Selected

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st Arizona Daily Sun
- 2nd Casa Grande Dispatch
- 3rd Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st Arizona Republic

#7 SPECIAL SECTION, NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT OR MAGAZINE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd Wickenburg Sun
- 3rd None Selected

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st Inside Tucson Business
- 2nd Jewish News
- 3rd Fountain Hills Times

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st West Valley View
- 2nd Phoenix Business Journal
- 3rd Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st Sierra Vista Herald
- 2nd Arizona Daily Sun
- 3rd None Selected

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st Arizona Daily Star

#8 NEWSPAPER ONLINE SITE/WEB PAGE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st Lake Powell Chronicle
- 2nd Maricopa Monitor
- 3rd Arizona Range News

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st Sedona Red Rock News
- 2nd Jewish News
- 3rd White Mountain Independent

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

- 1st West Valley View
- 2nd Phoenix Business Journal
- 3rd None Selected

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st Daily News-Sun
- 2nd Sierra Vista Herald
- 3rd Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st Arizona Republic

Individual Winners by Category

#9 BEST HEADLINE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

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|-----|--------------|--|-----------------------|
| 1st | Jamie Brough | Putt, putt, goose | Lake Powell Chronicle |
| 2nd | Adam Gaub | Colt gets a leg - or two - up; and various headlines | Maricopa Monitor |
| 3rd | Tom Spratt | The elephant on the roof | Arizona Capitol Times |

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

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| 1st | Michael Rinker | Tattoos can be more than just skin deep; and various headlines | Sedona Red Rock News |
| 2nd | Peter Aleshire | An Exultation of Egrets; and various headlines | Payson Roundup |
| 3rd | Andrew Pardiac | G.I. with some Joe; and various headlines | Sedona Red Rock News |

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

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| 1st | Cindy Yurth | Corn, craps and cryptids; What do ewe know?; and various headlines | Navajo Times |
| 2nd | None Awarded | | |
| 3rd | None Awarded | | |

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

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| 1st | Amy Crawford | History mixed with mystery; and various headlines | Yuma Sun |
| 2nd | Bill Coates | Where does the time go? I forget; and various headlines | Casa Grande Dispatch |
| 3rd | None Awarded | | |

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

No Entries

#10 BEST NEWS STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st	Curt Prendergast	20 months on, feds arrive at shooting scene	Nogales International
2nd	Carol Broeder	Water information needed	Arizona Range News
3rd	Mark Cowling	Good time is not had by all	Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	Michael Rinker	Cottonwood airport at risk of losing FAA funds	Sedona Red Rock News
2nd	Jon Johnson	No prayer for school board too	Eastern Arizona Courier
3rd	David Sowders	1916 time capsule opened at Court House	Eastern Arizona Courier

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	Maria Ines Taracena	The Never-Ending Scrutiny	Tucson Weekly
2nd	Mike Sunnucks	Apple 2.0	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd	Maria Ines Taracena	The waiting game	Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Les Bowen	One in 30 Arizona children are homeless	Daily Courier
2nd	Bill Coates	Sees of Hope	Casa Grande Dispatch
3rd	Michelle McManimon	License to wed	Arizona Daily Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st	Perla Trevizo	Livelihoods washed away	Arizona Daily Star
2nd	None Awarded		
3rd	None Awarded		

#11 BEST SUSTAINED COVERAGE OR SERIES

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st	Curt Prendergast, Jonathan Clark, Joseph Trevino	Central American minors at Nogales Border Patrol Station	Nogales International Arizona Range News Coolidge Examiner
2nd	Carol Broeder	Willcox water rights	
3rd	Joey Chenoweth	Fuel tank debate	

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	Alexis Bechman	Heroin	Payson Roundup
2nd	R.Eland, CF.Graham, A.Pardiac, M.Rinker	Slide Fire coverage	Sedona Red Rock News
3rd	Dan Shearer, Philip Franchine	Border Patrol agent kills man in GV	Green Valley News and Sun

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	Emily Toepfer	Domestic Violence series	West Valley View
2nd	Hayley Ringle	The Ferguson Effect	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd	Alastair Bitsoi	Assayí Lake Fire	Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Michelle McManimon	Flagstaff police officer shot, killed	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd	Emery Cowan	Forest Restoration in northern Arizona	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd	Jeff Grant	West Valley Casino	Daily News-Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st	Daniel Gonzalez, Bob Ortega	Pipeline of Children	The Arizona Republic
2nd	None Awarded		
3rd	None Awarded		

#12 INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st	Gary Grado	Bill would keep names of police secret for 90 days	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd	Ainslee Wittig	Letters to Board share Rundhaug's allegations	Arizona Range News
3rd	Curt Prendergast	For deportees, a struggle to get cash from checks	Nogales International

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	Jon Johnson	Innocence lost	Eastern Arizona Courier
2nd	Alexis Bechman	Confusion	Payson Roundup
3rd	Michele Nelson	Years of squandered second chances	Payson Roundup

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	Eric Jay Toll	Dysfunction Junction	Phoenix Business Journal
2nd	Mike Sunnucks	Flush with Cash	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd	Mari Herreras	Reefer Research Madness	Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Brian Wright	Constable candidate record disputed	Casa Grande Dispatch
2nd	Brian Wright	Babeu insists ICE contract made millions	Casa Grande Dispatch
3rd	Sarah Ruf	PCAO facing backlog of cases	Casa Grande Dispatch

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st	Caroll Ann Alaimo, Emily Bregel	Church is a cult, former members say	Arizona Daily Star
2nd	None Awarded		
3rd	None Awarded		

#13 BEST SPORTS STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st	Derek Evans	Verde Valley Little League Opens season	Verde Independent
2nd	Brad Allis	Mountain View grad goes beyond obstacles	Marana News
3rd	Daniel Dullum	Boys volleyball programs show progress	Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	Dan Shearer	One for the books	Green Valley News and Sun
2nd	Christopher Boan	Still going	Sahuarita Sun
3rd	Dan Shearer	In his corner	Green Valley News and Sun

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	Jason P. Skoda	Banding together: DV, MP student bodies rally	Ahwatukee Foothills News
2nd	Sunnie Clahchischiligi	'It's what Mommy does'	Navajo Times
3rd	Jason P. Skoda	Positive disposition defines MP coach Carter	Ahwatukee Foothills News

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Doug Cook	Man vs. Horse	Daily Courier
2nd	Mike Hartman	Nick Bowling	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd	Mike Hartman	Tosi Takeover: Trio of sisters plays big role	Arizona Daily Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

Jon Gold, Becky Pallack	Should college athletes be paid?	Arizona Daily Star
Jeff Metcalfe	Pushing through the pain, looking for the good	The Arizona Republic
Jeff Metcalfe	Finishing strong	The Arizona Republic

#14 BEST TEAM, SPORT OR SPORTS BEAT COVERAGE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

Steve Reno	Wilcox soccer	Arizona Range News
Adam Gaub	Sequoia Pathway Academy	Maricopa Monitor
Derek Evans	Coverage of Mingus High School football	Verde Independent

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

Ryan Winslett	Fountain Hills High School sports	The Fountain Hills Times
Keith Morris	PHS Boys Soccer Beat	Payson Roundup
Andy Staten	Cowboy Christmas	White Mountain Independent

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	Jason P. Skoda	Mountain Pointe football	Ahwatukee Foothills News
2nd	Jason P. Skoda	Desert Vista girls volleyball	Ahwatukee Foothills News
3rd	Quentin Jodie	Miyamura Patriots	Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Cody Bashore	Northern Arizona University Basketball	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd	Ed Petruska	Casa Grande Girls Basketball	Casa Grande Dispatch
3rd	Ed Petruska	Central Arizona Men's Basketball	Casa Grande Dispatch

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st	Jeff Metcalfe	Arizona State athletics	The Arizona Republic
2nd	None Awarded		
3rd	None Awarded		

#15 BEST SPORTS COLUMN**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st	Jeanie Hankins Williams	Will Bombeck's words bring new achievement?	Wickenburg Sun
2nd	Jeanie Hankins Williams	Running shoes rather than rocking chair	Wickenburg Sun
3rd	Curt Prendergast	Colorful baseball prose	Nogales International

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	Andy Staten	Round Valley football coaches should go	White Mountain Independent
2nd	Keith Morris	More Than a Game	Payson Roundup
3rd	Michael Rinker	Running the full distance	Sedona Red Rock News

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	Jason P. Skoda	Rock bottom is here for AIA, member schools	Ahwatukee Foothills News
2nd	Sunnie Clahchischiligi	Even if you're a bandwagon fan	Navajo Times
3rd	None Awarded		

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Cody Bashore	Super Bowl Column	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd	Shawn Byrne	Columns by Shawn Byrne	Kingman Daily Miner
3rd	Steve Stockmar	Farewell Ernie, hello Super Bowl	Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

No Entries

#16 BEST FEATURE STORY**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st	Hank Stephenson	Ballot Harvest	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd	Brad Allis	Mountain View grad goes beyond obstacles	Marana News
3rd	Murphy Woodhouse	Epic journey, bracelets bring son closer to mom	Nogales International

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	Dan Shearer	She was my daughter	Green Valley News and Sun
2nd	Karen Warnick	Spirit of survival: Holocaust survivor	White Mountain
3rd	Michele Nelson	Courage, Love and his own guardian	Payson Roundup

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	Mari Herreras	La Vida Bonita	Tucson Weekly
2nd	Cindy Yurth	Hweeldi at 150	Navajo Times
3rd	Hayley Ringle	Crowning Achievements	Phoenix Business Journal

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Doug McMurdo	How Dementia Stole An Artist's Life	Kingman Daily Miner
2nd	Darin Fenger	History mixed with mystery	Yuma Sun
3rd	Rodney Haas	Everlasting love	Casa Grande Dispatch

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st	Dennis Wagner	An Apache Dance into Womanhood	The Arizona Republic
2nd	Perla Trevizo, Mike Christy	Leaving wasn't their first choice, it was their last	Arizona Daily Star
3rd	None Awarded		

#17 ENTERPRISE REPORTING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st	Jeremy Duda, Evan Wyloge	New contribution limits	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd	Jeremy Duda	Fateful decision	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd	Sarah Ruf	Fundraising effort becomes cautionary tale	Maricopa Monitor

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	Michele Nelson	Stuck in limbo	Payson Roundup
2nd	Karen Warnick	Miracle Cat	White Mountain Independent
3rd	Alexis Bechman	On Top of the World	Payson Roundup

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	Mike Sunnucks	Struggling for Work	Phoenix Business Journal
2nd	Angela Gonzales	Core Incompetency	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd	Emily Toepfer	Tips to get college scholarships	West Valley View

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Emery Cowan	Sticker Shock: Water cost increases hit Bellemont	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd	Zachary Matson	CRIT western boundary	Today's News-Herald
3rd	Zachary Matson	Heroin	Today's News-Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st	Bob Ortega, Rob O'Dell	Force at the Border	The Arizona Republic
2nd	Brandon Loomis, David Wallace	Deadly Legacy	The Arizona Republic
3rd	None Awarded		

#18 BEST COLUMN, ANALYSIS OR COMMENTARY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st	Jeanie Hankins Williams	Box Canyon Closure	Wickenburg Sun
2nd	Jonathan Clark, Curt Prendergast	Give props to those who paid	Nogales International
3rd	Steven Law	My Irate-gate	Lake Powell Chronicle

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	Dan Shearer	Who shot Andrew Paxton?	Green Valley News and Sun
2nd	Dan Shearer	Town must ask more questions	Sahuarita Sun
3rd	Dan Shearer	Bronson's 'apology'...	Green Valley News and Sun

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	Cindy Yurth	Use a few dollars to set tails wagging	Navajo Times
2nd	Cary Hines	Civilians driving cop cars makes us uncomfortable	West Valley View
3rd	Jim Nintzel	The Skinny	Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Bill Hess	Shinseki has and continues to fail veterans' needs	Sierra Vista Herald
2nd	Roxanne Molenaar	Ebola 'prank'	Yuma Sun
3rd	Alan Choate	Columns by Alan Choate	Kingman Daily Miner

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st	Tim Steller	Tim Steller, metro columns	Arizona Daily Star
2nd	None Selected		
3rd	None Selected		

#19 BEST COLUMN, FEATURE OR CRITICISM

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st	Jamie Brough	Negativity is as contagious as the flu	Lake Powell Chronicle
2nd	Jeanie Hankins Williams	Put batteries on the grocery list	Wickenburg Sun
3rd	Russ Richelsoph	'Arizona's Revenge Porn...'	Record Reporter

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	Michele Nelson	The Healthy Foodie	Payson Roundup
2nd	Mike Scharnow	Coming clean on my bloated background	The Fountain Hills Times
3rd	Karen Warnick	Wasteful government spending	White Mountain Independent

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	Judy Bluhm	Remembering Kayla	Foothills Focus
2nd	Maria Ines Taracena	Legal theft, part 1	Tucson Weekly
3rd	Heather Hoch	Bored at Barrio	Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Doug McMurdo	Columns by Doug McMurdo	Kingman Daily Miner
2nd	Bill Coates	Catching the next bus	Casa Grande Dispatch
3rd	Bill Coates	From the beaches of Normandy	Casa Grande Dispatch

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st	Kristen Cook	Columns by Kristen Cook	Arizona Daily Star
2nd	None Awarded		
3rd	None Awarded		

#20 BEST MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st	Sarah Ruf	Dried up and living good	Maricopa Monitor
2nd	None Awarded		
3rd	None Awarded		

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	David Bell, Jon Johnson	Courier's civics test	Eastern Arizona Courier
2nd	Jon Johnson	Pima prays at graduation	Eastern Arizona Courier
3rd	Alexis Bechman	Mogollon Monster	Payson Roundup

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	Shondiin Silversmith	Making it rain	Navajo Times
2nd	Emily Overholt, Jim Poulin	Chronic Hiring	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd	None Awarded		

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Mark Levy	Gustavo	Sierra Vista Herald
2nd	Mark Levy	Erie Street	Sierra Vista Herald
3rd	Joanna Dodder Nellans	Hotshot tribute	Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st	Shaun McKinnon, Pat Shannahan	USS Arizona	The Arizona Republic
2nd	None Awarded		
3rd	None Awarded		

#21 BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st	Vyto Starinskas	Five air-lifted to hospitals	Verde Independent
2nd	Walter Mares	Snow for the New Year	Copper Era
3rd	Sarah Ruf	Passions provoked	Maricopa Monitor

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	Peter Aleshire	Firefighters rush to douse blazes, save pet	Payson Roundup
2nd	Jordan Reece	Slide Fire burns 5,000 acres	Sedona Red Rock News
3rd	Bob Martinson	No easy way out	White Mountain Independent

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

Donovan Quintero	Officer Down	Navajo Times
David Weibel	Mulch fire	West Valley View
Nick Cote	Governor	Glendale-Peoria Today

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Beatrice Richardson	Soldiers say goodbye for now	Sierra Vista Herald
2nd	Matt Hinshaw	Kayla Mueller Memorial	Daily Courier
3rd	Nick Cote	Change of Command	Daily News-Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st	Mike Christy	Guatemalan migrants	Arizona Daily Star
2nd	Kelly Presnell	Water rescue	Arizona Daily Star
3rd	None Awarded		

#22 BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st	Jeanie Hankins Williams	Senior Pro tie down roping	Wickenburg Sun
2nd	Joey Chenoweth	Ricky Wilson	Coolidge Examiner
3rd	Howard Waggner	Double play	Maricopa Monitor

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	Andy Staten	Steer Riding	White Mountain Independent
2nd	Keith Morris	Bryce Stodghill tie-down roping	Payson Roundup
3rd	Keith Morris	Boys Soccer Goal vs. Blue Ridge	Payson Roundup

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	Donovan Quintero	Steer wrestler Donovan Yazzie	Navajo Times
2nd	Donovan Quintero	Schimmler Griner layup	Navajo Times
3rd	Nick Cote	Sprinkler	Glendale-Peoria Today

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Chuck Miller	Cibola Raiders	Yuma Sun
2nd	Chuck Miller	Having fun	Yuma Sun
3rd	Matt Hinshaw	Montes paces Chino Valley soccer in big win	Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st	Mike Christy	Stiff-arm	Arizona Daily Star
2nd	Rob Schumacher	Tiger In Trouble	The Arizona Republic
3rd	Kelly Presnell	Slam	Arizona Daily Star

#23 BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st	Jamie Brough	Honoring Heritage	Lake Powell Chronicle
2nd	Ainslee Wittig	Christmas Parade	Arizona Range News
3rd	Ryan Williams	A feel for form	Williams-Grand Canyon News

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	Bob Martinson	Leaping into the New Year White	Mountain Independent
2nd	Jordan Reece	Fly Me to the Moon	Sedona Red Rock News
3rd	Kitty Bottemiller	GVFD's New Chief	Green Valley News and Sun

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	David Weibel	Water park	West Valley View
2nd	David Weibel	Winning smooch	West Valley View
3rd	Donovan Quintero	TseBit'ai Sunset	Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Oscar Perez	Stay cool, baby	Casa Grande Dispatch
2nd	Matt Hinshaw	Whiskey Off-Road	Daily Courier
3rd	Randy Hoeft	Reflections on fishing	Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st	Mike Christy	Night Wings	Arizona Daily Star
2nd	Kelly Presnell	Dillinger Days	Arizona Daily Star
3rd	Mike Christy	Friday night sunset lights	Arizona Daily Star

#24 BEST FEATURE PHOTO LAYOUT

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st	Howard Waggner	New recruits	Maricopa Monitor
2nd	Howard Waggner	Experts put the fun	Maricopa Monitor
3rd	Jeanie Hankins Williams	...THEY CALL THE THING RODEO	Wickenburg Sun

Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st	Peter Aleshire	Tales of the somber pine and the giddy aspen	Payson Roundup
2nd	Keith Morris	Top cowboys back in Payson	Payson Roundup
3rd	Andy Staten	Pioneer Days Rodeo	White Mountain Independent

Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st	Donovan Quintero, Olson Patterson	Primary Election Night	Navajo Times
2nd	David Weibel	NASCAR	West Valley View
3rd	Donovan Quintero, Olson Patterson	70th Iwo Jima	Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st	Mark Levy	Gustavo	Sierra Vista Herald
2nd	Randy Hoeft	First day of spring	Yuma Sun
3rd	Alan Choate, Ryan Abella	40 Yards. One Kick. \$1,000 On The Line.	Kingman Daily Miner

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st	Mike Christy	Guatemalan migrants	Arizona Daily Star
2nd	Ron Medvescek	Canelo Cowboy Church	Arizona Daily Star
3rd	Ron Medvescek	Sports Winter All Stars	Arizona Daily Star

#25 STORY OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Hank Stephenson "Ballot Harvest"
Arizona Capitol Times

Daily

Dennis Wagner "An Apache Dance into Womanhood"
The Arizona Republic

#26 PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Murphy Woodhouse Nogales International

Daily

Randy Hoeft Yuma Sun

#27 JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Alexis Bechman Payson Roundup

Daily

Dennis Wagner The Arizona Republic

NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Payson Roundup Publisher: John Naughton

Daily

The Arizona Republic Publisher: John Zidich

General Excellence - SCHOLASTIC DIVISION

Small Schools (3A, 2A, 1A)

1st Place	The Gregorian Chant	The Gregory School (formerly St. Gregory Preparatory)
2nd Place –TIE	The Pegasus The Sting	Buena High School Sedona Red Rock High School
3rd Place	Eagle News	Tohono O'odam High School

Large Schools (5A, 4A)

1st Place	The Roundup	Brophy College Preparatory
2nd Place –TIE	The Eagle's Eye The Paw Print	Ironwood High School Hamilton High School
3rd Place	Basis Gazette	BASIS Scottsdale