

The Payson Roundup (non-daily division) and The Arizona Republic (daily division) were named Newspaper of the Year for 2002 at the annual Arizona Newspapers Association Better Newspaper Contest (BNC) awards luncheon Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Chaparral Suites Hotel in Scottsdale. This is the fourth consecutive year the two newspapers took top honors. Richard Haddad is publisher of the Roundup and Sue Clark Johnson is publisher of The Republic.

To be eligible for the Newspaper of the Year award, newspapers must enter the spring advertising contest as well as the fall better newspaper competition. Points from both contests are totaled to determine the Newspaper of the Year winners.

General Excellence awards for the BNC were presented at the conclusion of the awards ceremony. The winners in the non-daily, less than 3,500 circulation were Copper Era, first. The Arizona Range News, Parker Pioneer and Coolidge Examiner tied for second. In the 3,500 to 10,000 circulation category, the first place award went to the Payson Roundup and the Cottonwood Journal Extra.

For the second year in a row The Business Journal captured first place in the more than 10,000 circulation category. The Navajo Times took second place. The Daily News-Sun repeated as first place winner among dailies with less than 25,000 circulation. The Daily Courier of Prescott placed and The Sun of Yuma tied second. The Arizona Daily Star was first in the more than 25,000 circulation category. The Arizona Republic and the Tribune (East Valley) tied for second.

There were 366 awards were present in the 21 categories. There were 1236 entries submitted by 65 newspapers. The number of newspapers participating was the highest since 1997 when 62 newspapers submitted entries.

There were nine categories for newspapers and 12 individual categories. The newspaper categories were: 1- News Writing Excellence; 2- Departmental News Coverage Excellence; 3- Page Design Excellence; 4- Editorial Page Excellence; 5- Best Use of Photography; 6- Community Service/Journalistic Achievement; 7- Special Section; 8- Newspaper Supplement/Magazine and 9- Newspaper Online Site/Web Page.

Individual competition included Category 10- Best News Story; 11- Best Sustained Coverage or Series; 12- Best Sports Story; 13- Best Team, Sport or Sports Beat Coverage; 14- Best News Feature Story; 15- Best Lifestyle Feature Story; 16- Best Column, Analysis/Commentary; 17- Best column – Feature or Critical; 18- Best News Photograph; 19- Best Sports Photograph; 20- Best Feature Photo and 21- Best Feature Photo Layout.

Two high school newspapers were presented awards for excellence by ANA as part of the association's continued efforts to promote journalism in Arizona high schools. There was a tie for the first place award, the only award given. The awards went to The Eagle's Eye of Ironwood High School and War Chant of Westwood High School.

The judges said they were impressed with all the entries and that the quality of writing in the winning issues was the deciding factor.

Following is the complete list of winners in categories 1 through 21 in the 2002 Arizona Newspapers Association Better Newspaper Contest. In all categories and divisions, the winners are listed by Honorable Mention (HM) when appropriate, third place (3rd), second place (2nd) and first place (1st)

Category 1 – News Writing Excellence

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Parker Pioneer, 3rd; Coolidge Examiner, 2nd; Copper Era, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500-10,000 circulation

Aztec Press, HM; Arizona Capitol Times, HM; Nogales International, 3rd; Fountain Hills Times, 2nd; Cottonwood Journal Extra, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Tucson Weekly, HM; Ahwatukee Foothills News, HM; Green Valley News & Sun, 3rd; Surprise Today, 2nd; the Business Journal, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Sierra Vista Herald, HM; State Press, 3rd; The Sun, 2nd; Daily News-Sun, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000

Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; Tucson Citizen, 2nd; The Arizona Republic, 1st.

Category 2 – Departmental News Coverage

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Arizona Range News, 3rd; Copper Era, 2nd; Big Bug News, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 - 10,000 circulation

Arizona Capitol Times, HM; Sedona Red Rock News, 3rd; Payson Roundup, 2nd; Cottonwood Journal Extra, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

West Valley View, 3rd; Tucson Weekly, 2nd; The Business Journal, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

State Press, 3rd, (tie); Daily News-Sun, 3rd, (tie); The Sun, 2nd; Daily Courier, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

The Tribune, 3rd, Arizona Daily Star, 2nd; The Arizona Republic, 1st.

Category 3 -- Page Design Excellence

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Copper Era, 3rd; Lake Powell Chronicle, 2nd; Parker Pioneer, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 - 10,000 circulation

Aztec Press, 3rd; Sedona Red Rock News, 2nd; White Mountain Independent 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Paradise Valley Independent, 3rd; West Valley View, 2nd; Tucson Weekly, 1st. (tie); The Business Journal, 1st, (tie).

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Today's News-Herald, 3rd; Daily News-Sun, 2nd; The Sun, 1st.

Daily Greater than 25,000 circulation

Tucson Citizen, HM; Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; the Tribune, 2nd; Arizona Republic, 1st.

Category 4 – Editorial Page Excellence

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Copper Era, HM; Arizona Range News, 3rd; San Pedro Valley News-Sun, 2nd; Parker Pioneer, 1st.

Non-daily, 3,500 – 10,000 circulation

Fountain Hills Times, 3rd; Cottonwood Journal Extra, 2nd; Sedona Red Rock News, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Prescott Valley Tribune, HM; Surprise Today, HM; Navajo Times, 3rd; Sonoran News, 2nd; The Business Journal, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

The Sun, HM; Daily News-Sun, 3rd; Sierra Vista Herald, 2nd; Kingman Daily Miner, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

The Tribune, 3rd; Arizona Daily Star, 2nd; Tucson Citizen, 1st.

Category 5 – Best use of photography

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Lake Powell Chronicle, HM; Eloy Enterprise, 3rd; Florence Reminder and Blade Tribune, 2nd; Coolidge Examiner, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 to 10,000 circulation

Aztec Press, 3rd; Payson Roundup, 2nd; Cottonwood Journal Extra, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Ahwatukee Foothills News, HM; Green Valley News & Sun, HM; Navajo Times, 3rd; Surprise Today, 2nd; West Valley View, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Today's News Herald, 3rd; Daily News-Sun, 2nd; Daily Courier, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000

Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; The Tribune, 2nd; Arizona Republic, 1st.

Category 6 – Community Service/Journalistic Achievement

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Eloy Enterprise, 3rd; Coolidge Examiner, 2nd; Arizona Range News, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 – 10,000 circulation

Verde Independent, HM; Glendale Star, 3rd; Peoria Times, 2nd; Fountain Hills Times, 1st;

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Green Valley News & Sun, 3rd; Navajo Times, 2nd; Northwest Explorer, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Casa Grande Dispatch, 3rd; Daily Courier, 2nd; Daily News-Sun, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

Tucson Citizen, 3rd; Arizona Daily Star, 2nd; The Tribune, 1st.

Category 7 – Special Section

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Copper Era, HM; Copper Era, 3rd; San Pedro Valley News-Sun, 2nd; Lake Powell Chronicle, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 – 10,000

Nogales International, HM; White Mountain Independent, 3rd; Payson Roundup, 2nd; Payson Roundup, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Ahwatukee Foothills News, HM; West Valley View, HM; The Business Journal, 3rd; Green Valley News & Sun, 2nd; Navajo Times, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Sierra Vista Herald, HM; Sierra Vista Herald, 3rd; Daily News-Sun, 2nd; Mohave Valley Daily News, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

Arizona Republic, HM; Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; The Tribune, 2nd; Arizona Daily Star, 1st.

Category 8 – Newspaper Supplement/Magazine

Non-Dailies

Verde Independent, 3rd; Green Valley News & Sun, 2nd; Payson Roundup, 1st.

Daily Division

Tucson Citizen, HM; Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; Arizona Republic, 2nd; The Tribune, 1st;

Category 9 – Newspaper Online Site/Web Page

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

No third place awarded; Big Bug News, www.bigbugnews.com, 2nd; Arizona Range News, www.willcoxrangeneeds.com, 1st

Non-daily 3,500 – 10,000 circulation

No third place awarded; Fountain Hills Times, www.fhtimes.com, 2nd; Payson Roundup, www.payson.com, 1st

Non-daily greater than 10,000

Sonoran News, www.sonorannews.com, HM; Prescott Valley Tribune, www.prescottvalleytribune.com, 3rd; The Business Journal, www.phoenix.bizjournals.com, 2nd; The Navajo Times, www.navajotimes.com, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

The Sun, www.yumasun.com, 3rd; Daily Courier, www.prescottaz.com, 2nd; Kingman Daily Miner, www.kingmandailyminer.com, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

Tucson Citizen, www.tucsoncitizen.com, HM; Arizona Daily Star, www.azstarnet.com, 3rd; The Tribune, www.eastvalleytribune.com, 2nd; The Arizona Republic, www.azcentral.com, 1st.

Categories 10-21

Following is the complete list of winners in categories 10 through 21 in the 2002 Arizona Newspapers Foundation Better Newspaper Contest. In all categories and divisions, the winners will be listed by Honorable Mention (HM) when appropriate, third place (3rd), second place (2nd) and first place (1st)

Category 10 – Best News Story

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Tom Jackson King, Copper Era, HM; Andy Draper, Big Bug News, 3rd; Joan M. Travis, Parker Pioneer, 2nd; Walter Mares, Copper Era, 1st.

Non-Daily 3,500 – 10,000 circulation

Lou Stitt, Cottonwood Journal Extra, HM; Stuart Alan Becker, Easter Arizona Courier, HM; Jean Bihn, Peoria Times, 3rd; Daniel Burnette, Arizona Capitol Times, 2nd; Jerry Thebado, Payson Roundup, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Ryan Gabrielson, Northwest Explorer, HM; Tim Horowitz, West Valley View, 3rd; Eileen Brill Wagner, The Business Journal, 2nd; Patrick Cavanaugh, Northwest Explorer, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Michael Maresh, Daily News-Sun, 3rd; Marty Shevelove and Ann W. Hagerty, Today's News-Herald, 2nd; Jim Seckler, Kingman Daily Miner, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

Emma Johnson, The Tribune, HM; Barrett Marson, The Tribune, HM; Mitch Tobin, Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; Stephanie Innes and Tim Steller, Arizona Daily Star, 2nd; Dawn Gilbertson, The Arizona Republic, 1st.

Category 11 – Best Sustained Coverage or Series

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Thelma Grimes, San Pedro Valley News-Sun, HM; Walter Mares, Copper Era, 3rd; Tom Jackson King, Copper Era, 2nd; Andy Draper, Big Bug News, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 – 10,000 circulation

James Goodwin, Sedona Red Rock News, HM; Paula Blankenship, Verde Independent, HM; Phil Wright, Sedona Red Rock News, 3rd; Mara Reyes, White Mountain Independent, 2nd; James Goodwin, Sedona Red Rock News, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Hayley Ringle, Northwest Valley News, HM; Patrick Cavanaugh, Northwest Explorer, 3rd; Heidi Dahms, Prescott Valley Tribune, 2nd; Bob Svejcara, Northwest Explorer, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Louise Koniarski, The Daily Courier, HM; Bill Hess, Sierra Vista Herald, 3rd; Cindy Barks & Joanna Dodder, The Daily Courier, 2nd; Cindy Barks, Joanna Dodder, C. Murphy Hebert, Briana Lonas, Louise Koniarski, Chad Simpson, Tom Hood, Sandy Moss, Mark Duncan, and Mirsada Buric-Adam, The Daily Courier, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

Susan Carroll, Tucson Citizen, HM; Emma Johnson, The Tribune, HM; Carol Ann Alaimo, Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; Susie Steckner and Jodie Snyder, The Arizona Republic, 2nd; Mary Reinhart and CeCe Todd, The Tribune, 1st.

Category 12 – Best Sports Story

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Carol Broeder, Arizona Range News, 3rd; Seth Muller, Lake Powell Chronicle, 2nd; Steve Reno, Arizona Range News, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 – 10,000 circulation

Jared Dort, Sedona Red Rock News, HM; Tom Schafer, White Mountain Independent, 3rd; Eric Lusk, Verde Independent, 2nd; Greg Crawford, Fountain Hills Times, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Rich Ott, Northwest Valley News, HM; Jim Powers, Ahwatukee Foothills News, 3rd; Marc Buckhout, Northwest Valley News, 2nd; Tom Danehy, Tucson Weekly, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Mirsada Buric-Adam, The Daily Courier, HM; Rachele Bump, The Daily Courier, 3rd; Patrick O'Grady, Daily News-Sun, 2nd; Mirsada Buric-Adam, The Daily Courier, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

Greg Hansen, Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; Kristen Davis, Arizona Daily Star, 2nd; Scott Bordow, The Tribune, 1st.

Category 13 – Best Team, Sport or Sports beat coverage

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

No Third place or Second place awarded. Carol Broeder, Arizona Range News, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 – 10,000 circulation

Greg Crawford, Fountain Hills Times, 3rd; Anne Groebner, White Mountain Independent, 2nd; Eric Lusk, Verde Independent, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Marc Buckhout, Northwest Valley News, HM; Rich Ott, Northwest Valley News, HM; Rich Ott, Northwest Valley News, 3rd; Mark Buckhout, Northwest Valley News; 2nd; Rich Ott, Northwest Valley News, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Stephen Mills, Mohave Valley Daily News, 3rd; Stephen Mills, Mohave Valley Daily News, 2nd; Al Stevens, The State Press, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

Craig Harris, The Arizona Republic, HM; Greg Hansen, Arizona Daily Star, HM; Mike Tullumello, The Tribune, HM; Steve Rivera, Tucson Citizen, 3rd; Staff, The Tribune, 2nd; Jack Magruder, Arizona Daily Star, 1st.

Category 14 – Best News Feature Story

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Doreen Obermeyer, The Coolidge Examiner, 3rd; Seth Muller, Lake Powell Chronicle, 2nd; Doreen Obermeyer, The Coolidge Examiner, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 - 10,000 circulation

Megan Blankenship, Nogales International, HM; Daniel Burnette, Arizona Capitol Times, HM; Mara Reyes, White Mountain Independent, HM; Mike Burkett, Payson Roundup, HM; Mara Reyes, White Mountain Independent, 3rd; Hope D. Peters, Peoria Times, 2nd; Bob Burns, Fountain Hills Times, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Cathi Kniola, Apache Junction Independent, HM; Mike Padgett, The Business Journal, 3rd; Tim Hull, Green Valley News & Sun, 2nd; Margaret Regan, Tucson Weekly, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

C. Murphy Hebert, The Daily Courier, HM; Michelle Beaver, The State Press, 3rd; Joe Meahl, Casa Grande Dispatch, 2nd; Michael Maresh, Daily News-Sun, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

Polly Higgins & Lorrie Cohen, Tucson Citizen, HM; Tim Ellis, Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; Carla McClain, Arizona Daily Star, 2nd; Carmen Duarte, Arizona Daily Star, 1st.

Category 15 – Best Lifestyle Feature Story

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

No third place awarded. Steve Reno, Arizona Range News, 2nd; Chris Dabovich, San Pedro Valley News-Sun, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 – 10,000 circulation

Megan Blankenship, Nogales International, HM; Paula Blankenship, Verde Independent, 3rd; Phil Riske, Glendale Star, 2nd; Stuart Alan Becker, Eastern Arizona Courier, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Bob Svejcara, Northwest Explorer, HM; Beth Ott, West Valley View, HM; Marley Shebala, Navajo Times, 3rd; Cheryl Hartz, Prescott Valley Tribune, 2nd; Anna Foard, West Valley View, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Harold Kitching, Casa Grande Dispatch, HM; Aubin Tyler, Casa Grande Dispatch, 3rd; Ashlea Deahl, The State Press, 2nd; Dorine Goss, The Daily Courier, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

Tamara Dietrich, The Tribune, HM; Jamiee Rose, The Arizona Republic, 3rd; CeCe Todd, The Tribune, 2nd; Maureen West, The Arizona Republic, 1st.

Category 16 – Best Column, Analysis/Commentary

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Terry Maxwell, Arizona Range News, HM; Nicholas Horn, The CACTus, 3rd; Peter Villaverde, Florence Reminder and Blade Tribune, 2nd; Nicholas Horn, The CACTus, 1st;

Non-daily, 3,500 – 10,000 circulation

Skip Scott, Paradise Valley Independent, HM; Mike Burkette, Payson Roundup, 3rd; Amanda Johnson, White Mountain Independent, 2nd; Justyn Dillingham, Aztec Press, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Tom Danehy, Tucson Weekly, HM; Tom Arviso Jr., Navajo Times, HM; Mark Evans Northwest Explorer, 3rd; Rick Abasta, Navajo Times, 2nd; Georgann Yara, Ahwatukee Foothills News, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Alan Levine, Casa Grande Dispatch, HM; Steve Stockmar, The Daily Courier, 3rd; Sean McMahon, Kingman Daily Miner, 2nd; Darryle Purcell, Mohave Valley Daily News, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

Phil Boas, The Arizona Republic, HM; Ernesto Portillo, Jr., Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; Paul Giblin, The Tribune, 2nd; Ricardo Pimentel, The Arizona Republic, 1st.

Category 17 – Best Column – Feature or Critic

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Bill Alewyn, The CACTus, HM; Seth Muller, Lake Powell Chronicle, 3rd; Nick Horn, The CACTus, 2nd; Seth Muller, Lake Powell Chronicle, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 – 10,000 circulation

Amanda Johnson, White Mountain Independent, HM; Phil Wright, Sedona Red Rock News, 3rd; Phil Wright, Sedona Red Rock News, 2nd; Terri Likens, Sedona Red Rock News, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Michael Clawson, West Valley View, HM; Jim Lamb, Green Valley News & Sun, HM; Todd Elwood, Arizona Sentinel Let's Go, 3rd; Tom Danehy, Tucson Weekly, 2nd; David Hepburn, Sonoran News, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Marvin Robertson, Kingman Daily Miner, 3rd; Alan Levine, Casa Grande Dispatch, 2nd; Megan Nielsen, The State Press, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

Bonnie Henry, Arizona Daily Star, HM; Ricardo Pimentel, The Arizona Republic, 3rd; Greg Hansen, Arizona Daily Star, 2nd; Joseph Garcia, Tucson Citizen, 1st.

Category 18 – Best News Photograph

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Seth Muller, Lake Powell Chronicle, HM; Seth Muller, Lake Powell Chronicle, 3rd; Keith Anderson, Camp Verde Journal, 2nd; Keith Anderson, Camp Verde Journal, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 – 10,000 circulation

Keith Anderson, Cottonwood Journal Extra, HM; Keith Anderson, Cottonwood Journal Extra, 3rd; Richard Haddad, Payson Roundup, 2nd; Charlene Hunt, Payson Roundup, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Owen K. Martin, West Valley View, HM; Heidi Dahms, Prescott Valley Tribune, 3rd; Owen K. Martin, West Valley View, 2nd; Michael Jewart, Ahwatukee Foothills News, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Todd Stenhouse, Kingman Daily Miner, HM; Oscar Perez, Casa Grande Dispatch, 3rd; Oscar Perez, Casa Grande Dispatch, 2nd; Oscar Perez, Casa Grande Dispatch, 1st;

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

David Sanders, Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; Aaron Latham, Arizona Daily Star, 2nd; Jack Kurtz, Arizona Republic, 1st.

Category 19 – Best sports Photograph

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Keith Anderson, Camp Verde Journal, 3rd; Suchat Pederson, Arizona Range News, 2nd; Chris Dabovich, San Pedro Valley News-Sun, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500-10,000 circulation

Keith Anderson, Cottonwood Journal Extra, HM; Keith Anderson, Cottonwood Journal Extra, 3rd; Dennis Fendler, Payson Roundup, 2nd; Andy Staten, White Mountain Independent, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Owen K. Martin, West Valley View, HM; Jim Poulin, The Business Journal, 3rd; Paul Natonabah, Navajo Times, 2nd; Owen K. Martin, West Valley View, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

Oscar Perez, Casa Grande Dispatch, HM; L.J. Frink, Today's News-Herald, 3rd; Stephen Mills, Mohave Valley Daily News, 2nd; Les Stukenberg, The Daily Courier, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000

Max Becherer, Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; Samantha Feldman, The Tribune, 2nd; Francisco Medina, Tucson Citizen, 1st.

Category 20 – Best Feature Photo

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Walter Mares, The Copper Era, HM; Thelma Grimes, San Pedro Valley News-Sun, 3rd; Seth Muller, Lake Powell Chronicle, 2nd; Suchat Pederson, San Pedro Valley New-Sun, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 – 10,000 circulation

Richard Haddad, Payson Roundup, HM; Jean Bihn, Peoria Times, 3rd; Richard Haddad, Payson Roundup, 2nd; Angela Oakes, White Mountain Independent, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Jim Poulin, The Business Journal, 3rd; Michael Jewart, Ahwatukee Foothills News, 2nd; Owen K. Martin, West Valley View, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

No third place awarded. Cindy Evans, Mohave Valley Daily News, 2nd; Joy Lambert, Daily News-Sun, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,000 circulation

Samantha Feldman, The Tribune, HM; David Sanders, Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; James Wood, Arizona Daily Star, 2nd; Michael Chow, The Arizona Republic, 1st.

Category 21 – Best Feature Photo Layout

Non-daily under 3,500 circulation

Keith Anderson, Camp Verde Journal, 3rd; Jean Bihn, Peoria Times, 2nd; Ainslee Wittig, Arizona Range News, 1st.

Non-daily 3,500 – 10,000 circulation

Keith Anderson, Cottonwood Journal Extra, HM; Paula Blankenship, Verde Independent, 3rd; Richard Haddad, Payson Roundup, 2nd; Angela Oakes, White Mountain Independent, 1st.

Non-daily greater than 10,000 circulation

Cathi Kniola, Apache Junction Independent, HM; Jim Poulin, The Business Journal, 3rd; Craig Macnaughton, Ahwatukee Foothills News, 2nd; Paul Natonabah, Navajo Times, 1st.

Daily less than 25,000 circulation

R. Todd Stenhouse, Kingman Daily Miner, 3rd.; R. Todd Stenhouse, Kingman Daily Miners, 2nd; Linda Stelp, Kingman Daily Miner, 1st.

Daily greater than 25,0000 circulation

Max Becherer, Arizona Daily Star, HM; James Woods, Arizona Daily Star, 3rd; Chris Richards, Arizona Daily Star, 2nd; David Sanders, Arizona Daily Star, 1st.