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ANA Announces 2012 BNC Winners

The *Arizona Capitol Times* (non-daily newspaper) and *Yuma Sun* (non-daily newspaper) took home the coveted award for Arizona Newspaper of the Year during the Arizona Newspapers Association's 2012 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.

Dave Brown, *San Pedro Valley News-Sun* and *Arizona Range News*, was named the ANA 2012 Photographers of the Year. Cindy Yurth, *Navajo Times*, and Bill Hess, *Sierra Vista Herald*, were named the ANA 2012 Journalists of the Year.

The Arizona Daily Sun was honored by The Associated Press as member of the year.

This year, more than 50 newspapers entered in the Better Newspapers Contest for a total of more than 1,000 entries. The Better Newspapers Contest consists of nine categories that measure the overall quality of the newspapers and 18 categories that honor individuals who contribute to journalism excellence. A special thank you to the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association, for judging the entries this year.

Attached is a complete list of winners by category. The awards were presented on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at the conclusion of the ANA Fall Convention and Annual Meeting, at Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale, 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: Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: Verde Independent/The Bugle
- 3rd place: Nogales International

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

- 1st place: Payson Roundup
- 2nd place: White Mountain Independent
- 3rd place: Inside Tucson Business

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

- 1st place: Tucson Weekly
- 2nd place: Explorer
- 3rd place: Phoenix Business Journal

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Arizona Daily Sun
- 2nd place: Yuma Sun
- 3rd place: Sierra Vista Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: The Arizona Republic

#1 REPORTING & NEWSWRITING EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: Nogales International
- 3rd place: Maricopa Monitor

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

- 1st place: Payson Roundup
- 2nd place: Inside Tucson Business
- 3rd place: White Mountain Independent

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

- 1st place: Phoenix Business Journal
- 2nd place: Tucson Weekly
- 3rd place: The Catholic Sun

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Arizona Daily Sun
- 2nd place: Yuma Sun
- 3rd place: Sierra Vista Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Arizona Daily Star

#2 DEPARTMENTAL NEWS & COPYWRITING EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: San Pedro Valley News-Sun
- 3rd place: Arizona Range News

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

- 1st place: Sedona Red Rock News
- 2nd place: Inside Tucson Business
- 3rd place: White Mountain Independent

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

- 1st place: Tucson Weekly
- 2nd place: East Valley Tribune
- 3rd place: Phoenix Business Journal

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Yuma Sun
- 2nd place: Arizona Daily Sun
- 3rd place: Sierra Vista Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: The Arizona Republic

#3 PAGE DESIGN EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: The Arizona Silver Belt
- 3rd place: Maricopa Monitor

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

- 1st place: Payson Roundup
- 2nd place: Inside Tucson Business
- 3rd place: White Mountain Independent

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

- 1st place: Tucson Weekly
- 2nd place: Explorer
- 3rd place: East Valley Tribune

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Arizona Daily Sun
- 2nd place: Casa Grande Dispatch
- 3rd place: Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Arizona Daily Star

#4 EDITORIAL PAGE EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Nogales International
- 2nd place: The Copper Era
- 3rd place: Verde Independent/The Bugle

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

- 1st place: Payson Roundup
- 2nd place: Inside Tucson Business
- 3rd place: Jewish News of Greater Phoenix

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

- 1st place: West Valley View
- 2nd place: Explorer
- 3rd place: Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Yuma Sun
- 2nd place: Sierra Vista Herald
- 3rd place: Arizona Daily Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: The Arizona Republic

#5 BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: Eloy Enterprise
- 3rd place: Verde Independent/The Bugle

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

- 1st place: Sedona red Rock News
- 2nd place: Payson Roundup
- 3rd place: Eastern Arizona Courier

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

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

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Sierra Vista Herald
- 2nd place: Yuma Sun
- 3rd place: Arizona Daily Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: The Arizona Republic

#6 COMMUNITY SERVICE/JOURNALISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: Arizona Range News
- 3rd place: None awarded

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

- 1st place: White Mountain Independent
- 2nd place: Payson Roundup
- 3rd place: Town of Paradise Valley Independent

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

- 1st place: West Valley View
- 2nd place: Tucson Weekly
- 3rd place: Explorer

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Arizona Daily Sun
- 2nd place: Sierra Vista Herald
- 3rd place: The Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: None awarded

#7 SPECIAL SECTION, NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT OR MAGAZINE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Lake Powell Chronicle – Gateway to Canyon Country
- 2nd place: Verde Independent/The Bugle - Kudos
- 3rd place: Arizona Capitol Times – Political Almanac

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

- 1st place: Green Valley News & Sun – Discover Southern Arizona
- 2nd place: Payson Roundup – Arizona Highlands
- 3rd place: Sedona Red Rock News – Lifestyles of Sedona

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

- 1st place: Phoenix Business Journal – 100 Years
- 2nd place: Tucson Weekly – Best of Tucson
- 3rd place: Explorer – Best of the Northwest

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Arizona Daily Sub – 99 Things To Do
- 2nd place: Bisbee Daily Review – Back to School

3rd place: Sierra Vista Herald – Health and fitness

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st place: Arizona Daily Star – Arizona at 100

#8 NEWSPAPER ONLINE SITE/WEB PAGE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st place: Arizona Capitol Times

2nd place: Verde Independent/The Bugle

3rd place: The Camp Verde Journal

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

1st place: Payson Roundup

2nd place: White Mountain Independent

3rd place: Green Valley News & Sun

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

1st place: Ahwatukee Foothills News

2nd place: Tucson Weekly

3rd place: Explorer

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st place: Arizona Daily Sun

2nd place: Casa Grande Dispatch

3rd place: The Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st place: The Arizona Republic

BEST HIGH SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Scholastic Division: Large Schools (4A & 5A)

The Roundup, Brophy College Preparatory

Scholastic Division: Small Schools (3A & smaller)

The Hawk, Buckeye Union High School

Individual Winners by Category

#9 BEST HEADLINE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: What we're not IRC-ing – Jim Small, Josh Coddington, Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: Red state blues – Evan Wyloge, Arizona Capitol Times
- 3rd place: Take it easy – Michael Rinker, Lake Powell Chronicle

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

- 1st place: Greer kicks ash – Karen Warnick, White Mountain Independent
- 2nd place: Ignorance curable – Constance Israel, Sedona Red Rock News
- 3rd place: None awarded

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

- 1st place: Looks Japanese, speaks Spanish – Thelma Grimes, Explorer
- 2nd place: Gilbert finds silver lining – Cheryl Hartz, Prescott Valley Tribune
- 3rd place: None awarded

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: All duct out – Amy Crawford, Yuma Sun
- 2nd place: Soup yourself – Amy Crawford, Yuma Sun
- 3rd place: Good job hunting – Amy Crawford, Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Good chance of weatherman – Jim Maish, Arizona Daily Star
- 2nd place: None awarded
- 3rd place: None awarded

#10 BEST NEWS STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: GOP senators skittish – Luige del Puerto, Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: State's high court rulings – Gary Grado, Arizona Capitol Times
- 3rd place: Leaders step up opposition – Jonathan Clark, Nogales International

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

- 1st place: Murder in Paradise – Terrance Thornton, Town of Paradise Valley Independent
- 2nd place: Campers escape – Sean Dieterich, White Mountain Independent
- 3rd place: Sexting officer – Alexis Bechman, Payson Roundup

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

- 1st place: Town council meeting gets ugly – Sue Tone, Prescott Valley Tribune
- 2nd place: Questionable hires – Mari Herrera, Tucson Weekly
- 3rd place: The smoking gun – Tim Vanderpool, Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Blast injures 12 – Chris McDaniel, Yuma Sun
- 2nd place: Boom boom thud – Bill Hess, Sierra Vista Herald
- 3rd place: Deputy involved in two separate shootings – Erin Taylor, Kingman Daily Miner

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Retiring public employees – Craig Harris, The Arizona Republic
- 2nd place: None awarded
- 3rd place: None awarded

#11 BEST SUSTAINED COVERAGE OR SERIES

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Redistricting – Evan Wyloge, Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: Mum on immigration – Luige del Puerto, Arizona Capitol Times
- 3rd place: Authorized to cultivate – Holly Sow, The Arizona Silver Belt

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

- 1st place: Forest thinning – Pete Aleshire, Payson Roundup
- 2nd place: Teen sexual violence – Alexis Bechman, Payson Roundup
- 3rd place: Wallow fire – Staff, White Mountain Independent

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

- 1st place: One year later – Staff, Tucson Weekly
- 2nd place: Donald Beaty execution – Mike Sakal, East Valley Tribune
- 3rd place: Transit system – Thelma Grimes, Explorer

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Monument fire – Bill Hess, Sierra Vista Herald
- 2nd place: Wilson/Bible case – Staff, Yuma Sun
- 3rd place: Diamond hunt – Staff, Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Aftermath of Jan. 8 shootings – Staff, Arizona Daily Star
- 2nd place: Borderlands now divided – Staff, Arizona Daily Star
- 3rd place: None awarded

#12 INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Hundreds in federal assistance – Luige del Puerto, Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: Colleges decry budget cuts – Luige del Puerto, Arizona Capitol Times
- 3rd place: MPD missteps – Eric Mungenast, Maricopa Monitor

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

- 1st place: Jail project now nightmare – Alexis Bechman, Payson Roundup
- 2nd place: Navajo county sustainability project – Karen Warnick, White Mountain Independent
- 3rd place: County planning commission aids trailer park – Pete Aleshire, Payson Roundup

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

- 1st place: Defending the innocent – Tim Vanderpool, Tucson Weekly
- 2nd place: Tactical terror – Tim Vanderpool, Tucson Weekly
- 3rd place: Arizona Burning – Leo W. Banks, Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: College paid nearly double for land – Susan Randall, Casa Grande Dispatch
- 2nd place: Fit to be towed – Eric Betz, Arizona Daily Sun
- 3rd place: Root of first WAHS investigation – Jackie Leatherman, Today's News-Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: None awarded

#13 BEST SPORTS STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: One border, two stories – William Wilczewski, Nogales International
- 2nd place: On a mission to win by losing – Holly Sow, The Arizona Silver Belt
- 3rd place: Something left to prove – Daniel Dullum, Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune

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

- 1st place: Debate over youth tackle football – Keith Morris, White Mountain Independent
- 2nd place: Fish tale – Karen Walenga, Green Valley News & Sun
- 3rd place: Abuse no match – Max Foster, Payson Roundup

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

- 1st place: Trick-riding sisters – Quentin Jodie, Navajo Times
- 2nd place: Sand boarding – Marco Arreortua, La Voz
- 3rd place: Birth of Pac-12 – Tom Danehy, Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Hot corner – Jesse Severson, Yuma Sun
- 2nd place: Kieser part of Sugar Bowl crew – Ed Petruska, Casa Grande Dispatch
- 3rd place: Golf tourney's success – Rodney Haas, Kingman Daily Miner

Division 5: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

- 1st place: Fiesta Bowl under fire – Pat Flannery, Craig Harris and Dennis Wagner, The Arizona Republic
- 2nd place: Promising path cut short – Jeff Metcalfe, The Arizona Republic
- 3rd place: 30 years ago – Jeff Metcalfe, The Arizona Republic

#14 BEST TEAM, SPORT OR SPORTS BEAT COVERAGE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Lady Sand Devils – Michael Rinker, Lake Powell Chronicle
- 2nd place: Cowgirls – Steve Reno, Arizona Range News
- 3rd place: FHS football – Daniel Dullum, Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune

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

- 1st place: Lady Longhorns – Max Foster, Payson Roundup
- 2nd place: Rodeo in the White Mountains – Andy Staten, White Mountain Independent
- 3rd place: FHS Falcons – Ryan Winslett, Fountain Hills Times

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

- 1st place: Phoenix Coyotes – Mike Sunnucks, Phoenix Business Journal
- 2nd place: Arizona Sun Dogs – Cheryl Hartz, Prescott Valley Tribune
- 3rd place: Desert Vista – Jason Skoda, Ahwatukee Foothills News

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Arizona Western College – Edward Carifio, Yuma Sun
- 2nd place: Cougars – Ed Petruska, Casa Grande Dispatch
- 3rd place: Yuma Catholic – Erin Redmond, Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: BCS: The money. The games. – Craig Harris, Pat Flannery, The Arizona Republic
- 2nd place: None awarded
- 3rd place: none awarded

#15 BEST SPORTS COLUMN

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Snowflake – William Wilczewski, Nogales International
- 2nd place: A lot to be said for being upfront – William Wilczewski, Nogales International
- 3rd place: Wrestling challenge – William Wilczewski, Nogales International

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

- 1st place: Fantasy baseball hits a homer – Keith Morris, White Mountain Independent
- 2nd place: A letter to ESPN – Kevin Duke, Green Valley News & Sun
- 3rd place: Coaching salaries – Max Foster, Payson Roundup

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

- 1st place: AIA reorganization – Tom Danehy, Tucson Weekly
- 2nd place: Varsity Xtra – Mark Heller, East Valley Tribune
- 3rd place: Women weightlifter – Irene Messina, Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Agony of defeat – Jesse Severson, Yuma Sun
- 2nd place: Tigers – Rodney, Kingman Daily Miner
- 3rd place: None awarded

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: None awarded

#16 BEST NEWS FEATURE STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: The door's always open – Caitlin Coakley Beckner, Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: Student murders – Jonathan Clark, Nogales International
- 3rd place: Tails of Mann and Beasts – Steve Ayers, Verde Independent/The Bugle

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

- 1st place: The recycle of life – Marilyn Hawkes, Jewish News of Greater Phoenix
- 2nd place: San Manuel holds out hope – Patrick McNamara, Inside Tucson Business
- 3rd place: Search for the Dutchman – Michele Nelson, Payson Roundup

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

- 1st place: The mayor of Fourth Ave. – Tim Vanderpool, Tucson Weekly
- 2nd place: Keeping the poor fed – Ambria Hammel, The Catholic Sun
- 3rd place: Roach coach evolution – Jimmy Magahern, Scottsdale Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: UFO reports – Jackie Leatherman, Today’s News-Herald
- 2nd place: A Ray of hope – Adam Curtis, Sierra Vista Herald
- 3rd place: Shelterless – Bill Coates, Casa Grande Dispatch

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Two boys lived all out – Kimberly Matas, Arizona Daily Star
- 2nd place: None awarded
- 3rd place: None awarded

#17 ENTERPRISE REPORTING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Stealth spending – Luige del Puerto, Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: Birth controlled – Luige del Puerto, Arizona Capitol Times
- 3rd place: Mormons in politics – Brian Wright, Maricopa Monitor

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

- 1st place: Rio Nuevo – Patrick McNamara, Inside Tucson Business
- 2nd place: Getting high on legal drugs - Mike Leiby, White Mountain Independent
- 3rd place: Domestic violence – Kitty Bottemiller, Green Valley News & Sun

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

- 1st place: Project Whitehouse – Jim Nintzel, Tucson Weekly
- 2nd place: Silver State Bank – Jennifer Johnson, Phoenix Business Journal
- 3rd place: Safe place for native students – J.D. Long-Garcia, Ambria Hammel, The Catholic Sun

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: What stinks – Larry Lockhart, Casa Grande Dispatch
- 2nd place: Mitt Romney local ties – Joanna Dodder, The Daily Courier
- 3rd place: Faculty in flux – Hillary Davis, Arizona Daily Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Bailed out banks – Rob O’Dell, Arizona Daily Star
- 2nd place: None awarded
- 3rd place: None awarded

#18 BEST COLUMN, ANALYSIS OR COMMENTARY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: A recall worth remembering – Christian Palmer, Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd place: Be proud you are a 16 percenter – Walter Mares, the Copper Era
- 3rd place: Sheriff’s sexuality isn’t the issue – Staff, Maricopa Monitor

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

- 1st place: Credit where credit is due – Salvatore Caputo, Jewish News of Greater Phoenix
- 2nd place: Occupy Tucson – Roger Yohem, Inside Tucson Business
- 3rd place: Thinking of running for office – Amy Staten, Eastern Arizona Courier

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

- 1st place: Pima Community College’s admissions changes deserve a hearty round of applause – Tom Danehy, Tucson Weekly
- 2nd place: War on contraception has given Obama huge boost – Renee Downing, Tucson Weekly
- 3rd place: Greed of health care system rivals banking system – Renee Downing, Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Cornett was one of the greatest – Ed Petruska, Casa Grande Dispatch
- 2nd place: None awarded
- 3rd place: None awarded

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: City manager candidates had better love a challenge – Josh Brodesky, Arizona Daily Star
- 2nd place: I’m now a cannabis client, and it was easy as p-o-t – Josh Brodesky, Arizona Daily Star
- 3rd place: Brewer, GOP like a greedy kid at piñata – Josh Brodesky, Arizona Daily Star

#19 BEST COLUMN, FEATURE OR CRITICISM

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: The envelope please – Daniel Dullum, Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune
- 2nd place: 'Drive': A man, a car, a girl ... a darn good film – Eric Mungenast, Maricopa Monitor
- 3rd place: Four decades after Woodstock – Daniel Dullum, Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune

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

- 1st place: Another year older, but at a new viewpoint – Alexis Bechman, Payson Roundup
- 2nd place: Santa Cruz county sheriff calls it like he sees it – Scott Dyke, Green Valley News & Sun
- 3rd place: Big Brothers Big Sisters become more than a volunteer opportunity – Trista Steers
MacVittie, Sedona Red Rock News

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

- 1st place: The doors close ... an awkward silence ... an evil man dies – Mike Sakal,
East Valley Tribune
- 2nd place: In Southern Arizona and beyond, pigs get no respect – Ryn Gargulinski, Tucson Weekly
- 3rd place: Tucson artist's 'Narco Nation' – Randy Serraglio, Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: First take - Richard Bible execution – Roxanne Molenar, Yuma Sun
- 2nd place: All that glitters is Goldwater's downtown – Tim Wiederaenders, The Daily Courier
- 3rd place: The college that cried wolf – Erin Taylor, Kingman Daily Miner

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Hopes...come from the heart – Josh Brodesky, Arizona Daily Star
- 2nd place: Transfusions 'all normal now' for brave Tucson teen – Josh Brodesky, Arizona Daily Star
- 3rd place: Laid-off Star staffers gave much – Josh Brodesky, Arizona Daily Star

#20 BEST MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Loading the chutes – Raquel Hendrickson, Verde Independent/The Bugle
- 2nd place: None awarded
- 3rd place: None awarded

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

- 1st place: Wallow fire – Staff, White Mountain Independent
- 2nd place: Scout triathlon – Jon Johnson, Eastern Arizona Courier
- 3rd place: None awarded

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

- 1st place: Gilbert motorcycle – Tim Hacker, East Valley Tribune
- 2nd place: Stephanie Price – Bilal Muhammad, Tucson Weekly
- 3rd place: 7th annual polar back splash – Sue Tone, Prescott Valley Tribune

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Remembering 9/11 – Staff, Yuma Sun
- 2nd place: Motocross – Janet Chasse, Sarah Womer, Yuma Sun
- 3rd place: Testimony begins – Joyce Lobeck, Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Home vacancy problems – Rob O'Dell, Arizona Daily Star
- 2nd place: 1 in 3 – Rob O'Dell, Arizona Daily Star

#21 BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Wings, wheels, wee ones – Michael Rinker, Lake Powell Chronicle
- 2nd place: Fire devastates community – Dave Brown, Arizona Range News
- 3rd place: SB1070 repeal bill – Luige del Puerto, Arizona Capitol Times

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

- 1st place: After the disaster – Karen Warnick, White Mountain Independent
- 2nd place: Pilot lands on Hwy 87 – Andy Towle, Payson Roundup
- 3rd place: She will be missed – Scott Taras, Green Valley News & Sun

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

- 1st place: Honor your mother – J.D. Long-Garcia, The Catholic Sun
- 2nd place: Plane crash – Tim Hacker, East Valley Tribune
- 3rd place: Gabby Giffords – Zachary Vito, Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Fire – Oscar Perez, Casa Grande Dispatch
- 2nd place: Joyous homecoming – Craig Fry, Yuma Sun
- 3rd place: Laying the chief to rest – Josh Biggs, Arizona Daily Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Devastated – Dean Knuth, Arizona Daily Star
- 2nd place: Giffords – Benjie Sanders, Arizona Daily Star
- 3rd place: None awarded

#22 BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Cowboy in the making – Michele Bradley, The Camp Verde Journal
- 2nd place: High school sports – Michael Rinker, Lake Powell Chronicle
- 3rd place: Western boxing club – William Wilczewski, Nogales International

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

- 1st place: Cowboy Christmas – Mike James, White Mountain Independent
- 2nd place: Track and field – Andy Towle, Payson Roundup
- 3rd place: Softball season – Ryan Winslett, Fountain Hills Times

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

- 1st place: Katie Matusik – Josh Morgan, Tucson Weekly
- 2nd place: None awarded
- 3rd place: None awarded

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Fire starter – Craig Fry, Yuma Sun
- 2nd place: Into overtime – Josh Biggs, Arizona Daily Sun
- 3rd place: Pole vault – Steven King, Casa Grande Dispatch

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Over the top – Kelly Presnell, Arizona Daily Star
- 2nd place: Match play miss – Kelly Presnell, Arizona Daily Star
- 3rd place: Rodeo ride – Matma Papat, Arizona Daily Star

#23 BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: A place to remember – Ainslee Wittig, Arizona Range News
- 2nd place: Plants invade – Michele Bradley, The Camp Verde Journal
- 3rd place: Disco party – Dave Brown, Arizona Range News

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

- 1st place: Snake bite – Kitty Bottemiller, Green Valley News & Sun
- 2nd place: King Arthur's quest – Tom Hood, Sedona Red Rock News
- 3rd place: Hula dancers – Karen Warnick, White Mountain Independent

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

- 1st place: Mirazozo – Tim Hacker, East Valley Tribune
- 2nd place: Jeffrey Scott Brown – Zachary Vito, Tucson Weekly
- 3rd place: Growing in age – Terrance Thornton, Scottsdale Independent

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Until next year – JC Amberlyn, Kingman Daily Miner
- 2nd place: Ghost talk – Matt Hinshaw, The Daily Courier
- 3rd place: Runner's sole – Craig Fry, Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Children's clinic – Kelly Presnell, Arizona Daily Star
- 2nd place: Reverse slide – Kelly Presnell, Arizona Daily Star
- 3rd place: Roping with magic – Jill Torrance, Arizona Daily Star

#24 BEST FEATURE PHOTO LAYOUT

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st place: Fire devastate community – Dave Brown, Arizona Range News
- 2nd place: lady Sand Devils – Michael Rinker, Lake Powell Chronicle
- 3rd place: 79th annual junior parade – Mark Cowling, Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune

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

- 1st place: She will be missed – Eric Tobias, Green Valley News & Sun
- 2nd place: Winter games – Terance Corrigan, White Mountain Independent
- 3rd place: Gila Valley – Dillon McGaughey, Eastern Arizona Courier

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

- 1st place: 50 days of Easter – J.D. Long-Garcia, The Catholic Sun
- 2nd place: Real refuge – Josh Morgan, Tucson Weekly
- 3rd place: Annual report – Staff, The Catholic Sun

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st place: Ray of hope – Beatrice Richardson, Sierra Vista Herald
- 2nd place: Spring has sprung – Craig Fry, Yuma Sun
- 3rd place: Amphibians – JC Amberlyn, Kingman Daily Miner

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st place: Solar on the Navajo Nation – David Wallace, The Arizona Republic
- 2nd place: Tuner – Kelly Presnell, Arizona Daily Star
- 3rd place: None awarded

#25 STORY OF THE YEAR

Division: Non-Daily

Alexis Bechman, Payson Roundup – Jail project now nightmare

Division: Daily

Rob O'Dell, Arizona Daily Star – Bailed out banks

#26 PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Division: Non-Daily

Dave Brown, Arizona Range News | San Pedro Valley News-Sun

Division: Daily

None awarded

#27 JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Division: Non-Daily

Cindy Yurth, Navajo Times

Division: Daily

Bill Hess, Sierra Vista Herald

APME MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Arizona Daily Sun, Publisher: Don Rowley

NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Division: Non-Daily

Arizona Capitol Times, Publisher: Ginger Lamb

Division: Daily

Yuma Sun, Publisher: Joni Brooks