

1998 Better Newspaper Contest Winners

Category	Circulation	Place	Newspaper	Individual	
News Writing Excellence	Non-Daily Under 3,500	Honorable Mention	Holbrook Tribune-News		
	Non-Daily Under 3,500	Honorable Mention	Parker Pioneer		
	Non-Daily Under 3,500	3 rd Place	Eloy Enterprise		
	Non-Daily Under 3,500	2 nd Place Tie	Lake Powell Chronicle		
	Non-Daily Under 3,500	2 nd Place Tie	San Pedro Valley News-Sun		
	Non-Daily Under 3,500	1 st Place	The Camp Verde Journal		
	Non-Daily 3,500 to 10,000	Honorable Mention	Times of Fountain Hills		
	Non-Daily 3,500 to 10,000	Honorable Mention	Cottonwood Journal Extra		
	Non-Daily 3,500 to 10,000	2 nd Place	Payson Roundup		
	Non-Daily 3,500 to 10,000	1 st Place	Verde Independent		
	Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	Honorable Mention	Arizona Business Gazette		
	Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	3 rd Place	Apache Junction Independent		
	Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	2 nd Place	Arrowhead Ranch Independent		
	Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	1 st Place	Business Journal		
	Daily Less than 25,000	3 rd Place	Mohave Valley Daily News		
	Daily Less than 25,000	2 nd Place	The Daily Courier		
	Daily Less than 25,000	1 st Place	Yuma Daily Sun		
	Daily Greater than 25,000	3 rd Place	Arizona Daily Star		
	Daily Greater than 25,000	2 nd Place	Tucson Citizen		
	Daily Greater than 25,000	1 st Place	Tribune Newspapers		
General/Dept. News Coverage	Non-Daily Under 3,500	3 rd Place	Lake Powell Chronicle		
	Non-Daily Under 3,500	2 nd Place	San Pedro Valley News-Sun		
	Non-Daily Under 3,500	1 st Place	The Journal from Camp Verde		
	Non-Daily 3,500-10,000	Honorable Mention	Payson Roundup		
	Non-Daily 3,500-10,000	3 rd Place	Wickenburg Sun		
	Non-Daily 3,500-10,000	2 nd Place	Green Valley News & Sun		
	Non-Daily 3,500-10,000	1 st Place	Times of Fountain Hills		
	Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	Honorable Mention	Sun Cities Independent		
	Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	Honorable Mention	The Prospector		
	Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	3 rd Place	Navajo Times		
	Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	2 nd Place	Catholic Sun		
	Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	1 st Place	Business Journal		
	Daily less than 25,000	3 rd Place	Kingman Daily Miner		
	Daily less than 25,000	2 nd Place	Yuma Daily Sun		
	Daily less than 25,000	1 st Place	Mohave Valley Daily News		
	Daily greater than 25,000	3 rd Place	Arizona Daily Star		
	Daily greater than 25,000	2 nd Place	Tucson Citizen		
	Daily greater than 25,000	1 st Place	The Tribune		
	Typographical Page Design Excellence	Non-Daily Under 3,500	3 rd Place	San Pedro Valley News-Sun	
		Non-Daily Under 3,500	2 nd Place	The Copper Era	
Non-Daily Under 3,500		1 st Place	The Journal in Camp Verde		
Non-Daily Less than 10,000		3 rd Place	NONE AWARDED		
Non-Daily Less than 10,000		2 nd Place	Cottonwood Journal Extra		
Non-Daily Less than 10,000	1 st Place	Payson Roundup			

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Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	Honorable Mention	Chandler Independent
Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	3 rd Place	Ahwatukee Foothills News
Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	2 nd Place	Northwest EXPLORER
	TIE	
Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	2 nd Place	The Business Journal
	TIE	
Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	1 st Place	The Prospector
Daily Less than 25,000	3 rd Place	Casa Grande Dispatch
Daily Less than 25,000	2 nd Place	Daily News Sun
Daily Less than 25,000	1 st Place	Yuma Daily Sun
Daily Greater than 25,000	3 rd Place	The Tribune
Daily Greater than 25,000	2 nd Place	Tucson Citizen
Daily Greater than 25,000	1 st Place	Arizona Daily Star

Editorial Page Excellence

Non-Daily under 3,500	3 rd Place	Arizona Range News
Non-Daily under 3,500	2 nd Place	Camp Verde Journal
Non-Daily under 3,500	1 st Place	San Pedro Valley News-Sun
Non-Daily less than 10,000	3 rd Place	Eastern Arizona Courier
Non-Daily less than 10,000	2 nd Place	Peoria Times
Non-Daily less than 10,000	1 st Place	Verde Independent
Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	3 rd Place	The Business Journal
Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	2 nd Place	Catholic Sun
Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	1 st Place	Navajo-Hopi Observer
Daily less than 25,000	3 rd Place	NONE AWARDED
Daily less than 25,000	2 nd Place	The Daily Courier
Daily less than 25,000	1 st Place	Yuma Daily Sun
Daily greater than 25,000	3 rd Place	The Tribune
Daily greater than 25,000	2 nd Place	Tucson Citizen
Daily greater than 25,000	1 st Place	Arizona Daily Star

Best Use of Photography

Non-Daily under 3,500	3 rd Place	NONE AWARDED
Non-Daily under 3,500	2 nd Place	Coolidge Examiner
Non-Daily under 3,500	1 st Place	Camp Verde Journal
Non-Daily less than 10,000	3 rd Place	Sedona Red Rock News
Non-Daily less than 10,000	2 nd Place	Cottonwood Journal Extra
Non-Daily less than 10,000	1 st Place	Payson Roundup
Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	3 rd Place	The Business Journal
Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	2 nd Place	The Prospector
Non-Daily Greater than 10,000	1 st Place	Glendale Star
Daily less than 25,000	3 rd Place	Daily News-Sun
Daily less than 25,000	2 nd Place	Yuma Daily Sun
Daily less than 25,000	1 st Place	Casa Grande Dispatch
Daily greater than 25,000	3 rd Place	Tucson Citizen
Daily greater than 25,000	2 nd Place	Arizona Daily Star
Daily greater than 25,000	1 st Place	The Tribune

Community Service/Journalistic Achievement

Non-Daily under 3,500	2 nd Place	Camp Verde Journal
Non-Daily under 3,500	1 st Place	San Pedro Valley News-Sun
Non-Daily less than 10,000	1 st Place	White Mountain Independent

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Non-Daily greater than 10,000	2 nd Place	Navajo-Hopi Observer
Non-Daily greater than 10,000	1 st Place	Chandler Independent

Daily less than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Kingman Daily Miner
Daily less than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Daily News-Sun
Daily less than 25,000	3 rd Place	Today's News Herald
Daily less than 25,000	2 nd Place	Yuma Daily Sun
Daily less than 25,000	1 st Place	Daily Courier
Daily greater than 25,000	3 rd Place	Tucson Citizen
Daily greater than 25,000	2 nd Place	Arizona Daily Star
Daily greater than 25,000	1 st Place	Tribune
Non-Daily under 3,500	Honorable Mention	Holbrook Tribune-News
Non-Daily under 3,500	Honorable Mention	Holbrook Tribune-News
Non-Daily under 3,500	3 rd	Camp Verde Journal
Non-Daily under 3,500	2 nd	Camp Verde Journal
Non-Daily under 3,500	1 st	Camp Verde Journal
Non-Daily under 10,000	Honorable Mention	Sedona Red Rock News
Non-Daily under 10,000	Honorable Mention	Sedona Red Rock News
Non-Daily under 10,000	Honorable Mention	Green Valley News & Sun
Non-Daily under 10,000	2 nd Place	Eastern Arizona Courier
Non-Daily under 10,000	TIE	
Non-Daily under 10,000	2 nd Place	White Mountain Independent
Non-Daily under 10,000	TIE	
Non-Daily under 10,000	1 st Place	Payson Roundup
Non-Daily greater than 10,000	2 nd Place	Northwest EXPLORER
Non-Daily greater than 10,000	1 st Place	Business Journal
Daily less than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Daily News-Sun
Daily less than 25,000	3 rd Place	Mohave Valley Daily News
Daily less than 25,000	2 nd Place	Casa Grande Dispatch
Daily less than 25,000	1 st Place	Kingman Daily Miner
Daily greater than 25,000	3 rd Place	The Tribune
Daily greater than 25,000	2 nd Place	Tucson Citizen
Daily greater than 25,000	1 st Place	Arizona Republic

Special Section

Newspaper Supplement/Magazine

Non-Daily under 3,500	NO AWARD GIVEN	
Non-Daily under 10,000	Honorable Mention	Verde Independent
Non-Daily under 10,000	1 st Place	Green Valley News & Sun
Non-Daily greater than 10,000	1 st Place	Navajo Times
Daily Less than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Casa Grande Dispatch
Daily Less than 25,000	2 nd Place	Kingman Daily Miner
Daily Less than 25,000	1 st Place	Daily News-Sun

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Daily greater than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Arizona Daily Star
Daily greater than 25,000	3 rd Place	Tucson Citizen
Daily greater than 25,000	2 nd Place	Arizona Daily Star
Daily greater than 25,000	1 st Place	Tribune

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Best News Story

Non-Daily under 3,500	3 rd Place	NONE AWARDED	
Non-Daily under 3,500	2 nd Place	Camp Verde Journal	Teresa McQuerrey
Non-Daily under 3,500	1 st Place	Copper Era	Debbie Dixon
Non-Daily under 10,000	Honorable Mention	Payson Roundup	Jerry Thebado
Non-Daily under 10,000	3 rd Place	White Mountain Independent	Tom Jackson King
Non-Daily under 10,000	2 nd Place	Payson Roundup	Myndi Brogdon
Non-Daily under 10,000	1 st Place	Peoria Times	Greg Zemeida
Non-Daily greater than 10,000	Honorable Mention	Sun Cities Independent	Mike Russo
Non-Daily greater than 10,000	Honorable Mention	Northwest EXPLORER	Edina Strum
Non-Daily greater than 10,000	Honorable Mention	West Valley View	Georgann Yara
Non-Daily greater than 10,000	Honorable Mention	West Valley View	Angela Yeager
Non-Daily greater than 10,000	3 rd Place	Gilbert Independent	Ashley Miller
Non-Daily greater than 10,000	2 nd Place	Gilbert Independent	Kelley King
Non-Daily greater than 10,000	1 st Place	West Valley View	Patrick Roland
Daily Less than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Kingman Daily Miner	Abbie Gripman
Daily Less than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Kingman Daily Miner	Curtis Riggs
Daily Less than 25,000	3 rd Place	Yuma Daily Sun	John Acosta, Jr.
Daily Less than 25,000	2 nd Place	Today's News-Herald	Brian Wedemeyer
Daily Less than 25,000	1 st Place	Today's News-Herald	Brian Wedemeyer
Daily greater than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Arizona Republic	Dennis Wagner
Daily greater than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Tucson Citizen	Stephanie Innes
Daily greater than 25,000	3 rd Place	Tribune	Kirk Mitchell and Nikki Riordan
Daily greater than 25,000	2 nd Place	Arizona Daily Star	Alisa Wabnik and Rhonda Bodfield
Daily greater than 25,000	1 st Place	Arizona Republic	Karina Bland

Best Sports Story

Non-Daily under 3,500	Honorable Mention	Parker Pioneer	Randy Hartless
Non-Daily under 3,500	1 st Place	The Copper Era	Mike Johansen
Non-Daily under 10,000	Honorable Mention	White Mountain Independent	Kelley Smelser
Non-Daily under 10,000	3 rd place	Arrowhead Ranch Independent	George Witkowski
Non-Daily under 10,000	2 nd place	Town of Paradise Valley Independent	A. Evonti Anderson
Non-Daily under 10,000	1 st place	Payson Roundup	Max Foster
Non-daily greater than 10,000	Honorable Mention	Navajo Times	Deenise Becenti
Non-daily greater than 10,000	3 rd place	Ahwatukee Foothills News	Jim Powers

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Non-daily greater than 10,000	2 nd place	Ahwatukee Foothills News	Jim Powers
Non-daily greater than 10,000	1 st place	The Prospector	Rich Ott
Daily less than 25,000	3 rd place	Yuma Daily Sun	Randy Hoeft
Daily less than 25,000	2 nd place	Kingman Daily Miner	Jay Pinsonnault
Daily less than 25,000	1 st place	Yuma Daily Sun	Steve Burks
Daily greater than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Tucson Citizen	Bryan Lee
Daily greater than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Arizona Daily Star	Anthony Gimino
Daily greater than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Arizona Daily Star	Javier Morales
Daily greater than 25,000	3 rd place	Arizona Republic	Jeff Metcalfe
Daily greater than 25,000	2 nd place	Arizona Daily Star	Greg Hansen
Daily greater than 25,000	1 st place	Tribune	Scott Bordow

Best Feature Story

Non-daily under 3,500	3 rd place		NONE AWARDED
Non-daily under 3,500	2 nd place	Arizona Range News	Karen Weston Gonzales
Non-daily under 3,500	1 st place	Arizona Range News	Ainslee Wittig
Non-daily under 10,000	Honorable Mention	Payson Roundup	Beth Kreider
Non-daily under 10,000	3 rd place	Verde Independent	Peter Hunter
Non-daily under 10,000	2 nd place	Green Valley News & Sun	Jim Lamb
Non-daily under 10,000	1 st place	Verde Independent	Peter Hunter
Non-daily greater than 10,000	3 rd place	West Valley View	Patrick Roland
Non-daily greater than 10,000	2 nd place	The Prospector	Kim Antoniou
Non-daily greater than 10,000	1 st place	Northwest EXPLORER	Mark B. Evans

Because of the number of entries the Judge decided to break down Best Feature Story into Best News Feature and Best Lifestyle Feature

Best Lifestyle Feature

Daily less than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Casa Grande Dispatch	Jennifer Sterba
Daily less than 25,000	3 rd place	Daily News-Sun	RuthAnn Hogue
Daily less than 25,000	2 nd place	Daily Courier	Sandy Moss Walker
Daily less than 25,000	1 st place	Casa Grande Dispatch	Susan Edmond

Best News Feature

Daily less than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Daily News-Sun	Bruce Ellison
Daily less than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Daily Courier	Mark Duncan
Daily less than 25,000	3 rd place	Casa Grande Dispatch	Jennifer Sterba
Daily less than 25,000	2 nd place	Daily News-Sun	David Miller
Daily less than 25,000	1 st place	Kingman Daily Miner	Curtis Riggs
Daily greater than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Arizona Daily Star	Bonnie Henry
Daily greater than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Tucson Citizen	Carla McClain
Daily greater than 25,000	3 rd place TIE	Tribune	Michael Grady
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Daily greater than 25,000	2 nd place TIE	Arizona Daily Star	Jill Jordan Spitz
Daily greater than 25,000	2 nd place TIE	Tribune	Sherry Boas
Daily greater than 25,000	1 st place	Tucson Citizen	Gabrielle Fimbres

Best Column

Non-daily under 3,500	3 rd place	Arizona Range News	Karen Weston Gonzales
Non-daily under 3,500	2 nd place	Coolidge Examiner	Pam Leary
Non-daily under 3,500	1 st place	Parker Pioneer	Randy Hartless
Non-daily under 10,000	Honorable Mention	Green Valley News & Sun	Jim Lamb
Non-daily under 10,000	3 rd place	Eastern Arizona Courier	Jim Hornbeck
Non-daily under 10,000	2 nd place	Verde Independent	Dan Engler
Non-daily under 10,000	1 st place	Eastern Arizona Courier	Jim Hornbeck
Non-daily greater than 10,000	Honorable Mention	Northwest EXPLORER	Mark B. Evans

Best Column

Non-daily greater than 10,000	3 rd place	Sonoran News	Jo Wolford
Non-daily greater than 10,000	2 nd place	East Valley Senior News	David Brown
Non-daily greater than 10,000	1 st place	Prospector	Kim Antoniou
Daily under 25,000	Honorable Mention	Yuma Daily Sun	John Vaughn
Daily under 25,000	3 rd place	Yuma Daily Sun	Tim Chong
Daily under 25,000	2 nd place	Mohave Valley Daily News	Darryle Purcell
Daily under 25,000	1 st place	Daily Courier	Andy McInnis
Daily greater than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Tribune	Tamara Dietrich
Daily greater than 25,000	3 rd place	Arizona Daily Star	Tom Beal
Daily greater than 25,000	2 nd place	Tribune	Gary Nelson
Daily greater than 25,000	1 st place	Arizona Republic	David Liebowitz

Best Sports Photograph

Non-daily under 3,500	Honorable Mention	Arizona Range News	Karen Weston Gonzales
Non-daily under 3,500	3 rd place	Arizona Range News	Karen Weston Gonzales
Non-daily under 3,500	2 nd place	Ajo Copper News	Bob Harral
Non-daily under 3,500	1 st place	Arizona Range News	Karen Weston Gonzales
Non-daily under 10,000	3 rd place	Peoria Times	Bill Dosham
Non-daily under 10,000	2 nd place	White Mountain Independent	Andy Towle
Non-daily under 10,000	1 st place	Cottonwood Journal Extra	Sean Marcy
Non-daily greater than 10,000	3 rd place	Ahwatukee Foothills News	Craig Macnaughton
Non-daily greater than 10,000	2 nd place	Prospector	Gregory Harris
Non-daily greater than 10,000	1 st place	Ahwatukee Foothills News	Todd Lillard
Daily under 25,000	3 rd place	Today's News-Herald	L.J. Frink
Daily under 25,000	2 nd place	Casa Gande Dispatch	Oscar Perez
Daily under 25,000	1 st place	Casa Gande Dispatch	Francisco Medina
Daily greater than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Tribune	Darryl Webb
Daily greater than 25,000	3 rd place	Tribune	Irwin Daugherty
Daily greater than 25,000	2 nd place	Tucson Citizen	Xavier Gallegos
Daily greater than 25,000	1 st place	Arizona Republic	Michal Chow
Non-daily under 3,500	3 rd place Tie	Florence Reminder and Blade Tribune	Mark Cowling

Best News Photograph

Non-daily under 3,500	3 rd place Tie	Arizona Range News	Karen Weston
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Non-daily under 3,500	1 st place	Eloy Enterprise	Ainslee Wittig
Non-daily under 10,000	Honorable Mention	White Mountain Independent	Joe Meahl
Non-daily under 10,000	3 rd place	Cottonwood Journal Extra	Ray Rienzo
Non-daily under 10,000	2 nd place	Payson Roundup	Lu Stiitt
Non-daily under 10,000	1 st place	Cottonwood Journal Extra	Beth Kreider
Non-daily greater than 10,000	2 nd place	Prescott Valley Tribune	Sean Marcy
Non-daily greater than 10,000	1 st place	Ahwatukee Foothills News	Heidi Dahms
Daily less than 25,000	3 rd place	Casa Grande Dispatch	Todd Lillard
Daily less than 25,000	2 nd place	Casa Grande Dispatch	Francisco Medina
Daily less than 25,000	1 st place	Casa Grande Dispatch	Francisco Medina
Daily greater than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Tribune	Brad Armstrong
Daily greater than 25,000	3 rd place	Tribune	Toru Kawana
Daily greater than 25,000	2 nd place	Tucson Citizen	Xavier Gallegos
Daily greater than 25,000	1 st place	Arizona Republic	Michael Chow
Best Feature Photo/Layout			
Non-daily under 3,500	2 nd place	Eloy Enterprise	Joe Meahl
Non-daily under 3,500	1 st place	Holbrook Tribune-News	JoLynn Fox
Non-daily under 10,000	Honorable Mention	Sedona Red Rock News	Jim Snyder
Non-daily under 10,000	Honorable Mention	Times of Fountain Hills	Bob Burns
Non-daily under 10,000	3 rd place	Cottonwood Journal Extra	Sean Marcy
Non-daily under 10,000	2 nd place	White Mountain Independent	Andy Staten and Andy Towle
Non-daily under 10,000	1 st place	Cottonwood Journal Extra	Sean Marcy
Non-daily greater than 10,000	3 rd place	Prescott Valley Tribune	Art Merrill
Non-daily greater than 10,000	2 nd place	Ahwatukee Foothills News	Craig Macnaughton
Non-daily greater 10,000	1 st place	Ahwatukee Foothills News	Heather Kadar
Daily less than 25,000	3 rd place	Casa Grande Dispatch	Francisco Medina
Daily less than 25,000	2 nd place	Daily Courier	Tom Hood
Daily less than 25,000	1 st place	Casa Grande Dispatch	Francisco Medina
Daily Greater than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Tribune	Brad Armstrong
Daily Greater than 25,000	Honorable Mention	Tucson Citizen	Val Canez
Daily Greater than 25,000	3 rd place	Arizona Republic	Michael Chow
Daily Greater than 25,000	2 nd place	Tucson Citizen	Mary Chind
Daily Greater than 25,000	1 st place	Arizona Republic	Michael Chow