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ANA Announces 2017 BNC Winners

The *Arizona Republic* (daily newspaper) and *Navajo Times* (non-daily newspaper) took home the coveted award for Arizona Newspaper of the Year during the Arizona Newspapers Association's 2017 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.

Nick Oza, *The Arizona Republic* and Keith Morris, *Payson Roundup*, were named the ANA 2017 Photographers of the Year.

Dustin Gardner, *The Arizona Republic*, for 'Bad Neighbor - Vacant city land frustrates Phoenix residents, officials' and Rachel Leingang, *Arizona Capitol Times*, 'The Limit Strikes Back - Cut in aid to needy families costs DES millions' won the ANA 2017 Stories of the Year.

Craig Harris, *The Arizona Republic* and Alexis Bechman, *Payson Roundup*, were named the ANA 2017 Journalists of the Year.

This year, 49 newspapers and 4 high schools entered in the Better Newspapers Contest for a total of 1,463 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 New Mexico Press Association, for judging the entries this year.

Attached is a complete list of winners by category or they can be viewed at www.ananeews.com. The awards were presented on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 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 Nogales International
2nd Place -Tie Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place -Tie Arizona Range News
3rd Place Parker Pioneer

Publisher: Manuel Coppola
Associate Publisher: Luige del Puerto
Publisher: Monica Watson
Publisher: Michael Quinn

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

1st Place Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)
2nd Place Sedona Red Rock News
3rd Place Aztec Press / Pima Comm. College

Advisor: Brett Fera
Publisher: Robert Larson
Advisor: Cynthia Lancaster

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

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

Publisher: Tom Aviso Jr.
Publisher: Steve Strickbine
Publisher: Ray Schey

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

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

Publisher: Don Rowley
Publisher: Michael Quinn
Publisher: Donovan Kramer Jr.

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place The Arizona Republic

Publisher: Mi-Ai Parrish

#1 REPORTING & NEWSWRITING EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Parker Pioneer
2nd Place Coolidge Examiner
3rd Place Arizona Range News

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

1st Place Aztec Press (PCC/Tucson)
2nd Place Chino Valley Review
3rd Place Sedona Red Rock News

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

1st Place West Valley View
2nd Place Prescott Valley Tribune
3rd Place Scottsdale Independent

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 The Arizona Republic

#2 DEPARTMENTAL NEWS & COPYWRITING EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Parker Pioneer
2nd Place Eloy Enterprise
3rd Place Arizona Range News

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

1st Place Green Valley News
2nd Place Sedona Red Rock News
3rd Place Aztec Press (PCC/Tucson)

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

- 1st Place Navajo Times
- 2nd Place Phoenix Business Journal
- 3rd Place Prescott Valley Tribune

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st Place Arizona Daily Sun
- 2nd Place Casa Grande Dispatch
- 3rd Place Today's News-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 Nogales International
- 2nd Place Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune
- 3rd Place Arizona Range News

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

- 1st Place Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)
- 2nd Place Green Valley News
- 3rd Place Sedona Red Rock News

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

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

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st Place Arizona Daily Sun
- 2nd Place Today's News-Herald
- 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 Arizona Capitol Times
- 3rd Place Parker Pioneer

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

- 1st Place Payson Roundup
- 2nd Place Chino Valley Review
- 3rd Place White Mountain Independent

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

- 1st Place Prescott Valley Tribune
- 2nd Place West Valley View
- 3rd Place Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

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

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st The Arizona Republic

#5 BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st Place Coolidge Examiner
- 2nd Place Nogales International
- 3rd Place Arizona Capitol Times

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

- 1st Place Aztec Press (PCC/Tucson)
- 2nd Place Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)
- 3rd Place Maricopa Monitor

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

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

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

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

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

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

- 1st Place Payson Roundup
- 2nd Place White Mountain Independent
- 3rd Place Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)

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

- 1st Place Phoenix Business Journal
- 2nd Place Scottsdale Independent
- 3rd Place West Valley View

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

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

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st Place Arizona Daily Star

#7 SPECIAL SECTION, NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT OR MAGAZINE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st Place Arizona Silver Belt
- 2nd Place Nogales International
- 3rd Place Arizona Capitol Times

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

- 1st Place Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)
- 2nd Place Green Valley News
- 3rd Place Sedona Red Rock News

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

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

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

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

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st Place Arizona Daily Star

#8 NEWSPAPER ONLINE SITE/WEB PAGE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

- 1st Place Arizona Range News
- 2nd Place Nogales International
- 3rd Place Arizona Capitol Times

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

- 1st Place Sedona Red Rock News
- 2nd Place The Fountain Hills Times
- 3rd Place Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)

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

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

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

- 1st Place Casa Grande Dispatch
- 2nd Place Yuma Sun
- 3rd Place Today's News-Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

- 1st Place The Arizona Republic

Individual Winners by Category

#9 BEST HEADLINE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

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| 1st Place | Jonathan Clark | County spelling bee ends with 'fatality' | Nogales International |
| 2nd Place | Darren Barakat | Veterans invited to pig out and various headlines | Coolidge Examiner |
| 3rd Place | Gary Grado | Chamber's triple whammy staggers progressives' defense of citizen initiatives | Arizona Capitol Times |

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

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| 1st Place | Andrew Pardiac | No falling by the wayside and various headlines | Sedona Red Rock News |
| 2nd Place | Sam Gross | Issue of transparency at Hart and various headlines | Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson) |
| 3rd Place | Peter Aleshire | A dazzling rise, a mysterious fall and various headlines | Payson Roundup |

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

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| 1st Place | Cindy Yurth | Drone on! and various headlines | Navajo Times |
| 2nd Place | Glenn Gulickson | I knew I wasn't done and various headlines | West Valley View |

Combined Divisions:

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

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| 1st Place | John D'Anna | Roll It and various headlines | The Arizona Republic |
| 2nd Place | Amy Crawford | A STEDY start to a first full fiscal year and various headlines | Yuma Sun |
| 3rd Place | Haley Walters | All Hogs Go To Heaven | Today's News-Herald |

#10 BEST NEWS STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Tanner Clinch	Eloy programs in crossfire	Eloy Enterprise
2nd Place	Hank Stephenson	Gowan OKs, then bars controversial group from meeting on House floor	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Paulina Pineda	Central American women look for clues in search for missing loved ones	Nogales International

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

1st Place	JD Molinary	Completely Wrong On The Law	Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)
2nd Place	Michele Nelson	Explosion engulfs apartment building	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Mike Leiby	Districts struggle to retain teachers, fill positions	White Mountain Independent

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

1st Place	Philip Haldiman	"Undocumented immigrants now in light, fear returning to shadows"	Peoria Today
2nd Place	Staff	Learning curve for funding schools	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd Place	Glenn Gullickson	Sale of West Valley Trotting Park in escrow	West Valley View

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Joey Chenoweth	Attorneys duel as complex gets permit	Casa Grande Dispatch
2nd Place	Sue Tone	Wilhoit water woes	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	James Gilbert	Dumpster dozing: Man who fell asleep in trash bin gets trapped in garbage truck	Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Staff	Immigration: Deportation of Guadalupe Garcia De Rayos	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Dustin Gardiner, Rob O'Dell	"City's rule on lobbyists lacks teeth"	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Joe Ferguson	Tucson nonprofit inaccurately linked to Berkeley protests	Arizona Daily Star

#11 BEST SUSTAINED COVERAGE OR SERIES

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Paulina Pineda	Dysfunction at Nogales Police Department	Nogales International
2nd Place	Arielle Zions, Jonathan Clark	Cochise College pulls out of Santa Cruz County	Nogales International
3rd Place	Carol Broeder	Farm-related dust conditions on I-10 addressed	Arizona Range News

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

1st Place	Barbara Bruce	Copperstate Farms coverage	White Mountain Independent
2nd Place	JD Molinary, Sam Gross	Arizona Board of Regents announces two final 'candidates'	Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)
3rd Place	Michele Nelson	Pine/Strawberry Water District investigation	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Glenn Gullickson	Buckeye water billing	West Valley View
2nd Place	Donovan Quintero	Loreal Tsingine shooting aftermath	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Melissa Fittro	Scottsdale Industrial Development Authority series	Scottsdale Independent

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Emery Cowan, Corina Vanek	Minimum wage	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Nanci Hutson	Homeless get help in Prescott	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	Hubble Ray Smith	Opioid Abuse in Mohave County	Kingman Daily Miner

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Staff	Beyond the Wall	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Tony Davis	Rosemont Mine	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Tony Davis	Jaguar in the Santa Ritas	Arizona Daily Star

#12 INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Paulina Pineda	Documents shed light on NPD chief's firing	Nogales International
2nd Place	Ben Giles	DES Director Disparages, Fires Employee For Mildly Critical Email	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Paulina Pineda	Religious fervor encircles City Hall	Nogales International

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

1st Place	Alexis Bechman	Gas Line Investigation	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Barbara Bruce	Allegedly theft from Silver Creek Irrigation District	White Mountain Independent
3rd Place	Alexis Bechman	Questions center on police use of force	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Glenn Gullickson	Litchfield lake project is a path to conflict	West Valley View
2nd Place	Krista Allen	Best Western review sheds light on workplace discrimination	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Terrance Thornton	Numbers show public safety costs exceed value of Scottsdale entertainment district downtown	Scottsdale Independent

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Justin Price, Brandon Quester, Evan Wyloge	Crystal's Cage	Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting
2nd Place	Michelle McManimon	Alcohol drives Flagstaff's high Native American arrest rate but recovery possible	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd Place	Brandon Bowers, Megan Lewis	Telesis audit finds fault with financials	Today's News-Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Dustin Gardiner, Rob O'Dell	Campaign Finance	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Emily Bregel	Workplace safety penalties cut without asking	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Yoohyun Jung	One-fifth of Tucson kids truant	Arizona Daily Star

#13 BEST SPORTS STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Kendal Blust	High school athletes face increasing pressure to specialize	Nogales International
2nd Place	Steve Reno	Willcox Football reaches inevitable decision	Arizona Range News
3rd Place	Arielle Zionts	Participants rave about martial arts classes - and their teacher	Nogales International

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

1st Place	Keith Morris	Courageous kid wrestles with challenges	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Joey Chenoweth	Twins and teammates	Maricopa Monitor
3rd Place	Daniel Hargis	Softball drops 3 of 4	Sedona Red Rock News

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

1st Place	Mike Sunnucks	The death of golf	Phoenix Business Journal
2nd Place	Sunnie R. Clahchischiligi	'Give your dreams a shot'	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Daniel Dullum	'Felix The Cat' Makes Tennis Comeback The Hard Way	Apache Junction/Gold Canyon News

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Steve Stockmar	Bisbee ballplayers return to Warren Ballpark 66 years later	Sierra Vista Herald
2nd Place	Mike Hartman	Coconino Overcomes Tragedy	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd Place	Mike Hartman	Year-round Practice Approved	Arizona Daily Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Jon Gold	How Craig Cunningham cheated sudden death	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Emily Bregel	Prep school didn't deliver on promises	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Jeff Metcalfe	Michael Phelps	The Arizona Republic

#14 BEST TEAM, SPORT OR SPORTS BEAT COVERAGE

Combined Non-Daily Divisions:

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

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

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

1st Place	Keith Morris	Sports Beat Coverage - Rodeo	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Matthew Wall	UA Sporting Life	Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)
3rd Place	Christopher Boan	On Course	Sahuarita Sun

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Norma Gonzalez	Havasu Sports Beat Coverage	Today's News-Herald
2nd Place	Doug Cook	NAZ Suns make Prescott Valley their home	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	Warner Strausbaugh	2016 Football Coverage	Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Jon Gold	Tucson Roadrunners	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Jeff Metcalfe, Rob Schumacher, Pat Shannahan	2016 Olympic project	The Arizona Republic

#15 BEST SPORTS COLUMN

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

No Entries

Combined Divisions:

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

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

1st Place	Sunnie R. Clahchischiligi	All grown up; Shiprock, Tohatchi girls rally behind 'deafening' crowd	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Brad Allis	RIP, Samaniego	Explorer Newspaper
3rd Place	Keith Morris	Time for a team state tournament	Payson Roundup

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Brian Wright	Trophies aren't for everyone; Ashe's legacy stands tall; Beechum reached unbelievable heights	Casa Grande Dispatch
2nd Place	Brian Bergner Jr. C	The role peer pressure will play in a new world of year-round practicing	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	Norma Gonzalez	Norma's Notebook: Taking freedom out of First Amendment	Today's News-Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Jon GoldJon	Gold columns	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Dan Bickley	Dan Bickley Columns	The Arizona Republic

#16 BEST FEATURE STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Kendal Blust	Children raised at dump find helping hand	Nogales International
2nd Place	Rachel Leingang	Living on a mat and a sheet	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Luige del Puerto	THE OUTSIDER	Arizona Capitol Times

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

1st Place	Dan Shearer	Coming Home	Green Valley News
2nd Place	Barbara Bruce	Made in Greer: A success story	White Mountain Independent
3rd Place	David J. Del Grande	Local thrift store volunteers in vocational program have a 1st Rate experience	Arizona Jewish Post s

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

1st Place	Cindy Yurth	Faces of the lost	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Brian Smith	Dorreen Martinez's dog days and summer nights on Fourth Avenue	Tucson Weekly
3rd Place	Mike Sunnucks	Tempe's left turn: Becoming a blue job mecca in the red sea of Arizona	Phoenix Business Journal

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Tim Wiederaenders	Prescott holds iconic status as home to the 'World's Oldest Rodeo'	The Daily Courier
2nd Place	Melissa St. Aude	Sewing for Angels	Casa Grande Dispatch
3rd Place	Rachel Twoguns	Solemn Reminder	Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Alden Woods, Ryan Santisteven	Humphreys Peak	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Cathalena Burch	Terminal Tucson restaurateur holds his own pre-wake	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Richard Ruelas	Jarret Maupin	The Arizona Republic

#17 ENTERPRISE REPORTING**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Rachel Leingang	Time Limit Strikes Back	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Hank Stephenson	About Face on Dark Money	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Paulina Pineda	Where are all the paisanos?	Nogales International

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

1st Place	Kitty Bottemiller	What's Down There?	Green Valley News
2nd Place	David Rookhuyzen	North and South: Sahuarita's main shopping areas rolling out distinctly different results	Green Valley News
3rd Place	David Sowders	The physical dangers in an extra drink, Alcohol abuse's impact	Eastern Arizona Courier

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

1st Place	Jim Nintzel	Stop The Presses	Tucson Weekly
2nd Place	Terry Bowman	Tourists, don't trust your GPS	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Terrance Thornton	Records reveal the lucrative nature of local municipal consultation	Scottsdale Independent

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Evan Wyloge, Sarah Jarvis, Justin Price	Model Government	Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting
2nd Place	Nanci Hutson	A Day in the Life of a New Teacher	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	Haley Walters, Megan Lewis, Brandon Bowers	Rebooting the future	Today's News-Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Dustin Gardiner	"Vacant city land frustrates Phoenix residents, officials"	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Yoohyun Jung	Should failing students be promoted?	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Jon Gold	The perils of social media	Arizona Daily Star

#18 BEST COLUMN, ANALYSIS OR COMMENTARY**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Jonathan Clark	The public must demand answers	Nogales International
2nd Place	Luige del Puerto	Not so fast	Arizona Capitol Times

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

1st Place	Dan Shearer	Let's Just Get This Race Over With	Green Valley News
2nd Place	Michele Nelson	The Healthy Foodie - Sugar industry paid for "official" positive research	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Dan Shearer	Why he doesn't deserve your vote	Green Valley News

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

1st Place	Paul Maryniak	Roof rats	Ahwatukee Foothills News
2nd Place	Ed Barker	Que Pasa	Apache Junction/Gold Canyon News
3rd Place	Cary S. Hines	Mayoral debate is right thing to do for voters	West Valley View

Combined Daily Divisions:**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000****Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place	Tim Steller	Senseless border fences	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Tim Wiederaenders	For whom the bells toll, we salute you	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	Randy Wilson	Between the lines: Building trust in newspapers more than just about facts	Arizona Daily Sun

#19 BEST COLUMN, FEATURE OR CRITICISM**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

No Entries

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

1st Place	Melissa Fittro	One final mission: WWII Honor Flight includes Scottsdale, Fountain Hills residents	Town of Paradise Valley Independent
2nd Place	Elise Stahl	Living With Tourette's	Aztec Press (PCC/Tucson)
3rd Place	Scott Dyke	Lost Wife of a Legend	Green Valley News

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

1st Place	Arlyssa Becenti	Happy birthday, Dad	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Brian Smith	A wandering escape finds a vigil, an altar and some gratitude	Tucson Weekly
3rd Place	Duane Beyal	Why do Navajos wear black?,	Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Tim Wiederaenders	Three myths stand between you and success	The Daily Courier
2nd Place	Ken Sain	Kudos to those who stand up for others	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	Roxanne Molenaar	After mocking game, family finds its value	Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Karina Bland	A Farewell Unforgotten	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	David Fitzsimmons	Denial, one puff at a time	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Dominic Armato	Bianco's Tratto links Italy and Arizona	The Arizona Republic

#20 BEST MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING**COMBINED:****Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500 & Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Paulina Pineda, Kendal Blust, Norma Gonzalez	Food trucks of Santa Cruz County	Nogales International
2nd Place	Katie Campbell	Stephanie Grisham Timeline	Arizona Capitol Times

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

1st Place	Alex Furrier	Where's the party at?	Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)
2nd Place	Alexis Bechman	Flawed pipelines yield dangerous leaks every year	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	David Rookhuyzen	The homefront	Sahuarita Sun

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

1st Place	Adron Gardner, Quentin Jodie	Wild horse race	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Kourtney Balsan	The art of hunting with a bird of prey	West Valley View

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Cindy Barks, Les Stukenberg	New Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial State Park dedicated Nov. 29	The Daily Courier
2nd Place	Kelly Fisher	Families of Pinal double-murder victims plead for answers	Casa Grande Dispatch
3rd Place	Haley Walters	50 years of fighting fires	Today's News-Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Staff	Beyond the Wall	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Brandon Loomis, Pat Shannahan	Running Wild	The Arizona Republic

#21 BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Ken Showers	Greenlee citizens march against Trump	Copper Era
2nd Place	Hunt Mercier	Lead found in Rimrock park water	Camp Verde Journal
3rd Place	Ken Showers	Safe House recognizes Domestic Abuse Awareness Month	Copper Era

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

1st Place	Bob Burns	Fire in Fountain Hills	The Fountain Hills Times
2nd Place	David Rookhuyzen	Pilot program	Sahuarita Sun
3rd Place	Peter Aleshire	An apparent gas line explosion	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Arianna Grainey	Father shows son how to spin a dreidel	Queen Creek/San Tan Valley Independent
2nd Place	Donovan Quintero	Threat of child abduction is real	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Jordan Christopher	Ballet Arizona	West Valley View

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Mark Levy	Fire destroys Sierra Vista mobile home	Sierra Vista Herald
2nd Place	Mark Levy	Community pays tribute to fallen veterans by placing hundreds of flags on graves	Sierra Vista Herald
3rd Place	Randy Hoeft	Carver garden	Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Mike Christy	The Dragon	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Kelly Presnell	Be kind	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Rick Wiley	New citizens	Arizona Daily Star

#22 BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

No Entries

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

1st Place	Keith Morris	Spring Rodeo offers plenty of wild fun	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Keith Morris	Freshman Kyle Williams tries for a spectacular one-handed catch	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Keith Morris	Longhorns pin D4 power Winslow	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Adron Gardner	State champ	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Donovan Quintero	Man vs. Bull	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Paul Natonabah	Airborne!	Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Randy Hoeft	Leaping runningback	Yuma Sun
2nd Place	Randy Hoeft	Swimmer on a mission	Yuma Sun
3rd Place	Norma Gonzalez	Prep basketball: Knights drop conference opener	Today's News-Herald

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Rob Schumacher	Touchdown Reach Around	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Mike Christy	Wildcats win Territorial Cup	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Mike Christy	Stunned	Arizona Daily Star

#23 BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Kendal Blust	Children raised at dump find helping hand	Nogales International
2nd Place	Ainslee Wittig	Spotter at the Quarterback Club Auction	Arizona Range News
3rd Place	Jonathan Clark	Border fence meeting - What does Trump's win hold in store for Nogales?	Nogales International

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

1st Place	Hunt Mercier	Give 'em a reason to run	Sedona Red Rock News
2nd Place	Ron Eland	Back to school	Sedona Red Rock News
3rd Place	Jordan Reece	Popping young minds	Sedona Red Rock News

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

1st Place	Adron Gardner	One-of-a-kind bus	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Jim Poulin	Hitting the big leagues	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd Place	Donovan Quintero	Cutthroat competition	Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Taylor Mahoney	Hopi Festival	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Tim Wiederaenders	Nurse bee tends to newborn	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	Randy Hoeft	Fire in the sky	Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Ron Medvescek	A new friend	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Kelly Presnell	Gangster	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Rob Schumacher	Hiking Blind in the Grand Canyon	The Arizona Republic

#24 BEST FEATURE PHOTO LAYOUT**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Ainslee Wittig, Carol Broeder	Rex Allen Days in Willcox	Arizona Range News
2nd Place	Joey Chenoweth	Cotton Days	Coolidge Examiner
3rd Place	Paulina Pineda	'It's like a ghost town down there'	Nogales International

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

1st Place	Ellen Sussman	Aquabelles Make a Splash	Green Valley News
2nd Place	Keith Morris	Spring Rodeo offers plenty of wild fun	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Peter Aleshire	Fall is like love	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Adron Gardner	A day in the life of a horseman	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Adron Gardner	Our student athletes, our loyal fans, our champions!	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Jim Poulin	Ak-Chin digging deep for revenue sources	Phoenix Business Journal

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Randy Hoeft	Little roper	Yuma Sun
2nd Place	Taylor Mahoney	Flagstaff High School Pow Wow	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd Place	Randy Hoeft	No beach required	Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

No Entries

#25 STORY OF THE YEAR**Non-Daily**

Rachel Leingang Arizona Capitol Times The Limit Strikes Back - Cut in aid to needy families costs DES millions

Daily

Dustin Gardner The Arizona Republic Bad Neighbor - Vacant city land frustrates Phoenix residents, officials

#26 PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR**Non-Daily**

Keith Morris Payson Roundup

Daily

Nick Oza The Arizona Republic

#27 JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Alexis Bechman Payson Roundup

Daily

Craig Harris The Arizona Republic

NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.

Daily

The Arizona Republic Publisher: Mi-Ai Parrish

General Excellence - SCHOLASTIC DIVISION 2016

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

1st Place Sedona Red Rock High School The Sting Advisor: Maureen Barton

2nd Place BASIS Scottsdale The BASIS Scottsdale Gazette Advisor: Robert Witz

Large Schools (5A, 4A)

1st Place Brophy College Preparatory The Roundup Advisor: Mica Mulloy

2nd Place Hamilton High School Hamilton Paw Print Advisor: Jennifer Headman