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ANA Announces 2018 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 2018 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.

The reporting team of Yvonne Wingett Sanchez and Rob O'Dell, from *The Arizona Republic* and Rachel Leingang, *Arizona Capitol Times*, were named the ANA 2018 Journalists of the Year.

Alden Woods, *The Arizona Republic*, for 'The New Housing Crisis' and Danyelle Khmara, *Tucson Weekly*, 'Death Sentence' won the ANA 2018 Stories of the Year.

Kelly Presnell, of the *Arizona Daily Star* and Keith Morris, *Payson Roundup*, were named the ANA 2018 Photographers of the Year.

This year, 53 newspapers and entered in the Better Newspapers Contest for a total of 1,183 entries. The Better Newspapers Contest consists of nine categories that measure the overall quality of the newspapers and 26 categories that honor individuals who contribute to journalism excellence. A special thank you to the Utah Press Association, for judging the entries this year.

Attached is a complete list of winners by category or they can be viewed at www.ananews.com (by October 9). The awards were presented on Saturday, October 6, 2018 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	Arizona Capitol Times	Associate Publisher: Luige del Puerto
2nd Place	Verde Independent	Publisher: Babette Cubitt
3rd Place	Nogales International	Publisher: Manuel Coppola

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

1st Place	Phoenix Business Journal	Publisher: Ray Schey
2nd Place – Tie	Payson Roundup	Publisher: Brian Kramer
2nd Place – Tie	Green Valley News	Publisher: Dru Sanchez

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

1st Place	Navajo Times	Publisher: Tom Aviso Jr.
2nd Place	Prescott Valley Tribune	Publisher: Joe Soldwedel Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Casa Grande Dispatch	Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara Cooper
2nd Place	Daily Courier	Publisher: Joe Soldwedel Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
3rd Place	Herald/Review	Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	The Arizona Republic	Executive Editor: Greg Burton
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#1 REPORTING & NEWSWRITING EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Arizona Capitol Times	Associate Publisher: Luige del Puerto
2nd Place	Coolidge Examiner	Publisher: Donovan Kramer Jr.
3rd Place	Nogales International	Publisher: Manuel Coppola

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

1st Place	Green Valley News	Publisher: Dru Sanchez
2nd Place	Phoenix Business Journal	Publisher: Ray Schey
3rd Place	Maricopa Monitor	Publisher: Kara Cooper

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

1st Place	Navajo Times	Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
2nd Place	Prescott Valley Tribune	Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Arizona Daily Sun	Publisher: Don Rowley
2nd Place	Casa Grande Dispatch	Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara Cooper
3rd Place	Kingman Daily Miner	Publisher: Debbie White-Hoel

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	The Arizona Republic	Executive Editor: Greg Burton
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#2 DEPARTMENTAL NEWS & COPYWRITING EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Arizona Capitol Times	Associate Publisher: Luige del Puerto
2nd Place	Eloy Enterprise	Publisher: Donovan Kramer Jr.
3rd Place	Verde Independent	Publisher: Babette Cubitt

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

1st Place	Phoenix Business Journal	Publisher: Ray Schey
2nd Place	Arizona Jewish Post	Executive Editor: Phyllis Braun
3rd Place	Maricopa Monitor	Publisher: Kara Cooper

#2 DEPARTMENTAL NEWS & COPYWRITING EXCELLENCE / continued

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

1st Place Prescott Valley Tribune Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
2nd Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place Casa Grande Dispatch Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara Cooper
2nd Place Arizona Daily Sun Publisher: Don Rowley
3rd Place Herald/Review Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place The Arizona Republic Executive Editor: Greg Burton

#3 PAGE DESIGN EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Arizona Capitol Times Associate Publisher: Luige del Puerto
2nd Place Verde Independent Publisher: Babette Cubitt
3rd Place Coolidge Examiner Publisher: Donovan Kramer Jr.

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

1st Place Phoenix Business Journal Publisher: Ray Schey
2nd Place Green Valley News Publisher: Dru Sanchez
3rd Place Maricopa Monitor Publisher: Kara Cooper

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

1st Place Prescott Valley Tribune Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
2nd Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place Arizona Daily Sun Publisher: Don Rowley
2nd Place Yuma Sun Publisher: Lisa Reilly
3rd Place Casa Grande Dispatch Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara Cooper

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place Arizona Daily Star Publisher: John D'Orlando

#4 EDITORIAL PAGE EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Nogales International Publisher: Manuel Coppola
2nd Place Verde Independent Publisher: Babette Cubitt
3rd Place The Camp Verde Journal Publisher: Robert Larson

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

1st Place Sedona Red Rock News Publisher: Robert Larson
2nd Place White Mountain Independent Publisher: Brian Kramer
3rd Place Phoenix Business Journal Publisher: Ray Schey

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

1st Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
2nd Place Prescott Valley Tribune Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place Yuma Sun Publisher: Lisa Reilly
2nd Place Kingman Daily Miner Publisher: Debbie White-Hoel
3rd Place The Daily Courier Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place The Arizona Republic Executive Editor: Greg Burton

#5 BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Arizona Capitol Times Associate Publisher: Luige del Puerto
2nd Place Verde Independent Publisher: Babette Cubitt
3rd Place The Camp Verde Journal Publisher: Robert Larson

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

1st Place Sedona Red Rock News Publisher: Robert Larson
2nd Place Maricopa Monitor Publisher: Kara Cooper
3rd Place Green Valley News Publisher: Dru Sanchez

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

1st Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
2nd Place Prescott Valley Tribune Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place Herald/Review Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson
2nd Place The Daily Courier Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
3rd Place Today's News-Herald Publisher: Michael Quinn

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place The Arizona Republic Executive Editor: Greg Burton

#6 COMMUNITY SERVICE/JOURNALISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Arizona Capitol Times Associate Publisher: Luige del Puerto
2nd Place The Tribune-News Publisher: Matthew Barger

COMBINED Divisions:

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

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

1st Place Payson Roundup Publisher: Brian Kramer
2nd Place White Mountain Independent Publisher: Brian Kramer
3rd Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place Casa Grande Dispatch Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara Cooper
2nd Place The Daily Courier Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
3rd Place Today's News-Herald Publisher: Michael Quinn

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place The Arizona Republic Executive Editor: Greg Burton

#7 SPECIAL SECTION

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Nogales International Publisher: Manuel Coppola
2nd Place Williams-Grand Canyon News Publisher: Madeline Keith
3rd Place Arizona Capitol Times Associate Publisher: Luige del Puerto

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

1st Place Phoenix Business Journal Publisher: Ray Schey
2nd Place Chino Valley Review Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
3rd Place Payson Roundup Publisher: Brian Kramer

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

1st Place Prescott Valley Tribune Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
2nd Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.

COMBINED Divisions:

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place Arizona Daily Star Publisher: John D'Orlando
2nd Place The Daily Courier Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
3rd Place Herald/Review Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson

#8 NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT OR MAGAZINE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Verde Independent Publisher: Babette Cubitt
2nd Place Lake Powell Chronicle Editor: Steven Laws

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

1st Place Green Valley News Publisher: Dru Sanchez
2nd Place Payson Roundup Publisher: Brian Kramer
3rd Place The Fountain Hills Times Publisher: Brent Cruikshank

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

No Entries

COMBINED Divisions:

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place The Daily Courier Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
2nd Place Yuma Sun Publisher: Lisa Reilly
3rd Place Herald/Review Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson

#9 - NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Arizona Capitol Times Associate Publisher: Luige del Puerto
2nd Place Verde Independent Publisher: Babette Cubitt
3rd Place Williams-Grand Canyon News Publisher: Madeline Keith

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

1st Place Payson Roundup Publisher: Brian Kramer
2nd Place Chino Valley Review Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
3rd Place The Fountain Hills Times Publisher: Brent Cruikshank

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

1st Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
2nd Place Prescott Valley Tribune Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place Casa Grande Dispatch Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara Cooper
2nd Place Herald/Review Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson
3rd Place Today's News-Herald Publisher: Michael Quinn

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place Arizona Daily Star Publisher: John D'Orlando

Individual Winners by Category

#10 BEST HEADLINE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Darren Barakat	Assorted headlines	Coolidge Examiner
2nd Place	Chelsea Curtis	Assorted headlines	Parker Pioneer
3rd Place	Gary Grado	No Joke Arizona	Capitol Times

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

1st Place	Darren Barakat	Assorted headlines	Maricopa Monitor
2nd Place	Makenna Lepowsky	Opportuni-trees and various headlines	Sedona Red Rock News
3rd Place	Dan Shearer	Click bait	Green Valley News

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

1st Place	Cindy Yurth	Bullish on Bears Ears and Assorted headlines	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Arianna Grainey	Polar bear leaves under 'unbearable' circumstances	Apache Junction Independent
3rd Place	Bill Van Nimwegen	Leave Us Alone Say Gold Canyon Residents	Apache Junction/Gold Canyon News

#10 BEST HEADLINE / continued

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Joseph Terry	100 degrees: ASU Havasu reaches milestone	Today's News-Herald
2nd Place	Darren Barakat	Assorted headlines	Casa Grande Dispatch

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Jim Wambold	Assorted headlines	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Dave Ord	Assorted headlines	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Peter Sibley	Assorted headlines	Arizona Daily Star

#11 - BEST NEWS STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Ben Giles	Controversial researcher hired to update prison population study	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Paulina Pineda	Legislators' complaints of lawbreaking by cities on the upswing	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Jonathan Clark, Arielle Zions	Cop killed by suspected carjacker	Nogales International

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

1st Place	Kim Smith	Police: Reports policy hurting work	Green Valley News
2nd Place	Hayley Ringle	What's next for Uber	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd Place	Bob Burns	Council fires legal team	The Fountain Hills Times

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

1st Place	Pauly Denetclaw	Akonizaad Dine Bizaad Yit'ih (The state of the Dinè language)	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Danyelle Khmara	Backpage Bust	Tucson Weekly
3rd Place	Cindy Yurth	One woman's courage	Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Megan Janetsky	Passage Prevented	Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting
2nd Place	Claire Cleveland	Pregnant and Addicted	Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting
3rd Place	Blake Herzog	Residents defend area's water rights	Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Caitlin Schmidt	Tucson police make changes after detective's investigative failures	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Dustin Gardiner, Yihyun Jeong	Iconic Phoenix library assesses storm's toll	The Arizona Republic

#12 - BEST SUSTAINED COVERAGE OR SERIES

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Kendal Blust	Border Patrol murder trial	Nogales International
2nd Place	Rachel Leingang	Letter Grades	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Katie Campbell	#REDforED	Arizona Capitol Times

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

1st Place	Michael Johnson	District in distress: White Mountain Lake Fire District coverage	White Mountain Independent
2nd Place	Michele Nelson	Pine Water	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Alexis Bechman	Wildfire Prevention	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Krista Allen	Bears Ears coverage	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Danyelle Khmara	DACA coverage	Tucson Weekly
3rd Place	Matt Roy	Surprise Today Homelessness Series 2017-18	Surprise Today

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Cindy Barks	PSPRS - pension woes	The Daily Courier
2nd Place	Eric Petermann	The San Pedro River	Herald/Review
3rd Place	Blake Herzog	E. coli outbreak in Yuma romaine	Yuma Sun

#12 - BEST SUSTAINED COVERAGE OR SERIES / continued

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Alden Woods	The New Housing Crisis	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Staff	Big talk, little change on Trump's border	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Yvonne Wingett Sanchez, Dustin Gardiner	Sexual harassment scandal at the Arizona Capitol	The Arizona Republic

#13 - INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Rachel Leingang, Katie Campbell	Rep. Shooter accused of repeated sexual harassment of Capitol women	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Kendal Blust	Discipline at NPD	Nogales International
3rd Place	Rofida Khairalla	Former CPD officers make a plea for change	Coolidge Examiner

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

1st Place	Bethany Blundell	MUSD driver high on drugs?	Maricopa Monitor
2nd Place	Mike Sunnucks, Hayley Ringle, Angela Gonzales	The Big Hang-up: How Phoenix became a mecca for call centers	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd Place	Michele Nelson	Fire Series	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Danyelle Khmara	Death Sentence	Tucson Weekly
2nd Place	Jim Walsh	Eight years and still no trial	Gilbert Sun News
3rd Place	Cindy Yurth	Woman dies waiting for NHA home	Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Evan Wyloge, Carrie Jung	Building Relationships	Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting
2nd Place	Heather Smathers	Under water and ignored	Casa Grande Dispatch
3rd Place	Cody Bashore	Campos vs. Souers at NAU	Arizona Daily Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Yoohyun Jung	Public Schools, Inc.	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Robert Anglen	Mafia in Our Midst	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Robert Anglen	Buy Local Food Programs Deceive Consumers	The Arizona Republic

#14 - BEST SPORTS STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Wendy Howell	Vikings deliver	Williams-Grand Canyon News
2nd Place	Mark Cowling	1975 Florence state champs to honor 1947 state champs	Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune
3rd Place	Kendal Blust	Samantha Schadler is running her own race	Nogales International

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

1st Place	Andy Staten	Alcheyay grad comfortable as coach of alma mater	White Mountain Independent
2nd Place	Mike Sunnucks	Cubs Win! How the Chicago team is shaping Arizona spring training baseball	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd Place	Keith Morris	Youngster, veteran team up for title run	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Mark Carlisle	Glendale family takes baseball back to its roots	Glendale Today
2nd Place	Christopher Boan	Julian Molina Story	Explorer Newspaper
3rd Place	Brian Smith	Sticky Summer Nights	Tucson Weekly

COMBINED Divisions:

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Jon Gold	Craig Cunningham making the most of overtime	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Cody Bashore	NAU's Peter Lomong	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd Place	Beau Bearden	An Unexpected Ending	Kingman Daily Miner

#15 - BEST TEAM, SPORT OR SPORTS BEAT COVERAGE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Jonathan Clark, Arielle Zionts	Apaches title run	Nogales International
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2nd Place	James Kelley	Mingus football	Verde Independent
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Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st Place	Keith Morris	Payson Girls Basketball	Payson Roundup
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2nd Place	Daniel Hargis	Sedona Red Rock High School basketball	Sedona Red Rock News
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3rd Place	Keith Morris	Rodeo	Payson Roundup
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Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st Place	Quentin Jodie	Rodeo cowboy series	Navajo Times
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2nd Place	Daniel Dullum	High School Softball	Apache Junction/Gold Canyon News
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3rd Place	Daniel Dullum	AJHS Football	Apache Junction/Gold Canyon News
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Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Cody Bashore	NAU basketball	Arizona Daily Sun
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2nd Place	Doug Cook	Whiskey Off-Road	The Daily Courier
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3rd Place	Brian Bergner Jr.	Prescott Frontier Days - Legends	The Daily Courier
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Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Caitlin Schmidt	Title IX coverage	Arizona Daily Star
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2nd Place	Bruce Pascoe	UA Basketball Coverage	Arizona Daily Star
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3rd Place	Nick Piccoro	2017-2018 Arizona Diamondbacks	The Arizona Republic
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#16 BEST SPORTS COLUMN

COMBINED Divisions:

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

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

1st Place	Corky Simpson	Can golfers of tomorrow keep game alive?	Green Valley News
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2nd Place	Keith Morris	Casteel big loser in blowout victory	Payson Roundup
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3rd Place	John Gutekunst	Best Sports Column - From the Dugout	Parker Pioneer
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Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000

1st Place	Richard Smith	Fetkenhier's unceremonious departure from Cactus remains baffling	Glendale Today
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2nd Place	Sunnie R. Clahchischiligi	Love trumps rivalry as players don Aztec colors	Navajo Times
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3rd Place	Christopher Boan	Arizona Baseball	Explorer Newspaper
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COMBINED Divisions:

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Greg Hansen	Assorted columns	Arizona Daily Star
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2nd Place	Brian Wright	Assorted columns	Casa Grande Dispatch
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3rd Place	Grady Garrett	A plane ride with Minnick's coaching influence	Yuma Sun
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#17 BEST FEATURE STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Steven Law	The joys of sleeping on a raft in the Grand Canyon	Lake Powell Chronicle
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2nd Place	Erin Ford	Ancient art finds new life	Williams-Grand Canyon News
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3rd Place	Mark Cowling	Tragic tale in Texas	Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune
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Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000

1st Place	Kitty Bottemiller	Theirs is a bug's life	Green Valley News
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2nd Place	Trudy Balcom	A guardian of the mountain	White Mountain Independent
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3rd Place	Kim Smith	Narrow escape	Green Valley News
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#17 BEST FEATURE STORY / continued

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

1st Place	Danyelle Khmara	Home is a Tenacious Heart	Tucson Weekly
2nd Place	Colleen Sparks	Chandler Lookalikes	SanTan Sun News
3rd Place	Philip Haldiman	Castle Hot Springs bubbling back four decades after closure	Peoria Today

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Emery Cowan	Is Fredonia Forgotten	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Amy Crawford	Preschooler's choice: Classroom breakfast program sees success	Yuma Sun
3rd Place	Lauren Renteria	The cocktail renaissance	Herald/Review

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Alden Woods	Outsiders, FLDS battle for control of towns Warren Jeffs left behind	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Mary Jo Pitzl	DNA testing yields complicated results	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Cathalena Burch	Tucson Symphony to mark 90th year — and the man who made that possible just turned 98	Arizona Daily Star

#18 ENTERPRISE REPORTING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Ben Giles	Swing-district Dems	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Rachel Leingang	Ducey record on pardons, commutations not forgiving	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Kelcie Grega	Up in Arms	Verde Independent

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

1st Place	Michele Nelson	Fire Series	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Alexis Bechman	Wildfire Prevention	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Kim Smith	Seniors find relief through marijuana	Green Valley News

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

1st Place	Danyelle Khmara	Dreams Deferred	Tucson Weekly
2nd Place	Danyelle Khmara	Rugrat Referendum	Tucson Weekly
3rd Place	Jimmy Magahern	Stardust Ranch ready for next alien adventure	West Valley View

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Claire Whitley	Diving into the mind of the Kingman area arsonist	Kingman Daily Miner
2nd Place	Lauren Renteria	Tunnels of trouble	Herald/Review
3rd Place	Jude Joffe-Block, Terry Greene Sterling	Wrongfully Detained	Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Stephanie Innes, Mamta Popat	The Good Samaritan	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Dustin Gardiner	Arizona faces potential groundwater shortages	The Arizona Republic

#19 BEST COLUMN, ANALYSIS OR COMMENTARY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Jonathan Clark	UniSource's big blackout secret	Nogales International
2nd Place	Jonathan Clark	Reach out	Nogales International
3rd Place	Kelcie Grega	Fruits of progress on the Seder plate	Verde Independent

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

1st Place	Dan Shearer	Driven by rage, facts be damned	Green Valley News
2nd Place	Dan Shearer	Telling the truth from the start	Green Valley News
3rd Place	Peter Aleshire	Keepers of Time have returned	Payson Roundup

#19 BEST COLUMN, ANALYSIS OR COMMENTARY / continued

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

1st Place	Arlyssa Becenti	Corralling the press won't stop us from doing our job	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Jim Nintzel	Behind Closed Doors	Tucson Weekly
3rd Place	Jim Nintzel	Back From the Dead?	Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Joey Chenoweth	Confederate flags represent hate	Casa Grande Dispatch
2nd Place	Shawn Byrne	Too much democracy is like too much honey	Kingman Daily Miner
3rd Place	Tim Wiederaenders	'Only the Brave' is not for everyone	The Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Luis Carrasco	Disdain for migrants doesn't begin or end at Trump's wall	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Tim Steller	When things heat up in Mexico, Tucson can be a haven	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Tim Steller	Worrying signals that agents distort border dangers	Arizona Daily Star

#20 BEST COLUMN, FEATURE OR CRITICISM

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	John Gutekunst	Super Flush	Parker Pioneer
2nd Place	Steven Law	I love that autumn heater smell	Lake Powell Chronicle

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

1st Place	Christopher Fox Graham	When Seuss day comes 'round, find city library-bound	Sedona Red Rock News
2nd Place	Ryan Winslett	May the Force be with you	The Fountain Hills Times
3rd Place	Scott Dyke	Nazis, Patton & the mafia	Green Valley News

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

1st Place	Tom Arviso Jr.	A tip of the hat to two brothers	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Jim Nintzel	The Hard Stuff	Tucson Weekly
3rd Place	Margaret Regan	Present Future	Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Roxanne Molenaar	Chart sparks appreciation for chemistry	Yuma Sun
2nd Place	Bill Coates	Son of CG fingerprint away from becoming John Doe	Casa Grande Dispatch
3rd Place	Tim Wiederaenders	Give the gift of music to a local student	The Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Luis Carrasco	Where are all the Latinos in movies?	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Kathleen Allen	Man of La Mancha is riveting	Arizona Daily Star

#21 BEST MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Katie Campbell	The Breakdown, Episode 4: Moving on – or trying to	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Vyto Starinkas	Big Bertha Roars Again at the Gold King Mine in Jerome	Verde Independent
3rd Place	Katie Campbell	Arizona woman alleges sexual misconduct by former detention officer	Arizona Capitol Times

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

1st Place	Alexis Bechman	Celebration turns to tragedy on East Verde	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Kim Smith, Dan Shearer	Q&A with Valenzuela	Sahuarita Sun
3rd Place	WMIndependent staff	Catastrophe: A Forest in Flames	White Mountain Independent

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

No Entries

#21 BEST MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING / continued

COMBINED Divisions:

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Staff	Big talk, little change on Trump's border	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Cindy Barks	Fix is coming for 99-year-old dam at Watson Lake	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	Mark Levy	Salute to Service	Herald/Review

#22 ONLINE COVERAGE OF BREAKING NEWS

NEW CATEGORY BEGINNING 2018

COMBINED – All Divisions

1st Place	Bruce Pascoe, Caitin Schmidt, Greg Hansen, Curt Prendergast	Arrest of UA coach exposes 'dark underbelly' of college basketball	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Alexis Bechman	Flash flood in East Verde	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Tim Wiederaenders	Strange lights in sky were rocket launch	The Daily Courier

#23 BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Arielle Zionts	Defendant jailed without bond	Nogales International
2nd Place	Hunt Mercier	One World, One People	The Camp Verde Journal
3rd Place	Wendy Howell	In the line of fire	Williams-Grand Canyon News

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

1st Place	Jake Green	Bikes, Beers & Batman at annual race	Sedona Red Rock News
2nd Place	Peter Aleshire	After the parade passes	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Bobby Joe Smith	Going down hard	Green Valley News

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

1st Place	Donovan Quintero	Last salute to fallen brother	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Katherine Locke	Candlelight vigil remembers Nicole Joe and other missing and murdered Native women	Navajo-Hopi Observer
3rd Place	Donovan Quintero	Encounter with a lion	Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

3rd Place	Oscar Perez	Three injured in accident	Casa Grande Dispatch
1st Place	Randy Hoeft	Dove hunt silhouette	Yuma Sun
2nd Place	Mark Levy	Travis is gone	Herald/Review

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Mamta Popat	New Bishop	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Kelly Presnell	Mordor	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Ron Medvescek	Dog saved, home lost	Arizona Daily Star

#24 BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Hunt Mercier	Barreling Through	The Camp Verde Journal
2nd Place	Jonathan Clark	State champions!	Nogales International
3rd Place	Jonathan Clark	Burst of speed	Nogales International

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

1st Place	Rick McCallum	Heads up?	Sahuarita Sun
2nd Place	Keith Morris	Football celebration	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Andy Staten	By a nose	White Mountain Independent

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

1st Place	Donovan Quintero	Nice pass	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Arianna Grainey	Mounted Shooter	Queen Creek Independent
3rd Place	Arianna Grainey	Female Wrestlers	Queen Creek Independent

#24 BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH / continued

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Mark Levy	Thing of B-eauty	Herald/Review
2nd Place	Les Stukenberg	Rodeo - in your face	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	Randy Hoeft	AWC bunter	Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Kelly Presnell	Bananas Arizona	Daily Star
2nd Place	Kelly Presnell	Hollering Hurley	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Kelly Presnell	Clowning around	Arizona Daily Star

#25 BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Arielle Zions	Standing out with style	Nogales International
2nd Place	Wendy Howell	Mending fences	Williams-Grand Canyon News
3rd Place	Hunt Mercier	Tights and Frights	The Camp Verde Journal

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

1st Place	Jim Poulin	Capturing the sun	Phoenix Business Journal
2nd Place	Jake Green	Let There Be Light – Santa	Sedona Red Rock News
3rd Place	Jake Green	I Saw the Sign	Sedona Red Rock News

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

1st Place	Paul Natonabah	Little drummer boy	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Arianna Grainey	Restoration of carousel	Queen Creek Independent
3rd Place	Logan Burtch-Buus	Sticky Affair	Explorer Newspaper

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Randy Hoeft	Winter visitors too	Yuma Sun
2nd Place	Randy Hoeft	Just add water	Yuma Sun
3rd Place	Randy Hoeft	Multi-step process	Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Mamta Popat	Frog exhibit	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Kelly Presnell	Dillinger Days	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Mike Christy	Monsoon runoff	Arizona Daily Star

#26 BEST FEATURE PHOTO LAYOUT OR PHOTO STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Jonathan Clark	Dia de los Muertos	Nogales International
2nd Place	Kendal Blust	Hard at work in Santa Cruz County	Nogales International

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

1st Place	Jim Poulin	ADAPT Shop meets the needs of the disabled	Phoenix Business Journal
2nd Place	Keith Morris	Rodeo Town	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Pia Wyer	Lunar Eclipse: Lifetime Wonder	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Arianna Grainey	Roots and Boots	Queen Creek Independent
2nd Place	Kimberly Carrillo, Christy Byerly Madison Rutherford	Valley Festival Fever	College Times
3rd Place	Arianna Grainey	Back to School in QCUSD	Queen Creek Independent

COMBINED Divisions:

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Kelly Presnell	Living hotel to hotel	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Randy Hoeft	Blue Angels	Yuma Sun
3rd Place	Randy Hoeft	The other green season	Yuma Sun

#27 STORY OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Danyelle Khmara Tucson Weekly 'Death Sentence'

Daily

Alden Woods The Arizona Republic 'The New Housing Crisis'

#28 PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Keith Morris Payson Roundup

Daily

Kelly Presnell Arizona Daily Star

#29 JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Rachel Leingang Arizona Capitol Times

Daily

Yvonne Wingett Sanchez and Rob O'Dell The Arizona Republic

NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.

Daily

The Arizona Republic Executive Editor: Greg Burton

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - SCHOLASTIC DIVISION 2018

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

Sedona Red Rock High School The Sting Advisor: Maureen Barton

Large Schools (5A, 4A)

Sunnyslope High School Viking News Advisor: Deanne Hutchison