2018 NCPA Editorial and Advertising Awards

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(Raleigh, NC) North Carolina Press Association members were honored during the 146th annual convention held at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley. Awards were handed out during an advertising luncheon and editorial banquet on March 21, 2019. NCPA's editorial and advertising contest is one of the largest in the nation with over 4,500 entries submitted by more than 100 newspapers and news organizations. Judging was completed by members of the New Jersey Press Association. Awards cover a contest period of October 2017-September 2018. A list of categories and rules can be found at www.ncpress.com.

Special recognition:

Eric Millsaps, Hickory Daily Record, introduced Rep. Mitchell Setzer as the William C Lassiter First Amendment winner

NC Bar Association president Jacqueline Grant presented the Media & Law awards.

Best Daily Article Winston-Salem Journal Scott Sexton
Best Non-daily Article The State Port Pilot Renee Spencer

Keith Lawrence, executive director of news and communication at Duke University, presented the Duke University/Green-Rossiter Award for Distinguished Newspaper Work in Higher Education.

Community Division: Smoky Mountain News Holly Kays

Online Division EducationNC Staff

Daily Division: News & Observer Jane Stancill and staff

Hugh Morton Photographer of the year award.

This award honors Hugh Morton, the owner of Grandfather Mountain who is best known for his passion for photography. Hugh Morton helped start the NC Photographers Association, and his pictures have appeared in Time, Life and National Geographic magazine as well as in countless newspapers.

The award, sponsored by Mountain Times Publications in Boone, recognizes a photographer's body of work for the contest year. It is the most prestigious photography award we give.

Hugh Morton Photographer of the Year in the Community Newspaper Division from the Cherokee Scout is Ben Katz

Our Hugh Morton Photographer of the Year in the Daily Newspaper Division from the Fayetteville Observer is Melissa Sue Gerrits

The Henry Lee Weathers Freedom of Information Award honors journalists or newspapers for exceptional work in advancing or upholding the cause of Freedom of Information. It also recognizes excellence in reporting about access to government-held information and the First Amendment. Awards are given in two newspaper divisions – newspapers with circulation below 20,000 and newspapers with circulation over 20,000.

Newspapers with circulation below 20,000.

The Carolina Public Press' investigation into the quality of care provided by adult care homes in North Carolina revealed troubling patterns of inconsistent and unreliable oversight and regulation of these facilities across the state. For their work and an analysis of over three years of public records please congratulate Frank Taylor and Michael Gebelein of the Carolina Public Press.

Newspapers with circulation over 20,000.

A traffic stop in Winston-Salem turned deadly when a police officer shot a man. And residents rightfully demanded answers. In addition to comprehensive, detailed reporting on the shooting itself, it was evident that body camera footage would be the clearest way to provide readers with those vital answers.

Despite public demands and near daily protests, the newspaper met with resistance. Thankfully they did not give up. Please congratulate Michael Hewlett, Sarah Newell and Wesley Young of the Winston-Salem Journal for their pursuit of body cam footage to provide the community of Winston-Salem the answers they needed

This year we have renamed the award for best story based on a public notice in honor of Mark Binker - a devoted journalist who knew how important public notice is. In fact one of Mark's last pieces was on a damaging public notice bill introduced at the time and wrote 'taking notices out of the local newspaper is bad for journalism and bad for democracy'. We remember all of Mark's work with this award.

For coverage on Methyl bromide our community winner is Diana B Matthews and Grant Merritt of the News Reporter

For coverage on Home health sale our daily winner is Olivia Neeley of the Wilson Times

And for coverage on congested interchange plans our daily winner is Richard Stradling of the News & Observer.

In third place Cherokee Scout for Celebrate Cherokee County

In second place the Sylva Herald and Ruralite for fighting for transparency

In first place the State Port Pilot for Animal Rights and wrongs

Public Service Awards, we'll begin with daily newspapers with circulation of less than 25,000.

In third place the Gaston Gazette for Hard-time hotel closes

In second place Asheville Citizen-Times for age of addiction: Opioids endanger a generation

In first place the Hickory Daily Record for SBI investigates sheriff candidate

Our final public service award category recognizes daily newspapers with a circulation exceeding 25,000.

In third StarNews for Hurricane Florence coverage

In second place News & Observer for Birthing Center deaths

In first place Charlotte Observer for Inside NC Prisons

General Excellence in print and online. community newspapers in Division A.

General Excellence for websites

3rd place Hendersonville Lightning

2nd place Crossroads Chronicle

1st place Cherokee One Feather

General Excellence for Newspapers only

3rd place Duplin Times

2nd place Cherokee One Feather

1st place North State Journal

In the Community newspapers division B

General Excellence for websites

3rd place Watauga Democrat

2nd place Bladen Journal

1st place Outer Banks Sentinel

General Excellence for Newspapers only

3rd place Watauga Democrat

2nd place Cherokee Scout

1st place State Port Pilot

In Community Division C
General Excellence for websites

3rd place Smoky Mountain News

2nd place News Reporter

1st place Mountaineer

General Excellence for Newspapers only

3rd place The Pilot

2nd place Wilkes Journal-Patriot

1st place News Reporter

general excellence in online-only publications:

3rd place Carolina Public Press

2nd place N.C. Policy Watch

1st place Coastal Review Online

In Division D,

General Excellence for websites

3rd place Hendersonville Times-News

2nd place Daily Advance

1st place Wilson Times

General Excellence for Newspapers only

3rd place Gaston Gazette

2nd place News Herald

1st place Wilson Times

In Division E

General Excellence for websites

3rd place Herald-Sun

2nd place Daily Reflector

1st place StarNews

General Excellence for Newspapers only

3rd place StarNews

2nd place High Point Enterprise

1st place Fayetteville Observer

In the largest daily division F,

General Excellence for websites

3rd place News & Record

2nd place Charlotte Observer

1st place Winston-Salem Journal

General Excellence for Newspapers only

3rd place Charlotte Observer

2nd place News & Observer

1st place Winston-Salem Journal

Advertising Special awards:

The Best in Show ad for Division A is ... Duplin Times for Tommy J Designs

Division B, our Best in Show award goes to ... Watauga Democrat for Blue Deer Cookies

Division C's Best in Show winner is ... The Pilot for Brides ETC

Dailies, Division D award for Best in Show goes to ... McDowell News for Caribbean 5K Run

Division E Best in Show winner goes to Wilmington StarNews for Above All Roofing

Best in show for niche publication goes to Daily Reflector for Health File - Mental Health

The last of our special awards is sponsored by Metro Creative Graphics. The Metro Plus Business Awards are sweepstakes awards, and acknowledge the top "points" earners in each division. Based on those points, the award recognizes the newspaper with the most cumulative awards.

In Division A our winner is ... Duplin Times

In Division B our winner is ... The State Port Pilot

In Division C our winner is ... The Pilot

In Division D our winner is ... Hickory Daily Record

Our winner in Division E is ... Daily Reflector

Advertising Category winners (grouped alphabetically by newspaper, Division, Category):

Best Entertainment Ad Division A 3rd Place Forest Ridge Assisted Living Ashe Post & Times Kristin Obiso, Teresa Laws

Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division A 1st Place Ashe County Ford Ashe Post & Times Kristin Obiso, Teresa Laws

Division A 3rd Place House ad Ashe Post & Best Newspaper Promotion Times Meleah Bryan 3rd Place **Avery Journal Times** Best Food Ad Division A Vidalia Kristin Obiso Best Food Ad Division A 1st Place Blowing Rock Market Blowing Rocket Meleah Bryan Best Special Section Division A 2nd Place Blowing Rock My Hometown 2018 Blowing Rocket Staff Institutional Ad Division A 1st Place Carlton Gallery Blowing Rocket Meleah Bryan Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division A 2nd Place Carolina Furniture Concepts Cherokee One Feather Scott Brings Plenty Best Newspaper Promotion 1st Place Graduation ads Division A announcement Cherokee One Feather Scott Brings Plenty Best Use of Humor Division A 1st Place Microphone Ad Cherokee One Feather Robert Jumper Institutional Ad Division A 3rd Place Asheville Tourists Cherokee One Feather Scott Brings Plenty Best Retail Ad Division A 1st Place W.E. Nixon Welding & Hardware Chowan Herald Bev Alexander, Creative Staff Best Retail Ad Division A 2nd Place Halsey's Lawn & Garden Chowan HeraldBev Alexander, Creative Staff 3rd Place Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division A Carpet and Appliance Homestyle Chowan Herald Staff Best Small Ad Division A 1st Place Brock's Buddies Chowan Herald Bev Alexander, Creative Staff Best Small Ad Division A 2nd Place Olde Towne Auto Chowan Herald Bev Alexander. Creative Staff Best Small Ad 3rd Place Wilbur R Bunch's Produce Stand Division A Chowan Herald Bev Alexander, Creative Staff Institutional Ad Division A 2nd Place **Edenton Historical Commission** Chowan Herald Bev Alexander. Creative Staff

Best Real Estate Ad Division A 1st Place Home Connections Duplin Times Alan Wells Best Retail Ad Division A 3rd Place James Sprunt Community College **Duplin Times Alan Wells** Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page Division A 2nd Place Supporting Family Farmers **Duplin Times Staff** Best Entertainment Ad Division A 1st Place Blue, Brew & Que' Duplin Times Jillian Smith Best Food Ad Division A 2nd Place MIK'S Duplin Times Jillian Smith Best Niche Publication Division A 1st Place Duplin County Visitors Guide 2018 Duplin Times Staff **Best Niche Publication** 2nd Place Topsail Island & Pender County Division A Visitors Guide **Duplin Times Staff** Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division A 1st Place Tommy J Designs **Duplin Times Jillian Smith** 1st Place Best Special Section Division A Farming Matters 2018 Duplin Times Staff Best Special Section Division A 3rd Place Bright Spots 2018 **Duplin Times** Staff Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division A 2nd Place Super Sports & Imports Elkin Tribune Marjorie Morrison, Scott Belcher Best Advertising Campaign Division A 3rd Place Highland Hiker Stephanie Mason, Josh Smith Highlander Best Use of Color Division A 1st Place Innovation & Creativity Institute Highlander Stephanie Mason, Brad Spaulding Best Entertainment Ad Division A 2nd Place Brookings Anglers Highlander Stephanie Mason, Josh Smith Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division A 1st Place Summer House Highlander Stephanie Mason, Josh Smith 2nd Place Best Newspaper Promotion Division A Seasonal Subscription

Highlander Staff

Best Niche Publication Division A 3rd Place Mountain Life Highlander Staff Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division A 2nd Place **Dutchmans** Highlander Stephanie Mason, Josh Smith Division A Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page 1st Place A Salute to Our Veterans Perguimans Weekly Bev Alexander, Creative Staff Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page Division A 3rd Place Remember Mom Perguimans Weekly Staff Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page Division B 1st Place Memorial Day Service Bertie Ledger-Advance Michelle Leicester Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page Division B 3rd Bertie Ledger-Advance Place Baby's First Christmas Michelle Leicester Best Food Ad 3rd Place Division B Bertie County Peanuts Bertie Ledger-Advance Michelle Leicester Best Healthcare/Medical Ad Division B 1st Place Central Piedmont Urgent Care Chatham News & Record Jason Justice 1st Place Kimbrells Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division B Chatham News & Record Jason Justice Best Use of Color Division B 1st Place Closed for Christmas Cherokee

Scout David Brown, Christy Guthrie

Best Use of Color Division B 3rd Place Jacky Jones Cherokee Scout Donna Cook, Tina Sheldon

Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division B 2nd Place Jacky Jones Cherokee Scout Donna Cook, Tina Sheldon

Best Newspaper Promotion Division B 1st Place Out of Sight Cherokee Scout David Brown, Christy Guthrie

Best Use of Humor Division B 1st Place Happy 50th Birthday Cherokee Scout Dave Stevens. Tina Sheldon

Institutional Ad Division B 1st Place Murphy School of Dance Cherokee Scout Donna Cook, Tina Sheldon

Institutional Ad Division B 3rd Place School Registration Cherokee Scout Donna Cook, Tina Sheldon

Best Advertising Campaign Division B 2nd Place ReMax Southern Coast State Port Pilot Carol Magnani, Linda Lash

Best Apparel, Jewelry & Accessories Ad Division B 1st Place Renee's Fine Jewelry State Port Pilot Mindy Ellinger, Linda Lash

Best Apparel, Jewelry & Accessories Ad Division B 2nd Place ShoeFly State Port Pilot Carol Magnani, Joey Robinson

Best Apparel, Jewelry & Accessories Ad Division B 3rd Place Seaside with Coffee State Port Pilot Mindy Ellinger, Linda Lash

Best Real Estate Ad Division B 1st Place ReMax Southern Coast Fall Open House State Port Pilot Carol Magnani, Linda Lash

Best Real Estate Ad Division B 2nd Place Cronick and Associates State Port Pilot Carol Magnani, Joey Robinson

Best Real Estate Ad Division B 3rd Place Ceilidh Creech State Port Pilot Carol Magnani, Joey Robinson

Best Retail Ad Division B 1st Place Post Interiors State Port Pilot Ben Frazier, Linda Lash

Best Retail Ad Division B 3rd Place Boo and Roos Text State Port Pilot Carol Magnani, Joey Robinson

Best Use of Color Division B 2nd Place The Haraway Group State Port Pilot Carol Magnani, Joey Robinson

Best Entertainment Ad Division B 2nd Place Old American Fish and The Frying Pan State Port Pilot Carol Magnani, Joey Robinson

Best Entertainment Ad Division B 3rd Place Bella Cucina State Port Pilot Mindy Ellinger, Linda Lash

Best Food Ad Division B 2nd Place Big Lake Bakery - Ice Cream State Port Pilot Ben Frazier, Linda Lash

Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division B 2nd Place Beach Road Furniture State Port Pilot Mindy Ellinger, Linda Lash

Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division B 3rd Place Cox Bedding Center State Port Pilot Mindy Ellinger, Joey Robinson

Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division B 3rd Place Whitley Power Equipment State Port Pilot Mindy Ellinger, Linda Lash

Best Newspaper Promotion Port Pilot Ed Harper	Division B	2nd Place	Home Delive	ery State				
Best Newspaper Promotion Pilot Carol Magnani, Joey Rob	Division B inson	3rd Place	Ed's Mugs	State Port				
Best Small Ad Division B Carol Magnani, Linda Lash	1st Place	Airport Trans	sport State	Port Pilot				
Best Small Ad Division B 2nd Place The Painted Mermaid State Port Pilot Carol Magnani, Joey Robinson								
Best Small Ad Division B Ellinger, Linda Lash	3rd Place	Three Sister	sState Port P	ilot Mindy				
Best Special Section Division B 1st Place Coast Magazine - Spring 2018 State Port Pilot Staff								
Best Special Section Divisi State Port Pilot Staff	on B 2nd F	Place 2018	4th of July Fe	estival Program				
Best Special Section Division B 3rd Place Coast Magazine - Holiday 2017 State Port Pilot Staff								
Best Use of Humor Division B 2nd Place Discover NC Homes State Port Pilot Ben Frazier, Linda Lash								
Best Use of Humor Division B 3rd Place East Coast Moving State Port Pilot Carol Magnani, Joey Robinson								
Institutional Ad Division B 2nd Place Southport Baptist Church State Port Pilot Ben Frazier, Linda Lash								
Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page Division B 2nd Place School Bus Safety Stokes News Aaron Eaton								
Best Advertising Campaign Division B 3rd Place Blackwell and Edwards Up & Coming Weekly Elizabeth Long								
Best Entertainment Ad Division B 1st Place Huske Hardware Best of Fayetteville Up & Coming Weekly Elizabeth Long								
Best Food Ad Division B 1st Place R burger Foodtruck Best of Fayetteville Up & Coming Weekly Elizabeth Long								
Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division B 1st Place Baker American Cycle Up & Coming Weekly Elizabeth Long								

Best Retail Ad Division B 2nd Place Magic Cycles Watauga Democrat Kristin Obiso

Best Service Ad in a Niche Publication Division B 1st Place Rising Star Equestrian Center Watauga Democrat Meleah Bryan, Mark Mitchell

Best Niche Publication Division B 1st Place All About Women March-April 2018 Watauga Democrat All About Women Staff

Best Niche Publication Division B 2nd Place Boone My Hometown 2017-18 Watauga Democrat Staff

Best Niche Publication Division B 3rd Place All About Weddings 2018 Watauga Democrat All About Women Staff

Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division B 1st Place Blue Deer Cookies Watauga Democrat Meleah Bryan, Mark Mitchell

Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division B 2nd Place Things We Love Watauga Democrat Meleah Bryan, Nathan Godwin, James Howell

Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division B 3rd Place Mountain Blue Gallery Watauga Democrat Kristin Obiso, Mark Mitchell

Best Entertainment Ad Division C 3rd Place Carolina Corn Festival Enquirer-Journal April Purser

Best Use of Color Division C 1st Place Unitarian Universalist Franklin Press Liz Birolin

Best Use of Humor Division C 3rd Place Bald Head - Putin Franklin Press Liz Birolin

Best Healthcare/Medical Ad Division C 1st Place Cabarrus Eye Center Independent Tribune Tanya White & Sarah Thompson

Best Online Advertising Division C 1st Place Secrets from Grandma's Kitchen Independent Tribune Natalie McNeely & Sarah Thompson

Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division C 2nd Place Hilbish Ford Independent Tribune Kasey Wells & LeAnna Dunlap

Best Newspaper Promotion Division C 1st Place New Yard Sale Rates Independent Tribune Kent Boggs & Michele Martin

Best Newspaper Promotion Division C 3rd Place Celebrate Summer Sweepstakes Independent Tribune Tanya White & Decota Walls

Best Niche Publication Division C 2nd Place Welcome Back Independent Tribune Natalie McNeely & Sales Staff Best Special Section Division C 1st Place My Time Independent Xeng Lee & Sales Staff Tribune Best Service Ad in a Niche Publication Division C 2nd Place Rescue Ranch Mooresville Tribune Xeng Lee & Brittany Smith Division C Best Niche Publication 3rd Place Tinsel Mooresville Tribune Kasey Wells & Sales Staff Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division C 3rd Place R Gregory Jewelers Mooresville Tribune Xeng Lee & Tiffany Hovis Best Entertainment Ad Division C 1st Place Asheville Music Hall Mountain Xpress Olivia Urban Best Apparel, Jewelry & Accessories Ad Division C 3rd Place Tony Lama Boots Mountaineer Mac Heishman, Paula Lilly Best Healthcare/Medical Ad Division C 2nd Place Southeastern PT Mountaineer Mac Heishman, Paula Lilly Division C 3rd Place SMFC Mountaineer Mac Best Healthcare/Medical Ad Heishman, Jennifer Allen 2nd Place Waynesville Rec Center Best Online Advertising Division C Mountaineer Matthew Perusi, Jennifer Allen Best Online Advertising Division C 3rd Place Taylor Ford Mountaineer Matthew Perusi, Paula Lilly Best Retail Ad Division C 1st Place Marthaler Jewelers Mountaineer Sarah Jane Hatfield, Lori Gilbert Best Retail Ad Division C 2nd Place Elevated Mountain Distilling Co. Mountaineer Sarah Jane Hatfield, Paula Lilly Best Retail Ad Division C 3rd Place Farmers Co-Op Mountaineer Mac Heishman. Paula Lilly Division C 2nd Place Best Entertainment Ad eWisdom Mountaineer Matthew Perusi, Lori Gilbert Best Food Ad Division C 1st Place Firefly Taps & Grill Mountaineer Mac Heishman, Paula Lilly

Best Food Ad Division C 3rd Place Baked Pie Co. Mountaineer Staff Davis Furniture Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division C 1st Place Mountaineer Mac Heishman Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division C 1st Place Smoky Mountain Steel Horses Mountaineer Mac Heishman, Paula Lilly Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division C Taylor Ford Mountaineer Mac 3rd Place Heishman, Paula Lilly Division C 2nd Place The Mountaineer Best Newspaper Promotion Mountaineer Mac Heishman Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division C 2nd Place Elevated Mountain Distilling Co. Mountaineer Sarah Jane Hatfield, Paula Lilly Division C 2nd Place The Strand Mountaineer Mac Best Small Ad Heishman, Keri Hill Best Special Section Division C 3rd Place Health Expo 2018 Mountaineer Staff Best Use of Humor Division C 1st Place Patton Avenue Pet Company Mountaineer Mac Heishman, Lori Gilbert Best Use of Humor Division C 2nd Place Patton Avenue Pet Company Mountaineer Matthew Perusi, Lori Gilbert Best Advertising Campaign Division C 1st Place Best of the Pines Pilot Scotty Yancey, Patty Thompson Best Apparel, Jewelry & Accessories Ad Division C 1st Place Coolsweats Pilot Scott Yancey, Dacia Black Best Apparel, Jewelry & Accessories Ad Division C 2nd Place A BIT OF COUTURE Pilot Scott Yancey, Dacia Black Best Real Estate Ad Division C 1st Place Lake Tillery Properties Pilot Trintin Rollins, Perry Loflin Best Real Estate Ad Division C 3rd Place Pilot Pinehurst Area Realty Trintin Rollins, Perry Loflin Best Service Ad in a Niche Publication Division C 3rd Place Mercedes Pilot Trintin Rollins, Perry Loflin

Best Use of Color Division C 2nd Place Bell Tree Pilot Scott Yancey, Dacia Black Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page Division C 1st Place Mothers Day Page Pilot Staff Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page Division C 2nd Pilot Staff Place Sidewalk Sale Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page Division C 3rd Place Fathers Day Pilot Staff Best Food Ad Division C 2nd Place Beefeaters Pilot Trintin Rollins. Deborah Fernsell Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division C 2nd Place Sweet Dreams Pilot Mechelle Butler, Terry Hartsell Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division C 3rd Place **Eloise Trading** Pilot Scott Yancey, Ginny Trigg Company Best Innovative Concept/Wild Card Division C 2nd Place Save the Date Country Bookshop Pilot Mechelle Butler Best Niche Publication Pinestraw Profiles Pilot Staff Division C 1st Place Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division C Brides ETC Pilot 1st Place Trintin Rollins. Deborah Fernsell Best Small Ad Division C 1st Place Ice Cream Parlor Pilot Scott Yancey, Patty Thompson 2nd Place Pilot Best Special Section Division C Partners For Children Mechelle Butler, Deborah Fernsell Institutional Ad Division C 3rd Place Aberdeen Exterminating Pilot Mechelle Butler, Johnsie Tipton Best Real Estate Ad Division C 2nd Place Infinite Investments & Properties YES! Weekly Alex Eldridge Best Use of Color Division C 3rd Place WOW What A Drink YES! Weekly Alex Eldridge Division C 3rd Place Best Small Ad Meraki Handmade YES! Weekly Alex Eldridge

Institutional Ad Division C 1st Place Health & Style - Upside Down YES! Weekly Alex Eldridge 2nd Place Health & Style - Blown Away YES! Institutional Ad Division C Weekly Alex Eldridge Best Healthcare/Medical Ad Division D 2nd Place Beltone Courier-Tribune Rebecca Craven. Sabrina Presnell Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division D 2nd Place Burge Florist Courier-Tribune Jana Steed Best Special Section Division D 1st Place Summer Day Trippin' Courier-Tribune Jana Steed Best Use of Humor Division D 3rd Place WZOO Courier-Tribune Rebecca Craven Institutional Ad Division D 2nd Place Asheboro Fall Festival Courier-Tribune Jana Steed Institutional Ad Division D 3rd Place Randolph Genealogical Courier-Tribune Rebecca Craven, Susan Wright Division D 1st Place Best Apparel, Jewelry & Accessories Ad Vaughan's Jewelry Annual Estate Sale Daily Advance Bev Alexander, Creative Staff Best Use of Color Division D 3rd Place Rich Plant Park Daily Advance Houghton, Creative Staff Best Food Ad Division D 3rd Place The Circle II Daily Advance Lisa Bailey, Creative Staff Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division D 2nd Place Carpet Connection Rich Houghton, Creative Staff Daily Advance Sams Furniture Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division D 1st Place Daily Dispatch Diane Robbins Best Use of Humor Division D 1st Place Southern Laundry Daily Dispatch Rachel Hedrick Best Use of Humor Division D 2nd Place Oxford Credit Union Daily Dispatch Diane Robbins Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division D 1st Place Moore 7 Daily News Staff (Jacksonville)

Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division D 2nd Place Sanders 1 Daily News Staff (Jacksonville) Division D 3rd Place Best Apparel, Jewelry & Accessories Ad Facet Foundry Jewelry Studio Gaston Gazette Eric Carpenter Best Real Estate Ad 2nd Place Division D Robinson Oaks Gaston Gazette June Lang Best Real Estate Ad Division D 3rd Place Angie Dixen Gaston Gazette June Lang Best Retail Ad Division D 1st Place Lewis Feed & Western Store Gaston Gazette June Lang Best Retail Ad Division D 2nd Place Belmont's Specialty Foods Gaston Gazette Cindy Nardozzi Best Apparel, Jewelry & Accessories Ad Division D 2nd Place Suit City Natalie McNeely & Shawn Watson Hickory Daily Record Best Service Ad in a Niche Publication Division D 1st Place OsteoStrong Hickory Hickory Daily Record Natalie McNeely & Danielle Bernard Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page Division D 1st Place Celebrate Mother's Day Hickory Daily Record Kasey Wells & Sales Staff Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page Division D 3rd Place Shop Local Page Hickory Daily Record Allison Zucco & Sales Staff Best Food Ad Division D 2nd Place Countryside Catering Hickory Daily Record Tanya White & Tiffany Coates 2nd Place Best Newspaper Promotion Division D Happy Mother's Day Hickory Daily Record Kent Boggs & Michele Martin Best Niche Publication Division D 1st Place Taste of Hickory Hickory Daily Kasey Wells, Randy Knauf & Jon LaFontaine Record Best Special Section Division D 3rd Place Spring Home & Garden Flair Hickory Daily Record Allison Zucco & Sales Staff Caribbean 5K Run McDowell News Best Use of Color Division D 1st Place Kasey Wells & Sales Staff Best Entertainment Ad Division D 3rd Place Pepperoni's McDowell News Candy Shannon & Tiffany Coates

Best Small Ad Division D 2nd Place Flavors on Main McDowell News Natalie McNeely & Tiffany Coates

Institutional Ad Division D 1st Place ACT NOW! Diabetes – Mission Health McDowell News Tanya White & Emily Martin

Best Newspaper Promotion Division D 1st Place Be Social News Herald Jessica Coffey & Sales Staff

Best Niche Publication Division D 2nd Place Spotlight on Health Summer 2018 News Herald Kasey Wells & Sales Staff

Best Special Section Division D 2nd Place On the Lake News Herald Kasey Wells & Sales Staff

Best Niche Publication Division D 3rd Place Carolina Brew Scene Rocky Mount Telegram Staff

Best Use of Color Division D 2nd Place Celebrating Coharie Culture Sampson Independent Shannon Best & Courtney Bennett

Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page Division D 2nd Place Black History Month Celebration Sampson Independent Brenda McCullen

Best Advertising Campaign Division D 2nd Place The Sanford Herald Sanford Herald Laura Powers. Erin Poe

Best Small Ad Division D 1st Place Myres Animal Hospital Sanford Herald Laura Powers

Best Small Ad Division D 3rd Place Happy 4th Birthday Sanford Herald Erin Poe

Best Healthcare/Medical Ad Division D 1st Place Shelby Hearing Center Star (Shelby) Matt Blanchard, Lisa Lilly

Best Entertainment Ad Division D 2nd Place Apple Butter Festival Star (Shelby) Vee Lindsay, Lisa Lilly

Best Advertising Campaign Division D 1st Place Longest Running Restaurants Statesville Record & Landmark Xeng Lee & Sales Staff

Best Real Estate Ad Division D 1st Place Doug Madison Realty Statesville Record & Landmark Xeng Lee & Jordan Estes

Best Innovative Concept/Wild Card Division D 1st Place Carolina Balloonfest 2017 Statesville Record & Landmark Kasey Wells & Sales Staff

Best Innovative Concept/Wild Card Division D 3rd Place Iredell Statesville School Calendar Statesville Record & Landmark Xeng Lee & Sales Staff

Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division D 3rd Place Randy Marion Ford Lincoln Statesville Record & Landmark Kent Boggs & LeAnna Dunlap

Best Newspaper Promotion Division D 3rd Place Cutest Couple Contest Statesville Record & Landmark Xeng Lee & Decota Walls

Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division D 1st Place Randy Marion Cadillac Statesville Record & Landmark Natalie McNeely, Lisa Tarlton & LeAnna Dunlap

Best Healthcare/Medical Ad Division D 3rd Place Your Health, Carolina East Sun Journal Staff

Best Retail Ad Division D 3rd Place Jill's Pet Grooming Sun Journal Staff

Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division D 3rd Place Creative Kitchen 2 Sun Journal Staff

Best Entertainment Ad Division D 1st Place The Sanctuary at Red Bell Run Tryon Daily Bulletin Magan Etheridge

Best Food Ad Division D 1st Place Bird Mountain Wine and Spirits Tryon Daily Bulletin Magan Etheridge

Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division D 3rd Place Holiday Galore Gifts & More Tryon Daily Bulletin Magan Etheridge

Best Advertising Campaign Division E 3rd Place Best of 2018 Daily Reflector Kathryn Manning

Best Apparel, Jewelry & Accessories Ad Division E 2nd Place Robinson's Jewelers Daily Reflector Christina Ruotolo, Tim Mayberry

Best Apparel, Jewelry & Accessories Ad Division E 3rd Place Robinson's Jewelers Daily Reflector Christina Ruotolo, Victoria Privette

Best Online Advertising Division E 1st Place Dr. Fishel Daily Reflector Alan Skirnick, Kathryn Manning

Best Online Advertising Division E 2nd Place Monkee's Daily Reflector Alan Skirnick, Kathryn Manning

Best Real Estate Ad Division E 2nd Place Century 21, Elite Properties Daily Reflector Christina Ruotolo, Jason Scott

Best Service Ad in a Niche Publication Division E 2nd Place The Shave on Fifth Daily Reflector Alan Skirnick, Victoria Privette Best Use of Color Division E 1st Place Duck Donuts Daily Reflector Alan Skirnick. Rick Glosson Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page Division E 1st Place Explore Uptown Daily Reflector Alan Skirnick, Brandi Callahan Best Entertainment Ad Division E 2nd Place Fire American Tavern Daily Reflector Alan Skirnick. Rick Glosson Best Entertainment Ad Division E 3rd Place TieBreakers Sports Bar & Grill Daily Reflector Tom Little, Jasmine Blount Best Food Ad Division E 2nd Place Villedge Wood Fired Kitchen & Bar Daily Reflector Alan Skirnick, Victoria Privette Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division E 1st Place Highland Furniture Alan Skirnick, Victoria Privette Daily Reflector Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division E 1st Place Dave Davis' East Carolina Chrysler Daily Reflector Kevin Gallagher, Alex Ezzell Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division E Lee Kia 3rd Place Daily Reflector Kevin Gallagher, Brandi Callahan Division E 2nd Place Best Newspaper Promotion Mixer Magazine Promotion - May/June 2018 Daily Reflector Kathryn Manning Best Niche Publication Division E 2nd Place Mixer Magazine - Bleeding Purple & Gold Daily Reflector Staff Best Small Ad Division E 3rd Place Blackbeard Coffee Roasters Daily Alan Skirnick, Brandi Callahan Reflector Best Special Section Division E 1st Place Health File - Mental Health Daily Reflector Staff Best Special Section Division E 3rd Place Saluting our Veterans 2017 Daily Reflector Staff 3rd Place Best Use of Humor Division E Chico's Mexican Restaurant Daily Reflector Kevin Gallagher, Rick Glosson Best Use of Color Division E 3rd Place Readers' Choice Awards Fayetteville **Eddie Harris** Observer

Best Newspaper Promotion Division E 1st Place FayWhat? Fayetteville Observer **Eddie Harris** Division E 2nd Place Best Special Section Pets Fayetteville Observer **Eddie Harris** Institutional Ad Division E 2nd Place Rainbow Pediatrics - Full Page Staff Fayetteville Observer Best Apparel, Jewelry & Accessories Ad Division E 1st Place J&S Jewelry High Point Enterprise Amanda Duncan 1st Place Best Healthcare/Medical Ad Division E Carolina Pure Wellness High Point Enterprise Jack Moriarity Best Healthcare/Medical Ad Division E 2nd Place High Point Audiological High Point Enterprise Sandy Southards Best Real Estate Ad Division E 3rd Place Price & Associates High Point Enterprise Sandy Southards Best Retail Ad Division E 1st Place Wild Birds Unlimited High Point Enterprise **Jack Moriarity** Best Retail Ad Division E 2nd Place High Point Jewelers High Point Enterprise Roger Boyd 3rd Place Best Retail Ad Division E Furniture Finds High Point Enterprise Roger Boyd Best Service Ad in a Niche Publication Division E 3rd Place Beeson Hardware High Point Enterprise Jack Moriarity Division E Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page 2nd Place Entertainment Arts High Point Enterprise Christian Saunders Best Entertainment Ad Division E 1st Place Linbrook Christmas Events High Point Enterprise Christian Saunders Division E Best Food Ad 1st Place High Point Enterprise Tipsyz Sandy Southards 2nd Place Best Motor Vehicle Ad Division E Friendly Transmission High Point Enterprise Sandy Southards Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division E 2nd Place Steak Street High Point Enterprise Jack Moriarity

Best Small Ad Division E 1st Place Artistic Landscapes High Point Enterprise Sandy Southards Best Small Ad Division E 2nd Place **High Point** Bush Hill Trading Post Christian Saunders Enterprise Best Use of Humor Division E 2nd Place High Point Furniture Sales High Point Enterprise **Christian Saunders** Travel the Carolinas StarNews Best Online Advertising Division E 3rd Place Staff Best Real Estate Ad Division E 1st Place The Bluffs on the Cape Fear Karen Sell StarNews Best Use of Color Division E 2nd Place Wilmington Theater Fair 2018 StarNews Jeff Hidek Best Community Service Signature Page or Best Shared Page Division E 3rd Place Career Expo 2018 StarNews Jeff Hidek Best Food Ad Division E 3rd Place Johnny Luke's Quarter Page StarNews Cheryl Theiss Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division E 2nd Place Sutton's Rugs & Carpets StarNews Leigh Ann Askew Best Home Furnishings/Appliances Ad Division E 3rd Place Ashley Furniture Spadea StarNews Erin Pike, Dennis Quinn Best Newspaper Promotion Division E 3rd Place Port City Foodies StarNews Erin Pike Best Niche Publication Division E 3rd Place Your Health December 2017 Staff StarNews

Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division E 1st Place Paws Place Dog Rescue StarNews Jeff Hidek

Best Retail Ad in a Niche Publication Division E 3rd Place Ashley Furniture Inside Cover PCL StarNews Joshua Starkey, Dennis Quinn

Best Use of Humor Division E 1st Place D. Baxter's A Lamp Shade Without A Lamp StarNews Dennis Quinn

Institutional Ad Division E 1st Place Above All Roofing StarNews Karen Sell

Institutional Ad Division E 3rd Place Brightmore of Wilmington StarNews Dennis Quinn

Editorial Category winners (grouped alphabetically by newspaper, Division, Category):

News Coverage - Community Only Division A 3rd Place Anson Record Staff

Editorials Division A 2nd Place Collection: Lawsuit, lawmakers, flooding Anson Record Alan Wooten

Online Breaking News Coverage Division A 3rd Place Terry Buchanan resigns as Ashe County sheriff, charges dismissed Ashe Post & Times Lee Sanderlin

City County Government Reporting Division A 3rd Place Stonebridge Subdivision gains Board of Commissioners support in redistricting blunder Ashe Post & Times Luke Weir

Election/Political Reporting Division A 2nd Place One in 19,000: a conversation with Ashe County's lone Green Party member Ashe Post & Times Luke Weir

Sports News Reporting Division A 3rd Place Bare takes home 2A state title Ashe Post & Times Colin Tate

Photography, Feature Division A 3rd Place Callum Vinson, 2018 Grandfather Mtn. Highland Games Avery Journal Times Carl Blankenship

Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division A 1st Place Avery Journal-Times Sports Coverage Avery Journal Times Jamie Shell, Steve Behr, Matt Laws, Logan Parks

Religion & Faith Reporting Division A 1st Place St. Mary's of Blowing Rock in transition Blowing Rocket Thomas Sherrill

Appearance and Design Division A 3rd Place Cherokee One Feather Scott Brings Plenty

Headline Writing Division A 1st Place Cherokee One Feather Scott Brings Plenty

Photo Page or Essay Division A 1st Place Cherokee Indian Pow Wow Cherokee One Feather Scott Brings Plenty

Photography, Sports Division A 3rd Place Tye Mintz runs against Mitchell Cherokee One Feather Scott Brings Plenty

Cherokee Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division A 2nd Place One Feather Scott Brings Plenty 1st Place Cherokee Skate Jam Sports Feature Photo Division A Cherokee One Feather Scott Brings Plenty Division A 3rd Place Cherokee Sports Feature Photo stickball photos One Feather Scott Brings Plenty Use of Photographs - Community/Specialty/Online Division A 1st Place Cherokee One Feather Staff **Beat News Reporting** Division A 2nd Place Taylor Theater Chowan HeraldMiles Layton **News Feature Writing** Division A 2nd Place The one that didn't get away --News feature Chowan Herald Miles Layton Editorials Division A 3rd Place Editorial opinions Chowan Herald Miles Layton Best Community Coverage Division A 3rd Place Best Community Coverage Crossroads Chronicle Don Richeson, Dan Brown Appearance and Design Division A 2nd Place Appearance and Design Crossroads Chronicle Don Richeson Best Video Division A 3rd Place Best Video -- Cashiers Valley Leaf Festival Crossroads Chronicle Don Richeson Editorial Page Division A 3rd Place Editorial Pages -- June 6, 13 and 20, 2018 Crossroads Chronicle Don Richeson 1st Place Photography, Spot Division A Photography, Spot -- Fire destroys home Crossroads Chronicle Don Richeson Special Section - Newspapers Only Division A 2nd Place Special Section --Mountain Homes Crossroads Chronicle Don Richeson, Melissa Reed Arts and Entertainment Reporting 2nd Place Division A Bringing Hope Through Music Duplin Times Abby Cavenaugh Best Community Coverage Division A 1st Place July News **Duplin Times** Staff Best Niche Publication Division A 1st Place SENC Magazine - Spring 2018 Duplin Times Staff

Education Reporting Division A 3rd Place East Duplin's MentorMe Program Duplin Times Abby Cavenaugh Duplin News Feature Writing Division A 3rd Place Six Days In A Shelter Times Abby Cavenaugh Online Breaking News Coverage Division A 1st Place Two drown in the Northeast Cape Fear River at Hallsville Duplin Times Trevor Normile Online Breaking News Coverage Division A 2nd Place Fatalities report Duplin **Times Trevor Normile** General News Reporting Division A 3rd Place Fallout follows Warsaw Waffle House arrest Duplin Times Trevor Normile Headline Writing Division A 2nd Place Headline Writing Duplin Times Trevor Normile Lighter Columns Division A 3rd Place Weighin' In **Duplin Times Abby** Cavenaugh Photography, Feature Division A 1st Place When the cops call 911 Duplin **Times Trevor Normile** 3rd Place Duplin Times Trevor Photography, Spot Division A Night watchmen Normile 3rd Place Division A Sports Columns Ball-to-da-ball-to-bang-bang-diggy-diggy! Duplin Times Bill Rollins Sports Columns Division A 3rd Place Ed breaks through for the first time **Duplin Times Bill Rollins** 3rd Place Division A Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Sports Coverage **Duplin Times Michael Jaenicke** Sports News Reporting Division A 2nd Place Caught in a Trap **Duplin Times** Bill Rollins 1st Place City County Government Reporting Division A Graham Star **Gary Corsair** Election/Political Reporting Division A 3rd Place Graham Star Gary Corsair Headline Writing Division A 3rd Place Graham Star Gary Corsair

Profile Feature

Division A

2nd Place

Graham Star Gary Corsair

Special Section - Specialty Publications Only Division A 1st Place Graham Star Gary Corsair, Christy Guthrie, Tere Moore

Special Section - Specialty Publications Only Division A 2nd Place Graham Star Gary Corsair, Tere Moore, Debbie Buchanan

Beat Feature Reporting Division A 1st Place Honor Air, Oct. 4 Hendersonville Lightning Bill Moss

Education Reporting Division A 2nd Place After Parkland, school safety moves to No. 1 on priority list Hendersonville Lightning Bill Moss

News Coverage - Community Only Division A 2nd Place Community Jan. 10 & Jan. 31 Hendersonville Lightning Lightning Staff

News Enterprise Reporting Division A 2nd Place NIMBY Nation Hendersonville Lightning Bill Moss

Feature Writing Division A 1st Place June 6, Aug. 15 Hendersonville Lightning Bill Moss

Serious Columns Division A 1st Place Serious Columns: May 30, June 27, Aug. 22 Hendersonville Lightning Bill Moss

Special Section - Newspapers Only Division A 3rd Place Season of Giving Nov. 15 Hendersonville Lightning Lightning Staff

Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division A 1st Place Avery's Oscar Night Highlander Dan Brown

News Enterprise Reporting Division A 1st Place Broadband: Full speed ahead Highlander Dan Brown

News Feature Writing Division A 1st Place Snakebite Highlander Dan Brown

Editorials Division A 1st Place Broadband editorials Highlander Brad Spaulding and Dan Brown

Photography, General News Division A 3rd Place In the spirit Highlander Staff

Best Niche Publication Division A 2nd Place Mebane Enterprise newcomers & visitors guide Mebane Enterprise Mebane Enterprise staff

Education Reporting Division A 1st Place The Alamance County education bonds Mebane Enterprise Bailey Pennington

Best Multimedia Project Division A 1st Place Lions and tigers and trees, oh my! Mebane Enterprise Bailey Pennington

Best Multimedia Project Division A 2nd Place Remembering Mebane's fallen heroes Mebane Enterprise Bailey Pennington

Best Video Division A 1st Place Mebane's annual Fourth of July parade Mebane Enterprise Bailey Pennington

Best Video Division A 2nd Place Eagles shut out Cavaliers in game two Mebane Enterprise Bailey Pennington

Religion & Faith Reporting Division A 3rd Place Bringing the Scottish roots south: Cornerstone Presbyterian Church welcomes Rev. Gavin Beers Mebane Enterprise Bailey Pennington

Sports Columns Division A 2nd Place Mebane Enterprise Sports Columns 2018 Mebane Enterprise K. Adam Powell

Beat News Reporting Division A 3rd Place Teacher Assaulted In Classroom News-Journal Catharin Shepard

City County Government Reporting Division A 2nd Place Group home owner takes mistake to court News-Journal Catharin Shepard

General News Reporting Division A 2nd Place Hurricane Florence News-Journal Catharin Shepard

Lighter Columns Division A 2nd Place Other Stuff News-Journal Ken MacDonald

News Enterprise Reporting Division A 3rd Place #Ustoo: Lawyers' stories show harassment a problem at law firms North Carolina Lawyers Weekly David Donovan

Election/Political Reporting Division A 1st Place Judicial Elections series North Carolina Lawyers Weekly David Donovan

Serious Columns Division A 2nd Place Three serious columns by David Donovan North Carolina Lawyers Weekly David Donovan

Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division A 3rd Place Big house, Titanic fashion North State Journal Laura Ashley Lamm

Beat Feature Reporting Division A 2nd Place A Hunter's Best Tool North State Journal Shawn Krest

Beat Feature Reporting Division A 3rd Place Ready for a Miracle North State Journal Lauren Rose Beat News Reporting Division A 1st Place New measure would overhaul ag worker rules North State Journal David Larson The North State Journal 2nd Place Best Community Coverage Division A Community Reporting North State Journal North State Journal Staff Sports Enterprise Writing Division A 1st Place Cricket North State Journal Brett Friedlander Sports Enterprise Writing Division A 2nd Place Punt or Gamble North State Shawn Krest Journal Sports Enterprise Writing Division A 3rd Place Recruiting at North Carolina North State Journal Shawn Krest Sports Feature Writing Division A 1st Place Clays 4 Kay North State Journal Brett Friedlander Sports Feature Writing Division A 2nd Place USA Hockey North State Journal Cory Lavalette Sports Feature Writing 3rd Place Stadium Transformation Division A North State Journal Shawn Krest 1st Place NSJ Vol. 2 Issue 53, Vol. 2 Issue Appearance and Design Division A 54 North State Journal Lauren Rose, Liz Moomey **Editorial Page** Division A 1st Place North State Journal Editorial Section North State Journal Neal Robbins, Frank Hill, Troy Kickler 2nd Place Division A Feature Writing Carolina DockDogs North State Journal Shawn Krest Lighter Columns Division A 1st Place Jordan Golson Automotive Columns in NSJ North State Journal Jordan Golson 2nd Place Blue Comet Food Truck Photo Page or Essay Division A North State Journal Lauren Rose Photography, Feature Division A 2nd Place Oak City Comicon North State Journal Lauren Rose Profile Feature Division A 1st Place From conviction to confections North State Journal Laura Ashley Lamm

Profile Feature Division A 3rd Place Heirloom Restaurant's Barlowe North State Journal Laura Ashley Lamm

Religion & Faith Reporting Division A 2nd Place NC Bishops respond to discontent North State Journal David Larson

Sports Columns Division A 1st Place Jay Bilas North State Journal Shawn Krest

Sports Columns Division A 1st Place NCAA Rules North State Journal Shawn Krest

Sports News Reporting Division A 1st Place Dale Jr. Says Final Goodbye to Charlotte North State Journal Brett Friedlander

News Coverage - Community Only Division A 1st Place Smoky Mountain Times 1.11.18 & 1.18.18 Smoky Mountain Times Staff

Feature Writing Division A 3rd Place Aging cemetery association wants to ensure stewardship Smoky Mountain Times Jessica Webb

Photography, Spot Division A 2nd Place Two total loss fires this week Smoky Mountain Times Jessica Webb

Special Section - Newspapers Only Division A 1st Place Back in Times Smoky Mountain Times Staff

Editorial Page Division A 2nd Place Viewpoints Spring Hope Enterprise Ken Ripley

Serious Columns Division A 3rd Place Tragic savings; Searching for common ground; End of an era Spring Hope Enterprise Ken Ripley

General News Reporting Division A 1st Place No traces of missing man ever found Tarboro Weekly Lindell John Kay

Photo Page or Essay Division A 3rd Place Hometown Give Back Tarboro Weekly Alan Campbell

Photography, General News Division A 1st Place Giving Back Tarboro Weekly Alan Campbell

Photography, General News Division A 2nd Place United Way Laughs Tarboro Weekly Alan Campbell

Photography, Sports Division A 1st Place Conference Clash Tarboro Weekly Alan Campbell

Photography, Sports Division A 2nd Place Line Drive Tarboro Weekly Alan Campbell

Sports Feature Photo Division A 2nd Place This Magic Moment Tarboro Weekly Sarah Louya

Beat News Reporting Division B 2nd Place Hurricane Florence Bladen Journal Chrysta Carroll, Alan Wooten

Beat News Reporting Division B 3rd Place Hog nuisance lawsuits Bladen Journal Alan Wooten

Online Breaking News Coverage Division B 1st Place Hurricane Florence Bladen Journal Chrysta Carroll, Alan Wooten

Sports Feature Writing Division B 2nd Place How's Robby? Bladen Journal Alan Wooten

Sports Columns Division B 2nd Place Collection: Lessons, N.C. State, East Carolina Bladen Journal Alan Wooten

Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division B 3rd Place Sept. 7, 11 Bladen Journal Kimberlee Shaw, Alan Wooten

Education Reporting Division B 1st Place Bartlett Yancey High School tour reveals need for improvements Caswell Messenger K. Adam Powell

Beat Feature Reporting Division B 3rd Place Youth offering hugs of hope for law enforcement Chatham News & Record John Hunter

Best Community Coverage Division B 2nd Place 2 complete issues (July 5 & July 19, 2018) Chatham News & Record Staff

News Enterprise Reporting Division B 2nd Place Chatham farmers grow hemp Chatham News & Record Casey Mann

Photography, Feature Division B 3rd Place Digging Deep Chatham News & Record Jeff Davis

Photography, General News Division B 1st Place Family Loses Home Chatham News & Record Jeff Davis

Photography, Sports Division B 1st Place Backing up Chatham News & Record Jeff Davis

Photography, Spot Division B 3rd Place Helping Hands Chatham News & Record Jeff Davis

Use of Photographs - Community/Specialty/Online 3rd Place 2 Division B complete issues (March 8 & March 22, 2018) Chatham News & Record Staff News Enterprise Reporting Division B 1st Place Decade of DSS questioned Cherokee Scout Matthew Osborne Division B Sports Feature Writing 3rd Place Can't keep Creelman down Cherokee Scout Kevin Hensley Appearance and Design Division B 2nd Place Cherokee Scout Jan. 17 & 24, 2018 Cherokee Scout Staff Editorials Division B 3rd Place Society killing people, not guns Cherokee Scout Matthew Osborne Headline Writing Division B 3rd Place Gourd vibrations Cherokee Scout Matthew Osborne Lighter Columns Division B 1st Place Richard to Rooster's last crow Cherokee Scout David Brown Division B 2nd Place Hammer Time Cherokee Photo Page or Essay Scout Ben Katz Keith litterman Cherokee Photography, Feature Division B 2nd Place Scout Ben Katz 2nd Place Photography, General News Division B Wild Blue Yonder Cherokee Scout Ben Katz Photography, Sports Division B 3rd Place Athletes let the light shine Cherokee Scout Ben Katz Religion & Faith Reporting Division B 2nd Place Faith interwoven throughout countyCherokee Scout **Dwight Otwell** Serious Columns Division B 1st Place Is my job dangerous? Cherokee Scout David Brown Serious Columns Division B 3rd Place America strong, but flickering Cherokee Scout Matthew Osborne 1st Place True love of the outdoors Sports Feature Photo Division B Cherokee Scout Ben Katz Sports News Reporting Division B 3rd Place Second time's the charm Cherokee Scout Kevin Hensley

Use of Photographs - Community/Specialty/Online Division B 2nd Place Cherokee Scout March 7 & 21, 2018 Cherokee Scout Staff Division B 3rd Place CCP Fall Festivals Special Section - Newspapers Only Section C Clay County Progress Staff Division B 2nd Place CCP Sports section Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Clay County Progress Staff Investigative Reporting Division B 2nd Place Brenda Joyce Holland murder Coastland Times John Railey Sports Feature Writing Division B 1st Place A voyage to the top of the world Courier-Times Kelly Snow Photo Page or Essay Division B 3rd Place Graduation day at The Rock Courier-Times Kelly Snow Sports Columns Division B 1st Place The Blizzard Courier-Times Kelly Snow Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division B 1st Place The Courier-Times sports section Sept. 2018 Courier-Times Kelly Snow Sports Feature Photo Division B 3rd Place RCS Volleyball team Courier-Times Kelly Snow Sports News Reporting Division B 1st Place Championship Saturday Courier-Times Kelly Snow A Place to Remember News Enterprise Reporting Division B 3rd Place Martin County Enterprise & Weekly Herald Deborah Griffin 3rd Place Profile Feature Division B Efland photographer Warren Shankle News of Orange County Jeff Hamlin dies at 84 Beat Feature Reporting Division B 2nd Place Human trafficking on the Outer Banks Outer Banks Sentinel Michelle Wagner Beat News Reporting Division B 1st Place Ocean safety Outer Banks Sentinel Mark Jurkowitz, Michelle Wagner, Neel Keller News Feature Writing Division B 3rd Place The next big health concern and His Dream Center Outer Banks Sentinel Michelle Wagner, Neel Keller City County Government Reporting Division B 2nd Place A schism in the Dare GOP and rough-and-tumble politics in Southern Shores. Outer Banks Sentinel Mark Jurkowitz

Election/Political Reporting Division B 1st Place The plastic bag ban repeal Outer Banks Sentinel Michelle Wagner, Mark Jurkowitz, Neel Keller Serious Columns Division B Outer Banks 2nd Place Voice of the Veteran Sentinel Kelli Harmon Division B Special Section - Newspapers Only 2nd Place Sounds of Summer, Seafood Guide, Veterans Week Guide Outer Banks Sentinel Staff Beat Feature Reporting Division B 1st Place Minutes saved mean lives saved RockinghamNow Susie C. Spear RockinghamNow July Best Community Coverage Division B 1st Place 2018 RockinghamNow Staff **Education Reporting** Division B 2nd Place Listen up, kiddos! RockinghamNow Susie C. Spear Election/Political Reporting Division B Senate hopeful Mangrum's 3rd Place RockinghamNow residency in question Joe Dexter Feature Writing Division B 1st Place The Clock Doc RockinghamNow Susie C. Spear Feature Writing Division B 2nd Place Rowdy the llama RockinghamNow Gerri Hunt General News Reporting Division B 1st Place Hidden in plain sight RockinghamNow Joe Dexter General News Reporting Division B 3rd Place Crime spree suspect could face

Profile Feature Division B 2nd Place Hope springs 'Inkternal' RockinghamNow Justyn Melrose

RockinghamNow

death penalty

Religion & Faith Reporting Division B 1st Place Church aims for unity RockinghamNow Joe Dexter

Religion & Faith Reporting Division B 3rd Place Hitting the road for Ash Wednesday RockinghamNow Justyn Melrose

Sports News Reporting Division B 2nd Place Rams advance for shot at 20th state title RockinghamNow Jim Sands

Joe Dexter

Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division B 2nd Place Giving Art a Break State Port Pilot Renee Spencer

Best Community Coverage Division B 3rd Place Best Community Coverage State Port Pilot Staff Best Niche Publication Division B 3rd Place Cape Fear Coast Magazine Spring 2018 State Port Pilot Staff 3rd Place It's Personal State Port Pilot **Education Reporting** Division B Renee Spencer News Coverage - Community Only Division B 1st Place News Coverage State Port Pilot Staff **News Feature Writing** Division B 1st Place More to history than meets the State Port Pilot Renee Spencer eye Sports Enterprise Writing Division B 2nd Place Family affair: Two sports that were treading water quickly came off the mat State Port Pilot Michael Paul Division B 1st Place Appearance and Design Appearance and Design State Port Pilot Staff Best Multimedia Project Division B 1st Place Celebration! State Port Pilot Michael Paul Division B 2nd Place Play Ball! Best Multimedia Project State Port Pilot Michael Paul and Terry Pope Best Video Division B 1st Place Naturalization Ceremony 2018 in Southport State Port Pilot Michael Paul Best Video Division B 2nd Place Activists rally against offshore drilling State Port Pilot Michael Paul City County Government Reporting 3rd Place Division B County rescinds support for offshore drilling State Port Pilot Renee Spencer Editorial Page Division B 1st Place Editorial Page State Port Pilot Staff Editorials Division B 1st Place Animal rights and wrongs; Preserving history; What's up, partner? State Port Pilot Ed Harper Editorials Division B 2nd Place Forest worth protecting; ..or pay me (more) later; Governors make their point State Port Pilot Lee Hinnant Feature Writing Division B 3rd Place A Pilot's Life State Port Pilot Renee Spencer

Lighter Columns Port Pilot Re	Divisi nee Spen		2nd Pl	ace A col	lection of light	er columns	State	
Photo Page or E Port Pilot Mo	ssay organ Har	Divisior per	n B	1st Place	Parading thr	ough town	State	
Photography, Fe Port Pilot Mo	ature organ Har	Divisior per	n B	1st Place	Kids Day in	the Park	State	
Photography, Sp Port Pilot Ed	orts Harper	Division	n B	2nd Place	Slams home	a winner	State	
Special Section Festival Sta	- Newspa ate Port P	•	y Staff	Division B	1st Place	N.C. Fourth	of July	
Sports Feature F Pilot Michael F		Division	n B	2nd Place	Sweet, so sv	veet State	Port	
Use of Photogra Photographs Sta	•	•	Specia Staff	alty/Online	Division B	1st Place	Use of	
Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division B 1st Place Joy's latest novel rich with culture and language of Jackson County Sylva Herald and Ruralite Tanner Hall						novel		
Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division B 3rd Place Crowe relates 'Beats' influence in latest book Sylva Herald and Ruralite Dave Russell								
News Coverage Sylva Herald and		•	у	Division B	3rd Place	News Cover	age	
Sports Enterprise Writing Division B 1st Place School board: assistant coach offered Mustang intel to rivals Sylva Herald and Ruralite Quintin Ellison, Carey Phillips								
Sports Enterprise Writing Division B 3rd Place Former athletes key to corralling armed fugitive at Smoky game Sylva Herald and Ruralite Quintin Ellison, Carey Phillips								
Best Lede Division B 1st Place Best ledes from Quintin Ellison Sylva Herald and Ruralite Quintin Ellison								
City County Government Reporting Division B 1st Place County earmarks funding to update greenway plan Sylva Herald and Ruralite Quintin Ellison								
Editorial Page	Divisi	on B 2	2nd Pl	ace	Sylva Herald	d and Ruralite	Staff	

General News Reporting Division B 2nd Place Car fire claims 2 child victims Sylva Herald and Ruralite Dave Russell

Headline Writing Division B 2nd Place Headlines by Jim Buchanan Sylva Herald and Ruralite Jim Buchanan

Lighter Columns Division B 3rd Place "Every Now and Then" by Jim Buchanan Sylva Herald and Ruralite Jim Buchanan

Photography, General News Division B 3rd Place Traffic checkpoints yield 63 violations Sylva Herald and Ruralite Quintin Ellison

Photography, Spot Division B 2nd Place Wreck's response includes choppers Sylva Herald and Ruralite Dave Russell

Sports Columns Division B 3rd Place Time for NCHSAA to rethink sports calendar Up & Coming Weekly Earl Vaughan Jr.

Best Niche Publication Division B 1st Place All About Women Watauga Democrat Staff

Best Niche Publication Division B 2nd Place Boone: My Hometown Watauga Democrat Staff

News Coverage - Community Only Division B 2nd Place Watauga Democrat Staff

News Feature Writing Division B 2nd Place The Best Western hotel deaths, five years later Watauga Democrat Anna Oakes

Appearance and Design Division B 3rd Place Appearance and Design Watauga Democrat Staff

Best Video Division B 3rd Place Flood water takes over parts of Watauga Watauga Democrat Kayla Lasure

Election/Political Reporting Division B 2nd Place Campaign finance reports Watauga Democrat Thomas Sherrill

Headline Writing Division B 1st Place Headlines: The Foxx Hunt, Tick-Tock and End of an Exodus Watauga Democrat Thomas Sherrill

Photography, Spot Division B 1st Place Vehicle fire spreads to home Watauga Democrat Kayla Lasure

Profile Feature Division B 1st Place Through Macie's Lens Watauga Democrat Kayla Lasure

Beat Feature Reporting Division C 1st Place Carolina Crud Crusher Brunswick Beacon Laura Lewis

Beat News Reporting Division C 2nd Place Pet pig in porcine dilemma Brunswick Beacon Laura Lewis and Brian Slattery

Sports Feature Writing Division C 3rd Place Cold, wet, windy Brunswick Beacon Laura Lewis

Editorials Division C 1st Place The Brunswick Beacon editorials Brunswick Beacon Jackie Torok

Serious Columns Division C 3rd Place Jackie Torok serious columns Brunswick Beacon Jackie Torok

Sports Columns Division C 3rd Place Sam Hickman sports columns Brunswick Beacon Sam Hickman

Beat Feature Reporting Division C 3rd Place Exporting from MHC Carteret County News-Times Elise Clouser

Best Community Coverage Division C 2nd Place Carteret County News-Times Carteret County News-Times Staff

Online Breaking News Coverage Division C 1st Place Hurricane Florence Carteret County News-Times Staff

Photo Page or Essay Division C 3rd Place Gloucester Mardi Gras Carteret County News-Times Dylan Baker Ray

Photography, Feature Division C 1st Place Students explore emergency services careers Carteret County News-Times Cheryl Burke

Photography, General News Division C 2nd Place First responders sharpen skills Carteret County News-Times Elise Clouser

Photography, Spot Division C 3rd Place South River fire Carteret County News-Times Dylan Baker Ray

Religion & Faith Reporting Division C 3rd Place Long road ahead for county churches Carteret County News-Times Cheryl Burke

Sports Columns Division C 1st Place In this corner Carteret County News-Times J.J. Smith

Use of Photographs - Community/Specialty/Online Division C 3rd Place Carteret County News-Times Staff

Headline Writing Buchanan	Division C 3rd		Place		Franklin Press		SS	Lee		
Photography, General News Press Linda Mathias		Divisi	Division C		lace Class		room	Franklin		
Photography, Spor Pantaleo	ts Divis	sion C	1st P	lace	Slam	Frank	lin Pre	SS	Tom	
Special Section - Newspapers Only Franklin Press Staff			Division C		2nd Place Salute to		e to Vet	terans		
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News Coverage - Community Only Division C 3rd Place The Ind Tribune July 4 and 6 Independent Tribune Mark Plemmons, Erir Weeks, Jemal Horton						•				
Sports Columns Division C 2nd Place A Title, A Father and Son and Their Moment in Time Independent Tribune Jemal Horton										
Lighter Columns Division C 3rd Place Mom, Dad, Home Mooresville Tribune Elizabeth Durocher										
Arts and Entertainment Reporting nonwhite literary scene, past and preser				Division C nt, series		2nd Place Ashev Mountain Xpress		ville's Alli Marshall		
Appearance and Design Division C 1st Place Mountain Xpress issues: Who's Packing Heat and Step into the Unknown Mountain Xpress Staff									Vho's	
Beat News Reporting Vicki Hyatt		Division C		1st Place		Workforce shortage Mountaineer				
Education Reporting Becky Johnson		Division C		3rd Place		Labor of Love		Mountaineer		
News Feature Writing D Renaissance Mountaineer B		Division C Becky Johns		1st Place on		Brick-by-Brick, Hazelwood's				
News Feature Writing Derrotti		Division C		3rd Place		Shine On Mounta		taineer	Kyle	
Sports Enterprise Writing Division C rages on Mountaineer Mike Schoe			1st Place fel		The battle for football's future					
Sports Enterprise Writing Division C 3rd Place Mountaineer Mike Schoeffel					A world-class let down					

Best Multimedia Project Division C 2nd Place The wrangling brothers Mountaineer Mike Schoeffel Division C 3rd Place City County Government Reporting Mayor's fate in limbo over forgery charges Mountaineer Becky Johnson Election/Political Reporting Division C 2nd Place GOP tug-of-war, a political who-dunnit Mountaineer Becky Johnson Feature Writing Division C 1st Place Kruk carries on Mountaineer Mike Schoeffel General News Reporting Division C 3rd Place Brewery Dispute Mountaineer Kyle Perrotti Investigative Reporting Division C 1st Place An abuse of trust Mountaineer Kyle Perrotti Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division C 1st Place The Rivalry Mountaineer Staff Best Niche Publication Division C 1st Place Flourish News Reporter Staff 2nd Place Elementary School Principals **Education Reporting** Division C News Reporter Diana B. Matthews Division C 1st Place Sept. 18 and Sept. News Coverage - Community Only 21, 2018 editions News Reporter Staff Online Breaking News Coverage Division C 2nd Place Hurricane Florence News Reporter Staff Division C 2nd Place Sports Feature Writing Ricky Benton Racing Team News Reporter Allen Turner Division C Best Lede 2nd Place Three ledes: Cops, Council and Sibbett News Reporter Margaret High 3rd Place Hurricane Florence Multimedia Best Multimedia Project Division C **News Reporter** Staff Division C Best Video 2nd Place Crusoe flooding video News Reporter Justin Smith General News Reporting Division C 1st Place Bank robbery series News Jefferson Weaver Reporter

Lighter Columns Division C 2nd Place Angst, serendipity and donkeys News Reporter Jefferson Weaver

Photo Page or Essay Division C 1st Place Hurricane Florence scenes News Reporter Staff

Photo Page or Essay Division C 2nd Place Camp Bowers News Reporter Fuller Royal

Photography, Spot Division C 1st Place Fatal wreck near Nakina, N.C. News Reporter Les High

Photography, Spot Division C 2nd Place Trucks sink, boats float News Reporter Doug Sasser

Special Section - Newspapers Only Division C 1st Place Hurricane Matthew retrospective News Reporter Staff

Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division C 3rd Place Sports April 5 and April 9, 2018 editions News Reporter Staff

Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division C 3rd Place Write On Pilot Deborah Salomon

Best Community Coverage Division C 1st Place The Pilot -- Best Community Coverage Pilot David Woronoff, John Nagy

Best Niche Publication Division C 2nd Place Pinestraw Art & Soul of the Sandhills Pilot David Woronoff, Jim Dodson, Andie Rose

Best Niche Publication Division C 3rd Place Salt Art & Soul of Wilmington Pilot David Woronoff, Jim Dodson, Andie Rose

News Enterprise Reporting Division C 3rd Place Growth World Discovered Us Pilot Staff

Best Multimedia Project Division C 1st Place Fatal Hour: Reconstructing a Deadly Police Standoff Pilot Jaymie Baxley

Best Video Division C 1st Place Moore County Moves to Digital Dispatching Pilot Jaymie Baxley

Editorial Page Division C 1st Place The Pilot -- Editorial Page Pilot David Woronoff, John Nagy

Editorials Division C 3rd Place Airing of Grievances is the Public's RightPilot John Nagy

Feature Writing Division C 3rd Place The Birdhouse Man Pilot Deborah Salmon General News Reporting Division C 2nd Place Tara Plantation Admission Probe Pilot Jayme Baxley Division C 1st Place Photography, General News Hurricane Destroys Their Little Piece of Paradise Ted Fitzgerald Pilot Overtime Thriller Photography, Sports Division C 2nd Place Pilot Donna Ford Division C 2nd Place Profile Feature It was Do or Die Pilot Laura Douglass Serious Columns Division C 1st Place The Spirit Remains Pilot John Nagy Division C Serious Columns 2nd Place Hear and Now Pilot Deborah Salomon Sports Feature Photo Division C 1st Place Into The Night Pilot Ted Fitzgerald 2nd Place Sports Feature Photo Division C If You Can Believe It, You Can Achieve It Pilot Ted Fitzgerald More Than Xs and Os Sports Feature Photo Division C 3rd Place Pilot Tim Hale Use of Photographs - Community/Specialty/Online Division C 1st Place The Pilot -- Use of Photographs Pilot Staff 2nd Place Sports News Reporting Division C Perfection Roanoke-Chowan **News-Herald Gene Motley** Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division C 1st Place Cherokee storyteller seeks to preserve historical memory with filming project Smoky Mountain News Holly Kays **Education Reporting** Division C 1st Place SCC graduates 100th class of future National Park Service officers **Smoky Mountain News** Holly Kays News Coverage - Community Only Division C 2nd Place Frozen in Time; Price of Power Smoky Mountain News Staff News Enterprise Reporting Division C 1st Place Homeless for the Holidays Smoky Mountain News Cory Vaillancourt

News Enterprise Reporting Division C 2nd Place Mental Healthcare Meltdown **Smoky Mountain News** Jessi Stone Sports Feature Writing 1st Place On the line Division C Smoky Mountain News Cory Vaillancourt 1st Place City County Government Reporting Division C Confederate flag Smoky Mountain News Corv Vaillancourt flap City County Government Reporting Division C 2nd Place Suspicious K-9 **Death Smoky Mountain News** Jessi Stone Election/Political Reporting Division C 1st Place Ballot tampering alleged in **Smoky Mountain News** Cherokee Holly Kays Election/Political Reporting Division C 3rd Place Third party ballot access **Smoky Mountain News** Cory Vaillancourt Lighter Columns Division C 1st Place The Party's in there, and we're out here **Smoky Mountain News** Chris Cox Photography, Feature Division C 2nd Place A.T. identities Smoky Mountain News Holly Kays Profile Feature Division C 1st Place Catch him if you can: David Joy **Smoky Mountain News** Garret K. Woodward 3rd Place Profile Feature Division C Beloved Woman reflects on a wandering life rooted in Cherokee language Smoky Mountain News Holly Kays Religion & Faith Reporting Division C 2nd Place Religious football banners **Smoky Mountain News** Jessi Stone Division C 2nd Place Use of Photographs - Community/Specialty/Online Ghost of a Chance; Folkmoot Smoky Mountain News Staff Sports Enterprise Writing Division C 2nd Place Encroachment - Verbal abuse often keeps younger officials away Stanly News & Press Ritchie Starnes Sports News Reporting Division C 3rd Place North wins 49-0 over South. Stanly News & Press brings home Stanly Cup Charles Curcio

Editorial Page Division C 3rd Place The Transylvania Times – June Editorial Pages Transylvania Times John Lanier

Community Coverage – December 2017 Transylvania Times Derek McKissock, John

Division C

Best Community Coverage

Lanier

3rd Place

The Transylvania Times

Beat Feature Reporting Division C 2nd Place Hoopstreet USA Triangle Business Journal Ryan Haar, Dathan Kazsuk

Beat News Reporting Division C 3rd Place Real Estate Coverage Triangle Business Journal Ben Graham

Online Breaking News Coverage Division C 3rd Place Veteran Raleigh bankers to start new bank in Capital City Triangle Business Journal Lauren Ohnesorge

Appearance and Design Division C 3rd Place TBJ Appearance and Design Triangle Business Journal Dathan Kazsuk

Best Lede Division C 3rd Place A new year of pickin' Wilkes Journal-Patriot Marty McGee

Best Video Division C 3rd Place Down in a hole Wilkes Journal-Patriot Marty McGee

Editorial Page Division C 2nd Place Editorial Page Wilkes Journal-Patriot Staff

Editorials Division C 2nd Place Editorials Wilkes Journal-Patriot Jule Hubbard

Feature Writing Division C 2nd Place Tragic but haunting tale Wilkes Journal-Patriot Laura Mitchell

Headline Writing Division C 1st Place Headline Writing Wilkes Journal-Patriot Jule Hubbard

Photography, Feature Division C 3rd Place 'Colossal crowd' drawn Wilkes Journal-Patriot Marty McGee

Photography, Sports Division C 3rd Place Blackhawk celebration Wilkes Journal-Patriot Zach Colburn

Religion & Faith Reporting Division C 1st Place Ministry brings inmates and their children together Wilkes Journal-Patriot Marty McGee

Sports News Reporting Division C 1st Place Walk-off to the finals Wilkes Journal-Patriot Andy G. Moore

News Feature Writing Division C 2nd Place Sexual misconduct and 'aggressive panhandling' YES! Weekly Ian McDowell

Appearance and Design Division C 2nd Place May 23-29 and May 30- June 5 YES! Weekly YES! Weekly staff

Best Lede Division C 1st Place Joy and remembrance on Dia de Muertos YES! Weekly Ian McDowell Division C Headline Writing 2nd Place Headlines: Hemp, hemp, hooray, Calling all hipsters, Art with a pulse YES! Weekly Katie Murawski News Enterprise Reporting 2nd Place Local farmers will feel Division D impact of tariffs, but how much? Courier-Tribune JD Walker City County Government Reporting Division D 1st Place Moment in the sun Courier-Tribune Larry Penkava Editorials Division D 1st Place Sheriff, Megasite, Crime Courier-Tribune Annette Jordan Feature Writing Division D 3rd Place 'Better than Hoosiers' The Farmer Courier-Tribune baseball story Larry Penkava General News Reporting Division D 3rd Place Local man attacked by fox saved Courier-Tribune by a plastic bag? Chip Womick Serious Columns Division D 3rd Place Speechless, Post, Draining Courier-Tribune Annette Jordan Editorial Page Division D 2nd Place Editorial Page Daily Advance Staff 3rd Place Sports Columns Division D Sports Columns Daily Courier Josh McKinney Best Community Coverage Division D 2nd Place July 22, 2018, July 29, 2018 Daily Herald Staff Division D 3rd Place Sports Feature Writing Family affair Daily Herald Justin Hayes Appearance and Design Division D 3rd Place January 12, 2017, January 14, 2018 Daily Herald Tia Bedwell 1st Place News Enterprise Reporting Division D Child abuse on the rise in Onslow Daily News (Jacksonville) Kelsey Stiglitz, Amanda Thames Online Breaking News Coverage Division D 2nd Place Hurricane Florence Daily News (Jacksonville) Staff coverage Religion & Faith Reporting Division D 1st Place Faith leaders reach residents in a

Daily News (Jacksonville) Staff

variety of ways

Religion & Faith Reporting Division D 2nd Place Local coven offers a different path of spirituality Daily News (Jacksonville) Amanda Thames Election/Political Reporting Division D Political reporting Dispatch 2nd Place Ben Coley Headline Writing 2nd Place Division D Headline writing Dispatch Ben Coley Photography, Spot Division D 1st Place Depot District fire Dispatch Donnie Roberts Sports Columns Division D 1st Place Sports columns Mike Dispatch Duprez Sports Feature Photo Division D 2nd Place Ledford heartbreak Dispatch Donnie Roberts Best Niche Publication Division D 2nd Place My Lenoir - Fall 2018 Free Chris Segal, Staff Press (Kinston) Photography, Feature 1st Place Pancreatic cancer makes life Division D challenging for retired couple Janet S. Carter Free Press (Kinston) Photography, General News Division D 3rd Place Volunteers go bald for St. Baldrick's Free Press (Kinston) Janet S. Carter 3rd Place 'The Last Ballad' Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division D both a portrait and a mirror Gaston Gazette Bill Poteat Beat Feature Reporting Division D 3rd Place Missing Costner at Christmas Gaston Gazette Kevin Ellis Division D 2nd Place **Beat News Reporting** Surviving being shot 7 times Gaston Gazette Kevin Ellis Best Community Coverage Division D 3rd Place Best Community Coverage Gaston Gazette Staff Deadline News Reporting - Dailies Only Division D 1st Place Billy Graham dead Gaston Gazette Staff Deadline News Reporting - Dailies Only Division D 2nd Place Self kills family

Kevin Ellis

3rd Place

Kevin Ellis

Deadly night at

members

Gaston Gazette

convenience store Gaston Gazette

Online Breaking News Coverage Division D

Sports Enterprise Writing Division D 1st Place State of Football in Gaston County Gaston Gazette Richard Walker and Joe Hughes Sports Feature Writing Division D 2nd Place NASCAR baby Gaston Gazette Kevin Ellis Best Lede Division D 2nd Place Best Ledes ever written Gaston Gazette Kevin Ellis Best Multimedia Project Division D 1st Place 2018 Gaston County graduation map Gaston Gazette Eric Wildstein Business Writing - Dailies Only Division D 1st Place Cherryville waitress works 53 years at Home Folks Cafe Gaston Gazette Bill Poteat Business Writing - Dailies Only Division D 3rd Place Face time for tattoos Gaston Gazette Kevin Ellis Feature Section Design - Dailies Only Division D 2nd Place Feature Section Gaston Gazette Brandy Beard and Will MacDonald Design General News Reporting Division D 2nd Place Billy Graham laid to rest in Gaston Gazette Dashiell Coleman Charlotte Division D 1st Place Poteat columns Gaston Gazette Lighter Columns Bill Poteat 3rd Place Gaston Gazette Lighter Columns Division D A Royal Wedding Will MacDonald Photography, Feature Division D 2nd Place Hard Time Hotel Gaston Gazette Mike Hensdill Photography, General News Division D 1st Place An Enduring Legacy Gaston Gazette John Clark Photography, General News Division D 2nd Place He's In Heaven Gaston Gazette Mike Hensdill 2nd Place Photography, Sports Division D Storm Sweeps Jaguars Gaston Gazette Mike Hensdill Photography, Spot Division D 2nd Place Attempted murder suspect caught on Gaston Gazette Adam Lawson camera Sports News Reporting Division D 2nd Place Early ending Gaston Gazette Joe Hughes

Sports News Reporting Division D 3rd Place Family members barred from coaching together Gaston Gazette Eric Wildstein Division D 1st Place Education Reporting **Tough Decisions** Hendersonville Times-News Andrew Mundhenk Division D 2nd Place Education Reporting Chivalry is not dead Hendersonville Times-News Derek Lacey **News Feature Writing** Division D 3rd Place Eyesore gets a new purpose Hendersonville Times-News Andrew Mundhenk Feature Section Design - Dailies Only Division D 3rd Place Blue Ridge Living Hendersonville Times-News Leilani Alers Investigative Reporting Division D 3rd Place Doubt, anger grows over sheriff's search for Stroupe Hendersonville Times-News Derek Lacey Photography, Feature A hero's welcome Division D 3rd Place Hendersonville Times-News Derek Lacey Special Section - Newspapers Only Division D 2nd Place Times-News Prep Football Preview: Football HQ Hendersonville Times-News Joey Millwood, Dean Hensley **News Feature Writing** Division D 2nd Place 1 year, 2 suspects, 3 lives lost: How a deadly night unfolded outside McCroskey's pub Hickory Daily Record Jordan Hensley 3rd Place Best Lede Division D Dairy Queen Elvis; Mitchell Gold; Hickory Daily Record Remembering Billy Graham Kevin Griffin Investigative Reporting Division D 1st Place Does this intersection demand a traffic light? Hickory Daily Record Jordan Hensley Special Section - Newspapers Only Division D 3rd Place 2018 3A/4A Prep Blitz Preview Hickory Daily Record Staff Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division D 2nd Place Hickory Daily Record Sports Coverage Sept. 13-14 Hickory Daily Record Staff

2nd Place

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Scott Hollifield

Appearance and Design

McDowell News Staff

Lighter Columns

McDowell News

May 6, 2018 McDowell News

Wrestling with the couch from hell

Serious Columns Division D 1st Place Bill Colvard Serious Columns Mount Airy News Bill Colvard 1st Place Best Community Coverage Division D Best Community Coverage **News Herald Staff** Division D 3rd Place A Beak Above News Herald Best Multimedia Project Chrissy Murphy and Jonelle Bobak Division D What Are You Thankful For? News Herald Best Video 1st Place Ryan Wilusz Best Video Division D 2nd Place Operation Blue Christmas News Herald Staff Serious Columns Division D 2nd Place Serious Columns News Herald Tammie Gercken Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division D 1st Place Sports Coverage News Herald Paul Schenkel Deadline News Reporting - Dailies Only Division D 3rd Place Collettsville swept by flash flood waters News-Topic (Lenoir) Kara Fohner General News Reporting Division D 1st Place Second tornado News-Topic Kara Fohner, Virginia Annable, Guy Lucas (Lenoir) City County Government Reporting Division D 2nd Place Angel Exchange Robesonian Staff coverage City County Government Reporting Division D 3rd Place Tax listing coverage Robesonian Staff 2nd Place Documents: Patterson lied under Investigative Reporting Division D Robesonian Scott Bigelow oath Photography, Spot Division D 3rd Place Hurricane Florence rescue photo Robesonian David Bradley Photography, Sports Division D 1st Place Fight to the Finish Rocky Mount Telegram Alan Campbell Photography, Sports Division D 3rd Place Take A Bow Rocky Mount Telegram Sarah Louya Beat Feature Reporting Division D 1st Place Nothing But a Number Sanford Herald F.T. Norton

Education Reporting Division D 3rd Place 'Kids just like us' Students honor school shooting victims with walkout Sanford Herald Noah Grant Matt Monarca Division D 1st Place Herald Editorial Pages Sanford Editorial Page **HeraldStaff** Division D 1st Place News section 1 and News Section Design - Dailies Only Star (Shelby) Staff Profile Feature Division D 1st Place From homelessness to Chapel Hill Star (Shelby) Casey White Profile Feature Division D 3rd Place Elder student Star (Shelby) Rebecca Sitzes Sports Feature Photo Division D 1st Place FANS, BANDS & STANDSStar (Shelby) Brittany Randolph **News Feature Writing** 1st Place Breath of LifeStatesville Record Division D & Landmark Shawn Taylor Election/Political Reporting Division D 3rd Place Political Bellwether Statesville Record & Landmark John Deem 3rd Place Special Olympics Photo Page or Essay Division D Statesville Record & Landmark Ryan Revock Sanctuary? Statesville Record 3rd Place Religion & Faith Reporting Division D & Landmark Shawn Taylor Best Niche Publication Division D 3rd Place My New Bern - Summer 2018 Sun Journal Staff Division D 3rd Place News Enterprise Reporting Poverty in Craven County Sun Journal Todd Wetherington Online Breaking News Coverage Division D 1st Place Hurricane Florence Sun Gray Whitley, Staff Journal Best Video Division D 3rd Place VIDEO: Memphis Belle - B-17G Flying Fortress Sun Journal Gray Whitley 2nd Place The Perfect Firestorm Division D Sun Journal Feature Writing Bill Hand Photo Page or Essay Division D 2nd Place Snow in New Bern Sun Journal **Gray Whitley**

Sports Feature Photo Division D 3rd Place Havelock Ram's head cost is Newsmaker of the Year Sun Journal Gray Whitley Sports News Reporting Division D 1st Place Through the fire Times News (Burlington) Adam Smith 2nd Place Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division D Creative exchange Washington Daily News Vail Stewart Rumley Best Niche Publication Division D 1st Place Washington the Magazine Washington Daily News Elizabeth Reed Editorial Page Division D 3rd Place WDN Editorial Page Washington Daily News Staff Editorials Division D 2nd Place Show 'em how it's done et al Washington Daily News Vail Stewart Rumley Editorials 3rd Place Matt Debnam editorials Washington Daily Division D News Matt Debnam Feature Section Design - Dailies Only Division D 1st Place Washington Daily Washington Daily News News feature sections Staff Illustration/Photo Illustration/Graphics - Dailies Only Division D 3rd Place Go ahead and jump Washington Daily News Elizabeth Reed News Section Design - Dailies Only Division D 2nd Place Animal cruelty; A national concern Washington Daily News Elizabeth Reed Photo Page or Essay Division D 1st Place Hurricane Florence Washington Daily News Ashley Vansant 1st Place Gridiron Guide; Special Section - Newspapers Only Division D Profile; Welcome Washington Daily News Staff Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division D 1st Place Her art tells her story Wilson Times Lisa Boykin Batts Beat Feature Reporting Division D 2nd Place Finding her path to recovery Olivia Neeley Wilson Times Beat News Reporting Division D 1st Place Gregory Parks trial Wilson Times Olivia Neeley Beat News Reporting Division D 3rd Place Cotton; gin; tobacco; 4-H sale; peppers; farmers; drones Wilson Times Drew C. Wilson

Sports Enterprise Writing Division D 2nd Place Sidelined at Beddingfield Wilson Times Paul Durham Sports Enterprise Writing Division D 3rd Place Rams ready to make history Wilson Times Jimmy Lewis Division D Sports Feature Writing 1st Place A puncher's chance for Olympic glory Wilson Times Jimmy Lewis Appearance and Design Division D 1st Place 'Not just a meeting, it's a movement;' 'Please do not sell' Wilson Times Staff Best Lede Division D 1st Place Bearing gifts; Billy Lamm; Cow Wilson Times Drew C. Wilson Best Multimedia Project Division D 2nd Place Jam-packed with Wilson Wilson Times Drew C. Wilson memories Business Writing - Dailies Only Division D 2nd Place Sole survivor Wilson Times Brie Handgraaf **Feature Writing** Division D 1st Place A secret father Wilson Times Lisa Boykin Batts Headline Writing Division D 1st Place Sole survivor; Can you handle the tooth; Rocking into retirement Wilson Times Brie Handgraaf 3rd Place Wilson Headline Writing Division D No; What's old; OBP Times Jimmy Lewis Illustration/Photo Illustration/Graphics - Dailies Only Division D 1st Place Paul Durham Sidelined at Beddingfield Wilson Times Illustration/Photo Illustration/Graphics - Dailies Only 2nd Place Division D Wilson Times Paul Durham and Valerie Register Football preview cover News Section Design - Dailies Only Division D 3rd Place Wilson lights up for Christmas; 'He wanted us to do more' Wilson Times Staff 3rd Place Sports Columns Division D No winners; With White; Coach, seniors unite Wilson Times Jimmy Lewis 3rd Place Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division D Thrills and chills in Golden Leaf; Falcons grab Golden Leaf Wilson Times Staff Beat Feature Reporting Division E 1st Place Love, loss and a community that

cares for Avery basketball player Asheville Citizen-Times

David Thompson

Best Community Coverage Division E 2nd Place Asheville Citizen Times Community Coverage Asheville Citizen-Times Staff

Deadline News Reporting - Dailies Only Division E 1st Place Florence: California-based FEMA swift water rescue team is saving lives in Duplin County Asheville Citizen-Times Sam DeGrave

Deadline News Reporting - Dailies Only Division E 3rd Place With death of Asheville rapper killed Tuesday, city homicide count climbs to 12 in 2018 Asheville Citizen-Times Sam DeGrave

Education Reporting Division E 1st Place Wave of school shootings has educators preparing for 'when, not if' Asheville Citizen-Times Alexandria Bordas

Sports Enterprise Writing Division E 2nd Place Ranks of high school officials continue to dwindle in WNC Asheville Citizen-Times David Thompson

Sports Feature Writing Division E 2nd Place Coaches' wives: The unsung heroes of Friday nights Asheville Citizen-Times David Thompson

Best Video Division E 2nd Place Woman's journal reveals addiction struggle Asheville Citizen-Times Angela Wilhelm

Business Writing - Dailies Only Division E 2nd Place The legacy of William A.V. Cecil Asheville Citizen-Times John Boyle

City County Government Reporting Division E 2nd Place Large bonuses, incentives inflated Buncombe County's other six-figure salaries Asheville Citizen-Times Jennifer Bowman

City County Government Reporting Division E 3rd Place One Airbnb host's fight with this tourist mecca is nearing \$1M in fines Asheville Citizen-Times Joel Burgess

Election/Political Reporting Division E 2nd Place Asheville council: 220 years, 14 women, 10 African-Americans Asheville Citizen-Times Joel Burgess

Investigative Reporting Division E 1st Place Asheville police beating Asheville Citizen-Times Joel Burgess

Photo Page or Essay Division E 3rd Place Blue Ridge Rollergirls: 'Be your own hero' Asheville Citizen-Times Angeli Wright

Profile Feature Division E 2nd Place Asheville food businesses draw together in support of homeless artist Asheville Citizen-Times Mackensy Lunsford

Religion & Faith Reporting Division E 3rd Place Living through legacy: In church youth groups, Graham's influence, not his name, survives Asheville Citizen-Times Sam DeGrave

Serious Columns Division E 1st Place Casey Blake columns Asheville Citizen-Times Casey Blake

Special Section - Newspapers Only Division E 1st Place The Rev. Billy Graham commemorative section Asheville Citizen-Times Staff

Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division E 2nd Place Mirra on the wall Daily Reflector Kim Grizzard

Religion & Faith Reporting Division E 1st Place Erasing the lines Daily Reflector Kim Grizzard

Sports Columns Division E 2nd Place No quarter; Mirror, mirror; Bittersweet handoff Daily Reflector Nathan Summers

Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division E 1st Place Best sports coverage Daily Reflector Staff

Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division E 1st Place Shag Fayetteville Observer Monica Holland

Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division E 3rd Place Quilting Fayetteville Observer Monica Holland

Beat News Reporting Division E 3rd Place GenX beat coverage Fayetteville Observer Steve DeVane and Greg Barnes

Deadline News Reporting - Dailies Only Division E 2nd Place Arrest of Ramsey Street rapist Fayetteville Observer Nancy McCleary and Michael Futch

News Enterprise Reporting Division E 2nd Place In the Dark: The Story Behind GenXFayetteville Observer Greg Barnes

Online Breaking News Coverage Division E 1st Place Breaking news: Hurricane Florence hits Cape Fear region Fayetteville Observer Staff

Online Breaking News Coverage Division E 3rd Place Bowe Bergdahl sentencing Fayetteville Observer Staff

Sports Enterprise Writing Division E 1st Place Game Changers: The Rise of Football in North Carolina Fayetteville Observer Sammy Batten

Sports Enterprise Writing Division E 3rd Place Cumberland County takes steps to bar 'hot' bats Fayetteville Observer Jaclyn Shambaugh

Best Multimedia Project Division E 1st Place Game Changers Fayetteville Observer Hrisanthi Kroi and Sammy Batten 2018-19 high school football tab Best Multimedia Project Division E 3rd Place Fayetteville Observer Staff 1st Place Business Writing - Dailies Only Division E Building a Better City? Fayetteville Observer Monica Vendituoli City County Government Reporting Division E 1st Place City Council violations of Open Meetings Law Fayetteville Observer Monica Vendituoli and Greg Barnes Editorial Page Division E 2nd Place Fayetteville Observer editorial pages Fayetteville Observer Tim White Editorials Division E 2nd Place Fayetteville Observer editorials Fayetteville Observer Tim White Division E Editorials 3rd Place Myron B. Pitts editorials Fayetteville Observer Myron B. Pitts Election/Political Reporting Division E 1st Place Should the state require IDs to vote? Fayetteville Observer Paul Woolverton Feature Writing Division E 3rd Place Grateful Shed Fayetteville Monica Holland Observer General News Reporting Division E 1st Place Hurricane Florence coverage Fayetteville Observer Staff General News Reporting Division E 2nd Place What happened to Kristen Fayetteville Observer Stone? Amanda Dolasinski 1st Place The Illustration/Photo Illustration/Graphics - Dailies Only Division E Mighty Cape Fear Fayetteville Observer Illustration/Photo Illustration/Graphics - Dailies Only Division E 3rd Place Christmas Story Contest illustration Fayetteville Observer Mariano Santillan Lighter Columns Division E 1st Place Myron B. Pitts lighter columns Fayetteville Observer Myron B. Pitts 3rd Place Lighter Columns Division E Monica Holland - Lighter Columns Fayetteville Observer Monica Holland Photo Page or Essay Division E 1st Place Teacher Rally Fayetteville

Observer

Melissa Sue Gerrits

Photo Page or Essay Division E 2nd Place Deployment Fayetteville Observer Melissa Sue Gerrits 1st Place Photography, Feature Division E Parade of Nations Fayetteville Observer Melissa Sue Gerrits Division E 1st Place Photography, General News Loved Ones Fayetteville Observer **Andrew Craft** Photography, General News Division E 3rd Place Memorial Fayetteville Observer Melissa Sue Gerrits Photography, Spot Division E 1st Place Hurricane Rest Fayetteville Observer Melissa Sue Gerrits Photography, Spot Division E 2nd Place Hurricane Mom Fayetteville Observer Melissa Sue Gerrits Serious Columns Division E 2nd Place Myron B. Pitts serious columns Fayetteville Observer Myron B. Pitts Special Section - Newspapers Only Division E 2nd Place Hurricane Matthew: Stories from the Storm Fayetteville Observer Staff 3rd Place Fort Bragg: 100 Special Section - Newspapers Only Division E Years Fayetteville Observer Staff 3rd Place Sports Columns Division E Sports Columns Fayetteville Observer Rodd Baxley Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division E 2nd Place Sports coverage Fayetteville Observer Fayetteville Observer Staff Division E Sports Feature Photo 1st Place Division Run Fayetteville Observer **Andrew Craft** Sports Feature Photo Division E 3rd Place Box it Out Fayetteville Observer Melissa Sue Gerrits Sports News Reporting Division E 3rd Place Jeff Capel Jr. dies Fayetteville Observer Jaclyn Shambaugh Beat Feature Reporting Division E 3rd Place Courageous comic Goldsboro News-Argus Becky Barclay Photography, General News Division E 2nd Place A cry for justice Goldsboro News-Argus Casey Monzingo

Beat Feature Reporting Division E 2nd Place Losing David: Triangle moms grieve the abused little boy who never grew up Herald-Sun Virginia Bridges

Beat News Reporting Division E 2nd Place NC Treasurer seeks to get disability overpayments from the dead Herald-Sun Lynn Bonner

News Feature Writing Division E 3rd Place Durham police say every day is an opportunity to do something good for the community Herald-Sun Tammy Grubb

Sports Feature Writing Division E 1st Place With deportation looming, a Raleigh boxer finds himself in the fight of his life Herald-Sun Luke DeCock

Best Video Division E 1st Place 'I guess I've been gentrified,' says Durham renter Herald-Sun Julia Wall

Best Video Division E 3rd Place This Santa made history and became a big hit at the Durham Holiday Parade Herald-Sun Casey Toth

Feature Writing Division E 2nd Place Nina Simone and Tryon Herald-Sun David Menconi

Investigative Reporting Division E 3rd Place Gentrification in Durham: 'It's all about the dollar bill.' A renter's story Herald-Sun Dawn Baumgartner Vaughan

Photography, Feature Division E 2nd Place Horsing around in the snow Herald-Sun Mark Schultz

Sports News Reporting Division E 2nd Place UNC suspends 13 football players, including QB Chazz Surratt, for selling sneakers Herald-Sun Jonathan M. Alexander and Jonas Pope IV

Best Community Coverage Division E 1st Place The High Point Enterprise Staff

Sports Feature Writing Division E 3rd Place The miracle at the Masters High Point Enterprise Jimmy Tomlin

Best Lede Division E 3rd Place Jimmy Tomlin ledes High Point Enterprise Jimmy Tomlin

Editorial Page Division E 3rd Place Editorial pages High Point Enterprise Vince Wheeler

Feature Writing Division E 1st Place The princess papers High Point Enterprise Jimmy Tomlin

General News Reporting Division E 3rd Place R.I.P., Mr. High Point High Point Enterprise Jimmy Tomlin Division E 2nd Place Jimmy Tomlin headlines Headline Writing High Point Jimmy Tomlin Enterprise Division E Lighter Columns 2nd Place Jimmy Tomlin lighter columns High Point Enterprise Jimmy Tomlin Photography, Feature Division E 3rd Place Fire Drill High Point Enterprise Laura Greene Photography, Sports Division E 2nd Place Pain at Second Base High Point Enterprise Laura Greene Profile Feature Division E 3rd Place Life on Thissell Street High Point Enterprise Paul B. Johnson Division E 3rd Place Enterprise sports Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only High Point Enterprise Enterprise sports staff coverage Best Niche Publication Division E 1st Place Salisbury the Magazine, March Staff 2018 Salisbury Post Best Niche Publication Division E 3rd Place Salisbury the Magazine, August 2018 Salisbury Post Staff 2nd Place Education Reporting Division E Relentless pursuit: understanding and combating chronic absenteeism Salisbury Post Rebecca Rider Education Reporting Division E 3rd Place Paradigm shift: How school libraries have changed Salisbury Post Rebecca Rider 1st Place Are you Taylor Miller's mother, **News Feature Writing** Division E Lessons from one family's opioid death Salisbury Post Elizabeth Cook Best Lede Division E 1st Place Gary Barringer named vet of year, downtown Salisbury Post Andie Foley Kannapolis development, Local groundhogs Business Writing - Dailies Only 3rd Place The Merchant of West Division E End: John McLaughlin devoted his store, heart to Salisbury community Salisbury Post Mark Wineka Editorial Page Division E 1st Place October 2017 editorial pages Salisbury Post Elizabeth Cook 3rd Place Headline Writing Division E Moonstruck; Faith, Fund & So Fourth; Boxing camp Salisbury Post **Bobby Parker**

News Section Design - Dailies Only Division E 2nd Place Salisbury Post July 19 & 20, 2018 Salisbury Post Staff Division E 3rd Place Photography, Sports Salisbury soccer Salisbury Post Jon Lakey Serious Columns Division E 3rd Place Barbara Harris Richmond, beauty queen; Closed to none; Gordon Peacock Salisbury Post Mark Wineka Sports News Reporting Division E 3rd Place Sports community mourns the loss of umpire JT Bost Salisbury Post Mike London **Beat News Reporting** Division E 1st Place Environment Beat StarNews Adam Wagner Best Community Coverage Division E 3rd Place Dec. 6-7, 2017 StarNews Staff Best Niche Publication Division E 2nd Place Discover Cape Fear May 2018 Staff StarNews Division E 1st Place Cape Fear Forward Series News Enterprise Reporting StarNews Staff Division E 3rd Place Are our kids safe? News Enterprise Reporting StarNews Cammie Bellamy 2nd Place News Feature Writing Division E Beach, water access challenges along the Cape Fear coast StarNews Hunter Ingram Online Breaking News Coverage Division E 2nd Place Winter Storm Grayson StarNews Staff Best Lede Division E 2nd Place Garden of Eden; Steel Magnolias; Blue Post StarNews John Staton Best Multimedia Project Division E 2nd Place Foodies Fight StarNews Dan Spears, Ashley Morris, Stacie Hidek Division E Editorials 1st Place StarNews Editorials StarNews Scott Nunn Election/Political Reporting Division E A new Sunday StarNews 3rd Place Tim Buckland Feature Section Design - Dailies Only Division E 1st Place May 16-17, 2018 StarNews Staff

Headline Writing Division E 1st Place Headlines on Celia Rivenbark columns StarNews Scott Nunn Illustration/Photo Illustration/Graphics - Dailies Only 2nd Place Division E Jordan's Rules StarNews Maria Sprow Division E 2nd Place Investigative Reporting Topsail High School baseball investigation StarNews Staff News Section Design - Dailies Only Division E 1st Place July 1-2, 2018 StarNews Staff Photography, Sports Division E 1st Place The Wait is Over StarNews Matt Born Photography, Spot Division E 3rd Place Florence in photos StarNews Ken Blevins Profile Feature Division E 1st Place Peggy FarrellStarNews John Staton Religion & Faith Reporting Division E 2nd Place Finding the Gospel in the digital StarNews Ben Steelman age Sports Columns Division E 1st Place Getting vocal; UNCW baseball proves it belongs; Time is now for next step StarNews Alex Riley Sports Feature Photo Division E 2nd Place Sky High StarNews Matt Born Sports News Reporting Division E 1st Place Cain-UNCW baseball StarNews Alex Riley Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division F 1st Place His gift is profound. So how can his parents and teachers best guide him? Charlotte Observer Cristina **Bolling** Beat News Reporting Division F 1st Place His sentence carried no jail time. So why did he keep ending up there? Charlotte Observer Michael Gordon Best Niche Publication Division F 1st Place SouthPark Magazine, April 2018 Charlotte Observer Staff 3rd Place Education Reporting Division F Teen has missed 77 days of school. Will threatening his parents with jail help CMS? Charlotte Observer Ann

Doss Helms, Micheal Gordon

News Enterprise Reporting Division F 1st Place Kids in psych center say staff sexually, physically abused them. Why didn't officials listen? Charlotte Observer Fred Clasen-Kelly, Cassie Cope, Julianna Rennie

Online Breaking News Coverage Division F 3rd Place End of an era: Family Dollar to close Matthews headquarters; 900 jobs affected Charlotte Observer Katherine Peralta, Deon Roberts, Cassie Cope, Ames Alexander

Sports Enterprise Writing Division F 2nd Place Is the Booty Loop truly 'the most dangerous 3 miles to ride a bike in Charlotte'? Charlotte Observer Theoden Janes

Best Video Division F 2nd Place Mother and son are both amputees, both ballers Charlotte Observer Jeff Siner

City County Government Reporting Division F 1st Place This pill prevents HIV, saves lives. Here's why Mecklenburg doesn't offer it. Charlotte Observer Fred Clasen-Kelly, Emmanuel Morgan

City County Government Reporting Division F 3rd Place Charlotte spent \$2 million for housing project. After 11 years, it hasn't been built. Charlotte Observer Steve Harrison, Ely Portillo

Editorial Page Division F 3rd Place Editorial pages Charlotte Observer Staff

Editorials Division F 1st Place Collection of editorials: Taylor Batten Charlotte Observer Taylor Batten

Editorials Division F 2nd Place Collection of editorials: Peter St. Onge Charlotte Observer Peter St. Onge

Election/Political Reporting Division F 1st Place A speech Jesse Helms never gave would have changed U.S. politics Charlotte Observer Jim Morrill

Feature Writing Division F 1st Place As kids they picked cotton and dreamed about the 'mansion' across the road. Now they own it. Charlotte Observer Theoden Janes

Feature Writing Division F 2nd Place She tried to keep her 99-year-old father from skydiving. He jumped anyway – happily. Charlotte Observer Theoden Janes

Investigative Reporting Division F 1st Place Inside N.C. prisons, staff shortages create deadly risk Charlotte Observer Ames Alexander, Gavin Off

Lighter Columns Division F 1st Place Collection of lighter columns: Scott Fowler Charlotte Observer Scott Fowler

Lighter Columns Division F 3rd Place Collection of lighter columns: Peter St. Onge Charlotte Observer Peter St. Onge

News Section Design - Dailies Only Division F 2nd Place News Section Design Charlotte Observer Staff

Photography, General News Division F 1st Place Public can help homeless survive dangerous freeze Charlotte Observer Diedra Laird

Profile Feature Division F 1st Place He was once Charlotte's most feared attorney. Now Bill Diehl faces a different fight. Charlotte Observer Theoden Janes

Religion & Faith Reporting Division F 1st Place Fallen televangelist Jim Bakker is back — and now he's prepping for the Apocalypse Charlotte Observer Tim Funk

Sports Columns Division F 1st Place Collection of sports columns: Brendan Marks Charlotte Observer Brendan Marks

Sports Columns Division F 2nd Place Collection of sports columns: Scott Fowler Charlotte Observer Scott Fowler

Sports Columns Division F 3rd Place Collection of sports columns: Jourdan Rodrigue Charlotte Observer Jourdan Rodrigue

Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division F 3rd Place Sports Coverage Charlotte Observer Staff

Sports News Reporting Division F 1st Place Tom Higgins, legendary NASCAR writer for Charlotte Observer, dies at age 80 Charlotte Observer Scott Fowler

Sports News Reporting Division F 2nd Place Father of Charlotte AAU basketball player who died: 'I'm devastated, man' Charlotte Observer Langston Wertz Jr

Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division F 3rd Place Kinston Arts District News & Observer David Menconi

Beat News Reporting Division F 2nd Place After high court victory, landowners still waiting News & Observer Richard Stradling

Best Community Coverage Division F 3rd Place Best Community Coverage, News & Observer, July 23-24, 2018 News & Observer Staff

Deadline News Reporting - Dailies Only Division F 1st Place NC teachers rally in Raleigh for more pay, education funding News & Observer T. Keung, Hui, Greg Childress and Jim Morrill

Education Reporting Division F 1st Place NC's Charter School BoomNews & Observer Jane Stancill, Lynn Bonner, David Raynor

News Feature Writing Division F 2nd Place A Confederate statue. A mostly black college. And simmering small-town resentment. News & Observer Martha Quillin

Online Breaking News Coverage Division F 1st Place Protesters topple Silent Sam Confederate statue at UNC-Chapel Hill News & Observer Staff

Online Breaking News Coverage Division F 2nd Place Hurricane Florence coverage News & Observer Staff

Appearance and Design Division F 1st Place May 17, May 18 N&O appearance and design News & Observer Staff

Best Lede Division F 2nd Place Best Ledes - Anna Johnson News & Observer Anna Johnson

Best Video Division F 1st Place The last Mother's Day for Avery Neill News & Observer Casey Toth

Best Video Division F 3rd Place This man and his cat became the faces of Florence and a story of resilience and hope News & Observer Travis Long

Business Writing - Dailies Only Division F 2nd Place Farmers sign on to grow newest cash crop in North Carolina News & Observer Richard Stradling

Editorial Page Division F 2nd Place News and Observer Editorial Pages News & Observer John Drescher, Ned Barnett

Editorials Division F 3rd Place Barnett N&O editorial News & Observer Ned Barnett

Election/Political Reporting Division F 2nd Place Campaign donors' cash goes to steak dinners, home fees News & Observer Will Doran, Lynn Bonner

Election/Political Reporting Division F 3rd Place GOP lawmakers have reshaped state's K-12 education system News & Observer T. Keung Hui

General News Reporting Division F 3rd Place Thousands of doctors still overprescribing opioids News & Observer John Murawski

Investigative Reporting Division F 2nd Place NC cut landslide hazard program, despite dangers -- 2 stories News & Observer Andrew Carter and Bruce Henderson

Investigative Reporting Division F 3rd Place NC House Speaker Tim Moore's legal contract with start-up raises questions News & Observer Dan Kane 3rd Place N&O A section News Section Design - Dailies Only Division F designNews & Observer Staff Division F 3rd Place Hurricane Florence News & Photo Page or Essay Observer Staff Floor scramble Photography, Sports Division F 2nd Place News & Observer Ethan Hyman Photography, Sports Division F 3rd Place Stretch for a Sack News & Observer ETHAN HYMAN Photography, Spot Division F 1st Place Kitten clings as man awaits rescue News & Observer Andrew Carter Photography, Spot Division F 3rd Place Sam Silenced For Now News & Observer Julia Wall Religion & Faith Reporting Division F 3rd Place Faith and firearms: Why Christians don't talk about gun violence News & Observer Martha Quillin Serious Columns Division F 3rd Place How UNC changed its story -- and lost its voice. News & Observer John Drescher Division F 3rd Place Special Section - Newspapers Only Holiday Baking 2017 News & Observer Staff Sports News Reporting Division F 3rd Place Don't die. Don't leave us. The frantic effort to save S.C. State's Ty Solomon News & Observer Steve Wiseman Division F 2nd Place Arts and Entertainment Reporting History-making News & Record Dawn DeCwikiel-Kane black Navy band Beat Feature Reporting Division F 1st Place Unseen homeless News & Nancy McLaughlin Record **Beat News Reporting** 3rd Place Duke Energy: Power struggle Division F News & Record Taft Wireback 2nd Place Best Community Coverage Division F Community Coverage -Dec. 12-17, 2017 News & Record Staff Best Niche Publication Division F 2nd Place 1808: Greensboro's Magazine, December 2017 News & Record Cindy Loman, Tim Myers, Whitney Cork

Best Niche Publication Division F 3rd Place 1808: Greensboro's Magazine June 2018 News & Record Cindy Loman, Tim Myers

Deadline News Reporting - Dailies Only Division F 2nd Place Apartment fire News & Record Andre Taylor

Education Reporting Division F 2nd Place Testing school water News & Record Jessie Pounds

News Enterprise Reporting Division F 2nd Place Shattered News & Record Nancy McLaughlin

News Feature Writing Division F 1st Place Tornado aftermath News & Record Margaret Moffett

Sports Enterprise Writing Division F 3rd Place Young basketball star's fast track News & Record Brant Wilkerson-New

Appearance and Design Division F 3rd Place Appearance and Design News & Record Staff

Best Lede Division F 3rd Place Jeff Mills News & Record Jeff Mills

Best Multimedia Project Division F 1st Place Fatal accident shatters families News & Record Nancy McLaughlin, H. Scott Hoffmann, Tim Rickard

Best Multimedia Project Division F 3rd Place Excellence personified News & Record Joe Sirera

City County Government Reporting Division F 2nd Place Downtown parking News & Record Margaret Moffett

Editorial Page Division F 1st Place Editorial page News & Record Staff

Feature Section Design - Dailies Only Division F 1st Place Feature design News & Record Staff

Headline Writing Division F 2nd Place Mike Kernels News & Record Mike Kernels

Headline Writing Division F 3rd Place Allen Johnson News & Record Allen Johnson

Illustration/Photo Illustration/Graphics - Dailies Only Division F 1st Place Immigration: Where to turn News & Record Tim Rickard

Photography, Feature Division F 1st Place Carrying the cross News & Record Andrew Krech

Photography, Feature Division F 2nd Place Ready for renovation News & Record Andrew Krech

Photography, General News Division F 2nd Place Bringing him home News & Record Andrew Krech

Photography, General News Division F 3rd Place Unite the Right News & Record Khadejeh Nikouyeh

Photography, Sports Division F 1st Place UNCG dunk News & Record H. Scott Hoffmann

Photography, Spot Division F 2nd Place Mother, son after tornado News & Record H. Scott Hoffmann

Profile Feature Division F 2nd Place A Broadway Masterpiece News & Record Jeff Mills

Profile Feature Division F 3rd Place John Isner is sky high News & Record Jeff Mills

Religion & Faith Reporting Division F 2nd Place Church closes its doors News & Record Nancy McLaughlin

Special Section - Newspapers Only Division F 2nd Place Discover Guilford News & Record Kim Mills, Whitney Cork, Tim Myers

Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division F 1st Place Sports coverage - N&R News & Record Staff

Beat Feature Reporting Division F 2nd Place Winning the 'buddy battle' --Lexington group offers a lifeline to military veterans and their dogs Winston-Salem Journal Sarah Newell

Beat Feature Reporting Division F 3rd Place 'Best day ever' -- Refugee brothers invite police officer to a special celebration Winston-Salem Journal Jenny Drabble

Best Community Coverage Division F 1st Place Best Community Coverage -- July 7, July 8 Winston-Salem Journal Staff

Deadline News Reporting - Dailies Only Division F 3rd Place 'Whatever it takes' -- 3 busloads and multiple carpools from W-S-Forsyth Schools join rally Winston-Salem Journal Michael Bragg

News Enterprise Reporting Division F 3rd Place Hoping for answers: Family clings to hope, police continue search 2 years after teen's disappearance Winston-Salem Journal Jenny Drabble

News Feature Writing Division F 3rd Place 'I can't forget' -- Letter opens old wounds; man sentenced in officer's murder up for parole Winston-Salem Journal Scott Sexton

Sports Enterprise Writing Division F 1st Place A Wild Ride: Fans flock to tradition-rich Bowman Gray for intense racing and jolt of fun Winston-Salem Journal Patrick Ferlise

Sports Feature Writing Division F 1st Place Setting the standard -- Football was only the beginning for West Forsyth hall of famer Winston-Salem Journal Patrick Ferlise

Sports Feature Writing Division F 2nd Place 'There is nothing she can't do' Winston-Salem Journal John Dell

Sports Feature Writing Division F 3rd Place Humble beginnings -- Wake tennis brought home NCAA championships, but outlook different in 1953 Winston-Salem Journal Ethan Joyce

Appearance and Design Division F 2nd Place Appearance and design, May 12, 13 Winston-Salem Journal Staff

Best Lede Division F 1st Place Faces of recovery/MerleFest/Steve Earle Winston-Salem Journal Lisa O'Donnell

Best Multimedia Project Division F 2nd Place The Legend of Lydia Winston-Salem Journal Staff

Business Writing - Dailies Only Division F 1st Place Winners and losers: Steel tariffs likely to have variable effects on N.C. corporations Winston-Salem Journal Richard Craver

Business Writing - Dailies Only Division F 3rd Place Removing barriers to historyWinston-Salem Journal Jenny Drabble

Feature Section Design - Dailies Only Division F 2nd Place Feature section design May 27, 30 Winston-Salem Journal Staff

Feature Writing Division F 3rd Place 'A kid who never gives up' -- 9-year-old overcomes strokes, paralysis Winston-Salem Journal Jenny Drabble

General News Reporting Division F 1st Place Broken system/Cardinal probe alleges fraud Winston-Salem Journal Richard Craver

General News Reporting Division F 2nd Place Ann Carter's last days/Two families. Two stories. One death. Winston-Salem Journal Sarah Newell Headline Writing Division F 1st Place Vacation vexation/lt 'ofter' look

Headline Writing Division F 1st Place Vacation vexation/It 'good/What does the fox steal? Winston-Salem Journal Staff

Illustration/Photo Illustration/Graphics - Dailies Only Division F 2nd Place School bus 101 Winston-Salem Journal Cassandra Sherrill

Illustration/Photo Illustration/Graphics - Dailies Only Division F 3rd Place Once in a Super Blue Blood Moon Winston-Salem Journal Cassandra Sherrill

Lighter Columns Division F 2nd Place Something wild must remain/Where do I catch the next starship?/Nighttime quiet to still the chatter Winston-Salem Journal Mick Scott

News Section Design - Dailies Only Division F 1st Place News section design, July 7, 8 Winston-Salem Journal Staff

Photo Page or Essay Division F 1st Place This is Cam's story

Winston-Salem Journal Andrew Dye

Photo Page or Essay Division F 2nd Place There's nothing she can't do

Winston-Salem Journal Allison Lee Isley

Photography, Feature Division F 3rd Place Big Jumps Winston-Salem

Journal Andrew Dye

Photography, Sports Division F 3rd Place Reynolds, Parkland renew rivalry Winston-Salem Journal Allison Lee Isley

Serious Columns Division F 1st Place Stop this plane and let him off/Stealing a poor man's sheep/You can't scare city mice Winston-Salem Journal Mick Scott

Serious Columns Division F 2nd Place Daughter's unknown killer created emotional prison/A gentle man/Policy ... Winston-Salem Journal Scott Sexton

Special Section - Newspapers Only Division F 1st Place Special section, Winston-Salem: How we play, work, grow, learn Winston-Salem Journal Staff

Sports Coverage - Newspapers Only Division F 2nd Place Sports coverage

Winston-Salem Journal Staff

Sports Feature Photo Division F 1st Place Bowman Gray's 70th season

Winston-Salem Journal Walt Unks

Sports Feature Photo Division F 2nd Place West Forsyth Advances

Winston-Salem Journal Allison Lee Isley

Sports Feature Photo Division F 3rd Place Dream season ends

Winston-Salem Journal Allison Lee Isley

Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division O 1st Place Living art

Blowing Rock News David Coulson

Photography, Sports Division O 1st Place Run for your life! Blowing

Rock News Brad Batchelor

Photography, Sports Division O 2nd Place Fill er up! Blowing Rock News

David Scearce

Photography, Sports Division O 3rd Place "The Catch" Blowing Rock News

David Rogers

Sports News Reporting Division O 1st Place Almost de ja vu all over again

Blowing Rock News David Rogers and Braxton Critcher

Sports News Reporting Division O 2nd Place Gridiron Shootout Blowing

Rock News David Rogers, David Coulson

Beat News Reporting Division O 3rd Place UNC and Silent Sam

Carolina Journal Kari Travis

Editorials Division O 1st Place CJ editorials by Rick Henderson Carolina

Journal Rick Henderson

Investigative Reporting Division O 2nd Place Problems at N.C. prisons have

festered for years Carolina Journal Kari Travis

Serious Columns Division O 3rd Place Daily Journals from John Trump

Carolina Journal John Trump

Beat Feature Reporting Division O 1st Place Thousands of years of expertise: Cherokees contribute to National Forest management plan Carolina Public Press

Jack Igelman

News Feature Writing Division O 2nd Place Illegal shooters trashing Eastern

North Carolina public lands Carolina Public Press Jack Igelman

City County Government Reporting Division O 1st Place Emails reveal dealings between county officials and behavioral health agency lobbyists Carolina

Public Press Frank Taylor

General News Reporting Division O 3rd Place How one group of utility workers

held the line against the flood Carolina Public Press Vaughn Hagerty

Photography, General News Division O 1st Place Group home photos by Melissa Sue Gerrits Carolina Public Press Melissa Sue Gerrits

Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division O 2nd Place 'Rising' Exhibit Documents Coastal Change Coastal Review Online Jennifer Allen

Beat Feature Reporting Division O 3rd Place Study: Corals Prefer the Taste of Plastic Coastal Review Online Kathleen Onorevole

News Coverage - Community Only Division O 1st Place Coastal Review Online - News Coverage Coastal Review Online Staff

News Enterprise Reporting Division O 1st Place Sea level rise and the North Carolina coast Coastal Review Online Catherine Kozak

News Enterprise Reporting Division O 2nd Place North Carolina Policy Collaboratory Series Coastal Review Online Kirk Ross

Online Breaking News Coverage Division O 1st Place 'Don't Drill!' Reverberates in Raleigh Coastal Review Online Kirk Ross

Online Breaking News Coverage Division O 2nd Place Cooper Promises Lawsuit Over Exemption Coastal Review Online Jennifer Allen

Online Breaking News Coverage Division O 3rd Place Proposed Rule Would Allow Red Wolf Takes Coastal Review Online Catherine Kozak

Best Lede Division O 1st Place Kathleen Onorevole Best Lede Coastal Review Online Kathleen Onorevole

Best Lede Division O 3rd Place Catherine Kozak: Best Lede Coastal Review Online Catherine Kozak

Best Multimedia Project Division O 2nd Place Study: Nesting Turtles Prefer Dark Beaches Coastal Review Online Kathleen Onorevole

Best Multimedia Project Division O 3rd Place Historic Wrightsville Beach Cottage Relocated Coastal Review Online Allison Ballard

City County Government Reporting Division O 2nd Place Shallotte Officials Update Riverfront Plan Coastal Review Online Allison Ballard

City County Government Reporting Division O 3rd Place Beaufort's Harbor Management Plan Coastal Review Online Jennifer Allen

Feature Writing Division O 1st Place Deserted Island Village to Come Alive Again Coastal Review Online Jennifer Allen

Feature Writing Division O 2nd Place Our Coast's History: NC's Oyster War Coastal Review Online Kip Tabb

General News Reporting Division O 2nd Place Gator Sparks Interest As State OKs Hunting Coastal Review Online Catherine Kozak

Headline Writing Division O 2nd Place Headline Writing Coastal Review Online Mark Hibbs

Lighter Columns Division O 1st Place Sam Bland: Lighter Columns Coastal Review Online Sam Bland

Lighter Columns Division O 2nd Place Liz Biro: Lighter Columns Coastal Review Online Liz Biro

Lighter Columns Division O 3rd Place Jared Lloyd: Lighter Columns Coastal Review Online Jared Lloyd

Photography, Feature Division O 1st Place New Neighbors: American Robins Coastal Review Online Mark Hibbs

Photography, Feature Division O 3rd Place The Buzz on Pollinator Week Coastal Review Online Mark Hibbs

Profile Feature Division O 1st Place Paula Gillikin Keeps Watch Over Wild Horses Coastal Review Online Jennifer Allen

Profile Feature Division O 3rd Place Our Coast's People: Nathan Richards Coastal Review Online Kip Tabb

Education Reporting Division O 3rd Place Governor's Commission on Access to Sound Basic Education Education NC Liz Bell, Analisa Sorrells

Best Multimedia Project Division O 1st Place Equity Meets Education EducationNC Liz Bell

Photography, Feature Division O 2nd Place Eastern NC high school students blend leadership and STEM learning EducationNC Yasmin Bendaas

Beat Feature Reporting Division O 2nd Place Double-bunked judges speak out on judicial redistricting plans N.C. Policy Watch Melissa Boughton

Education Reporting Division O 2nd Place A rocky first year for North Carolina's controversial school takeover program N.C. Policy Watch Billy Ball

News Enterprise Reporting Division O 3rd Place North Carolina's cash-bail system, its problems and its inequities N.C. Policy Watch Joe Killian

News Feature Writing Division O 1st Place Pleasant Garden residents gear up to fight a proposed granite mine N.C. Policy Watch Lisa Sorg

News Feature Writing Division O 3rd Place Human, environmental impact of 540 expansion loom large in southern Wake County N.C. Policy Watch Lisa Sorg

Editorials Division O 2nd Place Three editorials by Rob Schofield N.C. Policy Watch Rob Schofield

Editorials Division O 3rd Place Brett Kavanaugh, hog farms, and the five living governors take a stand N.C. Policy Watch Billy Ball

Election/Political Reporting Division O 1st Place A teacher's battle to challenge North Carolina's most powerful state legislator N.C. Policy Watch Billy Ball

Election/Political Reporting Division O 2nd Place Victim's rights amendment could cost North Carolina millions to implement N.C. Policy Watch Melissa Boughton

Investigative Reporting Division O 3rd Place Exclusive: #MeToo comes to North Carolina; NC legislator accused of sexual misconduct N.C. Policy Watch Billy Ball

Photography, General News Division O 2nd Place Shielding Murphy-Brown from nuisance lawsuits sparks a fracas in the streets N.C. Policy Watch Lisa Sorg

Serious Columns Division O 2nd Place Three serious columns by Rob Schofield N.C. Policy Watch Rob Schofield

Beat News Reporting Division O 1st Place Coverage of North Carolina's Opioid Epidemic NC Health News Taylor Knopf

Beat News Reporting Division O 2nd Place Challenging Swine Farming in Hog Country NC Health News Catherine Clabby

Education Reporting Division O 1st Place Coverage of North Carolina's School Nurse Shortage NC Health News Rose Hoban, Thomas Goldsmith, Jared Weber

Feature Writing Division O 3rd Place With Opioid Overdoses Rising, Medical Cannabis Gets a Second Look NC Health News Rose Hoban

General News Reporting Division O 1st Place For 11-year-old in ER Wait for a Psych Bed is 10 Days NC Health News Taylor Knopf

Investigative Reporting Division O 1st Place NC Prison Breaks Its Own Rules for Suicide Prevention NC Health News Taylor Knopf

Profile Feature Division O 2nd Place Family Ties Keep One Rural OB-GYN Practicing in Eastern NC, Despite Challenges NC Health News Taylor Knopf

Arts and Entertainment Reporting Division O 3rd Place Messages of hope transform Magic Bean yard Ocracoke Observer Connie Leinbach

Best Lede Division O 2nd Place 'Chicken run' thwarted on Swan Quarter ferry Ocracoke Observer Connie Leinbach

Headline Writing Division O 1st Place 'Chicken run' thwarted on Swan Quarter ferry Ocracoke Observer Staff

Headline Writing Division O 1st Place Not all who wander are lost Ocracoke Observer Staff

Headline Writing Division O 1st Place The raw and the steamed highlight the 2017 Ocracoke Oyster Roast Ocracoke Observer Staff

Photography, General News Division O 3rd Place Photos of a wintry Ocracoke Ocracoke Observer Staff

Photography, Spot Division O 1st Place Sea turtle release creates spectacle on Ocracoke beach Ocracoke Observer Peter Vankevich

Photography, Spot Division O 2nd Place Rare Trumpeter Swan spotted on Ocracoke Ocracoke Observer Peter Vankevich

Election/Political Reporting Division O 3rd Place Political Donor The Insider Colin Campbell

Religion & Faith Reporting Division O 1st Place Legislative ChaplainThe Insider Colin Campbell

Serious Columns Division O 1st Place Political Columns The Insider Colin Campbell

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