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Better Newspaper Contest Award Winners



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driver, passenger escape fire at Belle Fair

Kody Hertzling (above, on left) and Layne Hogshooter (right) were competing Saturday during the demolition derby when their car burst into flames. Hertzling and Hogshooter both suffered second-degree burns during the main heat of the compact cars. Hertzling was also taken to Phelps Health in Rolla for treatment from the fair, see The Maries County...

2024 Photo of the Year | **Jacob Warden** | Gasconade County Republican, Owensville | Best News Photo

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Congratulations

2024



GOLD CUP WINNERS

Weeklies

Class 1

Cassville Democrat

Class 2

Springfield Business Journal

Class 3

Washington Missourian

Dailies

Class 1

Columbia Missourian

Class 2

The Kansas City Star.

Congratulations to Missouri Press' 2024 Better Newspaper Contest winners!

From Missouri Press Staff Weeklies — Class 1 GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Cassville Democrat
Maryville Forum

Tribune and Times | Harrisonville
BEST BREAKING NEWS STORY

Edina Sentinel — Echo Menges
Edina Sentinel — Echo Menges
Tribune and Times | Harrisonville — Staff

BEST BUSINESS STORY

California Democrat — Garrett Fuller
Cassville Democrat — Sheila Harris
Maries County Advocate — Colin Willard

BEST EDITORIAL

Maryville Forum — Staff
Tribune and Times | Harrisonville — Dennis Minich
Maryville Forum — Staff

BEST EDITORIAL CARTOON

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Maryville Forum — Paxson Haws
Tribune and Times | Harrisonville — Jimmy Gillispie
Shannon Co. Current Wave — Roger Dillon



Will Johnson with the *Maries County Advocate* won first in Best News Photograph for Class 1 weeklies. On the cover, Jacob Warden (pictured in Johnson's photo above in the yellow shirt) also won first for Best News Photograph in Class 2 weeklies with a different angle of the same incident for the *Gasconade County Republican*. Warden said both men in the car suffered injuries, including second-degree burns, but were relatively fine afterwards. The entire incident happened quickly, Warden added, and was over before he realized what had transpired. Warden's shot was chosen as this year's Photo of the Year.

BEST FEATURE STORY

Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

BEST FRONT PAGE

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Clinton County Leader —

Brett Adkison

Missouri Lawyers Weekly — Staff
BEST HEADLINE WRITING

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Maryville Forum — Staff
Tribune and Times | Harrisonville — Staff

BEST HEALTH STORY

Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
Maries County Advocate — Roxie Murphy
Edina Sentinel — Echo Menges

BEST INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Maryville Forum — Paxson Haws
Cassville Democrat — Sheila Harris

BEST MILITARY STORY

Maries County Advocate — Colin Willard
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari

BEST NEWS OR FEATURE OBITUARY

Cassville Democrat — Staff
Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
Cassville Democrat — Sheila Harris

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Paxson Haws of the *Maryville Forum* won first place for small weeklies with this Best Feature Photograph.

Congratulations from Missouri Bar Association to this year's BNC winners!

BEST NEWS OR FEATURE SERIES

Missouri Lawyers Weekly — Scott Lauck
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Kahoka The Media — Mike Scott

BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

Maries County Advocate — Will Johnson
Centralia Fireside Guard — James Smith
Edina Sentinel — Echo Menges

BEST NEWS STORY

Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
Cassville Democrat — Sheila Harris

BEST OVERALL DESIGN

Maries County Advocate — Staff
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Maryville Forum — Staff

BEST PAGE DESIGN

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra

BEST PHOTO PACKAGE

Edina Sentinel — Echo Menges
Kahoka The Media — Mike Scott
Maries County Advocate — Jacob Warden

BEST SERIOUS COLUMNIST

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Maryville Forum — Ken Garner

Tribune and Times | Harrisonville — Dennis Minich

BEST SPECIAL SECTION, MAGAZINE OR ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATION

Missouri Lawyers Weekly — Staff
Chariton Marquee — Melanie Latamondeer
Cassville Democrat — Staff

BEST SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
Maries County Advocate — Will Johnson

BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman



Jon Dykstra of the *Maryville Forum* captured this striking moment to win the small weeklies award for Best Sports Feature Photograph.

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

BEST SPORTS NEWS STORY OR PACKAGE

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
Maries County Advocate — Will Johnson

BEST SPORTS PAGES

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Tribune and Times | Harrisonville — Jimmy Gillispie
Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra

BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH

Maryville Forum — Jon Dykstra
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Clinton County Leader — Clint Dye

BEST STORY ABOUT EDUCATION

Maryville Forum — Geoffrey Woehlk
Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
Missouri Lawyers Weekly — Scott Lauck

BEST STORY ABOUT GOVERNMENT

Maryville Forum — Geoffrey Woehlk
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Maries County Advocate — Roxie Murphy

BEST STORY ABOUT HISTORY

Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
Maryville Forum — Skye Pournazari
Tribune and Times | Harrisonville — Dennis Minich

BEST STORY ABOUT RURAL LIFE OR AGRICULTURE

Cassville Democrat — Sheila Harris
Cassville Democrat — Sheila Harris
Maries County Advocate — Roxie Murphy

BEST STORY ABOUT THE OUTDOORS

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Memphis Democrat — Emily Bontrager
Maryville Forum — Geoffrey Woehlk

MULTI-MEDIA REPORTING

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Edina Sentinel — Echo Menges
Tribune and Times | Harrisonville — Dennis Minich and Jimmy Gillispie

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Jon Dykstra and the *Maryville Forum* ran away with first place with this Best Sports Photograph.

Congratulations from Missouri Bar Association to this year's BNC winners!

Weeklies – Classes 1 and 2
BEST EDITORIAL AND
OPINION PAGES

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Tribune and Times | Harrisonville — Staff

Maryville Forum — Staff

BEST ELECTION STORY

The Odessan — Hannah Spaar
Kahoka The Media — Mike Scott
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

BEST HUMOROUS COLUMNIST

The Odessan — Hannah Spaar
Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman
Clinton County Leader — Brett Adkison

BEST SPORTS COLUMNIST

Phelps County Focus — Dave Roberts
Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Will Johnson

Cassville Democrat — Kyle Troutman

BEST STORY ABOUT

MARGINALIZED OR UNDER-REPRESENTED COMMUNITIES

Springfield Business Journal — Karen Craig

Missouri Lawyers Weekly — Rasmus Jorgensen

BEST STORY ABOUT RELIGION

Springfield Business Journal — Karen Craig

Linn Unterrified Democrat — Neal A. Johnson

Wright County Journal — Ron Schott

Weeklies – Class 2

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Springfield Business Journal
The Odessan

Warren County Record

BEST BREAKING NEWS STORY

Warrensburg Star-Journal — Meliyah Venerable

Courier-Tribune, Liberty — Amanda Lubinski

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Buck Collier and Dave Marner

BEST BUSINESS STORY

Springfield Business Journal — Mike Cullinan

Springfield Business Journal — Karen Craig

Warrensburg Star-Journal — Zach Bott

BEST EDITORIAL

The Odessan — Hannah Spaar
Howell County News — Amanda Mendez

Wright County Journal — Ron Schott



Mark Evans of the *St. Genevieve Herald* captured this collision between two young drivers and took home first place for Best Feature Photograph for Class 2 weeklies.

BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

St. Genevieve Herald — Mark Evans
Springfield Business Journal — Heather Mosley

Springfield Business Journal — Heather Mosley

BEST FEATURE STORY

Springfield Business Journal — Karen Craig

Springfield Business Journal — Christine Temple

Houston Herald — Doug Davison

BEST FRONT PAGE

Gainesville Ozark County Times — Staff

Springfield Business Journal — Staff
Houston Herald — Brad Gentry and Isaiah Buse

BEST HEADLINE WRITING

Springfield Business Journal — Staff
Wright County Journal — Ron Schott and Chris Roden

Platte County Citizen — Tanner Cobb

BEST HEALTH STORY

Linn Unterrified Democrat — Neal A. Johnson

Houston Herald — Brad Gentry and Isaiah Buse

Courier-Tribune, Liberty — Kellie Houx

BEST INFORMATION GRAPHIC

Howell County News — Ron Mendez
The Odessan — Hannah Spaar

Springfield Business Journal — Rebecca Green

BEST INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Phelps County Focus — Andrew Sheeley
Howell County News — Amanda Mendez

Courier-Tribune, Liberty — Amanda Lubinski

BEST MILITARY STORY

Gainesville Ozark County Times — Sue Ann Jones

Warrensburg Star-Journal — Zach Bott

Houston Herald — Doug Davison

BEST NEWS OR FEATURE OBITUARY

Gainesville Ozark County Times — Sue Ann Jones

Warrensburg Star-Journal — Joe Andrews

Courier-Tribune, Liberty — Kellie Houx

BEST NEWS OR FEATURE SERIES

Springfield Business Journal — Staff
The Odessan — Hannah Spaar

The Odessan — Hannah Spaar and Ruth Ann Hafner

BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Jacob Warden

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Dave Marner

Gainesville Ozark County Times — Bruce Roberts

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Congratulations from Missouri Bar Association to this year's BNC winners!



Jacob Warden celebrated a first-place win for the *Gasconade County Republican* with this Best Sports Feature Photograph.

BEST NEWS STORY

Phelps County Focus — Andrew Sheeley
Springfield Business Journal — Karen Craigo
Springfield Business Journal — Mike Cullinan

BEST ONLINE NEWSPAPER OR WEBSITE

Warrensburg Star-Journal — Staff
Springfield Business Journal — Staff
Platte County Citizen — Tanner Cobb and Jeanette Faubion

BEST OVERALL DESIGN

Springfield Business Journal — Staff
Wright County Journal — Ron Schott
Warren County Record — Staff

BEST PAGE DESIGN

Springfield Business Journal — Heather Mosley
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Springfield Business Journal — Heather Mosley

BEST PHOTO PACKAGE

Houston Herald — Brad Gentry
Linn Unterrified Democrat — Neal A. Johnson
 and Jacob Warden

Houston Herald — Doug Davison

BEST SERIOUS COLUMNIST

Springfield Business Journal — Eric Olson
Phelps County Focus — R.D. Hohenfeldt
The Odessan — Hannah Spaar

BEST SPECIAL SECTION, MAGAZINE OR ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATION

Gainesville Ozark County Times — Staff
Platte County Citizen — Tanner Cobb
Warrensburg Star-Journal — Staff

BEST SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Jacob Warden
Warrensburg Star-Journal — Joe Andrews
The Odessan — Kory Hales

BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

Phelps County Focus — Dave Roberts
Wright County Journal — Ron Schott

Linn Unterrified Democrat — Neal A. Johnson

Phelps County Focus — Dave Roberts

BEST SPORTS NEWS STORY OR PACKAGE

Warrensburg Star-Journal — Joe Andrews
Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican — Will Johnson
Ste. Genevieve Herald — Michael Boyd Jr.

BEST SPORTS PAGES

Platte County Citizen — Tanner Cobb
Wright County Journal — Ron Schott
Courier-Tribune, Liberty — Staff

BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH

Platte County Citizen — Tanner Cobb
The Odessan — Kory Hales
The Odessan — Kory Hales

BEST STORY ABOUT EDUCATION

Owensville Gasconade Co. Republican —
 Roxie Murphy

Warren County Record — Jason Koch
Springfield Business Journal — Karen Craigo

BEST STORY ABOUT GOVERNMENT

Springfield Business Journal — Karen Craigo
Howell County News — Amanda Mendez

The Odessan — Hannah Spaar

BEST STORY ABOUT HISTORY

Warren County Record — Jason Koch
Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Springfield Business Journal — Mike Cullinan

BEST STORY ABOUT RURAL LIFE OR AGRICULTURE

Houston Herald — Doug Davison
Wright County Journal — Ron Schott
Warrensburg Star-Journal — Annelia Nixon

BEST STORY ABOUT THE OUTDOORS

Courier-Tribune, Liberty — Kellie Houx
Houston Herald — Doug Davison
Springfield Business Journal — Karen Craigo

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MULTI-MEDIA REPORTING

Springfield Business Journal — Christine Temple

Springfield Business Journal — Christine Temple

Houston Herald — Doug Davison

Weeklies — Classes 2 and 3

BEST NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION PROJECT

Eldon | *The Advertiser* — Tammy Witherspoon

St. Louis American — Cathy Sewell

Eldon | *The Advertiser* — Tammy Witherspoon

BEST PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Jefferson County Leader — Cody Taylor

Wright County Journal — Ron Schott

Houston Herald — Isaiah Buse

Weeklies — Class 3

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

St. Louis Business Journal

St. Louis American

Washington Missourian

BEST BREAKING NEWS STORY

Webster-Kirkwood Times — Jaime Mowers

Washington Missourian — Christopher Parker

Washington Missourian — Christopher Parker

BEST BUSINESS STORY

St. Louis Business Journal — Jacob Kirn

St. Louis Business Journal — Nathan Rubbelke

St. Louis Business Journal — Connor Hart



Tanner Cobb cleared the competition to bring home a Best Sports Photograph win for the *Platte County Citizen*.

BEST EDITORIAL

St. Louis American — Staff

Kansas City Northeast News — Michael Bushnell

St. Louis Business Journal — Erik Siemers

BEST EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGES

Jefferson County Leader — Steve Taylor

St. Louis Call Newspapers — Staff

St. Louis American — Staff

BEST ELECTION STORY

Webster-Kirkwood Times — Brandi Schubert

St. Louis American — Staff

Washington Missourian — Christopher Parker

BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Washington Missourian — Jonathan Riley

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

St. Louis American — Wiley Price

BEST FEATURE STORY

Washington Missourian — Dan Claxton

Washington Missourian — Dan Claxton

Webster-Kirkwood Times — Julie Brown Patton

BEST FRONT PAGE

St. Louis American — Mike Terhaar

St. Louis Business Journal — Matt Haesly, John Lauer and Jacqueline Prins

Webster-Kirkwood Times — Staff

BEST HEADLINE WRITING

St. Louis American — Staff

Lincoln County Journal — Gregory Orear

Jefferson County Leader — Staff

BEST HEALTH STORY

St. Louis Business Journal — James Drew

St. Louis Business Journal — James Drew

Washington Missourian — Antjea Wolff

BEST INFORMATION GRAPHIC

Washington Missourian — Lori Obermark

Washington Missourian — Lori Obermark

Jefferson County Leader — Cody Taylor

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Jonathan Riley of the *Washington Missourian* reached new heights with this great catch of a Best Feature Photograph.

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BEST INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Lincoln County Journal — Gregory Orear
St. Louis American — Sylvester Brown Jr.

Jefferson County Leader — Staff

BEST MILITARY STORY

Webster-Kirkwood Times — Julie Brown Patton

Washington Missourian —

Paula Tredway and Julia Hansen

Branson Tri-Lake News — Chris Carlson

BEST NEWS OR FEATURE OBITUARY

Jefferson County Leader — Laura Marlow

Jefferson County Leader — Laura Marlow

Branson Tri-Lake News — Jason Wert

BEST NEWS OR FEATURE SERIES

Jefferson County Leader — Barbara Fawver

Lincoln County Journal — Gregory Orear

Washington Missourian —

Jonathan Riley and Ethan Colbert

BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

St. Louis American — Wiley Price

Washington Missourian — Julia Hansen

Washington Missourian — Julia Hansen

BEST NEWS STORY

Lincoln County Journal — Gregory Orear

Kansas City Northeast News — Dorri Partain

Lincoln County Journal — Gregory Orear and Sheila Battin

BEST ONLINE NEWSPAPER OR WEBSITE

Jefferson County Leader — Staff

St. Louis Call Newspapers — Staff

Washington Missourian — Staff

BEST OVERALL DESIGN

St. Louis Business Journal — Matt Haesly, John Lauer and Jacqueline Prins

Washington Missourian — Staff

Webster-Kirkwood Times — Staff

BEST PAGE DESIGN

Washington Missourian — Lori Obermark, Paula Tredway and Julia Hansen

Washington Missourian — Sarah Cates



Wiley Price of the *St. Louis American* captured this hectic scene and won first in Best News Photograph for large weeklies.

Washington Missourian — Lori Obermark and Paula Tredway

BEST PHOTO PACKAGE

Washington Missourian — Julia Hansen

Webster-Kirkwood Times — Ursula Ruhl

Washington Missourian —

Ethan Colbert

BEST SERIOUS COLUMNIST

St. Louis American — Mike Jones

Jefferson County Leader — Goldie Lowe

Jefferson County Leader — Teresa Inserra

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Arron Husted and the *Washington Missourian* won first for Best Sports Feature Photograph with this celebratory shot.

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BEST SPECIAL SECTION, MAGAZINE OR ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATION

St. Louis Business Journal — Staff

St. Louis American — Staff

Webster-Kirkwood Times — Staff

BEST SPORTS COLUMNIST

Jefferson County Leader — Russell Korando

St. Louis American — Alvin A. Reid

St. Louis American — Earl Austin Jr.

BEST SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Washington Missourian — Arron Husted

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

Washington Missourian — Arron Husted

BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

St. Louis Business Journal — Nathan Rubbelke

St. Louis Business Journal — Nathan Rubbelke

Webster-Kirkwood Times — Jaime Mowers

BEST SPORTS NEWS STORY OR PACKAGE

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle and Arron Husted

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle and Arron Husted

St. Louis American — Staff

BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH

Washington Missourian — Arron Husted

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

Washington Missourian — Bill Battle

BEST STORY ABOUT EDUCATION

Webster-Kirkwood Times — Melissa Wilkinson

Jefferson County Leader — Laura Marlow

Jefferson County Leader — Laura Marlow

BEST STORY ABOUT GOVERNMENT

St. Louis Business Journal — Jacob Kirn

Lincoln County Journal — Gregory Orear

St. Louis American — Staff

BEST STORY ABOUT HISTORY

Washington Missourian — Dan Claxton

Washington Missourian — Ethan Colbert

St. Louis American — Staff

BEST STORY ABOUT MARGINALIZED OR UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES

Community News - St. Louis County — Brett Auten

Washington Missourian — Geoff Folsom

St. Louis Business Journal — Veneta Rizvic

BEST STORY ABOUT RELIGION

St. Louis American — Staff

Washington Missourian — Christopher Parker

Washington Missourian — Jonathan Riley

BEST STORY ABOUT RURAL LIFE OR AGRICULTURE

Washington Missourian — Dan Claxton

Jefferson County Leader — Teresa Inserra

Washington Missourian — Christopher Parker

BEST STORY ABOUT THE OUTDOORS

Washington Missourian — Christopher Parker

Washington Missourian — Dan Claxton

Jefferson County Leader — Steve Taylor

MULTI-MEDIA REPORTING

St. Louis American — Staff

St. Louis American — James LeBine and Kevin Jones

Kansas City Northeast News — EllieAna Hale

Weeklies

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Cassville Democrat — Jordan Troutman

St. Louis Call Newspapers — Erin Achenbach,

Ellie Marshall and Deborah Baker

Cassville Democrat — Jordan Troutman and Kyle Troutman

Combined Weeklies and Dailies

BEST HUMOROUS COLUMNIST

Jefferson County Leader — Peggy Bess

Lincoln County Journal — Gregory Orear

Independence Examiner — Jeff Fox

BEST EDITORIAL CARTOON

Jefferson City News Tribune — Jim Dyke

Columbia Missourian — John Darkow

Columbia Missourian — John Darkow

BEST SPORTS PAGES

Columbia Missourian — Owen Ziliak

St. Louis American — Mike Terhaar

Springfield News-Leader — Staff

Dailies

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Joplin Globe

Columbia Missourian

Jefferson City News Tribune

BEST EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGES

Springfield News-Leader — Staff

Columbia Missourian — Staff

Jefferson City News Tribune — Staff

BEST FRONT PAGE

Columbia Missourian — Staff

Joplin Globe — Spencer Cramer

Southeast Missourian — Staff

BEST HEADLINE WRITING

Springfield News-Leader — Staff

Missouri Independent — Jason Hancock

Columbia Missourian — Staff

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The *Washington Missourian*'s Arron Husted took down the competition to win first in Best Sports Photograph.

Congratulations from Missouri Bar Association to this year's BNC winners!

BEST ONLINE NEWSPAPER OR WEBSITE

Missouri Independent — Jason Hancock
Hannibal Courier-Post — Staff
Southeast Missourian — Staff

BEST OVERALL DESIGN

Columbia Missourian — Staff
Springfield News-Leader — Staff
Joplin Globe — Staff

BEST SPORTS COLUMNIST

Daily American Republic | Poplar Bluff — D’Courtland Christian
Jefferson City News Tribune — Greg Jackson
Independence Examiner — Bill Althaus

MULTI-MEDIA REPORTING

Columbia Missourian — Staff
Missouri Independent — Allison Kite and Rebecca Rivas
The Kansas City Star — Staff

Dailies — Class 1

BEST BREAKING NEWS STORY

Missouri Independent — Clara Bates
Columbia Missourian — Staff
Fulton Sun — Anakin Bush

BEST BUSINESS STORY

Columbia Missourian — Maggie Girardi
Columbia Missourian — Dan Mika, Quinn Coffman and Andrea Merritt

Missouri Independent — Rudi Keller

BEST EDITORIAL

Independence Examiner — Jeff Fox
Independence Examiner — Jeff Fox
Independence Examiner — Jeff Fox

BEST ELECTION STORY

Missouri Independent — Rudi Keller
Columbia Missourian — Katie Taranto
Missouri Independent — Jason Hancock

BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Columbia Missourian — Kate Cassady
Marshall Democrat-News — Danielle Linton-Hatfield
Columbia Missourian — Minh Connors



Kate Cassady with the *Columbia Missourian* took first with this Best Feature Photograph capturing the old I-70 bridge spanning the Missouri River weeks before its planned demolition.



The *Columbia Missourian*'s Bailey Stover won first in Best News Photograph with this image showing state legislators celebrating the end of session in the traditional way.

BEST FEATURE STORY

Missouri Independent — Annelise Hanshaw
Columbia Missourian — Clayton Vickers
The Kansas City Beacon — Mili Mansaray

BEST HEALTH STORY

Missouri Independent — Anna Sporre
Missouri Independent — Annelise Hanshaw
Columbia Missourian — Dan Mika, Andrea Merritt and Quinn Coffman

BEST INFORMATION GRAPHIC

Columbia Missourian — Clayton Vickers
Columbia Missourian — Sofi Zeman
Columbia Missourian — Caitlin Kane

BEST INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Columbia Missourian — Claudia Levens and Srijita Datta
Missouri Independent — Allison Kite, Derek Kravitz and Kelly Kauffman
Hannibal Courier-Post — Trevor McDonald

BEST MILITARY STORY

Columbia Missourian — Konrad Strzalka
Columbia Missourian — Emma Flannery
Columbia Missourian — Emmaline Leutkemeyer

BEST NEWS OR FEATURE OBITUARY

Columbia Missourian — Eli Hoff
Columbia Missourian — Ceilidh Kern
Columbia Missourian — Kevin Utz

BEST NEWS OR FEATURE SERIES

Columbia Missourian — Staff
The Kansas City Beacon — Mili Mansaray
Missouri Independent — Jason Hancock

BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

Columbia Missourian — Bailey Stover
Columbia Missourian — Clayton Steward
Columbia Missourian — Aidan Boyd

BEST NEWS STORY

Missouri Independent — Allison Kite
The Kansas City Beacon — Meg Cunningham
Missouri Independent — Rebecca Rivas

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Congratulations from Missouri Bar Association to this year's BNC winners!



Megan Burke dove right into the middle of competition and came out with a first-place win in Best Feature Photograph for the *Southeast Missourian* in Class 2 Dailies.

BEST PAGE DESIGN

Columbia Missourian — Staff
Columbia Missourian — Staff
Columbia Missourian — Staff

BEST PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

Columbia Missourian — Baxter Stein
Columbia Missourian — Minh Connors
Missouri Independent — Annelise Hanshaw

BEST PHOTO PACKAGE

Columbia Missourian — Staff
Columbia Missourian — Cara Penquite and Lauren Spakowski
Marshall Democrat-News — Danielle Linton-Hatfield

BEST SERIOUS COLUMNIST

Missouri Independent — Janice Ellis
Missouri Independent — Jeff Smith
Columbia Missourian — David Webber

BEST SPECIAL SECTION, MAGAZINE OR ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATION

Hannibal Courier-Post — Matt Hopf and Jessica Hamilton
Daily American Republic | Poplar Bluff — Donna Farley and Samantha Tucker
Columbia Missourian — Staff

BEST SPORTS FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Daily American Republic | Poplar Bluff — D’Courtland Christian
Columbia Missourian — Austin Johnson
Columbia Missourian — Lauren Spakowski

BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

Columbia Missourian — Maddie Orr

Hannibal Courier-Post — Mike Thomas
Independence Examiner — Bill Althaus
BEST SPORTS NEWS STORY OR PACKAGE

Columbia Missourian — Wendell Shepherd, Brandon Haynes, Adam Ryerson
Columbia Missourian — Jack Knowlton
Hannibal Courier-Post — Mike Thomas
BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH
Columbia Missourian — Owen Ziliak
Columbia Missourian — Owen Ziliak
Marshall Democrat-News — Hobby King

BEST STORY ABOUT EDUCATION

Columbia Missourian — Maggie Trovato

The Kansas City Beacon — Maria Benevento
Columbia Missourian — Emmaline Luetkemeyer
BEST STORY ABOUT GOVERNMENT

Missouri Independent — Jason Hancock

Columbia Missourian — Alyse Pfeil
Missouri Independent — Clara Bates
BEST STORY ABOUT HISTORY
Columbia Missourian — Michael Howie
Daily American Republic | Poplar Bluff — Donna Farley

Missouri Independent — Allison Kite
BEST STORY ABOUT MARGINALIZED OR UNDER-REPRESENTED COMMUNITIES

Columbia Missourian — Mae Bruce, Maia Bond and Hope Davis
Missouri Independent — Rebecca Rivas
Columbia Missourian — Sarah Parisien
BEST STORY ABOUT RELIGION

Missouri Independent — Clara Bates
The Kansas City Beacon — Maria Benevento
Missouri Independent — Annelise Hanshaw

BEST STORY ABOUT RURAL LIFE OR AGRICULTURE

Columbia Missourian — Jana Rose Schleis
Columbia Missourian — Ceilidh Kern
Columbia Missourian — Namratha Prasad

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D’Courtland Christian and the *Daily American Republic* celebrated a win with this Best Sports Feature Photograph for Class 1 Dailies.

Congratulations from Missouri Bar Association to this year's BNC winners!

BEST STORY ABOUT THE OUTDOORS

Columbia Missourian — Athena Foster-Brazil and Mary Ruth Taylor
Missouri Independent — Allison Kite

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fulton Sun — Anakin Bush and Emily O’Leary

Columbia Missourian — Staff

Columbia Missourian — Staff

Dailies — Class 2

BEST BREAKING NEWS STORY

Jefferson City News Tribune — Alex Naughton

BEST BUSINESS STORY

The Kansas City Star — Eric Adler

The Kansas City Star — David Hudnall

Springfield News-Leader —

Kelly Dereuck

BEST EDITORIAL

Jefferson City News Tribune — Gary Castor

Southeast Missourian — Staff

Southeast Missourian — Staff

BEST ELECTION STORY

Jefferson City News Tribune — Ryan Pivoney

St. Louis Post-Dispatch —

Austin Huguelet

Jefferson City News Tribune — Mavis Chan

BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Southeast Missourian — Megan Burke

Joplin Globe — Roger Nomer

Springfield News-Leader —

Nathan Papes

BEST FEATURE STORY

Joplin Globe — Roger Nomer



Owen Ziliak got it over the line to win first in Best Sports Photograph for the *Columbia Missourian*.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Jesse Bogan

Southeast Missourian — Rick Fahr

BEST HEALTH STORY

The Kansas City Star — Lisa Gutierrez

St. Louis Post-Dispatch —

Michele Munz

St. Louis Post-Dispatch —

Colleen Schrappen

BEST INFORMATION GRAPHIC

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Josh Renaud

The Kansas City Star —

Natalie Wallington

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Josh Renaud

BEST INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Southeast Missourian — Bob Miller

Jefferson City News Tribune — Mavis Chan

St. Louis Post-Dispatch — Kelsey Landis

BEST MILITARY STORY

Springfield News-Leader - Greta Cross

Jefferson City News Tribune — Mavis Chan

Jefferson City News Tribune — Joe Gamm

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Springfield News-Leader - Greta Cross
Southeast Missourian — Staff

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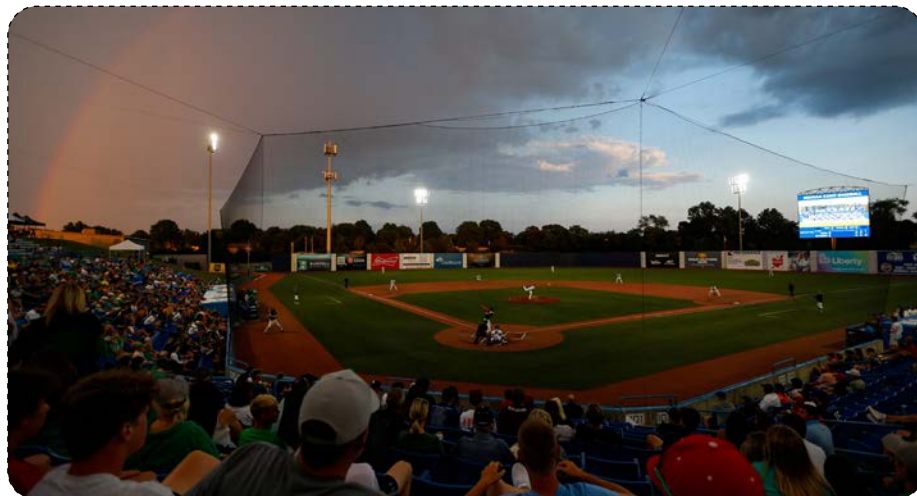
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