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IOWA'S OUTSTANDING NEWSPAPERS HONORED

DES MOINES, Iowa – The Des Moines Register was named Friday as the Iowa Newspaper Association 2016 "Newspaper of the Year." The award was announced at the association's Awards Banquet during the INA 2016 Convention and Trade Show held February 3-5 at the Des Moines Marriott Hotel. Presentations were also made to winners of the 2016 Iowa Better Newspaper Contests, which were judged by the New York Press Association. Approximately 4,000 entries in dozens of categories were judged by class, based on circulation. Daily Class 1 is for newspapers published daily with 9,999 circulation and less, Daily Class 2 is for newspapers published daily with 10,000 circulation and more. Weekly Class 1 is for newspapers published weekly with 1,135 circulation and less. Weekly Class 2, 1,136 to 1,850 circulation; Weekly Class 3, 1,851 and above circulation.

Winners in all contest categories are listed below.

General Excellence, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly 1: First Place- Colfax Jasper Co. Tribune, Second Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Prairie City News; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News, Second Place- Bloomfield Democrat, Third Place- Greenfield Adair Co. Free Press; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers.

Best Of Class Advertising, Daily 1: First Place- Oelwein Register, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Burlington Hawk Eye, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly 1: First Place- Fayette Leader, Second Place- Mediapolis News, Third Place- Fayette Leader; Weekly 2: First Place- Bloomfield Democrat, Second Place- Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News; Weekly 3: First Place- Monticello Express, Second Place- Maquoketa Sentinel-Press, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen.

Best Editorial Pages, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Second Place- Charles City Press, Third Place- Spencer Daily Reporter; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly 1: First Place- West Branch Times, Second Place- Westside Observer, Third Place- Riceville Monitor Recorder; Weekly 2: First Place- Greenfield Adair Co. Free Press, Second Place- Bloomfield Democrat, Third Place- Adel Dallas Co. News; Weekly 3: First Place- New Hampton Tribune, Second Place- Jefferson Herald, Third Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review.

Best Front Page, Daily 1: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Third Place- Ames Tribune; Daily 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Prairie City News, Third Place- West Branch Times; Weekly 2: First Place- Panora Guthrie Co. Vedette, Second Place- Guthrie Center Times, Third Place- Fontanelle Observer; Weekly 3: First Place- Indianola Record-Herald & Tribune, Second Place- Altoona Herald-Index, Third Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review.

Best Sports Section, Daily 1: First Place- Ames Tribune, Second Place- Marshalltown Times Republican, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily 2: First Place- Sioux City Journal, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly 1: First Place- Hull Sioux Co. Index-Reporter, Second Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner, Third Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly 2: First Place- Bloomfield Democrat, Second Place- Greenfield Adair Co. Free Press, Third Place- Audubon County Advocate Journal; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Second Place- Anamosa Journal-Eureka, Third Place- Harlan Newspapers.

Best Feature Page, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Second Place- Charles City Press, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan; Daily 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly 1: First Place- Elgin Echo, Second Place- Greene Recorder, Third Place- Westside Observer; Weekly 2: First Place- Guthrie Center Times, Second Place- Greenfield Adair Co. Free Press, Third Place- Rock Rapids Lyon Co. Reporter; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Second Place- Altoona Herald-Index, Third Place- Bettendorf News.

Coverage of Government and Politics, Daily 1: First Place- Ames Tribune, Second Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan; Daily 2: First Place- Davenport Quad-City Times, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Burlington Hawk Eye; Weekly 1: First Place- Colfax Jasper Co. Tribune, Second Place- Ackley World Journal, Third Place- La Porte City Progress-Review; Weekly 2: First Place- Greenfield Adair Co. Free Press, Second Place- Guthrie Center Times, Third Place- Lake City Graphic-Advocate; Weekly 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Second Place- Eldridge North Scott Press, Third Place- Dyersville Commercial.

Coverage of Education, Daily 1: First Place- Marshalltown Times Republican, Second Place- Charles City Press, Third Place- Spencer Daily Reporter; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Davenport Quad-City Times; Weekly 1: First Place- Colfax Jasper Co. Tribune, Second Place- Prairie City News, Third Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly 2: First Place- Greenfield Adair Co. Free Press, Second Place- Guthrie Center Times, Third Place- Sioux Center News; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Second Place- Altoona Herald-Index, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen.

Coverage of Agriculture, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Second Place- Newton Daily News, Third Place- Ames Tribune; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Burlington Hawk Eye; Weekly 1: First Place- Prairie City News, Second Place- Colfax Jasper Co. Tribune, Third Place- Westside Observer; Weekly 2: First Place- Sioux Center News, Second Place- Guthrie Center Times, Third Place- Lake City Graphic-Advocate; Weekly 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Second Place- Eldridge North Scott Press, Third Place- Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune.

Coverage of Business, Daily 1: First Place- Centerville Daily Iowegian, Second Place- Clinton Herald, Third Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen; Daily 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Sioux City Journal, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly 1: First Place- Colfax Jasper Co. Tribune, Second Place- Ackley World Journal, Third Place- Prairie City News; Weekly 2: First Place- Panora Guthrie Co. Vedette, Second Place- Guthrie Center Times, Third Place-

Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Second Place- Jefferson Herald, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen.

Coverage of Court and Crime, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Second Place- Ames Tribune, Third Place- Newton Daily News; Daily 2: First Place- Davenport Quad-City Times, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly 1: First Place- Prairie City News; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News; Weekly 3: First Place- Waverly Newspapers, Second Place- Indianola Record-Herald & Tribune, Third Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review.

Best Special Section-Editorial, Daily 1: First Place- Spencer Daily Reporter, Second Place- Creston News Advertiser, Third Place- Newton Daily News; Daily 2: First Place- Davenport Quad-City Times, Second Place- Sioux City Journal, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly 1: First Place- McGregor North Iowa Times, Second Place- Ackley World Journal, Third Place- Riceville Monitor Recorder; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News, Second Place- Akron Hometown, Third Place- West Union Fayette Co. Union; Weekly 3: First Place- Hampton Chronicle, Second Place- Waverly Newspapers, Third Place- Monticello Express.

Total Newspaper Design, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald; Daily 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Sioux City Journal, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Colfax Jasper Co. Tribune, Third Place- Sheffield Press; Weekly 2: First Place- Panora Guthrie Co. Vedette, Second Place- West Union Fayette Co. Union, Third Place- Greenfield Adair Co. Free Press; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Second Place- Bellevue Herald-Leader, Third Place- Maquoketa Sentinel-Press.

Community Leadership, Daily 1: First Place- Ames Iowa State Daily, Second Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Third Place- Marshalltown Times Republican; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly 1: First Place- La Porte City Progress-Review; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News, Second Place- Bloomfield Democrat; Weekly 3: First Place- Anamosa Journal-Eureka, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Third Place- Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune.

Best Headline Writing, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Third Place- Clinton Herald; Daily 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Waterloo Courier, Third Place- Davenport Quad-City Times; Weekly 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Westside Observer, Third Place- Riceville Monitor Recorder; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News, Second Place- Greenfield Adair Co. Free Press, Third Place- Lake Mills Graphic; Weekly 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Second Place- Altoona Herald-Index, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers.

Best Use of Graphics, Daily 1: First Place- Ames Tribune; Daily 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Waterloo Courier; Weekly 1: First Place- West Branch Times, Second Place- La Porte City Progress-Review, Third Place- Sheffield Press; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News, Second Place- Akron Hometown, Third Place- Rock Rapids Lyon Co. Reporter; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Third Place- Maquoketa Sentinel-Press.

Best Newspaper Website, Daily 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Second Place- Newton Daily News, Third Place- Spencer Daily Reporter; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly 1: First Place- La Porte City Progress-Review; Weekly 2: First Place- Garner Leader, Second Place- Sully Hometown Press, Third Place- Lake City Graphic-Advocate; Weekly 3: First Place- Altoona Herald-Index, Second Place- Indianola Record-Herald & Tribune, Third Place- Boone News-Republican.

Best Video, Daily 1: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Taylor Brooks, Second Place- Spencer Daily Reporter-Hanna Russmann, Third Place- Spencer Daily Reporter-Hanna Russmann and Randy Cauthron; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register-Kelsey Kremer, Second Place- Des Moines Register-Michael Zamora and David Scrivner, Third Place- Des Moines Register-Kelsey Kremer; Weekly 1: First Place- Britt News-Tribune-Allison Ullmann, Second Place- Mediapolis News-Danny Davis, Third Place- La Porte City Progress-Review-Mike Whittlesey; Weekly 2: First Place- Forest City Summit-Allison Ullmann, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Matt Heinrichs, Third Place- Forest City Summit-Allison Ullmann; Weekly 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen-Sara Konrad Baranowski, Second Place- Waverly Newspapers-Anelia K. Dimitrova, Third Place- Dyersville Commercial-Lisa Towers.

Best Slideshow, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jared Strong; Daily 2: First Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Jeff Cook, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Dave Kettering, Third Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Jeff Cook; Weekly 1: First Place- La Porte City Progress-Review-Mike Whittlesey; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Brandon Hurley, Second Place- Lake City Graphic-Advocate-Erin Sommers, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Matt Heinrichs; Weekly 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen-Sara Konrad Baranowski, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen-Sara Konrad Baranowski, Third Place- Eldridge North Scott Press-Scott Campbell and Erin Gentz.

Best Blog, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Douglas Burns; Daily 2: First Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Deirdre Cox Baker, Second Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Matt Coss and Matt Dahlseid, Third Place- Sioux City Journal-Bret Hayworth; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Russ Mitchell; Weekly 3: First Place- Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune-Megan Naylor, Second Place- Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune-Dana Larsen, Third Place- Tipton Conservative-Ryan Stonebraker.

Best Use of Social Media, Daily 1: First Place- Newton Daily News; Daily 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Davenport Quad-City Times, Third Place- Waterloo Courier; Weekly 1: First Place- Colfax Jasper Co. Tribune, Second Place- Prairie City News, Third Place- Keota Eagle; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News, Second Place- Perry Chief, Third Place- Akron Hometown; Weekly 3: First Place- Denison Bulletin & Review, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Third Place- Boone News-Republican.

Best News Story, Daily 1: First Place- Ames Tribune-Gavin Aronsen, Second Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen-Josh O'Leary, Third Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jared Strong; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register-Lee Rood, Second Place- Des Moines Register-Kyle Munson and Kathy Bolten, Third Place- Des Moines Register-Lynn Hicks; Weekly 1: First Place- Colfax Jasper Co. Tribune-Mike

Mendenhall, Second Place- Riceville Monitor Recorder-Casandra Leff, Third Place- Rockwell Pioneer Enterprise-Kelly McGowan; Weekly 2: First Place- Guthrie Center Times-Rebecca McKinsey, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Russ Mitchell, Third Place- Sioux Center News-Renee Wielenga; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Tom Lawrence, Second Place- Waverly Newspapers-Anelia K. Dimitrova, Third Place- Eldridge North Scott Press-Sarah Hayden.

Best Breaking News Story, Daily 1: First Place- Clinton Herald-Scott Levine, Amy Kent and Nick Moffitt, Second Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jared Strong, Third Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen-Jeff Charis-Carlson; Daily 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Jeff Montgomery, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Telegraph Herald Staff, Third Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Jack Cullen and Thomas Geyer; Weekly 1: First Place- West Branch Times-Gregory Norfleet, Second Place- Colfax Jasper Co. Tribune-Jason Brooks, Third Place- Mediapolis News-Danny Davis; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Russ Mitchell, Second Place- Pocahontas Record Democrat-Chris Vrba, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Brandon Hurley; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Tom Lawrence, Second Place- Osceola Sentinel-Tribune-Kyle Wilson and Amy Hansen, Third Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Ty Rushing.

Best News Feature Story, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jared Strong, Second Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jared Strong, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Lily Abromeit; Daily 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Liz Zabel, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Thomas Barton, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Stacey Becker; Weekly 1: First Place- Rockwell Pioneer Enterprise-Kelly McGowan, Second Place- Prairie City News-Mike Mendenhall, Third Place- Colfax Jasper Co. Tribune-Mike Mendenhall; Weekly 2: First Place- Bloomfield Democrat-Valerie Garbart, Second Place- Guthrie Center Times-Rebecca McKinsey, Third Place- Bloomfield Democrat-Karen Spurgeon; Weekly 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen-Sara Konrad Baranowski, Second Place- Grinnell Poweshiek County CR-Dann Hayes, Third Place- Maquoketa Sentinel-Press-Nick Joos.

Best Personality Feature Story, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jared Strong, Second Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Audrey Ingram, Third Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen-Josh O'Leary; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register-Mike Kilen, Second Place- Burlington Hawk Eye-Will Smith, Third Place- Sioux City Journal-Dolly Butz; Weekly 1: First Place- Prairie City News-Alex Olp, Second Place- Manilla Times-Jordan Kenkel, Third Place- Westside Observer-Spencer Owen; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Brandon Hurley, Second Place- Bloomfield Democrat-Karen Spurgeon, Third Place- Guthrie Center Times-Ashley Schable; Weekly 3: First Place- Jefferson Herald-Andrew McGinn, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen-Sara Konrad Baranowski, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers-Anelia K. Dimitrova.

Best Sports Story, Daily 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Troy Banning, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Troy Banning, Third Place- Creston News Advertiser-Larry Peterson; Daily 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Scott Dochterman, Second Place- Des Moines Register-Bryce Miller and Jason Clayworth, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Andy Piper; Weekly 1: First Place- Hull Sioux Co. Index-Reporter-Nathan Broek, Second Place- Prairie City News-Troy Hyde, Third Place- Greene Recorder-Ross Hawker and Jamie Osterbuhr; Weekly 2: First Place- Sioux Center News-Jacob Hall, Second Place- Panora Guthrie Co. Vedette-Ashley Schable, Third Place- Rock Rapids Lyon Co. Reporter-Nathan Broek; Weekly 3: First Place- Waverly Newspapers-Tyler Poslosky,

Second Place- Eldridge North Scott Press-Scott Campbell, Third Place- New Hampton Tribune-Bob Fenske.

Best Sports Feature Story, Daily 1: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Cody Goodwin, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Jacob Sheyko, Third Place- Ames Tribune-Bobby LaGessee; Daily 2: First Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Matt Coss, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Jeff Linder, Third Place- Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil-John Schreier; Weekly 1: First Place- Fayette Leader-Zakary Kriener, Second Place- Colfax Jasper Co. Tribune-Troy Hyde, Third Place- Mediapolis News-Doug Brenneman; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Russ Mitchell, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Matt Heinrichs, Third Place- Panora Guthrie Co. Vedette-Ashley Schable; Weekly 3: First Place- Jefferson Herald-Andrew McGinn, Second Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Scott Byers, Third Place- New Hampton Tribune-Bob Fenske.

Best Series, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jared Strong, Second Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Audrey Ingram, Third Place- Spencer Daily Reporter-Hanna Russmann; Daily 2: First Place- Burlington Hawk Eye-Hawk Eye Staff, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Lee Hermiston, Third Place- Des Moines Register-Kathy Bolten and Kyle Munson; Weekly 1: First Place- Greene Recorder-Sylvia Hawker, Second Place- Westside Observer-Janine Kock, Third Place- Eagle Grove Eagle-Kim Demory; Weekly 2: First Place- West Union Fayette Co. Union-Brian Smith, Second Place- Lake Mills Graphic-Terry Gasper, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Russ Mitchell; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Lindsay Hoepfner, Second Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Mark Mahoney, Third Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Ty Rushing.

Excellence In Editorial Writing, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Douglas Burns, Second Place- Clinton Herald-Scott Levine, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Anne Blankenship; Daily 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Lynda Waddington, Second Place- Waterloo Courier-Pat Kinney, Third Place- Des Moines Register-Andie Dominick; Weekly 1: First Place- West Branch Times-Gregory Norfleet, Second Place- Westside Observer-Janine Kock; Weekly 2: First Place- Greenfield Adair Co. Free Press-Tammy Pearson, Second Place- Bloomfield Democrat-Karen Spurgeon, Third Place- Bloomfield Democrat-Scott Spurgeon; Weekly 3: First Place- Decorah Newspapers-Rick Fromm, Second Place- Denison Bulletin & Review-Christy Welch, Third Place- Hampton Chronicle-Nick Pedley.

Master Columnist, Daily 1: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Paul Osgerby, Second Place- Spencer Daily Reporter-Paula Buenger, Third Place- Spencer Daily Reporter-Randy M. Cauthron; Daily 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Amy Gilligan, Second Place- Sioux City Journal-Bruce Miller, Third Place- Burlington Hawk Eye-Mike Sweet; Weekly 1: First Place- Colfax Jasper Co. Tribune-Mike Mendenhall, Second Place- La Porte City Progress-Review-Mike Whittlesey, Third Place- Westside Observer-Janine Kock; Weekly 2: First Place- Adel Dallas Co. News-Amber Williams, Second Place- Bloomfield Democrat-Randy Evans, Third Place- Greenfield Adair Co. Free Press-Tammy Pearson; Weekly 3: First Place- Algona Upper Des Moines-Mindy Baker, Second Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Ken Fuson, Third Place- Dyersville Commercial-Mike Putz.

Best Sports Columnist, Daily 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Troy Banning, Second Place- Ames Tribune-Bobby LaGessee, Third Place- Ames Tribune-Travis Hines; Daily 2: First Place- Fort Dodge Messenger-Eric Pratt, Second Place- Sioux City Journal-Terry Hersom, Third Place- Council Bluffs Daily

Nonpareil-Kevin White; Weekly 1: First Place- Nashua Reporter-Bob Fenske; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Matt Heinrichs, Second Place- Akron Hometown-Steve Peterson, Third Place- Adel Dallas Co. News-Clint Cole; Weekly 3: First Place- Decorah Newspapers-Rick Fromm, Second Place- Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune-Dana Larsen, Third Place- Eldridge North Scott Press-Scott Campbell.

Best News Photo, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jeff Storjohann, Second Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jared Strong, Third Place- Ames Tribune-Nirmalendu Majumdar; Daily 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Jessica Reilly, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Dave Kettering, Third Place- Burlington Hawk Eye-John Lovretta; Weekly 1: First Place- West Branch Times-Gregory Norfleet, Second Place- Prairie City News-Mike Mendenhall, Third Place- Westside Observer-Colleen Rossiter; Weekly 2: First Place- Bloomfield Democrat-Scott Spurgeon, Second Place- Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun-Jake Krob, Third Place- Greenfield Adair Co. Free Press-Sandy McCurdy; Weekly 3: First Place- Anamosa Journal-Eureka-Jim Johnson, Second Place- Wilton-Durant Advocate News-Derek Sawvell, Third Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Josh Harrell.

Best Breaking News Photo, Daily 1: First Place- Spencer Daily Reporter-Randy M. Cauthron, Second Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jared Strong, Third Place- Newton Daily News-Jason W. Brooks; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register-Bryon Houlgrave, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Dave Kettering, Third Place- Fort Dodge Messenger-Hans Madsen; Weekly 1: First Place- Mediapolis News-Danny Davis, Second Place- Mediapolis News-Danny Davis and Pam Massner, Third Place- Colfax Jasper Co. Tribune-Mike Mendenhall; Weekly 2: First Place- Perry Chief-Jonathan Krueger, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Brandon Hurley, Third Place- Lake City Graphic-Advocate-Erin Sommers; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Josh Harrell, Second Place- Wilton-Durant Advocate News-Derek Sawvell, Third Place- Denison Bulletin & Review-Todd Danner.

Best Sports Photo, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jeff Storjohann, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Margaret Kispert, Third Place- Newton Daily News-Jocelyn Sheets; Daily 2: First Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Jeff Cook, Second Place- Des Moines Register-Rodney White, Third Place- Waterloo Courier-Brandon Pollock; Weekly 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal-Corey Meints, Second Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner-Roy Tucker, Third Place- West Branch Times-Gregory Norfleet; Weekly 2: First Place- Cascade Pioneer-Beth Lutgen, Second Place- Sioux Center News-Jacob Hall, Third Place- Sigourney News Review-Adam Meier; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Rylan Howe, Second Place- Maquoketa Sentinel-Press-Nick Joos, Third Place- Altoona Herald-Index-Mark Davitt.

Best Feature Photo, Daily 1: First Place- Newton Daily News-Mike Mendenhall, Second Place- Spencer Daily Reporter-Randy M. Cauthron, Third Place- Newton Daily News-Mike Mendenhall; Daily 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Adam Wesley, Second Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Kevin Schmidt, Third Place- Des Moines Register-Rodney White; Weekly 1: First Place- La Porte City Progress-Review-Mike Whittlesey, Second Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner-Pam Banta, Third Place- Westside Observer-Lanice Kock; Weekly 2: First Place- Greenfield Adair Co. Free Press-Denna Mitchell, Second Place- Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun-Jake Krob, Third Place- Pocahontas Record Democrat-Chris Vrba; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Josh Harrell, Second Place- Grinnell

Poweshiek County CR-J.O. Parker, Third Place- Indianola Record-Herald & Tribune-Michael Rolands.

Best Photo Story, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jared Strong, Second Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jeff Storjohann, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Joshua Housing; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register-Michael Zamora, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Adam Wesley, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Mike Burley; Weekly 1: First Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner-Linda Bingen, Pam Banta and Mylan Schroeder, Second Place- Logan Herald-Observer-Teresa Hoffman, Third Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner-Linda Bingen and Mylan Schroeder; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Matt Heinrichs, Second Place- Independence News/Buchanan County Review-Steven C. Smith and Christine Dale, Third Place- Coon Rapids Enterprise-Charlie Nixon; Weekly 3: First Place- Indianola Record-Herald & Tribune-Michael Rolands, Second Place- Bellevue Herald-Leader-David Namanny, Third Place- Bellevue Herald-Leader-David Namanny.

Best Newspaper Marketing, Daily 1: First Place- Newton Daily News, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly 1: First Place- Manilla Times, Second Place- Westside Observer, Third Place- Westside Observer; Weekly 2: First Place- West Union Fayette Co. Union, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News; Weekly 3: First Place- Wilton-Durant Advocate News, Second Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen.

Best Ad Featuring Grocery/Food/Entertainment, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Second Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly 1: First Place- Inwood West Lyon Herald, Second Place- Inwood West Lyon Herald, Third Place- Fayette Leader; Weekly 2: First Place- Sac City Sun, Second Place- Rock Rapids Lyon Co. Reporter, Third Place- Vinton Newspapers; Weekly 3: First Place- Osceola Sentinel-Tribune, Second Place- Eldridge North Scott Press, Third Place- Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune.

Best Ad Featuring Financial, Insurance, or Other Professional Service, Daily 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Second Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Third Place- Spencer Daily Reporter; Daily 2: First Place- Waterloo Courier, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly 1: First Place- Fayette Leader, Second Place- Buffalo Center Tribune, Third Place- Schaller Herald; Weekly 2: First Place- West Union Fayette Co. Union, Second Place- Independence News/Buchanan County Review, Third Place- Coon Rapids Enterprise; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Second Place- Wilton-Durant Advocate News, Third Place- Eldridge North Scott Press.

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Reporter, Third Place- Vinton Newspapers; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Second Place- Monticello Express, Third Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review.

Best Ad Featuring Automotive, Boats, Aircraft, Tires, Gasoline, Etc., Daily 1: First Place- Spencer Daily Reporter, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly 1: First Place- Postville Herald, Second Place- Monona Outlook, Third Place- Prairie City News; Weekly 2: First Place- Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun, Second Place- Bloomfield Democrat, Third Place- Garner Leader; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Third Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review.

Best Ad Featuring Miscellaneous, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Third Place- Creston News Advertiser; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Sioux City Journal, Third Place- Fort Dodge Messenger; Weekly 1: First Place- Hull Sioux Co. Index-Reporter, Second Place- Sheffield Press, Third Place- Jewell South Hamilton Record-News; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News, Second Place- Rock Rapids Lyon Co. Reporter, Third Place- Akron Hometown; Weekly 3: First Place- Maquoketa Sentinel-Press, Second Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Third Place- Monticello Express.

Best Special Section Advertising, Daily 1: First Place- Spencer Daily Reporter, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Third Place- Spencer Daily Reporter; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Fort Dodge Messenger; Weekly 1: First Place- Fayette Leader, Second Place- Elgin Echo, Third Place- Hull Sioux Co. Index-Reporter; Weekly 2: First Place- Bloomfield Democrat, Second Place- Stuart Herald, Third Place- Mapleton Press; Weekly 3: First Place- Monticello Express, Second Place- Jefferson Herald, Third Place- New Hampton Tribune.

Best Ad Series or Campaign Featuring Any Service or Merchandise Category, Daily 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Second Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly 1: First Place- Hull Sioux Co. Index-Reporter, Second Place- Westside Observer, Third Place- La Porte City Progress-Review; Weekly 2: First Place- Bloomfield Democrat, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News, Third Place- Bloomfield Democrat; Weekly 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Second Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers.

Best Ad Idea for a Community Promotion or Event, Daily 1: First Place- Oelwein Register, Second Place- Clinton Herald, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Burlington Hawk Eye; Weekly 1: First Place- Mediapolis News, Second Place- Monona Outlook, Third Place- Schaller Herald; Weekly 2: First Place- Bloomfield Democrat, Second Place- Pocahontas Record Democrat, Third Place- Independence News/Buchanan County Review; Weekly 3: First Place- Maquoketa Sentinel-Press, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Third Place- Maquoketa Sentinel-Press.

Best Agricultural Advertising, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Second Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald, Third Place- Creston News Advertiser; Daily 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly 1: First Place- Fayette Leader, Second Place- Fayette Leader; Weekly 2: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News, Second Place- Stuart Herald, Third Place- West Union Fayette Co. Union; Weekly 3: First Place- Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune, Second Place- Waverly Newspapers, Third Place- Wilton-Durant Advocate News.

Best Web Advertisement, Daily 1: First Place- Creston News Advertiser, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Third Place- Newton Daily News; Daily 2: First Place- Burlington Hawk Eye, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly 2: First Place- Rock Rapids Lyon Co. Reporter, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News; Weekly 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen, Second Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen.

Best Ad Designer, Daily 1: First Place- Carroll Daily Times Herald-Beckham G. Miller, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Heidi Owen, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Lois Raner; Daily 2: First Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Amanda Schramm, Second Place- Sioux City Journal-Kayla Fleming, Third Place- Waterloo Courier-Amanda Hansen; Weekly 1: First Place- Fayette Leader-Danielle Luchsinger, Second Place- Westside Observer-Doreen Hansen; Weekly 2: First Place- Stuart Herald-Jason Girard, Second Place- Stuart Herald-Jonathon Lonsdale, Third Place- Independence News/Buchanan County Review-Steven C. Smith; Weekly 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Kristin Oldenkamp, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times-Citizen-Mark Wohlert, Third Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa Review-Krystal Poppema.

Harrison "Skip" Weber Investigative Reporting Award, Daily 1: Carroll Daily Times Herald-Jared Strong; Daily 2: Davenport Quad-City Times-Alma Gaul; Weekly 2: Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News-Russ Mitchell; Weekly 3: First Place- Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune-Dana Larsen.

Outstanding Young Iowa Journalists: Rebecca Morin, Iowa City Daily Iowan; Ally Karsyn, Sioux City Journal; Mike Mendenhall, Prairie City News.

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