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IOWA journalists HONORed at
2022 Iowa Newspaper Association Convention and Trade Show

DES MOINES, Iowa – Dubuque Telegraph Herald was named Thursday as the Iowa Newspaper Association 2022 "Newspaper of the Year." The award was announced during the association’s virtual Awards Ceremony on April 28. Also recognized during the convention were two 50 Year Club recipients, individuals honored for completing 50 years of service to the newspaper industry. Recipients of this honor included John Cullen, Storm Lake Times; Shelia Tomkins, Guttenberg Press; Linda Tubbs, Eldridge North Scott Press and Bill Tubbs, Eldridge North Scott Press.

Presentations were made to winners of the 2022 Iowa Better Newspaper Contests, which were judged by the Oklahoma Press Association. Approximately 2,500 entries in dozens of categories were judged by class, based on circulation. Daily Class I is for newspapers published daily with 5,050 circulation and under, Daily Class II is for newspapers published daily with 5,051 circulation and above. Weekly Class I is for newspapers published weekly with 840 circulation and under. Weekly Class II, 841 to 1,550 circulation; Weekly Class III, 1,551 and above circulation.

Winners in all contest categories are listed below.

### General Excellence

Daily I: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Second Place- Ames Tribune, Third Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen; Daily II: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly I: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Hull-Sioux County Index Reporter, Third Place- Dayton Leader, Prairie City PCM Explorer & Riceville Monitor Recorder; Weekly II: First Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner, Second Place- Sioux Center News, Third Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun; Weekly III: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen

### Best Of Class Advertising

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter, Second Place- Eagle Grove Eagle, Third Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Parkersburg Eclipse News-Review, Second Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner, Third Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Maquoketa Sentinel-Press, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Third Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW

# Specialty Reporting Contest Winners

### Harrison "Skip" Weber Investigative Reporting Award

Eric Ferkenhoff and Andrea Sahouri, Des Moines Register; Jared Strong, Carroll Times Herald

### Genevieve Mauck Stoufer Outstanding Young Iowa Journalists Awards

Matthew Bain, Des Moines Register; Cleo Krejci, Iowa City Press-Citizen and Isabella Rosario, Ames Tribune

### Bill Monroe Innovation Award

Cedar Rapids Gazette

### Jay P Wagner Prize for Young Journalists

Michaela Ramm, Cedar Rapids Gazette; Sarah Watson, Davenport Quad-City Times and Allen Hamil, Le Mars Daily Sentinel

### Ken Fuson Best Writing award

Courtney Crowder, Des Moines Register

# Editorial Contest Winners

### Best Editorial Pages

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily Class 2: First Place- Sioux City Journal, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Riceville Monitor Recorder, Second Place- Dayton Leader; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Bloomfield Democrat, Second Place- Sioux Center News, Third Place- Eldora Newspapers; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Eldridge North Scott Press, Second Place- Clinton Herald, Third Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW

### Best Front Page

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Second Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen; Daily Class 2: First Place- Sioux City Journal, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Inwood West Lyon Herald, Second Place- West Branch Times, Third Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun, Second Place- Cascade Pioneer, Third Place- Eldora Newspapers; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Manchester Press, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers

### Best Sports Section

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Second Place- Atlantic News-Telegraph; Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican, Third Place- Fort Dodge Messenger; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer, Third Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Cascade Pioneer, Second Place- Orange City Sioux County Capital Democrat, Third Place- Le Mars Daily Sentinel; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Second Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers

### Best Feature Page(s)

Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Eagle Grove Eagle, Third Place- Greene Recorder; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Ida County Courier, Second Place- Stuart Herald, Third Place- Westside Observer; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Third Place- Clinton Herald

### Coverage of Government and politics

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Second Place- Ames Tribune, Third Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen; Daily Class 2: First Place- Sioux City Journal, Second Place- Davenport Quad-City Times, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Dayton Leader, Second Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer, Third Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Pocahontas Record-Democrat, Second Place- Sigourney News Review, Third Place- Stuart Herald; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers

### Coverage of Education

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune, Second Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily Class 2: First Place- Waterloo Courier, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer, Second Place- Greenfield Adair County Free Press, Third Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sioux Center News, Second Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner, Third Place- Bloomfield Democrat; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Eldridge North Scott Press, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Third Place- Dyersville Commercial

### Coverage of Agriculture

Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Calmar Courier, Second Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Bloomfield Democrat, Second Place- Sioux Center News, Third Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Eldridge North Scott Press, Second Place- Manchester Press, Third Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW

### Coverage of Business

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Second Place- Ames Tribune; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Fort Dodge Messenger; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Jasper County Tribune, Second Place- Ackley World Journal, Third Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner, Second Place- Pocahontas Record-Democrat, Third Place- Sioux Center News; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Carroll Times Herald, Third Place- Eldridge North Scott Press

### Coverage of Court and crimes

Daily Class 1: First Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen, Second Place- Ames Tribune; Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican, Third Place- Burlington Hawk Eye; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Calmar Courier; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Stuart Herald; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Waverly Newspapers, Second Place- Manchester Press, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen

### Best Special Section - Editorial

Daily Class 1: First Place- Mason City - Globe Gazette, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Dayton Leader, Second Place- Riceville Monitor Recorder, Third Place- Riceville Monitor Recorder; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Ida County Courier, Second Place- Mapleton Press, Third Place- Lake City Graphic-Advocate; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Spencer Daily Reporter, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen

### Total Newspaper Design

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily Class 2: First Place- Sioux City Journal, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Inwood West Lyon Herald, Second Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter, Third Place- West Branch Times; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun, Second Place- Sioux Center News, Third Place- Eldora Newspapers; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Eldridge North Scott Press, Third Place- Clinton Herald

### Community Leadership

Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Dayton Leader; Weekly Class 2: First Place- West Liberty Index; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News

### Best Headline Writing

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly Class 1: First Place- West Branch Times, Second Place- Ackley World Journal, Third Place- Riceville Monitor Recorder; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun, Second Place- Eldora Newspapers, Third Place- Le Mars Daily Sentinel; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News, Third Place- Carroll Times Herald

### Best Use of Graphics

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- West Branch Times; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun, Second Place- Le Mars Daily Sentinel, Third Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News, Third Place- Clinton Herald

# Digital Contest Winners

### Best newspaper website

Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Hartley Sentinel-Everly/Royal News, Second Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Cascade Pioneer, Second Place- Le Mars Daily Sentinel; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen

### Best Video

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Paul Kurutsides, Second Place- Davenport Quad-City Times- Meg McLaughlin, Jessica Gallagher, Bobby Metcalf, Gary Krambeck, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Paul Kurutsides, Mike Day, Dave Kettering; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Ryan Adams, Jenna Galligan, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Jenna Galligan, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Ayrton Breckenridge, Daniel McGregor-Huyer

### Best slideshow

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Steve Gassman, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Dave Kettering, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Dave Kettering, Steve Gassman; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Jerod Ringwald, Ayrton Breckenridge, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Grace Smith, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Seth Boyes

### Best Use of social media

Daily Class 2: First Place- Fort Dodge Messenger, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Dayton Leader, Second Place- Greene Recorder; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican, Second Place- Akron Hometowner; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Clinton Herald, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers

### Best podcast

Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- Nathan Ford, Second Place- Des Moines Register- Cody Goodwin, Third Place- Sioux City Journal- Bruce Miller, Jared McNett, Chris Lay; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Clinton Herald- Charlene Bielema; Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Eleanor Hildebrandt, Hailey Marx, Third Place- Spencer Daily Reporter- Randy M. Cauthron, TJ Murphy, Justin Thomas

# Marketing Contest Winners

### Best newspaper marketing

Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Westside Observer, Second Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun, Third Place- Westside Observer; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Second Place- Clinton Herald, Third Place- Spencer Daily Reporter

# Writing Contest Winners

### Best news story

Daily Class 1: First Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen-Cleo Krejci, Second Place- Mason City Globe Gazette-Gunnar Davis, Zach Martin, Third Place- Ames Tribune-Danielle Gehr; Daily Class 2: First Place- Sioux City Journal-Dolly Butz, Second Place- Des Moines Register-Lee Rood, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Erin Jordan; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal-Becky Schipper, Second Place- North Tama Telegraph-Darvin Graham, Third Place- Clarion Wright County Monitor-Bridget Shileny; Weekly Class 2: First Place- West Liberty Index-Tim Evans, Second Place- Le Mars Daily Sentinel-Kim Fickett, Third Place- Tama-Toledo News Chronicle-Darvin Graham; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Rin Swann, Second Place- Eldridge North Scott Press-Mark Ridolfi, Third Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW-Elijah Helton

### Best Breaking News Story

Best Breaking News Story Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune-Danielle Gehr, Second Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen-Hillary Ojeda, Third Place- Ames Tribune-Danielle Gehr; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Jeff Montgomery, Second Place- Des Moines Register-Nick Coltrain, Ian Richardson, Tony Leys, Brianne Pfannenstiel, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Vanessa Miller; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal-Becky Schipper, Second Place- West Branch Times-Gregory Norfleet, Third Place- North Tama Telegraph-Darvin Graham, Ruby Bodeker; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Lake City Graphic-Advocate-Tyler Anderson, Second Place- Grundy Register-Rob Maharry, Third Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun-Justin Rust; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Carroll Times Herald-Jared Strong, Amber Mohmand, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Rylee Wilson, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News-Seth Boyes

### Best News Feature Story

Daily Class 1: First Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen-Hillary Ojeda, Second Place- Ames Tribune-Danielle Gehr, Third Place- Creston News Advertiser-Sarah Scull; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Bennet Goldstein, Second Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Brooklyn Draisey, Third Place- Waterloo Courier-Amie Rivers; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Calmar Courier-Michael Hohenbrink, Second Place- Riceville Monitor Recorder-Casandra Leff, Third Place- Ackley World Journal-Becky Schipper; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sioux Center News-Eric Sandbulte, Second Place- Cascade Pioneer-Daniel Charland, Third Place- Perry Chief-Allison Ullmann; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Carroll Times Herald-Jared Strong, Second Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW-Renee Wielenga, Third Place- Harlan Newspapers-Bob Bjoin

### Best Personality Feature Story

Daily Class 1: First Place- Creston News Advertiser-Sarah Scull, Second Place- Ames Tribune-Ronna Faaborg, Third Place- Creston News Advertiser-Sarah Scull; Daily Class 2: First Place- Sioux City Journal-Bruce Miller, Second Place- Des Moines Register-Cody Goodwin, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Alison Gowans; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal-Becky Schipper, Second Place- Eagle Grove Eagle-Kim Demory, Third Place- Dayton Leader-Kendra Breitsprecher; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican-Jen Reed, Second Place- Le Mars Daily Sentinel-Beverly Van Buskirk, Third Place- Tama-Toledo News Chronicle-Darvin Graham; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Carroll Times Herald-Jared Strong, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Josie Fischels, Third Place- Carroll Times Herald-Rebecca McKinsey

### Best Sports Story

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Troy Banning, Second Place- Mason City - Globe Gazette-Gunnar Davis, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Troy Banning; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Steve Ortman, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Tim O'Neill, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Vanessa Miller; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal-Corey Meints, Second Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer-Troy Hyde, Third Place- Ackley World Journal-Corey Meints; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Le Mars Daily Sentinel-Allen Hamil, Second Place- Bloomfield Democrat-Scott Spurgeon, Third Place- Le Mars Daily Sentinel-Allen Hamil; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Harlan Newspapers-Mike Oeffner, Second Place- Elkader Times-Register-Audrey Posten, Third Place- Clinton Herald-Beau Troutman

### Best Sports Feature Story

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune-Joseph Randleman, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Troy Banning, Third Place- Ames Tribune-Joseph Randleman; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register-Mark Emmert, Second Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Matt Coss, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Danny Miller; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal-Corey Meints, Second Place- West Branch Times-Gregory Norfleet, Third Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer-Troy Hyde; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Le Mars Daily Sentinel-Allen Hamil, Second Place- Le Mars Daily Sentinel-Allen Hamil, Third Place- Grundy Register-Rob Maharry; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Carroll Times Herald-Mark Schafer, Second Place- Eldridge North Scott Press-Scott Campbell, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Robert Read

### Best Series

Daily Class 1: First Place- Creston News Advertiser-Sarah Scull, Keri Anderson, Caleb Nelson, Regina Smith, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Anne Blankenship; Daily Class 2: First Place- Sioux City Journal-Dolly Butz, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Bennet Goldstein, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Michelle London; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal-Becky Schipper; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Pocahontas Record-Democrat-Erin Sommers, Second Place- Lake City Graphic-Advocate-Tyler Anderson, Third Place- Orange City Sioux County Capital Democrat-Sarah Weber; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Elkader Times-Register-Audrey Posten, Willis Patenaude, Second Place- Elkader Times-Register-Audrey Posten, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Staff

### Excellence in Editorial Writing

Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Adam Sullivan, Second Place- Des Moines Register-Lucas Grundmeier, Third Place- Des Moines Register-Andie Dominick; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Riceville Monitor Recorder-Casandra Leff, Second Place- Hartley Sentinel-Everly/Royal News-Nicholas Pedley, Third Place- Hartley Sentinel-Everly/Royal News-Nicholas Pedley; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Lake Mills Graphic-Marissa Gasper, Second Place- Westside Observer-Janine Kock, Third Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner-Katie Anderson; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Spencer Daily Reporter-Randy M. Cauthron, Second Place- Eldridge North Scott Press-Scott Campbell, Third Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW-Tom Lawrence

### Master Columnist

Daily Class 1: First Place- Atlantic News-Telegraph-Brian Rathjen; Daily Class 2: First Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Barb Ickes, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Sofia DeMartino, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Todd Dorman; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Hartley Sentinel-Everly/Royal News-Nicholas Pedley, Second Place- Riceville Monitor Recorder-Casandra Leff, Third Place- Dayton Leader-Kendra Breitsprecher; Weekly Class 2: First Place- West Liberty Index-Tim Evans, Second Place- Westside Observer-Janine Kock, Third Place- Sioux Center News-Renee Wielenga; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Clear Lake Mirror Reporter-Michelle Watson, Second Place- Spencer Daily Reporter-Randy M. Cauthron, Third Place- Eldridge North Scott Press-Scott Campbell

### Best Sports Columnist

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Troy Banning, Second Place- Mason City - Globe Gazette-Gunnar Davis; Daily Class 2: First Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Matt Coss, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-JR Ogden, Third Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Don Doxsie; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Jasper County Tribune-Troy Hyde, Second Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer-Troy Hyde; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Bloomfield Democrat--Scott Spurgeon, Second Place- Stuart Herald--Tod Broman; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Waverly Newspapers-Tyler Poslosky, Second Place- Kalona News-Paul Bowker, Third Place- Eldridge North Scott Press-Scott Campbell

### Best Continuing Coverage

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune-Phillip Sitter, Isabella Rosario, Ronna Faaborg, Danielle Gehr; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register-Melody Mercado, Andrea Sahouri, Sarah LaBlanc, Second Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Tom Barton, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Staff; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun-Ty Rushing, Justin Rust, Second Place- Bloomfield Democrat-Karen Spurgeon, Third Place- Grundy Register-Rob Maharry; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen-Sara Konrad Baranowski, Justin Ites, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Staff, Third Place- Eldridge North Scott Press-Mark Ridolfi

### Best COVID-19 Coverage

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Anne Blankenship, Second Place- Ames Tribune-Danielle Gehr, Ronna Faaborg, Isabella Rosario, Phillip Sitter; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Bennet Goldstein, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Erin Jordan, Michaela Ramm, Third Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Tom Loewy, Tom Barton, Emily Andersen, Sarah Watson; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal-Becky Schipper, Second Place- Jasper County Tribune-Jamee Pierson, Christopher Braunschweig, Third Place- Hartley Sentinel-Everly/Royal News-Nicholas Pedley, Mike Petersen; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner-Katie Anderson, Second Place- Bloomfield Democrat-Karen Spurgeon, Third Place- Mapleton Press-Jenna Comes; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Harlan Newspapers-Bob Bjoin, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen-Staff, Third Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW-Ty Rushing, Randy Paulson, Lydia Hansen, Elijah Helton

# Photography Contest Winners

### Best News Photo

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune-Nirmalendu Majumdar, Second Place- Ames Tribune-Nirmalendu Majumdar, Third Place- Ames Tribune-Nirmalendu Majumdar; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register-Brian Powers, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Jessica Reilly, Third Place- Des Moines Register-Kelsey Kremer; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Adel Dallas County News-Allison Ullmann, Second Place- Ocheyedan Press/Melvin News-Arlyn Pedley, Third Place- Adel Dallas County News-Allison Ullmann; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun-Lydia Hansen, Second Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun-Justin Rust, Third Place- Perry Chief-Allison Ullmann; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen-Sara Konrad Baranowski, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News-Seth Boyes, Third Place- Spencer Daily Reporter-Joe Hopper

### Best Breaking News Photo

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune-Nirmalendu Majumdar; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Dave Kettering, Second Place- Des Moines Register-Zach Boyden-Holmes, Third Place- Fort Dodge Messenger-Kelby Wingert; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ocheyedan Press/Melvin News-Nicholas Pedley, Second Place- Ocheyedan Press/Melvin News-Nicholas Pedley, Third Place- North Tama Telegraph-Soren Peterson; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Cascade Pioneer-Daniel Charland, Second Place- Westside Observer-Janine Kock; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Carroll Times Herald-Jared Strong, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News-Seth Boyes, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers-Anelia K. Dimitrova

### Best Sports Photo

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune-Nirmalendu Majumdar, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Troy Banning, Third Place- Ames Tribune-Nirmalendu Majumdar; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register-Zach Boyden-Holmes, Second Place- Waterloo Courier-Chris Zoeller, Third Place- Davenport Quad-City Times-Meg McLaughlin; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Greene Recorder-Ross Hawker, Second Place- Ackley World Journal-Corey Meints, Third Place- Jasper County Tribune-Troy Hyde; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Saint Ansgar Enterprise Journal-Kristi Nixon, Second Place- Morning Sun News Herald-Dana Royer, Third Place- Pocahontas Record-Democrat-Sandy Rutherford; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Denison Newspapers-Todd Danner, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Jerod Ringwald, Third Place- Maquoketa Sentinel-Press-Harv Hansen

### Best Sports Feature Photo

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Troy Banning, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Troy Banning, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal-Troy Banning; Daily Class 2: First Place- Fort Dodge Messenger-Britt Kudla, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette-Jim Slosiarek, Third Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican-Noah Rohlfing; Weekly Class 1: First Place- North Liberty Leader-Chris Umscheid, Second Place- Ackley World Journal-Corey Meints, Third Place- North Liberty Leader-Chris Umscheid; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Saint Ansgar Enterprise Journal-Travis Charlson, Second Place- Grundy Register-Jake Ryder, Third Place- Ida County Courier-Mike Thornhill; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW-Scott Byers, Second Place- Anamosa Journal Eureka-Daryl Schepanski, Third Place- Harlan Newspapers-Mike Oeffner

### Best News Feature Photo

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune-Nirmalendu Majumdar, Second Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen-Joseph Cress, Third Place- Ames Tribune-Nirmalendu Majumdar; Daily Class 2: First Place- Waterloo Courier-Chris Zoeller, Second Place- Des Moines Register-Brian Powers, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Dave Kettering; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal-Becky Schipper, Second Place- North Liberty Leader-Chris Umscheid, Third Place- Hartley Sentinel-Everly/Royal News-Nicholas Pedley; Weekly Class 2: First Place- West Liberty Index-Tim Evans, Second Place- Coon Rapids Enterprise-Charles Nixon, Third Place- Sioux Center News-Renee Wielenga; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Tate Hildyard, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Jeff Sigmund, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News-Matt Heinrichs

### Best Photo Story

Daily Class 1: First Place- Atlantic News-Telegraph-Brian Rathjen, Second Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen-Joseph Cress; Daily Class 2:- First Place- Des Moines Register-Zach Boyden-Holmes, Second Place- Des Moines Register-Brian Powers, Third Place- Des Moines Register-Brian Powers, Zach Boyden-Holmes; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal-Becky Schipper, Second Place- Ocheyedan Press/Melvin News-Arlyn Pedley, Nicholas Pedley, Third Place- Ackley World Journal-Crystal Hinders; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Lake Mills Graphic-Sherylee Gasper, Second Place- Le Mars Daily Sentinel-Kim Fickett, Allen Hamil, Third Place- Lake Mills Graphic-Sherylee Gasper; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW-Elijah Helton Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Jerod Ringwald, Ayrton Breckenridge, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News-Dave Petrick, Matt Heinrichs

### Best Photographer

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune-Nirmalendu Majumdar, Second Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen-Joseph Cress; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register-Zach Boyden-Holmes, Second Place- Des Moines Register-Bryon Houlgrave, Third Place- Des Moines Register-Kelsey Kremer; Weekly Class 1: First Place- North Liberty Leader-Chris Umscheid, Second Place- Ackley World Journal-Corey Meints, Third Place- Greene Recorder-Ross Hawker; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Lake City Graphic-Advocate-Tyler Anderson, Second Place- Eldora Newspapers-Elaine Loring, Weekly Class 3: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News-Matt Heinrichs, Second Place- Kalona News-Jeff Yoder, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen-Marissa VanWingen

# Advertisting Contest Winners

### Best Ad Featuring Grocery, Food & Entertainment

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter, Second Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter, Third Place- Inwood West Lyon Herald; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sioux Center News, Second Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun, Third Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Second Place- Spencer Daily Reporter, Third Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW

### Best Ad Featuring Financial, Insurance or Other Professional Service

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Eagle Grove Eagle, Second Place- Calmar Courier; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner, Second Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter, Third Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Algona Kossuth County Advance, Third Place- Clinton Herald

### Best Ad Featuring Furniture, Furnishings, Appliances or Hardware

Daily Class 2: First Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger, Third Place- Fort Dodge Messenger; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Riceville Monitor Recorder, Second Place- Riceville Monitor Recorder, Weekly Class 2: First Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner, Second Place- Sioux Center News, Third Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Maquoketa Sentinel-Press, Second Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers

### Best Ad Featuring Automotive, Boats, Aircraft, Tires, Gasoline, Etc.

Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Fort Dodge Messenger; Weekly Class 1:First Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter, Second Place- Allison Butler County Tribune-Journal, Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sioux Center News, Second Place- Parkersburg Eclipse News-Review, Third Place- Ida County Courier; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers

### Best Ad Featuring Miscellaneous

Daily Class 2: First Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Ackley World Journal, Third Place- Ogden Reporter; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner, Second Place- Sigourney News Review, Third Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Algona Kossuth County Advance, Third Place- Clinton Herald

### Best Special Section Advertising

Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Fort Dodge Messenger; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter, Second Place- Manilla Times, Third Place- Manilla Times; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter, Second Place- Westside Observer, Third Place- Ida County Courier; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News, Third Place- Algona Kossuth County Advance

### Best Advertising Series or Campaign Featuring Any Service or Merchandise Category

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter, Second Place- Inwood West Lyon Herald, Third Place- Eagle Grove Eagle; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun, Second Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner, Third Place- Sioux Center News; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Monticello Express, Second Place- Waverly Newspapers, Third Place- Kalona News

### Best Advertising Idea For a Community Promotion or Event

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter, Second Place- Ackley World Journal, Third Place- Madrid Register-News; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Parkersburg Eclipse News-Review, Second Place- Sioux Center News, Third Place- Lake City Graphic-Advocate; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Clinton Herald, Second Place- Waverly Newspapers, Third Place- Maquoketa Sentinel-Press

### Best Ad Featuring Agriculture

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Ackley World Journal, Weekly Class 2: First Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner, Second Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter, Third Place- Stuart Herald; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Third Place- Algona Kossuth County Advance

### Best Web Advertisement

Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers

### Best Ad Designer

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald-Jenna Valenti, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger-Michelle Colshan, Third Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican-Malette Glader; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Ida County Courier-Jenny Seuntjens, Second Place- Sioux Center News-Elizabeth Myers, Third Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner-Kristin Oldenkamp; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan-Heidi Owen, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen-Brent Lennard, Third Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW-Krystal Poppema

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