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IOWA journalists HONORed at   
2023 Iowa Newspaper Association Convention and Awards ceremony

DES MOINES, Iowa – The Ackley World Journal was named Thursday as the Iowa Newspaper Association 2023 "Newspaper of the Year." The award was announced during the association’s Awards Ceremony on February 2. Also recognized during the convention were three 50 Year Club recipients, individuals honored for completing 50 years of service to the newspaper industry. Recipients of this honor included Connie Wagner, Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW; Jeff Wagner, Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW; Peter Wagner, Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW and Randy Peterson, Des Moines Register.

Presentations were made to winners of the 2023 Iowa Better Newspaper Contests, which were judged by the North Carolina 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 5,000 circulation and under, Daily Class II is for newspapers published daily with 5,001 circulation and above. Weekly Class I is for newspapers published weekly with 875 circulation and under. Weekly Class II, 876 to 1,550 circulation; Weekly Class III, 1,551 and above circulation.

Winners in all contest categories are listed below.

# General Excellence Contest Winners

Daily I: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Second Place- Ames Tribune, Third Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen; Daily II: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette and Dubuque Telegraph Herald tied, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly I: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer, Third Place- Colfax Jasper County Tribune; Weekly II: First Place- Estherville News, Second Place- Rock Rapids Lyon Co. Reporter, Third Place- Cascade Pioneer; Weekly III: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Sheldon N’West Iowa REVIEW, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson Co. News

# Best Of Class Advertisiting contest winners

Daily Class 1: First Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican, Second Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican, Third Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Ackley World Journal, Third Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Westside Observer, Second Place- Ida Grove Ida County Courier, Third Place- Stuart Herald; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Waverly Newspapers, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers

# Specialty Reporting Contest Winners

### Harrison "Skip" Weber Investigative Reporting Award

George Shillcock and Paris Barraza, Iowa City Press-Citizen  
Erin Jordan and Emily Andersen, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
Sabine Martin, Iowa City Daily Iowan

### Genevieve Mauck Stoufer Outstanding Young Iowa Journalists Awards

Paris Barraza, Iowa City Press-Citizen

Grace King, Cedar Rapids Gazette

Hannah Pinski, Iowa City Daily Iowan

### Bill Monroe Innovation Award

Cedar Rapids Gazette

### Jay P Wagner Prize for Young Journalists

Kelby Wingert, Fort Dodge Messenger  
Marissa Payne, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
Cody Goodwin, Des Moines Register

### Ken Fuson BeST WRITING AWARD

Vanessa Miller, Cedar Rapids Gazette

# Editorial Contest Winners

### Best Editorial Page(s)

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 2: First Place- Bloomfield Democrat, Second Place- Westside Observer, Third Place- Cascade Pioneer; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Eldridge North Scott Press, Second Place- DeWitt Observer, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen

### Best Front Page

Daily Class 1: First Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly Class 1: First Place- West Branch Times, Second Place- Ackley World Journal, Third Place- Oakland Herald; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter, Second Place- Cascade Pioneer, Third Place- Avoca Journal Herald; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News, Third Place- Dyersville Commercial

### Best Sports Section

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Second Place- Atlantic News-Telegraph; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer, Third Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Cascade Pioneer, Second Place- Estherville News, Third Place- Bloomfield Democrat; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Anamosa Journal Eureka, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen

### Best Feature Page(s)

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- Fort Dodge Messenger, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Manilla Times; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Mount Vernon Lisbon Sun, Second Place- Cascade Pioneer, Third Place- Akron Hometowner; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Dyersville Commercial, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers

### Coverage of Government and Politics

Daily Class 1: First Place- Iowa City Press-Citizen, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Third Place- Southeast Iowa Union Washington Evening Journal; Daily Class 2: First Place- Sioux City Journal, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Colfax Jasper County Tribune, Second Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer, Third Place- Lake City Graphic-Advocate; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Estherville News, Second Place- Pocahontas Record-Democrat, Third Place- Saint Ansgar Enterprise Journal; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Oskaloosa Herald, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News

### 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- Sioux City Journal, Second Place- Davenport Quad-City Times, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer, Second Place- Colfax Jasper County Tribune, Third Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Estherville News, Second Place- Pocahontas Record-Democrat, Third Place- Mount Vernon Lisbon Sun; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News, Third Place- Bellevue Herald-Leader

### Coverage of Agriculture

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Second Place- Southeast Iowa Union Washington Evening Journal; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Burlington Hawk Eye; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Calmar Courier, Second Place- Colfax Jasper County Tribune; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Orange City Sioux County Capital Democrat, Second Place- Cascade Pioneer, Third Place- Pocahontas Record-Democrat; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Third Place- DeWitt Observer

### Coverage of Business

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Fort Dodge Messenger; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Pocahontas Record-Democrat, Second Place- Boone News Republican, Third Place- Saint Ansgar Enterprise Journal; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Dyersville Commercial, Third Place- Anamosa Journal Eureka

### Coverage of Court and Crime

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Iowa State Daily, Second Place- Ames Tribune, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Calmar Courier; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Jefferson Herald, Second Place- Orange City Sioux County Capital Democrat, Third Place- Stuart Herald; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Third Place- Manchester Press

### Best Special Section- Editorial

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal, Second Place- Atlantic News-Telegraph, Third Place- Marshalltown Times-Republican; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter, Third Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Estherville News, Second Place- Ida Grove Ida County Courier, Third Place- Estherville News; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Ottumwa Courier, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers

### Total Newspaper Design

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Inwood West Lyon Herald, Third Place- Moravia Union; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sheldon Mail-Sun, Second Place- Estherville News, Third Place- Orange City Sioux County Capital Democrat; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan

### Community Leadership

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Waterloo Courier, Third Place- Des Moines Register; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Stuart Herald, Second Place- Sigourney News Review; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Waverly Newspapers, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen

### Best Headline Writing

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman-Journal; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter, Second Place- Orange City Sioux County Capital Democrat; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Second Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News

### Best Use of Graphics

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- West Branch Times; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Orange City Sioux County Capital Democrat, Second Place- Mapleton Press, Third Place- Estherville News; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Waverly Newspapers, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan

# Digital Contest Winners

### Best Newspaper Website

Daily Class 1: First Place- Southeast Iowa Union Washington Evening Journal; Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Des Moines Register, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Hartley Sentinel- The Everly/Royal News, Third Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Cascade Pioneer, Second Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Clinton Herald, Third Place- Ottumwa Courier

### Best Video

Daily Class 1: First Place- Iowa City Press- Citizen- Joseph Cress, Second Place- Southeast Iowa Union Washington Evening Journal- Nick Steffens; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Tom Eckermann, Second Place- Des Moines Register- Kelsey Kremer, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- Bailey Cichon; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Perry Chief- Allison Ullmann, Second Place- Adel Dallas County News- Allison Ullmann, Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Daniel McGregor- Huyer, Grace Kreber, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Daniel McGregor- Huyer, Ayrton Breckenridge, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Daniel McGregor- Huyer

### Best Slideshow

Daily Class 1: First Place- Iowa City Press- Citizen- Joseph Cress; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register Bryon Houlgrave, Joe Cress, Second Place- Des Moines Register Zach Boyden- Holmes, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald Steve Gassman, Dave Kettering; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News Spirit Lake Dickinson County News, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan Iowa City Daily Iowan

### Bill Monroe Best Special Digital Project

Cedar Rapids Gazette

### Best Use of Social Media

Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Greene Recorder; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Akron Hometowner, Second Place- Jefferson Herald; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan

### Best Podcast

Daily Class 1: First Place- Southeast Iowa Union Washington Evening Journal- Kalen McCain; Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- John Steppe, Nathan Ford, Second Place- Sioux City Journal- Bruce Miller, Third Place- Des Moines Register- Chad Leistikow, Kennington Smith III; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Eleanor Hildebrandt, Meg Doster, Collin Yi; Second Place- Spencer Daily Reporter- Randy M. Cauthron, TJ Murphy, Cody Marble

# Marketing Contest Winners

### Best Newspaper Marketing

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Sioux City Journal, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner, Second Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner, Third Place- Hawarden Independent/Ireton Examiner; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Akron Hometowner, Second Place- Westside Observer, Third Place- Estherville News; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Clinton Herald, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News

# Writing Contest Winners

### Best News Story

Daily Class 1: First Place- Iowa City Press- Citizen- Paris Barraza, Second Place- Iowa City Press- Citizen- George Shillcock, Third Place- Mason City Globe Gazette- Jaci Smith; Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- Emily Anderson, Erin Jordan, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Kayli Reese, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- Elijah Decious; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal- Becky Schipper, Second Place- Perry Chief- Allison Ullmann, Third Place- West Branch Times- Gregory Norfleet; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sheldon Mail- Sun- Justin Rust, Second Place- Sheldon Mail- Sun- Aleisa Schat, Third Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter- Austin Thomas; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW- Aleisa Schat, Second Place- Waverly Newspapers- Anelia Dimitrova, Third Place- Clinton Herald- Charlene Bielema

### Best Breaking News Story

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune- Phillip Sitter, William Morris, Second Place- Ames Tribune- Phillip Sitter, Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register- Brianne Pfannenstiel, Second Place- Sioux City Journal- Jared McNett, Dolly Butz, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Grace Nieland; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal- Becky Schipper, Second Place- Ackley World Journal- Becky Schipper, Third Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer- Jamee Pierson, Christopher Braunschweig; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Jefferson Herald- Brandon Hurley, Second Place- Elkader Times- Register- Audrey Posten, Third Place- Sheldon Mail- Sun- Justin Rust; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Winterset Madisonian- Keri Anderson, Second Place- Winterset Madisonian- Vicki Minor, Third Place- Newton News- Christopher Braunschweig

### Best News Feature Story

Daily Class 1: First Place- Iowa City Press- Citizen- Cleo Krejci, Second Place- Southeast Iowa Union Washington Evening Journal- AnnaMarie Ward, Third Place- Ames Tribune- Ronna Faaborg; Daily Class 2: First Place- Waterloo Courier- Melody Parker, Second Place- Davenport Quad- City Times- Brooklyn Draisey, Third Place- Fort Dodge Messenger- Chris Johnson; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Traer North Tama Telegraph- Ruby Bodeker, Second Place- Hartley Sentinel- The Everly/Royal News- Nicholas Pedley, Third Place- Traer North Tama Telegraph- Ruby Bodeker; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Coon Rapids Enterprise- Charles Nixon, Second Place- Parkersburg Eclipse News- Review- Ed Ludt, Third Place- Sheldon Mail- Sun- Justin Rust; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Eldridge North Scott Press- Mark Ridolfi, Second Place- Eldridge North Scott Press- Mark Ridolfi, Third Place- DeWitt Observer- Nick Joos

### Best Personality Feature Story

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune- Ronna Faaborg, Second Place- Marshalltown Times- Republican- Austin Chadderdon, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman- Journal- Lori Berglund; Daily Class 2: First Place- Waterloo Courier- Donald Promnitz, Second Place- Waterloo Courier- Melody Parker, Third Place- Waterloo Courier- Melody Parker; Weekly Class 1: First Place- West Branch Times- Gregory Norfleet, Second Place- Ackley World Journal- Corey Meints, Third Place- Eagle Grove Eagle- Edward Lynn; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Albia Monroe County News- Dave Paxton, Second Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter- Jessica Jensen, Third Place- Jefferson Herald- Brandon Hurley; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Caleb McCullough, Second Place- DeWitt Observer- Nick Joos, Third Place- Davenport Catholic Messenger- Barb Arland- Fye

### Best Sports Story

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman- Journal- Troy Banning, Second Place- Iowa City Press- Citizen- Raven Moore, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman- Journal- Troy Banning; Daily Class 2: First Place- Fort Dodge Messenger- Eric Pratt, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger- Eric Pratt, Third Place- Des Moines Register- Cody Goodwin; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Monona Outlook- John Jensen, Second Place- Monona Outlook- John Jensen, Third Place- Colfax Jasper County Tribune- Troy Hyde; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Jefferson Herald- Brandon Hurley, Second Place- Jefferson Herald- Brandon Hurley, Third Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter- Nathan Broek; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News- Matt Heinrichs, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News- Matt Heinrichs, Third Place- DeWitt Observer- Ross Eberhart

### Best Sports Feature Story

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman- Journal- Troy Banning, Second Place- Mason City Globe Gazette- Zach Martin, Third Place- Webster City Daily Freeman- Journal- Troy Banning; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Steve Ortman, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- Jeff Linder, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- Jeff Linder; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal- Corey Meints, Second Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter- Nathan Broek, Third Place- Ackley World Journal- Corey Meints; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Saint Ansgar Enterprise Journal- Kristi Nixon, Second Place- Akron Hometowner- Julie Ann Madden, Third Place- Jefferson Herald- Brandon Hurley; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Dyersville Commercial- Dave LaBelle, Second Place- Dyersville Commercial- Dave LaBelle, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen- Justin Ites

### Best Series

Daily Class 1: First Place- Creston News Advertiser- Cheyenne Roche, Second Place- Southeast Iowa Union Washington Evening Journal- Kalen McCain, Third Place- Mason City Globe Gazette- Zach Martin; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register- Courtney Crowder, Second Place- Burlington Hawk Eye- Michaele Niehaus, Third Place- Des Moines Register- Daniel Lathrop, Philip Joens; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Inwood West Lyon Herald- Dominique Kooiker, Second Place- Greene Recorder- Clayton Thomas, Third Place- Fredericksburg Review- Amanda Strain; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Elkader Times- Register- Audrey Posten, Willis Patenaude, Second Place- Sumner Gazette- Morgan Bergmann, Third Place- Orange City Sioux County Capital Democrat- Dale Pluim, Sarah Weber, Sharon Vermeer; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW- Aleisa Schat, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Kate Perez, Third Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW- Aleisa Schat

### Excellence in Editorial Writing

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman- Journal- Jane Curtis, Second Place- Atlantic News- Telegraph- Jeff Lundquist; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register- Lucas Grundmeier, Second Place- Sioux City Journal- Bruce Miller, Dave Dreeszen, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- The Gazette Editorial Board ; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Hartley Sentinel- The Everly/Royal News- Nicholas Pedley, Second Place- Hartley Sentinel- The Everly/Royal News- Nicholas Pedley; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Mount Vernon Lisbon Sun- Nathan Countryman, Second Place- Bloomfield Democrat- Karen Spurgeon; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Eldridge North Scott Press- Bill Tubbs, Second Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW- Tom Lawrence, Third Place- Eldridge North Scott Press- Scott Campbell

### Master Columnist

Daily Class 1: First Place- Southeast Iowa Union Washington Evening Journal- Kalen McCain, Second Place- Webster City Daily Freeman- Journal- Jane Curtis, Third Place- Creston News Advertiser- Cheyenne Roche; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register- Courtney Crowder, Second Place- Des Moines Register- Rekha Basu, Third Place- Des Moines Register- Lee Rood; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Hartley Sentinel- The Everly/Royal News- Nicholas Pedley, Second Place- Manilla Times- Janine Kock, Third Place- West Branch Times- Gregory Norfleet; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Westside Observer- Janine Kock, Second Place- Sigourney News Review- Casey Jarmes, Third Place- Jefferson Herald- Rick Morain; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Eldridge North Scott Press- Scott Campbell, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News- Seth Boyes, Third Place- Eldridge North Scott Press- Mark Ridolfi

### Best Sports Columnist

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman- Journal- Troy Banning, Second Place- Atlantic News- Telegraph- Brian Rathjen; Daily Class 2: First Place- Davenport Quad- City Times- Matt Coss, Second Place- Des Moines Register- Randy Peterson, Third Place- Davenport Quad- City Times- Bobby Metcalf; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Colfax Jasper County Tribune- Troy Hyde; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Jefferson Herald- Brandon Hurley, Second Place- Bloomfield Democrat- Scott Spurgeon, Third Place- Sigourney News Review- Sean Strohmayer; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Chloe Peterson, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Robert Read, Third Place- Eldridge North Scott Press- Scott Campbell

### Best Continuing Coverage

Daily Class 1: First Place- Iowa City Press- Citizen- George Shillcock, Second Place- Ames Tribune- Ronna Faaborg, Omar Waheed, Phillip Sitter, Grace Altenhofen, Third Place- Creston News Advertiser- Cheyenne Roche; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Kayli Reese, John Kruse, Second Place- Des Moines Register- Brianne Pfannenstiel, Third Place- Davenport Quad- City Times- Olivia Allen; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Traer North Tama Telegraph- Ruby Bodeker, Second Place- Hartley Sentinel- The Everly/Royal News- Nicholas Pedley; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Elkader Times- Register- Willis Patenaude, Second Place- Estherville News- Amy H Peterson, Third Place- Jefferson Herald- Brandon Hurley; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Waverly Newspapers- Anelia Dimitrova, Mira Schmitt- Cash, Second Place- Newton News- Christopher Braunschweig, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News- Seth Boyes

# Photography Contest Winners

### Best News 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- Des Moines Register- Kelsey Kremer, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Jessica Reilly, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- Jim Slosiarek; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer- Christopher Braunschweig, Second Place- Oakland Herald- Donald Nielson, Third Place- Colfax Jasper County Tribune- Christopher Braunschweig; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Bloomfield Democrat- Scott Spurgeon, Second Place- Mount Vernon Lisbon Sun- Nathan Countryman, Third Place- Solon Economist- Chris Umscheid; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Grace Smith, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Grace Smith, Third Place- DeWitt Observer- Trevis Mayfield

### Best Breaking News Photo

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune- Nirmalendu Majumdar, Second Place- Creston News Advertiser- Jared Larson, Third Place- Ames Tribune- Nirmalendu Majumdar; Daily Class 2: First Place- Waterloo Courier- Jeff Reinitz, Second Place- Des Moines Register- Bryon Houlgrave, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Steve Gassman; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal- Corey Meints, Second Place- Eagle Grove Eagle- Edward Lynn, Third Place- Allison Butler County Tribune- Journal- Molly Kahler; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Sheldon Mail- Sun- Justin Rust, Second Place- Sheldon Mail- Sun- Justin Rust, Third Place- Coon Rapids Enterprise- Charles Nixon; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen- Corey Meints, Second Place- Winterset Madisonian- Vicki Minor, Third Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News- Seth Boyes

### Best Sports Photo

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman- Journal- Troy Banning, Second Place- Creston News Advertiser- Jared Larson, Third Place- Ames Tribune- Nirmalendu Majumdar; Daily Class 2: First Place- Des Moines Register- Bryon Houlgrave, Second Place- Des Moines Register- Kelsey Kremer, Third Place- Waterloo Courier- Chris Zoeller; Weekly Class 1: First Place- West Branch Times- Matthew Dickinson, Second Place- Ackley World Journal- Corey Meints, Third Place- Oakland Herald- Donald Nielson; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Mount Vernon Lisbon Sun- Nathan Countryman, Second Place- Corydon Times- Republican- Jen Reed, Third Place- Cascade Pioneer- Beth Lutgen; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Grace Smith, Second Place- Ottumwa Courier- Kyle Ocker, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Grace Smith

### Best Sports Feature Photo

Daily Class 1: First Place- Webster City Daily Freeman- Journal- David Borer, Second Place- Ames Tribune- Nirmalendu Majumdar, Third Place- Ames Tribune- Nirmalendu Majumdar; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Steve Gassman, Second Place- Des Moines Register- Kelsey Kremer, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- Jim Slosiarek; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Colfax Jasper County Tribune- Troy Hyde, Second Place- Ogden Reporter- Craig Shultz, Third Place- Prairie City PCM Explorer- Troy Hyde; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Orange City Sioux County Capital Democrat- Jaci Schipper, Second Place- Solon Economist- Chris Umscheid, Third Place- Solon Economist- Chris Umscheid; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Ayrton Breckenridge, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News- Matt Heinrichs, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Grace Smith

### Best News Feature Photo

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune- Nirmalendu Majumdar, Second Place- Marshalltown Times- Republican- Susanna Meyer, Third Place- Ames Tribune- Nirmalendu Majumdar; Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- Nick Rohlman, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- Geoff Stellfox, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Steve Gassman; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Traer North Tama Telegraph- Ruby Bodeker, Second Place- Ackley World Journal- Becky Schipper, Third Place- Madrid Register- News- Craig Shultz; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Mapleton Press- Jenna Comes, Second Place- Westside Observer- Janine Kock, Third Place- Albia Monroe County News- Dave Paxton; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW- Eric Sandbulte, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Grace Smith, Third Place- Winterset Madisonian- Keri Anderson

### Best Photo Story

Daily Class 1: First Place- Iowa City Press- Citizen- Joseph Cress, Second Place- Ames Tribune- Nirmalendu Majumdar, Third Place- Ames Tribune- Nirmalendu Majumdar; Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- Geoff Stellfox, Second Place- Des Moines Register- Bryon Houlgrave, Third Place- Sioux City Journal- Tim Hynds; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Adel Dallas County News- Allison Ullmann, Second Place- Perry Chief- Allison Ullmann, Third Place- Adel Dallas County News- Allison Ullmann; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Solon Economist- Chris Umscheid, Second Place- Solon Economist- Chris Umscheid, Third Place- Solon Economist- Chris Umscheid; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Grace Smith, Jerod Ringwald, Ayrton Breckenridge, Daniel McGregor- Huyer, Second Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Jerod Ringwald, Third Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Grace Smith

### Best Photographer

Daily Class 1: First Place- Ames Tribune- Nirmalendu Majumdar, Second Place- Iowa City Press- Citizen- Joseph Cress; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald- Steve Gassman, Second Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- Nick Rohlman, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette- Geoff Stellfox; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal- Corey Meints, Second Place- Ackley World Journal- Becky Schipper; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Orange City Sioux County Capital Democrat- Doug Calsbeek, Second Place- Solon Economist- Chris Umscheid, Third Place- Estherville News- Amy H Peterson; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan- Grace Smith, Second Place- Spirit Lake Dickinson County News- Matt Heinrichs, Third Place- Ottumwa Courier- Kyle Ocker

# Advertisting Contest Winners

### Best Ad Featuring Grocery/Food/Entertainment

Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger, Third Place- Sioux City Journal; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Inwood West Lyon Herald, Third Place- Holstein Advance; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter, Second Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter, Third Place- Pocahontas Record- Democrat; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Third Place- Spencer Daily Reporter

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

Daily Class 1: First Place- Marshalltown Times- Republican, Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Ogden Reporter, Third Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Stuart Herald, Second Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter, Third Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen

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

Daily Class 1: First Place- Marshalltown Times- Republican; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Buffalo Center Tribune, Third Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Estherville News, Second Place- Parkersburg Eclipse News- Review, Third Place- Bloomfield Democrat; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Waverly Newspapers, Second Place- Dyersville Commercial, Third Place- Clinton Herald

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

Daily Class 2: First Place- Sioux City Journal, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Inwood West Lyon Herald, Second Place- Ackley World Journal; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Estherville News, Second Place- Bloomfield Democrat, Third Place- Ida Grove Ida County Courier; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Kalona News, Third Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW

### Best Ad Featuring Miscellaneous

Daily Class 2: First Place- Sioux City Journal, Second Place- Sioux City Journal, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter, Third Place- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Stuart Herald, Second Place- Sigourney News Review, Third Place- Akron Hometowner; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Clinton Herald, Second Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers

### Best Special Section Advertising

Daily Class 1: First Place- Marshalltown Times- Republican; Daily Class 2: First Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Second Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Third Place- Fort Dodge Messenger; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ackley World Journal, Second Place- Inwood West Lyon Herald, Third Place- Manilla Times; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Bloomfield Democrat, Second Place- Cascade Pioneer, Third Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Waverly Newspapers, Second Place- Manchester Press, Third Place- Waverly Newspapers

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

Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Westside Observer, Second Place- Estherville News, Third Place- Pocahontas Record- Democrat; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Harlan Newspapers, Second Place- Clinton Herald, Third Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen

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

Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger, Third Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette; Weekly Class 1: First Place- Ogden Reporter, Second Place- Inwood West Lyon Herald, Third Place- Inwood West Lyon Herald; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Ida Grove Ida County Courier, Second Place- Mapleton Press, Third Place- Pocahontas Record- Democrat; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW, Second Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW, Third Place- Sheldon N'West Iowa REVIEW

### Best Ad Featuring Agriculture

Daily Class 1: First Place- Marshalltown Times- Republican, Second Place- Marshalltown Times- Republican; Daily Class 2: First Place- Cedar Rapids Gazette, Second Place- Fort Dodge Messenger, Third Place- Dubuque Telegraph Herald; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Stuart Herald, Second Place- Pocahontas Record- Democrat, Third Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Waverly Newspapers, Second Place- Maquoketa Sentinel- Press, Third Place- Kalona News

### Best Web Advertisement

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- Hull Sioux County Index Reporter; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter, Second Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter, Third Place- Rock Rapids Lyon County Reporter; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Iowa City Daily Iowan, Second Place- Iowa Falls Times Citizen, Third Place- Spirit Lake - Dickinson County News

### Best Ad Designer

Daily Class 2: First Place- Fort Dodge Messenger- Michelle Colshan, Second Place- Sioux City Journal- Roxanne Polley; Weekly Class 2: First Place- Ida Grove Ida County Courier- Jenny Seuntjens, Second Place- Stuart Herald- Jon Lonsdale, Third Place- Mapleton Press- Jenna Comes; Weekly Class 3: First Place- Waverly Newspapers- Carrie Wright, Second Place- Clinton Herald- Shanelle Yahn, Third Place- Clinton Herald- Stephen Peters

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