

2016 Florida Press Association Better Weekly Newspaper Contest Final List of Winners

Agricultural & Environmental Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

East County Observer

Entry: Labor of Love

Credits: Jay Heater

Second Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: 'Ground-Breaking' Program Restoring Native Dune Species

Credits: Deb Hartz

First Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: Mosquito Men

Credits: Jonathan Simmons

Agricultural & Environmental Reporting

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: Strawberry Stress

Credits: Emily Topper

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: Vertical Horizon

Credits: Danielle Hendrix

First Place

Longboat Observer

Entry: Bad Blooms

Credits: Staff

Agricultural & Environmental Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Suwannee Democrat

Entry: Fertilizer Facility Causes Local Concern

Credits: Thomas Lynn

Second Place

Business Observer

Entry: There's the Beef

Credits: Mark Gordon

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Lionfish Predator Battle Rages On

Credits: Brian Lester

Arts, Entertainment & Review Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Ushe: I Have a Clear Conscience

Credits: Greg Stepanich

Second Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: Searing Passion

Credits: Nick Friedman

First Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: Picture Perfect

Credits: Niki Kottmann

Arts, Entertainment & Review Reporting

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: She Did It Her Way

Credits: Kim Cool

Second Place

Longboat Observer

Entry: Orchestrating 'Aida'

Credits: Nick Friedman

First Place

Windermere Observer

Entry: Drawing Life on the Edge

Credits: Brittany Gaines

Arts, Entertainment & Review Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: Ingrid Bergman Documentary to Be Featured: Bergman's Daughter to Attend

Credits: Sue Erwin

Second Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News

Entry: Local, Late Blooming, Prolific Artist Sparkles Through Her Paintings

Credits: Christ DeSouza and Jeffrey Gaeser

First Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: Taste of Boca

Credits: Marcy Shortuse

Best Headline

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Clearwater Beacon

Entry: PIE in the Sky, Tugging at Heartstrings

Credits: Logan Mosby

Second Place

Largo Leader

Entry: A True Work of Heart, Raising the Bar, Semper Pie

Credits: Chris George

First Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: 'Thunder' Bolts

Credits: Staff

Best Headline

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: You Ain't Nothing but a Houndfish

Credits: Mike Field

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Peeing in Public

Credits: Pat Copeland

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: Gaming Eevee-Lution

Credits: Jessica Eng

Best Headline

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: 100 Trillion Friends You Didn't Know You Had

Credits: Susan Erwin

Second Place

Business Observer

Entry: Brews Clues

Credits: Mark Gordon

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Caine is Able

Credits: Brian Lester

Best Obituary

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

East County Observer

Entry: Citrus Giant Built Mixon Farms

Credits: Pam Eubanks

Second Place

Largo Leader

Entry: Vets Lose a Champion

Credits: Chris George

First Place

Seminole Beacon

Entry: Ahead of His Time'

Credits: Tiffany Razzano

Best Obituary

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: 'Flying Gaonas' Founder, Circus Organizer

Credits: Kim Cool

Second Place

Longboat Observer

Entry: Doyenne of Longboat

Credits: Staff

First Place

Longboat Observer

Entry: Ralph Hunter: The Original Observer

Credits: Robin Hartill

Best Obituary

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Apopka Chief

Entry: Former AHS Student

Credits: John Peery

Second Place

The Islander News

Entry: Obituary for Vice Mayor Jim Taintor

Credits: Kelly Josephsen

First Place

The West Volusia Beacon

Entry: Shine On, Sweet Rufus

Credits: A. Janell Williams

Breaking News Story

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: After the Home Invasion: A Young Mother's Life

Credits: Brian McMillan

Second Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: Authorities Fatally Shoot Teenager Armed With Replica Gun

Credits: Martin Vassolo

First Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: 'The Big Boom'

Credits: Staff

Breaking News Story

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: Remembering Cory

Credits: Jennifer Nessler

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Webb Challenges Voters' Eligibility

Credits: Joe Hendricks

First Place

Ormond Beach Observer

Entry: You Can't Burn Down Paradise

Credits: Emily Blackwood

Breaking News Story

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times

Entry: Hurricane Hermine

Credits: Angela Castelucci and Mark Viola

Second Place

The Apopka Chief

Entry: Two From Apopka

Credits: Teresa Sargeant

First Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal

Entry: C.O. Attacked in Jail Escape

Credits: Teresa Eubanks

Business Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News

Entry: Residential Building Momentum in Pasco

Credits: Kathy Steele

Second Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: Setting the Bar

Credits: David Conway

First Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: A Six-Pack Solution to Plastic Pollution

Credits: Mary Hladky

Business Reporting

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Seaworld's Brave New Future

Credits: Richard Bilbao

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Florida's New Commercial Space Frontier

Credits: Matthew Richardson

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Time is Money

Credits: Emma Skeels

Business Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Solar Energy: Affects From Ballot Amendment Uncertain

Credits: Joel Addington

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin

Entry: Assorted Business Articles

Credits: Brian Hughes

First Place

Business Observer

Entry: Taste The Feeling

Credits: Mark Gordon

Community History

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: Muscle Memories

Credits: Alex Mahadevan

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News

Entry: Telling Wesley Chapel's Story

Credits: B.C. Manion

First Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: Rediscover Ringling

Credits: Nick Friedman

Community History

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Tourism Slogans, Logos Evolving

Credits: Cindy Lane

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: Crate Campaign

Credits: Amy Quesinberry

First Place

Belleair Bee

Entry: Belleair Bee 40th Anniversary

Credits: Tom Germond and Staff

Community History

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The West Volusia Beacon

Entry: Woodward Avenue Elementary School Time Capsule Is Missing in Action

Credits: A. Janell Williams

Second Place

Nassau County Record

Entry: Traveling Western Nassau

Credits: Kathie Colgrove

First Place

The Islander News

Entry: Village of Key Biscayne 25th Anniversary of Incorporation Special

Credits: Kelly Josephsen

Community Service

Open Circulation Division

Third Place

Largo Leader

Entry: Central Park Performing Arts Center

Credits: Lee Clark Zumpe

Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Newspaper's Various Community Projects

Credits: Staff

First Place

The Arcadian

Entry: Politics in the Park Engages Desoto Community

Credits: Arcadian Staff

Editorial Award

Division AB: Over 7,000

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Respect the Wildlife

Credits: Cindy Lane

Second Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Pair of Columns About Drug Rehab

Credits: Mary Kate Leming

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Public Left in the Dark Too Long About Carjacker

Credits: Bob Mudge

Editorial Award

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: The Parking-Challenged Ghosts of Boca Grande

Credits: Marcy Shortuse

Second Place

Santa Rosa Press Gazette

Entry: Milton Mayor's Four Mistakes

Credits: Thomas Boni

First Place

The West Volusia Beacon

Entry: We Must Prevent Tragedies Like This

Credits: Beacon Staff

Editorial Page

Open Circulation Division

Third Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Editorial Page

Credits: Staff

Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Editorial Page

Credits: Ronald Dupont Jr.

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Born Out of Revenge

Credits: Staff

Education Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: Teaching Angel

Credits: Jacque Estes

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News

Entry: Guiding Pasco County Schools is a Big Job

Credits: B.C. Manion

First Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: An Educational Home Run

Credits: Ron Hayes

Education Reporting

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: Brain Battle

Credits: Michael Eng

Second Place

News-Leader

Entry: Mental Health Contract Faces Scrutiny - Series

Credits: Jessica Waters and Glenda Jenkins

First Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: Following the Stream

Credits: Emily Topper

Education Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Sumter County Times

Entry: Teachers of the Year - 2016

Credits: Brenda Locklear

Second Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Navarre Schools Feel the Squeeze

Credits: Jamie Gentry

First Place

Business Observer

Entry: Wonks Among Us

Credits: Mark Gordon

Faith and Family Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Charity Multiplied

Credits: Janis Fontaine

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News

Entry: Finding Hope, in the Heart of Darkness

Credits: B.C. Manion

First Place

East County Observer

Entry: Faith in Action

Credits: Pam Eubanks, Berkley Mason, and Jay Heater

Faith and Family Reporting

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Clay Today

Entry: Innocence Interrupted Aftermath of the Sept. 11 Attacks Through an Imam's Eyes

Credits: Jesse Hollett

Second Place

Windermere Observer

Entry: Strength in the Struggle

Credits: Michael Eng

First Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: Five Tumors Have One Community United

Credits: Emily Topper

Faith and Family Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Stations of the Cross: A Labor of Love

Credits: Joel Addington

Second Place

Suwannee Democrat

Entry: Church Ministry Teaches Young Men to Be Men

Credits: Thomas Lynn

First Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times

Entry: Manna From Heaven

Credits: Susan Lincoln

Feature Photo

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: Bid Day Feature Photo

Credits: Grace King

Second Place

Largo Leader

Entry: Semper Pie

Credits: Jim Layfield

First Place

The Laker/Lutz News

Entry: Sister Helen Lange Turns 103

Credits: Richard K. Riley

Feature Photo

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Rocks and Waves

Credits: Meredith W. Nicholson

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: College Acceptance

Credits: Amy Quesinberry

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Love, Peace in 3-D

Credits: Joseph John Orchulli II

Feature Photo

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Riverland News

Entry: Peek

Credits: Jeff Bryan

Second Place

Riverland News

Entry: Blastastic

Credits: Julie Mancini

First Place

The Arcadian

Entry: Desoto Election Full of Emotion, Close Calls

Credits: Priscilla McDaniel and Steve Bauer

Feature Story: Non-profile

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

East County Observer

Entry: Large-Scale Hunt

Credits: Jessica Salmond

Second Place

Largo Leader

Entry: In Good Hands

Credits: Chris George

First Place

Miami New Times

Entry: South Beach's Elite Pay Thousands for IV Therapy Even Though Critics Say It's a Scam

Credits: Brittany Shammas

Feature Story: Non-profile

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Vagabonds Ride Into Venice History

Credits: Larry Humes

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Legendary Hammerhead Immortalized

Credits: Cindy Lane

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Dear Police: That is Not Me

Credits: Debbie Flessner

Feature Story: Non-profile

Division C: under 7,000

Second Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer

Entry: Locals Revive Their Battle Against Cancer

Credits: Isaac Babcock

First Place

Riverland News

Entry: Letter to Dad

Credits: Jeff Bryan

Feature Story: Profile

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: Here She Comes ...

Credits: Amanda Morales

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News

Entry: Sister Helen's Secrets to a Good Life: Work Hard, Love People

Credits: B.C. Manion

First Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: From Death Row: The Hope for Freedom

Credits: Martin Vassolo

Feature Story: Profile

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Requiem for Dominic

Credits: Greg Giles

Second Place

Ormond Beach Observer

Entry: Super Jane

Credits: Emily Blackwood

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Alive, Thanks to a Stranger

Credits: Kim Cool

Feature Story: Profile

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Business Observer

Entry: The Last Free Lunch

Credits: Mark Gordon

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate

Entry: Wauchulaghost

Credits: Cynthia Krahl

First Place

The West Volusia Beacon

Entry: Deland Embraces Its Beloved Chaplain

Credits: Barb Shepherd

First Amendment Defense (Jon A. Roosenraad Award)

Open Circulation Division

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Injunction Malfunction

Credits: Staff

Front Page Makeup

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Largo Leader

Entry: April 21, April 28, Nov. 10

Credits: Chris George

Second Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: Sarasota Observer Front Page

Credits: Staff

First Place

Clearwater Beacon

Entry: April 21, Sept. 29, Oct. 6

Credits: Logan Mosby

Front Page Makeup

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: Front Page Submissions - 12.9.16, 12.16.16 And 4.22.16

Credits: C.J. Major and Emily Topper

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: Front Page Makeup

Credits: Jessica Eng, Michael Eng, Steven Ryzewski, Amy Quesinberry, Danielle Hendrix, Gabby Baquero, and Brittany Gaines

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Orlando Business Journal Covers

Credits: Victoria Prichard and Jim Carchidi

Front Page Makeup

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Suwannee Democrat

Entry: Suwannee Democrat

Credits: Dee Freeman, Thomas Lynn, Jessie Box, Mike Jones, and Carl McKinney

Second Place

Business Observer

Entry: Business Observer Front Page

Credits: Staff

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Veterans Day Salute, 9/11, Smooth Sailing

Credits: Staff

General Excellence

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Coastal Breeze News

Entry: General Excellence

Credits: Valerie Simon and Staff

Second Place

Miami New Times

Entry: General Excellence

Credits: Staff

First Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: General Excellence

Credits: Staff

General Excellence

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Longboat Observer

Entry: General Excellence

Credits: Staff

Second Place

Ormond Beach Observer

Entry: General Excellence

Credits: John Walsh

First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: General Excellence

Credits: Mike Field

General Excellence

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Navarre Press

Entry: General Excellence

Credits: Staff

Second Place

Riverland News

Entry: General Excellence

Credits: Jeff Bryan, Augie Salzer, and Julie Mancini

First Place

Business Observer

Entry: General Excellence

Credits: Staff

General News Story

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: Emotions High for Cuban Faculty, Students After Castro's Death

Credits: Staff Entry

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: Growth Industry

Credits: Jonathan Simmons

First Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: Searching for Natasha

Credits: Brian McMillan

General News Story

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Former Mayor's Ashes Found in a Garage

Credits: Debbie Flessner

Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Dead for 47 Minutes, Then ...

Credits: Bob Mudge

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Paychecks With Purpose

Credits: Anjali Fluker

General News Story

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: Saying Good-Bye to the Old Boca Grande Swing

Credits: Marcy Shortuse

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate

Entry: Grow House Dismantled, 10 Arrested

Credits: Cynthia Krahl

First Place

Williston Pioneer Sun News

Entry: FBI Makes Arrest in 39-Year-Old Crime

Credits: Carolyn Ten Broeck

Health, Medical & Science Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: Siesta Strikes Up No-Smoking Conversation

Credits: David Conway

Second Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Survivor Inspires

Credits: Lona O'Connor

First Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: The Struggle Within: A Counseling Center's Battle to Meet Increasing Demands

Credits: Melissa Gomez

Health, Medical & Science Reporting

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Experts: Zika Is Here but Don't Panic

Credits: Bob Mudge

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: Power Couple

Credits: Danielle Hendrix

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Freestanding Ers

Credits: Rachel Williams

Health, Medical & Science Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer

Entry: Saving a Memory With a Melody

Credits: Sarah Wilson

Second Place

Business Observer

Entry: Surgical Alternative

Credits: Jean Gruss

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: States Take Aim at Reducing Injury by Setting Pitch Limits

Credits: Brian Lester

Humorous Column

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: A Guide to Surviving the Holidays (and Family)

Credits: David Conway

Second Place

Dunedin Beacon

Entry: Why the Stink Over Bathrooms?

Credits: Tom Germond

First Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: Observed

Credits: Brian McMillan

Humorous Column

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Coast Lines: Eat More Octopus

Credits: Cindy Lane

Second Place

Belleair Bee

Entry: Condoms Spilling on the Chapel Floor

Credits: Bob Driver

First Place

Longboat Observer

Entry: Americannoisseur

Credits: Nick Friedman

Humorous Column

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times

Entry: Could I Have Some Sweet Tea, Please?

Credits: Susan Lincoln

Second Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder

Entry: From the Sunny Side... Santa Works at the Bank

Credits: Rick Patrick

First Place

Williston Pioneer Sun News

Entry: It's Not Funky Without the 'Fun'

Credits: Carolyn Ten Broeck

In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: Resident Files Legal Action Over Beach Road

Credits: Anna Brugmann

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: Who's Watching Out for Inmates' Health?

Credits: Jonathan Simmons

First Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: Through Their Eyes

Credits: Staff Entry

In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Clay Today

Entry: Two Years After 'The Fog' City Recovering From Suicide Contagion

Credits: Jesse Hollett

Second Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: Following the Stream

Credits: Emily Topper

First Place

The Reporter

Entry: Several Drugs Detected in Double Homicide Victims' Bodies

Credits: David Goodhue

In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times

Entry: Arrowood Series

Credits: Angela Castelucci

Second Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Santa Rosa Neighborhood Drug Scene

Credits: Staff

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: 22: Veteran Suicide

Credits: Staff

Informational Graphic

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: Clash on the Course

Credits: Staff

Second Place

East County Observer

Entry: Late Bloomer

Credits: CJ Major

First Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Lionfish Graphic

Credits: Hiram Henriquez

Informational Graphic

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: Informational Graphic Submissions

Credits: C.J. Major

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Orlando Business Journal Infographics

Credits: Victoria Prichard

First Place

Longboat Observer

Entry: You Otter Know ...

Credits: Nicole Thompson

Informational Graphic

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Business Observer

Entry: The Millennial Issue

Credits: Nicole Thompson

Second Place

Madison County Carrier

Entry: Be Still 4 Jessi

Credits: Cheltsie Holbrook and Georganna Sherman

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Growth Stretches Fire Protection

Credits: Richard Williams

Investigative Reporting

Division AB: Over 7,000

Third Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: The State of Small Business

Credits: Anjali Fluker

Second Place

The Reporter

Entry: Sheriff Wants Boat Captain to Answer Questions About Cocaine Found Offshore

Credits: David Goodhue

First Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: Barbosa Blurs Counseling Credentials

Credits: Jonathan Simmons

Investigative Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder

Entry: Madison County EMS Rumored to Change Ambulance Procedures

Credits: Selina Iglesias

Second Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Arson Unsolved

Credits: Jonathan Crider

First Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal

Entry: Dawson Death; Hospital Investigation; Fines and Lawsuits

Credits: Teresa Eubanks, Johnny Eubanks, and Domenick Esgro

Local Government Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: City, County Clash on Level of Service

Credits: David Conway

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News

Entry: Tampa Bay Express Aims to Address Region's Congestion

Credits: B.C. Manion

First Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: District's \$330,000 Man

Credits: Steve Plunkett

Local Government Reporting

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Stirring the Pot

Credits: Pat Copeland

Second Place

Longboat Observer

Entry: Fee Frenzy

Credits: Staff

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Newspaper Coverage of Ongoing Library Saga

Credits: Greg Giles

Local Government Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer

Entry: Where the Sidewalk Ends

Credits: Sarah Wilson

Second Place

Business Observer

Entry: Hardy Hunter

Credits: Mark Gordon

First Place

Santa Rosa Press Gazette

Entry: Santa Rosa County Alcohol Sales

Credits: Aaron Little

Multimedia Storytelling

Division AB: Over 7,000

Third Place

East County Observer

Entry: Horses Find Home at Sixteen Hands Horse Sanctuary

Credits: Jessica Salmond

Second Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: Throwback Thursday: Pine View Alumnus Uploads Digital Time Capsule

Credits: Olivia Liang

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Pulse Nightclub Shooting Coverage

Credits: Staff

Online Breaking News Coverage

Division AB: Over 7,000

Third Place

Belleair Bee

Entry: Teens Die in Stolen Car

Credits: Suzette Porter

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Universal Orlando Land Purchase

Credits: Richard Bilbao

First Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: Condo Bears Brunt Of Siesta Tornado

Credits: Kat Hughes

Original Local Editorial Cartoon

Division BC: Under 15,000

Third Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: Hortoons

Credits: Dave Horton

Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: We Can't Afford It

Credits: Clay Jones

First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: No App for That

Credits: Steven Borggren

Outdoor & Recreation

Division AB: Over 7,000

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Coast Lines: Saving Seashells on the Seashore

Credits: Cindy Lane

Second Place

The Reporter

Entry: Moving is Living: Blind Veterans Find Inspiration Paddling in The Keys

Credits: David Goodhue

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Pefect Team-Up: Super Smart & Battling Plants

Credits: Larry Evans

Outdoor & Recreation

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: Silver Creek Preserve

Credits: Susan Erwin

Second Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer

Entry: Time to Hit the Not-So-Dusty Trail

Credits: Sarah Wilson

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Limits Tested

Credits: Brian Lester

Overall Graphic Design

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

East County Observer

Entry: Overall Graphic Design

Credits: Staff

Second Place

Coastal Breeze News

Entry: Overall Graphic Design

Credits: Don Haberkorn and Staff

First Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Overall Graphic Design

Credits: Scott Simmons, Jerry Lower, Tracy Allerton, and Steve Plunkett

Overall Graphic Design

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Overall Graphic Design

Credits: Ricardo Fonseca and Mike Field

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: Overall Graphic Design

Credits: Jessica Eng

First Place

Longboat Observer

Entry: Overall Graphic Design

Credits: Staff

Overall Graphic Design

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Arcadian

Entry: Overall Graphic Design

Credits: Kyle Gallimore and Steve Bauer

Second Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Overall Graphic Design

Credits: Staff

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Overall Graphic Design

Credits: Richard Williams and Staff

Photo Series in One Issue

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: Built for Speed

Credits: Andres Leiva

Second Place

Clearwater Beacon

Entry: Colin Drenches Tampa Bay

Credits: Logan Mosby and Staff

First Place

The Laker/Lutz News

Entry: Cueing up for a Good Time

Credits: Fred Bellet

Photo Series in One Issue

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Local Luthiers Have Their World On a String

Credits: Jim Carchidi

Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Chalk Festival

Credits: Joseph John Orchulli II

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Veterans' Night, 2016

Credits: Justin Fennell

Photo Series in One Issue

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The West Volusia Beacon

Entry: Orange City Manatee Festival

Credits: Marsha McLaughlin

Second Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Fair Fun

Credits: Joel Addington

First Place

Riverland News

Entry: Living History

Credits: Jeff Bryan

Portfolio Photography

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Most Wonderful Island Time (Scared of Santa)

Credits: Tom Vaught

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Jim Carchidi

Credits: Jim Carchidi

First Place

Windermere Observer/West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: Michael Eng

Credits: Michael Eng

Portfolio Photography

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Jon Shumake

Credits: Jon Shumake

Second Place

Riverland News

Entry: Julie Mancini

Credits: Julie Mancini

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Sandi Kemp

Credits: Sandi Kemp

Serious Column

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: Observed

Credits: Brian McMillan

Second Place

Largo Leader

Entry: Human Suffering Takes Precedence

Credits: Tom Germond

First Place

The Laker/Lutz News

Entry: Appreciating Joe Hancock's Legacy

Credits: Tom Jackson

Serious Column

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Talking Politics With Grandson Is Eye-Opener

Credits: Mark Seiden

Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: It Is Time to Let the Sunshine In

Credits: Bennett Gross

First Place

Belleair Bee

Entry: The Rumbblings of Sideline Dissent

Credits: Bob Driver

Serious Column

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin

Entry: Cyrus: A Pitbull Who Didn't Have to Die

Credits: Thomas Boni

Second Place

Madison County Carrier

Entry: Emerald's Gem Box: The Right to Keep and Bear Arms

Credits: Emerald Greene Parsons

First Place

Riverland News

Entry: Loss Overboard Disservice

Credits: Jeff Bryan

Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: Spirit of America: Our True Grit

Credits: Staff

Second Place

East County Observer

Entry: Health Matters

Credits: Staff

First Place

Coastal Breeze News

Entry: Celebrating 100 Years of Our National Parks

Credits: Staff

Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: Wonder Women 2016

Credits: Emily Topper, Justin Kline, Abby Baker, Amber Jurgensen, and C.J. Major

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: Spirit of America: Hearts for Service

Credits: Michael Eng, Jessica Eng, Amy Quesinberry, Gabby Baquero, and Danielle Hendrix

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Discover Venice

Credits: Ed Scott

Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Navarre Press

Entry: 2016 Fall Sports Guide

Credits: Staff

Second Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: Tarpon Times

Credits: Marcy Shortuse and Daniel Godwin

First Place

Business Observer

Entry: Gulf Coast 500

Credits: Staff

Sports Column

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

East County Observer

Entry: Dragon Boat Could Light Your Competitive Fire

Credits: Ryan Kohn

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: Girls Getting Heckled?

Credits: Jeff Dawsey

First Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: College Athletes Shouldn't Be Silenced for Daring to Be Different

Credits: Ethan Bauer

Sports Column

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: Don't Waste Your Money on Fitness Fallacies

Credits: Justin Kline

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: West Orange, Evans and the Most Meaningful Three-Inning Softball Game

Credits: Steven Ryzewski

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: A Trip of a Lifetime to Titledown, USA

Credits: Scott Lockwood

Sports Column

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Special: 5-0 Start to Season

Credits: Jon Shumake

Second Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: There Are Lots of Legends in Boca Grande Pass

Credits: Marcy Shortuse

First Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: An Old Pole Skiff and a New Tide

Credits: Leighton Ingram

Sports Feature Story

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: A Sister's Bond: Athlete, Patient Form Friendship

Credits: Ethan Bauer

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News

Entry: Player Returns to Soccer, After 17 Broken Bones

Credits: Kevin Weiss

First Place

Sarasota Observer

Entry: All in the Family

Credits: Ryan Kohn

Sports Feature Story

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Sharks' Swimmers Some of Nation's Best

Credits: Scott Lockwood

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: "If I Die, It's Gone"

Credits: Steven Ryzewski

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Orlando'S \$2 Billion Economic Slam Dunk

Credits: Richard Bilbao

Sports Feature Story

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Islander News

Entry: Flag Football: Fond Memories for a Whole New Generation

Credits: Kelly Josephsen

Second Place

Nassau County Record

Entry: Sawyer Battles in Warrior Games

Credits: Kathie Colgrove

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Road to Recovery

Credits: Brian Lester

Sports Page or Section

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Sports Page or Section

Credits: Scott Lockwood

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: Sports Page or Section

Credits: Steven Ryzewski and Jessica Eng

First Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: Sports Page or Section

Credits: Justin Kline

Sports Page or Section

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Sports Page or Section

Credits: Staff

Second Place

Gulf Breeze News

Entry: Sports Page or Section

Credits: Jason Thompson

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Dolphins Shock Raiders

Credits: Staff

Sports Photo

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Clearwater Beacon

Entry: Cougars Get Fourth Win

Credits: Jim Layfield

Second Place

Coastal Breeze News

Entry: Lely Player and Coach

Credits: Roger LaLonde

First Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: Winner X 2

Credits: Jeff Dawsey

Sports Photo

Division B: 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Two Little Wrestlers

Credits: Monica Simpson

Second Place

Ormond Beach Observer

Entry: Up, Up and Away

Credits: Jeff Dawsey

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Air Delivery

Credits: Justin Fennell

Sports Photo

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Apopka Chief

Entry: Sheppard, Lubin

Credits: Alex Olivera

Second Place

Gulf Breeze News

Entry: Candelaria Crowded 12-22

Credits: Jason Thompson

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Dolphins Shock Raiders

Credits: Brian Lester

Sports Spot News Story

Division AB: Over 7,000

Third Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: Photo Gallery: 2016 TCYFCC Superbowl

Credits: Justin Kline

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: Worth Weighting For

Credits: Jeff Dawsey

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer

Entry: #Finish(Ed)

Credits: Steven Ryzewski

Sports Spot News Story

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Riverland News

Entry: Woods Brazil Bound

Credits: Jeff Bryan

Second Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Historic: Wildcats Claim Crown

Credits: Jon Shumake

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Dolphins Shock Raiders

Credits: Richard Williams

Spot News Photo

Division AB: Over 7,000

Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: Finding Solace in Solidarity

Credits: Alan Alvarez

Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Fish Kills Abound as Red Tide Lingers

Credits: Joseph John Orchulli II

First Place

Ormond Beach Observer

Entry: Large Tree Falls

Credits: Emily Blackwood

Spot News Photo

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The West Volusia Beacon

Entry: Gasoline Tanker Tips in Deland

Credits: Marsha McLaughlin

Second Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Fire Devours Trailer as County's Hoses Run Dry

Credits: Jim McGauley

First Place

Suwannee Democrat

Entry: Accident on I-10 Bridge

Credits: Thomas Lynn

State & Local Tax Reporting

Division AB: Over 7,000

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Newspaper Coverage of City's Tax Battles, Fumbles

Credits: Greg Giles

Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Newspaper Coverage, Explanation of City's Failing Pension Fund

Credits: Bob Mudge

First Place

Miami New Times

Entry: Cryptsy Founder Paul Vernon Disappeared, Along With Millions of His Customers' Cash

Credits: Jessica Lipscomb

State & Local Tax Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal

Entry: Half Cents Sales Tax

Credits: Teresa Eubanks

Second Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Inmate Cost Bankrupting County

Credits: Mike Anderson and Joel Addington

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Local Option Sales Tax Reporting

Credits: Jamie Gentry and Gail Acosta

Website Excellence

Division AB: Over 7,000

Third Place

Longboat Observer

Entry: YourobsERVER.com

Credits: Staff

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Orlando Business Journal Website

Credits: Staff

First Place

Florida Keys Keynoter

Entry: Florida Keys Keynoter

Credits: Staff

Website Excellence

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Navarrepress.com

Credits: Staff

Second Place

The Islander News

Entry: Islander News Website - www.islandernews.com

Credits: Staff

First Place

Business Observer

Entry: Business Observer Website

Credits: Staff