



2021 FPA Weekly Newspaper Contest
Final List of Winners

51. Multimedia Storytelling

Division AB

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
A century removed
Troy Herring

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
Yule eat it and yule like it
Ryan Kohn and Brynn Mechem

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
There was no warning
Scott Lawson



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**49. Online Breaking News
Coverage**

Division AB

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
*Derek Chauvin protests in
Windermere*
Troy Herring, Danielle Hendrix,
Amy Quesinberry, Michael Eng

Second Place

The West Volusia Beacon
*Police, citizens clash after peaceful
DeLand memorial block party*
Eli Witek

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
Local Tornado Coverage
Scott Lawson



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48. Website Excellence

Division AB

First Place

Longboat Observer
<https://www.yourobserver.com/longboat-key>

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
amisun.com
Cindy Lane

Third Place

Navarre Press
Navarre Press



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47. Overall Graphic Design

Division C

First Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
Overall Graphic Design
Monty Zickuhr

Second Place

Sumter County Times
Sumter County Times

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Overall Graphic Design

Division B

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
West Orange Times & Observer:
Overall Graphic Design
Jessica Eng

Second Place

Longboat Observer
Longboat Observer graphic design
Carol Parker

Division A

First Place

East County Observer
Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 17
Melissa Leduc

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
Graphic design, Sarasota Observer

Third Place

The Coastal Star
*March April November 2020 Best
design*
Staff



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46. Front Page Makeup

Division C

First Place

The Havana Herald
The Havana Herald - Oct. 8 & 15
Ashley Hunter, Heather Allen,
Kevin Murphy

Second Place

Jefferson Journal
We're open!

Third Place

Jefferson Journal
2020 Primary Election

Division B

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
West Orange Times & Observer
Front Page Makeup

Second Place

Longboat Observer
Longboat Observer front page
Carol Parker

Third Place

Business Observer
Business Observer front page
Jess Eng and Mark Gordon

Division A

First Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
Front page design
Logan George

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News
The Laker/Lutz News
Matt Mistretta

Third Place

East County Observer
East County Observer
Melissa Leduc



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45. Page Design

Division C

First Place

The Havana Herald
Laying The Flag To Rest
Ashley Hunter

Second Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
Page Design
Monty Zickuhr

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Page Design
Darlene Williams

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Beach Creatures
Dickie Williams

Second Place

Ormond Beach Observer
Bending over backward
Hailey McMillan

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
Heroic Effort
Jennifer Edwards

Division A

First Place

East County Observer
impressive growth
Melissa Leduc

Second Place

The Coastal Star
Trio of inside pages
staff

Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News
The Laker/Lutz News
Matt Mistretta



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44. Informational Graphic

Open Division

First Place

Navarre Press
Trash Bash
Dickie Williams

Second Place

Monticello News
AREA SEX OFFENDER MAP

Third Place

Navarre Press
Bunch of Characters
Navarre Press Staff



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43. Best Headline

Division C

First Place

The Madison County Carrier
A "methed" up week
Rick Patrick

Second Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News
The temple of Zoom (Video Conferencing) is upon us
Christine DeSouza

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
1-Vote Win; Baptism By Water; Power Struggles
Tom Staik

Division B

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Best Headline: West Orange Times & Observer
Troy Herring and Michael Eng

Second Place

Southwest Orange Observer
Best Headline: Southwest Orange Observer
Michael Eng

Third Place

Business Observer
Snow Way; Truck Yeah; They Have the Meats
Mark Gordon

Division A

First Place

Sarasota Observer
It's a pier review; On the road to a trail; A moving tribute
Eric Garwood

Second Place

Suncoast News
Headline collection
Chris George

Third Place

East County Observer
Theater reels from lost sales; Here today, gown tomorrow: OK to be a pig at the fair
Jay Heater



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42. Sports Column

Open Division

First Place

Navarre Press
Sports Column 2
Brian Lester

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
Remembering the Mamba
Ryan Kohn

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
An open letter to the FHSAA
Scott Zucker and Vinnie Portell



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41. Sports Page or Section

Division C

First Place

The Herald-Advocate
Sports Page/Section

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Day 1, Day 2 Quarantine Classic
Daniel Godwin

Division AB

First Place

Navarre Press
Sports Sections
Brian Lester and Navarre Press
Staff

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer
*Best Sports Section: West Orange
Times & Observer*
Troy Herring

Third Place

Sarasota Observer
Sarasota Observer sports



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40. Sports Spot News Story

Division C

First Place

Riverland News
FINAL FOUR BOUND
Sean Arnold

Second Place

The Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Socially distant Cowboys are back
Rick Patrick

Third Place

Nassau County Record
Flashes Fight in Final Four Today
Amanda Ream

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Back at It
Brian Lester

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Back where it began
Vinnie Portell

Third Place

Southwest Orange Observer
Keep calm and carry on
Troy Herring

Division A

First Place

The Laker/Lutz News
*Local javelin standout ready for
bigger stage*
Kevin Weiss

Second Place

East County Observer
Cheers to the victor
Ryan Kohn



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39. Sports Feature Story

Division C

First Place

Monticello News
*Coach Q'Vaunda Curry: The Tigers'
Roar*

Second Place

Chiefland Citizen
Breeanna Kidd opts for football
Mark Berryman

Third Place

Nassau County Record
Bennett Bucks the Odds
Kathie Scullo

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Game Over
Brian Lester

Second Place

Southwest Orange Observer
In it for Iris
Troy Herring

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
*Wolff goes from the backyard to
the bright lights*
Vinnie Portell

Division A

First Place

The Laker/Lutz News
Hoops coach leaves a lasting mark
Kevin Weiss

Second Place

East County Observer
Autism proves no match
Ryan Kohn

Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News
*At age 90, she gets her eighth
hole-in-one*
Joey Johnston



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38. Sports Photo

Division C

First Place

Nassau County Record
*Hilliard Middle Gets Stung By
Hornets*
Kathie Sciallo

Second Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
Touchdown!
Tony Shoemake

Third Place

The Madison County Carrier
*Robert Hiers hurdles for a
touchdown*
Rick Patrick

Division AB

First Place

The Apopka Chief
Showing good form
John Peery

Second Place

Gulf Breeze News
*Sports Photo_GBN_Thompson_11-
19-20*
Jason Thompson

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
*Danny Lee at the Arnold Palmer
Invitational*
Troy Herring



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**37. Portfolio Photography
(Robert J. Ellison Memorial
Award)**

Division C

First Place

Sumter County Times
Time has come to town
Martin Steele

Second Place

The Madison County Carrier
Sliding into second
Rick Patrick

Third Place

The Madison County Carrier
Twister
Emerald Greene

Division B

First Place

Southwest Orange Observer
*Southwest Orange Observer:
Portfolio Photography*
Troy Herring

Second Place

Navarre Press
Brian Lester
Brian Lester

Third Place

Navarre Press
Sandi Kemp
Sandi Kemp

Division A

First Place

East County Observer
*Habitat back in business; women
embrace challenge; rancher
cultivates respect; at home with
nature; trooper funeral*
Jay Heater ****Winner of the 2021
Robert J. Ellison Memorial
Award****

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News
Christine Holtzman
Christine Holtzman



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36. Photo Series in One Issue

Division C

First Place

Riverland News
Cracker Days
Julie Mancini

Second Place

Riverland News
*LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE &
OPENING CEREMONY*
Sean Arnold

Third Place

Boca Beacon
*Lazy summer days on Little
Gasparilla Island*
LGI residents Raphaela and
William

Division B

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
America Strong
Troy Herring

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal
*Orlando Business Journal
Photography Early During Covid-
19*
Jim Carchidi

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
Think Positive
Brian McMillan

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Drive up pet blessing
Rachel S. O'Hara

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News
Ellis Island History Lesson
Christine Holtzman

Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News
She's just a girl who loves goats
Fred Bellet



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35. Reader-Generated Photo

Division C

First Place

Nassau County Record
*Warriors Slide Past Yulee in
Shutout*
Brian LaCross

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate
Graduation
Daniel Moore

Third Place

Boca Beacon
*The Boca Beacon around the
world: Vail*
Candace Ward and Ilene Corbett

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Shelf Cloud
Sibylla Perdigon

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Swell surf
Eric Nalpas

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
Might as well jump
Jessica Kerr

Division A

First Place

The Laker/Lutz News
*Neowise Comet closest to earth on
July 15*
Lillan Cucuzza

Second Place

East County Observer
Opening Day Rainbows

Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News
*Seasonal sightings with Santa,
Frosty and happy kids*
Steve Vinik



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34. Feature Photo

Division C

First Place

The Havana Herald
The Littlest Firefighter
Ashley Hunter

Second Place

The Madison County Carrier
Tornado Damage
Emerald Greene

Third Place

Riverland News
Lucky Ducks
Julie Mancini

Division B

First Place

Palm Coast Observer
The hug wall
Brian McMillan

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Riding the waves
Joseph John Orchulli II

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
Lunch Guest
Scott Lawson

Division A

First Place

East County Observer
tall order
Pam Eubanks

Second Place

East County Observer
Surprise for Charlotte
Liz Ramos

Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News
Have you been sick lately?
Christine Holtzman



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33. Spot News Photo

Division C

First Place

Riverland News
VALENTINE SURPRISE
Sean Arnold

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate
*Winds, Dry Brush Fuel 45-Acre
Blaze Monday*
Tom Staik

Division B

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
*Peace on the left, justice on the
right*
Troy Herring

Second Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times
Monday afternoon roll-over
Angela Castelucci

Third Place

Ormond Beach Observer
Ormond protest
Jarleene Almenas

Division A

First Place

Sarasota Observer
BLM protest
Harry Sayer

Second Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers - North
Pinellas
Million-dollar delivery
Jeff Rosenfield

Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News
Lighting up the New Year
Christine Holtzman



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32. Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division C

First Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
Special issue
Karen Mathis

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate
Local Election Guide

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Tarpon Times & More
Marcy Shortuse and Daniel
Godwin

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Visitor Guide

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Discover Venice
Ed Scott

Third Place

Longboat Observer
Spirit of America

Division A

First Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
*Welcome Back | Just for Families |
Seminole 50th*
Staff

Second Place

East County Observer
The best play here
Ryan Kohn

Third Place

Sarasota Observer
Season



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31. Community History

Division C

First Place

Boca Beacon
*The Promenade: A piece of island
history with a 'Grande' past*
Marcy Shortuse

Second Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
Opportunity Meets Racing History
Dan Macdonald

Third Place

Jefferson Journal
*Finding and protecting our buried
past*

Division B

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
A century removed
Troy Herring

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer
A sacred purpose
Jonathan Simmons

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
*San Marco, a gem in Venice's
crown*
Larry Humes

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
100 years of Boynton
Ron Hayes

Second Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers - South
Pinellas
End of the Road
Lee Zumpe and Logan George

Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News
*This museum keeps making a
history of its own*
Doug Sanders



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30. Best Obituary

Division C

First Place

The Hernando Sun
A Luminary in Life & Journalism
Megan Hussey

Second Place

Boca Beacon
George 'Skip' Perry
Marcy Shortuse

Third Place

The Madison County Carrier
Jacob Bembry passes away
Emerald Greene and Bryant
Thigpen

Division AB

First Place

Venice Gondolier
*Allan Kollar moves on to the next
stage -- too soon*
Kim Cool

Second Place

Navarre Press
Tim Harrington
Sandi Kemp

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
*Remembering sixth-grader Ethan
Isaacs*
Written by Pine View newspaper
students



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29. Outdoor & Recreation

Division BC

First Place

Venice Gondolier
'Boys of Winter' bond over softball
Bob Mudge

Second Place

Navarre Press
Lifeguards Rise
Brian Lester

Third Place

Ormond Beach Observer
Every nut and bolt
Jarleene Almenas

Division A

First Place

East County Observer
Stroke of ingenuity
Jay Heater

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News
*Seeking a summer adventure? Try
scalloping*
Kevin Weiss

Third Place

The Coastal Star
Boynton, Yamato, Milani
Rich Pollack



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28. Agricultural & Environmental Reporting

Division C

First Place

Boca Beacon
Florida salt marshes
Delores Savas

Second Place

Monticello News
Critically endangered species born in Jefferson County

Third Place

Boca Beacon
The importance of filling in the holes: Volunteers work tirelessly to save people and turtles from danger on the beach
Marcy Shortuse

Division B

First Place

The West Volusia Beacon
Ghost forest: A battle between environmentalists and bass anglers locks the Ocklawaha in purgatory
Eli Witek

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Outstanding in their field
Amy Quesinberry

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Harvesting hope
Danielle Hendrix

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Sea Grape debate
Larry Barszewski

Second Place

The Coastal Star
Sea Turtle trio
Larry Keller

Third Place

East County Observer
The lowdown on spraying
Jay Heater



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**27. State & Local Tax Reporting
(The TaxWatch Award)**

Open Division

First Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer

*Budget 'a different set of
challenges'*

Mike Mendenhall ****Winner of the
2021 TaxWatch Award****

Second Place

Navarre Press

Roads Cops Playgrounds

Jamie Gentry

Third Place

Longboat Observer

Looking ahead

Mark Bergin



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26. Business Reporting

Division C

First Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
*Gov. announces \$10 million for
new hospital*
Teresa Eubanks

Second Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
*The Stein Mart bankruptcy: How it
all ended*
Karen Mathis

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
*IDA Board Buying 2 Downtown
Properties; Downtown
Development In Jeopardy;
Downtown Development Moving
Forward*
Michael Kelly

Division B

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
*Orlando Business Journal Tourism
Industry Coverage*
Richard Bilbao

Second Place

Winter Haven Sun
Startup success story
Steven Ryzewski

Third Place

Business Observer
Innovar Structures
Mark Gordon

Division A

First Place

Suncoast News
A business with heart and sole
Jeff Rosenfield

Second Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers - Largo
Leader
*Patrons flock to new cafe for cup
of Joe - minus the Biden*
John Guerra

Third Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers - Dunedin
Beacon
*No beans about it, this pair loves
coffee*
Tom Germond



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25. Local Government Reporting

Division C

First Place

The Hernando Sun
*Local Perspective on Streamlining
Food Truck Permitting in Florida*
Julie Maglio, Summer Hampton`,
Lisa MacNeil

Second Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
The Lot J Deal: Millions at Stake
Mike Mendenhall

Third Place

Riverland News
*LOCAL PASTOR KICKS OFF
CAMPAIGN*
Sean Arnold

Division B

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
*Orlando Business Journal
Unemployment System Local
Impact*
Susan Lundine

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer
COVID clash
Jonathan Simmons

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Treehouse time out
Amy Quesinberry

Division A

First Place

Sarasota Observer
City leaders want answers
David Conway

Second Place

The Coastal Star
Ducks and Ocean Strand
Steve Plunkett

Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News
*Fire department consolidation
with Pasco County*
Kevin Weiss



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24. Roads and Transportation

Division C

First Place

The Herald-Advocate
Too Big?
Tom Staik

Second Place

Chiefland Citizen
*MCORES meeting wracked with
technical woes*
Mark Berryman

Third Place

Monticello News
Electric car chargers now installed

Division B

First Place

Longboat Observer
Can Gulf of Mexico Drive be safer?
Eric Garwood

Second Place

Longboat Observer
Tales of two trails
Eric Garwood and Nat Kaemmerer

Third Place

Orlando Business Journal
*Orlando Business Journal
Transportation Coverage*
Alex Soderstrom, Ryan Lynch,
Richard Bilbao, Jack Witthaus,
Denise Hicks

Division A

First Place

Sarasota Observer
Road map to the future
David Conway

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News
*New interchange could ease
congestion*
Kathy Steele

Third Place

The Coastal Star
I-95 and Tesla
Steve Plunkett



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23. Faith and Family Reporting

Division C

First Place

Sumter County Times
Bushnell grad and Gone too soon

Second Place

Monticello News
There's always room for one more

Third Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News
*Purim—a time to be drunk on
happiness*
Marilyn Shapiro

Division B

First Place

Palm Coast Observer
A new life: Haley Watson
Brian McMillan

Second Place

Navarre Press
Power of Prayer
Michael Bannon

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Simple, intentional
Amy Quesinberry

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Happy and Kind by Ron Hayes
Ron Hayes

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News
*When Alice saw Earl, 'It was love
at first sight'*
B.C. Manion

Third Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers - Largo
Leader
*Pastor brings perspective to his
Largo flock*
Tom Germond



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**22. Arts, Entertainment &
Review Reporting**

Division C

First Place

Riverland News
Message in the music
Sean Arnold

Second Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
Crafting treasures from the debris

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Tasty days ahead: Taste of Boca Grande Part I; Hot browns, sweet corn, tres leches and more: The Taste of Boca Grande, Part II; A little charcuterie, a little chocolate ... a whole lotta 'Taste!' The Taste of Boca Grande Part 3
Marcy Shortuse

Division B

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal Theme Parks Industry Coverage
Richard Bilbao

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
'The Next Act' opens with \$1 million pledge
Scott Lawson

Third Place

Longboat Observer
'The Lifespan of a Fact' wages war of the words
Marty Fugate

Division A

First Place

The Laker/Lutz News
Mighty Wurlitzer plays on, during pandemic
B.C. Manion

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News
Artist thrives, with a community of happy clients
Joey Johnston

Third Place

The Coastal Star
Tabloid Tattle
Mary Thurwachter



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**21. Health, Medical & Science
Reporting**

Division C

First Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
*Calhoun Co. nurse conducts COVID
tests at SpaceX Launch*
Teresa Eubanks

Second Place

Monticello News
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Third Place

The Madison Enterprise-Recorder
*Linda O'Brian retires after 57 years
of service*
Ramsey Sullivan

Division B

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Liquid gold
Danielle Hendrix

Second Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times
*'Walking miracle' counts his
blessings*
Angela Castelucci

Third Place

Business Observer
*Keeping employees mentally
strong*
Mark Gordon

Division A

First Place

The Laker/Lutz News
'Twindemic' is new challenge now
Joey Johnston

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News
*Local chiropractor keeps Lightning
fit for ice*
Kevin Weiss

Third Place

Sarasota Observer
ABC of DNA
Harry Sayer



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20. Education Feature

Division C

First Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
A legacy of helping business
Max Marbut

Second Place

Sumter County Times
Sumter County Times
Brenda Locklear

Third Place

Jefferson Journal
*Educating from home...what do
the parents say?*

Division B

First Place

Business Observer
*Optima Foundation/Charter
Schools*
Mark Gordon

Second Place

Winter Haven Sun
Blue Devil TV persists
Steven Ryzewski

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
Back to Class
Greg Giles

Division A

First Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers - South
Pinellas
With all their hearts
Logan George

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News
*Simulation teaches a real-life
history lesson*
Christine Holtzman

Third Place

East County Observer
A bit of their lives
Liz Ramos



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19. Education News

Division C

First Place

The Herald-Advocate
Schools Shuttered
Tom Staik

Second Place

The Hernando Sun
First Challenges of the School Year
Julie Maglio, Rocco Maglio, Lisa
MacNeil

Third Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
*Schools struggle to balance safety,
education & options; Calhoun Co.
kids return to the classroom; BHS
holds 5 days of graduation*
Teresa Eubanks

Division B

First Place

Ormond Beach Observer
Grads on Granada
Jarleene Almenas

Second Place

Winter Haven Sun
*Teachers, students at Winter
Haven elementary schools
embrace new normal*
Steven Ryzewski

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
School Board members butt heads
Brianna Kwasnik

Division A

First Place

The Laker/Lutz News
*School projects address district
needs*
B.C. Manion

Second Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
*Series of stories on concerns over
simultaneous teaching*
Logan George

Third Place

East County Observer
*School District loses key
connection*
Liz Ramos



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18. Feature Story: Non-profile

Division C

First Place

The Herald-Advocate
*Love Radiates As Wauchula Family
Celebrates First Mother's Day*
Tom Staik

Second Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
Rail Yard District
Karen Mathis

Third Place

The Madison Enterprise-Recorder
*Fighting crime one bite at a time:
MCSO K9 Unit certified to serve*
Cheltsie Holbrook

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier
From tragedy, friendship
Greg Giles

Second Place

Navarre Press
Navarre Freshman
Brian Lester

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Pickin' it up
Troy Herring

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Meals on Wheels by Ron Hayes
Ron Hayes

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
The year without Santa Claus
Harry Sayer

Third Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers - South
Pinellas
Swooping in to the rescue
Jerry Stockfisch



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17. Feature Story: Profile

Division C

First Place

The Madison Enterprise-Recorder
I am David Dukes
John Willoughby

Second Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
Super insight
Mike Mendenhall

Third Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
*New Blountstown mural inspires
smiles, honks & many questions*
Teresa Eubanks

Division B

First Place

Business Observer
*Charles Murray, top entrepreneur
profile*
Grier Ferguson

Second Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times
Last of the Mullet Men
Caitlyn Burchett

Third Place

Longboat Observer
Mango queen
Nat Kaemmerer

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
HErbert by Ron Hayes
Ron Hayes

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News
She's just a girl who loves goats
Kathy Steele

Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News
*She has lofty goals, and the will to
achieve them*
Joey Johnston



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**16. In-Depth Reporting
(Non-Investigative)**

Division C

First Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
2020 and beyond
Karen Mathis, Mark Basch, Max
Marbut, Scott Sailer, Katie
Garwood, Mike Mendenhall

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate
Missing Drug Investigation
Tom Staik

Third Place

The Havana Herald
*Flooded neighborhood demands
action from city officials*
Ashley Hunter

Division B

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
*Orlando Business Journal Coverage
of Black-Owned Businesses and
Employees*
Alex Soderstrom, Anjali Fluker,
Jack Witthaus, Richard Bilbao,
Ryan Lynch, Cindy Barth, Denise
Hicks

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
*West Villages de-annexation
coverage*
Craig Garrett, Chris Porter, Steve
Reilly

Third Place

The West Volusia Beacon
*Keeping kids out of jail: Local
police are making uneven progress*
Eli Witek

Division A

First Place

Sarasota Observer
The faces of COVID-19

Second Place

The Coastal Star
doctor fraud
Larry Keller



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**15. Investigative Reporting
(Claudia Ross Memorial Award)**

Division C

First Place

Boca Beacon
*A sister island, a similar situation;
Local historian being sued by
'orange rock' residents at the end
of 3rd Street over letter to editor in
the Boca Beacon; Johnson's
attorney files counter motion in
'Rocks' suit; A Promenade
compromise has been reached*
Marcy Shortuse

Second Place

The Wakulla News
Property Appraiser Brad Harvey
William Snowden

Division AB

First Place

The Coastal Star
Water woes in Delray Beach
Staff ****Winner of the 2021
Claudia Ross Memorial Award****

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal
*Orlando Business Journal
Community Impact*
Cindy Barth, Ryan Lynch, Alex
Soderstrom, Richard Bilbao, Jack
Witthaus, Denise Hicks

Third Place

The Baker County Press
*Fraser case details release, suit
filed*
Joel Addington



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14. Breaking News Story

Division C

First Place

The Wakulla News
Black Lives Matter protest
Noah Hertz and Hali Tauxe

Second Place

Nassau County Record
WNHS Football Player Fatally Shot
Amanda Ream

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Winds, Dry Brush Field 45-Acrew
Blaze Monday
Tom Staik

Division AB

First Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times
Tragedy on Jefferson St.
Angela Castelucci, Aaron
Portwood, Caitlynn Burchett

Second Place

Longboat Observer
Hurricane Eta coverage

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Windermere rallies around Savey
family
Michael Eng and Troy Herring



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**13. General News Story
(Gwen Stevenson Memorial
Award)**

Division C

First Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
Regency Rebirth
Karen Mathis

Second Place

Jefferson Journal
Where the living dont go...

Third Place

Boca Beacon
*Comries:1 - Promenade: 0 Right to
'quiet title' won by couple on 3rd
Street*
Marcy Shortuse

Division B

First Place

The West Volusia Beacon
*'I fit a description': Deltona man
detained while jogging*
Eli Witek ****Winner of the 2021
Gwen Stevenson Memorial
Award****

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer
*Oakland leaders search for
answers after cemetery floods*
Amy Quesinberry

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
Questions Remain
Scott Lawson

Division A

First Place

The Laker/Lutz News
Panel discusses race, social issues
Kevin Weiss

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
Reform factors
David Conway

Third Place

East County Observer
car lot opponents
Brendan Lavell



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**12. First Amendment Defense
(Jon A. Roosenraad Award)**

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press

Media 1 FHSAA 0

Brian Lester ****Winner of the 2021**

Jon A. Roosenraad Award**

Second Place

Venice Gondolier

*Where did this 'fake news' come
from? Not the media*

Bob Mudge



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**11. Serious Column
(Sally Latham Memorial Award)**

Division C

First Place

Clay Today
Letter to my Grandson
Don Coble ****Winner of the 2021
Sally Latham Memorial Award****

Second Place

The Madison County Carrier
*Childhood reflections with a touch
of grace: Finding home*
Mickey Starling

Third Place

Nassau County Record
Learning About a Longtime Friend
Amanda Ream

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier
*Ending discrimination means
dealing with our fears*
Glen Nickerson

Second Place

The Baker County Press
*Media at the local level has a focus
very close to home*
Jim McGauley

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
*When a national story hits too
close to home*
Michael Eng

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Hallowed Ground
Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

Second Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
*We let too many of our seniors
down*
Suzette Porter

Third Place

East County Observer
Fortitude prevails
Jay Heater



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10. Humorous Column

Division C

First Place

Clay Today
Until Sports Returns My Mind will Wander
Don Coble

Second Place

Nassau County Record
Kindergarten or Virus War Zone?
Amanda Ream

Third Place

Williston Pioneer
Carolyn Ten Broeck

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Wise Words_Catholic School
Wendy Rudman

Second Place

Winter Haven Sun
Retired or isolated: There is a difference
S.L. Frisbie

Third Place

Southwest Orange Observer
Tooth Fairy? More like Tooth Phony!
Michael Eng

Division A

First Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
Retirement isn't overrated — so he says
Tom Germond

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
The lighter side of COVID
Marty Fugate



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**9. Original Local Editorial
Cartoon**

Division C

First Place

The Madison Enterprise-Recorder
The evolution of news cartoons
John Willoughby

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Hortoons
Dave Horton

Division AB

First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
I miss red tide
Steve Borggren

Second Place

The Baker County Press
Isolation takeaway
Ed Hall

Third Place

Longboat Observer
Summer just zoomed by
Marty Fugate



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8. Editorial Award

Division AB

First Place

Venice Gondolier
*Masks do their job. Do yours and
wear one*
Bob Mudge

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
Sad kiss goodbye?
Matt Walsh

Third Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times
Do more than vote... be informed



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7. Editorial Page

Division C

First Place

Sumter County Times
Sumter County Times

Second Place

The Madison County Carrier
Viewpoints & Opinions
Emerald Greene

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier
Venice Gondolier Editorial Page
Scott Lawson

Second Place

Navarre Press
Editorial Pages



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Final List of Winners

6. Community Service

Division BC

First Place

Venice Gondolier
Local Stimulus Program
Venice Gondolier

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Love Lines: Big Box of Love
Marcy Shortuse and Daniel
Godwin

Third Place

The Apopka Chief
Voters guide
Staff



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**5. COVID-19 Breaking News
Coverage**

Division C

First Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
Disappointment and relief
Katie Garwood

Second Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
Guests urged to get tested
Teresa Eubanks

Third Place

Boca Beacon
*While Payroll Protection is looking
up, unemployment filing problems
plague furloughed island workers*
Marcy Shortuse

Division AB

First Place

Sarasota Observer
Rapid response
David Conway

Second Place

Navarre Press
Food Uncertainty
Jamie Gentry

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
Beaches, pier to close
Bob Mudge



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**4. COVID-19 Informational
Graphic**

Open Division

First Place

Ormond Beach Observer
COVID's toll
Jennifer Edwards

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
Tracking COVID-19
Melissa Leduc

Third Place

Navarre Press
Measuring COVID-19
Navarre Press Staff



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Final List of Winners

3. COVID-19 Feature Story

Division C

First Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
Great places to thrive
Scott Sailer

Second Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
Coronavirus Pandemic: One Day at a Time
Karen Mathis, Katie Garwood,
Mike Mendenhall

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Trial by fire: Teachers learning to teach via 'social distancing'
Jane Bengston

Division B

First Place

Business Observer
Furniture stores in the pandemic
Grier Ferguson

Second Place

The Miami Times
Overtown hotel changes the narrative
Johania Charles

Third Place

Longboat Observer
If not this, try that
Nat Kaemmerer

Division A

First Place

Sarasota Observer
Teaching tips from the pros
Brynn Mechem

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News
Using creative ways to express faith
B.C. Manion

Third Place

The Coastal Star
Reflections from the front line staff



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Final List of Winners

2. COVID-19 General News Story

Division C

First Place

Jacksonville Record & Observer
Duval Trial Makes History
Max Marbut

Second Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
Liberty Co. Commission dies of COVID
Teresa Eubanks

Third Place

The Havana Herald
Are Gadsden County's small towns policing the mask ordinance?
Ashley Hunter

Division B

First Place

Miami New Times
Leaked Emails: Norwegian Pressures Sales Team to Mislead Potential Customers About Coronavirus
Alexi Cardona

Second Place

Southwest Orange Observer
How do they do it?
Danielle Hendrix

Third Place

The West Volusia Beacon
Justice on hold: Pandemic is creating a huge backlog in criminal cases
Al Everson

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Overdose deaths double in Delray during pandemic
Charles Elmore

Second Place

The Coastal Star
Empty reality of virus fallout hits home
Mary Hladky

Third Place

East County Observer
No paycheck in sight
Liz Ramos



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1. General Excellence

Division C

First Place

The Havana Herald
*The Havana Herald - Nov. 12 &
Nov. 19*
Ashley Hunter, Heather Allen, Judy
Conlin, Leisha Dillard, Colleen
Sperry, Mark Pettus

Second Place

Sumter County Times
Sumter County Times

Third Place

Monticello News
*County, school district officials get
pay increases*

Division B

First Place

Longboat Observer
*General excellence, Longboat
Observer*

Second Place

Business Observer
*General excellence, Business
Observer*
Grier Ferguson, Kevin McQuaid,
Kat Hughes, Kaelyn Adix, Jess Eng,
Brian Hartz, Beth Luberecki, Mark
Gordon

Third Place

Navarre Press
General Excellence
Navarre Press Staff

Division A

First Place

Sarasota Observer
*Sarasota Observer General
Excellence*

Second Place

East County Observer
East County Observer

Third Place

The Coastal Star
*March April Nov 2020 Best
newspaper entry*
Staff



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**2021 Florida Weekly
Newspaper Contest
Sweepstakes Winners**

Division C

Jacksonville
Record & Observer

Division B

Navarre
Press

Division A

The
Laker/Lutz News