



2023 FPA Weekly Newspaper Contest
Final List of Winners

Multimedia Storytelling

Division BC

First Place

Venice Gondolier
Fighting Fire With Fire
Morgan Simpson and Peter Tavino

Second Place

Riverbend News
On the Riverbend
Lee Trawick

Third Place

Navarre Press
LIVE: Navarre lifeguards jump off the pier
Kaitie Kiger



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Online Slideshow

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier
Fight Night in Venice
Justin Fennell



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Online Breaking News Coverage

Division AB

First Place

Osceola News-Gazette

Anthony Todt found guilty of family's murder; sentenced to life without parole

Ken Jackson; Angelique Priore

Second Place

Jacksonville Daily Record

Eyesore no more: The unfinished Berkman Plaza II imploded

Mike Mendenhall

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer

After arrest, coach resigns from West Orange High

Michael Eng



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Website Excellence

Division BC

First Place

Longboat Observer
Longboat Observer website excellence
Staff

Second Place

Business Observer
Businessobserverfl.com
Staff

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
amisun.com
Staff



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Overall Graphic Design

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
April, August and Sept of 2022
Staff

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Overall graphic design
Staff

Third Place

East County Observer
East County Observer Graphic
Design
Melissa Leduc

Division B

First Place

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

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Overall Graphic Design
Dickie Williams and Staff

Second Place

Monticello News
Graphic Design
Carl Painter, Mark Estefan

Third Place

Monticello News
Graphic Design (2)
Carl Painter, Mark Estefan



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Front Page Makeup

Division A

First Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
Collection of front pages
Chris George

Second Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
Collection of front pages
Logan George

Third Place

The Coastal Star
Front pages April Aug Sept 2022
Staff

Division B

First Place

Palm Coast Observer
April 14, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6
Hailey McMillan

Second Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Front Page Makeup
Monty Zickuhr

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
AMI Sun front page
Ricardo Fonseca

Division C

First Place

The Wakulla News
The Wakulla News Front Pages
Cheri Martin, Nancy Floyd
Richardson, Dylan Jackson, and
community contributors

Second Place

Havana Herald
*Havana Herald - Front Pages -
June 16 & 23*
Staff

Third Place

Monticello News
MN Front Page 1
Staff



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Page Design

Division A

First Place

Sarasota/Siesta Key Observer
Melissa Leduc page design
Melissa Leduc

Second Place

Sarasota/Siesta Key Observer
Jose Valle Page Design
Jose Valle

Third Place

East County Observer
A shore thing
Melissa Leduc

Division B

First Place

Longboat Observer
Jose Valle page design
Jose Valle

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer
*Page Design: West Orange Times
& Observer*
Jessica Eng

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
*See a gator, dolphin at Maxine
Barritt Park*
Sunsearay McDaniel

Division C

First Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Celebrate Earth Day 2022
Cheltsie Holbrook

Second Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Page Design
Dickie Williams

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Page Design
Tom Staik



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Informational Graphic

Division AB

First Place

Navarre Press
Breaking Point
Dickie Williams

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Brain Food: Dim sum good eats!
Lindsay Cannizzaro, Michael Eng

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
Flagler/Volusia drug overdose deaths
Hailey McMillan

Division C

First Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Fire Department Strategic Plan
Dan Bontranger

Second Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Does the energizer bunny have health problems?
Dona Gilbert Day

Third Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Missing Man's Table honors fallen Veterans
Dona Gilbert Day



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Best Headline

Division A

First Place

East County Observer
*Airline to deliver a fortune; A shore
thing; No carte blanche*
Jay Heater

Second Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
*Is Largo Game? / Back where
everybody knows their name / Some good
eggs*
Chris George

Third Place

Clermont News Leader
My favorite headlines
Steve Steiner

Division B

First Place

The News-Leader
Marsh Madness
Holly Dorman

Second Place

Clay Today
'I like pig butts and I cannot lie'
Don Coble

Third Place

Boca Beacon
*'This may be our slice of paradise,
but putting it back together will be no
piece of cake'*
Marcy Shortuse

Division C

First Place

Jefferson County Journal
Reptile Dysfunction
Heather Ainsley

Second Place

Polk News Sun
*The pistol of Polk County: Grady
Judd*
Brian McBride

Third Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Amazing Grace
Staff



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Sports Column

Division A

First Place

East County Observer
A pitch for kindness
Ryan Kohn

Second Place

Sarasota/Siesta Key Observer
Give her the Crown
Ryan Kohn

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
*Another night in Florida's football
epicenter*
Ken Jackson

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Brian Out Loud!
Brian Lester

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
*What Disney and others get wrong
about Venice*
Pat Obley

Third Place

Mainstreet Daily News
Learning football and life
Mike Ridaught and C.J. Gish

Division C

First Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Randy's report
Randy Dickson

Second Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Brian Out Loud FHSAA
Brian Lester

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Stump The Swami: Hardee
Swimming Missing A Legend
John Szeligo



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Sports Page or Section

Division A

First Place

Sarasota/Siesta Key Observer
Sarasota Observer sports pages
Ryan Kohn, Jose Valle

Second Place

Osceola News-Gazette
Sports Section
J. Daniel Pearson

Third Place

Laker/Lutz News
Sports Section - Dec. 7 and Dec. 14
Mike Camunas

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
*Sports page or section: Aug. 25,
Sept. 1*
Staff

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Venice Gondolier Sports Section
Vinnie Portell

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
*Palm Coast Observer Sports
Section, Feb. 24 and March 3 editions*
Brent Woronoff

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Sports Page or Section
Staff

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Sports Page or Section
Staff

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Sports Section 10-20-22, 10-27-22
Staff



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Sports Spot News Story

Division A

First Place

East County Observer
Twice as nice
Ryan Kohn

Second Place

Sarasota/Siesta Key Observer
Golden performance
Ryan Kohn

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
*Bird leaves the nest; longtime
Osceola Coach, AD steps down*
J. Daniel Pearson

Division B

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Remembering Bart Bryant
Andrea Mujica

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Dynasty Mode
Vinnie Portell

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
Wild ride
Brent Woronoff

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Heartbreak
Brian Lester

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Carter
Randy Dickson

Third Place

Nassau County Record
JV Champions
Kathie Sciuлло



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Sports Feature Story

Division A

First Place

Laker/Lutz News
*Sports Feature - Cheerleaders for
life*
B.C. Manion

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Play Ball
Glenn Miller

Third Place

Suncoast News
Hector Lopez profile
Dan Hirshberg

Division B

First Place

Clay Today
Our New Hero: Conner McKay
Randy Lefko

Second Place

The News-Leader
'Voice of the Pirates' silenced
Beth Jones

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
*Bloodied and bruised, Taranto has
something special to prove*
Vinnie Portell

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Fast Lane
Brian Lester

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
War and Football
Brian Lester

Third Place

Islander News
*Youth basketball leader has NBA
cred*
Hillard Grossman



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Sports Photo

Division A

First Place

Suncoast News
Flipping for gymnastics
Fred Bellet

Second Place

East County Observer
Sweet repeat
Ryan Kohn

Third Place

Laker/Lutz News
Sports Photo - Adaptive Crossfit
Mike Camunas

Division B

First Place

Gulf Breeze News
GBN 11-10-22 6B (Randle)
Jason Thompson

Second Place

West Volusia Beacon
Look out!
Marsha McLaughlin

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
Flipping for ESPN2
Justin Fennell

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Lacrosse
Brian Lester

Second Place

Hernando Sun
Blocking attempt flagged
Joseph DiCristofalo

Third Place

Riverland News
Block Attempt
Julie Mancini



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Portfolio Photography (Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award)

Division A

First Place

Suncoast News
Collection of photos
Fred Bellet

Second Place

Laker/Lutz News
Mike Camunas, Laker Lutz News,
Portfolio Photography
Mike Camunas

Third Place

East County Observer
portfolio photography
Jay Heater

Division B

First Place

Ormond Beach Observer
Portfolio photography, Michele
Meyers, Ormond Beach Observer
Michele Meyers***Winner of the*
2023 Robert J. Ellison Memorial
*Award***

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Justin Fennell Portfolio
Justin Fennell

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
Portfolio photography, Jake
Montgomery, Palm Coast Observer
Jake Montgomery

Division C

First Place

Madison County Carrier
Emerald Greene Parsons Portfolio
MCC
Emerald Greene Parsons

Second Place

Riverland News
Slices of Life
Julie Mancini

Third Place

Riverbend News
Riverbend Sports
Lucy Golub



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Photo Series in One Issue

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Roe v Wade
Kinky Moroti

Second Place

Suncoast News
Chasco Festival
Fred Bellet

Third Place

Suncoast News
Renaissance Festival
Fred Bellet

Division B

First Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times
Fire destroys Main St. home
Aaron Portwood

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Around the town
Marcy Shortuse, Len Tatko

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
Saddle up
Jake Montgomery

Division C

First Place

The Herald-Advocate
Base Ball
Lily Strickland

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate
Devastation Across Hardee County
Michael Kelly, Tom Staik, Lily
Strickland

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Triple Play Blaze
Tom Staik



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Reader-Generated Photo

Division ABC

First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Early fireworks
DENISE LYNN POWER

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
A morning in paradise
Candy Niziol

Third Place

The News-Leader
Jumping for joy
Holly Dorman



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Feature Photo

Division A

First Place

Laker/Lutz News
Feature Photo - Senior Prom
Mike Camunas

Second Place

The Coastal Star
turtle release at sun rise
Tim Stepien

Third Place

Sarasota/Siesta Key Observer
Carving out a good time
Harry Sayer

Division B

First Place

Hometown News The Beaches
Taking a mud bath
Alex Schierholtz

Second Place

Ocala Gazette
Candy toliet
Bruce Ackerman

Third Place

Hometown News Port
Orange/South Daytona/Daytona Beach
Shores/Ponce Inlet
Waiting for a nibble
Randy Barber

Division C

First Place

The Herald-Advocate
Frost Bite
Tom Staik

Second Place

Madison County Carrier
Peek-a-boo
Emerald Greene Parsons

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Aftermath
Tom Staik



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Spot News Photo

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Roe v Wade
Kin fay Moroti

Second Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
Honoring a fallen soldier
Carl DiOrio

Third Place

East County Observer
Ravaged by the storm
Ian Swaby

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier
Wrath of Ian
Joseph John Orchulli II

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Salvaging boats destroyed by Ian
Morgan Simpson

Third Place

Ocala Gazette
Cannon firing
Bruce Ackerman

Division C

First Place

Jefferson County Journal
Big Truck
Cody Cruver

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate
Triple-Play Blaze
Tom Staik

Third Place

Riverbend News
*Dianne Allen informed curious
festival-goers about her white-faced
capuchin monkey.*
Danny Federico



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Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division A

First Place

Clermont News Leader
*Veterans Day, Breast Cancer,
Home for the Holidays*
Staff

Second Place

Cape Coral Daily Breeze
Devastation and Resolve
Staff

Third Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
Just for Women
Logan George

Division B

First Place

Clay Today
*Clay County Agricultural Fair
Guide: Big Wheels and Pig Squeals*
Staff

Second Place

Navarre Press
2022 Emerald Coast Visitors Guide
Staff

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Tarpon Times
Daniel Godwin, Marcy Shortuse

Division C

First Place

The Wakulla News
*Voter's Guide: Meet the
Candidates, Cheri Martin and Nancy Floyd
Richardson*

Second Place

The Wakulla News
*Wakulla Connections - Our
Hometown Guide 2023*
Cheri Martin and Nancy Floyd
Richardson

Third Place

Madison County Carrier
*68th Annual North Florida
Livestock Show and Sale*
Cheltsie Holbrook, Emerald
Greene Parsons



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Community History

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Ancient history
Roger Williams

Second Place

Suncoast News
Sacrifice and Fortitude
Cherie Danson Miller

Third Place

Laker/Lutz News
Community History - Women Trailblazers
B.C. Manion

Division B

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Number, Please
Amy Quesinberry

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Preserving history in Venice didn't start until 1974
Larry Humes

Third Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times
Lost Communities of Taylor County
Mark Viola

Division C

First Place

Havana Herald
Airing Of The Quilts - Greensboro History Stitched Into The Tapestry of Quilts
Erin Hill

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Heritage Society
Wendy Rudman

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
A Young Man's Dream of Flying
Sandy Scott



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Best Obituary

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Ed Manley
Ron Hayes

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Frank Mann
Roger Williams

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Myra Janco Daniels:
Nancy Stetson

Division B

First Place

Business Observer
Dean Sims obituary
Mark Gordon

Second Place

Business Observer
Ed Kalin Obituary
Mark Gordon

Third Place

Navarre Press
In Memorium; John
Brian Lester

Division C

First Place

Islander News
Hilario Candela, designer of the
iconic Miami Marine Stadium
Hillard Grossman

Second Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News
Scene Around
Christine DeSouza

Third Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Longtime publisher Fletch
Wendy Rudman



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Outdoor & Recreation

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Fishmonger
Jan Norris

Second Place

Sarasota/Siesta Key Observer
Green is good
Eric Garwood

Third Place

East County Observer
*No fear taking her shot/A ride full
of pride*
Jay Heater

Division B

First Place

Florida Keys Free Press
*Re-inherit the Wind: Windsurfing
enthusiasm gaining momentum*
Lee Wardlaw

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Nature Series
Corky Dalton

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
Weekend underway
Morgan Simpson

Division C

First Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Drop in
Wendy Victora Rudman

Second Place

Jefferson County Journal
Walk your way to wonderful
Laura Young

Third Place

Jefferson County Journal
Nose down, tail up
Heather Ainsley



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**Agricultural &
Environmental Reporting**

Division A

First Place

Laker/Lutz News
*Agricultural and Environmental
Reporting - Projects at a local community
school*

Mike Camunas

Second Place

East County Observer
Cattle calling/Birth of a Rancher
Jay Heater

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Blue Carbon
Laura Tichy

Division B

First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Mangrove destruction
Rusty Chinnis

Second Place

Florida Keys Free Press
*Heavily medicated: Drugs in
bonefish from Biscayne to Marquesas*
Theresa Java

Third Place

Longboat Observer
Source: Unknown
Lauren Tronstad

Division C

First Place

Jefferson County Journal
North Florida Wildlife Center
Laura Young

Second Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
*Derek and Emily Beaty: God
granted them what they requested*
Staff

Third Place

Jefferson County Journal
Farm Tour
Laura Young



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State & Local Tax Reporting (The TaxWatch Award) |

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First Place

Florida Weekly

Taxing Issue

Roger Williams ***WINNER, 2023 State & Local Tax Reporting (The TaxWatch Award)**

Second Place

Jacksonville Daily Record

Curry's budget legacy

Mike Mendenhall

Third Place

Longboat Observer

Halfway there

Eric Garwood



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Business Reporting

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
A business abuzz
Mary Wozniak

Second Place

East County Observer
Airline to deliver a fortune
Jay Heater

Third Place

Sarasota/Siesta Key Observer
Higher than ever
Andrew Warfield

Division B

First Place

Business Observer
Chicken sandwich sisters
Amanda Postma

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Boat rescue experts
Morgan Simpson

Third Place

Business Observer
*is the region in a recession — or
not*
Staff

Division C

First Place

The Herald-Advocate
Resthaven
Michael Kelly

Second Place

Islander News
*Hurricane insurance crisis for
homeowners*
Hillard Grossman

Third Place

Jefferson County Journal
Bundles of Bundles
Heather Ainsley



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Local Government Reporting

Division A

First Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
*Series of articles on escalating cost
of city of Largo's new City Hall*
Chris George

Second Place

Osceola News-Gazette
*NeoCity: A decade-long saga;
Technology campus was nearly put to
other uses*
Ken Jackson

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Deciding evacuations
Laura Tichy

Division B

First Place

Ocala Gazette
Fire fee case
Jennifer Hunt Murty

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Building Height Coverage
Bob Mudge

Third Place

The News-Leader
Brett's Waterway Cafe series
Julia Roberts

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
U.S. 90 Politics
Ken Garner

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate
Power Drop
Tom Staik

Third Place

The Wakulla News
*Sewer expansion proposed for
southside*
Cheri Martin



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Roads & Transportation

Division A

First Place

Clermont News Leader
Fatal crash on CR561
Steve Steiner

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Unfortunate Endings
Mary Wozniak

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Keeping Calm in Traffic
Staff

Division B

First Place

Ocala Gazette
Northern Turnpike Extension
Staff

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Roundabout has highest crash rate
again
Bob Mudge

Third Place

Longboat Observer
Road to the future
Eric Garwood

Division C

First Place

Nassau County Record
Pothole Hopscotch
Kathie Sciullo

Second Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Studer applauds
Ken Garner

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Northwest Bypass
Sandi Kemp



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Faith & Family Reporting

Division A

First Place

Laker/Lutz News
*Faith and Family Reporting - BBQ
Family*
Mike Camunas

Second Place

Laker/Lutz News
*Faith and Family Reporting -
Family awarded mortgage free house*
Mike Camunas

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Hope
Roger Williams

Division B

First Place

Southwest Orange Observer
A miracle for Max
Annabelle Sikes

Second Place

Southwest Orange Observer
Ty's story
Amy Quesinberry

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
*\$5 million in debt, pc3 may
dissolve, but 'What If?'*
Brian McMillan

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
To live is Christ
Kaitie Meyer Kiger

Second Place

Nassau County Record
Road to Recovery
Kathie Sciallo

Third Place

Polk News Sun
*Good sportsmanship rises over
race*
Elizabeth Morrisey



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**Arts, Entertainment &
Review Reporting**

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
A world of art
Mary Wozniak

Second Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
'Hello, Bookstore' review
Lee Clark Zumpe

Third Place

The Coastal Star
women chefs
Jan Norris

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier
Now the rebuild begins
Kim Cool

Second Place

Boca Beacon
*Staging an outdoor production vs.
COVID and Mother Nature*
Elaine Skypala

Third Place

Southwest Orange Observer
Home, Again!
Annabelle Sikes

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Making a difference
Hansen Hasenberg

Second Place

Jefferson County Journal
Kat Roberts making music
Laura Young

Third Place

Jefferson County Journal
Small pieces of a big picture
Heather Ainsley



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**Health, Medical & Science
Reporting**

Division A

First Place

Clermont News Leader
Living (and dying) with ALS
Sharon Keeble

Second Place

The Coastal Star
Hot medicine delivery
Charles Elmore

Third Place

Florida Weekly
tech anxiety
Robin Demattia

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Breaking point
Brian Lester

Second Place

Mainstreet Daily News
Confronting the caregiving crisis
Ronnie Lovler

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
Drug abuse in Flagler County
Jonathan Simmons

Division C

First Place

Jefferson County Journal
I see you baby
Heather Ainsley

Second Place

Monticello News
Discovering Autism
Laura Young

Third Place

Monticello News
Autism from our view
Heather Ainsley



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Education Feature

Division A

First Place

Osceola News-Gazette
*NeoCity excitement turns into
'anomaly' after Blue Origin launch*
Ken Jackson

Second Place

Laker/Lutz News
*Education Feature - Sunlake
Aerospace Academy Program*
Mike Camunas

Third Place

East County Observer
Sock it to me/Stocking up
Liz Ramos

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier
Advocating for equity
Morgan Simpson

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Net loss
Amy Quesinberry

Third Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Birth of a Law School
Max Marbut

Division C

First Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Crestview Cookin'
Randy Dickson

Second Place

Islander News
*Extraordinary, award-winning
young student*
Hillard Grossman

Third Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
On the farm
Hansen Hasenberg



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Education News

Division A

First Place

Laker/Lutz News
*Education News - Zephyrhills High
Remodel*
Mike Camunas

Second Place

The Coastal Star
Northern transplants fill classes
Rich Pollack

Third Place

East County Observer
A better class act
Liz Ramos

Division B

First Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
School mourns deaths
Teresa Eubanks, Journal Editor

Second Place

Ocala Gazette
*School capacity as it relates to
development policy*
staff

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
*FPC, Matanzas students walk out,
say 'gay'*
Brent Woronoff

Division C

First Place

Polk News Sun
*Polk County School District reverts
to 'opt out' policy*
Kathy Leigh Berkowitz

Second Place

Madison County Carrier
*The grades are in: Are Madison
schools mired in mediocrity?*
Rick Patrick

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Raising Awareness
Tom Staik



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Hurricane Feature Story

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Deciding Evacuations
Laura Tichy

Second Place

East County Observer
Twelve hours of terror
Liz Ramos

Third Place

Laker/Lutz News
*Hurricane Feature - Pitching in to
help victims of Hurricane Ian*
Mike Camunas

Division BC

First Place

Venice Gondolier
*Connecting ... so that people don't
feel alone*
Ed Scott

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Feeding the Hungry:
Staff

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
*Myrtle J 'family' pulls together
after Ian*
Bob Mudge



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Feature Story: Non-profile

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
The wages of a decent living
Roger Williams

Second Place

Cape Coral Daily Breeze
*He's a fighter: Heart transplant
brings hope*
CJ Haddad

Third Place

East County Observer
*A gift of life; he went above and
beyond*
Ian Swaby

Division B

First Place

Sumter Express
*Webster Flea Market, a shopper's
dream place*
Rose Davis

Second Place

Ocala Gazette
Ride of a lifetime
JoAnn Guidry

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Where is Sophie?
Marcy Shortuse

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
In the wake of Uvalde
Gail Acosta

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Extra Help
Hansen Hasenberg

Third Place

Gadsden County Times
No Child Sleeps On The Floor
Erin Hill



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Final List of Winners

Feature Story: Profile

Division A

First Place

Cape Coral Daily Breeze
6,000-Mile Journey
CJ Haddad

Second Place

Suncoast News
You may say he's a dreamer
Vincent Safuto

Third Place

The Coastal Star
Ukraine survivors
Tao Woolfe

Division B

First Place

Business Observer
Tin City
Louis Llovio

Second Place

Clay Today
Interview with Santa
Kylie Cordell

Third Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
*The Notorious F.I.T. behind Crunch
Fitness*
Drew Dixon

Division C

First Place

Riverbend News
Dalton, the conqueror
Lee Trawick

Second Place

Havana Herald
*Rev. Eva Love: Survivor and
Caregiver*
Ashley Hunter

Third Place

Riverbend News
100-year-old paratrooper
Grace McAlister



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In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division A

First Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
*Series of articles on proposed
Largo sports complex*
Chris George and Jeff Rosenfield

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Choking our Oceans
Laura Tichy

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Flush with Power
Roger Williams

Division B

First Place

Business Observer
Second chance employee story
Mark Gordon

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Constitutional Carry Series
Bob Mudge

Third Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
*This could be the future of
Brooklyn*
Karen Brune Mathis & Mike
Mendenhall

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Wastewater
Ken Garner

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate
Raising Awareness
Tom Staik



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Investigative Reporting (Claudia Ross Memorial Award)

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Revisiting the Baker Act
Mary Wozniak***WINNER, 2023**

Investigative Reporting (Claudia Ross Memorial Award)

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Missing
Laura Tichy

Third Place

Clermont News Leader
Horses urgently in need of rescue
Sharon Keeble

Division B

First Place

Baker County Press
Safety issues, deaths behind multiple NEFSH lawsuits
Joel Adington

Second Place

Ocala Gazette
Fort Drane
Rosemarie Dowell

Third Place

Business Observer
PPP loan fraud in Florida
Louis Llovio and staff

Division C

First Place

Madison County Carrier
Why are Greenville ballots bare?
Rick Patrick

Second Place

Riverbend News
IS YOUR INTERNET SERVICE BAD?
Part 1 and 2
Lee Trawick

Third Place

Riverbend News
Suspected White Springs serial killer arrested/Garry Dean Artman possibly linked
Lee Trawick



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Final List of Winners

Breaking News Story

Division A

First Place

East County Observer
It's curtains
Jay Heater

Second Place

Hometown News Ormond
Beach/Daytona Beach/Holly Hill
*Board recommending Publix raze
and replace*
Diane M. Carey

Division B

First Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
*JEA indictments: Secret
spreadsheets, a false 'death spiral'*
Mike Mendenhall

Second Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times
Shark Attack!
Angela Castelucci, Aaron
Portwood, Mark Viola

Third Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
*Paysafe selects Jacksonville for its
North American HQ*
Mike Mendenhall and Monty
Zickuhr

Division C

First Place

The Herald-Advocate
Triple Play Blaze
Tom Staik

Second Place

Islander News
*Christmas tree scam, then
'miracle'*
Hillard Grossman

Third Place

Nassau County Record
Goodbye, Gridiron
Kathie Sciallo



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Hurricane Breaking News Coverage

Division ABC

First Place

East County Observer
East County breaking news for Ian
Staff

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate
Deadly Waters -- Hurricane Ian
Staff

Third Place

Cape Coral Daily Breeze
Cleanup Begins
Staff



General News Story (Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award)

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Conceal carry

Mary Wozniak *WINNER, 2023

General News Story (Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award)

Second Place

Florida Weekly
What is affordable housing
Laura Tichy

Third Place

Clermont News Leader
I had an abortion --- I don't regret it
Sharon Keeble

Division B

First Place

Longboat Observer
Nine poles, nine questions
Eric Garwood

Second Place

Navarre Press
Cybercrime and fraud on the rise; reaches Navarre
Sandi Kemp

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
State of our dunes
Jarleene Almenas

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Division C

First Place

Jefferson County Journal
Where were you?
Emerald Greene Parsons

Second Place

Nassau County Record
Operation Keyboard
Amanda Ream

Third Place

Madison County Carrier
Madison's purpose: How a community came together to save another
Rick Patrick



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First Amendment Defense (Jon A. Roosenraad Award) |

OPEN

First Place

Ocala Gazette

Open government policy

Staff***WINNER, 2023 First Amendment Defense (Jon A. Roosenraad Award) |**

Second Place

Madison County Carrier

Greenville town manager attacks Greene Publishing, Inc.

Rick Patrick



Hurricane Coverage- General News Story

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
The Cone of uncertainty
Laura Tichy

Second Place

East County Observer
Eye on the hurricane
Staff

Third Place

Hometown News Port St Lucie/St.
Lucie West/Tradition
*Retirement community storm
victims struggle*
Donald Rodrigue

Division BC

First Place

Venice Gondolier
*Denied by FEMA? Read the fine
print*
Scott Lawson, Nancy Semon, and
Morgan Simpson

Second Place

Business Observer
*From the Bottom Up: Hurricane
Ian Recovery*
Louis Llovio

Third Place

Boca Beacon
We knew it would be bad, bu t...
OUCH
Marcy Shortuse



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Final List of Winners

Serious Column (Sally Latham Memorial Award)

Division A

First Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
Just do something already

Chris George ***WINNER, 2023**

Serious Column (Sally Latham Memorial Award)

Second Place

Osceola News-Gazette
5-year anniversary: Memories of one of Kissimmee's darkest days
Ken Jackson

Third Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
Roger (Angell) & me
Chris Core

Division B

First Place

Boca Beacon
'We have it in our power to begin the world all over again'
Marcy Shortuse

Second Place

Boca Beacon
A thank you to you, in a very big way
Marcy Shortuse

Third Place

Clay Today
Leave our children alone
Don Coble

Division C

First Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Wendy's Words
Wendy Rudman

Second Place

Nassau County Record
Small town always seems 'safe'
Amanda Ream

Third Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News
Everywhere The ever-increasing miracle of Jewish survival
Mel Pearlman



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Final List of Winners

Humorous Column

Division A

First Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
An ode to Florida's 'state bird'
Chris George

Second Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
*On the lookout for an uninvited
guest*
Tom Germond

Third Place

East County Observer
New ring to an exit strategy
Jay Heater

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier
Why I hope your garden is a secret
Bob Mudge

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
When I'm 64. Oh wait, I am 64
Bob Mudge

Third Place

Venice Gondolier
Working for a living, if they let us
Bob Mudge

Division C

First Place

Madison County Carrier
Hog Wild
Mickey Starling

Second Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Who's idea was that?
Rick Patrick

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Wendy's Words
Wendy Rudman



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Final List of Winners

**Original Local Editorial
Cartoon Award**

Division B

First Place

Baker County Press
Government transparency
Ed Hall

Second Place

Ocala Gazette
Asphalt snake
David Vallejo

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Aqua
Steve Borggren

Division C

First Place

Islander News
Peter Evans cartoons
Peter Evans

Second Place

Riverbend News
Grace and Oscar
Grace McAlister

Third Place

Riverbend News
Grace and Oscar
Grace McAlister



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Final List of Winners

Editorial Page

Division ABC

First Place

Cape Coral Daily Breeze
Cape Coral Breeze Editorial Page
Staff

Second Place

Navarre Press
August 11, August 18 Editorial Pages
Staff

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Welcome to Crestview
Gail Acosta



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Final List of Winners

Editorial Award

Division AB

First Place

Cape Coral Daily Breeze
Council, will you stifle yourself?
Staff

Second Place

Venice Gondolier
Time is wasting to preserve
Venice's history
Bob Mudge

Third Place

Ocala Gazette
City attorney conflicts of interest
Staff

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Widening
Staff

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Anonymous post brings out the
community's best
Gail Acosta

Third Place

Nassau County Record
Bulldogs on the Hunt
Amanda Ream



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Final List of Winners

Community Service

Division ABC

First Place

Florida Weekly
Florida Weekly Writer's Challenge
Cindy Pierce, Editor

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Adoption — The state of child welfare - now
Laura Tichy

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Supporting Agriculture
Staff



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Final List of Winners

General Excellence

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
General Excellence
Staff

Second Place

Hernando Sun
Hernando Sun
Staff

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
General Excellence
Staff

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier
General Excellence
Staff

Second Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
December November Editions
Staff

Third Place

West Volusia Beacon
West Volusia Beacon - August
editions
Staff

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
General excellence
Staff

Second Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
General Excellence - Tampa Bay
Newspapers
Staff

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
Osceola News-Gazette
Editorial Staff



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Final List of Winners

2022 Florida Weekly Newspaper Contest Sweepstakes Winners

Division C

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette

Division B

Venice Gondolier

Division A

Florida Weekly