Multimedia Storytelling

Division BC

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal: Brightline launch
Sean McCrory and Orlando Business Journal Staff

Second Place

Navarre Press
Firefighter's repel down condo for training
Kaitie Kiger

Third Place

Business Observer
Business Observer From the Corner Office Podcast
Mark Gordon and Read Corley

Online Slideshow

Open Division

First Place

Fort Myers Beach Observer
125 days after Ian
Nathan Mayberg

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer
West Orange, Southwest Orange bands perform at Florida Bandmasters Association 2023 District 8 MPA
Michael Eng

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer
Animals and humans mingle at Big Cat Habitat's Liger Luau
Ian Swaby

Online Breaking News Coverage

Division C

First Place

The Apalachicola Times
FCI inmate escape
David Adlerstein

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Sheriff provides results of Baker School 'swatting' investigation
Staff

Division B

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal: Disney Lake Nona
Richard Bilbao, Ryan Lynch and Steven Ryzewski

Second Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Online Breaking News
Monty Zickuhr, Karen Brune Mathis, Mike Mendenhall

Third Place

Oviedo Community News
Winter Springs city manager candidate withdrawals
Isaac Babcock, Abe Aboraya

Website Excellence

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
www.theheraldadvocate.com
Staff

Second Place

The Islander News
Key Biscayne Islander News website
Tom Clifford

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
CrestviewBulletin.com
Staff

Division B

First Place

The Longboat Observer
Longboat Observer website
Kaelyn Adix, James Peter, Petra Rivera, Carter Weinhofer

Second Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Website Excellence
Staff

Third Place

Navarre Press
NavarrePress.com
Staff

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
Sarasota Observer website
Kaelyn Adix, Ian Swaby, Andrew Warfield, Ryan Kohn, James Peter

Second Place

Belleair - Largo Bee
TBNweekly.com
Staff

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
AroundOsceola.com
Editorial Staff

Overall Graphic Design

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Santa Rosa Press Gazette Overall Graphic Design
Staff

Second Place

Nassau County Record
Record Design
Amanda Ream

Third Place

The Herald Advocate
Overall Graphic Design
Staff

Division B

First Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Overall Graphic Design
Monty Zickuhr

Second Place

Southwest Orange Observer
Overall Graphic Design: Southwest Orange Observer
Jessica Eng

Third Place

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

Division A

First Place

The East County Observer
Overall graphic design Aug. 10 and Aug. 17
Melissa Leduc

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
Sarasota Observer 6/1, 6/8, Week of April 10
Melissa Leduc

Third Place

The Coastal Star
March April and October 2023 editions
staff

Front Page Makeup

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
Front Page Design
Tom Staik

Second Place

The Wakulla Sun
Front page makeup: April 27; May 4; and week of Oct. 30
Staff

Third Place

Nassau County Record
December Front Pages
Amanda Ream

Division B

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Front Page Makeup: Southwest Orange Observer
Staff

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal Staff

Third Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Front Page Makeup
Monty Zickuhr

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Florida Weekly
Lindi Feazel

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
Sarasota Observer 6/8, 6/15, Week of 10/30
Melissa Leduc

Third Place

Belleair - Largo Bee
Bee front page design
Chris George

Page Design

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Milton pole vaulter soaring to new heights as hard work pays off
Dickie Williams

Second Place

The Herald Advocate
Gettysburg Page Design
Tom Staik

Third Place

Riverbend News
Take a stand during Red Ribbon Week
Laura Mongeon

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Jazz
Gabby Mendoza

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Urban Forest
Sunsearay McDaniel

Third Place

Ormond Beach Observer
Tallahassee bound
Hailey McMillan

Division A

First Place

The East County Observer
That's the ticket
Melissa Leduc

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
The Edwards Effect
Jenn Edwards

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer
Gulf Coast resilience
Melissa Leduc

Informational Graphic

Division C

First Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Crestview schools filling up, New K-8 school being planned for Crestview
Thomas Kulesa

Second Place

Madison County Carrier
Hurricane Preparedness
Dona Gilbert Day

Third Place

Jefferson County Journal
Firefighter Equipment
Carl Painter

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Safety in numbers
Thomas Kulesa

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Budget Breakdown: City of Ocoee
Jessica Eng

Third Place

The Baker County Press
Retired LEO arrested
Jessica Prevatt

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
Cranes over Sarasota
Melissa Leduc

Second Place

The East County Observer
Do elected offiicials earn a living wage?
Melissa Leduc

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Hurricane Ian By The Numbers
Lindi Feazel

Best Headline

Division C

First Place

The Havana Herald
Big wheels keep on burning
Ruben Dario Uribe, Erin Hill

Second Place

The Apalachicola Times
David's headlines
David Adlerstein

Third Place

Nassau County Record
Man of Steel, What the Hail?
Kathie Sciullo

Division B

First Place

Southwest Orange Observer
Best Headline: Southwest Orange Observer
Michael Eng

Second Place

Fernandina Beach News-Leader
Univited gusts
Holly Dorman

Third Place

Clermont News Leader
Raise a toast to these masters/Golden oldies in need of furever homes/Bright sparks see the light
Sharon Keeble, Editor

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
Glitch in the drainage system; Across Ringling, against hate; Beauty in the discard pile
James Peter

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Duck, Duck, Jeep
Carlie Admire

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Fatherhood is tough; hence the dad jokes
Joan Rusek

Sports Column

Division BC

First Place

Four Corners Sun
Congratulations Coach, thanks for the memories
Donna Fellows-Coffey

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Randy's Report - 2/2/23
Randy Dickson

TIE: Third Place

Business Observer
Piotr Nowak, Village School of Naples/Leadership coach
Mark Gordon

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Brian Out Loud - 12/21/23
Brian Lester

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
What I've learned
Ryan Kohn

Second Place

Clearwater - Dunedin Beacon
All is well; baseball is back
Bill Zaferos

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Wheels of Resilience: Ave Maria's Bike Club
Glenn Miller

Sports Page or Section

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Santa Rosa Press Gazette Sports Section
Staff

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Sports Section - 8/31/2023
Staff

Third Place

The Herald Advocate
Sports Section
Staff

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Sports section Aug. 24, 2023 and Aug. 31, 2023
Staff

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Venice Gondolier Sports Section
Evan Lepak

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Best Sports Section: West Orange Times & Observer
Andrea Mujica and Jessica Eng

Division A

First Place

The East County Observer
East County Observer sports Dec. 14, 21
Ryan Kohn

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer
Best of PCO Sports
Brent Woronoff and Hailey McMillan

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
News-Gazette Sports
J. Daniel Pearson & Ken Jackson

Sports Spot News Story

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
AED Used To Revive Player Whose Heart Stopped At Wildcat Football Practice
Tom Staik

Second Place

Nassau County Record
Twice the Gold for Singley
Amanda Ream

Third Place

Monticello News
Megan Schofill - US WOMANS AMATUER CHAMPION
Rick Patrick

Division B

First Place

The Baker County Press
Down Home draft pick
Kevin Upright

Second Place

Navarre Press
100 wins!
Brian Lester

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Horizon beats Windermere, wins Battle of the Groves
Sam Albuquerque

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
The wait is over
Ryan Kohn

Second Place

Belleair - Largo Bee
Tournament puts female athletes front and center
Jeff Rosenfield

Third Place

The East County Observer
The Concession aces World Champions Cup
Ryan Kohn

Sports Feature Story

Division C

First Place

The Islander News
Swimmer and mom
Hillard Grossman

Second Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
A Championship Season: the 1973 TCHS basketball team
Anthony L. White

Third Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Not your average Joe, Pace alum Cam Bennett finds success in MMA fighting
Brian Lester

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Making his play
Evan Lepak

Second Place

Navarre Press
Tiger strong
Brian Lester

Third Place

Mainstreet Daily News
Local hurdler shines on world stage
C.J. Gish

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Grandma watched Coco Gauff's rise to champion
Brian Biggane

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
Emotional debut
Ryan Kohn

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
Crossing the Canal for the 100th time; Osceola and St. Cloud renew Florida's 5th longest rivalry
Ken Jackson

Sports Photo

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Jay Royals fall to Northview at Blue Wahoos Stadium
Brian Lester

Second Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Bulldogs swat Hornets 18-13
Amy Sadler

Third Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Pace and Milton gear up for district meet
Brian Lester

Division AB

First Place

Ocala Gazette
Sports photo
Bruce Ackerman

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
US claims croquet championship in Venice
Justin Fennell

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
On a submission mission
Justin Fennell

Photography (Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award)

Division C

First Place

Nassau County Record
Life in Western Nassau
Amanda Ream

Second Place

Nassau County Record
Captured Emotions
Kathie Sciullo

Third Place

Riverland News
2023 Photo Portfolio: Life in a small town
Julie Mancini

Division AB

First Place

Ormond Beach Observer
Best of Michele Meyers
Michele Meyers

Second Place

Southwest Orange Observer
Portfolio Photography: Michael Eng
Michael Eng

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
The Work of Justin Fennell
Justin Fennell

Portfolio Photography (Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award)

WINNER

Nassau County Record
Life in Western Nassau
Amanda Ream

Photo Series in One Issue

Division C

First Place

Madison County Carrier
Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball
Rick Patrick

Second Place

The Herald Advocate
Photo Series - Red, Which & Boom
Lily Strickland

Third Place

Riverland News
Cannon Farms conlcudes fall festivities this weekend
Julie Mancini

Division B

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Surround Sound
Michael Eng

Second Place

Sumter Express
South Sumter's 10u Wolfpack football team; Pop Warner youth football action
Rose Davis

Third Place

The Baker County Press
Hot temps, big crowds
Jessica Prevatt

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Through the camera lens: Photographer Joe DiFlorio captures and shares Ave Maria's natural side
Laura Tichy & Joe DiFlorio

Second Place

The Coastal Star
birding destinations
Pete Cross, Susan Wasserman

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
Cracker Day 2023
Michele Meyers

Reader-Generated Photo

Division C

First Place

Boca Beacon
Mas Tec team of Tower Builders
Joe Steele, Mas Tec

Second Place

The Wakulla Sun
Wakulla Life: Bald eagles in a dead cypress tree
Neil Hostnick

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Africa Photo, Friends Expedition
Friends of Boca Grande, Marta Howell

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Very, very seasonal tourists
Lisa Harris

Second Place

Fernandina Beach News-Leader
Bird watchers paradise
Jim Pancero

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Bay Indies clubhouse burns down
Alan Poszywak

Feature Photo

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Tiny Acres, big heart, Horse rehabilitation a passion for Milton nonprofit
Hansen Hasenberg

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Sunset at Whidden's Marina, Boca Grande
Dusty Hopkins

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
The Force is strong with Crestview
Dusty Ricketts

Division B

First Place

Southwest Orange Observer
Merry & Bright
Michael Eng

Second Place

The West Volusia Beacon
Watermelon festival
Marsha McLaughlin

Third Place

The Longboat Observer
Dawn Patrol
Carter Weinhofer

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
The costs of freedom
Ian Swaby

Second Place

The Coastal Star
here comes the sun
Tim Stepien

Third Place

Belleair - Largo Bee
A dog meet dog world
Jeff Rosenfield

Spot News Photo

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
Fire Leaves Family Homeless
Tom Staik

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Crestview opens training tower, 'It won't look pretty like this ever again'
Dusty Ricketts

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Alligator Rescue and Dog
Dusty Hopkins

Division B

First Place

Ocala Gazette
Grieving Mother
Bruce Ackerman

Second Place

Fernandina Beach News-Leader
Chip Ross-City commission will a la carte professional firm search
Julia Roberts

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Saying goodbye to Venice's Nancy Detert
Justin Fennell

Division A

First Place

Palm Coast Observer
Chipping away at the problem
Brian McMillan

Second Place

The East County Observer
A glancing blow: Overflow parking
Jay Heater

Third Place

North Pinellas Beacon
Tarpon Spring Epiphany celebration
Jeff Rosenfield

Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division C

First Place

Boca Beacon
Boca Beacon Visitor's Guide 2024
Staff, Daniel Godwin, Garland Pollard

Second Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Back to School
Staff

Third Place

Madison County Carrier
Forever Grateful: Thank you linemen
Dona Gilbert Day

Division B

First Place

The Longboat Observer
Welcome back!
James Peter, Petra Rivera, Carter Weinhofer, Luke Reasoner

Second Place

The Independent Florida Alligator
MIND OVER STIGMA
THE ALLIGATOR EDITORIAL STAFF

Third Place

The Baker County Press
Baker Backroads Fall/Winter
Staff

Division A

First Place

Belleair - Largo Bee
Welcome Back
Staff

Second Place

The Coastal Star
Arts Season Preview
Staff

Third Place

Cape Coral Breeze
Hurricane Ian One Year Later: Rebuilding with Resolve
Staff

Community History

Division C

First Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Madison's storm of the century
Mickey Starling

Second Place

Riverbend News
Ruby Jordan Strickland Giles Gould: The south's first female mayor
Staff

Third Place

Jefferson County Journal
Freemasonry and the Solomon Lodge of Jefferson County
Denise Vickers-Leon

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Postcards of our past
Hansen Hasenberg

Second Place

Navarre Press
South to freedom
Hansen Hasenberg

Third Place

The West Volusia Beacon
When the future knocked on DeLand's door
Noah Hertz

Division A

First Place

Seminole - Beach Beacon
A toast to The Don turning 95
Chris Core

Second Place

The East County Observer
Last wave at the river
Jay Heater

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Unearthing Our Forgotten History: Ave Maria's Fort Doane
Erica Fish

Best Obituary

Division C

First Place

The Star
A Christmas letter for Lois Swoboda
David Adlerstein and Sue Cronkite

Second Place

The Islander News
Cuban baseball star
Hillard Grossman

Third Place

Nassau County Record
Hilliard Coach Leaves Legacy
Kathie Sciullo

Division B

First Place

Four Corners Sun
Saying goodbye...
Donna Fellows-Coffey

Second Place

The Longboat Observer
A role model for us all
Kat Wingert and Mark Gordon

Third Place

The Winter Haven Sun
He was too big for this world
Kathy Leigh Berkowitz

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Vinoo
Ron Hayes

Second Place

North Pinellas Beacon
A solemn salute
Jeff Rosenfield

Third Place

The Coastal Star
Doug Baumgarten
Sallie James

Outdoor & Recreation

Division C

First Place

Monticello News
Meet Sid the Sloth
Laura Young

Second Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Does the moon affect your fishing?
Rick Patrick

Third Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Grassy Gator Gamble
Aaron Portwood

Division B

First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Vote Water
Staff

Second Place

The Baker County Press
'Grand' hike from top to bottom
Joel Addington

Third Place

The Longboat Observer
Point of sail
James Peter

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Look Up
Rich Pollack, Pete Cross

Second Place

The East County Observer
Yoga with a twist
Liz Ramos

Third Place

Hernando Today
Out of the blue(berry)
Nick Stubbs

Agricultural & Environmental Reporting

Division C

First Place

Jefferson County Journal
Coming full circle with CB Family farms
Heather Ainsley

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Columns by Delores Savas
Delores Savas

Third Place

Monticello News
Feathered friends fascinate
Laura Young

Division B

First Place

The Independent Florida Alligator
CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUE
THE ALLIGATOR EDITORIAL STAFF

Second Place

The Longboat Observer
Sea turtles
Carter Weinhofer

Third Place

The Longboat Observer
Water quality and health
Carter Weinhofer

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Shades of Blue Turning Green
Roger Williams

Second Place

Florida Weekly
A tree may grow in Brooklyn, but a forest grows in Venice
Patricia Horwell

Third Place

Seminole - Beach Beacon
Taking out the trash one piece at a time
Logan Mosby George

State & Local Tax Reporting (The TaxWatch Award) |

Open

First Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
State and local tax reporting
Mike Mendenhall

Second Place

The Longboat Observer
Spend, spend, spend; Part II of spend, spend ...
Matt Walsh

Third Place

Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal: Orange County TDT series
Richard Bilbao

Business Reporting

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
Mining Expanding
Michael Kelly

Second Place

Polk News Sun
Unstoppable chef battles cancer, opens Tua Pasta in Bartow
Paul Catala

Third Place

Monticello News
Denham House
Laura Young

Division B

First Place

Jacksonville Business Journal
TELLING THE WHOLE STORY OF ST. AUGUSTINE
Stuart Korfhage

Second Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Business Reporting
Mark Basch, Karen Brune Mathis, Max Marbut

Third Place

Southwest Orange Observer
Sweet sorrow
Amy Quesinberry

Division A

First Place

Palm Harbor- Oldsmar Beacon
Getting in the Game
John C. Cotey

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
The Lights Get Brigher in the Limelight District
Monica Roman Gagnier

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Walls come down at Shangri-La Springs
Andrea Stetson

Local Government Reporting

Division C

First Place

Monticello News
Clerk of Court Investigation - Arrest
Lazaro Aleman

Second Place

The Herald Advocate
Mining Expanding
Michael Kelly

Third Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Hampton-Brynes
Aaron Portwood

Division B

First Place

Business Observer
Battles between neighborhoods, developers grow bigger — and louder.
Louis LLovio

Second Place

Mainstreet Daily News
Gainesville considers inclusionary zoning
Seth Johnson

Third Place

The Longboat Observer
Murky Waters; Mangrove trimming under dispute
Staff

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Legislative Muzzle
Roger Williams

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
Affordable housing in Sarasota
Andrew Warfield

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Homeowners at Risk
Mary Wozniak

Roads & Transportation

Division C

First Place

Polk News Sun
Roads & Traffic Survey Series
Donna Fellows-Coffey, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz

Second Place

Nassau County Record
CES Carline Clash
Kathie Sciullo and Amanda Ream

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Roundabouts
Tony Judnich

Division B

First Place

Ocala Gazette
The price of Buc-ee's
Caroline Brauchler

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal: Brightline launch
Sean McCrory and Orlando Business Journal Staff

Third Place

The Winter Haven Sun
A new road is born: Hello, Central Polk Parkway/SR 570B
Kathy Leigh Berkowitz

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
Turns for the better?, Roundabout City, Opening of Gulfstream Roundabout
Andrew Warfield

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Taking Youngsters Off The Road
Nanci Theoret

Third Place

Belleair - Largo Bee
PSTA bill gets the green light
Jerry Stockfisch

Faith & Family Reporting

Division C

First Place

Boca Beacon
On a return from Israel, recalling a fragile peace lost to war
Garland Pollard

Second Place

The Herald Advocate
Leader Goes From Turning Off The Lights To Empowering Others With Skills To Keep The Power On
Breanna Godwin

Third Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Under His Wings Ministry seeks to provide refuge for wounded women
Aaron Portwood

Division B

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Last of a generation
Amy Quesinberry

Second Place

Mainstreet Daily News
United We Father looks for community
Glory Reitz

Third Place

Mainstreet Daily News
Leadership academy aims for generational impact
Seth Johnson

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
The Long Season of Gratitude
Roger Williams

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Show 'Em A Little Love
Roger Williams

Third Place

Suncoast News Pasco
Man shares father's Holocaust survival story
Pat Morris

Arts, Entertainment & Review Reporting

Division C

First Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Casting history in bronze
Angela M. Castelucci

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Artist Rae Medgyesy of Boca Grande
Sheila Evans

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Trumpeter Jazzes Up Lemon Bay Jazz Program
Garland Pollard

Division B

First Place

Jacksonville Business Journal
HOW THE ST. AUGUSTINE AMP IS BUILDING ON SUCCESS
Stuart Korfhage

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer
The little things
Annabelle Sikes

Third Place

Business Observer
Naples Theatres
Mark Gordon

Division A

First Place

Seminole - Beach Beacon
Oppenheimer film review
Lee Clark Zumpe

Second Place

Seminole - Beach Beacon
Super Mario Bros. film review
Lee Clark Zumpe

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer
Honor thy father
Marty Fugate

Health, Medical & Science Reporting

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Reporting on Bullying and Suicide
Ken Garner, Brian Lester

Second Place

Nassau County Record
Virus Vacates Senses
Kathie Sciullo

Third Place

The Herald Advocate
Dengue Fever Outbreak
Tom Staik

Division B

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal: Mental Health
Steven Ryzewski

Second Place

Business Observer
Recreational marijuamna amendment
Brian Hartz

Third Place

Clermont News Leader
What I've learned about grief
Sharon Keeble, Editor

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Medicaid & Mortality
Laura Tichy

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Hunting the Hunter
Roger Williams

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Breast Cancer Care For All
Mary Wozniak

Education Feature

Division C

First Place

Nassau County Record
Jewel Sparkles
Kathie Sciullo

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Crestview High automotive program certifies students in the trade
Randy Dickson

Third Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Chef Braxton, Rhodes Elementary student cooking competitively
Hansen Hasenberg

Division B

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal: Most-educated communities in Orlando
Logan Dragone

Second Place

Navarre Press
Fun for everyone
Brian Lester

Third Place

Southwest Orange Observer
DP security guard retires after 35 years
Amy Quesinberry

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Future in Aviation
Andrea Stetson

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Pilots Wanted
Andrea Stetson

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
Learn robotics at Valencia College; the state's paying for it
Ken Jackson

Education News

Division C

First Place

The Islander News
Mini-journalists discuss community issues
Justo Rey

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
For some students, school is the only place to get fed
Tony Judnich

Third Place

The Wakulla Sun
No to foreign teachers
William Snowden

Division B

First Place

Ocala Gazette
School impact fees
Caroline Brauchler, Jennifer Hunt Murty

Second Place

Four Corners Sun
Joe or Joseph? Robert or Roberta?
Lisa Fellows-Coffey

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
A parent's guide to Florida's voucher program
Michael Eng

Division A

First Place

Palm Coast Observer
Flagler School board notes not to renew
Brent Woronoff

Second Place

Hernando Today
Teacher's showing of Disney film raises ire
Vincent F. Safuto

Third Place

The East County Observer
Is the DOE Smarter than a fifth grader?
liz Ramos

Hurricane Feature Story

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
Surviving The Storm: After Flood Waters Recede, Family Trudges Months To Rebuild
Breanna Godwin

Second Place

Madison County Carrier
A Nation Responds
Rick Patrick

Third Place

Jefferson County Journal
Robinson family cooks up a sstorm
Laura Young

Division B

First Place

The Longboat Observer
Line in the sand, Survey of the sands
Carter Weinhofer

Second Place

Fort Myers Beach Observer
Roof protest after hurricane
Nathan Mayberg

Third Place

Fort Myers Beach Observer
"Ian Aid"
Nathan Mayberg

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
On The Menu - Recovery
Mary Wozniak

Second Place

Cape Coral Breeze
'We're All Still Here' Cape singer-songwriter pens song of resilience
CJ Haddad

Third Place

Cape Coral Breeze
Ian aftermath: Family loses everything
CJ Haddad

Feature Story: Non-profile

Division C

First Place

Nassau County Record
Exit Florida Series
Kathie Sciullo

Second Place

The Herald Advocate
Reunited After 30 Years
Tom Staik

Third Place

The Islander News
Social Saturdays
Susan Dellert

Division B

First Place

Triangle News Leader
"Dear Santa" – The power of a letter
Sheila S. Hula

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Painted rock honors young Iowa woman
None

Third Place

Navarre Press
Tiny Acres, big heart
Hansen Hasenberg

Division A

First Place

The East County Observer
These chickens aren't clucks. It's No yoke
Lesley Dwyer

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Think AI Is Coming?
Laura Tichy

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Summer Sipping
Kevin Assam

Feature Story: Profile

Division C

First Place

The Islander News
"Avatar" photographer
Staff

Second Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News
What goes around eventually comes around
Marilyn Shapiro

Third Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Patterson: Much more than a school bus driver
Angela M. Castelucci

Division B

First Place

Business Observer
Kyle DeCicco profile
Mark Gordon

Second Place

Four Corners Sun
Veteran Thompson followed his soul to defend the United States
Lisa Fellows-Coffey

Third Place

Navarre Press
Role model
Brian Lester

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Suited for the Job
Ron Hayes

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Searching for Home
Nancy Stetson

Third Place

The Coastal Star
'But never on A1A'- Cyclist works to ride again despite shattering collision with pickup
Joe Capozzi

In-Depth Reporting

(Non-Investigative)

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
SFSC Presidential Search--Interference From Tallahassee Parts 1-7
Tom Staik

Second Place

Jefferson County Journal
Not an ending
Heather Ainsley

Third Place

The Wakulla Sun
Questions about deputy
William Snowden

Division B

First Place

Business Observer
How AI and ChatGPT impacts businesses and nonprofits
Staff

Second Place

Jacksonville Business Journal
MATURING LOANS POSE THREAT TO COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE
James Cannon

Third Place

Navarre Press
Bullying is not acceptable
Ken Garner, Brian Lester, Gail Acosta

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
Sarasota's development and downtown transformation
Andrew Warfield

Second Place

Florida Weekly
A change in voting
Mary Wozniak

Third Place

The Coastal Star
New Financial disclosure rule has major impact on town commissions
Charles Elmore, Larry Barszewski, Steve Plunkett

Investigative Reporting (Claudia Ross Memorial Award)

Open Division

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
A question of valor
James Peter

Second Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Pace Loans: Are they too good to be true?
Mickey Starling

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
What happened to Leah Calabrese?
Annabelle Sikes

Investigative Reporting (Claudia Ross Memorial Award)

Open Division

WINNER

The Sarasota Observer
A question of valor
James Peter

Breaking News Story

Division C

First Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
GP MILL CLOSING
Aaron Portwood, Angela M. Castelucci, Mark Viola

Second Place

The Islander News
Teens, e-scooters and flashing yellow lights
Hillard Grossman

Third Place

The Wakulla Sun
$307 MILLION ERROR and Commissioners to freeze new hires
William Snowden

Division B

First Place

Ocala Gazette
Paddock Mall shooting in Ocala
Staff

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal: Breaking News Story
Richard Bilbao, Steven Ryzewski and Ryan Lynch

Third Place

The Baker County Press
Tragedy in Taylor
Joel Addington

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Execution wont heal pain
Rich Pollack, Jane Musgrave

Second Place

Palm Harbor- Oldsmar Beacon
Federal child porn arrest rattles community
Jeff Rosenfield

Third Place

Hernando Today
Fox Chapel response triggers calls for firings
Vincent F. Safuto

Hurricane Breaking News Coverage

Open Division

First Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Idalia wrecks Taylor
Staff

Second Place

The Longboat Observer
Hurricane Idalia impacts Longboat Key
Kaelyn Adix, Carter Weinhofer, Petra Rivera, James Peter

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Post-hurricane coverage of Cortez fishing village 09/06/23 issue
Leslie Lake

General News Story (Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award)

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
Insurance Agent Arrested In Fraud, Grand Theft Case
Tom Staik

Second Place

The Herald Advocate
Deputy Fired, Charged After Animal Abuse Surfaces
Tom Staik

Third Place

Monticello News
Wreaths Across America
Heather Ainsley

Division B

First Place

Ocala Gazette
Justice for AJ Owens
Julie Garisto, Bruce Ackerman

Second Place

The West Volusia Beacon
"I don't think just because you do drugs, you deserve to die"
Eli Witek

Third Place

Port Orange Hometown News
A united front against 'the ugly face of racism'
John Bozzo

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Shelters In Crisis
Roger Williams

Second Place

Suncoast News Pasco
LIFT officers helping those in need
Pat Morris

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
Sheriff Lopez, deputies face federal lawsuit from 2022 Target incident
Ken Jackson

General News Story (Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award)

Division A

WINNER

Florida Weekly
Shelters In Crisis
Roger William

First Amendment Defense (Jon A. Roosenraad Award) |

Open Division

First Place

Ocala Gazette
Transparency and cooperation from government
Ocala Gazette Editorial Board

Second Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
First Amendment Defense
Angie Campbell

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Here's why I ran 'Fight Like a Flynn' story
Ronald Dupont Jr.

Hurricane Coverage- General News Story

Division C

First Place

Boca Beacon
Will the Shrimp Boat Ever Be In Again?
Marcy Shortuse

Second Place

Polk News Sun
Polk escapes Idalia's eye
Kathy Leigh Berkowitz/Lisa Fellows-Coffey/Donna Fellows-Coffey

Third Place

Monticello News
Idalia Makes History
Lazaro Aleman

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Idalia brushes Venice
Bob Mudge

Second Place

Business Observer
Six Months after Hurricane Ian
Louis LLovio

Third Place

New Smyrna Beach - Edgewater Hometown News
Beach access limitations could last well into 2023
Dean Vanderbleek

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Looking Ahead At The 2023 Season
Mary Wozniak

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Avoid getting scammed when rebuilding, choose contractor wisely
Laura Tichy

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer
Glitch in the drainage system
Andrew Warfield

Serious Column (Sally Latham Memorial Award)

Division C

First Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News
Don't let anyone distort the truth
Christine DeSouza

Second Place

Monticello News
Ponderings-Realities, relitives and reactions
Heather Ainsley

Third Place

Riverbend News
The embarrassing state of high school sports
Staff

Division B

First Place

Four Corners Sun
A rule by any other name is targeted hate
Donna Fellows-Coffey, Lisa Fellows-Coffey

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
If We Don't Do it Who Will?
Staff

Third Place

Four Corners Sun
How did we get here? We must do better
Donna Fellows-Coffey

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
What never again means to me (two months after Israel attacks)
Mark Gordon

Second Place

Osceola News-Gazette
Thoughts on CHS employee child abuse sentencing
Ken Jackson

Third Place

Cape Coral Breeze
Message from the Publisher
Ray Eckenrode

Serious Column (Sally Latham Memorial Award)

Division A

WINNER

The Sarasota Observer
What never again means to me (two months after Israel attacks)
Mark Gordon

Humorous Column

Division C

First Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Just Sayin
Rick Patrick

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Think this Florida heat has made window a/c units obsolete?
Garland Pollard

Third Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Hello, My Name Is _____
Susan Lincoln

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
65 and counting, while I still can
Bob Mudge

Second Place

The West Volusia Beacon
You can't turn here, and here's the reason
Barb Shepherd

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
BUCKET LIST: Visit Questenberg Castle
Amy Quesinberry

Division A

First Place

Palm Coast Observer
Holy earlobes! That had to hurt
Brian McMillan

Second Place

Belleair - Largo Bee
A penny for my thoughts
Chris Core

Third Place

Belleair - Largo Bee
Worry about the hurricane?
John C. Cotey

Original Local Editorial Cartoon Award

Division C

First Place

Boca Beacon
Tim Banfell cartoon on death of Jimmy Buffett
Tim Banfell

Division C

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Dave Horton's Hortoon Mermaid Cartoon
Dave Horton

Third Place

The Islander News
Best of Peter Evans Cartoons
Peter Evans

Division AB

First Place

The Baker County Press
Groundhog Day
Ed Hall

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
Welcome back: Fugate's Believe It or Not
Marty Fugate

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Our Shared Nightmare
Steven Casey

Editorial Page

Division C

First Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
In Our Opinion
Staff

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Boca Beacon Editorial Pages on one legged ibis, Margaritas
Garland Pollard, editor; Daniel Godwin, design

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Venice Gondolier
Ronald Dupont Jr.

Second Place

Navarre Press
Navarre Press Editorial Pages
staff

Division A

First Place

Cape Coral Breeze
Cape Coral Breeze, Editorial page, two consecutive issues: Dec. 8, 2023 & Dec. 15, 2023
Staff

Second Place

Belleair - Largo Bee
TBN Editorial Page
Staff

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
News-Gazette Viewpoint
Editorial Board

Editorial Award

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
Our Opinion: Populat Puzzle Game Removed Over State Prison Bureaucracy
Michael Kelly

Second Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
We are bruised, not broken
Staff

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
No one reads newspapers anymore
Gail Acosta

Division AB

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Development is making housing crisis worse
Bob Mudge

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Hospital critics have their own agenda
Bob Mudge

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Smoke, mirrors and AMI's 'parking problem'
Cindy Lane

Community Service

Division BC

First Place

Ocala Gazette
Fire fee refunds
Jennifer Hunt Murty

Second Place

Boca Beacon
The AUXCOMM Campaign, Boca Grande
Staff, AUXCOMM Committee, Chief C.W. Blosser

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Venice Theatre Rebuilding
Kim Cool

General Excellence

Division C

First Place

The Islander News
Islander News General Excellence
Tom Clifford

Second Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette
Santa Rosa Press Gazette - General Excellence
Staff

Third Place

The Herald Advocate
General Excellence
Staff

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Venice Gondolier
Ronald Dupont Jr.

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal Staff

Third Place

The Longboat Observer
Longboat Observer, 10/30, 12/14.12/21
Carter Weinhofer, Petra Rivera, James Peter, Luke Reasoner, Melissa Leduc

Division A

First Place

Ormond Beach Hometown News
Ormond Beach Hometown News
Staff

Second Place

The Coastal Star
March April and October 2023 editions
Staff

Third Place

Belleair - Largo Bee
General Excellence Belleair-Largo Bee
Staff