Multimedia Storytelling

Division C

First Place

Madison County Carrier
A hero laid to rest in Madison County
Rick Patrick, Tiffany Ottey

Second Place

The Herald Advocate
114-Year-Old Home Burns Friday
Tom Staik

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Boca Beacon Storm Center web pages
Staff

Multimedia Storytelling

Division B

First Place

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

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Class 7A State Champions
Evan Lepak, Pat Obley

Third Place

Ocala Gazette
911 deconsolidation podcast
Jennifer Hunt Murty

Online Slideshow

Division BC

First Place

The Herald Advocate
Wauchula Welcomes WinterFEST
Lily Strickland

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Battles of Venice's MMA cage fighting
Justin Fennell

Third Place

Southwest Orange Observer
West Orange, Southwest Orange bands perform at Florida Bandmasters Association 2024 District 8 MPA
Michael Eng

Online Breaking News Coverage

Division C

First Place

The Islander News
Key Biscayne experiences a Sunday traffic horror that will live in infamy
Hillard Grossman

Online Breaking News Coverage

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Beached sperm whale captivates Venice for days
Jess Orlando, Chloe Nelson, Ronald Dupont Jr.

Second Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Nearly completed Rise Doro apartments Downtown 'looks like a total loss'
Monty Zickuhr

Online Breaking News Coverage

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Bike accident on A1A
Anne Geggis

Website Excellence

Division C

First Place

The Islander News
Islander News Website
Staff

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Crestview News Bulletin
Staff

Third Place

The Herald Advocate
www.theheraldadvocate.com
STAFF

Website Excellence

Division B

First Place

The Longboat Observer
Longboat Key website
Staff

Second Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Website Excellence
Staff

Third Place

Business Observer
Business Observer website
Staff

Website Excellence

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
Website excellence
Staff

Second Place

Osceola News-Gazette
AroundOsceola.com
Editorial Staff

Third Place

Belleair - Largo Bee
Website Excellence
Staff

Overall Graphic Design

Division C

First Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Overall Graphic Design
Staff

Second Place

The Herald Advocate
Overall Graphic Design
Staff

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Overall Graphic Design,
Staff, Daniel Godwin, Art Director

Overall Graphic Design

Division B

First Place

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

Second Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Overall Graphic Design
Monty Zickuhr

Third Place

Navarre Press
Overall graphic design
Staff

Overall Graphic Design

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Water Wars & Helping to Save the Hives
Florida Weekly Production Staff

Second Place

The East County Observer
Overall graphic design
Melissa Leduc

Third Place

Florida Weekly
2024 Pet Lovers Issue & Art as an Economic Engine
Florida Weekly Production Staff

Front Page Makeup

Division C

First Place

Riverbend News
Helene tears through Tri-County Area
Staff

Second Place

Riverbend News
2024 Election
Staff

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Front pages Boca Beacon
Staff, Daniel Godwin, Garland Pollard

Front Page Makeup

Division B

First Place

Southwest Orange Observer
Front Page Makeup: Southwest Orange Observer
Jessica Eng

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal front pages
Staff

Third Place

Business Observer
Business Observer A1 Cover pages
Jess Eng, Mark Gordon

Front Page Makeup

Division A

First Place

The East County Observer
Shhhh!; Tie one on; Think tank
Melissa Leduc

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Florida in the Lead; 2024 Pet Lovers Issue
Alisa Bowman & Lindi Feazel

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer
Front page design
Melissa Leduc

Page Design

Division C

First Place

Riverbend News
Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s role in the Civil Rights Movement
Staff

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Happy National Doctor's Day
Thomas Kulesa

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
All-Star
Dickie Williams

Page Design

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Gulf Breeze Zoo celebrates
Dickie Williams

Second Place

Southwest Orange Observer
Celebrating the Class of 2024's pop culture
Jessica Eng

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Get purple perspective at Marie Selby
Kalleen Cranford

Page Design

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
Ready for takeoff
Melissa Leduc

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
Big projects need big money
Melissa Leduc

Third Place

Land O'Lakes Beacon
Collection of pages
Chris George

Informational Graphic

Division C

First Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Crestview City Council Precincts
Dan Bontrager

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
2024 General Election Results
Dan Bontrager

Third Place

Riverbend News
Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s role in the Civil Rights Movement
Staff

Informational Graphic

Division B

First Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Jacksonville's City Government
Monty Zickuhr

Second Place

Navarre Press
The Blues
Dickie Williams

Third Place

Business Observer
Big Book of Business Florida Council of 100
Nicole Thompson, Mark Gordon

Informational Graphic

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Play Ball! Minnesota Twins
Scott Sleeper

Second Place

The East County Observer
Gratitude is the gravy
melissa Leduc

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer
Repeat fun in the 941
Melissa Leduc

Best Headline

Division C

First Place

Madison County Carrier
Here we blow again: Debbie visits Madison
Rick Patrick

Second Place

Nassau County Record
Money Roll, Diamond Lacks Luster
Amanda Bishop

Third Place

The Herald Advocate
Horror House, No Butts About It, Wilting Investment
Tom Staik

Best Headline

Division B

First Place

Lake City Reporter
Lake City Reporter, Sept. 12 (You think it's a joke), Oct. 5, Oct. 24 (Oh deer!)
Staff

Second Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Best Headlines
Staff

Third Place

Wesley Chapel Beacon
Collection of headlines
Chris George

Best Headline

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Holy moldy, Flight club, She Sells Shell Factory
Carlie Admire

Second Place

Belleair - Largo Bee
Collection of headlines
Chris George

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Sax appeal, Hold My Beer, "F" is for fun in Fort Myers
Julia Flower

Sports Column

Division C

First Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Randy's Report
Randy Dickson

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Randy's Report
Randy Dickson

Third Place

Nassau County Record
Winning on and off scoreboard
Amanda Bishop

Sports Column

Division B

First Place

Lake City Reporter
Lake City Reporter, May 29, 2024 - Resiliency needed now more than ever
Morgan McMullen

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer
UCF football bringing Scott Frost back as coach shows how far program has fallen
Sam Albuquerque

Third Place

Clay Today
Daytona gloves come off as racing moves to 'real' season after 500
Don Coble

Sports Column

Division A

First Place

Osceola News-Gazette
No sign needed to see how and why Osceola won fight at Armwood
Ken Jackson

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
Ace in the hole
Dylan Campbell

Third Place

Clearwater - Dunedin Beacon
Four-legged fans enjoy Beach Dogs night
Bill Zaferos

Sports Page or Section

Division C

First Place

The Hernando Sun
Hernando Sun Sports Section March 1 and 8, 2024
Austyn Szempruch, Joe DiCristofalo, Cynthia Leota

Second Place

Jefferson County Journal
Friday Night Lights
Staff

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Two weeks of sports sections in a row
Staff

Sports Page or Section

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Sports Page or Section
Staff

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Best Sports Section: West Orange Times & Observer
Sam Albuquerque

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Venice Gondolier Sports Section
Evan Lepak

Sports Page or Section

Division A

First Place

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

Second Place

Florida Weekly
PLAY BALL: As the first pitch nears, Southwest Florida welcomes fans and fun
Glenn Miller

Sports Spot News Story

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
LA Dodgers Take Wildcat
Michael Kelly

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Feeling 22!
Brian Lester

Third Place

Nassau County Record
Flashes still No. 1 in fans' hearts
Amanda Bishop

Sports Spot News Story

Division B

First Place

Lake City Reporter
Lake City Reporter, June 5, 2024 - FHSAA APPROVES NIL
Jordan Kroeger

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Overtime
Evan Lepak

Third Place

Lake City Reporter
Lake City Reporter, June 6, 2024 - TELL US HOW YOU FEEL
Jordan Kroeger and Jamie Wachter

Sports Spot News Story

Division A

First Place

Cape Coral Breeze
Bad news and good news for Red Sox
CJ Haddad

Second Place

Belleair - Largo Bee
Caitlin Clark mania was in full swing in Belleair
Jeff Rosenfield

Third Place

Cape Coral Breeze
Cape Cyclones U-17 soccer team looks to continue successful season
CJ Haddad

Sports Feature Story

Division C

First Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News
Thank you, Eppy, for today's women swimmers
Marilyn Shapiro

Second Place

The Star
A community grieves
David Adlerstein

Third Place

The Star
Coaching giant Ellis still rock and rolling
David Adlerstein

Sports Feature Story

Division B

First Place

Business Observer
Launching a soccer team: The Tampa Bay Sun
Louis LLovio

Second Place

Navarre Press
Paid to play
Brian Lester

Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator
The burden of professional aspirations.
Noah White

Sports Feature Story

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
The Second Tier
Roger Williams

Second Place

Carrollwood Beacon
Digging deep to save her life
Mike Camunas

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
McClung's road to NBA's doorstep long and winding
Robert Pincus

Sports Photo

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
Spin Dry
Ryan Abbott

Second Place

Madison County Carrier
Slam Dunk!
Lucy Golub

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Slippery When Wet
Sandi Kemp

Sports Photo

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Team efforts
Brian Lester

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Class 7A State Champions
Pat Obley

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Home Sweet Home
Justin Fennell

Sports Photo

Division A

First Place

Land O'Lakes Beacon
Soaking it in
Mike Camunas

Second Place

Osceola News-Gazette
Boys basketball photo of the year
Taylor McFee

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
Mac McClung feature photo
Taylor McFee

Portfolio Photography (Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award)

Division C

First Place

The Hernando Sun
Joe DiCristofalo Portfolio
Joe DiCristofalo

Second Place

Riverland News
Julie Mancini Photo Portfolio: Life in a Small Town
Julie Mancini

Third Place

The Herald Advocate
Portfolio Photography
Lily Strickland

Portfolio Photography (Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award)

Division B

First Place

Ocala Gazette
Portfolio of Bruce Ackerman
Bruce Ackerman

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Justin Fennell Photography
Justin Fennell

Third Place

Navarre Press
Hansen Hasenberg Portfolio
Hansen Hasenberg

Portfolio Photography (Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award)

Division A

First Place

Land O'Lakes Beacon
Collection of work
Mike Camunas

Second Place

Carrollwood Beacon
Collection of work
Mike Camunas

Third Place

The East County Observer
Blown away; Fans Just Chillin; High on the pecking order; The right spin on it; Here comes Santa
Jay Heater

Photo Series in One Issue

Division C

First Place

Riverland News
Boomtown festival and pageant
Julie Mancini

Second Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Hurricane Helene destruction photos
Aaron Portwood

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Worlds Richest Tarpon Tournament 2024
Daniel Godwin

Photo Series in One Issue

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Blues Views
Daniel Evans

Second Place

Triangle Sun
Dogs and suds
Sylvia Ducote

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Music in Motion
Michael Eng

Photo Series in One Issue

Division A

First Place

Osceola News-Gazette
Red, White, Blue and You
Taylor McFee

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
Fun floats/ bubbles and botanic beauty
Ian Swaby

Reader-Generated Photo

Division C

First Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Jake Murphy stretches to make play at first base
Lindsey Lawson

Second Place

Monticello News
Future Leaders
Erin Greene

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Lightning on the Beach
Sandi Firtion

Reader-Generated Photo

Division B

First Place

Triangle Sun
Last week's Photo of the Week wins award
Nilda Galarza

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Northern Lights show up in Venice
Evan Occhino

Third Place

Navarre Press
Sloth
Michelle Rushing

Reader-Generated Photo

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Tallulah kissing Cape Coral Animal Shelter volunteer, Tom Ellegood
Noelia Iglesias

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Blossom at Blossom & Brie
Josephine Gerace-Carter

Third Place

The East County Observer
Sealed with a kiss
reader generated

Feature Photo

Division C

First Place

Riverbend News
Disc-Connected K9s
Danny Federico

Second Place

The Herald Advocate
Science Bubble
Lily Strickland

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Sheriff falconer Mike Sawicki
Matthew Gutman

Feature Photo

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Dedicated to those who served
Chloe Nelson

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Keeping Watch
Bob Mudge

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Once-in-a-lifetime event
Joseph John Orchulli II

Feature Photo

Division A

First Place

North Pinellas Beacon
A Real Treat
Jeff Rosenfield

Second Place

Carrollwood Beacon
An eye on insects
Mike Camunas

Spot News Photo

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
Flames of Despair
Tom Staik

Second Place

Riverbend News
Disaster relief efforts in Suwannee, Hamilton and Lafayette Counties
Lucy Golub

Third Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Thank you linemen
Jessica Moore

Spot News Photo

Division B

First Place

Ocala Gazette
The sentencing of Susan Lorincz
Bruce Ackerman

Second Place

Lake City Reporter
Lake City Reporter, Aug. 8, 2024 - DeSantis views damage
Jamie Wachter

Third Place

The Longboat Observer
Firehouse field trip
Carter Weinhofer

Spot News Photo

Division A

First Place

North Pinellas Beacon
Tarpon Springs Epiphany Cross Dive
Jeff Rosenfield

Second Place

The East County Observer
Voters support school tax referendum
Lesley Dwyer

Third Place

Land O'Lakes Beacon
Rising to the task
Mike Camunas

Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division C

First Place

Monticello News
Back to School
Staff

Second Place

Monticello News
Political Section 2024
Staff

Third Place

Lake Okeechobee News
2024 Community Guide Okeechobee
Staff

Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Visitor Guide
Staff

Second Place

Clay Today
Green Cove Springs turns 150 years old
Staff

Third Place

Triangle Sun
2024 Lake County Fair
Staff

Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Breast cancer special issue (numerous headlines)
Carlie Admire, Roger Williams and Mary Wozniak

Second Place

The Miami Times
2024 Black History Month Special Section
Staff & Journalism Students from FIU Lee Caplin School of Journalism

Third Place

Cape Coral Breeze
Hurricane Ian - Then & Now
Staff

Community History

Division C

First Place

Jefferson County Journal
In celebration of things
Hailey Heseltine

Second Place

Jefferson County Journal
Mamie B. Scott
Hailey Heseltine

Third Place

The Apalachicola Times
War comes to our shores
David Adlerstein

Community History

Division B

First Place

Southwest Orange Observer
The story of Gotha
Amy Quesinberry Price

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Restoring the history of Hawaii one page at a time
Chloe Nelson

TIE: Third Place

Lake City Reporter
Lake City Reporter, Dec. 19, 2024 - Who set fire to the courthouse in 1874?
Jamie Wachter

TIE: Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Venice today would 'entrall,' 'shock' John Nolen
Bob Mudge

Community History

Division A

First Place

Suncoast News Pasco
Dade City couple recall voting rights march, rally
Pat Morris

Second Place

The Miami Times
Remembering Miami's Black founding fathers
Samantha Morell

Third Place

Florida Weekly
'The Everglades are our lifeblood'
Roger Williams

Best Obituary

Division C

First Place

Nassau County Record
Porch swing perch vacant
Amanda Bishop

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Remembering Rob Wells of Cabbage Key
Garland Pollard

Third Place

Nassau County Record
Family tree rooted in municipal service
Kathie Sciullo

Best Obituary

Division B

First Place

The Longboat Observer
Inspiring others, one story at a time
Kat Wingert, Petra Rivera

Second Place

Southwest Orange Observer
KareBear: 1966-2024
Sam Albuquerque

Third Place

Business Observer
Obituary: Gerald Divers
Mark Gordon

Best Obituary

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
A Life Remembered: The way it was with Key West's own Owen Killian
Roger Williams

Second Place

Seminole - Beach Beacon
Mary Urquhart, co-founder of Horses for Handicapped, dies
Kelah Lehart

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
2016 Homecoming queen killed in crash 'embodied everything about Osceola'
Ken Jackson

Outdoor & Recreation

Division C

First Place

The Destin Log
Destin's Wynsong reels in big (567 pounds) blue for $289,320 in prize money
Tina Harbuck

Second Place

The Destin Log
Destin's Flat Dangerous hauls in 888-pound bluefin tuna
Tina Harbuck

Third Place

The Star
Holcombe's boat
David Adlerstein

Outdoor & Recreation

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Great Catch
Hansen Hasenberg

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Meg Goddess
Ed Scott

Third Place

Mainstreet Daily News
Florida Finds: Florida Agricultural Museum
Ronnie Lovler

Outdoor & Recreation

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Boaters win fight to keep intracoastal access
Mary Thurwachter

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Getting everyone on the beach
Andrea Stetson

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer
Birds to watch, all year long
Ian Swaby

Agricultural & Environmental Reporting

Division C

First Place

The Apalachicola Times
Living shorelines to the rescue
Frank Stephenson

Second Place

Lake Okeechobee News
Conservation Easements protect ranchland from development
Katrina Elsken

hird Place

Nassau County Record
Rooted and Grounded
Amanda Bishop

Agricultural & Environmental Reporting

Division B

First Place

Oviedo Community News, Central Florida Public Media, The Florida Trident, WGCU Public Media
Preserve or Develop? The Race Against Time to Protect Florida's Wildlife Corridor
Staff

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
From piles of trash to miles of urban forest
Kim Cool

Third Place

Mainstreet Daily News
'A renaissance for agriculture': Newberry AgFoodTech Park to boost town's future
Glory Reitz

Agricultural & Environmental Reporting

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
WATER WARS
Roger Williams

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
Left behind
Carter Weinhofer

Third Place

The Coastal Star
Is more silence blowin' in the wind?
John Pacenti

State & Local Tax Reporting (The TaxWatch Award) |

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
Disney joins Universal, other hotels in long legal battle against county official over taxes
Sarah Kinbar

Second Place

The East County Observer
Teacher support, more allocations, early literacy, doubling down, tough decisions, voter support
Liz Ramos

Third Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
$1.92B budget focuses on 'vital' needs
Ric Anderson

Business Reporting

Division C

First Place

Nassau County Record
Diamond lacks luster
Kathie Sciullo

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Retailers fear more parking restrictions will drive away customers
Anna Ridilla

Third Place

The Herald Advocate
Wiltin Investment; Hardee Fresh Evicted
Tom Staik and Michael Kelly

Business Reporting

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Tervis looks to 'return to its legacy' via bankruptcy
Bob Mudge

Second Place

The Longboat Observer
Steady as they visit
Carter Weinhofer

Third Place

Business Observer
Babcock & More Home Furniture closure
Louis Llovio

Business Reporting

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
predatry parking
Charles Elmore, Anne Geggis

Second Place

Florida Weekly
She Sells Shell Factory: The historic tourist attraction and nature park closes after 86 years
Carlie Admire

Third Place

Suncoast News Pasco
Renovated Golden Corral reopens under new ownership
Pat Morris

Local Government Reporting

Division C

First Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
County approves new voting district map
Mark Viola

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
County to buy land
Tony Judnich

Third Place

The Herald Advocate
Drag Commission: County-backed Drag Race Shut Down By Sheriff
Michael Kelly and Tom Staik

Local Government Reporting

Division B

First Place

Oviedo Community News
OCN's best civic engagement journalism and local government reporting
Staff

Second Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Affordable housings: Facts and friction
Ric Anderson

Third Place

Clay Today
Former Girl Scout camp destroys dreams of local neighborhood
Don Coble

Local Government Reporting

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Gatekeepers of Democracy: Poll workers are the behind-the-scenes heroes who make elections a breeze
Roger Williams

Second Place

The Coastal Star
Delray Beach election
Anne Geggis

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer
Room to grow
Andrew Warfield

Roads & Transportation

Division C

First Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Main Street Renovation
Tony Judnich

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Q&A: History professor at UVA on public beach access
Garland Pollard

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Bypass
Tony Judnich

Roads & Transportation

Division B

First Place

Ormond Beach Observer
Laying the groundwork
Jarleene Almenas

Second Place

Southwest Orange Observer
Crash course
Annabelle Sikes

Third Place

Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal Air Taxis feature
Ryan Lynch

Roads & Transportation

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Crash deepens cries for safer A1A
staff

Second Place

Florida Weekly
ROAD RAGE: When traffic frustration turns to violence - and it's getting worse
Mary Wozniak

Third Place

The East County Observer
Lorraine Road residents concerned about 'improvements'
Lesley Dwyer

Faith & Family Reporting

Division C

First Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Feeding with Faith
Tony Judnich

Second Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Jesus' Obituary
Staff

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Camp Cheyenne
Randy Dickson

Faith & Family Reporting

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
Bring them home
Hansen Hasenberg

Second Place

Triangle Sun
More seats for more souls
Melissa Abrehamsen

TIE: Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
An inclusive community of culture
Chloe Nelson

TIE: Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
God's perfect timing
Amy Quesinberry Price

Faith & Family Reporting

Division A

First Place

Palm Harbor- Oldsmar Beacon
Church celebrating a century of service
Sofía Ravazzoni

Second Place

Carrollwood Beacon
Teen shares stories of the homeless she helps
Mike Camunas

Third Place

The Miami Times
Black church leaders divided over Divine Nine membership
Johania Charles

Arts, Entertainment & Review Reporting

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
Ape Kingdom: Wauchula Refuge Helps Actor Ape His Way Through Role
Tom Staik

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Third generation in local art
Sheila Evans

Third Place

Jefferson County Journal
Courthouse Jester
Heather Ainsley

Arts, Entertainment & Review Reporting

Division B

First Place

Triangle Sun
Branches of service: Eustis man creates canes for veterans and first responders
Jim Hellegaard

Second Place

Fort Myers Beach Observer
"Love brings good vibrations"
Nathan Mayberg

Third Place

Fort Myers Beach Observer
"Dion, the Doowop King, basks in Florida revival"
Nathan Mayberg

Arts, Entertainment & Review Reporting

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
rising cocktail prices
Jan Norris

Second Place

Seminole - Beach Beacon
'Token Taverns' shines light on Tampa Bay arcade bar community
Lee Clark Zumpe

Third Place

Florida Weekly
A Light in the Darkness
Bob Massey

Health, Medical & Science Reporting

Division C

First Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Riding to help those on the 'Road to Recovery'
Mark Viola

Second Place

The Star
Are leatherbacks flocking to our beaches?
David Adlerstein

Third Place

Jefferson County Journal
Jaiden Gilley
Laura Young

Health, Medical & Science Reporting

Division B

First Place

Ocala Gazette
Phoenix House
Jennifer Hunt Murty

Second Place

The Longboat Observer
For Mote, every call counts
Carter Weinhofer

Third Place

Mainstreet Daily News
Flying on a countdown: How organ transports arrive in Gainesville
Seth Johnson

Health, Medical & Science Reporting

Division A

First Place

The East County Observer
Beating the odds
Liz Ramos

Second Place

The East County Observer
Time ticks away, but hope prevails; local man perseveres through transplant process
Jay Heater

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Dangerous dog days of summer
Roger Williams

Education Feature

Division C

First Place

Monticello News
Meet Marlon Bell
Laura Young

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Havard changing...
Jackson Buhler

Third Place

Nassau County Record
Signed, sealed, delivered
Amanda Bishop

Education Feature

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
First day feelings
Chloe Nelson

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Building a better tomorrow with books
Chloe Nelson

Third Place

Clermont Sun
An outdoor school to save the world, one child at a time
Sharon Keeble

Education Feature

Division A

First Place

New Tampa - Temple Terrace Beacon
A Lesson in Perseverance
John C. Cotey

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer
Problem Solvers
Brent Woronoff

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer
Jury of their peers
Ian Swaby

Education News

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
Master Plan Eyes New High School, School Consolidation
STAFF

Second Place

Monticello News
ARI Dig
Hailey Heseltine

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Sheriff: 13-year-old
Tony Judnich

Education News

Division B

First Place

Ocala Gazette
School district bid scandal stalls new high school project
Caroline Brauchler & Jennifer Hunt Murty

Second Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
LaVilla chosen for new UF graduate campus, Semiconductor Institute
Ric Anderson

Third Place

Business Observer
University of Tampa president Ron Vaughn's retirement
Mark Gordon

Education News

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
Public comment restrictions face opposition
Ian Swaby

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Teacher Salaries Don't Add Up
Roger Williams

Third Place

The East County Observer
how much does a hurricane shelter cost
Liz Ramon

Feature Story: Non-profile

Division C

First Place

Boca Beacon
Nowhere to turn to. A locals route home after a hurricane.
Barbara Hughes

Second Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News
Berger Family gift to Chabad: the Torah that escapted destruction twice
Stan Roberts

Third Place

Lake Okeechobee News
Who is carrying your water
Cathy Womble

Feature Story: Non-profile

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Keeping Laura's memory alive
Bob Mudge

Second Place

Triangle Sun
Thinking outside the box to clear pet shelter
Laura Bennett-Kimble

Third Place

Ocala Gazette
Fighting fire with courage
Caroline Brauchler

Feature Story: Non-profile

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
211
Ron Hayes

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
The (somewhat) secret garden
Ian Swaby

Third Place

The East County Observer
Gratitude is the gravy
Jay Heater

Feature Story: Profile

Division C

First Place

The Hernando Sun
Not Homeless, Just on an Adventure
Hanna Fox Maglio

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Renowned Paper boy retires Publisher 'Dusty' Hopkins
Sheila Evans

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Lucky Lou Becker
Tony Judnich

Feature Story: Profile

Division B

First Place

Business Observer
Franceen Gonzales Legoland President profile
Mark Gordon

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Watters leaves a legacy as he (sort of) retires
Kim Cool

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Sweet dreams
Liz Ramos

Feature Story: Profile

Division A

First Place

The East County Observer
So a man walks inito a bar ...
Jay Heater

Second Place

New Tampa - Temple Terrace Beacon
Service with a Smile
John C. Cotey

Third Place

The East County Observer
Peak performance
Jay Heater

In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division C

First Place

Riverland News
Farm to Table in Central Florida
Julie Mancini

Second Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Family still has questions / Detectives doubted story
Angela Castelucci

Third Place

The Apalachicola Times
Cat drama sheds liught on rescue policies
David Adlerstein

In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division B

First Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Jacksonville Stadium of the Future coverage
Ric Anderson and staff

Second Place

Business Observer
Sash and Sill investigation
Elizabeth King

Third Place

Business Observer
Todd Britton-Harr saga
Louis Llovio

In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Veterans Day special issue
Roger Williams, Mary Wozniak and Carlie Admire

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Election 2024 special issue
Roger Williams and Mary Wozniak

Third Place

The Coastal Star
Rip current drowning package
John Pacenti

Investigative Reporting (Claudia Ross Memorial Award)

Division C

First Place

The Hernando Sun
Hernando County Ransomware Attack
Rocco Maglio, Pat Raia, Julie B. Maglio

Investigative Reporting (Claudia Ross Memorial Award)

Division B

First Place

Ocala Gazette
The murder of Scott Whitley
Caroline Brauchler & Jennifer Hunt Murty

Second Place

The Independent Florida Alligator
Sasse's spending spree.
Garrett Shanley

Third Place

The Gabber
Your Tax Dollars at Work/Where Credit Is Due
Patrick Heinzen and Cathy Salustri

Investigative Reporting (Claudia Ross Memorial Award)

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Condo Costs: a sudden storm
Rich Pollack, Mary Hladky, Brian Biggane, Tim Stepien

Breaking News Story

Division C

First Place

The Herald Advocate
Suspect Shoots At Deputies, Caught After Fleeing Into River
Tom Staik

Second Place

The Herald Advocate
Deputies Shoot, Kill Knife-Wielding Man
Tom Staik

Third Place

The Herald Advocate
Man Steals AR-15, Shoots At Deputy, Family
Tom Staik

Breaking News Story

Division B

First Place

Jacksonville Daily Record
Downtown's dark day: Rise Doro is destroyed by fire
Ric Anderson, Dan Macdonald and Max Marbut

Second Place

Business Observer
Tervis files for bankruptcy
Mark Gordon

Third Place

Ocala Gazette
Sheriff's K-9 dies in line of duty
Staff

Breaking News Story

Division A

First Place

Seminole - Beach Beacon
Jim Rostek resigns as mayor
Sheila Mullane Estrada

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
New College's tree removal from Uplands stuns neighbors
Jim DeLa

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
Kissimmee Police Chief Holland resigns
Ken Jackson

General News Story (Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award)

Division C

First Place

Jefferson County Journal
Photo Ark
Laura Young

Second Place

The Hernando Sun
FEMA Provided Free Hotel Rooms for Hurricane Victims, But They Couldn't Afford It
Axl David

Third Place

Jefferson County Journal
Duke Energy adds $70K
Laura Young

General News Story (Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award)

Division B

First Place

The West Volusia Beacon
When dead or in prison are the safest places to be
Eli Witek

Second Place

Navarre Press
Commission OKs underground fuel tanks in wellfield protection zone
Ken Garner

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Families of boaters: 48 hours is not enough
Jessica Orlando

General News Story (Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award)

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Hedge trimming saga
John Pacenti

Second Place

Hernando Today
Global Jetcare founder going far to restore early Learjet
Vincent F. Safuto

Third Place

The East County Observer
When will the dust settle
Lesley Dwyer

First Amendment Defense (Jon A. Roosenraad Award) |

First Place

Ocala Gazette
Seeking transparency from the Marion County Hospital District
Jennifer Hunt Murty, Bruce Ackerman

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Editorials on parking and public participation
Garland Pollard, Cheryl Hopkins, Dusty Hopkins

TIE: Third Place

Riverbend News
Did the White Springs Town Council break its town charter?
Christian Peterson

Mainstreet Daily News
HCA North Florida Hospital: 'BOLO' for Mainstreet journalist
Glory Reitz

Serious Column (Sally Latham Memorial Award)

Division C

First Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News
My frustration is overwhelming, is your's too?
Ed Borowsky

Second Place

The Islander News
Whether she is here or has passed, celebrate your Vieja this Mother's Day
Justo Rey

Third Place

Riverbend News
My second Father's Day
Christian Peterson

Serious Column (Sally Latham Memorial Award)

Division B

First Place

Ocala Gazette
People in the Marion County Jail are suffering. This is why it matters.
Jennifer Hunt Murty & Caroline Brauchler

Second Place

Clermont Sun
Love and support in a time of sorrow
Sharon Keeble

Third Place

Ocala Gazette
The balancing act between protecting First & Second Amendment rights – and school safety
Jennifer Hunt Murty

Serious Column (Sally Latham Memorial Award)

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
The last hurrah
Roger Williams

Second Place

Osceola News-Gazette
You're a good man, Father Bob—I'll miss you
Ken Jackson

Third Place

The Coastal Star
May, July and October columns
Mary Kate Leming

Humorous Column

Division C

First Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News
The saga of the Looney Tune glasses
Marilyn Shapiro

Second Place

Monticello News
Itty Bitty Kitty
Heather Ainsley

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Beacon intern goes on a canalside iguana hunting expedition
Evan Dunbar

Humorous Column

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
I'm not proud of finnding these things funny
Bob Mudge

Second Place

Lake City Reporter
Lake City Reporter, Nov. 16, 2024 - Healthy eating is 'No B.S.' … sort of
Todd Wilson

Third Place

Clay Today
A vacation to nowhere
Don Coble

Humorous Column

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Essential News: Yay! It's almost time to tie one on
J.C. Bruce

Second Place

New Tampa - Temple Terrace Beacon
National Library Week is here: Check it, or a sewing machine, out
John C. Cotey

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
Tale of a tooth extraction: It was the worst of times
Brian McMillan

Original Local Editorial Cartoon Award

Division C

First Place

The Islander News
The Curse of Child Proof pill containers
Peter Evans

Original Local Editorial Cartoon Award

Division B

First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Fill in the holes
Steve Borggren

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Signs, signs
Steve Borggren

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Term Vote
Olivia Whittaker

Original Local Editorial Cartoon Award

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
Welcome Back
Marty Fugate

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Remembering that freedom is not free
Edward Dziura

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Santa bootcamp
Edward Dziura

Editorial Award

Division C

First Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Our fight is not over
Staff

Second Place

Boca Beacon
A Church Is Open All Week
Staff, Editor & Publisher

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Property Rights
Staff

Editorial Award

Division AB

First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Palm trees and other shady endeavors 052924
Joe Hendricks

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Nokomis residents, fire department deserve better
Bob Mudge

Third Place

Fort Myers Beach Observer
Council turns it back on environment"
Nathan Mayberg

Editorial Page

Division C

First Place

Crestview News Bulletin
Two Consecutive Editorial Pages
Staff

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Editorials Boca Beacon
Garland Pollard

Editorial Page

Division B

First Place

Navarre Press
In Our Opinion Pages
Staff

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Venice Gondolier Editorial Page
Ronald Dupont Jr.

Third Place

Lake City Reporter
Lake City Reporter, Oct. 23, 2024
Staff

Editorial Page

Division A

First Place

Cape Coral Breeze
Cape Coral Breeze
Staff

Community Service

Division C

First Place

Boca Beacon
Boca Grande Disaster Relief Fund
Staff, the people and businesses of Boca Grande, Lighthouse Methodist

Second Place

Madison County Carrier
Political Forum
Rick Patrick

Third Place

The Herald Advocate
Sexual Offender & Predator Awareness Campaign
Staff

Community Service

Division AB

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Orange Observer's Orange County Commission District 1 Debate
Staff

Second Place

Clay Today
Somer's Garden
Kyla Woodard

Third Place

Seminole - Beach Beacon
Fourth-graders showcase talent in contest
Logan Mosby George

Hurricane Breaking News Coverage

Division C

First Place

Perry News-Herald - Taco Times
Devastation
Staff

Second Place

The Herald Advocate
Hurricane Milton
STAFF

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Oct 11 Edition of Boca Beacon
Staff

Hurricane Breaking News Coverage

Division B

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Hurt but healing
Bob Mudge

Second Place

The Gabber
Hurricane Helene Coverage: No Hype, Only Help
Cameron Healy, Patrick Heinzen, Cathy Salustri

Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator
Live updates - Everything you need to know about hurricane Helene
Staff

Hurricane Breaking News Coverage

Division A

First Place

Land O'Lakes Beacon
Rising to the task
Mike Camunas

Second Place

The East County Observer
Blown away; East County weathers another hurricane
Jay Heater

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Together We Rise: Hurricane Helene recovery efforts underway in Southwest Florida
Florida Weekly Staff

Hurricane Feature Story

Division C

First Place

The Hernando Sun
Back to back hurricanes in Hernando County
Staff

Second Place

The Herald Advocate
20 Years Later, Friday the 13th Still Reverberates
Michael Kelly

Third Place

Levy Citizen
Cedar Key resident rides out Helene
Nick Anschultz

Hurricane Feature Story

Division B

First Place

The Independent Florida Alligator
After losing everything to hurricanes
Rylan DiGiacomo-Rapp

Second Place

Lake City Reporter
Lake City Reporter, Sept. 21, 2024 - 'Those two storms gave me nightmares'
Jamie Wachter

Third Place

The Longboat Observer
In Longboat's lowest areas, surge smothers homes
Carter Weinhofer

Hurricane Feature Story

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Remarkable Acts of Heroism
Jay Schlichter, Roger Williams and Mary Wozniak

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
A flood of emotion
Andrew Warfield

Third Place

Osceola News-Gazette
Hurricane Charley, 20 years later — memories lead to experience, preparedness
Ken Jackson

Hurricane Coverage- General News Story

Division C

First Place

Levy Citizen
'Worst impact we've seen in this county'
Nick Anschultz

Second Place

Madison County Carrier
Here we blow again: Debbie visits Madison
Rick Patrick

Third Place

The Herald Advocate
1,033 Families Receive Hurricane Relief Supplies From Hardee Support Agencies
Tom Staik

Hurricane Coverage- General News Story

Division B

First Place

Wesley Chapel Beacon
Hurricane passed, but surging Cypress Creek left biggest mark in some areas
John C. Cotey

Second Place

The Longboat Observer
A 'Truly Historic' Storm
Carter Weinhofer

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun
Bracing for Impact
Bob Mudge

Hurricane Coverage- General News Story

Division A

First Place

The Sarasota Observer
Counting their losses
Ian Swaby

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
Milton cleanup will take time
Andrew Warfield

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Record Hurricane Predictions: What to expect, and how to stay safe this storm season
Mary Wozniak

General Excellence

Division C

First Place

Nassau County Record
NCR Excellence
Amanda Bishop, Mariah Arnold, Anna Newhoff

Second Place

The Herald Advocate
General Excellence
Staff

Third Place

Crestview News Bulletin
General Excellence
Staff

General Excellence

Division B

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
Orlando Business Journal
Staff

Second Place

Business Observer
Business Observer
Staff

Third Place

Lake City Reporter
Lake City Reporter, Aug. 7, Aug. 8, Oct. 30
Staff

General Excellence

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
February March April 2024
staff

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer
General Excellence
Staff

Third Place

Cape Coral Breeze
Cape Coral Breeze
Staff