

University of Tennessee/Tennessee Press Association 2002 State Press Contests Winners

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

Group I - Non-dailies

1. Rogersville Review
2. The States-Graphic, Brownsville
3. Monroe County Advocate, Sweetwater
4. The Chronicle, Humboldt
5. Chester County Independent, Henderson
6. The Ashland City Times

Group II - Non-dailies

1. The Courier, Savannah. The judge rated this newspaper excellent or good to excellent in every aspect.
2. Independent-Appeal, Selmer
3. Robertson County Times, Springfield
4. Carroll County News-Leader, Huntingdon
5. The Standard Banner, Jefferson City
6. Southern Standard, McMinnville

Group III - Dailies

1. The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro. "A very complete paper....Very consistent packaging. 'Today's Daily Special' is good and provides something to build page around. Lots of local columnists to give paper a personality."
2. The Leaf-Chronicle, Clarksville
3. The Mountain Press, Sevierville
4. The Daily Post-Athenian, Athens
5. The Oak Ridger, Oak Ridge
6. The Daily Times, Maryville

Group IV - Dailies

1. The Commercial Appeal, Memphis. The judge rated this newspaper excellent or good in every aspect.
2. The Knoxville News-Sentinel
3. The Tennessean, Nashville
4. The Jackson Sun
5. Chattanooga Times Free Press
6. Bristol Herald Courier

PUBLIC SERVICE

Group I - Non-dailies

1. Livingston Enterprise. "Well-written, moving stories of survivors—deserves thanks of community."
2. The Chronicle, Humboldt
3. The Erwin Record
4. Mt. Juliet News
5. Chester County Independent, Henderson
6. Herald and Tribune, Jonesborough

Group II - Non-dailies

1. Southern Standard, McMinnville. "Awesome! It looks like you put a lot of work into bringing out the best aspects of each smaller community. I liked the personal features approach to the different communities."
2. The News-Herald, Lenoir City
3. The Milan Mirror-Exchange
4. The Tullahoma News
5. The News-Examiner, Gallatin
6. The Dickson Herald

Group III - Dailies

1. The Lebanon Democrat. "This project shows what public service is supposed to be. Acting as the watchdog for public funds...."
2. The Greeneville Sun
3. Shelbyville Times-Gazette
4. The Review Appeal, Franklin
5. The Leaf-Chronicle, Clarksville
6. State Gazette, Dyersburg

Group IV - Dailies

1. The Knoxville News-Sentinel. "Tireless, thorough coverage of a huge scandal in the paper's backyard. Writing was clear, and it is obvious the reporters had cultivated their sources."
2. Chattanooga Times Free Press
3. The Tennessean, Nashville
4. The Jackson Sun
5. Insufficient entries to award
6. Insufficient entries to award

MAKE-UP AND APPEARANCE

Group I - Non-dailies

1. Monroe County Advocate, Sweetwater. "This is a well-designed, well-planned paper. Consistency through the entire paper is impressive."

2. The Democrat, Madisonville
3. The Rutherford Courier, Smyrna
4. The Herald-News, Dayton
5. Chester County Independent, Henderson
6. The Ashland City Times

Group II - Non-dailies

1. The Standard Banner, Jefferson City. The judge rated this newspaper excellent or good in every aspect.
2. Southern Standard, McMinnville
3. Memphis Business Journal
4. Independent-Appeal, Selmer
5. The Courier, Savannah
6. Carroll County News-Leader, Huntingdon

Group III - Dailies

1. The Leaf-Chronicle, Clarksville. "A clear winner. Very good looking page, one that includes many tasteful above-the-fold elements....Nice mix of headline sizes and fonts. Reproduction throughout is solid and emphasis on graphics is evident."
2. The Daily Times, Maryville
3. The Lebanon Democrat
4. State Gazette, Dyersburg
5. The Daily Post-Athenian, Athens
6. The Newport Plain Talk

Group IV - Dailies

1. The Knoxville News-Sentinel. "This is a sophisticated-looking paper where a lot of thought goes into presentation of information. Photography is high quality, as is the reproduction."
2. The Tennessean, Nashville
3. Chattanooga Times Free Press
4. Bristol Herald Courier
5. The Jackson Sun
6. Kingsport Times-News

BEST SPECIAL ISSUE OR SECTION

Non-dailies

1. Southern Standard, McMinnville. "Great idea—shows leadership! This is what we're all about. Congrats! Well-crafted section, good layout, well written."
2. The States-Graphic,

Brownsville

3. The Standard Banner, Jefferson City
4. Chester County Independent, Henderson
5. The Herald-News, Dayton
6. The Tullahoma News

Dailies

1. The Tennessean, Nashville. "Good use of breakouts, timelines and lists....The local coverage hit all of the important angles. Excellent two-page graphic inside."
2. Kingsport Times-News
3. Bristol Herald Courier
4. Union City Daily Messenger
5. The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro
6. The Greeneville Sun

SUNDAY EDITIONS

Dailies

1. Chattanooga Times Free Press. "A very well done paper. The most pleasing part...is the high quality color pictures. It's also well organized on each page so the stories do not run into each other."
2. The Leaf-Chronicle, Clarksville
3. The Tennessean, Nashville
4. State Gazette, Dyersburg
5. The Mountain Press, Sevierville
6. Bristol Herald Courier

PROMOTION OF NEWSPAPERS

Non-dailies

1. The Erwin Record. "This may not be the flashiest promotion, but it's the most consistent and probably most effective. Consistently reminding and informing readers of newspaper's efforts, awards and place in community builds awareness and trust of a worthy neighbor."
2. Chester County Independent, Henderson
3. Southern Standard, McMinnville
4. The Chronicle, Humboldt
5. Tri-City Reporter, Dyer
6. The Rutherford Courier, Smyrna

Dailies

1. The Jackson Sun. "Clear catchline—ImPRESSive—to carry

through the campaign. The ads and color are striking, consistent and effective. Also impressive with the multi-media effort used...."

2. The Daily Post-Athenian, Athens
3. Chattanooga Times Free Press
4. Cleveland Daily Banner
5. The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro
6. Union City Daily Messenger

BEST NEWS STORY

Group I - Non-dailies

1. The States-Graphic, Brownsville. "Excellent head, excellent photos, great use of quotes to make story match 'chilling' headline."
2. The Rutherford Courier, Smyrna
3. The Democrat, Madisonville
4. Rogersville Review
5. The Herald-News, Dayton
6. Mt. Juliet News

Group II - Non-dailies

1. The Courier, Savannah. "Good, complete story about a serious local news [event] with the proper focus on the fallout."
2. The Tullahoma News
3. The Roane County News, Kingston
4. The Courier News, Clinton
5. Hickman County Times, Centerville
6. Independent-Appeal, Selmer

Group III - Dailies

1. Shelbyville Times-Gazette. "Solid, comprehensive package on a big story of local and national interest. Details on how investigation came together made it a great read."
2. State Gazette, Dyersburg
3. The Leaf-Chronicle, Clarksville
4. Elizabethton Star
5. Union City Daily Messenger
6. The Daily Post-Athenian, Athens

Group IV - Dailies

1. The Jackson Sun. "Far and away the best of show. Crisp writing, good presentation of complex records, excellent humanization, well packaged to assist the reader in understanding the impact of the story."

2. The Knoxville News-Sentinel
3. The Commercial Appeal, Memphis
4. Chattanooga Times Free Press
5. Bristol Herald Courier
6. The Tennessean, Nashville

BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

Non-dailies

1. The Roane County News, Kingston. "Human emotion will carry a photo every time. And as always, the survivor's reactions are much more powerful than the accident scene itself."
2. Bartlett Express
3. Carroll County News-Leader, Huntingdon
4. Chester County Independent, Henderson
5. The News-Examiner, Gallatin
6. The Herald-News, Dayton

Dailies

1. Chattanooga Times Free Press. "Outstanding photo. The officer's eyes say it all. Shot is expertly framed, depth of field used perfectly for flag in background. The paper's great color reproduction does justice to the photo."
2. The Knoxville News-Sentinel
3. The Commercial Appeal, Memphis
4. Kingsport Times-News
5. Union City Daily Messenger
6. The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro

EDITORIALS

Group I - Non-dailies

1. Chester County Independent, Henderson. "Punch-counterparts is a fascinating concept to give opposite points of view. Congratulations to originator."
2. The Erwin Record
3. Buffalo River Review, Linden
4. The Herald-News, Dayton
5. The States-Graphic, Brownsville
6. Mt. Juliet News

Group II - Non-dailies

1. The News-Herald, Lenoir City. "Well done! Clear thinking and discussion on what the real issue

was. Clean presentation draws reader right to the point. Nice!”

2. The Herald-Chronicle, Winchester
3. The Giles Free Press, Pulaski
4. Southern Standard, McMinnville
5. The LaFollette Press
6. The Courier News, Clinton

Group III - Dailies

1. The Mountain Press, Sevierville. “The three editorials...tackled simple subjects in a straightforward

manner....They were clever but not trite...(T)hese were the best.”

2. The Daily Herald, Columbia
3. The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro
4. The Paris Post-Intelligencer
5. The Review Appeal, Franklin
6. The Leaf-Chronicle, Clarksville

Group IV - Dailies

1. The Tennessean, Nashville. “Well written editorials with high importance, sound reasoning and clear, precise writing—a winner!”

2. The Knoxville News-Sentinel
3. Kingsport Times-News
4. Chattanooga Times Free Press
5. Bristol Herald Courier
6. Johnson City Press

BEST

SINGLE EDITORIAL

Group I - Non-dailies

1. The Herald-News, Dayton. “Points out the absurdity of a government action in a clear, straightforward manner.”
2. The Hartsville Vidette
3. The Erwin Record
4. Chester County Independent, Henderson
5. The Lake County Banner, Tiptonville
6. Livingston Enterprise

Group II - Non-dailies

1. Southern Standard, McMinnville. “Clearly written....Editorial is clearly understandable to readers unfamiliar with the topic and shows evidence of research, such as reference to attorney general opinion.”
2. Independent-Appeal, Selmer
3. The Roane County News, Kingston
4. Robertson County Times, Springfield

5. Bartlett Express
6. The Covington Leader

Group III - Dailies

1. The Paris Post-Intelligencer. “A fine example of common sense, effectively and persuasively written.”
2. The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro
3. The Daily Herald, Columbia
4. The Daily Times, Maryville
5. The Oak Ridger, Oak Ridge
6. The Mountain Press, Sevierville

Group IV - Dailies

1. Kingsport Times-News. “Loved the opening graph about a man and his horse. Brought me in. And the metaphor of denying food to the horse was properly explained and applied to the situation with the legislature denying money to education.”
2. Chattanooga Times Free Press
3. The Tennessean, Nashville
4. Bristol Herald Courier
5. The Knoxville News-Sentinel
6. Johnson City Press

BEST PERSONAL COLUMN

Group I - Non-dailies

1. The Lake County Banner, Tiptonville. Great insight into the different lives students have in Fiji. The best part was describing the children’s excitement....What a statement about our culture.”
2. Monroe County Advocate, Sweetwater
3. Chester County Independent, Henderson
4. The Herald-News, Dayton
5. The Erwin Record
6. The Rutherford Courier, Smyrna

Group II - Non-dailies

1. The News-Herald, Lenoir City. “A unique take on an annual holiday. Great imagery! A wonderful column that offers both a loving tribute and a fresh look at a much-overlooked holiday to honor our country’s bravest!”
2. Weakley County Press, Martin
3. The Tullahoma News
4. Crossville Chronicle
5. The LaFollette Press
6. Southern Standard,

McMinnville

Group III - Dailies

1. The Daily Herald, Columbia. “Fantastic! You’ve captured it all—sorrow, fear, anger, pride and honor! I guess there really are the words to describe how we all feel about 9-11—thank you!”
2. Elizabethton Star
3. State Gazette, Dyersburg
4. Citizen Tribune, Morristown
5. The Oak Ridger, Oak Ridge
6. Cleveland Daily Banner

Group IV - Dailies

1. Chattanooga Times Free Press. “Clever way to relay a message of hope and how to live a rich life.”
2. The Knoxville News-Sentinel
3. The Commercial Appeal, Memphis
4. Bristol Herald Courier
5. The Tennessean, Nashville
6. Kingsport Times-News

BEST PERSONAL HUMOR COLUMN

Group I - Non-dailies

1. Chester County Independent, Henderson. “Enjoyable reading with clear, straightforward writing. Oden’s recollections about the old days, the scary outhouses and his ‘porcelain deprivation’ were humorous in the best way—they brought knowing smiles of understanding and appreciation of life.”

2. The Hartsville Vidette
3. Rogersville Review
4. Smithville Review
5. Fairview Observer
6. The Middle Tennessee Times, Smithville

Group II - Non-dailies

1. Independent-Appeal, Selmer. “A fine tribute. Very touching.”
2. The News-Herald, Lenoir City
3. Crossville Chronicle
4. The Covington Leader
5. Memphis Business Journal
6. The Giles Free Press, Pulaski

Group III - Dailies

1. The Leaf-Chronicle, Clarksville. “This column made excellent use of writing out sounds for a humorous effect. The writer also did well not to explain his topic and instead showed it,

creating a humorous picture and good dialogue."

2. The Lebanon Democrat
3. The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro
4. The Daily Herald, Columbia
5. The Daily Post-Athenian, Athens
6. The Review Appeal, Franklin

Group IV - Dailies

1. The Knoxville News-Sentinel. "What kind of %\$#@ column is this! A very funny one. People always wonder what causes freeway tie-ups. Now they know....It was presented in an order that made use of comic timing—and in print that can be more difficult."
2. Bristol Herald Courier
3. Chattanooga Times Free Press
4. Kingsport Times-News
5. Insufficient entries to award
6. Insufficient entries to award

LOCAL FEATURES

Group I - Non-dailies

1. The Rutherford Courier, Smyrna. "Great use of color. 'Dan About Town' is a great way to approach cute topics. 'Slap Shots' feature used exciting graphic/photo combination."
2. The States-Graphic, Brownsville
3. Chester County Independent, Henderson
4. The Herald Gazette, Trenton
5. Herald and Tribune, Jonesborough
6. The Erwin Record

Group II - Non-dailies

1. Independent-Appeal, Selmer. "Cat in the Hat was terrific! I really enjoyed your paper—it is very readable and upbeat."
2. Memphis Business Journal
3. The Pulaski Citizen
4. The Standard Banner, Jefferson City
5. Carroll County News-Leader, Huntingdon
6. Southern Standard, McMinnville

Group III - Dailies

1. The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro. "Very nice features and nice to see the feature and art combos on page one. Nice mix of

local and non."

2. The Daily Times, Maryville
3. The Review Appeal, Franklin
4. Shelbyville Times-Gazette
5. Cleveland Daily Banner
6. The Daily Herald, Columbia

Group IV - Dailies

1. The Tennessean, Nashville. "The Tennessean's writing is the strongest in the category and the display treatment is attractive....High quality all around."
2. The Knoxville News-Sentinel
3. The Commercial Appeal, Memphis
4. Chattanooga Times Free Press
5. Bristol Herald Courier
6. Johnson City Press

BEST SINGLE FEATURE

Group I - Non-dailies

1. Mt. Juliet News. "Good lead. The best reporting in the category."
2. The Rutherford Courier, Smyrna
3. Chester County Independent, Henderson
4. The Millington Star
5. The Erwin Record
6. The Ashland City Times

Group II - Non-dailies

1. The News-Examiner, Gallatin. "This is the type of feature I was hoping to see. Excellent writing, lots of information and plenty of reality and emotion make it a great read."
2. The Dickson Herald
3. The McKenzie Banner
4. Memphis Business Journal
5. Bartlett Express
6. The Standard Banner, Jefferson City

Group III - Dailies

1. Cookeville Herald-Citizen. "A great tale told for the most part by the person who lived it. Great use of quotes. Nice use of photos to help readers visualize what is going on."
2. The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro
3. State Gazette, Dyersburg
4. The Daily Herald, Columbia
5. The Greeneville Sun
6. The Leaf-Chronicle, Clarksville

Group IV - Dailies

1. The Tennessean, Nashville. "Very compelling topic. Covered both the emotional and medical sides well. Easy to read and follow."
2. Bristol Herald Courier
3. The Jackson Sun
4. Chattanooga Times Free Press
5. The Commercial Appeal, Memphis
6. The Knoxville News-Sentinel

BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Non-dailies

1. The Herald-News, Dayton. "The eyes have it. Whether my eyes go to the disc or the boy's eyes, I am drawn to the photograph. Nice catch!"
2. The Democrat, Madisonville
3. The Erwin Record
4. The News-Examiner, Gallatin
5. The Courier News, Clinton
6. The Roane County News, Kingston

Dailies

1. Chattanooga Times Free Press. "The close-up of Gary Price is the clincher for this photo essay. The other photos accentuate and give humanity to Price."
2. The Jackson Sun
3. The Greeneville Sun
4. Kingsport Times-News
5. Bristol Herald Courier
6. The Review Appeal, Franklin

COMMUNITY LIFESTYLES

Non-dailies

1. The Erwin Record. "Great kickoff features and good column set the tone. Great job. Clear winner in this category."
2. Crossville Chronicle
3. The News-Examiner, Gallatin
4. The Tullahoma News
5. The News-Herald, Lenoir City
6. Roane County News, Kingston

Group III - Dailies

1. The Leaf-Chronicle, Clarksville. "The topics on the cover are interesting and informative for families. The stories are

well written....Design-wise and readability, the section is far superior to others in the category."

2. The Newport Plain Talk
3. The Daily Times, Maryville
4. The Greeneville Sun
5. The Daily Herald, Columbia
6. The Review Appeal, Franklin

Group IV - Dailies

1. The Commercial Appeal, Memphis. "Whatever lengths the paper went to to send a photographer and a reporter to cover this event, it paid off. The story about the Memphis Ballet in NYC was the best story of any entry we got....Fantastic photos."

2. The Knoxville News-Sentinel
3. Kingsport Times-News
4. The Tennessean, Nashville
5. Bristol Herald Courier
6. Chattanooga Times Free Press

SPORTS

Group I - Non-dailies

1. Smithville Review. "Every sports section should have a local — and Kevin Rigsby does a good job with it. The section includes lots of box scores, photos, nice color, numerous names and faces and good writing."

2. The Rutherford Courier, Smyrna
3. The Middle Tennessee Times, Smithville
4. The Herald-News, Dayton
5. Chester County Independent, Henderson
6. Monroe County Advocate, Sweetwater

Group II - Non-dailies

1. Southern Standard, McMinnville. "Outstanding design complements good writing and solid coverage to the benefit of the Standard's fortunate readers."

2. The Standard Banner, Jefferson City
3. The Courier, Savannah
4. The Covington Leader
5. Independent-Appeal, Selmer
6. The LaFollette Press

Group III - Dailies

1. The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro. "A plethora of local photos combined with a decent

design and numerous preps articles make The Daily News Journal sports section a powerful product."

2. The Daily Times, Maryville
3. The Review Appeal, Franklin
4. The Oak Ridger, Oak Ridge
5. The Leaf-Chronicle, Clarksville
6. Cleveland Daily Banner

Group IV - Dailies

1. Chattanooga Times Free Press. "Many good local photos merit large size. This impacts readers. Very well designed. Good writing prevails."

2. The Commercial Appeal, Memphis
3. The Tennessean, Nashville
4. Bristol Herald Courier
5. The Knoxville News-Sentinel
6. Kingsport Times-News

BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH

Non-dailies

1. The Dickson Herald. No judges' comments.
2. Overton County News, Livingston
3. The Erwin Record
4. The Standard Banner, Jefferson City
5. The Covington Leader
6. Weakley County Press, Martin

Dailies

1. Citizen Tribune, Morristown. "Anticipation is the name of the game in sports/action photography. Who would have thought the hair would make this shot. Shows action and the intensity of the play."
2. The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro
3. The Jackson Sun
4. The Knoxville News-Sentinel
5. The Commercial Appeal, Memphis
6. Bristol Herald Courier

BEST SINGLE ADVERTISEMENT

Non-dailies

1. Overton County News, Livingston. "Wow! This just jumps out! I feel sorry for any news story or other advertiser."
2. The Milan Mirror-Exchange
3. Carthage Courier

4. The Middle Tennessee Times, Smithville
5. Crossville Chronicle
6. The Tullahoma News

Dailies

1. The Newport Plain Talk. "Creative use of visual images that capture the community's personality and diversity....Makes you want to visit Cocke County."
2. Kingsport Times-News
3. Chattanooga Times Free Press
4. The Greeneville Sun
5. The Paris Post-Intelligencer
6. The Daily Post-Athenian, Athens