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UT, Tennessee Press Association Announce 2011 Newspaper Contest Winners

NASHVILLE – Newspaper publishers, editors, journalists and designers won top awards in the Tennessee Press Association's 2011 newspaper contest, co-sponsored by the University of Tennessee.

The Tennessean (Nashville), the Jackson Sun, Southern Standard (McMinnville), the Standard Banner (Jefferson City), and the Erwin Record won the top general excellence awards at the association's awards luncheon held today in Nashville.

UT has co-sponsored the annual contest since 1940.

General excellence honors are based on total points accumulated for awards in each of five categories, based on average weekly circulation, and include small and large daily and non-daily papers.

This marks the ninth year in a row that the Erwin Record has won the top general excellence award for its circulation category. This also marks the third year in a row that the Standard Banner has won the top prize for its circulation category, and the third time in four years that Southern Standard has won in its circulation category.

The Georgia Press Association judged a total of 1,487 entries from 76 of the association's 125 member newspapers.

Other highlights:

- The Tennessean and Southern Standard each received nine first-place honors in their circulation categories. The Tennessean won for community lifestyles, sports writing, best single editorial, best personal humor column, best spot news coverage, best news reporting, best education reporting, investigative reporting, and public service. Southern Standard won for local features, best single feature, editorials, best single editorial, best personal column, best spot news coverage, best news reporting, best education reporting, and best news photograph.

- The Erwin Record won eight first-place awards, for community lifestyles, best single editorial, best personal humor column, best education reporting, public service, best news photograph, best sports photograph, and best website.
- The Jackson Sun won seven first-place awards, for local features, sports writing, best spot news coverage, best education reporting, investigative reporting, public service, and best feature photograph.

As part of the ceremony, the university's Edward J. Meeman Foundation honored newspapers for their accomplishments in editorial writing and public service journalism with \$300 awards in the categories of best single editorial, editorials, and public service.

Newspapers receiving Meeman awards:

- The Tennessean, the Daily Herald (Columbia), Southern Standard, Grainger Today (Bean Station), and the Erwin Record, best single editorial;
- Kingsport Times-News, the Daily Herald, Southern Standard, Grainger Today and the Bartlett Express, editorials; and
- The Tennessean, the Jackson Sun, the Lebanon Democrat, Hickman County Times (Centerville) and the Erwin Record, public service.

The foundation was established in 1968 at UT to fund the contests, provide professional critiques of journalists' work, and support journalism students and faculty.

Additional top winners in the overall contest include:

- Chattanooga Times Free Press, for make-up and appearance, local features, best single feature, headline writing, and best website;
- Gallatin News Examiner, for sports writing, best news reporting, headline writing, best news photograph, and best special issue or section;
- Shelbyville Times-Gazette, for make-up and appearance, community lifestyles, sports writing, headline writing, and best sports photograph; and
- The Daily Herald, for editorials, best single editorial, best personal column, best personal humor column, and best special issue or section.

Other first-place award winners:

The Commercial Appeal (Memphis), Sunday editions, best news photograph, best sports photograph, and best special issue or section;
Grainger Today, editorials, best single editorial, and best education reporting;

News Sentinel (Knoxville), best graphics and/or illustrations, best personal column, and best feature photograph;
The Daily News (Memphis), best graphics and/or illustrations, best feature photograph, and best website;
The Lebanon Democrat, public service, best feature photograph, best special issue or section;
The Standard Banner, local features, best spot news coverage, and best sports photograph;
Herald and Tribune (Jonesborough), local features and promotion of newspapers;
Johnson City Press, best news reporting and promotion of newspapers;
Mt. Juliet News, best single feature and investigative reporting;
The Bartlett Express, sports writing and editorials;
The Leaf-Chronicle (Clarksville), community lifestyles and best website;
The Portland Leader, best personal column and best feature photograph;
The Rogersville Review, best single feature and community lifestyles;
Bristol Herald Courier, make-up and appearance;
Carroll County News-Leader (Huntingdon), best spot news coverage;
Citizen Tribune (Morristown), headline writing;
Cleveland Daily Banner, best single feature;
Hickman County Times, public service;
Kingsport Times-News, editorials;
Manchester Times, best personal column;
Memphis Business Journal, best personal humor column;
Pulaski Citizen, make-up and appearance;
Roane County News (Kingston), investigative reporting;
The Daily Post-Athenian (Athens), best personal humor column;
The Greeneville Sun, best sports photograph;
The Humboldt Chronicle, headline writing;
The LaFollette Press, investigative reporting;
The Milan Mirror-Exchange, best special issue or section;
The Millington Star, best news reporting;
The Mountain Press (Sevierville), best news photograph;
The Paris Post-Intelligencer, best website; and
The Tomahawk (Mountain City), make-up and appearance.

A complete list of winners is available by visiting http://www.utk.edu/tntoday/wp-content/uploads/2011_Master_list.pdf.

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MASTER LIST
2011 UT/TPA NEWSPAPER CONTEST

GROUP I

Best Education Reporting

1. The Erwin Record
2. Cannon Courier
3. The Portland Leader
4. The Bartlett Express
5. Ashland City Times

Sports Writing

1. The Bartlett Express
2. Independent Herald
3. Ashland City Times
4. Carroll County News-Leader
5. Cannon Courier

Best Sports Photograph

1. The Erwin Record
2. Ashland City Times
3. Carroll County News-Leader
4. Herald and Tribune
5. Carroll County News-Leader

Make-Up and Appearance

1. The Tomahawk
2. Herald and Tribune
3. Carroll County News-Leader
4. Cannon Courier
5. The McKenzie Banner

Best Special Issue or Section

1. The Milan Mirror-Exchange
2. The Portland Leader
3. The Leader
4. Tennessee Star Journal
5. Ashland City Times

Best Web Site

1. The Erwin Record
2. The Portland Leader
3. Independent Herald
4. Mt. Juliet News
5. Ashland City Times

Community Lifestyles

1. The Erwin Record
2. The Leader
3. Carroll County News-Leader
4. Herald and Tribune
5. Independent Herald

Best Personal Column

1. The Portland Leader
2. Independent Herald
3. The Erwin Record
4. The Milan Mirror-Exchange
5. The Milan Mirror-Exchange

Best Personal Humor Column

1. The Erwin Record
2. Mt. Juliet News
3. The Erwin Record
4. The Portland Leader
5. Independent Herald

Local Features

1. Herald and Tribune
2. Mt. Juliet News
3. The Millington Star
4. The Erwin Record
5. The Tomahawk

Best Single Feature

1. Mt. Juliet News
2. The Leader
3. The Erwin Record
4. Mt. Juliet News
5. Lewis County Herald

Best Feature Photograph

1. The Portland Leader
2. The Portland Leader
3. The Humboldt Chronicle
4. The Bartlett Express
5. Herald and Tribune

Headline Writing

1. The Humboldt Chronicle
2. Herald and Tribune
3. Lewis County Herald
4. The Erwin Record
5. The Millington Star

Editorials - Meeman winner

1. The Bartlett Express
2. The Erwin Record
3. Mt. Juliet News
4. Herald and Tribune
5. Independent Herald

Best Single Editorial - Meeman winner

1. The Erwin Record
2. Mt. Juliet News
3. Herald and Tribune
4. The Erwin Record
5. Independent Herald

Public Service - Meeman winner

1. The Erwin Record
2. Mt. Juliet News
3. Herald and Tribune
4. The Milan Mirror-Exchange
5. The Hartsville Vidette

Best Spot News Coverage

1. Carroll County News-Leader
2. Mt. Juliet News
3. Lewis County Herald
4. The Portland Leader
5. Carroll County News-Leader

Best News Reporting

1. The Millington Star
2. Independent Herald
3. The Bartlett Express
4. The Erwin Record
5. Ashland City Times

Best News Photograph

1. The Erwin Record
2. The Erwin Record
3. Ashland City Times
4. Independent Herald
5. The McKenzie Banner

Investigative Reporting

1. Mt. Juliet News
2. The Erwin Record
3. The Erwin Record
4. The Tomahawk
5. The Hartsville Vidette

GROUP II

Best Education Reporting

1. Grainger Today
2. The Standard Banner
3. The Daily News
4. Manchester Times
5. The Gallatin Newspaper

Sports Writing

1. Gallatin News Examiner
2. The LaFollette Press
3. The Standard Banner
4. The Gallatin Newspaper
5. The Dickson Herald

Best Sports Photograph

1. The Standard Banner
2. Carthage Courier
3. The Elk Valley Times
4. The Standard Banner
5. Grainger Today

Make-Up and Appearance

1. Pulaski Citizen
2. The Herald-News
3. The Daily News
4. Memphis Business Journal
5. The Rogersville Review

Best Special Issue or Section

1. Gallatin News Examiner
2. The Herald-News
3. The Standard Banner
4. Grainger Today
5. Pulaski Citizen

Best Web Site

1. The Daily News
2. Memphis Business Journal
3. Gallatin News Examiner
4. The Dickson Herald
5. Carthage Courier

Community Lifestyles

1. The Rogersville Review
2. The Elk Valley Times
3. Carthage Courier
4. Independent Appeal
5. Pulaski Citizen

Best Personal Column

1. Manchester Times
2. Gallatin News Examiner
3. Grainger Today
4. The Daily News
5. Gallatin News Examiner

Best Personal Humor Column

1. Memphis Business Journal
2. The Advocate & Democrat
3. The Advocate & Democrat
4. Hickman County Times
5. Hickman County Times

Local Features

1. The Standard Banner
2. Independent Appeal
3. Grainger Today
4. The Rogersville Review
5. The Courier

Best Single Feature

1. The Rogersville Review
2. The Standard Banner
3. The Dickson Herald
4. Weakley County Press
5. Memphis Business Journal

Best Feature Photograph

1. The Daily News
2. The Daily News
3. The Standard Banner
4. Memphis Business Journal
5. The Standard Banner

Headline Writing

1. Gallatin News Examiner
2. The Standard Banner
3. Memphis Business Journal
4. The Gallatin Newspaper
5. Carthage Courier

Editorials - Meeman winner

1. Grainger Today
2. The Herald-News
3. Memphis Business Journal
4. The Daily News
5. The Rogersville Review

Best Single Editorial - Meeman winner

1. Grainger Today
2. The Standard Banner
3. The LaFollette Press
4. Gallatin News Examiner
5. Memphis Business Journal

Public Service - Meeman winner

1. Hickman County Times
2. The Rogersville Review
3. The Standard Banner
4. Independent Appeal
5. The Gallatin Newspaper

Best Spot News Coverage

1. The Standard Banner
2. Grainger Today
3. The LaFollette Press
4. Hickman County Times
5. The Herald-News

Best News Reporting

1. Gallatin News Examiner
2. Hickman County Times
3. The Elk Valley Times
4. The Standard Banner
5. The Courier

Best News Photograph

1. Gallatin News Examiner
2. The Gallatin Newspaper
3. Macon County Chronicle
4. Carthage Courier
5. The Elk Valley Times

Investigative Reporting

1. The LaFollette Press
2. Gallatin News Examiner
3. Gallatin News Examiner
4. Memphis Business Journal
5. The Dickson Herald

GROUP III

Best Education Reporting

1. Southern Standard
2. Union City Daily Messenger
3. The Wilson Post
4. The Newport Plain Talk
5. Shelbyville Times-Gazette

Sports Writing

1. Shelbyville Times-Gazette
2. Southern Standard
3. The Lebanon Democrat
4. The Tullahoma News
5. Roane County News

Best Sports Photograph

1. Shelbyville Times-Gazette
2. The Daily Post-Athenian
3. The Newport Plain Talk
4. Southern Standard
5. The Paris Post-Intelligencer

Make-Up and Appearance

1. Shelbyville Times-Gazette
2. Southern Standard
3. Crossville Chronicle
4. The Newport Plain Talk
5. The Wilson Post

Best Special Issue or Section

1. The Lebanon Democrat
2. Crossville Chronicle
3. The Newport Plain Talk
4. Shelbyville Times-Gazette
5. The Wilson Post

Best Web Site

1. The Paris Post-Intelligencer
2. Crossville Chronicle
3. Southern Standard
4. Shelbyville Times-Gazette
5. The Wilson Post

Community Lifestyles

1. Shelbyville Times-Gazette
2. The Wilson Post
3. Crossville Chronicle
4. The Lebanon Democrat
5. Southern Standard

Best Personal Column

1. Southern Standard
2. Crossville Chronicle
3. Shelbyville Times-Gazette
4. The Paris Post-Intelligencer
5. Crossville Chronicle

Best Personal Humor Column

1. The Daily Post-Athenian
2. Southern Standard
3. Union City Daily Messenger
4. The Daily Post-Athenian
5. Southern Standard

Local Features

1. Southern Standard
2. The Wilson Post
3. The Newport Plain Talk
4. Crossville Chronicle
5. no award

Best Single Feature

1. Southern Standard
2. Shelbyville Times-Gazette
3. Southern Standard
4. Shelbyville Times-Gazette
5. The Wilson Post

Best Feature Photograph

1. The Lebanon Democrat
2. The Daily Post-Athenian
3. Shelbyville Times-Gazette
4. The Paris Post-Intelligencer
5. Southern Standard

Headline Writing

1. Shelbyville Times-Gazette
2. Southern Standard
3. Roane County News
4. The Lebanon Democrat
5. Union City Daily Messenger

Editorials - Meeman winner

1. Southern Standard
2. The Lebanon Democrat
3. The Wilson Post
4. Crossville Chronicle
5. The Paris Post-Intelligencer

Best Single Editorial - Meeman winner

1. Southern Standard
2. The Lebanon Democrat
3. Roane County News
4. The Lebanon Democrat
5. The Tullahoma News

Public Service - Meeman winner

1. The Lebanon Democrat
2. The Daily Post-Athenian
3. Roane County News
4. The Wilson Post
5. Shelbyville Times-Gazette

Best Spot News Coverage

1. Southern Standard
2. The Lebanon Democrat
3. Union City Daily Messenger
4. Union City Daily Messenger
5. The Paris Post-Intelligencer

Best News Reporting

1. Southern Standard
2. Roane County News
3. Roane County News
4. The Wilson Post
5. The Lebanon Democrat

Best News Photograph

1. Southern Standard
2. The Wilson Post
3. The Wilson Post
4. Southern Standard
5. Union City Daily Messenger

Investigative Reporting

1. Roane County News
2. The Wilson Post
3. The Newport Plain Talk
4. The Newport Plain Talk
5. Southern Standard

GROUP IV

Best Education Reporting

1. The Jackson Sun
2. Bristol Herald Courier
3. The Daily Herald
4. The Leaf-Chronicle
5. Herald-Citizen

Sports Writing

1. The Jackson Sun
2. Bristol Herald Courier
3. The Daily News Journal
4. The Leaf-Chronicle
5. Herald-Citizen

Best Sports Photograph

1. The Greeneville Sun
2. The Leaf-Chronicle
3. The Daily News Journal
4. The Daily Herald
5. Elizabethton Star

Make-Up and Appearance

1. Bristol Herald Courier
2. Johnson City Press
3. The Jackson Sun
4. The Daily News Journal
5. Citizen Tribune

Best Special Issue or Section

1. The Daily Herald
2. The Daily News Journal
3. Johnson City Press
4. The Mountain Press
5. Elizabethton Star

Best Web Site

1. The Leaf-Chronicle
2. The Daily News Journal
3. Bristol Herald Courier
4. The Jackson Sun
5. The Greeneville Sun

Community Lifestyles

1. The Leaf-Chronicle
2. The Daily Herald
3. The Daily News Journal
4. The Jackson Sun
5. The Mountain Press

Best Personal Column

1. The Daily Herald
2. The Jackson Sun
3. The Jackson Sun
4. Johnson City Press
5. Cleveland Daily Banner

Best Personal Humor Column

1. The Daily Herald
2. The Daily Times
3. The Greeneville Sun
4. Johnson City Press
5. The Greeneville Sun

Local Features

1. The Jackson Sun
2. Johnson City Press
3. The Mountain Press
4. The Daily Herald
5. The Daily News Journal

Best Single Feature

1. Cleveland Daily Banner
2. Bristol Herald Courier
3. The Daily Herald
4. The Daily News Journal
5. Citizen Tribune

Best Feature Photograph

1. The Jackson Sun
2. The Jackson Sun
3. Bristol Herald Courier
4. The Daily News Journal
5. Elizabethton Star

Headline Writing

1. Citizen Tribune
2. The Daily News Journal
3. The Leaf-Chronicle
4. The Daily Herald
5. The Mountain Press

Editorials - Meeman winner

1. The Daily Herald
2. The Leaf-Chronicle
3. The Daily News Journal
4. Johnson City Press
5. The Mountain Press

Best Single Editorial - Meeman winner

1. The Daily Herald
2. The Mountain Press
3. Johnson City Press
4. The Jackson Sun
5. Bristol Herald Courier

Public Service - Meeman winner

1. The Jackson Sun
2. The Leaf-Chronicle
3. The Greeneville Sun
4. The Daily Herald
5. Cleveland Daily Banner

Best Spot News Coverage

1. The Jackson Sun
2. The Jackson Sun
3. Bristol Herald Courier
4. The Daily News Journal
5. Cleveland Daily Banner

Best News Reporting

1. Johnson City Press
2. The Leaf-Chronicle
3. Johnson City Press
4. Bristol Herald Courier
5. The Leaf-Chronicle

Best News Photograph

1. The Mountain Press
2. The Daily News Journal
3. Bristol Herald Courier
4. The Daily Herald
5. The Daily News Journal

Investigative Reporting

1. The Jackson Sun
2. Bristol Herald Courier
3. The Leaf-Chronicle
4. The Leaf-Chronicle
5. The Greeneville Sun

GROUP V

Best Education Reporting

1. The Tennessean
2. Chattanooga Times Free Press
3. The Commercial Appeal
4. News Sentinel
5. Kingsport Times-News

Sports Writing

1. The Tennessean
2. The Commercial Appeal
3. News Sentinel
4. Kingsport Times-News
5. Chattanooga Times Free Press

Best Sports Photograph

1. The Commercial Appeal
2. Chattanooga Times Free Press
3. The Commercial Appeal
4. News Sentinel
5. The Tennessean

Make-Up and Appearance

1. Chattanooga Times Free Press
2. The Commercial Appeal
3. The Tennessean
4. News Sentinel
5. no award

Best Special Issue or Section

1. The Commercial Appeal
2. Chattanooga Times Free Press
3. The Tennessean
4. News Sentinel
5. no award

Best Web Site

1. Chattanooga Times Free Press
2. The Tennessean
3. News Sentinel
4. The Commercial Appeal
5. no award

Community Lifestyles

1. The Tennessean
2. News Sentinel
3. Chattanooga Times Free Press
4. The Commercial Appeal
5. no award

Best Personal Column

1. News Sentinel
2. Chattanooga Times Free Press
3. News Sentinel
4. The Tennessean
5. The Commercial Appeal

Best Personal Humor Column

1. The Tennessean
2. The Tennessean
3. The Commercial Appeal
4. News Sentinel
5. Chattanooga Times Free Press

Local Features

1. Chattanooga Times Free Press
2. The Tennessean
3. The Commercial Appeal
4. News Sentinel
5. no award

Best Single Feature

1. Chattanooga Times Free Press
2. The Tennessean
3. Chattanooga Times Free Press
4. The Commercial Appeal
5. The Tennessean

Best Feature Photograph

1. News Sentinel
2. The Tennessean
3. Chattanooga Times Free Press
4. The Tennessean
5. News Sentinel

Headline Writing

1. Chattanooga Times Free Press
2. The Commercial Appeal
3. The Tennessean
4. Kingsport Times-News
5. News Sentinel

Editorials - Meeman winner

1. Kingsport Times-News
2. News Sentinel
3. The Commercial Appeal
4. The Tennessean
5. Chattanooga Times Free Press

Best Single Editorial - Meeman winner

1. The Tennessean
2. News Sentinel
3. The Tennessean
4. News Sentinel
5. The Commercial Appeal

Public Service - Meeman winner

1. The Tennessean
2. News Sentinel
3. Chattanooga Times Free Press
4. The Commercial Appeal
5. no award

Best Spot News Coverage

1. The Tennessean
2. The Commercial Appeal
3. Chattanooga Times Free Press
4. Chattanooga Times Free Press
5. News Sentinel

Best News Reporting

1. The Tennessean
2. The Commercial Appeal
3. News Sentinel
4. Chattanooga Times Free Press
5. Kingsport Times-News

Best News Photograph

1. The Commercial Appeal
2. The Tennessean
3. The Commercial Appeal
4. Chattanooga Times Free Press
5. News Sentinel

Investigative Reporting

1. The Tennessean
2. The Commercial Appeal
3. The Commercial Appeal
4. The Tennessean
5. News Sentinel

GROUPS I, II AND III

Best Graphics and/or Illustrations

1. The Daily News
2. The Leader
3. The Erwin Record
4. Grainger Today
5. The Standard Banner

Promotion of Newspapers

1. Herald and Tribune
2. The Erwin Record
3. Grainger Today
4. The Standard Banner
5. Carroll County News-Leader

GROUPS IV AND V

Best Graphics and/or Illustrations

1. News Sentinel
2. The Commercial Appeal
3. The Tennessean
4. Kingsport Times-News
5. Chattanooga Times Free Press

Promotion of Newspapers

1. Johnson City Press
2. The Tennessean
3. The Leaf-Chronicle
4. The Daily Herald
5. Chattanooga Times Free Press

SUNDAY EDITIONS

1. The Commercial Appeal
2. The Tennessean
3. News Sentinel
4. Chattanooga Times Free Press
5. The Daily News Journal

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

- Group I: The Erwin Record**
- Group II: The Standard Banner**
- Group III: Southern Standard**
- Group IV: The Jackson Sun**
- Group V: The Tennessean**