

2023 ALL-OHIO EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM AWARDS

Presented by the Press Club of Cleveland

STUDENT RUN MEDIA

BEST PRINT NEWSPAPER STORY 2 YEAR/TRADE SCHOOL

First Place

Levy won't raise tax; will boost education

Lauren Hoffman

Lorain County Community College

Second Place

Issue 10 passes with ease for LCCC

The Collegian Staff

Lorain County Community College

Third Place

Getting students engaged: How Tri-C's student engagement office plans to connect students

Jonathan Beard

Tri-C The Voice

BEST PRINT SPORTS STORY 2 YEAR/TRADE SCHOOL

First Place

For the love of wrestling

Anthony Leyva

Lorain County Community College

A well-told story that appeals to a broad audience – not only sports fans.

Second Place

The Triceratops are back

Christina Easter

Tri-C The Voice

Third Place

Pickleball party kicks off at Fieldhouse

Hayden Lowstetter

Lorain County Community College

BEST PRINT FEATURE STORY TRADE/2 YEAR SCHOOL

First Place

Hosting OYATC

Edona VaJushi

Tri-C The Voice

Second Place

RTA boost

Jonathan Beard

Tri-C The Voice

Third Place

Silent halls full of ghosts: The story of the Silent Witness Exhibit at LCCC

Lauren Hoffman

Lorain County Community College

BEST RADIO/PODCAST NEWS STORY TRADE/2 YEAR SCHOOL

First Place

Truth of homeschooling

Noah Underhill

Lorain County Community College

The host has a pleasant delivery style. The questions felt organic, sparking a compelling conversation between the host and guest. Well done!

Second Place

Who I am

Noah Underhill

Lorain County Community College

BEST ONLINE REPORT TRADE/2 YEAR SCHOOL

First Place

Issue 10 wins with a comfortable lead

Caitlyn Ujvari

Lorain County Community College

Second Place

LCCC closes 4th time for safety

Lauren Hoffman

Lorain County Community College

BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS

GENERAL NEWS

First Place

Job sprawl spillover

Jay Miller

Crain's Cleveland Business

Interesting and thoughtful examination of the post-COVID intersection of jobs and transportation. Quality reporting.

Second Place

Plum choice: Kroger agrees to acquire Albertsons

Steve Watkins

Cincinnati Business Courier

Third Place

Reviving Victoria's Secret

Julanne Hohbach

Columbus CEO Magazine

FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE

First Place

Rick Manning still loves what he does

Joe Scalzo

Crain's Cleveland Business

Second Place

Matt Scantland's next big thing

Carrie Ghose

Third Place

For developer Gina Merritt, a blighted building in Hough is an open door

Michelle Jarboe

Crain's Cleveland Business

FEATURES: GENERAL

First Place

The sweet spot

Liz Engel

Cincinnati Business Courier

A well-told story of a family business looking to the future while retaining its identity.

Second Place

Build, baby, build

Steve Wartenberg

Columbus CEO Magazine

Third Place

Sandusky for all seasons

Michelle Jarboe

Crain's Cleveland Business

FEATURES: PACKAGE

First Place

Sports gambling

Joe Scalzo

Crain's Cleveland Business

Impactful and eye-opening reporting on a topic that seems to get little attention despite the relative ease of sports gambling these days.

Second Place

Intel

Jess Deyo and Jim Weiker

Columbus CEO Magazine

Third Place

The office of the future

Bonnie Meibers, Owen Milnes and Mark Somerson

Columbus Business First

FEATURES: TRENDS

Category Comment: *Wow, what a tough competition. Any of the five could have been the winner.*

First Place

Gentrification remaking neighborhoods

Bonnie Meibers

Columbus Business First

This was a particularly tough competition. This piece was so well done, with its history and hope for the future.

Second Place

Explosive growth: Ohio's wine industry is maturing and growing at an amazing rate

Jeremy Nobile

Crain's Cleveland Business

Good story; very tough category.

Third Place

Trash to treasure entrepreneurs

Jess Deyo

Columbus CEO Magazine

Another excellent story that could have been the winner on another day.

PUBLIC SERVICE/INVESTIGATIVE

First Place

An Ohio entrepreneur's guide to certification for minority- and women-owned businesses

Erica Thompson

Columbus CEO Magazine

Enterprising look at efforts to boost minority-owned businesses. The owners chosen as examples are nice representations.

Second Place

Quest to regulate R-PACE lending

Jeremy Nobile

Crain's Cleveland Business

Third Place

Gun violence: Searching for solutions

Dan Shingler

Crain's Cleveland Business

DEPARTMENTS OR COLUMNS

First Place

From the CEO

Fred Koury

Smart Business

Second Place

Tips from the Top

Michael Feuer

Smart Business

BEST BUSINESS PUBLICATION IN OHIO

First Place

Columbus Business First

Staff

Columbus Business First

Second Place

Realm

Brendon Cull, Danielle Wilson, John Fox and Brittany Dexter

Cincinnati Magazine

Third Place

Cincinnati Business Courier

Staff

Cincinnati Business Courier

DAILY NEWSPAPERS

BREAKING NEWS: SINGLE STORY, CONSECUTIVE DAYS, SAME TOPIC

First Place

Old Waite Building demolished

Sara Crawford

Medina County Gazette

Second Place

Police videos of Jayland Walker shooting sparks outrage

The Beacon Journal staff

Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place

Tornado touches down in Eaton Township

Kevin Martin and Bruce Bishop

The Chronicle-Telegram

BREAKING NEWS: SINGLE-DAY PACKAGE

First Place

Princeton mass shooting hoax

Enquirer staff

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Provided necessary context to a sobering, unfortunate trend story on false active shooting reports. Used multiple platforms to get information out.

BREAKING NEWS: ONGOING COVERAGE

First Place

James Williams shooting

Lori Steineck, Cassandra Nist and Tim Botos

The Repository

Second Place

Police investigate fatal shooting at Sheffield McDonalds

Kevin Martin, Dave O'Brien, Dylan Reynolds and Carissa Woytach

The Chronicle-Telegram

Third Place

Lorain Police shoot, kill man who stabbed K-9 while serving warrant

Kevin Martin, Dave O'Brien and Carissa Woytach

The Chronicle-Telegram

GENERAL NEWS: SINGLE STORY

First Place

Interviews detail longstanding neighbor feud before Portage deputy fatally shot woman

Jeff Saunders

Record Courier

Compelling story from start to finish.

Second Place

Great Race comes to Medina

Sara Crawford

Medina County Gazette

Third Place

Medina woman scammed out of approximately \$150,000

Sara Crawford

Medina County Gazette

GENERAL NEWS: MULTIPLE STORIES- SAME TOPIC

First Place

Miranda Webb: Trauma, anarchy and perilous life on the run

Amanda Garrett

Akron Beacon Journal

Interesting story. Is she a bad person, a victim of her upbringing, or her own bad choices? The fact that I couldn't decide whether I liked her or not made the story more compelling.

Second Place

Connecting the dots: Racism as a public health crisis

Rhonda Crowder, Bob Sandrick and Grant Segall

FreshWater Cleveland

Third Place

Lorain County reacts to Russian invasion of Ukraine

Carissa Woytach

The Chronicle-Telegram

FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE

Category comment: *While there were many contenders, these top three offer something extra within their story angles. Beyond clear and engaging writing, these stories make readers feel hopeful and show the power of supporting one another.*

First Place

How Nick Chubb remaining 'one of the guys' at high school has him ready for Browns season

Nate Ulrich

Akron Beacon Journal

What a fantastic angle. In this profile of Nick Chubb, a professional football player doesn't just "go back to his roots," he stays there, building up himself and the community around him. You can tell Nate Ulrich has a strong reporting sense and is skilled at interviewing and observation. By the end, the reader feels like they know Chubb in a way they wouldn't if not for Ulrich's work.

Second Place

'Troopering it out': Bridgestone winner Jerry Kelly by wife's side during cancer treatment

Marla Ridenour

Akron Beacon Journal

From the start, Marla Ridenour captures our attention with her sharp lede. Throughout the piece, we discover another side of Jerry Kelly – champion golfer but also devoted husband standing by his wife's side during a difficult diagnosis. You learn the details of a partnership you don't see on TV while watching golf games, and it's all told in a clean, engaging way.

Third Place

Man starts over with marriage, baby and new house after suffering from COVID

Sara Crawford

Medina County Gazette

This piece has a sharp lede that sets the stage for a compelling story of survival and new beginnings. This piece shows the power of providing support when things look bleak.

FEATURES: GENERAL

Category comment: *There were so many good features in this category, making it tough to choose the top three, and several of them deserved honorable mentions.*

First Place

Afghan refugee athletes build a new life in Cincinnati

Sharon Coolidge

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Superb, gripping feature about three young Afghan women athletes who narrowly escaped the Taliban and made it to America.

Second Place

A bittersweet Christmas

Rini Jeffers

The Chronicle-Telegram

Poignant and moving feature by Jeffers about the ongoing trauma of young children losing their mother to a violent, abusive husband and father

Third Place

The history of Ohio's Phil Bucklew, father of Naval Special Warfare

Adam Baum

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Eye-opening, well-researched feature on an obscure military veteran who served from WWII to the Vietnam War and is known now as the Father of Special Naval Warfare.

PUBLIC SERVICE

First Place

How Catholic Democrats in Akron helped write the conservative playbook to overturn Roe

Doug Livingston and Seyma Bayram

Akron Beacon Journal

We need more such stories. Good work!

Second Place

Evictions near record high in Akron. Can anything avert this crisis?

Doug Livingston

Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place

Moms make plans to deliver outside Portage as labor and delivery unit closes

Diane Smith

The Record Courier

Nice work!

INVESTIGATIVE

Category comment: *Incredible work in this category. The top three finishing entries were all wonderfully researched, smart, interesting stories.*

First Place

“Accused”: The impending execution of Elwood Jones

Amber Hunt, Amanda Rossmann and Phil Didion

The Cincinnati Enquirer

The definition of impactful reporting. Incredibly well done across the board.

Second Place

Child sexual abuse more common than Ohioans may think

Terry DeMio, Jordan Laird, Bethany Bruner and Madeline Mitchell

The Cincinnati Enquirer and The Columbus Dispatch

Third Place

Ohio youth prison system struggles with violence, staff vacancies

Anthony Shoemaker

The Columbus Dispatch

BUSINESS

First Place

Pure romance: Supportive ‘sisterhood’ or risky MLM?

Alexander Coolidge

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Second Place

Portage County adds jobs, seeks workers

Diane Smith

Record Courier

Third Place

Medwick Marketplace Shopping Center sold for \$14.5 million

Sara Crawford

Medina County Gazette

SPORTS

First Place

Deshaun Watson stories

Scott Petrak and Jim Ingraham

The Chronicle Telegram

Second Place

Bengals beat

Charlie Goldsmith

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Third Place

Canal Park at 25: How a ballpark changed downtown Akron

Marc Bona

Cleveland.com

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

First Place

‘An earworm that never left’: Columbus jazzman embraces musical gifts to inspire others

Earl Hopkins

The Columbus Dispatch

Second Place

Cincinnati’s Gee Horton found himself an accidental artist

Sharon Coolidge

The Cincinnati Enquirer

BEST SECTION

First Place

The Chronicle-Telegram sports

Sports staff

The Chronicle-Telegram

Second Place

The Cincinnati Enquirer sports

Sports staff

The Cincinnati Enquirer

BEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: 75-000 OR LESS CIRCULATION

First Place

Staff

Akron Beacon Journal

The Akron Beacon Journal offered the most wide-ranging, comprehensive and hard-hitting local news coverage.

Second Place

Scott Mahoney

Medina County Gazette

Terrific sports reporting.

Third Place

Staff

The Chronicle-Telegram

BEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: MORE THAN 75,000 CIRCULATION

First Place

Staff

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Applaud the balance of big-city reporting with small-town-like coverage. Enterprise journalism had sense of urgency and depth. Appropriate blend of story types and selection. Stories were also well-edited and visual presentation was sophisticated.

DIGITAL MEDIA

NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

First Place

Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

Second Place

Eden Amador Gorby

Tri-C The Voice

Third Place

Staff

Medina County Gazette

MAGAZINE WEBSITE

Category comment: *A wide range of websites with a lot of information.*

First Place

Smart Business Dealmakers

Michael Marzec

Smart Business

Really good use of color and contrast.

Second Place

CincinnatiMagazine.com

Sam Rosenstiel and staff

Cincinnati Magazine

Third Place

Eye on Ohio

Lucia Walinchus

Eye on Ohio

TELEVISION NEWS WEBSITE

First Place

Fox8.com – Fox 8 News Cleveland

Fox.com web team

WJW Fox 8

Second Place

WKYC Studios Website

WKYC staff

WKYC

RADIO NEWS WEBSITE

First Place

ideastream.org

ideastream staff

Ideastream Public Media

Easy-to-use functionality on the site. Easy to find information highlights the station's focus on its local audience. Site design is clean with effective use of white space. Story pages are uncluttered and accessible. Overall the site flows smoothly.

ONLINE GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place

What it's like to be the target of right-wing harassment

Andy Downing

Matter News

Interesting insight into how social media can be used to easily distort facts. Well told.

Second Place

Cleveland nonprofit hospitals get millions in property tax breaks. Many are asking, 'Is it worth it?'

Stephanie Czekalinski

Ideastream

Third Place

Ukrainian Americans in Northeast Ohio's response to war

John Kerezy and Roman Skalsky

EyeOnCleveland.com

ONLINE FEATURE STORY

First Place

As Cleveland retools housing codes to deal with LLC landlords, tenants face maintenance problems

Nick Castele

Ideastream

Through interviews, photos and records, this well-written story thoroughly documents the rise of investor landlords who prey on vulnerable Ohio tenants and contribute to the decline of neighborhoods.

Second Place

934 Gallery controversy opens conversations on race, censorship

Andy Downing

Matter News

Rare dive into the backstory of how public art is chosen, judged and suppressed, and how artists are harmed in the process.

Third Place

Who torched the Hamilton home?

Lucia Walinchus

Eye on Ohio

An exhaustive look at the sequence of events that ended with a proposed elder-care home burning to the ground.

BLOGS

First Place

Right Down Euclid blog

Evan Dammarell

Right Down Euclid

I love the laid back, conversational style of this blog. It has a down home sensibility that was a pleasure to read even for those of us who live a few hundred miles away.

Second Place

What's brewing?

Jeremy Nobile

Crain's Cleveland Business

Third Place

Making history! Case makes first trip to NCAA tournament

Matt Florjancic

From the Best Seat in the House sports blog

ANALYSIS**First Place**

Analysis: The real reason Dave's is closing isn't because of a greedy landlord or poor customers

Lee Chilcote

The Land

Well researched and argued with interesting analysis.

Second Place

Too high a price for Deshaun Watson

David DeNatale

WKYC

Third Place

HB6 newsletter

Kathiann M. Kowalski

Eye on Ohio

INFOGRAPHICS**First Place**

The crime behind the crimes

Ian Cross

WEWS-TV 5

Information was presented in a clean, easy-to-understand and -follow manner. Great work!

Second Place

NEXUS pipeline Instagram graphics

Lauren Green and Anna Huntsman

Ideastream

BREAKING NEWS SINGLE STORY**First Place**

Police officer killed in Bluffton; ensuing chase ends in Elyria

Vince Guerrieri and Bruce Bishop

The Chronicle-Telegram

Second Place

Fire erupts at former Star of the West Milling Co. in downtown Kent

Anna Huntsman, Abigail Bottar and Eman Abu-Khaled

Ideastream

BREAKING NEWS SERIES

First Place

Police videos show shooting of Jayland Walker

Beacon Journal staff

Akron Beacon Journal

Strong, comprehensive reporting. The Beacon Journal did a nice job of examining and dissecting every possible angle to this obviously important story.

Second Place

Death of Jayland Walker

WKYC staff

WKYC

Third Place

Clinched! Cleveland Guardians win AL Central Division

Matt Florjancic

From the Best Seat in the House sports blog

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Category comment: Love to see these Ohio news organizations reaching more audiences through creative use of social media!

First Place

Cleveland Magazine social media

Cleveland Magazine staff

Cleveland Magazine

Second Place

Governor candidates on the issues – TikTok

Emily DeLetter

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Third Place

Cleveland experts share tips on staying active when it's hard to exercise outside

Anna Huntsman

Ideastream

ONLINE STORYTELLING

First Place

'The Horseshoe' celebrates century of winning, tradition

DeAnna MacKeigan and Megan Roth

Cleveland Jewish News

O-H! (I-O!) Loved this package, not just because of the subject. Great use of media here, from the YouTube video featuring staff sharing personal memories of Ohio Stadium to the online poll and so much more. The layered interaction kept me engaged (and clicking) throughout, and not just because I was judging it. You had a solid story that you took to the next level by embracing multiple formats.

PODCAST

First Place

'Inside the Bricks' season 2: My Changing Neighborhood

Justin Glanville

Ideastream

A local reporter closely examines the human, public policy and economic forces shaping his own changing neighborhood.

Second Place

[Dark Side of the Land] The Husband or the Handyman: Who killed Marilyn Sheppard?

Nichole Vrsansky, Brian Sinclair, Chris Kline and Misty Stiver

Cleveland reporters revisit a gripping murder mystery from a local perspective.

BEST WEBSITE IN OHIO

First Place

Cleveland Jewish News

CJN staff

Cleveland Jewish News

Second Place

Fox8.com – Fox 8 News Cleveland

Fox8.com web team

WJW Fox 8

Third Place

BeaconJournal.com

Staff

Akron Beacon Journal

PHOTOGRAPHY

DAILY NEWSPAPER

SPOT NEWS - DAILY NEWSPAPER

First Place

Police officer killed in Bluffton; ensuing chase ends in Elyria

Bruce Bishop

The Chronicle-Telegram

About as complete as you can get for a breaking story involving different agencies, the death of a police officer and other factors.

Second Place

Crop-duster assists in containing Carlisle Township fire

Bruce Bishop

The Chronicle-Telegram

GENERAL NEWS - DAILY NEWSPAPER

First Place

Jayland Walker protest

Jeff Lange

Akron Beacon Journal

Excellent use of the shirt image to highlight the victim and convey the solemnity of the situation.

Second Place

Early voting begins in Lorain County

Bruce Bishop

The Chronicle-Telegram

Clever framing to reveal the message without offense. It makes it more compelling.

SPORTS - DAILY NEWSPAPER

Category comment: *I say this every time I judge a competition; but again, I truly mean it when I say that each and every one of these photographs is fantastic. Determining ranking order was REALLY difficult. Every one of these images stands strong on their own merit – each of them has demonstrated technical strength and compositional skills that are top notch. I hope that each of you is proud of the work that you've submitted, because it truly was a joy to look at these incredible photographs. Very difficult to judge; lots of great work here!*

First Place

Out at second

Jeff Lange

Akron Beacon Journal

Second Place

Lost helmet

Phil Masturzo

Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place

Mini rods at the fair

Thomas Fetcenko

The Chronicle-Telegram

GENERAL FEATURE - DAILY NEWSPAPER

Category comment: All were very well done, clear and interesting. A lovely set of entries!

First Place

Something fishy going on

Kristin Bauer

The Chronicle-Telegram

Second Place

Bobbing for apples

Mike Cardew

Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place

Akron Marathon

Mike Cardew

Akron Beacon Journal

PORTRAIT / PERSONALITY PHOTOGRAPHY - DAILY NEWSPAPER

First Place

Bridge Pointe fills housing need

Bruce Bishop

The Chronicle-Telegram

Second Place

Lorain fire helmet uncovered

Bruce Bishop

The Chronicle-Telegram

PHOTO JOURNALISM - DAILY NEWSPAPER

First Place

Akron Civic's BOOM! Theater drops the mic on aging

Ryan Lowe

Ideastream

The pictures lead you down a story line and kept a reader's interest!! Good job!

Second Place

A bittersweet Christmas

Kristin Bauer

The Chronicle-Telegram

Third Place

Jayland Walker protest

Jeff Lange

Akron Beacon Journal

PHOTOGRAPHY

NON DAILY NEWSPAPER

SPOT NEWS - NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER GENERAL

First Place

Bike ride to inauguration

Corrie Schaffeld

Cincinnati Business Courier

Beautifully composed image of what feels like a man on a mission.

GENERAL NEWS - NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER

First Place

Oil leak drink

Corrie Schaffeld

Cincinnati Business Courier

Fun photo made better because of the human element.

SPORTS - NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER

First Place

2022 Crosstown Shootout

Corrie Schaffeld

Cincinnati Business Courier

Smart use of the wider aperture to really make the subject pop.

FEATURE - NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER

First Place

“Do the right thing” Rico Grant

Corrie Schaffeld

Cincinnati Business Courier

Compelling portrait with depth thanks to framing and use of foreground and background.

**STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY -
NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER**

First Place

Hoist makes a splash

Corrie Schaffeld

Cincinnati Business Courier

Love how the action is captured

**PICTORIAL -
NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER**

First Place

Blink 2022

Corrie Schaffeld

Cincinnati Business Courier

Fun! Excellent shots.

Second Place

City lines: The landscape of downtown buildings

Bob Perkoski

FreshWater Cleveland

PHOTOGRAPHY

ALL OTHERS

GENERAL PHOTO (MULTIPLE IMAGES)

Category comment: The winner was far and away a great photo storyteller. Each picture led to another one that was better. While a small number, all were good pictures! Thank you.

First Place

Spring fashion

Tim Johnson

Columbus Monthly

All I can say is WOW. Each picture has its own personality on story. WELL DONE!

Second Place

CEO of the Year portrait series

Tim Johnson

Columbus CEO Magazine

PORTRAIT / PERSONALITY PHOTOGRAPHY - ALL OTHERS

First Place

Columbus icon Ann B. Walker

Tim Johnson

Columbus Monthly

Second Place

Lark Mallory

Rob Hardin

Columbus CEO Magazine

Third Place

Donna James

Tim Johnson

Columbus CEO Magazine

PHOTO JOURNALISM - ALL OTHERS

First Place

Fly guy

Tim Johnson

Columbus Monthly

Gave the viewer a real feel for the action.

Second Place

The Black Forager's wild ride

Tim Johnson

Columbus Monthly

PICTORIAL - ALL OTHERS

First Place

Big Bear, Calif., sunset

David Manley

Tire Business Newspaper

Second Place

Parade of Sail: Tall Ships arrive in Cleveland

Bob Perkoski

FreshWater Cleveland

GENERAL CIRCULATION MAGAZINES

NEWS

First Place

Win, lose, draw: Inside Ohio's redistricting battle

Jim DeBrosse

Cincinnati Magazine

Thorough examination of the drawing of political districts that touches on all the important issues that go along with that.

Second Place

Not in anyone's backyard?

Carrie Blackmore Smith

Cincinnati Magazine

Terrific story on people taking on the powerful utility industry.

Third Place

Growing up Schottenstein

Dave Ghose

Columbus Monthly

Nice profile with great details and background on a big family in the city's business circles.

FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE

First Place

The brothers Moody

Wil Haygood

Columbus Monthly

Tale of two brothers – a star architect and a drug dealer – packed with details and insights only a lifelong friend would know. Beautifully told.

Second Place

The Black Forager's wild ride

Brittany Moseley

Columbus Monthly

This goes way beyond the subject's self-deprecating description of most articles about her: "Wow, the newsworthiness boils down to 'Black woman goes outside, has good time in front of internet, people amazed.'" "

Third Place

Diane Therese Pinchot's sculptures search the world for what's sacred

Amanda Koehn

Canvas magazine of Cleveland Jewish News

Fascinating woman: ex-nun, political prisoner, artist.

FEATURES: GENERAL

First Place

Seeking the snowy owl

Annie Nickoloff

Cleveland Magazine

Really compelling read. Great use of the personal to highlight a bigger story. Really well written.

Second Place

The pinball wizards among us

Laurie Pike

Cincinnati Magazine

Third Place

The fight to save Roundwood Manor

Becky Boban

Cleveland Magazine

FEATURES: CONSUMER

First Place

Outdoor eats

Aiesha Little

Cincinnati Magazine

Second Place

True North

Staff

Columbus Monthly

Third Place

Experts' advice for parents amid the baby formula shortage

Angela Gartner and Janet Cho

Columbus CEO Magazine

FEATURES: ART

First Place

Inside Allison Banzhaf's Wow Factory

Laurie Pike

Cincinnati Magazine

This story incorporates multiple voices to reflect on the legacy and lasting impact of a homegrown music group. The story is well told, and old photos and video clips add to the text, rather than distract. An engaging read!

Second Place

Meet Nick Tobler, TikTok's 'eel pit guy'

Emily DeLetter

The Cincinnati Enquirer

SPORTS

First Place

Hotter than hell

Chris DeVille

Columbus Monthly

A tale of two soccer rivalries is wonderfully reported with a blending of history and current play.

Second Place

Nick Goepper is still up in the air

John Stowell

Cincinnati Magazine

Third Place

There's no place like home court

Marie Elium

Northeast Ohio Boomer magazine

FOOD

First Place

Global eats

Staff

Columbus Monthly

Second Place

Our iconic eats

Aiesha Little

Cincinnati Magazine

PUBLIC SERVICE/INVESTIGATIVE

First Place

The forgotten fire

Joel Oliphint

Columbus Monthly

Comprehensive piece that perfectly fits the category description: "...brings hidden matter to light and shows initiative and depth of research." One can't help but contrast how this environmental incident was handled in a majority-Black neighborhood with the recent East Palestine train derailment.

DEPARTMENTS OR COLUMNS

First Place

Columbus Parent

Kristy Eckert

The Modern Momma

I'm not a parent, but I was instantly drawn in to the columns because of the exceptional writing. Remarkably well written endings -- the type that leave the reader really feeling something!

Second Place

Editor's Note

Angela Gartner

Northeast Ohio Parent magazine

BEST MAGAZINE IN OHIO

First Place

John Fox, Amanda Boyd Walters, Brittany Dexter and staff

Cincinnati Magazine

Second Place

Staff

CAN Journal

Third Place

Staff

Columbus Monthly

NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS

BREAKING NEWS

First Place

Rabbi Weiss suspended following arrest

Amanda Koehn and Stephen Langel

Cleveland Jewish News

In-depth reporting in the aftermath of a disturbing event that rocked the community. Well done all around.

Second Place

Youngster severely injured in aftermath of vandalism

David Jacobs

Shelby Daily Globe

Third Place

Dallas rabbi who grew up in Beachwood prays for colleague in hostage situation

Bob Jacob

Cleveland Jewish News

FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE

First Place

An interview with Dr. Michael Baston, Tri-C's new president

Jonathan Beard

Tri-C The Voice

Second Place

Economic development leader gains statewide attention, praise

David Jacobs

Shelby Daily Globe

FEATURES: GENERAL

First Place

The day the music dies: Reflections on Record Revolution closing after 55 years on Coventry

Grant Segall

FreshWater Cleveland

The first place winner of this category illuminated how a vinyl shop became a community landmark and its owner's cool demeanor in the face of a big change. I can almost hear the records spinning.

Second Place

Former home 'just blown up and bombed'

Courtney Byrnes

Cleveland Jewish News

The writer thoughtfully reported the generational trauma of war experienced by a Jewish Ukrainian family watching and waiting to see what becomes of their country of origin.

Third Place

Robert P. Madison, man of many architectural, personal triumphs

Karin Rice

FreshWater Cleveland

It's clear to the reader that Mr. Madison is a titan of his industry. What an incredible life he lived. Well done!

PUBLIC SERVICE

First Place

'Do I eat that day?' Cost of public transit burdens Cleveland job-seekers, GED students

Mandy Kraynak

The Land

Story shows the importance of public transportation to the success or failure of programs to help better the lives of residents.

Second Place

Heights of Democracy: Keeping the citizenry connected

Deborah Van Kleef and Carla Rautenberg

Heights Observer

SPORTS

Category comment: *Very interesting reading. I loved the angles they all took in their writing.*

First Place

Wincinnati

Steve Watkins

Cincinnati Business Courier

Second Place

Yeshiva U's Turell hopes to become first Orthodox Jew to play in NBA despite being a long shot

Bob Jacob

Cleveland Jewish News

Third Place

The Triceratops are back

Christina Easter

Tri-C The Voice

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

First Place

Fran Lebowitz talks causing trouble, Jewish childhood, ahead of Playhouse Square visit

Becky Raspe

Cleveland Jewish News

The writer pulled some memorable quotes from the interview with Lebowitz, making it an entertaining read.

Second Place

Patinkin, Grody open up in backstage interview with CJN

Becky Raspe

Cleveland Jewish News

COMMUNITY / LOCAL COVERAGE

First Place

Rabbi Weiss

Amanda Koehn and Stephen Langel

Cleveland Jewish News

Second Place

A behind-the-scenes look at downtown revitalization project

David Jacobs

Shelby Daily Globe

Third Place

Community Development Connection

Karin Rice and Doug Guth

FreshWater Cleveland

BEST NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

First Place

Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

The variety and volume of local reporting was really impressive.

Second Place

Staff

Heights Observer: Every word contributed by members of the community

OPEN

GENERAL NEWS COLUMN

First Place

Changes have arrived for student health care at Oberlin College

Rini Jeffers

The Chronicle-Telegram

Crisp writing takes Oberlin's president to task.

Second Place

Finding hope at a place called Lake Hope

Regina Brett

Cleveland Jewish News

Third Place

Shameful Dave Yost jumped in mud to doubt case of 10-year-old who got abortion

Amelia Robinson

The Columbus Dispatch

SPORTS COLUMN

First Place

Browns' Deshaun Watson trade triggers past for sexual assault victims. I am one of them

Marla Ridenour

Akron Beacon Journal

A powerful, well written column.

Second Place

Cold, bitter, exhausting ... latest loss and this season

Jim Ingraham

The Chronicle-Telegram

Third Place

What being a Browns fan really means

Joe Donatelli

WEWS-TV 5

BUSINESS COLUMN

First Place

Right to Repair laws in purgatory?

David Manley

Tire Business

Second Place

Workplace mental health

Kathy McCarron

Tire Business

BEST IN OHIO: COLUMN

Category comment: *There were many well-written, thought-provoking columns on a variety of topics, from history to sports. While there were many deserving winners, there were other writers whose columns included more typical reportage, such as extensive quotes with people, instead of arguing in their own voices. Nevertheless, the variety of information in all the submissions made for fascinating reading. **First Place***

Rini Jeffers

The Chronicle-Telegram

With a strong voice and sardonic touches, Jeffers tackles social issues, such as gun violence and the First Amendment, and makes convincing arguments.

Second Place

Scott Woods

Columbus Monthly

Woods has unflinching views on issues, primarily ones dealing with current and past Black history, that demonstrate what makes a good columnist.

Third Place**Betty Lin-Fisher**

Akron Beacon Journal

Lin-Fisher writes passionately about common and unusual events in ordinary people's lives that illuminate how they cope with the stresses of modern living.

**HEADLINE WRITING NEWSPAPERS
(DAILY & NON DAILY)****First Place**

A-plus raiding

Kevin Aprile

The Chronicle-Telegram

Love seeing local high school sports get the professional treatment with an outstanding headline. This hammer really creates the sense of relevance and importance for the community.

Second Place

Nike slam dunk: The other shoe falls on Irving

Bob Jacob

Cleveland Jewish News

Both parts of the headline were catchy while informative.

Third Place

No escape from Alcaraz: Spaniard wins U.S. Open for first Slam title, top ranking

Vince Guerrieri

Medina County Gazette

Great word play ... informative and catchy.

HEADLINE WRITING ALL OTHER PUBLICATIONS**First Place**

Giving gray hair the green light

Lois Bowers and Ron Rajacki

McKnight's Senior Living

Second Place

Big things come in nano-packages

Andrew Schunk

Rubber News

Third Place

Imagining an industry left breathless

Erin Pustay Beaven

Rubber News

HEADLINE WRITING - ONLINE**First Place**

In one Ohio city, the Pride flags went up. Then were removed. Then were restored. All in 24 hours.

Ken Schneck

The Buckeye Flame

This headline has an almost musical pacing to it that really drives home the jarring back-and-forth that occurred in this town. Powerful.

Second Place

At an Ohio Pride festival last week, it was hateful protestor with bullhorn vs. drag queen. The winner? Judy Garland.

Ken Schneck

The Buckeye Flame

How do you not click on this story?

Third Place

How many clicks between Ohio State Rep Gary Click & hardcore pornography? We decided to find out.

Ken Schneck

The Buckeye Flame

**BEST IN OHIO:
HEADLINE WRITING**

Category comment: All the entries had good, clever headlines. It was tough.

First Place

Bob Jacob

Cleveland Jewish News

Nice use of puns and wordplay without being trite.

Second Place

Kevin Aprile

The Chronicle-Telegram

Third Place

Vince Guerrieri

Medina County Gazette

REVIEWS/CRITICISM

First Place

'Our Team' author Luke Epplin's book intertwines 4 narratives behind 1948 world champion Cleveland Indians

Marc Bona

Cleveland.com

Great, rhythmic writing draws the reader in no matter if the reader has an interest in the subject.

Second Place

Jason Isbell steps into the divide at the Palace Theatre

Andy Downing

Columbus Alive

BEST IN OHIO: REVIEWS/CRITICISM

First Place

CAN Blog

Michael Gill

CAN Journal

Wonderful art appreciation challenges us to look at world more closely.

Second Place

Food writing

Dillon Stewart

Cleveland Magazine

SINGLE ESSAY

Category comment: The winning entry was very evocative and meaningful, with sensory, emotional writing. Very moving piece. The other winners showed wonderful writing and research and humanity. Great job!

First Place

Father's Day: Dad said every problem had a solution. Then he got sick

Dan Horn

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Second Place

The brothers Moody

Wil Haygood

Columbus Monthly

Third Place

Bruno Putze: A Veterans Day veteran

Peter Jedick

The Plain Dealer

BEST IN OHIO ESSAY WRITING

First Place

Richard M. Perloff

Cleveland State University

Searing insights ... brings it home.

Second Place

Rini Jeffers

The Chronicle-Telegram

Third Place

Tom Matowitz

FreshWater Cleveland

SINGLE EDITORIAL

First Place

Everybody knows

Brad Dicken

The Chronicle-Telegram

Clear, concise and well argued. What else could you want?

Second Place

Unwelcome in Ohio

Amelia Robinson

The Columbus Dispatch

Third Place

Sour welcome

Scott Suttell

Crain's Cleveland Business

BEST IN OHIO: EDITORIAL

First Place

Michael Shearer

Akron Beacon Journal

Second Place

Brad Dicken

The Chronicle-Telegram

Third Place

Amelia Robinson

The Columbus Dispatch

ANALYSIS

First Place

Power outage

Dave Ghose

Columbus Monthly

Second Place

Legally speaking

Stephanie Haney

WKYC

Third Place

P.G. Sittenfeld verdict ‘a dark, dark moment for Cincinnati’

Jackie Borchardt

The Cincinnati Enquirer

ARCHITECTURE/DESIGN WRITING

First Place

Bringing Ben Dombar back to life

Linda Vaccariello

Cincinnati Magazine

Second Place

Downtown department stores get a residential revival

Vince Guerrieri

CityLab

Third Place

Central Perks

Matthew Hall

Environments for Aging - Spring 2022

BUSINESS/FINANCIAL WRITING

First Place

Exiled by Intel

Suzanne Goldsmith

Columbus Monthly

Second Place

Reviving Victoria’s Secret

Julanne Hohbach

Columbus CEO Magazine

Third Place

Batteries included: Electric vehicle manufacturing comes to Ohio

Dan Eaton

Columbus Business First

CRIMINAL JUSTICE WRITING

First Place

Your friend, Michael

Suzanne Goldsmith

Columbus Monthly

An alarming, but fascinating story about tapping into the criminal mind. All the elements are here for a well-told, page-turner of a read!

Second Place

In a Cincinnati forest, a sex sting operation leads to a clash between police and mayor

Cameron Knight

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Third Place

Change police culture to spur intervention in misconduct

Richard M. Perloff

The Plain Dealer

DATA JOURNALISM

First Place

A scooped-up side lot and the riverfront parcel that mysteriously got away: How rules written for distressed 'Rust Belt' property may benefit a select few

Lucia Walinchus

Eye on Ohio

Hyperlocal data journalism is difficult to find and the work done to do it well is gritty. This is a prime example. Very relevant to the community. Excellent use of sources and visuals.

Second Place

Neighborhood report card

Dan Horn

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Powerful interactive that could appeal to both locals and visitors.

Third Place

Gap between CEO and worker compensation expanded in 2021

Jeremy Nobile

Crain's Cleveland Business

EDUCATION WRITING (PRE-K-12)

First Place

'Neighborhood glue': Kenmore fears more blight as historic high school closes with no plan

Jennifer Pignolet

Akron Beacon Journal

Second Place

Six years into College and Career Academies, what's changed inside Akron schools?

Jennifer Pignolet

Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place

Federal waivers that decreased childhood hunger end soon

Carissa Woytach

The Chronicle-Telegram

**EDUCATION WRITING
(HIGHER EDUCATION)**

First Place

A complicated equation: Students and institutions navigate Northeast Ohio's changing higher education landscape

Amy Morona

Crain's Cleveland Business

Great use of data to tell the story of declining enrollment and its impact on communities, students, and the labor market. Thorough reporting and concise writing.

Second Place

What's in your backpack?

Jeanne Hoban

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Third Place

How UC students, staff avoided COVID-19 mandate

Madeline Mitchell

The Cincinnati Enquirer

ENTERTAINMENT WRITING

First Place

Singing on a porch to the Rock Hall: O'Jays story started in Canton

Ed Balint

The Repository

This story incorporates multiple voices to reflect on the legacy and lasting impact of a homegrown music group. The story is well told, and old photos and video clips add to the text, rather than distract. An engaging read!

Second Place

Meet Nick Tobler, TikTok's 'eel pit guy'

Emily DeLetter

The Cincinnati Enquirer

ENVIRONMENTAL WRITING

First Place

The river runs through us

Cedric Rose

Cincinnati Magazine

We've come a long way from when Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission officials sniffed jars of water from the Ohio River to monitor water quality. This piece of explanatory journalism skillfully weaves colorful descriptions with the science that keeps the vital waterway safe to use.

FOOD WRITING

First Place

Cleveland's 25 Best Restaurants

Dillon Stewart

Cleveland Magazine

Good story. I was ready to book a flight to sample the food.

Second Place

Why Frisch's is one of the most important restaurants in town

Keith Pandolfi

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Connected on an emotional level to this good story.

Third Place

Beyond Thunderdome

Andy Brownfield

Cincinnati Business Courier

HUMOR WRITING

First Place

Post-mask realities are staring us in the face

Cliff Anthony

The Plain Dealer

Pokes fun at aspects of the past three years we can all laugh at and relate to.

Second Place

For those blessed to not be paying attention

Joe Donatelli

WEWS-TV 5

Third Place

Woof! Lunch with the 'kids' at Doodle Drive-in is exhausting and yummy

Craig Webb

Akron Beacon Journal

MEDICAL / HEALTH WRITING

First Place

Rediscovering capacity and purpose

Jeanne Hoban

Northeast Ohio Medical University

This story really pulls at the heartstrings. It's such a heartbreaking issue but so real for so many. It was very well done and an example of compassion in journalism.

Second Place

Black Americans were targeted by cigarette makers. Will they benefit from ban on menthols?

Brooks Sutherland

The Cincinnati Enquirer

This is an important and timely issue. Wonderful research and effort!

Third Place

So, so worth it

Diane Smith

Record Courier

This is such a feel-good story! What an amazing journey for these women. Excellent writing!

MULTICULTURAL WRITING

First Place

Black women embrace wearing 'natural' hair at work

Erica Thompson

Columbus Monthly

Smart and interesting story about the impact of the CROWN Act.

Second Place

Our cultures, our community: Cuba

Sebastian Diaz

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Third Place

Unwrapping tamales in Northern Kentucky, a tradition thousands of years in the making

Jolene Almendarez

The Cincinnati Enquirer

OBITUARY

First Place

Wolstein recalled for 'rescuing and improving' Flats

Bob Jacob

Cleveland Jewish News

Wonderful use of both sources and his prior coverage; very heartfelt.

Second Place

Jean-Robert de Cavel, Cincinnati's most renowned chef, dies after battle with cancer

Andy Brownfield

Cincinnati Business Courier

POLITICS / GOVERNMENT WRITING

First Place

HB6 scandal coverage

Kathiann M. Kowalski

Eye on Ohio

Although this is the lengthiest entry – its 4th part is particularly intriguing and well written. It could have stood on its own. Part 7 also gives the reader deep insight into how deep this scandal is. And in part 8, this quote says it all: FirstEnergy has just for so many years been invested so heavily on so many different fronts related to the halls of power in the state that it makes it difficult to even find folks that don't have some sort of tie to the company at this point.

Second Place

Ohio's redistricting chaos

Jessie Balmert

The Columbus Dispatch

Third Place

As Roe falls, Northeast Ohioans express elation, devastation

Staff

Ideastream Public Media

REAL ESTATE WRITING

Category comment: *Two of the top three entries deal with the growing problems of investors flooding Ohio's housing market. Journalists should stay on top of this topic now that higher mortgage rates have changed the cost of buying and owning homes.*

First Place

How real estate investors are changing Cincinnati

Dan Horn and Randy Tucker

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Well-written and visually displayed, deeply researched look at how big money is changing homeownership on one street and the broader impact on a community and the American Dream.

Second Place

A traditional taboo

Stan Bullard

Crain's Cleveland Business

Touching, counterintuitive story about how professionals share their health conditions.

Third Place

Buying blitz: Cleveland-area homeowners grapple with flood of inquiries from investors

Michelle Jarboe

Crain's Cleveland Business

Great passage on how to deal with pesky home buyers: "He couldn't possibly sell off a gateway to hell, where he's 'fighting the demonic betrayers of mankind who wish to unleash eternal darkness and damnation upon us all.'"

TECHNOLOGY WRITING

First Place

Intel comes to Ohio

Carrie Ghose

Columbus Business First

Informative package that covers all aspects of the new big business coming to town.

Second Place

How RFID chips are bringing next-gen NFL stats right to your couch

Vince Guerrieri

Popular Mechanics

Third Place

Permission to launch: Three startups stand at the precipice, but only one can be Cincinnati's first \$10 billion brand

Liz Engel

Cincinnati Business Courier

TRAVEL WRITING

First Place

Dodging the crowds and clouds at Great Smoky Mountains National Park, America's most popular

Susan Glaser

The Plain Dealer

Engaging writing, good use of personal anecdotes (the bear – I believe you!). All the information a reader would need to make a successful trip to the Smokey's

Second Place

From industrial powerhouse to tourist draw: 24 hours in Ashtabula's fun, funky Bridge Street district

Susan Glaser

The Plain Dealer

Third Place

True North

Staff

Columbus Monthly

BEST IN OHIO: PHOTOGRAPHER

First Place

Bruce Bishop

The Chronicle-Telegram

Second Place

Jeff Lange

Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place

Corrie Schaffeld

Cincinnati Business Courier

BEST IN OHIO: FREELANCE WRITER

First Place

Grant Segall

FreshWater Cleveland and The Land

Second Place

Bob Sandrick

Issue Media Group, FreshWater Cleveland and cleveland.com

Third Place

Jill Sell

Akron Beacon Journal, The Plain Dealer, Akron Beacon Journal and Cleveland Magazine

**BEST IN OHIO:
STAFF WRITER**

First Place

Doug Livingston

Akron Beacon Journal

In a highly competitive field of staff reporters, Doug Livingston's ability to explain complex matters in an understandable and exciting way gives him the edge.

Second Place

Dan Eaton

Columbus Business First

Third Place

Amanda Garrett

Akron Beacon Journal

RADIO

ON-GOING COVERAGE

First Place

'Drama, drudgery in district-drawing duty'

Andy Chow, Jo Ingles and Karen Kasler

Ohio Public Radio

Second Place

Justice for Jayland

Staff

Ideastream

PUBLIC SERVICE

First Place

Ohio After Roe

Jo Ingles and Karen Kasler

Ohio Public Radio

The Statehouse News Bureau set out to cover the political and legal firestorm created by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. This series of stories approached the women's health crisis with compassion and thorough reporting. Thank you for chronicling history for future generations.

Second Place

Sound of Us: Richmond Heights

Justin Glanville

Ideastream

It's an extremely noble venture to train young people to tell their own stories through audio. Well done!

Third Place

Dave's Market closes, creates a food desert

Leigh Barr, Drew Maziasz, Rachel Rood and Rick Jackson

Ideastream

IN-DEPTH COVERAGE

First Place

Is Akron following the rules in homeless encampment sweeps? Advocates raise concerns

Anna Huntsman

Ideastream

Homelessness can be a disheartening and seemingly endless story to cover. The reporter approached the topic with humanity and a healthy skepticism for public officials' approach. Powerful audio, photos and copy made this entry the clear winner.

Second Place

Ohio elections officials hit with huge public records requests from 2020

Karen Kasler

Ohio Public Radio

HUMAN INTEREST

First Place

Meet Tater Tot, the furry friend alleviating stress for kids navigating the legal system

Kabir Bhatia

Ideastream

This is a perfect execution of a human-interest story. Great use of sound, especially starting with Tater Tot's panting and lapping water. Two paws up! community transformation looks like.

USE OF SOUND

First Place

Through social media, this Kent musician documents life with chronic fatigue syndrome

Jeff St. Clair

Ideastream

Powerful piece that puts its subject, who suffers from chronic fatigue syndrome, front and center. Hal Walker is allowed to share in his own words what the "crashes" he endures are like – and what that sounds like, as he struggles for breath. Just as effectively, the piece uses the musician's instrumentation as a backdrop.

RADIO/PODCAST SHOW

First Place

Autism Milestones

Leigh Barr, Drew Maziasz, Rachel Rood and Rick Jackson

Ideastream

This "Sound of Ideas" episode looks at the changing perspectives on autism over the past 22 years. Kudos for the diversity of the guests, including people with autism, some of whom who were recently diagnosed. Insightful, well-moderated conversation.

TELEVISION

NEWS

Category comments: Overall, exceptional news coverage on a variety of topics that clearly matter to the region's audience.

First Place

Scott Noll Investigates

Scott Noll

WEWS-TV 5

From the plague of stolen guns to unsafe carnival ride operations, the winner in this category dug beneath the surface to find stories that are essential to protecting public safety. Well done!

Second Place

Fallout from Russia

Duane Pohlman, Eric Frisbee and Tim Geraghty

WKRC-TV

Third Place

Deshaun Watson investigation

Ed Gallek, Peggy Gallek and Andy Fishman

WJW Fox 8

ON-GOING COVERAGE

First Place

Fallout

Duane Pohlman, Eric Frisbee and Tim Geraghty

WKRC-TV

Remarkable reporting on a horrific public safety story with geopolitical implications. Keep holding federal officials' feet to the fire!

Second Place

Linndale: Traffic tickets, hidden fees

Ed Gallek, Peggy Gallek and Andy Fishman

WJW Fox 8

An outrageous series on small towns taking advantage of the court system to raise million to fund eye-watering salaries for their employees. Great job on refusing to take "no" for an answer.

Third Place

Piece of family history destroyed by EF2 tornado

Payton Marshall and Payton Del Bradley

WXIX Fox 19

HUMAN INTEREST

Category comment: *Incredibly strong category overall.*

First Place

How Ohio breweries and artists use beer cans as their canvas

Dave DeOreo and Jean-Marie Papoi

Ideastream

*Super fun story. Beautifully shot, well edited, just a joy to watch. Great stuff.****Second Place***

I just like nice words

Ken Brown and Payton Del Bradley

WXIX Fox 19

Third Place

Just a dad from Akron

David Colabine and Clay LePard

WEWS-TV 5

SPORTS REPORT OR COMMENTARY

First Place

Nuns from Old St. Mary's pray for Bengals win

Payton Marshall and Holland Rains

WXIX Fox 19

Great story idea that's well-executed.

TELEVISION SHOW

Category comment: *Judging was not easy! There were many notable entries, and I would encourage those that did not make the Top 3 to keep up the good work!*

First Place

WEWS 75th Anniversary Special

Joe Donatelli, Mark Ackerman and Amanda Merrell

WEWS-TV 5

Second Place

Inside Artemis

Betsy Kling, Chris Blake, Susan Moses and Taylor Moore

WKYC

Third Place

Street Level: Vine Street

Staff

Spectrum News 1

PUBLIC SERVICE

First Place

The cost of gun violence

Scott Noll and Bridgette Pacholka

WEWS-TV 5

This segment was highly effective in driving home how gun violence impacts every American through staggering health care costs. Ohio lawmakers should pause at the fact that our society is funding trauma wards with taxpayer dollars that could send people to college and vocational schools. Fantastic job reporting on a heartbreaking topic.

Second Place

Planet CLE

Jason Mikell, Payton Domschke, Susan Moses and Margaret Bernstein

WKYC

The range of relatable environment-focused stories was engaging for viewers. I was also impressed that station employees took the time to do a beach clean-up and really practice what they preach. Well done!

BEST WEATHERCAST

First Place

Tornado storm coverage for Holmes and Wayne counties

Jason Mikell

WKYC

Mikell and Domschke work well together in covering a tornado warning and other severe storm aspects. Very informative and excellent use of color graphics.

Second Place

Taking the Plunge: December 23, 2022

Betsy Kling

WKYC

Kling does a good job of explaining the ongoing impact of an ongoing snowstorm accompanied by severe cold and wind.

BEST TELEVISION NEWSCAST IN OHIO IN A MAJOR MARKE

First Place

WKYC Studios 3News

Staff

WKYC

Two quality newscasts, both very serious lead stories handled extremely well. From the producers to the anchors to the crews in the field, quality stuff across the board.

Second Place

19 News Everywhere At 5

Scott Carlson and Heather Flowers

WOIO-TV

Third Place

Newscast 2022

Staff

WJW Fox 8

TRADE PUBLICATIONS

TRADE REPORT

First Place

Imagining an industry left breathless

Erin Pustay Beaven

Rubber News

Terrific, interesting, well-written stories covering multiple angles about airless tires.

Second Place

Automotive plastics industry navigates supply chain challenges, EV demands

Bruce Geiselman and Karen Hanna

Plastics Machinery & Manufacturing

Third Place

RoboTire evolves service bay

Jessica Holbrook

Tire Business

FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE

First Place

From fashion to machinery: French-Lutz formally in line to lead family business

Bruce Meyer

Rubber News

You don't need to work in the rubber industry to find this profile interesting. Credit to the writer for bringing this interesting story about one person's career shift to the page. Quite the transition from the world of Manhattan fashion to manufacturing in the Midwest.

Second Place

Trelleborg's 'transformational' leader

Andrew Schunk

Rubber News

FEATURES: GENERAL

Category comment: Trade publications often present news in a dry way that feels more like a press release than a thoughtful story. These three pieces represent outstanding writing AND storytelling. Experts and non-experts alike can read these entries and feel connected to the story. Bravo to the writers!

First Place

Consistency, family a recipe for success at Morgan Polymer Seals

Erin Pustay Beaven

Rubber News

Second Place

Small tire, big opportunity

Sam Cottrill

Rubber News

Third Place

Hybrid manufacturing approach breaks down barriers for ‘Bionic Kids’

Karen Hanna

Plastics Machinery & Manufacturing

FEATURES: SPECIAL SECTION/PACKAGE

First Place

Warning: Winding road ahead

Bruce Meyer and Erin Pustay Beaven

Rubber News

Second Place

In pursuit of sustainable

Erin Pustay Beaven

Rubber News

Third Place

Tire Business Humanitarian package

Kathy McCarron

Tire Business

FEATURES: TRENDS

First Place

Everything to know about ADAS

Jessica Holbrook

Tire Business

Informative and non-jargony package of stories on a topic most vehicle owners probably never consider – the connection of computerized safety systems on other parts of the vehicle from windshields to tires.

Second Place

Recruiting the next generation

Sam Cottrill

Rubber News

Third Place

Russian invasion pushes EU to other carbon blacks

Andrew Schunk

Rubber News

DEPARTMENTS OR COLUMNS

First Place

Women voices empower us. The next generation will, too.

Bruce Meyer and Erin Pustay Beaven

Rubber News

Nicely written editorials.

Second Place

Editor’s column

Lois Bowers

McKnight’s Senior Living

Nuanced exploration of a sensitive topic.

Third Place

Talking Points

Ron Shinn

Plastics Machinery & Manufacturing

Interesting and useful information for this audience.

BEST TRADE PUBLICATION IN OHIO

First Place

Editorial staff

Rubber News

Second Place

Don Detore, David Manley, Bruce Davis and Kathy McCarron

Tire Business

Third Place

Staff

Plastics Machinery & Manufacturing

VISUALS

SINGLE CARTOON

First Place

Intel is a big win for Ohio

Rich Williams

Crain's Cleveland Business

Simple, effective and instantly understandable.

BEST IN OHIO: CARTOONING

Category comment: *Hard to choose between them but a choice had to be made. Both had strong ideas and good execution. It came down to which one made me laugh the most.*

First Place

Rich Williams

Crain's Cleveland Business

Strong body of work. Twitter parody particularly excellent.

Second Place

Jeff Darcy

The Plain Dealer

ILLUSTRATION SINGLE IMAGE

First Place

Margaritas

Phil Masturzo

Akron Beacon Journal

This illustration just pops, in a way that's really special.

Second Place

Summer Camp Guide

Kendra Huspaska

Northeast Ohio Parent magazine

Third Place

Climate migrants

Kayla Byler

Crain's Cleveland Business

MULTIPLE ILLUSTRATIONS FOR ONE STORY- ALL PUBLICATIONS

First Place

Climate migrants

Kayla Byler

Crain's Cleveland Business

Tough subject to illustrate, but these images are up to the task. Applaud the balance between simplicity and sophistication. Design blends photography and illustration seamlessly. Well done.

BEST IN OHIO: ILLUSTRATION

First Place

Illustrations for transformational leader profiles

Dave Szalay

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Well-conceived, masterfully executed illustrations. Also loved the color palette.

INFOGRAPHICS

First Place

Top 12 recycling states

Michael McGrady

Rubber News

Excellent job, clear graphics that make the story.

BEST IN OHIO: INFOGRAPHICS

First Place

The charges against P.G. Sittenfeld

Michael Nyerges, Sharon Coolidge and Kevin Grasha

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Concise information in visually pleasing presentation.

Second Place

Body of work

Michael Nyerges

The Cincinnati Enquirer

SINGLE PAGE DESIGN- TAB

Category comment: A tough category to judge. Loved the one about the athletes – each one captured the athletes' personality.

First Place

Highest-paid athletes

Kayla Byler

Crain's Cleveland Business

Very captivating!

Second Place

An interview with Dr. Michael Baston, Tri-C's new president

Eden Amador-Gory

Tri-C The Voice

Interesting man, nice story and good picture capturing his personality.

Third Place

Climate migrants

Kayla Byler

Crain's Cleveland Business

SINGLE PAGE DESIGN- MAGAZINE

First Place

Luxury Lunacy

Betsy Becker

Columbus Monthly

Fun selection of absurdly pricy items with gentle snark added in. Bonus points for the info on Black-owned business at the bottom.

Second Place

Global Eats

Betsy Becker

Columbus Monthly

‘A-1’ NEWS FRONT- DAILY AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS

First Place

Body of work

Stephen Valentine

Cleveland Jewish News

Excellent use of photography, typography and proportionality.

SPREAD OR MULTIPLE PAGE- TABS

First Place

Gun violence: Searching for solutions

Kayla Byler

Crain’s Cleveland Business

Well-designed package of photos and writing to bring varied sources who are trying to curb the violence.

Second Place

Akron-based maker of Purell celebrates 75 years of cleaning up

Stephen Valentine

Cleveland Jewish News

SPREAD OR MULTIPLE PAGE- MAGAZINES

Category comment: *No losers in this category. A strong group altogether, marked by compelling images, thoughtful typography and strong design. A pleasure to view and read.*

First Place

24 Hours in 24 Photos

Brittany Dexter, Hatsue Andrews, Emi Villavicencio and Jen Kawanari

Cincinnati Magazine

A compelling take on a familiar concept. The consistent and minimalistic type treatment and generous space given to images allows those photos to command attention. Bonus kudos for involving such many photographers.

Second Place

On the Camino, going up slowly

Abigail Archer

Cleveland Magazine

The opening spread, with its type treatment, design and imagery, really takes the reader on a journey.

Third Place

Cleveland’s 25 Best Restaurants

Erin Stinard

Cleveland Magazine

Striking food images that makes this reviewer hungry. Nice variety that captures and maintains viewer interest.

BEST IN OHIO: PAGE DESIGN

First Place

Jessica Simon

Cleveland Jewish News

Second Place

Betsy Becker

Columbus Monthly

Third Place

Stephen Valentine

Cleveland Jewish News

COVERS: GENERAL CIRCULATION MAGAZINES

First Place

Canvas Magazine - Spring 2022

Stephen Valentine

Cleveland Jewish News

Simple design with great use of color. Cover pops.

Second Place

Building a greener city

Brittany Dexter

Cincinnati Magazine

Third Place

Cleveland's 25 Best Restaurants

Erin Stinard

Cleveland Magazine

COVERS: BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS

First Place

Fall 2022

Heather Hauser and Tim Johnson

Columbus CEO Magazine

Sharp, crisp, powerful cover.

Second Place

Gun violence: Searching for solutions

Kayla Byler

Crain's Cleveland Business

Strong, balanced design complements equally strong content.

Third Place

40 Under Forty

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Eye-catching; nicely done.

COVERS: TRADE & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Category comment: All entries were solid in this category and close in performance. Too bad there isn't an Honorable Mention award.

First Place

Packaging paradox

Marvin Brown

Plastics Machinery & Manufacturing *Good, clean design using a strong central image to catch the eye and inform quickly. Well done.*

Second Place

Global Tire Report cover

David Manley and Michael McCrady

Tire Business

Clever and easily understood cover graphics provide a glimpse into rankings of top producers contained within. Indexing helps direct readers, creating an informative and attractive presentation.

Third Place

Imagining an industry left breathless

Michael McCrady

Rubber News

A composite central graphic and supporting cover stories in newspaper style provide insight and a timely feel. Readers gotta love the look and the details.

BEST USE OF MULTIMEDIA

First Place

Temple Emanu El to toast 75 years with gala weekend

Cheryl Sadler

Cleveland Jewish News

Second Place

‘The Horseshoe’ celebrates century of winning, tradition

DeAnna MacKeigan and Megan Roth

Cleveland Jewish News

Third Place

Kevin Love in conversation with Donovan Mitchell

Cleveland Magazine staff, Long Division Creative and Casey Rearick

Cleveland Magazine