

Finalists have been announced in the Ohio Associated Press Media Editors' 2020 newspaper contest.

The awards in actual order of finish — first, second and third places — will be announced later along with the General Excellence, Hall of Fame, Rising Star and First Amendment winners.

Fifty-two daily newspapers submitted 1,418 entries in the contest, which featured news and sports stories, features, editorials, columns, graphics and photos from 2020.

Entries were judged by editors from The Detroit News and MLive, Division V; The Grand Haven (Michigan) Tribune, Division IV; The McComb Daily (Michigan), Division III; Mount Pleasant (Michigan) Morning Sun, Hearst Media, and Cadillac (Michigan) News, Division II; the Petoskey (Michigan) News-Review and the Alpena (Michigan) News, Division I.

Finalists in the 2020 Ohio APME newspaper contest:

Finalists in Division V:

Best Headline Writer: Heather Denniss, The (Toledo) Blade; Sean McClelland, Dayton Daily News; Mark J. Price, Akron Beacon Journal.

Best Business Writer: Jon Chavez, The (Toledo) Blade; Alexander Coolidge, The Cincinnati Enquirer; Lynn Hulse, Dayton Daily News.

Best Columnist: Theodore Decker, The Columbus Dispatch; Bob Dyer, Akron Beacon Journal; Amelia Robinson, Dayton Daily News.

Best Editorial Writer: Kevin Aldridge, The Cincinnati Enquirer; Wynne Everett, The (Toledo) Blade; Elizabeth Sullivan and Thomas Suddes, The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer.

Best Feature Writer: Ken Gordon, The Columbus Dispatch; Mike Wagner, The Columbus Dispatch; Craig Webb, Akron Beacon Journal.

Best Graphics Artist: Joe Landsberger, The (Toledo) Blade; Alexis Larsen, Dayton Daily News; Mike Nyerges, The Cincinnati Enquirer.

Best Sports Columnist: Tom Archdeacon, Dayton Daily News; David Briggs, The (Toledo) Blade; Terry Pluto, The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer.

Best Sports Feature Writer: Tom Archdeacon, Dayton Daily News; Adam Jardy, The Columbus Dispatch; Nate Ulrich, Akron Beacon Journal.

Best Sports Writer: Tom Archdeacon, Dayton Daily News; Chris Fedor, The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer; Bill Rabinowitz, The Columbus Dispatch.

Best Photographer: Rebecca Benson, The (Toledo) Blade; Kareem Elgazzar, The Cincinnati Enquirer; Jeremy Wadsworth, The (Toledo) Blade.

Best News Writer: Beth Burger, The Columbus Dispatch; Dan Horn, The Cincinnati Enquirer; Jennifer Pignolet, Akron Beacon Journal.

Best Sports Enterprise: Marcus Hartman, Dayton Daily News; The Columbus Dispatch, "Anatomy of a Powerhouse"; Mike Wagner and Sam Raudins, The Columbus Dispatch, "Ohio High Schools Reconsider Native American Nicknames."

Best Special Sports Section: Akron Beacon Journal, "Browns 2020 Preview"; The Columbus Dispatch, "Scholar Athletes."

Best Daily Sports Section: [The \(Toledo\) Blade](#); Dayton Daily News; The Columbus Dispatch.

Best Illustration or Informational Graphic: [Joe Landsberger, The \(Toledo\) Blade](#); Alexis Larsen, Dayton Daily News; The Columbus Dispatch.

Best News Photo: Kareem Elgazzar, The Cincinnati Enquirer, "Standoff Pacing"; Bill Lackey, Dayton Daily News; Bill Lackey, Dayton Daily News.

Best Feature Photo: [Rebecca Benson, The \(Toledo\) Blade](#); [Kurt Steiss, The \(Toledo\) Blade](#); [Jeremy Wadsworth, The \(Toledo\) Blade](#).

Best Sports Photo: Jeff Lange, Akron Beacon Journal; Kyle Robertson, The Columbus Dispatch, "Blue Jackets Leap"; [Kurt Steiss, The \(Toledo\) Blade](#).

Best Photo Story: Kyle Robertson, The Columbus Dispatch, "High School Athlete"; Meg Vogel, The Cincinnati Enquirer, "City of Renters"; [Jeremy Wadsworth, The \(Toledo\) Blade](#), "Todd's Guns protest."

Best Video: Courtney Hergesheimer, The Columbus Dispatch; Amanda Rossmann and Meg Vogel, The Cincinnati Enquirer, "2020: The Year That Revealed Us"; Meg Vogel, The Cincinnati Enquirer, "COVID-19 Mom: 'I Have No Memory of Him Being Born'."

Best Public Service: Terry DeMio and Sarah Haselhorst, The Cincinnati Enquirer, "Heroin: Reclaiming Lives"; Cory Shaffer, The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer; The Columbus Dispatch, "Summer of Violence."

Best Spot News Coverage: Jessie Balmert and Sharon Coolidge, The Cincinnati Enquirer, "Ohio Bribery Scandal"; [The \(Toledo\) Blade, "Police Officer Slain"](#); The Columbus Dispatch, "The Shooting of Andre Hill."

Best Explanatory Reporting: Céilí Doyle, The Columbus Dispatch, "Lack of Broadband Hurts Rural Areas"; Amanda Garrett, Akron Beacon Journal, "How the FBI Claims Larry Householder Corruptly Parlayed \$60M into a \$1.3B Energy Bailout, Personal Gain"; Akron Beacon Journal, "Remembering the Kent State Shootings 50 Years Later."

Best Enterprise Reporting: Danae King, The Columbus Dispatch, "Deputy Who Killed Casey Goodson Has Used Faith to Justify Use of Force Before"; The Columbus Dispatch, "I Took A Life Series"; [Brooks Sutherland, The \(Toledo\) Blade](#).

Best Investigative Reporting: Laura Bischoff, Dayton Daily News, "Householder Case, HB6 Fight and Role of Dark Money"; Dan Horn and Sharon Coolidge, The Cincinnati Enquirer, "How Cincinnati's Politicians Ignore Cincinnati is a City of Renters"; Rick Rouan and Doug Caruso, The Columbus Dispatch, "Ohio's Voter Registration Purge Targeted Thousands in Error. Now, a call for change."

Best Full Page Design: [Sarah Baird, The \(Toledo\) Blade](#); Mark Toerner, Dayton Daily News; The Columbus Dispatch, "A Grim Toll."

Best Digital Project: Kaitlin Durbin and Phillip Kaplan, The (Toledo) Blade, "Best Digital Project: Code 18 Unsolved"; The Cincinnati Enquirer, "2020: The Year that Revealed Us"; Stephanie Warsmith and Paula Schleis, Akron Beacon Journal, "Exhumations Can Help Uncover Secrets."

Best Digital Presence: The (Toledo) Blade; The Cincinnati Enquirer; The Columbus Dispatch.

Finalists in Division IV:

Best Headline Writer: Kevin Aprile, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram; Patrick Litowitz, Warren Tribune Chronicle; Adrienne McGee Sterrett, The Lima News.

Best Business Writer: Shane Hoover, The Canton Repository; Edd Pritchard, The Canton Repository; David Trinko, The Lima News.

Best Columnist: Zach Baker, The (Findlay) Courier; Charita Goshay, The Canton Repository; Rini Jeffers, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram.

Best Editorial Writer: Brad Dicken, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram; Jim Krumel, The Lima News; Brenda J. Linert, Warren Tribune Chronicle.

Best Feature Writer: Tim Botos, The Canton Repository; Burton Cole, Warren Tribune Chronicle; Brenna Griteman, The (Findlay) Courier.

Best Graphics Artist: B.J. Lisko, The Canton Repository; Laura McDonough, Warren Tribune Chronicle; David Trinko, The Lima News.

Best Sports Columnist: Joe Simon, Warren Tribune Chronicle; Scott Petrak, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram; Bob Seggerson, The Lima News.

Best Sports Feature Writer: Dave Hanneman, The (Findlay) Courier; Scott Petrak, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram; Josh Weir, The Canton Repository.

Best Sports Writer: Dave Hanneman, The (Findlay) Courier; Scott Petrak, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram; Joe Simon, Warren Tribune Chronicle.

Best Photographer: Kristin Bauer, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram; Scott Heckel, The Canton Repository; Amanda Wilson, The Lima News.

Best News Writer: Mackenzi Klemann, The Lima News; J Swygart, The Lima News; Laina Yost, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram.

Best Sports Enterprise: Steve Doerschuk, The Canton Repository; Jim Naveau, The Lima News, "Bracket of Champions"; The Canton Repository.

Best Special Sports Section: The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram, "High School Basketball 2020-21"; The Canton Repository; The Canton Repository.

Best Daily Sports Section: The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram; The Lima News; Warren Tribune Chronicle.

Best Illustration or Informational Graphic: Bruce Bishop, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram, "High School Basketball During COVID-19"; David Trinko, The Lima News, "Reported COVID-19 Statistics for Allen County"; David Trinko, The Lima News, "Where Are You Going? Mobility Changes During the Pandemic."

Best News Photo: Scott Heckel, The Canton Repository, "Blocking Traffic"; Richard Parrish, The Lima News, "Roxy Fire"; R. Michael Semple, Warren Tribune Chronicle, "Forgot To Stop."

Best Feature Photo: Scott Heckel, The Canton Repository, "Covid Return"; Craig J. Orosz, The Lima News, "Some Bunny at the Door"; R. Michael Semple, Warren Tribune Chronicle, "Look Up and Smile."

Best Sports Photo: Kristin Bauer, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram, "Taking a Fair Turn"; David Dermer, Warren Tribune Chronicle, "Celebration"; Scott Heckel, The Canton Repository, "Welcome Home."

Best Photo Story: Kristin Bauer, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram, "It Really Looks Like There's a Nipple There"; Scott Heckel, The Canton Repository, "Final Four Champions"; Scott Heckel, The Canton Repository, "Stark County Peace Rally for Justice."

Best Video: Amanda Wilson, The Lima News, "Freedom Elementary Kindergarten Thanksgiving"; Amanda Wilson, The Lima News, "Suzanne Shea Gallagher Presents the Smiles Lines Project at the Riverside Art Gallery".

Best Public Service: Adrienne McGee Sterrett, The Lima News, "Allen County 200 Years: Celebrating Our Bicentennial"; Laina Yost and Dylan Reynolds, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram, "University Hospitals Elyria Ends Delivery Services"; Warren Tribune Chronicle, "Twenty Under 20."

Best Spot News Coverage: Ashley Fox, Warren Tribune Chronicle, "Struthers Boy, 4, Killed in Shooting"; Carissa Woytach, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram, "Discord in Clearview Schools"; Warren Tribune Chronicle, "Warren Officer Fired, Charged."

Best Explanatory Reporting: Renee Fox, Warren Tribune Chronicle, "Poverty in our Valley"; Adrienne McGee Sterrett, The Lima News, "Holiday Help"; Kelli Weir, The Canton Repository, "Stark County First to Test Ohio School Transfer Issue."

Best Enterprise Reporting: Renee Fox, Warren Tribune Chronicle, "Hospital Leaves Void in Neighborhood"; Carissa Woytach and Laina Yost, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram, "Racism as a Public Health Crisis"; Carissa Woytach, The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram, "Tattoo Artist Helps Restore Body, Renew Survivor's Life."

Best Investigative Reporting: Josh Ellerbrock, The Lima News, "Racial Protests Create New Sparks in Lima"; Mackenzi Klemann, The Lima News, "A Victim, Charged with Murder"; .

Best Full Page Design: Don Baldauf, The Lima News, "Which Way Forward?"; B.J. Lisko, The Canton Repository, "Pro Wrestling Takeover"; Gary Presley and Jim Krumel, The Lima News, "Dayton Flyers: A Season Like No Other."

Best Digital Project: Tim Botos, The Canton Repository, "Do You Remember?"; Shane Hoover, The Canton Repository, "Tales from the Rep Morgue"; David Trinko, The Lima News, "COVID-19 Page."

Best Digital Presence: The (Elyria) Chronicle-Telegram; The Lima News.

Finalists in Division III:

Best Headline Writer: Andy Ouriel, Sandusky Register; Patrick Pfanner, Sandusky Register.

Best Business Writer: Bob Gaetjens, Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier; Samantha Ickes, The (Wooster) Daily Record; Andy Ouriel, Sandusky Register.

Best Columnist: Art Holden, The (Wooster) Daily Record; Patrick Pfanner, Sandusky Register; Matt Westerhold, Sandusky Register, "Rounding It Up."

Best Editorial Writer: Matt Westerhold, Sandusky Register, "They Like Me, They Really Like Me".

Best Feature Writer: Nancy Molnar, The (Dover-New Philadelphia) Times-Reporter; Emily Morgan, The (Wooster) Daily Record; Andy Ouriel, Sandusky Register.

Best Sports Columnist: Jake Furr, Mansfield News Journal; Jon Spencer, Mansfield News Journal.

Best Sports Feature Writer: Jonah Rosenblum, Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier; Alex Tichenor, The (Wooster) Daily Record; Jimmy Watkins, Sandusky Register.

Best Sports Writer: Jake Furr, Mansfield News Journal; Jon Spencer, Mansfield News Journal; Alex Tichenor, The (Wooster) Daily Record.

Best Photographer: Erin Caldwell, Sandusky Register; Jake Furr, Mansfield News Journal; Lisa Scalfaro, Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier.

Best News Writer: Tom Jackson, Sandusky Register; Emily Morgan, The (Wooster) Daily Record; Andy Ouriel, Sandusky Register.

Best Sports Enterprise: Jake Furr, Mansfield News Journal, "Richland 200 Series"; Jonah Rosenblum, Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier, "Sports and COVID"; Jimmy Watkins, Sandusky Register, "Pandemic Challenges."

Best Special Sports Section: Alex Tichenor and Emily Carey, The (Wooster) Daily Record, "2020 High School Football Preview".

Best Daily Sports Section: Brian Kollars, Sandusky Register; Alex Tichenor and Josh McWilliams, The (Wooster) Daily Record; Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier.

Best News Photo: Jason Molyet, Mansfield News Journal, "Taking a "Stand""; Lisa Scalfaro, Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier, "Rogue Bald Eagle"; Mike Schenk, The (Wooster) Daily Record, "COVID Rooftop birthday."

Best Feature Photo: Erin Caldwell, Sandusky Register, "Birthday Betty"; Lisa Scalfaro, Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier, "Hands Up, Don't Shoot"; Lisa Scalfaro, Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier, "Jay Brannon Plea."

Best Sports Photo: Erin Caldwell, Sandusky Register, "Beauty After the Storm"; Erin Caldwell, Sandusky Register, "Hurdle"; Erin Caldwell, Sandusky Register, "Tangled."

Best Photo Story: Erin Caldwell, Sandusky Register, "Sisters Saddle Up"; Jason Molyet, Mansfield News Journal, "Black Lives Matter in Ontario"; Lisa Scalfaro, Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier, "Maple Syrup."

Best Video: Erin Caldwell, Sandusky Register, "Hooked Like Helen"; Jason Molyet, Mansfield News Journal, "Longnecker Surprise"; Jason Molyet, Mansfield News Journal, "Sunflowers."

Best Public Service: Caitlin Nearhood, Sandusky Register, "Ohio's Black History Education"; Andy Ouriel, Sandusky Register, "Health Care Heroes"; Jack Rooney, The (Wooster) Daily Record, "Empower Others."

Best Spot News Coverage: Andy Ouriel, Sandusky Register, "State Theatre Destruction"; Monroe Trombly, Mansfield News Journal, "Video of Mansfield Police Dragging Man Spurs Outrage on Social Media"; Lou Whitmire, Mansfield News Journal, "Woman Murdered, Magistrate Who Denied Protection Order is Dismissed."

Best Explanatory Reporting: Brandon Addeo, Sandusky Register, "Bars Pay Up for COVID Violations"; Andy Ouriel, Sandusky Register, "Progress on the Pier"; Monroe Trombly, Mansfield News Journal, "Can You Get Arrested for Marijuana in Mansfield? Yes and No."

Best Enterprise Reporting: Samantha Ickes, The (Wooster) Daily Record, "Amish Vote"; Krista Kano and Jonah Rosenblum, Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier, "Spiker Resigns as Rootstown Football Coach"; Monroe Trombly, Mansfield News Journal, "It's a Struggle: Black Men Discuss Getting Good Jobs in Richland County."

Best Investigative Reporting: Brandon Addeo and Michael Harrington, Sandusky Register, "Arrests of Black People Lead to Police Chief's, Officers' Ouster"; Alexander Thompson, The (Wooster) Daily Record, "Cost of Being Essential"; LynAnne Vucovich, Sandusky Register, "An Innocent Man, a Three-Part Series."

Best Full Page Design: Kevin Greer, Sandusky Register, "Bleeding Blue"; Sean Linhart, The (Dover-New Philadelphia) Times-Reporter, "Christmas Day"; Sandusky Register, "Day That Broke a City's Heart."

Best Digital Project: Christine Jenkinson, The (Wooster) Daily Record, "Last-Minute Gifts".

Best Digital Presence: Sandusky Register; Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier; The (Wooster) Daily Record.

Finalists in Division II:

Best Headline Writer: Albert Grindle, The Medina Gazette; Christine Holmes, Zanesville Times Recorder; Bob Jacob, Cleveland Jewish News.

Best Business Writer: Kent Mallett, The (Newark) Advocate; Craig McDonald, The (Newark) Advocate; Kyle Shaner, The Sidney Daily News.

Best Columnist: Irv Oslin, Ashland Times-Gazette; Abbey Roy, The (Newark) Advocate; Kaitlin Thorne, The Athens Messenger.

Best Editorial Writer: Ross Gallabrese, Steubenville Herald-Star; Benjamin Lanka, The (Newark) Advocate; Ed Puskas, The (Ashtabula) Star Beacon.

Best Feature Writer: Noelle Bye, Ashland Times-Gazette; Leslie Gartrell, The (Celina) Daily Standard; Shelley Terry, The (Ashtabula) Star Beacon.

Best Graphics Artist: Bill Thornbro, The (Celina) Daily Standard; Stephen Valentine, Cleveland Jewish News.

Best Sports Columnist: Les Levine, Cleveland Jewish News; Kurt Snyder, The (Newark) Advocate; Kevin Wiseman, The Athens Messenger.

Best Sports Feature Writer: Rick Noland, The Medina Gazette; Gary Rasberry, The (Celina) Daily Standard; Chris Snow, Ashland Times-Gazette.

Best Sports Writer: Rick Noland, The Medina Gazette; Chris Rambo, Lisbon Morning Journal; Chris Snow, Ashland Times-Gazette.

Best Photographer: Chris Crook, Zanesville Times Recorder; John Halley, The Athens Messenger; Jessica Phelps, The (Newark) Advocate.

Best News Writer: Bob Finnan, The Medina Gazette; William Kincaid, The (Celina) Daily Standard; Jordan Laird, Ashland Times-Gazette.

Best Sports Enterprise: Albert Grindle, The Medina Gazette, "All-Decade Sports"; Gary Rasberry and Bill Thornbro, The (Celina) Daily Standard, "Amazing Athletes"; Kurt Snyder, The (Newark) Advocate, "Keeping Kids Healthy During Pandemic."

Best Special Sports Section: Albert Grindle, The Medina Gazette, "Fall Football Preview"; Steubenville Herald-Star, "Inside the Paint"; The (Celina) Daily Standard, "Spring Sports Preview."

Best Daily Sports Section: Albert Grindle, The Medina Gazette; Kurt Snyder and Dave Weidig, The (Newark) Advocate; Steubenville Herald-Star.

Best Illustration or Informational Graphic: Bill Thornbro, The (Celina) Daily Standard, "Coronavirus Map"; Bill Thornbro, The (Celina) Daily Standard, "Dandelion Wine"; Stephen Valentine, Cleveland Jewish News, "Montefiore Timeline."

Best News Photo: Daniel Melograna, The (Celina) Daily Standard, "Fire Sweep"; Jessica Phelps, The (Newark) Advocate, "Juneteenth"; Jessica Phelps, The (Newark) Advocate, "Vigil for Kayla."

Best Feature Photo: Jessica Phelps, The (Newark) Advocate, "A Mother's Embrace"; Jessica Phelps, The (Newark) Advocate, "Before Surgery"; Jessica Phelps, The (Newark) Advocate, "Visiting Mom."

Best Sports Photo: Jason Arkley, The Athens Messenger; Tom E. Puskar, Ashland Times-Gazette, "Off the Fingertips"; Tom E. Puskar, Ashland Times-Gazette, "Playing in the Rain."

Best Photo Story: Chris Crook, Zanesville Times Recorder, "Pride Event Spreads Message of Love and Support"; Jessica Phelps and Abbey Roy, The (Newark) Advocate, "Living on Love"; Jessica Phelps and Dave Weidig, The (Newark) Advocate, "The Season that Almost Was."

Best Video: Chris Crook, Zanesville Times Recorder, "Dresden & Co. Relies on Experience"; Cleveland Jewish News, "18 Difference Makers Ceremony 2020"; Dave Weidig, The (Newark) Advocate, "Hail Mary."

Best Public Service: Erin Couch, Zanesville Times Recorder, "Fire Departments Dissatisfied with Perry Co. 911 System Amid New Levy"; Bob Finnan, The Medina Gazette, "Saving Porter's"; Kent Mallett, The (Newark) Advocate, "The Faces of COVID-19 in Licking County."

Best Spot News Coverage: Bob Jacob, Cleveland Jewish News, "Swastika, Graffiti Found on University Heights Buildings"; The (Newark) Advocate, "Licking County Floods"; The Medina Gazette, "April Tornado Rips Through Medina County."

Best Explanatory Reporting: Shelley Terry, The (Ashtabula) Star Beacon, "Kent State Shootings Anniversary"; Shelley Terry, The (Ashtabula) Star Beacon, "Women's Suffrage"; Heather Willard and Kaitlin Thorne, The Athens Messenger, "Black Lives Matter coverage."

Best Enterprise Reporting: Michael Burich, Lisbon Morning Journal, "Krista Blake"; McKenna Corson, Cleveland Jewish News, "NOT COLOR BLIND How Cleveland's Black Jews Have Persevered Through Racism, Anti-Semitism to Push for Equality"; Abbey Roy and Jessica Phelps, The (Newark) Advocate, "Living at Work to Prevent COVID-19 Spread."

Best Investigative Reporting: Jane Kaufman and Amanda Koehn, Cleveland Jewish News, "Kline Allegations Coverage"; Jane Kaufman, Cleveland Jewish News, "Montefiore COVID Testing Coverage"; Craig McDonald, The (Newark) Advocate, "CARES Act Pay to Play Offer."

Best Full Page Design: Marissa McNees, The Medina Gazette, "Follow the Yellow, er, Red Brick Road"; Bill Thornbro, The (Celina) Daily Standard; Stephen Valentine, Cleveland Jewish News, "Passover Cover."

Best Digital Project: Cleveland Jewish News, "COVID-19 Coverage".

Best Digital Presence: Ashland Times-Gazette; Cleveland Jewish News; Zanesville Times Recorder.

Finalists in Division I:

Best Headline Writer: Joshua Keeran, The Delaware Gazette; Debbie Rogers, The (Bowling Green) Sentinel-Tribune; Jim Walker, The Ironton Tribune.

Best Business Writer: Tori Barnhart, Chillicothe Gazette; Daniel Carson, The (Fremont) News-Messenger; Craig Shoup, The (Fremont) News-Messenger.

Best Columnist: Raul Ascunce, The (Bowling Green) Sentinel-Tribune, "Relatively Speaking"; Brian Koeller, Napoleon Northwest Signal, "Letter from the Editor"; Emily Marrison, Coshocton Tribune.

Best Editorial Writer: Heath Harrison, The Ironton Tribune; Benjamin Lanka, The Marion Star.

Best Feature Writer: Mary Ann Greier, The Salem News; Debbie Rogers, The (Bowling Green) Sentinel-Tribune; Sheri Trusty, Port Clinton News-Herald.

Best Graphics Artist: David Hartong, Farm and Dairy Newspaper; Kandi Thompson, The Ironton Tribune.

Best Sports Columnist: Rob McCurdy, The Marion Star, "Rob McCurdy, sports columnist"; Jim Walker, The Ironton Tribune; Tom Wilson, Lancaster Eagle-Gazette.

Best Sports Feature Writer: Sam Blackburn, Coshocton Tribune; Brandon Hannahs, Coshocton Tribune; Jim Walker, The Ironton Tribune.

Best Sports Writer: Scott Halasz, Xenia Daily Gazette; Rob McCurdy, The Marion Star; Jim Walker, The Ironton Tribune.

Best Photographer: Jeremy Holtzapfel, The Ironton Tribune; JD Pooley, The (Bowling Green) Sentinel-Tribune; Mike Ullery, Miami Valley Today.

Best News Writer: Daniel Carson, The (Fremont) News-Messenger; Mac Cordell, Marysville Journal-Tribune; Mary Ann Greier, The Salem News.

Best Sports Enterprise: Michael Burich, The (East Liverpool) Review, "Saga of Curt Welch"; Chris Easterling, The (Massillon) Independent, "Team Rob"; Matthew Horn, The (Fremont) News-Messenger, "14 Stories."

Best Special Sports Section: Chris Easterling and B.J. Lisko, The (Massillon) Independent, "The Independent's High School Football Preview 2020"; Jim Walker, The Ironton Tribune, "Pigskin Preview 2020"; The Delaware Gazette, "2020 Fall Sports Preview."

Best Daily Sports Section: Rob McCurdy, The Marion Star; The (East Liverpool) Review; The Salem News.

Best Illustration or Informational Graphic: Kandi Thompson, The Ironton Tribune, "COVID-19 Timeline"; Kandi Thompson, The Ironton Tribune, "Where the Money Went".

Best News Photo: Mark Shaffer, The Ironton Tribune, "Standing in the Remains"; Craig Shoup, Port Clinton News-Herald, "Don't Shoot"; Mike Ullery, Miami Valley Today, "Sun and Smoke."

Best Feature Photo: Jeremy Holtzapfel, The Ironton Tribune, "A Community Vigil"; Jessica Phelps, Coshocton Tribune, "Jailhouse Haircut"; JD Pooley, The (Bowling Green) Sentinel-Tribune, "Back to the Top."

Best Sports Photo: Michael Burwel, The Bryan Times, "Back-to-back WNOAL titles for Golden Bears"; Michael Burwel, The Bryan Times, "Golden Bears Cap Off Regular Season with Win"; Robert McGraw, Chillicothe Gazette, "A Kiss is Just a Kiss."

Best Photo Story: Robert McGraw, Chillicothe Gazette, "Love Doesn't Require Blood"; Jessica Phelps, Coshocton Tribune, "Conditions in Coshocton Justice Center"; Mike Ullery, Miami Valley Today, "Unrest in Troy."

Best Video: Daniel Carson, The (Fremont) News-Messenger, "Whirlpool Puts in Enhanced COVID-19 Safety Features"; JD Pooley, The (Bowling Green) Sentinel-Tribune, "BG Community Comes Together to Celebrate Juneteenth"; JD Pooley, The (Bowling Green) Sentinel-Tribune, "Dispatchers Help Ease Local Family's Pain this Holiday."

Best Public Service: Gary Budzak, The Delaware Gazette, "We're in This Together"; Mac Cordell, Marysville Journal-Tribune, "Where is Blackie Porter?"; Leonard Hayhurst, Coshocton Tribune, "Coshocton Family Finally Has a Van for Dani."

Best Spot News Coverage: Tori Barnhart, Chillicothe Gazette; Daniel Carson, The (Fremont) News-Messenger, "Roaring Pallet Fire Destroys Business, Closes Ohio 101"; Janelle Patterson, The Marietta Times, "Maskless Marietta Woman Tasered at Logan Football Game."

Best Explanatory Reporting: Leonard Hayhurst, Coshocton Tribune, "Cuts at River View Schools"; Jon Stinchcomb and Craig Shoup, Port Clinton News-Herald, "Pennies from Harley"; Marie Thomas-Baird, The (Bowling Green) Sentinel-Tribune, "The Fight for BG schools."

Best Enterprise Reporting: Leonard Hayhurst, Coshocton Tribune, "Conditions in Coshocton Justice Center"; Austin Johnson, The Ironton Tribune, "More Than Statistics"; Sarah Volpenhein, The Marion Star, "Marion Prisons the Hottest COVID Hot Spot."

Best Investigative Reporting: Daniel Carson, The (Fremont) News-Messenger, "Terra State Coach Resigns Following Assault Charge, Investigation"; Justin Reutter, Chillicothe Gazette; Melanie Yingst, Miami Valley Today, "Counselor Resigns Amid Controversy."

Best Full Page Design: David Hartong and Aimee Tenzek, Farm and Dairy Newspaper; Kandi Thompson, The Ironton Tribune, "2020: The Year in Review"; Chad Williamson, Marysville Journal-Tribune.

Best Digital Project: Daniel Carson, The (Fremont) News-Messenger, "Farmers Bounce Back After Tough 2019"; David Jacobs, Shelby Daily Globe, "Photo Gallery: Historic Bridge Rebuilt Over 3 Months"; Craig Shoup, The (Fremont) News-Messenger, "The Fighter."

Best Digital Presence: Lancaster Eagle-Gazette; Shelby Daily Globe; The (Fremont) News-Messenger.