

2012 Final Winners List

Multimedia Storytelling, Open Circulation

Third Place – Business Observer, Builders Care, Amanda Heisey

Second Place – The Sarasota Observer, Behind the screams, Edwin Kirsch and Nick Friedman

First Place – Orlando Business Journal, Central Florida Jobs Playbook, Megan Anderson, Abraham Aboraya, Anjali Fluker, Richard Bilbao, Bill Orben, Susan Lundine, Cindy Barth and Denise Hicks

Online Slideshow, Open Circulation

Second Place – Orlando Business Journal, Star Wars, Jim Carchidi

First Place – Marco Island Sun Times, Marco's Best of 2012, Quentin Roux

Online Breaking News Coverage, Open Circulation,

Third Place – The Jacksonville Business Journal, PSS World Medical sells to McKesson, Ashley Gurbal Kritzer and Michael Clinton

Second Place – The Independent Florida Alligator, Police find possible remains of missing UF student, Chris Alcantara and Julia Glum

First Place – The Jacksonville Business Journal, First Guaranty bank fails, Christian Conte, Michael Clinton and John Burr

Website Excellence, Division B circulation 7,000 to 15,000

First Place – Marco Island Sun Times, Staff

Website Excellence, Division A circulation over 15,000

Second Place – The Sarasota Observer, Staff

First Place – Coastal Breeze News, Justina Kadylak, Bryan Shaffer, Valerie Simon and Natalie Strom

Front Page Makeup, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Polk County Democrat, John McMullen and Megan Arroyo

Second Place – Business Observer, Nicole Thompson, Foster Barnes and Kat Hughes

First Place – The Destin Log, Staff

Front Page Makeup, Division B circulation 7,000 to 15,000

Third Place – Orlando Business Journal, Cindy Barth, Susan Lundine, Cheryl Bence and Gena Mason

Second Place – The Longboat Observer, Nancy Schwartz

First Place – Pelican Press, Nancy Schwartz and Nicole Thompson

Front Page Makeup, Division A circulation over 15,000,

Third Place – The East County Observer, Jessica Eng

Second Place – The Central Florida Future, Adrienne Cutway, Vanessa Hornedo, and Staff

First Place – Seminole Beach-Beacon, Bob McClure

Overall Graphic Design, Division C circulation under 7,000

Second Place – Navarre Press, Staff

First Place – Business Observer, Nicole Thompson and Kat Hughes

Overall Graphic Design, Division B circulation 7,000 to 15,000

Third Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Mike Field and Ricardo Fonseca

Second Place – Pelican Press, Nancy Schwartz, Jessica Eng, and Nicole Thompson

First Place – Orlando Business Journal, Cheryl Bence, Gena Mason, Cindy Barth, and Susan Lundine

Overall Graphic Design, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The East County Observer, Jessica Eng

Second Place – The Sarasota Observer, Nancy Schwartz and Nicole Thompson

First Place – The Coastal Star, Staff

Informational Graphic, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place - Business Observer, Mall Maneuvers, Nicole Thompson

Second Place – The Baker County Press, EMS assessments to benefit higher value homeowners, Jessica Prevatt and Joel Addington

First Place – Navarre Press, 2012 Republican Presidential Candidates, Richard Williams

Informational Graphic, Division B circulation 7,000 to 15,000

Third Place – The Jacksonville Business Journal, Banks' numbers don't tell the full story of recovery, Kristilee Adler

Second Place – The Longboat Observer, Oh, the places we'll go..., Nancy Schwartz

First Place – The Longboat Observer, Survey provides details about residents, Nancy Schwartz and Robin Hartill

Informational Graphic, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The East County Observer, Rolling on Sunshine, Pam Eubanks and Jessica Eng

Second Place – The Sarasota Observer, Technology improves quality of life for hearing-impaired, Nicole Thompson

First Place – The Sarasota Observer, Red-light cameras get green light, Nicole Thompson

Best Headline, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Williston Pioneer Sun News, Hello, my name is Bill; No trick; It was the whimper heard around the world, Carolyn Ten Broeck

Second Place – The Polk County Democrat, Flight school request grounded Airport Authority leaves 'hanger door' open for future consideration, Steve Steiner

First Place – Apalachicola Times, Ladies in wading; Residents call to throttle the bottle; High hopes hang on hangar, David Adlerstein

Best Headline, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – The Venice Gondolier Sun, Bob Mudge

Second Place – The Jacksonville Business Journal, The matter of the mind; Where cool and corporate collide; Real estate's bargain bin, Ashley Gurbal Kritzer

First Place – Marco Island Sun Times, Mind-set in stone: Sculptors showcase their toils of passion; Earning curve: awards flow in for revitalized Remax branch; Bone appetit: Critter Cafe stocks novelty as well as regular pet chow, Quentin Roux

Best Headline, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The East County Observer, Rolling on Sunshine, Pam Eubanks and Jessica Eng

Second Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, The Real Cost of DUI. Still behind the wheel. Don't text just drive, Eric Raddatz

First Place – The Sarasota Observer, Red-light cameras get green light, Nicole Thompson

Sports Column, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Lake Wales News, The Highlander Corner: Post Game with Coach Rod Shafer, Todd Nessa

Second Place – Boca Beacon, All Arms, no turn brings about the dreaded shanks, Phil Woods

First Place – Navarre Press, Time Out, Ken Garner

Sports Column, Division AB circulation over 7,000

Third Place – The Independent Florida Alligator, After impressive tourney run, Beal should be one and done, Greg Luca

Second Place – The Seminole Chronicle, Hagerty signing ceremony highlights hard work of parents, coaches and athletes, Steven Ryzewski

First Place – Miami Today, Opening day score at Marlins Park: public loses shutout, Michael Lewis

Sports Page or Section, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Apopka Chief, Staff

Second Place – The Lake Wales News, Staff

First Place – Navarre Press, Staff

Sports Page or Section, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – Gulf Breeze News, Jason Thompson

Second Place – The Laker, Kyle LoJacono, Jeff Odom, Matt Mistretta

First Place – The Seminole Chronicle, Steven Ryzewski, Mark Thorstenson

Sports Page or Section, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – Osceola News-Gazette, Rick Pedone

Second Place – The Central Florida Future, Andy Zunz, Adrienne Cutway, Mark Thorstenson and Staff

First Place – The Independent Florida Alligator, Staff

Sports Spot Story, Division BC circulation under 15,000

Third Place – The Beaches Leader, Sharks are state soccer champs, Robert DeAngelo

Second Place – Lutz News, Gaither's improbable district championship run, Kyle LoJacono

First Place – The Venice Gondolier Sun Times, STATE CHAMPS!, Rob Smith

Sports Spot Story, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The East County Observer, Pirates end season on winning note, Jen Blanco

Second Place – The Independent Florida Alligator, Walker must pay \$300 for stolen taco, John Boothe

First Place – The Independent Florida Alligator, OUT OF THEIR HANDS, Joe Morgan

Sports Feature Story, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Lake Wales News, The Golden Girl strikes again, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz

Second Place – The Fort Meade Leader, Deputy by day, pro athlete at night, James Coulter

First Place – Boca Beacon, He learned to drive behind the wheel of a tractor ... Sam Posey, Liza Sprout

Sports Feature Story, Division B circulation 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place – The Jacksonville Business Journal, How Rapp pumped up The Players, Ashley Gurbal Kritzer

Second Place – Gulf Breeze News, Not just for girls anymore, Jason Thompson

First Place – The Beaches Leader, First female recruits broke barriers, Johnny Woodhouse

Sports Feature Story, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The Independent Florida Alligator, Start Fast, Finish Strong, Greg Luca

Second Place – Clearwater Beacon, Clearwater little brother makes it big, Brian Goff

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Olympic-Sized Sacrifices, Athena Ponushis

Sports Picture, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Apopka Chief, Apopka remains unbeaten in district play with win over Titans, John Peery

Second Place – Boca Beacon, Pamela Feehan resurfaces after experiencing the "shark tank.", Dusty Hopkins

First Place – The Baker County Press, Lawler leaps for yards, Jud Johnson

Sports Picture, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – Sumter Express, Rose Davis

Second Place – Pelican Press, Soccer Stars, Rachel O'Hara

First Place – The Beaches Leader, Fletcher High fullback Jacob Kraut soars over the pile for a first down, Robert DeAngelo

Sports Picture, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The Sarasota Observer, SASSY swimmers shine at performance, Rachel O'Hara

Second Place – The Sarasota Observer, Here's Waldo, Rachel O'Hara

First Place – Osceola News-Gazette, Uppercut, Andrew Sullivan

Portfolio Photography, Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Baker County Press, Joel Addington

Second Place – Boca Beacon, Dusty Hopkins

First Place – The Baker County Press, Jud Johnson

Portfolio Photography, Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award, Division AB circulation over 7,000

Third Place – The Sarasota Observer, Rachel O'Hara

Second Place – Osceola News-Gazette, Andrew Sullivan

First Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Cindy Lane

2012 Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award

The Baker County Press, Jud Johnson

Photo Series in an Issue, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Boca Beacon, Hammerhead Time!, Staff

Second Place – Boca Beacon, Westie Fest, Liza Sprout

First Place – The Baker County Press, 2012 Olustee re-enactment, Jud Johnson

Photo Series in an Issue, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Debbie bruises island, Cindy Lane

Second Place – The West Orange Times, Founders' day entertains thousands, Cindy Baker

First Place – Marco Island Sun Times, Optimist club football preps for season, Quentin Roux

Photo Series in an Issue, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The Sarasota Observer, Prix Prep, Rachel O'Hara

Second Place – The Independent Florida Alligator, Fiddlin' for Cane, Aundre Larrow and Maria Correa

First Place – The Independent Florida Alligator, Swing State, David Carr

Feature Photo, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The West Volusia Beacon, He's flying, Marsha McLaughlin

Second Place – Apalachicola Times, High-wire act, David Adlerstein

First Place – Navarre Press, Aquaman?, Sandi Kemp

Feature Photo, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – Orlando Business Journal, Mohawks and motorcycles, Jim Carchidi

Second Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Decisions, decision, Cindy Lane

First Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Bottle boaters, Maggie Field

Feature Photo, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – Osceola News-Gazette, Soaring at Sundown, Andrew Sullivan

Second Place – Marco Eagle, The big flag is back, Staff

First Place – Largo Leader, Rooftop dining, Tom Germond

Spot News Photo, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Boca Beacon, O.M.G., Dusty Hopkins

Second Place – The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Hosford Fire, Daniel Williams

First Place – The Baker County Press, Burned trying to start a fire, Joel Addington

Spot News Photo, Division B circulation 7,000 -15,000

Third Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Officials ponder beaches' future, Troy Morgan

Second Place – Pelican Press, Hula Baby, Rachel O'Hara

First Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Right on Cue, Tom Vaught

Spot News Photo, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – Seminole Beach-Beacon, Oops, Bob McClure

Second Place – Osceola News-Gazette, False Alarm, Andrew Sullivan

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Budding Success, Vandy Major

Special Issue, Section or Supplement, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Business Observer, And The Winner Is..., Staff

Second Place – Business Observer, No Pain, No Gain, Staff

First Place – Navarre Press, 2012 Emerald Coast Visitor's Guide, Staff

Special Issue, Section or Supplement, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – The Jacksonville Business Journal, July 2012 Business Journal 50, Lisa Lenda, James Crichlow, Eleanor Snite and Christian Conte

Second Place – Belleair Bee, Just 4 Women, Staff

First Place – Belleair Bee, Summer lifestyles, Staff

Special Issue, Section or Supplement, Division A circulation under 15,000

Third Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Destination Southwest Florida, Staff

Second Place – The Sarasota Observer, Spirit of America, Staff

First Place – The East County Observer, Back to School, Staff

Community History, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Navarre Press, Billory celebrates 121 years, Yvonne Harper

Second Place – Winter Park-Maitland Observer, Exhibit highlights blacks' war sacrifice, Brittni Johnson

First Place – The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Journey Stories, Linda Smith, Willard Smith, Dr. Andrew Ramsey, Mae Belle Grantham, Beverly Veress, Francis Price, Sarah Sapp and Dianne Lainhart

Community History, Division B circulation under 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – The West Orange Times, Little League bats started cracking 50 years ago in Ocoee, Suzan Kurdak

Second Place – Lutz News, History book sheds light on pioneer life, B.C. Manion

First Place – Pelican Press, Neighborhood Nostalgia, Yaryna Klimchak

Community History, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – Coastal Breeze News, Bootlegging, Low-Bush Lightning and the Murder of Deputy Sheriff J.H. Cox and Family, Craig Woodward and Karen Garcia

Second Place – The Banner, A century in the making, Staff

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, We're #1 {In public corruption}, Roger Williams

Best Obituary, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Lake Wales News, Beloved wife of NAACP president passes, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz

Second Place – The Polk County Democrat, Fitz fondly remembered, Jeff Roslow

First Place – Business Observer, One of a Kind, Mark Gordon, Pam Eubanks

Best Obituary, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – The Beaches Leader, Hanging on in quiet desperation not English way, Johnny Woodhouse

Second Place – The Venice Gondolier Sun, Coach Terry passes away, Perry D. Pentz

First Place – The Longboat Observer, Petesch framed Longboaters for 27 years, Robin Hartill

Best Obituary, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The Coastal Star, William F. Koch Jr., 1921-2012 Devotion to community, public service marked long life, Ron Hayes

Second Place – The East County Observer, One of a Kind, Mark Gordon, Pam Eubanks

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, The Lives They Led, Evan Williams

Outdoor & Recreation, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Navarre Press, It's turtle time once again on Navarre Beach, Yvonne Harper

Second Place – Apalachicola Times, A whale of a fish tale, Lois Swoboda

First Place – The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, First-time alligator hunter lands 13-foot, 900-lb. monster, Staff

Outdoor & Recreation, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – The Venice Gondolier Sun, Down to the bay in boats, Kim Cool

Second Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Tailor angling plan, Rusty Chinnis

First Place – Florida Keys Keynoter, Corals, sea fans everywhere, Kevin Wadlow

Outdoor & Recreation, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – Pinellas Park Beacon, Fab 50: Middle Age Women ..., Juliana A. Torres

Second Place – The Sarasota Observer, Everything is coming up roses, Mallory Gnaegy

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Silver Rush, Evan Williams

Agricultural & Environmental, Division C circulation under 7,000

Second Place – The Herald-Advocate, Hardee County Dairy Industry, Jim Kelly

First Place – The Lake Wales News, AgriBusiness Today, Staff

Agricultural & Environmental, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – Pelican Press, \$1 million wetland restoration planned, Roger Drouin and Alex Mahadevan

Second Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Manatees help scientists do research, Cindy Lane

First Place – Lutz News, Letting the sunshine in at Lake Dan, B.C. Manion

Agricultural & Environmental, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The Coastal Star, Oceanfront residents assess storm damage, Tim O'Melia

Second Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Grow Some Garden Goodness, Roger Williams

First Place – The Coastal Star, Sticky white AND black stuff? It's all from a new whitefly, Tim O'Melia

State & Local Tax Reporting, The TaxWatch Award, Open Circulation

Third Place – The Coastal Star, Pair pushes city to trim fire-rescue pensions, salaries, Tim Pallesen

Second Place – Pelican Press, WCIND funding faces tighter budget, Alex Mahadevan

First Place – Business Observer, Tax Man, Jean Gruss

Business Reporting, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Blountstown native fulfills a dream, Teresa Eubanks

Second Place – Business Observer, The Island Inn Way, Jean Gruss

First Place – Business Observer, Integrity Issues at Integracllick?, Mark Gordon

Business Reporting, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – The Jacksonville Business Journal, Real estate's bargain bin, Ashley Gurbal Kritzer

Second Place – The Jacksonville Business Journal, Fifth Third leaves new branches vacant, Christian Conte

First Place – The Jacksonville Business Journal, Drowned: Veering off its conservative course sank First Guaranty, Christian Conte

Business Reporting, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – Miami Today, Mass mortgage workout attracts hundreds to save homes, Scott Blake

Second Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Up: Land experts show how real estate market is on the rebound, Roger Williams

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, The Rise of the Gourmet Burger, Evan Williams

Local Government Reporting, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Boca Beacon, A HUGE bill to swallow for the Community Center, Marcy Shortuse

Second Place – The Lake Wales News, Lake Wales city manager is sued by Bowlin, Bill Rogers

First Place – The Baker County Press, Seeks medical waste incinerator here, Joel Addington

Local Government Reporting, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Dogged reporting on a key moratorium proposal, Pat Copeland

Second Place – The Longboat Observer, \$85,347: fire-rescue pension, Robin Hartill

First Place – Orlando Business Journal, Florida Citrus Bowl and the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, Richard Bilbao

Local Government Reporting, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The East County Observer, Budget Breakdown, Pam Eubanks

Second Place – The Coastal Star, City Council member says negative ad backfired, Tim Pallesen

First Place – The Banner, All gave some some gave all, Staff

Faith & Family Reporting, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Winter Park-Maitland Observer, Waiting to say 'I love you', Isaac Babcock

Second Place – Madison County Carrier, The Happiness That Joy Brings, Bryant Thigpen

First Place – Boca Beacon, Boca Grande's Blessing of the Animals, Dusty Hopkins and Marcy Shortuse

Faith & Family Reporting, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – Lutz News, Lutz boy wins national competition, B.C. Manion

Second Place – Lutz News, Slow down and pray awhile, B.C. Manion

First Place – Belleair Bee, Military moms: Service has strengthened their families, Alexandra Lundahl

Faith & Family Reporting, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – Osceola News-Gazette, Families finalized on National Adoption Day, Fallen Patterson

Second Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, When Faith Meets Technology, Ella Nayor

First Place – Clearwater Beacon, Kids find their forever homes on Adoption Day, Alexandra Lundahl

Arts, Entertainment & Review Reporting, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Boca Beacon, Two heads looking for a good Boca home, Marcy Shortuse

Second Place – Winter Park-Maitland Observer, Art beyond the grave, Isaac Babcock

First Place – The Destin Log, Eirinn Abu, Pam Griffin

Arts, Entertainment & Review Reporting, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Art League shocker; League: Island Art League closes, Pat Copeland

Second Place – Marco Island Sun Times, Stand-up comedians flock to Marco, Don Manley

First Place – Orlando Business Journal, Harry Potter, Richard Bilbao

Arts, Entertainment & Review Reporting, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – Marco Eagle, Marco Players check into Neil Simon's 'Plaza Suite' for laughs, Chris Silk

Second Place – The Coastal Star, Song of destiny? Seraphic Fire waits on Grammys, Greg Stepanich

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Seeing Red, Nancy Stetson

Health, Medical & Science Reporting, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Apalachicola Times, First step toward the moon, David Adlerstein

Second Place – Business Observer, Good Vision, Jean Gruss

First Place – Business Observer, Beat Goes On, Mark Gordon

Health, Medical & Science Reporting, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – The West Orange Times, Family, friends raising funds for heart transplant, Amy Quesinberry Rhode

Second Place – The Jacksonville Business Journal, Hospitals jostle in ER gold rush, Ashley Gurbal Kritzer

First Place – Orlando Business Journal, Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act, Abraham Aboraya and Megan Anderson

Health, Medical & Science Reporting, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The Coastal Star, Biggest Loser, Paula Detwiller

Second Place – Marco Eagle, An inexact science, Staff

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Obamacare or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love The Affordable Care Act, Osvaldo Padilla and Roger Williams

Education Reporting, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Navarre Press, Resources available for homeless youth, Jessi Stone

Second Place – The Lake Wales News, The path to literacy takes many forms, Mary Cannaday

First Place – Business Observer, New Connections, Jean Gruss

Education Reporting, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – The Venice Gondolier Sun, Saved by the Young Marines, Kim Cool

Second Place – The Laker, Wiregrass Ranch leads on course, in classroom, Kyle LoJacono

First Place – The Seminole Chronicle, Series: Tax increase left up to voters, Groups to battle over SCPS tax proposals, Anti-tax group denied access, Vote favors SCPS for more funding, Jessica Saggio and Bel Huston

Education Reporting, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Degrees of Debt, Evan Williams

Second Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Bully Battles, Ella Nayor

First Place – The Banner, Tech connects, Staff

Feature Story: Non-profile, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Polk County Democrat, A voice on the phone, Mary Cannaday

Second Place – Business Observer, Punch Line No More, Mark Gordon

First Place – Winter Park Maitland Observer, A time to be heroes, Isaac Babcock

Feature Story: Non-profile, Division B circulation 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place – The Beaches Leader, 1967 mid-air collision over Intracoastal took lives of six Navy men, Johnny Woodhouse

Second Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Ruling Prince simply 'The Man', Tom Vaught

First Place – Pelican Press, Point Break, Alex Mahadevan

Feature Story: Non-profile, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The Sarasota Observer, Big top ballet, Mallory Gnaegy

Second Place – Clearwater Beacon, New facility for homeless vets of current wars, Alexandra Lundahl

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Don't Text Just Drive, Athena Ponushis

Feature Story: Profile, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Heritage Florida Jewish News, Son of Nazi hero converts to Judaism and tells his story, Pamela Ruben and Michael Etzkin

Second Place – Navarre Press, Hard landings but still flying, Yvonne Harper

First Place – The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Sanctuary Founder Betsy Knight/Remembering sanctuary founder, Teresa Eubanks

Feature Story: Profile, Division B circulation 7,000 - 15,000

Third Place – The Longboat Observer, the luck o' the lynchies, Robin Hartill

Second Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Kelly ready for new challenges, Pat Copeland

First Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, It's a small world after all, Cindy Lane

Feature Story: Profile, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The Sarasota Observer, Guitar Hero, Heidi Kurpiela

Second Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, The next VP?, Roger Williams

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Voices of SWFL, Athena Ponushis

In-Depth Reporting, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The West Volusia Beacon, Men shot by police arrested; Officer can't hear 911 callers; What's known about Perez and Espinoza; Officer in shooting has good reviews; Attorney plans to file federal suit in DeLand police shooting; So, when should an officer shoot; DeLand officer exone, Pat Andrews and Staff

Second Place – The Seminole Voice, Lack of better words, Tim Freed

First Place – Boca Beacon, A sudden and devastating Loss: Part I and Part II, Marcy Shortuse

In-Depth Reporting, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – Florida Keys Keynoter, On No Name, daily living can be a struggle, Ryan McCarthy

Second Place – Orlando Business Journal, Central Florida's Jobs Playbook 2012, Anjali Fluker, Richard Bilbao, Abraham Aboraya, Bill Orben, Susan Lundine, Denise Hicks and Megan Anderson

First Place – Tampa Bay Business Journal, RNC news stories, Staff

In-Depth Reporting, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The Independent Florida Alligator, The Christian Aguilar Murder Series, Chris Alcantara, Michael Scott Davidson and Julia Glum

Second Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Still Behind the Wheel, Athena Ponushis

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, The Real Cost of DUI, Nanci Theoret

Investigative Reporting, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Herald-Advocate, Santarlas Campaign Could Mislead, Cynthia Krahl

Second Place – The Lake Wales News, Six fatalities in 153 days First in a series regarding the unusually high fatality rate on U.S. 27, Brian Ackley, Bill Rogers, Mary Cannaday, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz and Steve Steiner

First Place – Navarre Press, Former Navarre High School baseball coach under investigation - O'Quinn Series, Joanna Hammond

Investigative Reporting, Division AB circulation over 7,000

Third Place – Orlando Business Journal, Florida Hospital, UCF affiliation in danger, Abraham Aboraya

Second Place – The Independent Florida Alligator, Silenced Voices, Tyler Jett

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Major Pain: Southwest Florida's trouble with opioids, Roger Williams and Osvaldo Padilla

Claudia Ross Memorial Award, Investigative Reporting

Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Major Pain: Southwest Florida's trouble with opioids, Roger Williams and Osvaldo Padilla

Breaking News Story, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The West Volusia Beacon, A plane crashed into our Publix, Staff

Second Place – The Polk County Democrat, Lawsuit: Jail abuses juveniles, Jeff Roslow

First Place – The Polk County Democrat, Teen charged with killing newborn, Mary Cannaday

Breaking News Story, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – Marco Island Sun Times, DOLPHIN SET FREE IN MERCY MISSION: 8-year-old Seymour had line embedded in his fluke, Quentin Roux

Second Place – The Venice Gondolier Sun, Plane crash claims five lives, Greg Giles

First Place – The Reporter, Arrest made in 2007 Key Largo homicide, David Goodhue

Breaking News Story, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – Pinellas Park Beacon, Plots for terror in Tampa, Juliana A. Torres

Second Place – Osceola News-Gazette, Two suspects sought in shooting, Fallan Patterson

First Place – The Independent Florida Alligator, Ten dead in series of multi-vehicle accidents on I-75, Emily Morrow

General News Story, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Lake Wales News, Options exist for expectant teens, school official says, Mary Cannaday

Second Place – The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Altha native honored for terrorist attack response, Teresa Eubanks

First Place – The Polk County Democrat, Teen Killed, Diana Nichols

General News Story, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – Florida Keys Keynoter, Marathon's Scott loses 3 from family, Ryan McCarthy

Second Place – Florida Keys Keynoter, BSA files name Keys man, Kevin Wadlow and David Goodhue

First Place – The West Orange Times, Children get Christmas wish: Daddy's home, Amy Quesinberry Rhode

General News Story, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – Osceola News-Gazette, Sheriff's Office opens investigation on Hartig, Fallan Patterson

Second Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Living in Fear, Evan Williams

First Place – The Independent Florida Alligator, 911 call gives chilling details of I-75 accidents, Tyler Jett

Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award, General News Story

The Independent Florida Alligator, 911 call gives chilling details of I-75 accidents, Tyler Jett

First Amendment Defense, Open Circulation Division

Third Place – The Independent Florida Alligator, CENSORED, Staff

Second Place – Washington County News, 1st Amendment Foundation: Vernon Council might have violated law, Randal Seyler

First Place – Navarre Press, Local Advocates Fight for Change, Jessi Stone

Jon A. Roosenraad Award, First Amendment Defense

Navarre Press, Local Advocates Fight for Change, Jessi Stone

Serious Column, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Gadsden County Times, Contemplations, Alice Du Pont

Second Place – Perry News-Herald/ Taco Times, Going to the movies after the Aurora, Colo., tragedy, Mark Viola

First Place – The Baker County Press, Put 'African-American' in the trash heap, Jim McGauley

Serious Column, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – The Seminole Chronicle, Caitlin Downing will not be forgotten, Jessica Saggio

Second Place – The Venice Gondolier Sun, Goodbye, Dad, Tim Smolarick

First Place – The Jacksonville Business Journal, Thanks, Herb, for preserving a gem, John Burr

Serious Column, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, The bona fide red white and blue, Roger Williams

Second Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Looking ahead to the east, Roger Williams

First Place – Miami Today, Opening day score at Marlins Park: Public loses shutout, Michael Lewis

Sally Latham Memorial Award, Serious Column

Miami Today, Opening day score at Marlins Park: Public loses shutout, Michael Lewis

Humorous Column, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Lake Placid Journal, Life in Florida, Barb Sheasley

Second Place – The Baker County Press, Speedy's demise rumors were a bit premature, Bob Gerard

First Place – Boca Beacon, 'Taste' Menu announced, 15 restaurants participating, Marcy Shortuse

Humorous Column, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – Belleair Bee, Two scales are better than one, Tom Germond

Second Place – Orlando Business Journal, What we need is transporter technology, Cindy Barth

First Place – The West Orange Times, a picker, a preserver, but never a hoarder, Amy Quesinberry Rhode

Humorous Column, Division A circulation 15,000

Third Place – The Suncoast News, Dean Wormer, Klint Lowry

Second Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Searching for perfection, Artis Henderson

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Sex, Roger Williams

Original Local Editorial Cartoon, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Destin Log, Seasonal Switch, Dill Beaty

Second Place – Boca Beacon, Hortoons, David Horton

First Place – The Baker County Press, Yes they do, Ed Hall

Original Local Editorial Cartoon, Division AB circulation over 7,000

Third Place – The Suncoast News, Red light camera, Don Brown

Second Place – The Venice Gondolier Sun, Lent, Dale Neseman

First Place – The Suncoast News, Save a puppy, Don Brown

Editorial Award, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Boca Beacon, FWC sport fish discussions just a few days away, Marcy Shortuse

Second Place – Winter Park-Maitland Observer, Starvation and the blame game, Isaac Babcock

First Place – The Lake Wales News, Chris Lutton could change commission, Jim Gouvellis

Editorial Award, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – The Jacksonville Business Journal, A very tired joke, John Burr

Second Place – Florida Keys Keynoter, On superintendent, there's a problem, Larry Kahn

First Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Tap tourist tax for beach, Cindy Lane

Editorial Award, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – The Sarasota Observer, The real fix for schools, Matt Walsh

Second Place – Miami Today, Jungle Island jobs eerily reminiscent of Marlins' ballpark, Michael Lewis

First Place – The Suncoast News, Useless drill, Robert Hibbs

Editorial Page, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Lake Wales News, Jim Gouvellis

Second Place – Williston Pioneer Sun News, Carolyn Ten Broeck

First Place – Navarre Press, In Our Opinion, Staff

Editorial Page, Division AB circulation over 7,000

Third Place – Miami Today, Michael Lewis, Jessica Weinkle and Javier Souto

Second Place – The Suncoast News, Staff

First Place – The Venice Gondolier Sun, Bob Mudge

Community Service, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – The Apopka Chief, Please read candidates answers, then vote, Staff

Second Place – The Lake Wales News, Why doesn't everyone vote?, Mary Cannaday

First Place – Suwannee Democrat, Staff

Community Service, Division AB circulation over 7,000

Third Place – Coastal Breeze News, Galahad Award Announced, Natalie Strom and Valerie Simon

Second Place – The Venice Gondolier Sun, Breast cancer awareness, Staff

First Place – Orlando Business Journal, Central Florida's Jobs Playbook 2012, Anjali Fluker, Richard Bilbao, Abraham Aboraya, Bill Orben, Susan Lundine, Megan Anderson and Denise Hicks,

General Excellence, Division C circulation under 7,000

Third Place – Heritage Florida Jewish News, Staff

Second Place – The Lake Wales News, Staff

First Place – The Baker County Press, Joel Addington, Jim McGauley and Jessica Prevatt

General Excellence, Division B circulation 7,000 – 15,000

Third Place – Anna Maria Island Sun, Staff

Second Place – Tampa Bay Business Journal, Staff

First Place – Orlando Business Journal, Staff

General Excellence, Division A circulation over 15,000

Third Place – Coastal Breeze News, Valerie Simon, Natalie Strom, Verla Winters, Karen Garcia and Staff

Second Place – The Sarasota Observer, Staff

First Place – Fort Myers Florida Weekly, Staff