



## 2015 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest Random List of Winners

### News Oops of the Year

**Open Circulation Division: Boca Beacon**, Marcy Shortuse, Boca Beacon staff ; **The Longboat Observer**, Observer Staff;

### Multimedia Storytelling

**Open Circulation Division: The West Orange Times**, Zak Kerr, Steven Ryzewski, Michael Eng, Jennifer Nessler; **The Sarasota Observer**, Amanda Morales; **The Sarasota Observer**, Colin Reid, Nick Reichert, Alex Mahadevan;

### Online Slideshow

**Open Circulation Division: Marco Island Sun Times**, Quentin Roux; **Tampa Bay Business Journal**, Alexis Muellner; **Orlando Business Journal**, Jim Carchidi;

### Online Breaking News Coverage

**Open Circulation Division: Largo Leader**, Suzette Porter; **Miami New Times**, Trevor Bach, Tim Elfrink, Jessica Weiss, Jess Swanson, Matt Stieb;

### Website Excellence

**Division C: under 7,000: Orlando Business Journal**, Staff ; **Business Observer**, Staff ; **Navarre Press**, NP Staff ;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000: Marco Island Sun Times**, Staff ; **Tampa Bay Business Journal**, TBBJ news team; **Florida Keys Keynoter**, Staff ;

**Division A: over 15,000: Miami Today**, Staff ; **The East County Observer**, Staff ; **The Sarasota Observer**, Observer Staff;



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### Front Page Makeup

**Division C: under 7,000:** **News-Sun**, Scott Dressel and Staff ; **Navarre Press**, NP Staff ; **Orlando Business Journal**, Victoria Prichard, Cheryl Bence;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **Marco Island Sun Times**, Staff Babin, Purser, Koeningsberg; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Ricardo Fonseca; **The Longboat Observer**, Observer Staff;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The Coastal Star**, Scott Simmons, Jerry Lower, Bruce Borich, Mary Kate Leming, Tim Stepien; **The East County Observer**, Staff ; **Largo Leader**, Chris George;

### Overall Graphic Design

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Orlando Business Journal**, Victoria Prichard, Cheryl Bence; **The Polk County Democrat**, Staff ; **Business Observer**, Nicole Thompson, Kat Hughes;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Longboat Observer**, Staff ; **Plant City Times & Observer**, Jessica Eng; **The Jacksonville Business Journal**, Shan Stumpf;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Polk County Sun**, Staff ; **The East County Observer**, Staff ; **The Sarasota Observer**, Staff ;

### Informational Graphic

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Business Observer**, Nicole Thompson; **The Baker County Press**, Jessica Prevatt; **Navarre Press**, Dickie Williams;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Longboat Observer**, Meghan Sasser; **The Jacksonville Business Journal**, Natalie Pope;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The Coastal Star**, Bruce Borich; **The Sarasota Observer**, Nicole Thompson; **The East County Observer**, Nicole Thompson;

### Best Headline

**Division C: under 7,000:** **The Polk County Democrat**, Steve Steiner; **Business Observer**, Mark Gordon; **The Polk County Democrat**, Jeff Roslow;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Arcadian**, Susan Hoffman; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Pat Copeland; **Ormond Beach Observer**, Brian McMillan;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The East County Observer**, Staff ; **The Sarasota Observer**, Nick Friedman; **Miami Today**, Michael Lewis;



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### Sports Column

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Riverland News**, Dwight Porter; **Navarre Press**, Brian Lester; **The Baker County Press**, Jon Shumake;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The West Orange Times**, Steven Ryzewski; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Mark Seiden;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Graham Hall; **Palm Coast Observer**, Jeff Dawsey; **Miami Today**, Michael Lewis;

### Sports Page or Section

**Division C: under 7,000:** **News-Sun**, Jeff Gardenour; **Navarre Press**, NP Staff ; **Boca Beacon**, Susan Erwin;

**Division AB: 7,000 and over:** **The West Orange Times**, Steven Ryzewski; **Plant City Times & Observer**, Justin Kline; **Fernandina Beach News-Leader**, Beth Jones;

### Sports Spot News Story

**Division C: under 7,000:** **The Baker County Press**, Jon Shumake; **Gulf Breeze News**, Jason Thompson; **Navarre Press**, Brian Lester;

**Division AB: 7,000 and over:** **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Scott Lockwood; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Jordan McPherson; **Plant City Times & Observer**, Justin Kline;

### Sports Feature Story

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Winter Park-Maitland Observer**, Tim Freed; **Winter Park-Maitland Observer**, Isaac Babcock; **Navarre Press**, Brian Lester;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The West Orange Times**, Steven Ryzewski; **Plant City Times & Observer**, Justin Kline; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Scott Lockwood;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The Coastal Star**, Tao Woolfe; **New Times Broward/Palm Beach**, Jess Swanson; **The Coastal Star**, Ron Hayes;



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### Sports Picture

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Navarre Press**, John Richardson; **The Apopka Chief**, John Peery; **Riverland News**, Julie Mancini;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Scott Lockwood; **The Beaches Leader**, Rob DeAngelo; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Monica Simpson;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Seminole Beacon**, Jim Layfield; **Osceola News-Gazette**, Marc Clery; **The Sarasota Observer**, Jen Blanco;

### Portfolio Photography (Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award)

**Division C: under 7,000:** **The Baker County Press**, Jon Shumake; **Orlando Business Journal**, Jim Carchidi; **Navarre Press**, Sandi Kemp;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Beaches Leader**, Kyzandrha Lahey; **The West Orange Times**, Michael Eng; **The Arcadian**, Susan Hoffman;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The Sarasota Observer**, Amanda Morales; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Danielle Veenstra; **The East County Observer**, Jessica Salmond;

### Photo Series in One Issue

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Orlando Business Journal**, Jim Carchidi; **Navarre Press**, Sandi Kemp; **Riverland News**, Jeff Bryan;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Arcadian**, Marisa Bauer, Thomas Simmons; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Meredith W. Nicholson; **Marco Island Sun Times**, Quentin Roux;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The Laker**, Fred Bellet; **Florida Courier**, Duane Fernandez; **The Sarasota Observer**, Jessica Salmond;

### Feature Photo

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Orlando Business Journal**, Jim Carchidi; **The Apopka Chief**, Tammy Keaton; **The Apopka Chief**, John Peery;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Meredith W. Nicholson; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Joseph John Orchulli II; **Plant City Times & Observer**, Amber Jurgensen;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The Laker**, Fred Bellet; **Largo Leader**, Jim Layfield; **Osceola News-Gazette**, Marc Clery;



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### Spot News Photo

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Navarre Press**, Sandi Kemp; **The Calhoun-Liberty Journal**, Johnny Eubanks; **Gadsden County Times**, Kendrick Brown;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Ronald Dupont Jr.; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Tyler Kapela; **Plant City Times & Observer**, Amber Jurgensen;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Palm Coast Observer**, Anastasia Pagello; **Osceola News-Gazette**, Marc Clery; **The East County Observer**, Pam Eubanks;

### Special Issue- Section or Supplement (Locally Prepared)

**Division C: under 7,000:** **The Lake Wales News**, staff ; **Gulf Breeze News**, Lisa Newell, Nancy Fish, Maite George, Melanie Kormondy, Janna DeMotts; **Orlando Business Journal**, Denise Hicks, Victoria Prichard, Jim Carchidi;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Longboat Observer**, Staff ; **Florida Keys Keynoter**, Richard Tamborrino; **Fernandina Beach News-Leader**, Beth Jones, Jessica Waters, Peg Davis, Robert Fiege, Ross Carvalho;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Largo Leader**, Staff ; **The Sarasota Observer**, Staff ; **The East County Observer**, Staff ;

### Community History

**Division C: under 7,000:** **The Wakulla News**, Nicole Zema; **Lutz News**, Kathy Steele; **Alachua County Today**, David Wisener;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **Tarpon Springs Beacon**, Juliana A. Torres ; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Kim Cool; **The West Orange Times**, Michael Eng;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Miami New Times**, Terence Cantarella; **The Coastal Star**, Tim Pallesen; **The Coastal Star**, Ron Hayes;



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### Best Obituary

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Suwannee Democrat**, Amber Vann; **News-Sun**, Phil Attinger; **The Lake Wales News**, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Beaches Leader**, Johnny Woodhouse; **The Longboat Observer**, Robin Hartill; **The West Orange Times**, Amy Quesinberry Rhode;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Miami New Times**, Jose D. Duran, S. Pajot; **The Coastal Star**, Emily J. Minor; **Osceola News-Gazette**, Rick Padone;

### Outdoor & Recreation

**Division C: under 7,000:** **The Baker County Press**, Joel Addington; **Business Observer**, Jean Gruss; **The Destin Log**, Tina Harbuck;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The West Orange Times**, Steven Ryzewski; **The Beaches Leader**, Kyzandra Lahey; **Plant City Times & Observer**, Staff ;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The Coastal Star**, Rich Pollack; **Polk County Sun**, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz, Cathy Palmer; **New Times Broward/Palm Beach**, Dierdra Funcheon;

### Agricultural & Environmental

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Business Observer**, Michael Hinman; **The Lake Wales News**, James Coulter; **Boca Beacon**, Delores Savas;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The West Orange Times**, Zak Kerr; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Kim Cool; **The West Orange Times**, Amy Quesinberry Rhode;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Polk County Sun**, Cathy Palmer, Cassie Jacoby; **The Sarasota Observer**, Alex Mahadevan; **Miami Today**, Marilyn Bowden;

### State & Local Tax Reporting (The TaxWatch Award)

**Division BC: 15,000 and under:** **The Apopka Chief**, John Peery; **Business Observer**, Jean Gruss; **Belleair Bee**, Suzette Porter;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Largo Leader**, Juliana A. Torres ; **The Coastal Star**, Dan Moffett; **The Sarasota Observer**, David Conway;



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### Business Reporting

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Orlando Business Journal**, Anjali Fluker; **Orlando Business Journal**, Matthew Richardson; **Orlando Business Journal**, Rachel Williams;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **Tampa Bay Business Journal**, TBBJ staff ; **The Jacksonville Business Journal**, Jensen Werley; **Tampa Bay Business Journal**, Margie Manning;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The Sarasota Observer**, Alex Mahadevan; **The Sarasota Observer**, David Conway; **Miami New Times**, Jessica Weiss;

### Local Government Reporting

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Orlando Business Journal**, Matthew Richardson; **The Calhoun-Liberty Journal**, Teresa Eubanks; **The Lake Wales News**, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz, Kevin Brady, Jim Gouvellis;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **Ormond Beach Observer**, Wayne Grant; **The Arcadian**, Steve Bauer; **The West Orange Times**, Zak Kerr;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The Sarasota Observer**, David Conway ; **The East County Observer**, Pam Eubanks; **The Coastal Star**, Rich Pollack;

### Faith & Family Reporting

**Division C: under 7,000:** **News-Sun**, Phil Attinger; **News-Sun**, Tom Staik; **The Polk County Democrat**, Jeff Roslow;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Arcadian**, Susan Hoffman; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Debbie Flessner; **Fernandina Beach News-Leader**, Glenda S. Jenkins;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The Sarasota Observer**, David Conway; **The East County Observer**, Staff; **The Laker**, B.C. Manion;

### Arts- Entertainment & Review Reporting

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Winter Park-Maitland Observer**, Isaac Babcock; **Heritage Florida Jewish News**, Christine DeSouza, Jeff Gaeser; **News-Sun**, Phil Attinger;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Jacksonville Business Journal**, Alexa Epitropoulos; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Kim Cool; **The West Orange Times**, Michael Eng;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Polk County Sun**, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz; **Miami Today**, Laura Albritton; **Miami New Times**, Ryan Pfeffer;



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### Health- Medical & Science Reporting

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Navarre Press**, Rob Johnson; **Lutz News**, B.C. Manion; **News-Sun**, Tom Staik;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The West Orange Times**, Michael Eng; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Bob Mudge;  
**The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Kim Cool;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The East County Observer**, Pam Eubanks; **Largo Leader**, Chris George; **New Times Broward/Palm Beach**, Dierdra Funcheon;

### Education Reporting

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Business Observer**, Mark Gordon; **Navarre Press**, Brian Lester; **Orlando Business Journal**, Rachel Williams;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Arcadian**, Susan Hoffman; **Santa Rosa Press-Gazette**, Staff ; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Bob Mudge;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Florida Courier**, Jenise Morgan; **The Coastal Star**, Lucy Lazarony; **The East County Observer**, Pam Eubanks;

### Feature Story: Non-profile

**Division C: under 7,000:** **The Wakulla News**, Nicole Zema; **Orlando Business Journal**, Megan Ribbens;  
**The Polk County Democrat**, Steve Steiner;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **Plant City Times & Observer**, Amber Jurgensen; **The West Orange Times**, Michael Eng; **The Beaches Leader**, Johnny Woodhouse;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The East County Observer**, Jay Heater; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Martin Vassolo, Danielle Veenstra; **The Sarasota Observer**, David Conway;

### Feature Story: Profile

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Winter Park-Maitland Observer**, Ciara Varone; **Boca Beacon**, Jack Short ; **The Herald-Advocate**, Allison Smith;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **Plant City Times & Observer**, Amber Jurgensen; **The West Orange Times**, Michael Eng; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Bob Mudge;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Miami New Times**, Jessica Weiss; **The Coastal Star**, Ron Hayes; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Martin Vassolo, Danielle Veenstra;





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### In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

**Division C: under 7,000:** **The Destin Log**, Savannah Vasquez; **Business Observer**, Mark Gordon, Nicole Thompson, Kat Hughes; **Boca Beacon**, Marcy Shortuse;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **Tampa Bay Business Journal**, Pam Huff; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Greg Giles, Susan Erwin, Bob Mudge, Tim Smolarick; **The Longboat Observer**, Kurt Schultheis;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Polk County Sun**, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz, Cathy Palmer, Jim Gouvellis, Jenna Stanley, Carla McMullen; **Miami New Times**, Jess Swanson; **The Coastal Star**, Randy Schultz, Mary Kate Leming;

### Investigative Reporting (Claudia Ross Memorial Award)

**Division BC: 15,000 and under:** **Riverland News**, Jeff Bryan, Michael Bates; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Cindy Lane; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Bob Mudge, Ronald Dupont Jr.;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Largo Leader**, Juliana A. Torres; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Emily Cochrane, Alyssa Fisher, Alec Carver, Andres Levia; **Miami New Times**, Tim Elfrink;

### Breaking News Story

**Division C: under 7,000:** **The Lake Wales News**, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz, Kevin Brady, Jim Gouvellis; **Navarre Press**, NP Staff ; **The Calhoun-Liberty Journal**, Teresa Eubanks, Johnny Eubanks;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Jacksonville Business Journal**, Colleen Michele Jones, Jensen Werley; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Joe Hendricks; **The Jacksonville Business Journal**, Timothy Gibbons;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Osceola News-Gazette**, Charlie Reed; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Emily Cochrane, Giuseppe Sabella; **The East County Observer**, Pam Eubanks, Jay Heater;

### General News Story (Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award)

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Orlando Business Journal**, Richard Bilbao; **The Calhoun-Liberty Journal**, Teresa Eubanks; **News-Sun**, Tom Staik;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The West Orange Times**, Michael Eng; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Bob Mudge; **Florida Keys Keynoter**, William Axford;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Palm Coast Observer**, Jacque Estes; **Miami New Times**, Tim Elfrink; **Largo Leader**, Chris George;



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### First Amendment Defense (Jon A. Roosenraad Award)

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Orlando Business Journal**, Denise Hicks, Veronica Brezina; **The Lake Wales News**, Jim Gouvellis, Brian Ackley; **The Polk County Democrat**, S.L. Frisbie;

**Division AB: 7,000 and over:** **The Coastal Star**, Mary Kate Leming, Dan Moffett; **Miami Today**, Michael Lewis; **The Reporter**, David Goodhue;

### Serious Column (Sally Latham Memorial Award)

**Division C: under 7,000:** **News-Sun**, Romona Washington; **Crestview News Bulletin**, Thomas Boni; **The Lake Wales News**, Jim Gouvellis;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Bob Mudge; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Tim Smolarick; **Fernandina Beach News-Leader**, Glenda S. Jenkins;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **The Coastal Star**, Thom Smith; **Largo Leader**, Staff ; **Florida Courier**, Charles Cherry II;

### Humorous Column

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Perry News-Herald/Taco Times**, Susan Lincoln; **News-Sun**, Phil Attinger; **The Wakulla News**, Nicole Zema;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **Beach Beacon**, Tom Germond; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Tim Smolarick; **Florida Keys Keynoter**, Larry Kahn;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Largo Leader**, Bob Driver; **Palm Coast Observer**, Brian McMillan; **Largo Leader**, Tom Germond;

### Original Local Editorial Cartoon

**Division C: under 7,000:** **The Destin Log**, Dill Beaty; **The Baker County Press**, Ed Hall; **Navarre Press**, Dickie Williams;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Steve Borggren; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Dale Neseman; **The Arcadian**, Luke Wilson;



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### Editorial Award

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Navarre Press**, NP Staff ; **Navarre Press**, NP Staff ; **The Polk County Democrat**, S.L. Frisbie;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Ronald Dupont Jr.; **The Arcadian**, Susan Hoffman; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Mike Field;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Polk County Sun**, Jim Gouvellis; **Miami Today**, Michael Lewis; **The Coastal Star**, Mary Kate Leming;

### Editorial Page

**Division C: under 7,000:** **News-Sun**, Scott Dressel, Christopher Tuffley; **The Lake Wales News**, Jim Gouvellis, Jeff Roslow; **Orlando Business Journal**, Cindy Barth, Victoria Prichard;

**Division AB: 7,000 and over:** **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Ronald Dupont Jr.; **Miami Today**, Staff ; **The Arcadian**, Susan Hoffman, Steve Bauer, Luke Wilson;

### Community Service

**Open Circulation Division:** **The Polk County Democrat**, Jeff Roslow, Steve Steiner, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz, Cassie Jacoby; **The Venice Gondolier Sun**, Staff ; **The Polk County Democrat**, Cathy Palmer, S.L. Frisbie;

### General Excellence

**Division C: under 7,000:** **Navarre Press**, NP Staff ; **Orlando Business Journal**, Staff ; **Business Observer**, Staff ;

**Division B: 7,000-15,000:** **Marco Island Sun Times**, Staff ; **The Longboat Observer**, Staff ; **The Jacksonville Business Journal**, Staff ;

**Division A: over 15,000:** **Palm Coast Observer**, Staff ; **The Coastal Star**, Staff ; **The East County Observer**, Staff ;