

2008 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest Winners

Overall Winners

Division A – circulation over 15,000

Osceola News-Gazette, Paula Stark, Publisher

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

The Venice Gondolier Sun, Robert Vedder, Publisher

Division C – circulation under 7,000

The High Springs Herald, Ronald Dupont, Jr., Publisher

Category: 01-General Excellence

Division A – circulation over 15,000

First- Collier Citizen
Second- Florida Weekly
Third- Pelican Press
Hon Mntn- The Longboat Observer

Category: 01-General Excellence

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

First- The Venice Gondolier Sun
Second- Marco Eagle
Third- Florida Keys Keynoter
Hon Mntn- The News-Sun

Category: 01-General Excellence

Division C – circulation under 7,000

First- The Lake Wales News
Second- Ponte Vedra Recorder
Third- The Winter Park/Maitland Observer
Hon Mntn- The Apopka Chief

Category: 02-Overall Graphic Design

Division A – circulation over 15,000

First- Florida Weekly
Second- Miami New Times, *Pam Shavalier*
Third- The Longboat Observer, *Nancy Schwartz*
Hon Mntn- Collier Citizen

Category: 02-Overall Graphic Design

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

First- Tampa Bay Business Journal, *Pam Huff*
Second- Marco Eagle, *Nadine Ouillette*
Third- The Venice Gondolier Sun
Hon Mntn- Orlando Business Journal

Category: 02-Overall Graphic Design

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First–** The Coastal Star
- Second–** Navarre Press
- Third–** Crestview News Bulletin
- Hon Mntn-** Boca Beacon

Category: 03-Front Page Makeup

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First–** The Longboat Observer, *Nancy Schwartz*
- Second-** Florida Weekly
- Third-** Osceola News-Gazette, *Marvin Cortner, Rick Madewell*

Category: 03-Front Page Makeup

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First–** The Destin Log, *Kathy Harrison*
- Second-** The Business Journal, *Diane Pimentel, Lisa Lenda*
- Third–** Marco Eagle, *Nadine Ouillette*

Category: 03-Front Page Makeup

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First-** The Baker County Press
- Second-** Crestview News Bulletin
- Third–** Sumter County Times, *Bob Reichman*

Category: 04-Community Service

Division B - circulation 7,000 – 15,000

- First–** Anna Maria Island Sun
- Second–** The Orlando Business Journal, *Tiffany Beck, Anjali Fluker, Denise Hicks, Chris Kauffmann, Bill Orben, Dan Ping*
- Third-** The Islander, *Rick Catlin*

Category: 04-Community Service

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First–** Navarre Press, *Angye Morrison*
- Second-** Chiefland Citizen, *Jenna McKenna*
- Third–** Levy County Journal, *Terry Witt*

Category: 05-Editorial Page

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First-** The Longboat Observer, *Matt Walsh*
- Second-** Miami Today, *Michael Lewis*
- Third–** Pelican Press
- Hon Mntn-** The Suncoast News

Category: 05-Editorial Page

Division B – circulation 7,000 – 15,000

- First-** The Business Journal, *John Burr*
- Second–** The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Bob Mudge*
- Third-** The Islander, *Holmes Beach*

Category: 05-Editorial Page

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First– The High Springs Herald
Second– Riverland News, *Pat Faherty*
Third– Navarre Press

Category: 06-Editorial Award

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First– Miami Today, *Michael Lewis*
Second– Pelican Press, *Rachel Hackney*
Third– The Suncoast News, *Robert Hibbs*

Category: 06-Editorial Award

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First– The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Bob Mudge*
Second– Florida Keys Keynoter, *Larry Kahn*
Third– Capital Outlook Newspaper, *Roosevelt Wilson*

Category: 06-Editorial Award

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First– The High Springs Herald
Second– Navarre Press
Third– The Apopka Chief, *John Peery*

Category: 07-Original Local Editorial Cartoon

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First– Pelican Press, *J.R. Riley*
Second– Clearwater Citizen, *Dan Smith*
Third– The Suncoast News, *Don Brown*

Category: 07-Original Local Editorial Cartoon

Division BC – circulation 15,000 and under

- First– The Jupiter Courier, *Dale Neesemann*
Second– The West Orange Times, *Mike Malloy*
Third– The Baker County Press, *Ed Hall*
Hon Mntn- The Taco Times, *Clint Tipton*

Category: 08-Humorous Column

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First– Florida Weekly, *Artis Henderson*
Second– Pelican Press, *MC Coolidge*
Third– The Suncoast News, *Mark Schantz*

Category: 08-Humorous Column

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First– The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Bob Mudge*
Second– Florida Keys Keynoter, *Larry Kahn*
Third– Marco Eagle, *Quentin Roux*

Category: 08-Humorous Column

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First-** Chiefland Citizen, *Carolyn Risner*
Second- Navarre Press, *Gary “Mad Dog” Maddock*
Third- The Baker County Press, *Kelley Lannigan*

Category: 09-Serious Column

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First-** New Times Broward/Palm Beach, *Bob Norman*
Second- Osceola News-Gazette, *Juliana A. Torres*
Third- Pinellas Park Beacon, *Tom Germond*
Hon Mntn- Collier Citizen, *Brenda Hawkins*

Category: 09-Serious Column

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First-** The West Orange Times, *Amy Quesinberry*
Second- The Belleair Bee, *Chary Southmayd*
Third- Clay Today, *Greg Walsh*

Category: 09-Serious Column

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First-** Cedar Key Beacon, *Jenna McKenna*
Second- The High Springs Herald, *Richard Foster*
Third- The Sanford Herald, *Gene Kruckemyer*

Category: 10-First Amendment Defense

Open ABC Circulation

- First-** The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Bob Mudge*
Second- The West Orange Times, *Andrew Bailey*
Third- The Polk County Democrat, *SL Frisbie*

Category: 11-News Story

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First-** Miami New Times, *Gus Garcia-Roberts*
Second- Osceola News-Gazette, *Juliana A. Torres*
Third- The Suncoast News, *Carl Orth*

Category: 11-News Story

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First-** Tampa Bay Business Journal, *Janet Leiser*
Second- Islamorada/Key Largo Free Press, *Robert Silk*
Third- Florida Keys Keynoter, *Sean Kinney*

Category: 11-News Story

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First-** The High Springs Herald, *Ronald Dupont Jr*
Second- The Lake Wales News, *Kathy Leigh Berkowitz*
Third- Sumter Express, *Rose Davis*
Hon Mntn- The Apalachicola/Carrabelle Times, *Lois Swoboda & David Adlerstein*

Category: 12-Investigative Reporting

Open ABC Circulation

- First-** New Times Broward/Palm Beach, *Deirdra Funcheon*
Second- Miami New Times, *Francisco Alvarado*
Third- Orlando Business Journal, *Tiffany Beck, Anjali Fluker, Denise Hicks, Chris Kauffmann, Bill Orben, Dan Ping*

Category: 13-In-Depth News Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First-** Pelican Press, *Rick Barry, Stan Zimmerman*
Second- The Miami New Times, *Tim Elfrink*
Third- The Independent Florida Alligator, *Brett Daly, Drew Harwell, Alyssa LaRenzie*
Hon Mntn- Osceola News-Gazette, *Juliana A. Torres*

Category: 13-In-Depth News Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First-** The Business Journal, *Terry Brown, Christian Conte, Mark Szakonyi, Caty Van Housen*
Second- The West Volusia Beacon, *Barb Shepherd*
Third- Orlando Business Journal, *Tiffany Beck, Anjali Fluker, Chris Kauffmann, Bill Orben, Dan Ping*

Category: 13-In-Depth News Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First-** The High Springs Herald, *Rachael Anne Ryals*
Second- The Herald Advocate, *Joan Seaman*
Third- Nassau County Record, *Amanda Bishop, Kathie Colgrove*

Category: 14-Feature Story

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First-** The East County Observer, *Michael Eng*
Second- Florida Weekly
Third- Osceola News-Gazette, *Juliana Torres*
Hon Mntn- Miami New Times, *Natalie O'Neill*

Category: 14-Feature Story

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First-** Marco Eagle, *Brenda Hawkins*
Second- Islamorada/Key Largo Free Press, *Robert Silk*
Third- The News/Lutz, Citrus Park & Odessa, *Debbie Carson*

Category: 14-Feature Story

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First-** The High Springs Herald, *Rachael Anne Ryals*
Second- Alachua County Today, *Ashley Cain*
Third- Chiefland Citizen, *Carolyn Risner*
Hon Mntn- Navarre Press, *Ken Garner*

Category: 15- Individual Graphic (Non-Photo, Non Cartoon)

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First-** Tampa Bay Business Journal, *Abe Rios*
Second- The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Rob Broyles*
Third- The Orlando Business Journal, *Adam Evans*

Category: 15- Individual Graphic (Non-Photo, Non Cartoon)

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First– Ponte Vedra Recorder, *Steve Becker*
Second- The Coastal Star, *Bonnie Lalky-Seibert*
Third- The Baker County Press, *Jessica Prevatt*

Category: 16-Spot News Picture

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First– Osceola News-Gazette, *Andrew Sullivan*
Second- The Bay Beacon, *Del Lessard*
Third- The Longboat Observer, *Jessica Luck*

Category: 16-Spot News Picture

Division BC - circulation 15,000 and under

- First– The Franklin Chronicle, *Paul Puckett*
Second- Navarre Press, *Christine O'Connor*
Third- Boca Beacon, *Katie Throne*
Hon Mntn- The Baker County Press, *Jim McGauley*

Category: 17-Feature Picture

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First- The Bay Beacon, *Del Lessard*
Second– Osceola News-Gazette, *Andrew Sullivan*
Third– The East County Observer, *Michael Eng*
Hon Mntn- Pinellas Park Beacon, *Bob McClure*

Category: 17-Feature Picture

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First- Marco Eagle, *Quentin Roux*
Second– The Beaches Leader, *Robert DeAngelo*
Third– Orlando Business Journal, *Jim Carchidi*
Hon Mntn- The Reporter, *Melody Novoa*

Category: 17-Feature Picture

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First– The Polk County Democrat, *Peggy Kehoe*
Second– The Apopka Chief, *John Peery*
Third- The High Springs Herald, *Marianne Lijewski*
Hon Mntn- Navarre Press, *Christine O'Connor*

Category: 18-Sports Picture

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First- Osceola News-Gazette, *Andrew Sullivan*
Second- Waterfront Weekly, *Keith Carson*
Third– The Seminole-Beach Beacon, *Jim Layfield*

Category: 18-Sports Picture

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First– The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Justin Fennell*
Second– The Beaches Leader, *Robert DeAngelo*
Third- The News/Lutz, Citrus Park & Odessa, *Keith Carson*

Category: 18-Sports Picture

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First–** Chiefland Citizen, *Dave Colon*
Second– The Herald Advocate, *Ralph Harrison*
Third– The High Springs Herald, *Laura Heald*
Hon Mntn- Lake Placid Journal, *Tom Staik*

Category: 19-Photo Series in One Issue

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First-** Pelican Press, *Rebecca Wild Baxter*
Second- Osceola News-Gazette, *Andrew Sullivan*
Third– The East County Observer, *Michael Eng*

Category: 19-Photo Series in One Issue

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First–** Orlando Business Journal, *Jim Carchidi*
Second– The News/Lutz, Citrus Park & Odessa, *Keith Carson*
Third- The Business Journal, *James Crichlow*

Category: 19-Photo Series in One Issue

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First-** The Gulf Coast Business Review, *Brian Tietz*
Second- The Star, *Marie Logan*
Third- The High Springs Herald, *Jasmine Luoma, Megan Warner*
Hon Mntn- The Apalachicola/Carrabelle Times, *David Adlerstein*

Category: 20-Portfolio Photography

Open ABC Circulation

- First-** Osceola News-Gazette, *Andrew Sullivan*
Second- The Beaches Leader, *Robert DeAngelo*
Third– The Business Journal, *James Crichlow*

Category: 21-Headline Writing

Open ABC Circulation

- First–** The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Bob Mudge*
Second– Nassau County Record, *Amanda Bishop, Kathie Colgrove*
Third- The Star, *Despina Williams*
Hon Mntn- The Suncoast News, *Michael Terry*

Category: 22-Sports Page or Section

Division AB - circulation 7,000 and over

- First–** Marco Eagle, *Roger J. LaLonde*
Second- The Jupiter Courier, *Michael English*
Third– The Islander, *Lisa Neff*

Category: 22-Sports Page or Section

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First–** Navarre Press
Second– Lake Placid Journal, *Tom Staik, David Rinald*
Third– The Sanford Herald, *Dean Smith*

Category: 23-Sports Feature Story

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First- The Longboat Observer, *Robin Hartill*
Second- The Bay Beacon, *Kenneth Books*
Third- The East County Observer, *Jen Blanco*

Category: 23-Sports Feature Story

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First- Fernandina Beach News-Leader, *Beth Jones*
Second- The Islander, *Lisa Neff*
Third- The Destin Log, *Tina Harbuck*

Category: 23-Sports Feature Story

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First- The High Springs Herald, *Mike McCall*
Second- Ponte Vedra Recorder, *Erica Opisso*
Third- Crestview News Bulletin, *Randy Dickson*
Hon Mntn- The Baker County Press, *Joel Addington*

Category: 24-Sports Game Day Story

Division AB - circulation 7,000 and over

- First- The Beaches Leader, *David Rosenblum*
Second- The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Tripp Miller*
Third- The East County Observer, *Jen Blanco*

Category: 24-Sports Game Day Story

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First- The Sanford Herald, *Devon Jeffreys*
Second- Gulf Breeze News, *Jason Thompson*
Third- Nassau County Record, *Dan Shanks*

Category: 25-Sports Column

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First- Miami Today, *Michael Lewis*
Second- Miami New Times, *Chuck Strouse*
Third- Osceola News-Gazette, *Rick Pedone*

Category: 25-Sports Column

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First- The Islander, *Lisa Neff*
Second- The Beaches Leader, *Robert DeAngelo*
Third- Marco Eagle, *Roger J. LaLonde*

Category: 25-Sports Column

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First- Nassau County Record, *Dan Shanks*
Second- Ponte Vedra Recorder, *Jerry Norton*
Third- The Apopka Chief, *John Peery*

Category: 26-Outdoor Writing

Division A - circulation over 15,000

- First-** Miami New Times, *Natalie O'Neill*
Second- The Longboat Observer, *Jessica Luck*
Third- Osceola News-Gazette, *Rick Pedone*
Hon Mntn- Florida Weekly, *Betsy Clayton, Evan Williams*

Category: 26-Outdoor Writing

Division B - circulation 7,000 – 15,000

- First-** The Islander, Holmes Beach, *Lisa Neff*
Second- The Islamorada/Key Largo Free Press, *Steve Gibbs*
Third- Florida Keys Keynoter, *Kevin Wadlow*

Category: 26-Outdoor Writing

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First-** Gadsden County Times, *Alice Dupont*
Second- The Apalachicola/Carrabelle Times, *Lois Swoboda*
Third- Sumter Express, *Rose Davis*

Category: 27-Agricultural Writing

Open ABC Circulation

- First-** The High Springs Herald, *Maria Fernanda Castro*
Second- Pelican Press, *Rick Barry*
Third- The Islamorada/Key Largo Free Press, *Steve Gibbs*

Category: 28-Environmental or Conservation

Division AB - circulation 7,000 and over

- First-** The West Volusia Beacon
Second- Orlando Business Journal, *Tiffany Beck, Anjali Fluker, Denise Hicks, Chris Kauffmann, Bill Orben, Dan Ping*
Third- The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Bob Broyles, Kim Cool*
Hon Mntn- Anna Maria Island Sun, *Cindy Lane*

Category: 28-Environmental or Conservation

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First-** The High Springs Herald, *Rachael Anne Ryals*
Second- The Baker County Press, *Kelley Lannigan*
Third- The Lake Wales News, *Brian Ackley*

Category: 29-Business Writing

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First-** Florida Weekly, *Evan Williams*
Second- The Sarasota Observer, *Robin Roy*
Third- Miami New Times, *Gus Garcia-Roberts*
Hon Mntn- The Longboat Observer, *Robin Hartill*

Category: 29-Business Writing

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First-** Orlando Business Journal, *Bill Orben*
Second- The West Orange Times, *Michael Laval*
Third- The Destin Log, *Fraser Sherman*

Category: 29-Business Writing

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First–** The Baker County Press, *Joel Addington*
Second– The High Springs Herald, *Rachael Anne Ryals*
Third– Gulf Coast Business Review, *Mark Gordon*

Category: 30-Special Issue, Section or Supplements

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First–** Florida Courier
Second– The Laker, *Keith Carson, Steve Lee, Matt Mistretta*
Third– Miami Today
Hon Mntn– The East County Observer

Category: 30-Special Issue, Section or Supplements

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First–** Clay Today
Second– The Destin Log
Third– Orlando Business Journal
Hon Mntn– The Business Journal

Category: 30-Special Issue, Section or Supplements

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First–** Alachua County Today
Second– Navarre Press
Third– Boca Beacon

Category: 31-Newspaper Promotion

Division AB - circulation 7,000 and over

- First–** Orlando Business Journal, *Cheryl Bence, Adam Evans, Marla Sachs*
Second– The West Orange Times
Third– The News-Sun

Category: 31-Newspaper Promotion

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First–** The Coastal Star
Second– Monticello News, *Ron Cichon*
Third– The Sanford Herald

Category: 32-Community History

Open Circulation

- First–** Miami New Times, *Janine Zeitlin*
Second– Florida Weekly, *Roger Williams*
Third– Sumter County Times

Category: 33-Website Development

Division A – circulation over 15,000

- First–** Miami New Times
Second– Florida Weekly
Third– The Suncoast News

Category: 33-Website Development

Division B – circulation 7,000 - 15,000

- First– The News-Sun
Second– Florida Keys Keynoter
Third– Fort Myers Beach Observer

Category: 33-Website Development

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First– Boca Beacon
Second– The Baker County Press
Third– Crestview News Bulletin

Category: 34-Religion Writing

Division AB - circulation 7,000 and over

- First- The West Volusia Beacon, *Pat Hatfield*
Second– The Destin Log, *Pam Griffin*
Third- Orlando Business Journal, *Tiffany Beck*

Category: 34-Religion Writing

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First- The Herald Advocate, *Cynthia Krahl*
Second– The High Springs Herald, *Pat Canova Tipton*
Third- Sumter Express, *Rose Davis*

Category: 35-Criticism

Division AB – circulation 7,000 and over

- First– Miami New Times, *Carlo Suarez de Jesus*
Second- Florida Weekly, *Nancy Stetson*
Third– The West Orange Times, *Mary Anne Swickerath*

Category: 37-Best Obituary by a Newspaper

Division A - circulation over 15,000

- First– Clearwater Citizen, *Chary Southmayd*
Second– Florida Weekly, *Evan Williams*
Third- The Bay Beacon, *Mike Griffith*
Hon Mntn- Osceola News-Gazette, *Juliana Torres*

Category: 37-Best Obituary by a Newspaper

Division B – circulation 7,000-15,000

- First– The Beaches Leader, *Johnny Woodhouse*
Second– Marco Eagle, *Quentin Roux*
Third– The Venice Gondolier Sun, *Brooky Brown*

Category: 37-Best Obituary by a Newspaper

Division C – circulation under 7,000

- First– The Apalachicola/Carrabelle Times, *Despina Williams*
Second– The Star, *Despina Williams*
Third– The High Springs Herald, *Rachael Anne Ryals*

Category: 38-Shining Star Award

Open ABC Circulation

- First– Orlando Business Journal, *Cindy Barth*
Second– The Baker County Standard, *Bryana Stafford*
Third- The Star, *Despina Williams*