

2015 Final list of winners

Agricultural & Environmental

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: Second Opinion

Credits: Alex Mahadevan

Second Place

Miami Today

Entry: Issues limit South Florida farm production, drive up costs

Credits: Marilyn Bowden

First Place

Polk County Sun

Entry: Celebrating Florida's Honey Bee: Get your buzz on

Credits: Cathy Palmer, Cassie Jacoby

Agricultural & Environmental

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: Bubbles could help clean Lake Apopka

Credits: Zak Kerr

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Turtles replace snowbirds at the beach

Credits: Kim Cool

First Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: From Edgewood to the World

Credits: Amy Quesinberry Rhode

Agricultural & Environmental

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Lake Wales News

Entry: Taking agriculture to the world

Credits: James Coulter

Second Place

Business Observer

Entry: Family Roots

Credits: Michael Hinman

First Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: The osprey, a perfect dad

Credits: Delores Savas

Arts- Entertainment & Review Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Miami Today

Entry: New book tracks Merrick, visionary Coral Gables creator

Credits: Laura Albritton

Second Place

Polk County Sun

Entry: Meet The Fabulous Danniboy

Credits: Kathy Leigh Berkowitz

First Place

Miami New Times

Entry: I Took My Boss' Daughter to a Taylor Swift Concert

Credits: Ryan Pfeffer

Arts- Entertainment & Review Reporting

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: Playing Dead

Credits: Michael Eng

Second Place

The Jacksonville Business Journal

Entry: Jacksonville's music scene strikes a chord

Credits: Alexa Epitropoulos

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Pine View grad's 'Peculiar' book being filmed

Credits: Kim Cool

Arts- Entertainment & Review Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

News-Sun

Entry: Things looking up for Palms resident after artists lend a hand

Credits: Phil Attinger

Second Place

Winter Park-Maitland Observer

Entry: Rising star artist returns home in style

Credits: Isaac Babcock

First Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News

Entry: Inspiring book gets readers of their 'soft seat' and on to their 'zany feet'

Credits: Christine DeSouza, Jeff Gaeser

Best Headline

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The East County Observer

Entry: Should police stalk litterers at Celery Fields?

Credits: Staff

Second Place

Miami Today

Entry: Furniture store plan gets legs; 'Prettiest girl in the US' lacks movie date; Teed off Commissioners question \$1.6 million for t-shirts

Credits: Michael Lewis

First Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: King of Queens

Credits: Nick Friedman

Best Headline

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Arcadian

Entry: No Bull: Loose steer on the lam from the butcher

Credits: Susan Hoffman

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: One pool, two pools, old pool, new pools

Credits: Pat Copeland

First Place

Ormond Beach Observer

Entry: "Shooting the president"

Credits: Brian McMillan

Best Headline

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Polk County Democrat

Entry: Workin' at the Car Wash

Credits: Jeff Roslow

Second Place

The Polk County Democrat

Entry: A mulligan for Mulligan's?

Credits: Steve Steiner

First Place

Business Observer

Entry: Charlie and the Christmas Factory

Credits: Mark Gordon

Best Obituary

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Miami New Times

Entry: Alex Omes Died the Very Day of his Trial Against Ultra Music Festival

Credits: Jose D. Duran, S. Pajot

Second Place

Osceola News-Gazette

Entry: Mike Fields Remembered

Credits: Rick Padone

First Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Robert and Evelyn Kraft

Credits: Emily J. Minor

Best Obituary

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Beaches Leader

Entry: Dr. C dedicated life to addressing needs of area's homeless

Credits: Johnny Woodhouse

Second Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: Blue for Bubba

Credits: Amy Quesinberry Rhode

First Place

The Longboat Observer

Entry: The Lady From Longboat Key

Credits: Robin Hartill

Best Obituary

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

News-Sun

Entry: Sebring loses 'Old Faithful'

Credits: Phil Attinger

Second Place

Suwannee Democrat

Entry: Community grieves for Nolan

Credits: Amber Vann

First Place

The Lake Wales News

Entry: Farewell to our own Miss Universe

Credits: Kathy Leigh Berkowitz

Breaking News Story

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: Independent Florida Alligator Breaking News

Credits: Emily Cochrane, Giuseppe Sabella

Second Place

Osceola News-Gazette

Entry: St Cloud City Manager Gets Raise Then Ousted

Credits: Charlie Reed

First Place

The East County Observer

Entry: Shattering Tragedy

Credits: Pam Eubanks, Jay Heater

Breaking News Story

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Twister hits Skyway

Credits: Joe Hendricks

Second Place

The Jacksonville Business Journal

Entry: Why The Home Depot bought Interline Brands

Credits: Timothy Gibbons

First Place

The Jacksonville Business Journal

Entry: Becoming a Google Fiber city

Credits: Colleen Michele Jones, Jensen Werley

Breaking News Story

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Lake Wales News

Entry: Police officers shot

Credits: Kathy Leigh Berkowitz, Kevin Brady, Jim Gouvellis

Second Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal

Entry: Shooting suspect at large

Credits: Teresa Eubanks, Johnny Eubanks

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Black Hawk Crash Coverage

Credits: NP Staff

Business Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: Conference center catalyst

Credits: Alex Mahadevan

Second Place

Miami New Times

Entry: Manager of Clinic Tied to Nine Deaths Opens Up About Florida's Pill-Mill Epidemic

Credits: Jessica Weiss

First Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: This brew's for you

Credits: David Conway

Business Reporting

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Jacksonville Business Journal

Entry: Cuba

Credits: Jensen Werley

Second Place

Tampa Bay Business Journal

Entry: Robbed without a gun

Credits: Margie Manning

First Place

Tampa Bay Business Journal

Entry: The TBBJ Watch List

Credits: TBBJ staff

Business Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Ugly Baby

Credits: Matthew Richardson

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: How far your money goes

Credits: Anjali Fluker

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Where the Money Lives

Credits: Rachel Williams

Community History

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Veteran Vet

Credits: Ron Hayes

Second Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Chillingworth Murders still shocking

Credits: Tim Pallesen

First Place

Miami New Times

Entry: Brickell's Last Holdout Fights Developers to Preserve Native American History

Credits: Terence Cantarella

Community History

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

Tarpon Springs Beacon

Entry: Jitney restored

Credits: Juliana A. Torres

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: John Nolen: not just a Venice visionary

Credits: Kim Cool

First Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: This Old House

Credits: Michael Eng

Community History

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Wakulla News

Entry: Wakulla's ancient cultures

Credits: Nicole Zema

Second Place

Lutz News

Entry: Walk Through Lutz Cemetery

Credits: Kathy Steele

First Place

Alachua County Today

Entry: "Ghost towns left behind" by David S. Wisener

Credits: David Wisener

Community Service

Open Circulation Division

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Venice Area Beautification Contest

Credits: Staff

Second Place

The Polk County Democrat

Entry: Many stories, columns on Mr. Bartow contest

Credits: Jeff Roslow, Steve Steiner, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz, Cassie Jacoby

First Place

The Polk County Democrat

Entry: Band uniforms

Credits: Cathy Palmer, S.L. Frisbie

Editorial Award

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Polk County Sun

Entry: A tale of two policemen

Credits: Jim Gouvellis

Second Place

Miami Today

Entry: Fair can be forced out only at high cost, so keep talks going

Credits: Michael Lewis

First Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Contracted phone services skirt public records law

Credits: Mary Kate Leming

Editorial Award

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Arcadian

Entry: Tough choices

Credits: Susan Hoffman

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Goodbye and good riddance

Credits: Mike Field

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Hospital must move forward in a public way

Credits: Ronald Dupont Jr.

Editorial Award

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Williamson's one-sided Facebook accounts don't cut it

Credits: NP Staff

Second Place

The Polk County Democrat

Entry: When should one government tax another?

Credits: S.L. Frisbie

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Rains, drains and pains

Credits: NP Staff

Editorial Page

Division AB

Third Place

Miami Today

Credits: Staff

Second Place

The Arcadian

Credits: Susan Hoffman, Steve Bauer, Luke Wilson

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Credits: Ronald Dupont Jr.

Editorial Page

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

News-Sun

Entry: Avon Park facing a burning issue

Credits: Scott Dressel, Christopher Tuffley

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Don't be a turkey; Show up

Credits: Cindy Barth, Victoria Prichard

First Place

The Lake Wales News

Entry: Lake Wales News Editorial Page

Credits: Jim Gouvellis, Jeff Roslow

Education Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Want to give? She'll tell you how

Credits: Lucy Lazarony

Second Place

Florida Courier

Entry: Education Reporting

Credits: Jenise Morgan

First Place

The East County Observer

Entry: Capacity Conundrum

Credits: Pam Eubanks

Education Reporting

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: The Secret to Pine View's Success

Credits: Bob Mudge

Second Place

Santa Rosa Press-Gazette

Entry: Pace Robotics preps for competition

Credits: Aaron Little

First Place

The Arcadian

Entry: School's finance director placed on leave; School Finance Director, student testing addressed at School Board meeting; 'An atmosphere of fear' - School Board to launch its own investigation

Credits: Susan Hoffman

Education Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Business Observer

Entry: Outside Your Comfort Zone

Credits: Mark Gordon

Second Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Milton coach pushes for middle school sports

Credits: Brian Lester

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: International influx

Credits: Rachel Williams

Faith & Family Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Laker

Entry: New twist to holy wafer

Credits: B.C. Manion

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: A Survivor's Story

Credits: Amanda Morales

First Place

The East County Observer

Entry: Always Enough Love

Credits: Pam Eubanks

Faith & Family Reporting

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Arcadian

Entry: All Faiths Food Bank: Feeding DeSoto's hungry; Housing authority celebrates 50+ years

Credits: Susan Hoffman

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Church equates gay Scout leaders to pedophiles

Credits: Debbie Flessner

First Place

Fernandina Beach News-Leader

Entry: Historic marker notes church's journey to integration

Credits: Glenda S. Jenkins

Faith & Family Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

News-Sun

Entry: Avon Park church is building relationships through feeding and clothing needy, homeless

Credits: Tom Staik

Second Place

News-Sun

Entry: Widow donates airplane to Harvest

Credits: Phil Attinger

First Place

The Polk County Democrat

Entry: 'He didn't do his homework'

Credits: Jeff Roslow

Feature Photo

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Laker

Entry: Plenty of Heart - Scissors

Credits: Fred Bellet

Second Place

Osceola News-Gazette

Entry: Field of Flags

Credits: Marc Clery

First Place

Largo Leader

Entry: Bring on the heat

Credits: Jim Layfield

Feature Photo

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Bee-powered pollinator

Credits: Meredith W. Nicholson

Second Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: And the winner is

Credits: Amber Jurgensen

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Amazing! Surfing at 4

Credits: Joseph John Orchulli II

Feature Photo

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Sea Life

Credits: Jim Carchidi

Second Place

The Apopka Chief

Entry: And all that jazz

Credits: John Peery

First Place

The Apopka Chief

Entry: Celebrating graduation

Credits: Tammy Keaton

Feature Story: Non-profile

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: Home to roost

Credits: David Conway

Second Place

The East County Observer

Entry: Fair, fowl or ... gnarly

Credits: Jay Heater

First Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: Independent Florida Alligator Feature Non-Profile

Credits: Martin Vassolo, Danielle Veenstra

Feature Story: Non-profile

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: MIA WWII pilot identified

Credits: Amber Jurgensen

Second Place

The Beaches Leader

Entry: Letter from Lusitania enduring keepsake

Credits: Johnny Woodhouse

First Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: Picking up the pieces

Credits: Michael Eng

Feature Story: Non-profile

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Polk County Democrat

Entry: Where's there's (no) smoke ...

Credits: Steve Steiner

Second Place

The Wakulla News

Entry: Kitten control: 40 local strays fixed

Credits: Nicole Zema

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: 2 Jobs Better than 1

Credits: Megan Ribbens

Feature Story: Profile

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Anything but a drag

Credits: Ron Hayes

Second Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: Independent Florida Alligator Feature Profile

Credits: Martin Vassolo, Danielle Veenstra

First Place

Miami New Times

Entry: Decades After Andy Sweet's Murder, His Iconic South Beach Photos are Resurrected

Credits: Jessica Weiss

Feature Story: Profile

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: The Road to Recovery

Credits: Michael Eng

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: A hero's welcome: spit and scorn

Credits: Bob Mudge

First Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: Finding a Direction

Credits: Amber Jurgensen

Feature Story: Profile

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate

Entry: He's 103!

Credits: Allison Smith

Second Place

Winter Park-Maitland Observer

Entry: A life in bloom after a withering start

Credits: Ciara Varone

First Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: A bottle of Scotch and a carton of Marlboros: Martin Walker

Credits: Jack Short

First Amendment Defense

Division AB

Third Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: two editorial and one story

Credits: Mary Kate Leming, Dan Moffett

Second Place

Miami Today

Entry: The public has a firm right to view the public's business

Credits: Michael Lewis

First Place

The Reporter

Entry: Continued silence on Stretch 'Taser' incident unacceptable

Credits: David Goodhue

First Amendment Defense

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Polk County Democrat

Entry: Your govt.will hearyou now;talk fast

Credits: S.L. Frisbie

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Chambers of commerce

Credits: Denise Hicks, Veronica Brezina

First Place (Jon A. Roosenraad Award winners)

The Lake Wales News

Entry: City hall probe-Public records

Credits: Jim Gouvellis, Brian Ackley

Front Page Makeup

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Three front pages Coastal Star

Credits: Scott Simmons, Jerry Lower, Bruce Borich, Mary Kate Leming, Tim Stepien

Second Place

The East County Observer

Entry: East County Observer

Credits: Staff

First Place

Largo Leader

Entry: Largo Leader 10-01,10-29,11-5

Credits: Chris George

Front Page Makeup

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Longboat Observer

Entry: End of the Lines; Welcome Back; Town vs peacocks

Credits: Observer Staff

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Twister | Murder Solved

Credits: Ricardo Fonseca

First Place

Marco Island Sun Times

Entry: Sun Times' front pages

Credits: Staff

Front Page Makeup

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Front Page Makeup

Credits: NP Staff

Second Place

News-Sun

Entry: Front Page Makeup

Credits: Scott Dressel, Staff

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Ugly Baby; Where the Money Lives; Skyplex versus Universal Orlando

Credits: Victoria Prichard, Cheryl Bence

General Excellence

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The East County Observer

Credits: Staff

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer

Credits: Staff

First Place

The Coastal Star

Credits: Staff

General Excellence

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

Marco Island Sun Times

Credits: Staff

Second Place

The Longboat Observer

Credits: Staff

First Place

The Jacksonville Business Journal

Credits: Staff

General Excellence

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Orlando Business Journal

Credits: Staff

Second Place

Navarre Press

Credits: NP Staff

First Place

Business Observer

Credits: Staff

General News Story

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: "A father remembers 9/11"

Credits: Jacque Estes

Second Place

Largo Leader

Entry: Rock Kern Family Hard Place

Credits: Chris George

First Place (Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award winner)

Miami New Times

Entry: Aaron Davidson's Stunning Soccer Bribery Case

Credits: Tim Elfrink

General News Story

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Behind the scenes of a drug bust

Credits: Bob Mudge

Second Place

Florida Keys Keynoter

Entry: The Keys coroner comes out swinging

Credits: William Axford

First Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: Picking up the pieces

Credits: Michael Eng

General News Story

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal

Entry: Stolen school bus wrecked

Credits: Teresa Eubanks

Second Place

News-Sun

Entry: Bullying concerns prompt call for new rules, workshop

Credits: Tom Staik

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: One more day

Credits: Richard Bilbao

Health, Medical & Science Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The East County Observer

Entry: Researcher combats 'chemo-brain' with focus

Credits: Pam Eubanks

Second Place

Largo Leader

Entry: And in this corner, hope

Credits: Chris George

First Place

New Times Broward/Palm Beach

Entry: Bill Faloon and Saul Kent, Major Figures in Cryonics Movement, Start a Church in Hollywood

Credits: Dierdra Funcheon

Health, Medical & Science Reporting

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Bouncing a message off the moon

Credits: Kim Cool

Second Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: Dream On

Credits: Michael Eng

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: One man's plan to cheat death

Credits: Bob Mudge

Health, Medical & Science Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

News-Sun

Entry: Cancer patient's family wants to fill 'hope hallway' with cards

Credits: Tom Staik

Second Place

Lutz News

Entry: A cross-country mission to battle polio

Credits: B.C. Manion

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Cottonmouth bite scares Navarre family

Credits: Rob Johnson

Humorous Column

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: "A 'Star Wars' tale: the popcorn, the spoiler, the Jedi mind trick"

Credits: Brian McMillan

Second Place

Largo Leader

Entry: The poop on covering meetings

Credits: Tom Germond

First Place

Largo Leader

Entry: A true story about shingles and a toilet

Credits: Bob Driver

Humorous Column

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: I have amazing ideas for a parking garage

Credits: Tim Smolarick

Second Place

Beach Beacon

Entry: What lies under those duvet covers?

Credits: Tom Germond

First Place

Florida Keys Keynoter

Entry: Keys vs. Ithaca: The case for each place

Credits: Larry Kahn

Humorous Column

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

News-Sun

Entry: Call a truce, Dr. Seuss

Credits: Phil Attinger

Second Place

The Wakulla News

Entry: Wakulla road rage at its finest, and funniest

Credits: Nicole Zema

First Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times

Entry: Let them eat shrimp

Credits: Susan Lincoln

In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Polk County Sun

Entry: You can take steps to avoid identity theft

Credits: Kathy Leigh Berkowitz, Cathy Palmer, Jim Gouvellis, Jenna Stanley, Carla McMullen

Second Place

Miami New Times

Entry: Is It Ok for a UM Professor to Burder a Student with Sexual Advances?

Credits: Jess Swanson

First Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: When the monstor came over the bridge

Credits: Randy Schultz, Mary Kate Leming

In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: In-Depth Look, Editorial, Column on Local Shooting

Credits: Greg Giles, Susan Erwin, Bob Mudge, Tim Smolarick

Second Place

The Longboat Observer

Entry: Five Years Later

Credits: Kurt Schultheis

First Place

Tampa Bay Business Journal

Entry: The dark side of startups - entrepreneurs and depression

Credits: Pam Huff

In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Destin Log

Entry: 'People are drowning': Destin Fire Control District begins weekend patrols along Crab Island

Credits: Savannah Vasquez

Second Place

Business Observer

Entry: Other People's Money

Credits: Mark Gordon, Nicole Thompson, Kat Hughes

First Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: A Gilchrist timeline: How long will this go on?

Credits: Marcy Shortuse

Informational Graphic

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Fire stations, shopping, mangrove

Credits: Bruce Borich

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: Second Opinion

Credits: Nicole Thompson

First Place

The East County Observer

Entry: Turning Point

Credits: Nicole Thompson

Informational Graphic

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Second Place

The Jacksonville Business Journal

Entry: So you want to export?

Credits: Natalie Pope

First Place

The Longboat Observer

Entry: Down to the Wires

Credits: Meghan Sasser

Informational Graphic

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Blue Angels 2015 Pensacola Beach Air Show

Credits: Dickie Williams

Second Place

Business Observer

Entry: Government Threat

Credits: Nicole Thompson

First Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Where did the money go?

Credits: Jessica Prevatt

Investigative Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: Independent Florida Alligator Investigative Reporting (IA)

Credits: Emily Cochrane, Alyssa Fisher, Alec Carver, Andres Levia

Second Place

Miami New Times

Entry: A Florida Farm County's High Rape Rate Highlights Risks for Migrant Workers

Credits: Tim Elfrink

First Place (Claudia Ross Memorial Award winner)

Largo Leader

Entry: A huge building block

Credits: Juliana A. Torres

Investigative Reporting

Division BC

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Under Egmont

Credits: Cindy Lane

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Stories, Editorials About Local Hospital Quality

Credits: Bob Mudge, Ronald Dupont Jr.

First Place

Riverland News

Entry: Documents Manager

Credits: Jeff Bryan, Michael Bates

Local Government Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The East County Observer

Entry: Out of Balance

Credits: Pam Eubanks

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: Affordable Housing — What does that mean?

Credits: David Conway

First Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Check the law before heading off-course in golf cart

Credits: Rich Pollack

Local Government Reporting

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Arcadian

Entry: County green lights Sonoma rezone; County approves garbage rate increase;
County lifts ban on pain clinics

Credits: Steve Bauer

Second Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: Developing the Backbone

Credits: Zak Kerr

First Place

Ormond Beach Observer

Entry: "One free kill?"

Credits: Wayne Grant

Local Government Reporting

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal

Entry: Commissioner's comments discussed

Credits: Teresa Eubanks

Second Place

The Lake Wales News

Entry: Obama Avenue

Credits: Kathy Leigh Berkowitz, Kevin Brady, Jim Gouvellis

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: How Osceola County flipped a manufacturer flop into a win

Credits: Matthew Richardson

Multimedia Storytelling

Open Circulation Division

Third Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: Ol' Orange Crate Rivalry

Credits: Zak Kerr, Steven Ryzewski, Michael Eng, Jennifer Nessler

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: A Good Rep

Credits: Colin Reid, Nick Reichert, Alex Mahadevan

First Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: Selby Success

Credits: Amanda Morales

News Oops of the Year

Open Circulation Division

Second Place

The Longboat Observer

Entry: Town (vs Pea)cocks

Credits: Observer Staff

First Place

Boca Beacon

Entry: Talking dogs and cats with Pres. G.W./Sometimes, we wish we just hadn't said anything at all

Credits: Marcy Shortuse, Boca Beacon staff

Online Breaking News Coverage

Open Circulation Division

Second Place

Largo Leader

Credits: Suzette Porter

First Place

Miami New Times

Entry: Sea Levels Rise; Miami is Sinking

Credits: Trevor Bach, Tim Elfrink, Jessica Weiss, Jess Swanson, Matt Stieb

Online Slideshow

Open Circulation Division

Third Place

Tampa Bay Business Journal

Entry: Exclusive sneak peek at \$40M U of Tampa Innovation & Collaboration building

Credits: Alexis Muellner

Second Place

Marco Island Sun Times

Entry: Best of 2015

Credits: Quentin Roux

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Disney debuts new Hocus Pocus Halloween Show

Credits: Jim Carchidi

Original Local Editorial Cartoon

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Arcadian

Entry: News item: Lack of funding may cause hospital to cut financial umbilical cord on OB Department

Credits: Luke Wilson

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Tech Support

Credits: Dale Neleman

First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Bike rider gets a ticket

Credits: Steve Borggren

Original Local Editorial Cartoon

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Destin Log

Entry: Lionfish

Credits: Dill Beaty

Second Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Six guilty, one innocent

Credits: Ed Hall

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: 'Bear Season?'

Credits: Dickie Williams

Outdoor & Recreation

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Polk County Sun

Entry: They are Wheel Happy: Biking enthusiasts sing praises of outdoor sport

Credits: Kathy Leigh Berkowitz, Cathy Palmer

Second Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: For many bird sightings, there's no place like home

Credits: Rich Pollack

First Place

New Times Broward/Palm Beach

Entry: As Florida's Bear Hunt Opens, Critics Complain Wildlife Agency Is Beholden to Hunters

Credits: Dierdra Funcheon

Outdoor & Recreation

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Beaches Leader

Entry: Welcome to flyboarding

Credits: Kyzandrha Lahey

Second Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: Data-Driven

Credits: Steven Ryzewski

First Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: The Thrill of the Hunt: Hunting Guide

Credits: Staff

Outdoor & Recreation

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Destin Log

Entry: Father and daughter team: Katie Finkel mans the deck on the Shock'n Y'all

Credits: Tina Harbuck

Second Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Bear hunting's back in Florida

Credits: Joel Addington

First Place

Business Observer

Entry: Fair Winds

Credits: Jean Gruss

Overall Graphic Design

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Polk County Sun

Credits: Staff

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer

Credits: Staff

First Place

The East County Observer

Credits: Staff

Overall Graphic Design

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Credits: Jessica Eng

Second Place

The Jacksonville Business Journal

Credits: Shan Stumpf

First Place

The Longboat Observer

Credits: Staff

Overall Graphic Design

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Business Observer

Credits: Nicole Thompson, Kat Hughes

Second Place

The Polk County Democrat

Credits: Staff

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Credits: Victoria Prichard, Cheryl Bence

Photo Series in One Issue

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Laker

Entry: African Wototo Choir in Lutz

Credits: Fred Bellet

Second Place

Florida Courier

Entry: Photo Series in One Issue

Credits: Duane Fernandez

First Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: A Call to Honor

Credits: Jessica Salmond

Photo Series in One Issue

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

Marco Island Sun Times

Entry: Best of 2015

Credits: Quentin Roux

Second Place

The Arcadian

Entry: Rodeo Weekend - PRCA rodeo brings wild action to Arcadia arena

Credits: Marisa Bauer, Thomas Simmons

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: The Amazing & Mystical Nokomis Drum Circle

Credits: Meredith W. Nicholson

Photo Series in One Issue

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Riverland News

Entry: Civil War

Credits: Jeff Bryan

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Orlando City Soccer MLS debut

Credits: Jim Carchidi

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Two are better than one

Credits: Sandi Kemp

Portfolio Photography

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: Amanda Morales' Portfolio

Credits: Amanda Morales

Second Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: Independent Florida Alligator Portfolio Photography

Credits: Danielle Veenstra

First Place

The East County Observer

Entry: Jessica Salmond - portfolio photography

Credits: Jessica Salmond

Portfolio Photography

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Arcadian

Entry: Puppy love; LTB holding open house; Peace River Water Authority: Planning for the future; Housing Authority celebrates 50+ years

Credits: Susan Hoffman

Second Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: Portfolio Photography: Michael Eng

Credits: Michael Eng

First Place (Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award winner)

The Beaches Leader

Entry: Beach life

Credits: Kyzandrha Lahey

Portfolio Photography

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Jon Sumake Portfolio

Credits: Jon Shumake

Second Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Sandi Kemp portfolio

Credits: Sandi Kemp

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Dancing dragon; makeup; Orlando City celebrates; Star Wars selfie; Toothy topiary

Credits: Jim Carchidi

Serious Column

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Florida Courier

Entry: Random thoughts of a free black mind

Credits: Charles Cherry II

Second Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Questionable reporting? Look to O'Reilly report on Manalapan suicide

Credits: Thom Smith

First Place (Sally Latham Memorial Award winner)

Largo Leader

Entry: When domestic violence comes home - a story

Credits: Suzette Porter

Serious Column

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Walked in his shoes? Then you don't know

Credits: Tim Smolarick

Second Place

Fernandina Beach News-Leader

Entry: Not a victim

Credits: Glenda S. Jenkins

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: There's another motto to be considered

Credits: Bob Mudge

Serious Column

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Lake Wales News

Entry: How to be the be the bigger politician

Credits: Jim Gouvellis

Second Place

News-Sun

Entry: Moving day sparks memories and some tears

Credits: Romona Washington

First Place

Crestview News Bulletin

Entry: With gay marriage, live and let live

Credits: Thomas Boni

Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Largo Leader

Entry: Just for Women

Credits: Staff

Second Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: Spirit of America: The Greatest Generation

Credits: Staff

First Place

The East County Observer

Entry: 20 years in Lakewood Ranch

Credits: Staff

Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

Fernandina Beach News-Leader

Entry: News-Leader Special Section 2015

Credits: Beth Jones, Jessica Waters, Peg Davis, Robert Fiege, Ross Carvalho

Second Place

Florida Keys Keynoter

Entry: unwind, our Keys lifestyle magazine

Credits: Richard Tamborrino

First Place

The Longboat Observer

Entry: Longboat Key 60th Anniversary

Credits: Staff

Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Gulf Breeze News

Entry: Splash! Magazine

Credits: Lisa Newell, Nancy Fish, Maite George, Melanie Kormondy, Janna DeMotts

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

Entry: Book of Lists

Credits: Denise Hicks, Gena Mason, Jim Carchidi

First Place

The Lake Wales News

Entry: Celebrate Polk

Credits: staff

Sports Column

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: Independent Florida Alligator Sports Column (Hall)

Credits: Graham Hall

Second Place

Miami Today

Entry: Marlins contract makes soccer next door a tougher game

Credits: Michael Lewis

First Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: "Nysean performs for special guest: Dad"

Credits: Jeff Dawsey

Sports Column

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Women in Golf -- Through the decades

Credits: Mark Seiden

First Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: Coaches spend unseen hours finding college homes for unheralded stars

Credits: Steven Ryzewski

Sports Column

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Extra Point

Credits: Brian Lester

Second Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Deserved another year to build 'dynasty'

Credits: Jon Shumake

First Place

Riverland News

Entry: Ball Coach

Credits: Dwight Porter

Sports Feature Story

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Golfers walk away from resort course, lamenting conditions

Credits: Tao Woolfe

Second Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Miracle league is a win-win

Credits: Ron Hayes

First Place

New Times Broward/Palm Beach

Entry: Pro Spearfisherman Lazaro Cabrera Hunts the Fish That End Up on Florida's Dinner Plates

Credits: Jess Swanson

Sports Feature Story

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The West Orange Times

Entry: A Tournament of Their Own

Credits: Steven Ryzewski

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Local croquet club one of nation's best

Credits: Scott Lockwood

First Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: New Life, New Brotherhood

Credits: Justin Kline

Sports Feature Story

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Winter Park-Maitland Observer

Entry: Rafaella Gibbons' race against expectations

Credits: Tim Freed

Second Place

Winter Park-Maitland Observer

Entry: Ice cold sport catching fire in Orlando

Credits: Isaac Babcock

First Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Awareness vital to concussion prevention

Credits: Brian Lester

Sports Page or Section

Division AB

Third Place

The West Orange Times

Credits: Steven Ryzewski

Second Place

Fernandina Beach News-Leader

Credits: Beth Jones

First Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Credits: Justin Kline

Sports Page or Section

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Boca Beacon

Credits: Susan Erwin

Second Place

News-Sun

Credits: Jeff Gardenour

First Place

Navarre Press

Credits: NP Staff

Sports Picture

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: Sailors win in slugfest

Credits: Jen Blanco

Second Place

Seminole Beacon

Entry: Warriors defeat rivals

Credits: Jim Layfield

First Place

Osceola News-Gazette

Entry: Jersey Tackle

Credits: Marc Clery

Sports Picture

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

The Beaches Leader

Entry: TD catch; Mirror image; state champ

Credits: Rob DeAngelo

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Flag football: youngest ballers take the field

Credits: Monica Simpson

First Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Summer football games

Credits: Scott Lockwood

Sports Picture

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

The Apopka Chief

Entry: AHS, WHS flag football shorts pulled

Credits: John Peery

Second Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Serious Air by John Richardson

Credits: John Richardson

First Place

Riverland News

Entry: Running Leap Dive

Credits: Julie Mancini

Sports Spot News Story

Division AB

Third Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Dynasty!

Credits: Scott Lockwood

Second Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Entry: Independent Florida Alligator Sports Spot News (Grier)

Credits: Jordan McPherson

First Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: Superbowl Saturday

Credits: Justin Kline

Sports Spot News Story

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Gulf Breeze News

Entry: Bindi 4 peats

Credits: Jason Thompson

Second Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Raiders cap unbeaten regular season with win over Eagles

Credits: Brian Lester

First Place

The Baker County Press

Entry: Victory at state!

Credits: Jon Shumake

Spot News Photo

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

The East County Observer

Entry: Shattering tragedy

Credits: Pam Eubanks

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer

Entry: "Haven of Hope"

Credits: Anastasia Pagello

First Place

Osceola News-Gazette

Entry: Grieving Loss of Teammate

Credits: Marc Clery

Spot News Photo

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Entry: Into the Sky

Credits: Amber Jurgensen

Second Place

The Venice Gondolier Sun

Entry: Fire leaves one dead

Credits: Ronald Dupont Jr.

First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Entry: Twister hits Skyway

Credits: Tyler Kapela

Spot News Photo

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Navarre Press

Entry: Weekend wildfires

Credits: Sandi Kemp

Second Place

Gadsden County Times

Entry: "Feeling the music at QuincyFest"

Credits: Kendrick Brown

First Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal

Entry: Council member Martha Glory

Credits: Johnny Eubanks

State & Local Tax Reporting

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Largo Leader

Entry: City to fund more police, firefighters

Credits: Juliana A. Torres

Second Place

The Coastal Star

Entry: Six towns to study barrier island fire district

Credits: Dan Moffett

First Place (The TaxWatch Award winner)

The Sarasota Observer

Entry: Questions arise on value of city trips

Credits: David Conway

State & Local Tax Reporting

Division BC

Third Place

Belleair Bee

Entry: TDC agrees on 60-40 bed tax split

Credits: Suzette Porter

Second Place

The Apopka Chief

Entry: City budget funds by much more

Credits: John Peery

First Place

Business Observer

Entry: Island Time

Credits: Jean Gruss

Website Excellence

Division A: over 15,000

Third Place

Miami Today

Credits: Staff

Second Place

The East County Observer

Credits: Staff

First Place

The Sarasota Observer

Credits: Observer Staff

Website Excellence

Division B: 7,000-15,000

Third Place

Florida Keys Keynoter

Credits: Staff

Second Place

Marco Island Sun Times

Credits: Staff

First Place

Tampa Bay Business Journal

Credits: TBBJ news team

Website Excellence

Division C: under 7,000

Third Place

Navarre Press

Credits: NP Staff

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

Credits: Staff

First Place

Business Observer

Credits: Staff