

Winner	Staff member	Newspaper	Name of Entry	Division	Category
1st Place	Jack McCarthy	Suburban Chronicle	Suburban Chronicle	Non-Daily Division	Best Design
2nd Place	Observer Staff	Observer	Best Design	Non-Daily Division	Best Design
3rd Place	Staff	Galena Gazette	Galena Gazette	Non-Daily Division	Best Design
1st Place	Joe Daniszewski	Cook County Chronicle	How They Voted	Non-Daily Division	Best Informational Graphic
2nd Place	Joe Daniszewski	Suburban Chronicle	Chronicle Christmas Tree Farm map	Non-Daily Division	Best Informational Graphic
3rd Place	Jes Spivak	Suburban Life Media	Stepping into the Past	Non-Daily Division	Best Informational Graphic
1st Place	Jes Spivak	Suburban Life Media	DamselHootNovel	Non-Daily Division	Best Headline Writing
2nd Place	Hillary Dickerson	Galena Gazette	Galena Gazette	Non-Daily Division	Best Headline Writing
3rd Place	Meg Evans Smith	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Tinkering with Torpedos Summer Vampires Medical Cannibus	Non-Daily Division	Best Headline Writing
1st Place	Kelli Murray, Carol Manderfield	Kane County Chronicle	Fox River Trail Guide	Non-Daily Division	Best Special Section
2nd Place	Staff	Observer	Bishop David J. Malloy the First Five Years	Non-Daily Division	Best Special Section
3rd Place	Kathy Ade, Mary Helt Gavin, Victoria Scott	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Happy New...What Year?	Non-Daily Division	Best Special Section
1st Place	Jack McCarthy	Suburban Chronicle	Warm embrace	Non-Daily Division	Best General Feature
2nd Place	Victoria Scott	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Chocolate Artist...	Non-Daily Division	Best General Feature
3rd Place	Tony Scott	Kendall County Record	War experiences still echo	Non-Daily Division	Best General Feature

1st Place	Tory Bussey	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Against All Odds	Non-Daily Division	Best Personality Profile
2nd Place	Hillary Dickerson	Galena Gazette	"I'm living my dream"	Non-Daily Division	Best Personality Profile
3rd Place	Elise Zwicky	Suburban Chronicle	Modest start with peanut butter sandwiches	Non-Daily Division	Best Personality Profile
1st Place	Lynne Conner	Winnebago Chronicle	If it can fix me, it can fix anybody	Non-Daily Division	BEST RELIGION STORY / OWEN PHELPS AWARD
2nd Place	Lynne Conner	Observer	From Feeding Bodies to Feeding Souls	Non-Daily Division	BEST RELIGION STORY / OWEN PHELPS AWARD
3rd Place	Sharon Boehlefeld	Observer	Foot Doctors Idea Becomes Holy Thursday Event at Carpenters	Non-Daily Division	BEST RELIGION STORY / OWEN PHELPS AWARD
1st Place	Jack McCarthy	Suburban Chronicle	DePaul looks for winner	Non-Daily Division	BEST BUSINESS/FINANCIAL/CO NSUMER STORY
2nd Place	Erika Wurst	Suburban Chronicle	Retail behemoths	Non-Daily Division	BEST BUSINESS/FINANCIAL/CO NSUMER STORY
3rd Place	Matt Simonette	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Comparing Apples to Apples	Non-Daily Division	BEST BUSINESS/FINANCIAL/CO NSUMER STORY
1st Place	Hillary Dickerson	Galena Gazette	Miracle delivery	Non-Daily Division	BEST TECHNOLOGY/MEDICAL STORY
2nd Place	P. Carter Newton	Galena Gazette	Let There Be Light	Non-Daily Division	BEST TECHNOLOGY/MEDICAL STORY
3rd Place	Mary Helt Gavin	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Field Ready	Non-Daily Division	BEST TECHNOLOGY/MEDICAL STORY

1st Place	Joshua Welge	Oswego Ledger	Montgomery 9-year-old aims to become youngest to run half-marathon in all 50 states	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPORTS STORY
2nd Place	Joshua Welge	Oswego Ledger	Oswego native Michael Joseph taking road less traveled to NFL prospect	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPORTS STORY
3rd Place	Jacob Bartelson	Kane County Chronicle	Championship feeling	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPORTS STORY
1st Place	Roger Matile	Oswego Ledger	"Reflections" column by Roger Matile	Non-Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
2nd Place	Peter Stadalsky	Kane County Chronicle	The Glass Half-Full Guy	Non-Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
3rd Place	Jay Dickerson	Galena Gazette	On the Record	Non-Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
1st Place	Larry Gavin	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Troubling Questions Remain...	Non-Daily Division	BEST EDITORIAL
2nd Place	Staff	Oswego Ledger	Editorials	Non-Daily Division	BEST EDITORIAL
3rd Place	Staff	Galena Gazette	Public Served?	Non-Daily Division	BEST EDITORIAL
1st Place	Dan Burke	Galena Gazette	Tumbling down	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
2nd Place	Mark Busch	Suburban Life Media	Peter Roskam protest	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
3rd Place	Shea Lazansky	Oswego Ledger	'This is what democracy looks like'	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
1st Place	Karie Angell Luc	Cook County Chronicle	Mark Buehrle Day	Non-Daily Division	BEST FEATURE PHOTO
2nd Place	Shea Lazansky	Kendall County Record	Celebrating Heritage	Non-Daily Division	BEST FEATURE PHOTO
3rd Place	Mark Busch	Suburban Life Media	Jessie white Tumblers at Timothy Christian	Non-Daily Division	BEST FEATURE PHOTO
1st Place	If More than 3 names type: Staff	Oswego Ledger	Steven Buyansky	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPORTS PHOTO

2nd Place	Ben Otis	Galena Gazette	Girl's volleyball team	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPORTS PHOTO
3rd Place	Ben Otis	Galena Gazette	They call it the rodeo	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPORTS PHOTO
1st Place	Shea Lazansky	Oswego Ledger	Crowds enjoy Montgomery Fest	Non-Daily Division	BEST ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY
2nd Place	Mark Busch	Suburban Life Media	Cycling enthusiasts come to Elmhurst to participate in the Intellegentsia Cup	Non-Daily Division	BEST ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY
3rd Place	Shea Lazansky	Oswego Ledger	'This is what democracy looks like'	Non-Daily Division	BEST ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY
1st Place	Karie Angell Luc	Cook County Chronicle	Mark Buehrle Day	Non-Daily Division	BEST VIDEO
2nd Place	Karie Angell Luc	Cook County Chronicle	Glenview man overcomes brain tumor to make beautiful music	Non-Daily Division	BEST VIDEO
3rd Place	Hillary Dickerson	Galena Gazette	Gazette video	Non-Daily Division	BEST VIDEO
1st Place	staff	Cook County Chronicle	Best Website	Non-Daily Division	BEST WEBSITE
2nd Place	Staff	Galena Gazette	GalenaGazette.com	Non-Daily Division	BEST WEBSITE
3rd Place	Staff	Suburban Life Media	neighborhoodtourist.com	Non-Daily Division	BEST WEBSITE
1st Place	Erika Wurst	Kendall Chronicle	Shootings spark fear, anger in Boulder Hill	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
2nd Place	Shea Lazansky	Oswego Ledger	Teens: 'This is what democracy looks like'	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
3rd Place	Penny Wiegert	Observer	Governor Rauner Reneges on Promise to Veto Abortion Funding	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
1st Place	Tony Scott, Erika Wurst	Oswego Ledger	Caterpillar to shutdown Oswego Township plant after 60 years	Non-Daily Division	BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS STORY
2nd Place	Brenda Schory	Kane County Chronicle	Documents tie Jenny McCarthy's autism charity to unfinished clinic	Non-Daily Division	BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS STORY

3rd Place	Amanda Hudson	Observer	Adoption Month	Non-Daily Division	BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS STORY
1st Place	Hillary Dickerson	Galena Gazette	Immigration	Non-Daily Division	BEST NEWS STORY SERIES
2nd Place	Dan Campana, Matt Hanley	Dan Campana	Operation First Degree Burn 10th Anniversary	Non-Daily Division	BEST NEWS STORY SERIES
3rd Place	Mary Stroka	Suburban Life Media	Ripper Crew parole	Non-Daily Division	BEST NEWS STORY SERIES
1st Place	Penny Wiegert, Sharon Boehlefeld	Observer	Education Reporting	Non-Daily Division	BEST EDUCATION REPORTING
2nd Place	Shea Lazansky	Oswego Ledger	Chiming in; Call for diversity; Too costly to compete?	Non-Daily Division	BEST EDUCATION REPORTING
3rd Place	Larry Gavin	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	D65 Board Considers... District 65 School Board Adopts... School District 65 Board Poised...	Non-Daily Division	BEST EDUCATION REPORTING
1st Place	Dan Burke	Galena Gazette	Hanover Ambulance	Non-Daily Division	BEST WATCHDOG REPORTING
1st Place	Sherri Dauskurdas, Kelli Murray, Carol Manderfield	Suburban Life Media	Neighborhood Tourist	Non-Daily Division	BEST NICHE PUBLICATION
2nd Place	Kara Silva, Carol Manderfield	Kane County Chronicle	KC Magazine	Non-Daily Division	BEST NICHE PUBLICATION
3rd Place	Staff	Galena Gazette	The Galenian	Non-Daily Division	BEST NICHE PUBLICATION
1st Place	Hillary Dickerson	Galena Gazette	Throwbacks	Non-Daily Division	BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
1st Place	Hillary Dickerson	Galena Gazette	Immigration	Non-Daily Division	BEST COVERAGE OF SOCIAL ISSUES
2nd Place	Kevin Beese	Cook County Chronicle	Students in Crisis	Non-Daily Division	BEST COVERAGE OF SOCIAL ISSUES
3rd Place	Tory Bussey	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Homeless in Evanston	Non-Daily Division	BEST COVERAGE OF SOCIAL ISSUES

1st Place	Sherri Dauskurdas	Kane County Chronicle	Online dating over 40? it ain't for the faint of heart	Non-Daily Division	BEST USE OF HUMOR
2nd Place	Luc Pham	Galena Gazette	State takes a breather	Non-Daily Division	BEST USE OF HUMOR
3rd Place	Martha Rosenberg	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Don't You Ever Put Down	Non-Daily Division	BEST USE OF HUMOR
1st Place	Dan Burke	Galena Gazette	Hanover Ambulance	Non-Daily Division	BEST GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING
2nd Place	Kelley Elwood	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Resolution on Confidentiality...	Non-Daily Division	BEST GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING
3rd Place	Eric Schelkopf	Suburban Life Media	Glen Ellyn District 41	Non-Daily Division	BEST GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING
1st Place	Janet G. Messenger	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Evanston's Sharp-eyed Resident	Non-Daily Division	BEST HISTORICAL FEATURE
2nd Place	Janet G. Messenger	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Christmas Sing at Raymond Park	Non-Daily Division	BEST HISTORICAL FEATURE
3rd Place	Roger Matile	Oswego Ledger	'Overrun with the malady': 1918 flu pandemic in Kendall County	Non-Daily Division	BEST HISTORICAL FEATURE
1st Place	Hillary Dickerson	Galena Gazette	Immigration	Non-Daily Division	BEST LOCALIZED NEWS STORY
2nd Place	Tory Bussey	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Thirteen Reasons Why"	Non-Daily Division	BEST LOCALIZED NEWS STORY
3rd Place	Kevin Beese	Cook County Chronicle	'Now is the time'	Non-Daily Division	BEST LOCALIZED NEWS STORY
1st Place	Staff	The Times	The Times design	Daily Division	Best Design
2nd Place	Staff	Daily Herald	The Daily Herald	Daily Division	Best Design
1st Place	Julie Barichello	The Times	Barichello informational graphics	Daily Division	Best Informational Graphic

2nd Place	Tim Broderick	Daily Herald	What Was Missing	Daily Division	Best Informational Graphic
1st Place	Neil Holdway	Daily Herald	Neil Holdway Headlines	Daily Division	Best Headline Writing
2nd Place	Kathleen Danes	Daily Herald	Kathleen Danes Headlines	Daily Division	Best Headline Writing
3rd Place	Don Friske	Daily Herald	Don Friske Headlines	Daily Division	Best Headline Writing
1st Place	Jim Baumann, Staff	Daily Herald	News Literacy	Daily Division	Best Special Section
2nd Place	The Times Sports Staff	The Times	The Times 2017 prep football preview	Daily Division	Best Special Section
3rd Place	Staff of Suburban Tribune	Daily Southtown	Made in the Suburbs	Daily Division	Best Special Section
1st Place	Christopher Heimerman	Daily Chronicle	Remembering a Champion for Students	Daily Division	Best General Feature
2nd Place	Mick Zawislak	Daily Herald	Lost and Found Together	Daily Division	Best General Feature
3rd Place	Anthony Watt	Dispatch-Argus-QOnline.com	Mother's Day without Mom	Daily Division	Best General Feature
1st Place	John Lampinen	Daily Herald	Last Kiss	Daily Division	Best Personality Profile
2nd Place	Brent Bader	The Times	The final cut: Bob Harcar retires	Daily Division	Best Personality Profile
3rd Place	Kelsey O'Connor	Northwest Herald	Divine Intervention	Daily Division	Best Personality Profile
1st Place	Christopher Heimerman	Daily Chronicle	To Reach Beyond Their Walls	Daily Division	BEST RELIGION STORY / OWEN PHELPS AWARD
1st Place	Brent Bader	The Times	Mall struggles reflect national trend	Daily Division	BEST BUSINESS/FINANCIAL/CONSUMER STORY
2nd Place	Kim Mikus	Daily Herald	How She Saved The Family's Business	Daily Division	BEST BUSINESS/FINANCIAL/CONSUMER STORY

3rd Place	Brent Bader	The Times	Kristine's Shower makes bath time fun for all ages	Daily Division	BEST BUSINESS/FINANCIAL/CONSUMER STORY
1st Place	Sean Hammond	Northwest Herald	HOW YOUNG IS TOO YOUNG?	Daily Division	BEST SPORTS STORY
2nd Place	Barry Rozner	Daily Herald	Family, friends helping Blackhawks great Eddie Olczyk in his fight against cancer	Daily Division	BEST SPORTS STORY
3rd Place	Joe Stevenson	Northwest Herald	'Once-in-a-lifetime player'	Daily Division	BEST SPORTS STORY
1st Place	Barry Rozner	Daily Herald	Barry Rozner Columns	Daily Division	BEST SPORTS COLUMNIST
2nd Place	Joe Stevenson	Northwest Herald	Columns by Joe Stevenson	Daily Division	BEST SPORTS COLUMNIST
3rd Place	Scott T. Holland	The Times	Infield Chatter	Daily Division	BEST SPORTS COLUMNIST
1st Place	Denise Crosby	Beacon News	Denise Crosby columns	Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
2nd Place	Eric Olson	Daily Chronicle	Eric Olson columns	Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
3rd Place	Jon Styf	Northwest Herald	Styf columns	Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
1st Place	Beacon News editorial board	Beacon News	Police chief's social media bullying an embarrassment for Aurora	Daily Division	BEST EDITORIAL
2nd Place	Eric Olson	Daily Chronicle	Corruption charges are maddening	Daily Division	BEST EDITORIAL
3rd Place	Diane Dungey	Daily Herald	Still Much More To Do	Daily	BEST EDITORIAL
1st Place	Brian Achenbach	Dispatch-Argus-QOnline.com	Twilight search	Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
2nd Place	Todd Mizener	Dispatch-Argus-QOnline.com	Fatal Impact	Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
3rd Place	John Starks	Daily Herald	Grief Stricken Rescuer	Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
1st Place	Matthew Apgar	Northwest Herald	Sea of classmates	Daily Division	BEST FEATURE PHOTO

2nd Place	Todd Mizener	Dispatch-Argus-QOnline.com	Eclipse mask	Daily Division	BEST FEATURE PHOTO
3rd Place	Tom Sistik	The Times	Simon Nose	Daily Division	BEST FEATURE PHOTO
1st Place	John Starks	Daily Herald	Tragedy At The Track	Daily Division	BEST SPORTS PHOTO
2nd Place	John Starks	Daily Herald	Not This Time	Daily Division	BEST SPORTS PHOTO
3rd Place	Brian O'Mahoney	Brian O'Mahoney	Diving Dig	Daily Division	BEST SPORTS PHOTO
1st Place	Todd Mizener	Dispatch-Argus-QOnline.com	Star treatment	Daily Division	BEST ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY
2nd Place	Meg McLaughlin	Dispatch-Argus-QOnline.com	2017 Miss Rock Island County Fair Queen pageant	Daily Division	BEST ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY
3rd Place	H. Rick Bamman and Daryl Quitalig	Northwest Herald	Marengo house explodes	Daily Division	BEST ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY
1st Place	Steve Lundy	Daily Herald	Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day	Daily Division	BEST VIDEO
2nd Place	Paul Valade	Daily Herald	We Are Young And We Are Strong	Daily Division	BEST VIDEO
3rd Place	Stephanie Jaquins	The Times	Naplate tornado before and after	Daily Division	BEST VIDEO
1st Place	Staff	Northwest Herald	Northwest Herald	Daily Division	BEST WEBSITE
1st Place	Brent Bader, Dan Churney	The Times	Peru standoff	Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
2nd Place	Elena Ferrarin, Chacour Koop	Daily Herald	Woman Killed In Police Shooting Near Elgin	Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
3rd Place	Barbara Vitello	Daily Herald	16 Years For Man With 16th DUI Conviction	Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
1st Place	Staff	The Times	Ottawa and Naplate rebuild after tornado	Daily Division	BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS STORY

2nd Place	Ed Komenda	Northwest Herald	Too many dogs	Daily Division	BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS STORY
3rd Place	Emily Coleman	Lake County News Sun	Video shows Waukegan deputy police chief allowed to call for ride	Daily Division	BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS STORY
1st Place	John Lampinen	Daily Herald	Last Kiss	Daily Division	BEST NEWS STORY SERIES
2nd Place	Staff	The Times	20th anniversary of the historic Jordan block fire	Daily Division	BEST NEWS STORY SERIES
1st Place	Zak Koeske	Daily Southtown	School District 148	Daily Division	BEST EDUCATION REPORTING
2nd Place	Christopher Placek, Chacour Koop	Daily Herald	District 62 Superintendent Resigns	Daily Division	BEST EDUCATION REPORTING
3rd Place	Christopher Heimerman	Daily Chronicle	Best Education Reporting – Heimerman	Daily Division	BEST EDUCATION REPORTING
1st Place	Sarah Freishtat, Hannah Leone	Beacon News	Spending irregularities at Aurora Housing Authority	Daily Division	BEST WATCHDOG REPORTING
2nd Place	Ed Komenda	Northwest Herald	Unexplained bonuses	Daily Division	BEST WATCHDOG REPORTING
3rd Place	Marni Pyke	Daily Herald	Illinois Tollway Reporting	Daily Division	BEST WATCHDOG REPORTING
1st Place	Kara Silva, Carol Manderfield	Northwest Herald	MC Magazine	Daily Division	BEST NICHE PUBLICATION
2nd Place	Staff	The Times	Starved Rock Country - Summer 2017	Daily Division	BEST NICHE PUBLICATION
1st Place	Staff	The Times	The Times Facebook page	Daily Division	BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
2nd Place	Staff	Northwest Herald	McHenry County Sports	Daily Division	BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
1st Place	Joe Stevenson	Northwest Herald	Joe Stevenson	Daily Division	BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY AN INDIVIDUAL

2nd Place	Sean Hammond	Northwest Herald	https://twitter.com/sean_hammond	Daily Division	BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY AN INDIVIDUAL
3rd Place	Brian O'Mahoney	Brian O'Mahoney	Brian O'Mahoney - Freelance Photojournalist	Daily Division	BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY AN INDIVIDUAL
1st Place	Jeff Wendland	Dispatch-Argus-QOnline.com	RI track star returns to his roots	Daily Division	BEST COVERAGE OF SOCIAL ISSUES
2nd Place	Christopher Heimerman	Daily Chronicle	Battling Mental Illness	Daily Division	BEST COVERAGE OF SOCIAL ISSUES
1st Place	Brian O'Mahoney	Brian O'Mahoney	Pet Blessing	Daily Division	BEST USE OF HUMOR
1st Place	Ed Komenda	Northwest Herald	Algonquin Township coverage	Daily Division	BEST GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING
2nd Place	Emily Coleman	Lake County News Sun	Lake County wasteful spending	Daily Division	BEST GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING
3rd Place	Jake Griffin	Daily Herald	The Cook County Soda Tax	Daily Division	BEST GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING
1st Place	Susan Sarkauskas	Daily Herald	Illinois' Largest City 1,000 Years Ago	Daily Division	BEST HISTORICAL FEATURE
1st Place	Jamie Sotonoff, Madhu Krishnamurthy, Staff	Daily Herald	The Las Vegas Shootings	Daily Division	BEST LOCALIZED NEWS STORY
2nd Place	Drew Zimmerman	Daily Chronicle	A Case for Amended SB1	Daily Division	BEST LOCALIZED NEWS STORY
3rd Place	Brent Bader	The Times	Movie theaters struggle through summer	Daily Division	BEST LOCALIZED NEWS STORY