

2014 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest

Random List of Winners

Agricultural & Environmental

The Jacksonville Business Journal, Colleen Michele Jones; Tampa Bay Business Journal, Pam Huff; Plant City Times & Observer, Amber Jurgensen; The Coastal Star, Cheryl Blackerby; The Banner, Brandi Broxson, Elysa Delcorto; Palm Coast Observer, Shanna Fortier; Navarre Press, Sandi Kemp; Boca Beacon, Marcy Shortuse; Business Observer, Jean Gruss

Arts- Entertainment & Review Reporting

The Venice Gondolier Sun, Kim Cool; The Longboat Observer, Robin Hartill; Plant City Times & Observer, Michael Eng; Lutz News, B.C. Manion; Heritage Florida Jewish News, Christine DeSouza, Jeffrey Gaeser; The Wakulla News, Jenny Odom; Largo Leader, Lee Clark Zumppe; The Sarasota Observer, June LeBell; New Times Broward/Palm Beach, Liz Tracy, S. Pajot

Best Headline

Miami Today, Michael Lewis; Anna Maria Island Sun, Mike Field; Marco Island Sun Times, Quentin Roux; The Lake Wales News, Cathy Palmer; Orlando Business Journal, Staff; Business Observer, Jean Gruss

Best Obituary

The Laker, B.C. Manion; Plant City Times & Observer, Michael Eng; The Sarasota Observer, Mallory Gnaegy; The Polk County Democrat, Jeff Roslow; The Frostproof News, Brian Ackley; Sumter Express, Rose Davis

Breaking News Story

Osceola News-Gazette, Ken Jackson; Largo Leader, Suzette Porter; The Independent Florida Alligator, Richard Johnson, Jordan McPherson; News-Sun, Samantha Gholar, Barry Foster; The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Teresa Eubanks; Perry News-Herald/Taco Times, Angela Castelucci, Mark Viola; Tampa Bay Business Journal, Ashley Kritzer; Anna Maria Island Sun, Cindy Lane; The Central Florida Future, Ryan Gillespie, Caroline Glenn, Danielle Hendrix

Business Reporting

Tampa Bay Business Journal, Eric Snider; The Jacksonville Business Journal, Andrew Thurlow; The Jacksonville Business Journal, Timothy J. Gibbons; Orlando Business Journal, Cindy Barth; Business Observer, Mark Gordon; Orlando Business Journal, Anjali Fluker; The Coastal Star, Mary Hladky; The East County Observer, Pam Eubanks; The Sarasota Observer, Jessica Salmond

Community History

Coastal Breeze News, Craig Woodward; The Coastal Star, Mary Thurwachter; The Coastal Star, Ron Hayes; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Kim Cool; Anna Maria Island Sun, Cindy Lane; The West Orange Times, Amy Quesinberry Rhode; The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Teresa Eubanks; Riverland News, Jeff Bryan; The Destin Log, Savannah Vasquez

Community Service

The Arcadian, Steve Bauer; The Lake Wales News, Staff

Editorial Award

Florida Keys Keynoter, Larry Kahn; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Bob Mudge; Marco Island Sun Times, Steve Stefanides; Miami Today, Michael Lewis; The Independent Florida Alligator, Staff; The Sarasota Observer, Matt Walsh; The Lake Wales News, S.L. Frisbie; Boca Beacon, Marcy Shortuse; Navarre Press, Ashley Varese

Editorial Page

Navarre Press, Staff; News-Sun, Scott Dressel; The Lake Wales News, Jim Gouvellis; Belleair Bee, Tom Germond; Miami Today, Staff; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Ronald Dupont;

Education Reporting

The Jacksonville Business Journal, Alexa Epitropoulos; The Jacksonville Business Journal, Jensen Werley; The West Orange Times, Michael Eng; News-Sun, Christopher Tuffley; Navarre Press, Shana Roberson; Orlando Business Journal, Abraham Aboraya; Palm Coast Observer, Brian McMillan; The Laker, B.C. Manion; The Sarasota Observer, Jessica Salmond

Faith & Family Reporting

The Venice Gondolier Sun, Audrey Blackwell; Marco Eagle, Anne Claire Shilton, Bill Green; The West Orange Times, Amy Quesinberry Rhode; Clay Today, Mike Ford, Michele McNeill; The Seminole Voice, Sarah Wilson; The Polk County Democrat, Steve Steiner; Largo Leader, Juliana A. Torres; The Sarasota Observer, David Conway; The Laker, B.C. Manion

Feature Photo

Osceola News-Gazette, Marc Clery; Palm Coast Observer, Shanna Fortier; The Laker, Fred Bellet; Riverland News, Jeff Bryan; The Baker County Press, Jud Johnson; Orlando Business Journal, Jim Carchidi; Anna Maria Island Sun, Mike Field; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Marjie Goldberg; Plant City Times & Observer, Michael Eng

Feature Story: Non-profile

Miami New Times, Michael E. Miller; Palm Coast Observer, Jonathan Simmons; Largo Leader, Juliana A. Torres; The Lake Wales News, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz; Orlando Business Journal, Richard Bilbao; Boca Beacon, Marcy Shortuse; The Central Florida Future, Bernard Wilchusky; The Arcadian, Steve Bauer; Marco Eagle, Lance Shearer, Bill Green

Feature Story: Profile

Plant City Times & Observer, Amber Jurgensen; The Jacksonville Business Journal, Ashley Gurbal Kritzer; Tampa Bay Business Journal, Eric Snider; The Apopka Chief, Roger Ballas; Crestview News Bulletin, Thomas Boni; The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Teresa Eubanks; The Independent Florida Alligator, Kathryn Varn; The Coastal Star, Emily Minor; The Sarasota Observer, David Conway

First Amendment Defense (Jon A. Roosenraad Award)

Union County Times, Vincent Alex Brown; Miami Today, Michael Lewis; The Lake Wales News, Jim Gouvellis

Front Page Makeup

Orlando Business Journal, Cheryl Bence, Jim Carchidi; Business Observer, Nicole Thompson; Riverland News, Jeff Bryan; The Sarasota Observer, Nicole Thompson, Nancy Schwartz; The East County Observer, Jennifer Edwards, Jessica Eng; Florida Courier, Staff; Marco Eagle, Nadine Ouillette; The Jacksonville Business Journal, Wes Schueneman; The West Orange Times, Michael Eng, Jessica Eng, Amy Quesinberry Rhode, Steven Ryzewski, Zak Kerr

General Excellence

Miami Today, Staff; Palm Coast Observer, John Walsh; Coastal Breeze News, Staff; The Jacksonville Business Journal, Staff; The Longboat Observer, Staff; Anna Maria Island Sun, Staff; Orlando Business Journal, Staff; Business Observer, Staff; News-Sun, Scott Dressel, Romona Washington

General News Story (Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award)

Palm Coast Observer, Jonathan Simmons; New Times Broward/Palm Beach, Kyle Swenson; Miami New Times, Trevor Bach; The Polk County Democrat, Jeff Roslow; The West Volusia Beacon, Jen Horton; The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Teresa Eubanks; The West Orange Times, Michael Eng; Marco Eagle, Aisling Swift, Bill Green; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Bob Mudge

Health- Medical & Science Reporting

The West Orange Times, Amy Quesinberry Rhode; The Longboat Observer, Kristen Herhold; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Bob Mudge; Miami New Times, Michael E. Miller; The Laker, B.C. Manion; Largo Leader, Juilana A. Torres; Orlando Business Journal, Abraham Aboraya; Winter Park-Maitland Observer, Sarah Wilson; Winter Park-Maitland Observer, Brittni Larson

Humorous Column

The Venice Gondolier Sun, Bob Mudge; The West Orange Times, Amy Quesinberry Rhode; Collier Citizen, T.R. Kerth, Jay Schlichter; Palm Coast Observer, Brian McMillan; Largo Leader, Tom Germond; The Wakulla News, Nicole Zema; The Lake Wales News, Jim Gouvellis; The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Jim McClellan

In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

The Sarasota Observer, David Conway; New Times Broward/Palm Beach, Kyle Swenson; Collier Citizen, Jay Schlichter; The Jacksonville Business Journal, Colleen Michele Jones; The Reporter, David Goodhue; Tampa Bay Business Journal, Ashley Kritzer; Orlando Business Journal, Abraham Aboraya, Richard Bilbao; The West Volusia Beacon, Pat Andrews; The Herald-Advocate, Joan Seaman

Informational Graphic

Orlando Business Journal, Cheryl Bence; The Baker County Press, Jessica Prevatt; Business Observer, Nicole Thompson; The Jacksonville Business Journal, Natalie Pope; Plant City Times & Observer, Jessica Eng; The Longboat Observer, Nancy Schwartz, Robin Hartill, Nicole Thompson; Collier Citizen, Donald Haberkorn; The Sarasota Observer, Nicole Thompson; The East County Observer, Nicole Thompson, Nancy Schwartz

Investigative Reporting (Claudia Ross Memorial Award)

Miami New Times, Michael E. Miller; Boca Beacon, Jack Short; The Reporter, David Goodhue

Local Government Reporting

Orlando Business Journal, Abraham Aboraya; The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Teresa Eubanks; Navarre Press, Romi White; Coastal Breeze News, Noelle Lowery; The Sarasota Observer, David Conway; The Coastal Star, Dan Moffett; Plant City Times & Observer, Michael Eng; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Greg Giles, Kim Cool, Dale Neseman; Anna Maria Island Sun, Joe Hendricks

Multimedia Storytelling

Orlando Business Journal, Jim Carchidi; Business Observer, Alex Mahadevan; The Baker County Press, Joel Addington; The Sarasota Observer, Jessica Salmond; The Sarasota Observer, Alex Mahadevan, Colin Reid; The Sarasota Observer, Mallory Gnaegy

News Oops of the Year

The Wakulla News, Nicole Zema; Chiefland Citizen, Mark Scohier; Riverland News, Jeff Bryan

Online Breaking News Coverage

The Central Florida Future, Ryan Gillespie; Miami New Times, Michael E. Miller; Orlando Business Journal, Abraham Aboraya, Richard Bilbao, Anjali Fluker, Susan Lundine, Megan Ribbens

Online Slideshow

Orlando Business Journal, Jim Carchidi; Tampa Bay Business Journal, Alexis Muellner

Original Local Editorial Cartoon

The Baker County Press, Ed Hall; Anna Maria Island Sun, Steve Borggren; The Destin Log, Dill Beaty

Outdoor & Recreation

The Coastal Star, Willie Howard; The Coastal Star, Cheryl Blackerby; Largo Leader, Juliana A. Torres; Navarre Press, Sandi Kemp; News-Sun, Scott Dressel, Samantha Gholar; Lutz News, B.C. Manion; Anna Maria Island Sun, Cindy Lane; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Kim Cool; The Arcadian, Steve Bauer

Overall Graphic Design

The Jacksonville Business Journal, Wes Schueneman; The West Orange Times, Jessica Eng; Tampa Bay Business Journal, Eric Johnson, Pam Huff; Collier Citizen, Jessica Fuenmayor Gonzalez, Donald Haberkorn, Gloria Kingsbury, Nadine Ouillette; The Coastal Star, Jerry Lower, Scott Simmons, Mary Kate Leming; The East County Observer, Jennifer Edwards, Jessica Eng, Qing Tian; Business Observer, Nicole Thompson, Kat Hughes; The Baker County Press, Staff; Navarre Press, Staff

Photo Series in One Issue

The Laker, Fred Bellet; Osceola News-Gazette, Marc Clery; Coastal Breeze News, Valerie Simon; Marco Island Sun Times, Quentin Roux; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Justin Fennell; The Beaches Leader, Rob DeAngelo; Lutz News, Fred Bellet; The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Jean Weeks; Boca Beacon, Dusty Hopkins

Portfolio Photography (Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award)

Lutz News, Fred Bellet; The Destin Log, Kathy Harrison; The Frostproof News, Charles A. Baker III; Osceola News-Gazette, Marc Clery; Anna Maria Island Sun, Cindy Lane; The Jacksonville Business Journal, James Crichlow

Serious Column (Sally Latham Memorial Award)

The Polk County Democrat, S.L. Frisbie; The Lake Wales News, Jim Gouvellis; Crestview News Bulletin, Thomas Boni; Miami Today, Michael Lewis; Miami New Times, Chuck Strouse; Largo Leader, Suzette Porter; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Bob Mudge; Anna Maria Island Sun, Cindy Lane; Belleair Bee, Tom Germond

Special Issue- Section or Supplement (Locally Prepared)

Orlando Business Journal, Staff; Business Observer, Staff; Business Observer, Staff; The East County Observer, Staff; Collier Citizen, Jay Schlichter; The Sarasota Observer, Staff; Tampa Bay Business Journal, Staff; The Jacksonville Business Journal, Staff; Florida Keys Keynoter, Staff

Sports Column

The Independent Florida Alligator, Eden Otero, Jordan McPherson; The West Orange Times, Steven Ryzewski; The Polk County Democrat, S.L. Frisbie; Jackson County Times, Shelia Mader; Boca Beacon, Marcy Shortuse

Sports Feature Story

The Destin Log, Tina Harbuck; Riverland News, Augie Salzer; The Seminole Voice, Tim Freed; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Scott Lockwood; Plant City Times & Observer, Justin Kline; The Beaches Leader, Johnny Woodhouse; Collier Citizen, Joey Cranney; Palm Coast Observer, Jeff Dawsey; New Times Broward/Palm Beach, Deirdra Funcheon

Sports Page or Section

The Apopka Chief, Staff; The Baker County Press, Jon Shumake, Jud Johnson, Debbie Pelham; Navarre Press, Staff; Plant City Times & Observer, Justin Kline, Jessica Eng; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Scott Lockwood; The West Orange Times, Steven Ryzewski

Sports Picture

The Beaches Leader, Rob DeAngelo; Marco Island Sun Times, Quentin Roux; Plant City Times & Observer, Justin Kline; Largo Leader, Jim Layfield; Osceola News-Gazette, Marc Clery; The Laker, Fred Bellet; Union County Times, Vincent Alex Brown; The Apopka Chief, John Peery; Gulf Breeze News, Jason Thompson

Sports Spot News Story

The Banner, Joseph Cranney, Elysa Delcorto; The Beaches Leader, Rob DeAngelo; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Scott Lockwood; The Polk County Democrat, Mike Ferguson; The Baker County Press, Jon Shumake; Riverland News, Jeff Bryan

Spot News Photo (Spot news of an actual local event)

Navarre Press, Sandi Kemp; Perry News-Herald/Taco Times, Angela Castelucci; The Calhoun-Liberty Journal, Daniel Williams; The East County Observer, Pam Eubanks; The Sarasota Observer, Harriet Sokmensuer; Osceola News-Gazette, Marc Clery; The Reporter, David Goodhue; Anna Maria Island Sun, Cindy Lane; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Justin Fennell

State & Local Tax Reporting (The TaxWatch Award)

Anna Maria Island Sun, Cindy Lane; The Sarasota Observer, David Conway; The Venice Gondolier Sun, Greg Giles; Orlando Business Journal, Abraham Aboraya; News-Sun, Phil Attinger; The Baker County Press, Mike Anderson, Joel Addington

Website Excellence

Navarre Press, Staff; Business Observer, Staff; Orlando Business Journal, Cindy Barth, Susan Lundine, Megan Ribbens, Anjali Fluker, Richard Bilbao, Matthew Richardson, Jim Carchidi, Denise Hicks; Tampa Bay Business Journal, Staff; Marco Island Sun Times, Staff; Miami Today, Staff