



# **SECTIONS**

# **Editorial Page** Weekly 1

# 1. Staff

**The Camden Herald** 

The Camden Herald **Editorial Pages Strong** views expressed.

# **Machias Valley News Observer**

**Editorial Section** You cover a number of issues. Good service to readers.

#### 3. Staff The Calais Advertiser Editorial

Jonathan Reisman is a breath of fresh air and common sense.

# Weekly 2

### 1. Staff

#### The Courier-Gazette

The Courier-Gazette Editorial Pages Well done eddy pages. Strong views from paper and plenty of room for others to

express themselves.

The Ellsworth American

Ellsworth American editorial

Love the editorial about the Little Guys. Good local support for business. Hope it pays off.

#### 3. Staff The Lincoln County News

The Lincoln County News **Editorial Page** Very impressive Letters to Editor section. Great response from readers. You must be generating some good local copy.

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Staff

**Sun Journal** 

**Editorial Section Bold layout and** homespun perspective gave you the edge here.

#### 2. Ben Bragdon **Kennebec Journal**

**Editorial Page sections** Clean layout with plenty of local, well written perspec-

### 3. Ben Bragdon **Morning Sentinel**

MS editorial

page designs The inclusion of letters from local readers was refreshing

# **Sports Section**

# Weekly 1

1. Staff The Camden Herald **Sports Section** 

### 2.Staff

The Calais Advertiser **Sports Section** 

3.Phil Stuart, **John Rogers Machias Valley News Observer** 

#### **Sports Section**

# Weekly 2

1. Staff The Courier-Gazette **Sports Section** 

#### 2. Mike Mandell The Ellsworth American **Sports Section**

# 3. Staff

**Mount Desert Islander Sports Section** 

# Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Staff **Sun Journal**

**Sun Journal Sports** 

sections

Lots of great local content and art. The graphics displaying first and second-team recipients were a nice touch in the 'Best of the Best' edition. June 9 edition displays a nice variety of sports, touching on just about everything. March 1 edition shows dedicated coverage of state basketball

tournaments and also delves into hockey. Nice use of staff.

#### 2. Bill Stewart, Sports staff **Kennebec Journal**

KJ sports sections Packed with lots of local content and fantastic art. Most of the photos tell their own stories and are nice complements to their packaged stories.

### 3. Staff **Portland Press Herald**

Sports section Fun layouts and a decent mix of sports covered made this section stand out. Lacrosse and basketball photos in the June and March editions were well placed to give readers the best experience, and the in-depth coverage of the Beach To Beacon race in the August edition is quite impressive. Great use of resources on that one.

# ONLINE

# **ONLINE News Video**

# Weekly

### 1. Lynda Clancy **Penobscot Bay Pilot**

Route 90 car crash injures three teens

Nice coverage of breaking news. Editing helped keep the video at a length capable of keeping viewers watching.

### 2. Pierre Little The Calais Advertiser

Crews Fight Blaze of Historic Home

Great breaking news coverage of a structure fire. Dramatic scene with concern for a pet captures the viewer. Good raw footage of first responders at work. I could see other outlets wanting to take clips from the footage to share the story. Good to see the full and raw video of breaking news. The reporter does a great job of gathering information for viewers. Would be nice to see a polished and edited version that cuts down the run time.

### 3. Eric Bailey, Samantha Hogan The Maine Monitor

Alan Sipress talks Middle East High production quality. Hogan does a great job conducting an interview on camera.

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Joe Phelan **Kennebec Journal**

Mail boat video Unique and interesting.

### 2. Linda Coan O'Kresik **Bangor Daily News**

Bacon trouble Nice voice overs, transitions and cuts.

### 3. Russ Dillingham Sun Journal

River Arrest Good spot coverage.

# Sports Video

# Weekly 1. Morgan Mitchell

St. John Valley Times Basketball player with intellectual disabilities Great

sports feature. Good job telling a great story.

### 2. Susan Johns **Wiscasset Newspaper**

Sharing racing: Wiscasset Speedway Short and to the point. Nice voice over and editing to get the message out quick

#### 3. Zack Miller The Courier-Gazette

and clear.

Round and round: 50 years of racing

A different kind of sport video with good production quality. Good work gathering and sharing information.

# Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Troy R. Bennett **Bangor Daily News**

Flat track racing returns to Great use of visuals and sounds that complement the interviews perfectly. The multiple sources are a plus as well. Video gives viewers a detailed

crash course on flat track rac-

ing in less than two minutes.

# 2. Daryn Slover Sun Journal

Oxford 250 Video presents viewers with a wide range of sounds and visuals. However, it lacks a story and doesn't provide background on the Oxford 250. There were also no identifiers for those speaking.

### 3. Ben McCanna **Portland Press Herald**

Freestyle footballer Patrick

This video is a nice addition to the article it was published with, but it doesn't provide much as a standaione project.

# Features/ **Lifestyle Video** Weekly

## 1. Charlie Stuart **The Maine Monitor**

Bumbleroot Farm Among the highest production quality in the category. Longer than most entries, but that works well for a feature.

#### Nice work.

#### 2. Susan Johns Wiscasset Newspaper

'Two front teeth and a spitball gun'

Great use of video combined with photos and a story to make an overall package. Short and sweet video.

#### 3. Pierre Little The Calais Advertiser

Garden and Orchard Planted High production quality. Good feature. The video combined with photos and a story makes a great overall package.

### Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Gregory Rec **Portland Press Herald** Fighting Parkinson's with

Boxing Good overall package.

# 2. Linda Coan O'Kresik **Bangor Daily News**

The 87-year-old cemetery groundskeeper Nice video. Good editing and solid audio.

### 3. Russ Dillingham Sun Journal

Flying Over Fire and Ice Good use of drone footage, but the music levels were too high, competed with the interviews and other background noise.

# **Best Digital Ad** Campaign

Weekly

### 1. Jean Lamontanaro **Castine Patriot**

Looking for gift ideas? Eye catching. Makes you want to click away!

#### 2. Amber Clark **The Lincoln County News** Coastal Car Wash

Who doesn't love a good sale! 3. Jean Lamontanaro The Weekly Packet

# Daily/Weekend

**Award Winning News** 

Very pretty ad.

# 1. Marcie Coombs **Bangor Daily News**

Marsh Realtors - Marsh Property Mgmt. Clever to include flash images into each ad. Very informative and nice visual

# 2. Sales, David Pierce, Creative, Jake Laws **Morning Sentinel**

Kennebec Eye Care Easy on the eyes but very informative ad. Nice way to target FSA?HSA patients before eoy.

#### 3. Staff **Portland Press Herald** Portland Symphony

Orchestra Very nice homepage takeover. Love the artistic element especially while advertising the arts. Very clean and classic design while still drawing attention to the subject! "

Thank you to the Maine Press Association's 2020 contest partner, the Oklahoma Press Association.



# ADVERTISING/CIRCULATION

# Local ad Weekly 1

#### 1. Pierre Little, **Cheryl Stabinski The Calais Advertiser**

Newspaper Delivery Kids Loved using pics of the kids delivering newspapers. Think the message gets across that supporting the newspaper supports local students.

# 2. Heidi Anderson-Belcher, **Jody McKee**

**The Camden Herald** Chambers Jewelers, 05/02/19 Beautiful, well photographed large ad.

### 3. Jean Lamontanaro **Castine Patriot**

Fine Dining at Oakland House Attractive ad, would check this place out if I were there!

# Weekly 2

1. Megan Hyson The **Lincoln County News** N.C.

Very Powerful ad.

### 2. Design and Sales StaffThe **Courier-Gazette**

Rockland Elks, 01/30/20 Attractive and elegant ad.

### 3. Heidi Anderson-Belcher, **Jody McKee**

The Republican Journal Pease Painting, 07/25/19 Nice looking ad.

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Callie Picard **Bangor Daily News**

Stompers New Year's Eve Exciting ad and I want to go!

# **Portland Press Herald HUB Furniture**

Great clean and visual!

### 3. Sales, Betsy Weiss, Creative, Lindsey Leboeuf Kennebec Journal

Gibson Leclair Best of the Best Great visual with the adorable ducks!

# Campaign or Series

# Weekly 1

### 1. Jean Lamontanaro The Weekly Packet

42 Years and Still Growing Forward!

Every week, check out our ad to find out what's in store for you!" Love the ads incorporating the pup and the weekly change keeps fans anticipating what they'll see each week.

# Weekly 2

### 1. Staff

each ad!

The Ellsworth American Winter Harbor Coop Very creative! Loved

2. Staff **Mount Desert Islander**  House Wine Nice design and creativity!

# 3. Amber Clark, Maia Zewert **The Lincoln County News** 100 Years of Family Owner-

Love the locals being used in the campaign

## Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Staff

**Portland Press Herald** "What a Week" CEO Profile Great format and idea.

# 2. Carolina Rave, Callie Picard **Bangor Daily News**

Dunnett Inc. Great color and layout on these!

### 3. Advertising Sales, **Creative Staffs Morning Sentinel**

Adopt a Pet

Great way to help the animals in need and for the advertiser.

# Supplement/ **Special Section**

### Weekly 1

#### 1. Staff **Machias Valley News Observer**

Machias Wild Blueberry Festival Insert

### 2. Staff **Island Ad-Vantages** Spring Fever!

# 3.Staff

The Weekly Packet Summer Guide

# Weekly 2

#### 1. Christine Dunkle, Sales Staff

The Courier-Gazette

North Atlantic Blues Festival, 07/04/19 Excellent lineage. Color on every page a definite plus. Outstanding.

# 2. Design, Sales Staff The Republican Journal

Out & About, 07/11/19 Lots of information. Good lineage. Excellent layout.

### 3. Staff

# The Ellsworth American

Overview

Very attractive section for an excellent revenue source.

# Daily/Weekend

### 1. Amy Allen **Bangor Daily News**

Maine Outdoors \$ Adventure This is one of the most beautiful Outdoors section that I've ever seen. Photos are awesome. Well written.

### 2. Advertising, Creative staffs **Morning Sentinel Business Journal**

This is the BEST Business Journal I have seen. Great organization, content and photos.

3. Nancy Fickett Sun Journal Clarity on Cannabis Not a fan of this one. Would not sit down to read.

# **Best Supplement** Cover

# Weekly 1

- 1. Jean Lamontanaro **Island Ad-Vantages Holiday Entertainment**
- 2. Christine Dunkle The Camden Herald Wellness, 04/11/19
- 3. Jean Lamontanaro The Weekly Packet Summer Guide

# Weekly 2

# 1. Design Staff The Courier-Gazette

Lighthouses & Harbors, 05/30/19 Great cover!!

## 2. John Cross The Republican Journal Graduation Keepsake,

06/06/19 Clean cover.

### 3. David Fickett **Mount Desert Islander**

Out & Ahout Nice art but would like to see teasers to what's inside.

# Daily/Weekend

### 1. Callie Picard **Bangor Daily News**

Veterans Day 2019 This is a beautiful and poignant cover. It is respectful and moving.

### 2. Lindsey Leboeuf **Morning Sentinel**

**Farmington Fair** This very creative. It also depicts what a fair is all about. Good Job.

# 3. Staff

## **Portland Press Herald** Holiday Gift Guide 2019 This cover was a bit too

graphic for me. Just doesn't really scream Holiday to me.

# **Best Young** Reader **Engagement Idea** Weekly

# 1. Staff

# **The Lincoln County News GSB Students Investigate**

Nice project! Clearly a lot of time was invested in these young readers.

# 2. Maia Zewert **The Lincoln County News** Lincoln Academy Job Shadow

# Good investment into this young reader.

3. Samantha Hogan

**The Maine Monitor** 

News literacy project/digital newspaper High School newspapers are a dying art. Kudos for reinvigorating this student publication.

# Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Callie Picard **Bangor Daily News**

**Summer Camps** Reading though this summer camp section made me so excited! I remember bringing these brochures home to my parents. Excellent layout!

## 2. Inside sales; Dawn Tantum, designer **Morning Sentinel**

Fire Prevention What's better than having a catchy, rhyming headline? A cute mascot, that's what!

# 3. Staff **Portland Press Herald**

Photo Store Campaign Expertly executed house ad!

# **Best Circulation Promotion**

# Weekly

### 1. Cheryl Stabinski, **Pierre Little**

The Calais Advertiser **Newspaper Delivery Kids** This is a very creative way to allow your paper to provide home delivery to your customers! I applaud you for not only benefiting your newspaper but children in your area as well.

### 2. Steve Edwards **Boothbay Register**

Don't miss another moment A great way to remind your readers of the importance of your paper to the community.

# 3. Staff

# **The Lincoln County News**

Waldoboro Sampling This is a creative way to show citizens who are not regular readers just what they've been missing!

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Staff

# **Portland Press Herald** Stephen King Renewal

Brilliant! Excellent marketing.

2. Staff **Sun Journal** Mechanic Falls promotion

# **Self-Promotion**

# Weekly 1

Gorgeous ad.

# 1. Tie Pierre Little, **Cheryl Stabinski**

The Calais Advertiser Newspaper Delivery Kids Nice ad! I love that you still have paper boys/girls!!

## 1. Tie Jean Lamontanaro The Weekly Packet

Take a piece of Maine home with you! Nice clean ad! Makes me want to buy a book!

2. Jean Lamontanaro **Island Ad-Vantages** 

### Stonington and Deer Isle Nice ad.

### 3. Jean Lamontanaro **Castine Patriot**

Hot Deals on Local Books Clean ad, good graphic but could be jazzed up a bit.

# **Self-Promotion**

# Weekly 2

### 1. Natalie Ladd **Portland Phoenix**

Portland Ovations Playbill Beautiful, clean ad.

### 2. Amber Clark and **Maia Zewert**

The Lincoln County News 100 Years of Family Ownership Great series!!

#### 3. Dan Dinsmore **The Maine Monitor**

The Role of Nonprofit Journalism

# Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Jake Law, creative services **Morning Sentinel Local Offers** Very professional, nice

and message. 2. Staff **Portland Press Herald** 

# Central Maine Power Eye catching and to the point. 3. Bridget Campbell

photography, layout

**Kennebec Journal** Women's Expo I feel this had way too many words to read and comprehend.

# **Best New** Revenue Idea

# Weekly

# 1. Dan Dinsmore, Samantha Hogan, Connie Conner

**The Maine Monitor** The Fate of Local Journalism Great way to think outside the box!

# 2. Jayna Smith

The Calais Advertiser Shop Local for Valentine's Day Always great to appreciate and encourage "shop local" Nice job!

# Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Staff **Bangor Daily News**

Discover Exciting layout and idea!

# 2. Advertising and creative

### **Kennebec Journal Getting Clarity on Cannabis**

# 3. Advertising and creative staff **Morning Sentinel** Home of the Week

Great color and design

I like the concept but may need to be in a different category.



# **SPORTS**

# Game Story Weekly 1

#### 1. Mark Haskell The Camden Herald

Camden Hills' yeoman overtime effort

Stories about tough losses are often the hardest to write. Game was well-detailed and strong use of quotes.

#### 2. Sarah Craighead Dedmon Machias Valley News Observer

The Machias Bulldogs Great community support for this basketball team. Story is well done and shows a team on a mission.

# 3. Ken Waltz, Zack Miller The Camden Herald

Late Kelly goal lifts Windjammers Solid story of an important game played in difficult conditions. A good read.

# Weekly 2

# 1. Mark Haskell The Republican Journal Champions' meal: Vikings

Very well written story along with great artwork about the baseball team. The pictures on the jump page are great.

# 2. Mark Haskell The Courier-Gazette

In usual classic playoff battle, Panthers

Softball, baseball, softball. Lots to read about on the front to draw people to the rest of your sports section.

# 3. Lynda Clancy Penobscot Bay Pilot Firefighters, ski patrol, roo

Firefighters, ski patrol, rock climbers

# Daily/Weekend

### 1. Ernie Clark Bangor Daily News

Deprey's buzzer-beater lifts
Caribou

I felt like I was at this intense game. The background information about both teams made me aware that this game was an important one despite it being a State Championship game.

# 2. Randy Whitehouse Sun Journal

Red Storm thwart Vikings rally

This is a great story with a big up and down ride that you take the readers on. It was really neat to see some of the facts you integrated.

# 3. Travis Lazarczyk Morning Sentinel

UMaine women win in OT to halt Streaks are hard to break and I felt like this was very important to the season to be able to break it. I felt that the game was really important and it made it an important read.

# Sports News Story Weekly 1

# 1. Zack Miller The Camden Herald

Lost treasures: Daley brings baseball History is important and this story tells part of a community's history through baseball. It is interesting what you find in unexpected places.

#### 2. Jessica Potila St. John Valley Times

Fort Kent student recognized
Nice story and well-deserved recognition for the young man. Hope he has a long, enjoyable career in this profession.

#### 3. Joseph Cyr Houlton Pioneer Times

SAD 70 revamps athletic, co-curricular Interesting read and comparison of other districts' eligibility requirements.

# Weekly 2

#### 1. Mark Haskell The Courier-Gazette

Life in limbo: Uncharted waters

Very good job. The writing keeps the reader from thinking, "Oh no, another COVID story." It keeps them engaged.

# 2. Mark Haskell The Courier-Gazette

Court pivot: Coach Breen switches
Very well written.

# 3. Mark Haskell The Republican Journal Busline League crossove

Busline League crossover games

Cute opening and good job and explaining the brackets.

# Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Drew Bonifant Kennebec Journal

Wrestling: In Maine, maintaining weight The writer uses a great creative lede to catch the reader's attention immediately. The struggles of diet and weight loss are conveyed well through the coaches and wrestlers, and the history behind the beginning of the alpha weigh-in program ties it all together. Overall an informative and detailed story.

### 2. Travis Lazarczyk Morning Sentinel

Augusta printing company apologizes An interesting story that provides plenty of insight on a program mishap that might've gone unnoticed by some before reading the story. Writer showed great initiative in taking a small-scale story and developing it into a hot topic of discussion.

# 3. Randy Whitehouse Sun Journal

Oak Hill coach Doucette dies

at 45

The story did what it needed to do in using multiple sources to convey the impact of this coach's death. Lots of long quotes, but they work in this type of story because they evoke emotion from the reader.

# **Sports Headline**

# Weekly 1

### 1. Ken Waltz The Camden Herald

Chute, let's have a party: U.S. National Toboggan I love the wordplay. A bit long, but overall very appealing and makes me want to read the story.

# 2. Stuart Hedstrom The Piscataquis Observer

Puck drops for Piscataquis County Ice Arena Like the pun, but at first, I didn't get what the pun meant at first, being i dont know hockey very well, the story gave context and i could appreciate it better.

#### 3. Heidi Murphy The Original Irregular Hot Winter

Clever use of wordplay.

# Weekly 2

# 1. Ken Waltz The Courier-Gazette

Shellshocked: Griffith sinks others in lobster crate gaunt-let

# 2. Paula Roberts The Lincoln County News

Foes on the Field, but Generous Allies When the Chips Are Down

# 3. Ken Waltz

# The Republican Journal

Mustang dynamo: Coolen proves 'special' athletes can come in smaller packages

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Lee Horton Sun Journal

Kicking it with family I love using the sport you are featuring and an old family term.

#### 2. Bob Conn Times Record

Sharpe leads 'grand' win for Dragons Using grand slam as part of a headline is always a big attention grabber. Especially when a team is behind.

# **Sports Profile**

# Weekly 1

# 1. Zack Miller The Camden Herald

Icemen cometh: Zamboni

drivers
Who doesn't want to drive a
Zamboni? Fun,

interesting story of people who love what they do.

# 2. Monique Labbe Castine Patriot

MMA gives young girl a second chance Nice story about a young woman overcoming challenges to continue her dream of playing basketball. Good stuff.

# 3. Morgan Mitchell St. John Valley Times

Teen girls earn Madawaska football You have to enjoy it when youngsters get out of their comfort zone to try a new sport. Football takes a tremendous work ethic and dedication. Enjoyable read.

# Weekly 2

# 1. Ken Waltz The Republican Journal Teenage Hayes musher brothers

# 2. Holly Vanorse Spicer The Courier-Gazette Feraco takes on running

Feraco takes on running, fitness

3. Sarah Hinckley
Mount Desert Islander
Umpire MacGown a fixture
on the field

# Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Drew Bonifant Kennebec Journal

Paul Vachon looks back on 34 years

I did a story about a retiring coach and this one was well done. He seems like the person you want your kids to be coached by and it jumped off the page.

### 2. Will Kramlich Sun Journal

A soccer family
The headline and story about
a soccer family was something that caught my attention immediately. This story
had a lot of info in it and was
well put together.

## 3. Ernie Clark Bangor Daily News

Maine coach's tough-love approach Very interesting topic about a coach that really wanted to help his kids get to the next level. The quotes were great and I appreciate the sub heads to break up the topics.

# Sports Columnist Weekly 1

# 1. Ken Waltz The Camden Herald

Hair, house, golf glue that binds

These are great columns that bring a sense of nostalgia.

# 2. Monique Labbe The Weekly Packet

From the Sidelines I really liked the column about the coaches. It's easy for parents and even reporters to be too hard on them.

# 3. Zack Miller The Camden Herald

Throwing it out there: My son

These are both nice pieces of work. The writer shows personality and insight while getting right to the point.

### Weekly 2

#### 1. Ken Waltz

# The Republican Journal

Reality check: No more fun and games Very good at telling the story of the lockdown from the perspective of the one feeling lost from the pandemic.

#### 2. Holly Vanorse Spicer The Republican Journal

Revs need to win revolution Excellent column. I absolutely loved your column about your son. I related to you as a parent on so many levels.

### 3. George Harvey Penobscot Bay Pilot

At the heart of school sports Very nice.

# Daily/Weekend

### 1. Travis Lazarczyk Morning Sentinel

Sports columns by Travis Lazarczyk Nickname column was thought-provoking and made a convincing argument to the readers as to why finding a nickname for this school isn't crucial and shouldn't be expedited. Gronk column told an engaging and inspiring story with great details despite not talking to the NFL star himself. Description of events supported the lede perfectly.

### 2. Drew Bonifant Kennebec Journal

Sports columns by Drew Bonifant Difference between first and second in this category was very close. A toss up, really. This writer uses personal experience to evoke emotion. Even non-MLB fans would mourn the loss of Opening Day after reading Bonifant's column. In the other column. he uses descriptive details to put readers at what he calls ""the greatest high school basketball game"" he's ever seen. Because of that, it might now be the greatest high school basketball game I've ever read about.

# 3. Ernie Clark Bangor Daily News

Instant replay...; Grandmother's Instant replay in high school has been a hot topic around the country for some time now, and the writer does a great job of localizing it to support his narrative. He then tells an interesting and unique story about the discovery of his grandmother's athletic history. A memorable piece

# **SPORTS**

that gives background to his basketball skills as well.

# Sports Page Design

# Weekly 1

- 1. Jeremiah Savage Island Ad-Vantages Eagles, Mariners rock GSA gym
- 2. Jeremiah Savage The Weekly Packet Sports January 23, 2020

**3. Ken Waltz The Camden Herald**Sports page design

# Weekly 2

1. Nadean Gilliland Mount Desert Islander Sports page 022020 Class B Very clean design. Love the

2. Ashley Carter The Ellsworth American Tournament pages Awesome layout. Very eye catching, but not too busy.

# 3. Ken Waltz The Republican Journal Sports page design

Sports page design Clean layout.

# Daily/Weekend

1. Staff Sun Journal

True perfection
I really like that you focused on

a state championship win and used a lot of color. The two stories were well written and I loved the bottom recap of the period by period breakdown.

### 2. Bill Stewart, KJ sports staff Kennebec Journal

KJ page from Sept. 6, 2019 This was a great throwback edition for deciding a player and team of the decade. It really gave a lot of information for someone who hasn't followed Maine sports ever. It also used cutouts which is something that jumps off the page.

# 3. Joe McLaughlin Bangor Daily News

Sports Page BDN, March 2, 2020 I like the use of black and white and feel it was very well done. Not much white space and feel like this was a team effort.



header.

# PHOTOGRAPHY/DESIGN

# News Photo Weekly 1

# 1. Monique Labbe Castine Patriot

Ground Zero flag Amazing shot. The flag and them men both being the focus. The dark uniforms making the flag pop out. Love it.

# 2. Nina Mahaleris The Star-Herald

Presque Isle High School Graduation Love the focus on this young man but yet showing the looks of the fellow students along with him waiting with excitement.

### 3. Joseph Cyr Houlton Pioneer Times

Sisters Amy Detour, left, and Rebecca Drew Love the mood of humor and fun captured in this photo. The clarity is awesome too.

# Weekly 2

#### 1. Evan Houk The Lincoln County News Beach Burn

Dramatic shot showing flamage and smoke. Nicely cropped.

### 2. Dick Broom Mount Desert Islander LOOMING LARGE

Unusual scene, with a cruise ship apparently next to a neighborhood. Nicely framed.

# 3. Stephen Betts The Courier-Gazette

Rockland honors its war dead Interesting show. Has a bit of a Norman Rockwell vibe going on. Good composition.

# Daily/Weekend 1. Ben McCanna

widow

Portland Press Herald Flag for fallen trooper's

Tough moment to witness and photograph, but these moments demand that we record them.

# 2. Rich Abrahamson Morning Sentinel

Sousa memorial Bold light and composition make this a very strong image. Great work.

#### 3. Joe Phelan Kennebec Journal

Windsor voting Voter art has the potential to be boring some of the time. Thank you for making this one work.

# Spot News Photo Weekly 1

# 1. Joseph Charpentier Boothbay Register

Kostantinos Rigas arrested Great shot and well worth the wait.

### 2. Anne Berleant The Weekly Packet

Battling flames This is an excellent photo. I like that you caught one of the firefighters looking back towards the camera.

# 3. Mark Robinson Island Ad-Vantages

Water leak I really like the contrast in this photo with the dark and the spotlights.

### Weekly 2

#### 1. Kate Cough The Ellsworth American

Oak Street apartment fire Lots of fire photos in the category, but this was the best one. Good composition, tightly cropped, nice action.

# 2. Liz Graves Mount Desert Islander

Update: Biplane
pilot credited
Unusual photo.
Would have been the firstplace entry if there had been
people in it.

# 3. Christine Simmonds The Courier-Gazette

Firefighters respond to smoke, damage
The building has a storybook vibe to it, which enhances the photo. And the smoke flowing through the vent is a nice element.

# Daily/Weekend

Russ Dillingham
 Sun Journal

# Arrest Kiss

This one gets the first place nod in a strong group of submissions, mostly because the moment is so fleeting and unusual.

# 2. Michael G. Seamans Morning Sentinel

Wall of fire This image puts us in the middle of this guy's urgent situation. Nice work.

# Scenic Photo Weekly 1

#### 1. Annie Twitchell The Original Irregular Winter Sunset

Gorgeous colors and composition as the sun sets with the colored clouds reflecting in the still water and the white snow and trees surrounding. Great capture

# 2. Jayna Smith The Calais Advertiser

A Doe and Her Fawn Clear focus and lighting show off the beautiful animals.

# 3. Eli Forman Castine Patriot

Dyce Head at sunset Perfect placement to show off the beautiful sky. Nice focus on the lighthouse although it's the last building I see.

# Weekly 2

### 1. Christine Simmonds The Courier-Gazette

Midcoast lens: North Haven The texture, colors and framing set the mood - made me cold.

### 2. Sarah Hinckley Mount Desert Islander

Taking a gander Great color and perspective.

# 3. Jessica Clifford The Lincoln County News Bluefields Farm

Bluefields Farm Nice color and effect coming through the clouds.

# Daily/Weekend

**1. Troy R. Bennett Bangor Daily News** Spirit-pond-skiff

This was an incredibly tough category. All entries were striking in their own way. However, the lighting, contrast and composition on this one set it apart. Using the cloud reflection as a central element was very well done.

#### 2. Joe Phelan Kennebec Journal

Pollen-covered bee
This was an incredibly tough
category. All entries were
striking in their own way. The
focus and detail on this extreme close up was no doubt
difficult and required some
patience.

# 3. Russ Dillingham Sun Journal

Foliage Fishing
This was an incredibly tough
category. All entries were
striking in their own way. 4-5
of these could have easily
placed. Fall foliage is always
striking but the color quality
and direction put this in the
top three.

# **People Photo**

# Weekly 1

- 1. Nina Mahaleris
  The Star-Herald
  John Kennedy with Hat
- 2. Joseph Cyr Houlton Pioneer Times Aiden Macomber of Island Falls
- 3. Anne Berleant The Weekly Packet Ho, ho, ho!

# Weekly 2

# 1. Christine Simmonds The Courier-Gazette

Southern Harbor House celebrates Everything about this photo tells a story about Joe-ann. Great capture.

#### 2. Kendra Caruso The Republican Journal Maine fisherman

3. Sarah Thompson
Penobscot Bay Pilot
Catching an expression
Nice clear shot. Great angle.

Great color and composition.

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Michael G. Seamans Morning Sentinel

Firefighter portrait
Beautiful and striking color
quality and detail.

# 2. Linda Coan O'Kresik Bangor Daily News

Fair rider Striking focus on an obviously fast-moving action shot. Capturing Kyle's expression makes the shot.

# 3. Shawn Patrick Ouellette Portland Press Herald

Homeless teen
The lighting/perspective
combination edges this one
into third place. The lighting
certainly creates a mood/
atmosphere and adds to the
shot.

# Picture Story Weekly 1

#### 1. Paula Brewer The Star-Herald

C-47s visit Presque Isle Nice clear photos - even on a cloudy day - of both the large crowd and enormous aircraft. Great subject placement for captivating photos.

# 2. Monique Labbe Castine Patriot

Castine Town Common Great cropping, focus, emotion and variety of subjects.

# 3. Staff

# **Boothbay Register**Graduation Activities

Graduation Activities
Good lighting, even in the
school gym! Great clear faces
and emotions. Love the variety of grad caps shown.

# Weekly 2

# 1. Bisi Cameron Yee The Lincoln County News

The Syrup Is Still Sweet The quality of the photos is really good - nice contrast and color and tells the story as well.

### 2. Cyndi Wood The Ellsworth American

There she goes

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# PHOTOGRAPHY/DESIGN

Really nice color and framing AND tells the story.

**3. Fran Gonzalez The Republican Journal**Bittersweet burn
Good photography and compelling storytelling.

# Daily/Weeknd

1. Michael G. Seamans Morning Sentinel Deadly Shade of Green Part 2

Strong use of light and color helped this one carry the day. Good work.

2. Brianna Soukup Portland Press Herald Cliff Island School (Part 1 of 2)

(Part 1 of 2)
Candid moments and and
honest narrative helped this
selection become a winner.

3. Troy R. Bennett Bangor Daily News

Ox pulling Bold use of telephotos and close-ups helped bring me down in there with the animals; I could almost hear and smell the moment. Good work.

# **Feature Photo**

# Weekly 1

1. Jayna Smith The Calais Advertiser

Boy Scout at Flag Placement This is a very good pic. It is vivid and captures the heartache.

### 2. Chris Bouchard Aroostook Republican & News

Jumble the Clown
This is a good pic.
You did an awesome job at capturing the clown's emotion.

3. Kevin Burnham Boothbay Register

The beginning of the end Very interesting pic. I love how you captured the fun they were having.

# Weekly 2

1. Gabe Souza The Maine Monitor

Hands at work Nice shot. In this case, the fingers tell the story better than faces would. Good lighting and composition. An easy choice for first place.

2. Holly Vanorse Spicer The Courier-Gazette

Feature photo I like the masks, which help make the lady's expression even more noticeable.

3. Sarah Thompson Penobscot Bay Pilot

Firefighters from multiple Knox County Nice job capturing the flames.

# Daily/Weekend

1. Gregory Rec

Portland Press Herald Susan Anderson Great planning and execution. The foreground adds to the quality and would be overlooked by some shooters. Good work.

2. Michael G. Seamans Morning Sentinel

Pandemic birthday visit
Jeanne's face makes this
photo. A little too much the
shooter had to deal with as
a distraction (glare, background image inside, etc.)
but vibrant color and staging.

3. Troy R. Bennett Bangor Daily News

Kite flyer Beautifully structured, composition, toning, and perspective.

# **Sports Photo**

# Weekly 1

1. Joseph Cyr The Star-Herald

and great clarity.

Central Aroostook vs. Fort Fairfield Excellent shot. You were able to focus on the two athletes

2. Joseph Cyr Aroostook Republican & News

Caribou vs. Ellsworth Boys Awesome job focusing on the two players. Very clear image and great focus.

3. Franklin Brown
The Weekly Packet

Eagles battle for regional championship Great shot. Especially in the rain. The clarity is great and capturing all the athletes and focusing on the one with the ball all in one picture was awesome.

# Weekly 2

1. Zack Miller The Republican Journal

Sports photo
Serious kudos to the photographer for being ready to shoot this picture. Good composition and I'm guessing it took some Photoshop work to lighten his face enough to show his expression. Sports photography was the most competitive category, and this one is the best of the best.

2. Zack Miller
The Republican Journal
Sports photo
Unusual photo that makes a

3. Holly Vanorse Spicer The Courier-Gazette Sports photo

striking image.

Not often you see such an extreme horizontal photo. Nice job of being ready for the action.

# Daily/Weekend

1. Michael G. Seamans Morning Sentinel

Singing coach Fun, outside-the-box images like this always engage readers. Nice work.

# 2. Derek Davis Portland Press Herald

Unusual take on light for a sports action image.
Nice work.

3. Joe Phelan Kennebec Journal

Championship basketball Lots of eyes in this moment create engagement for readers and fans both.

# Illustration

# Weekly

1. Christine Dunkle The Courier-Gazette

Bicentennial Birthday Bash This a beautiful graphic and a serene page.

2. Samantha Hogan The Maine Monitor

High Hour Alerts
This is a simple but effective graphic.

3. Samantha Hogan The Maine Monitor

Paying for Defense This graphic does a great job of grabbing your attention and providing useful information.

# Daily/Weekend

1. Michael Fisher Portland Press Herald

Coronavirus
Excellent use of the colorbox in the background. I also thought the design was humorous and aligns clearly with the text and the message.

2. Jack Hibert Sun Journal

Will Congress matter anymore?
The idea behind this illustration is excellent but the execution was not as clean as preferred and could use something that creates a more cohesive composition.

3. George Danby Bangor Daily News

Maine 200 The design is a little busy for me but I like the sketch-style and I enjoyed all of the little

# Graphic Weekly 1

details.

1. Jeremiah Savage Island Ad-Vantages Where can you park?

2. Jeremiah Savage The Weekly Packet Touring Through Time

3. Cheryl Stabinski
The Calais Advertiser
Shop Local This Valentine's

# Weekly 2

1. Sarah Hinckley, Barbara Tedesco Mount Desert Islander Where the waste goes

2. David Fickett
The Ellsworth American Opiate prescriptions

**3. Jessica Ouellette Maine Monitor**gee Resettlement in Maine

# Daily/Weekend

1. Jason Rathbun Sun Journal

A million dollars for a fire truck?

I love the idea of engaging the readers (ie, having to turn the whole page sideways). The graphic really made me even more interested in reading the rest of the article.

2. Michael Fisher Portland Press Herald

Seeking asylum
Eye catching graphics. Really
pulls the reader in!

3. Sharon Wood Kennebec Journal

Clinton biogas graphic
The graphic was very explanatory. Would be hard to misunderstand the information provided

# Specialty Page Design Weekly 1

# 1. Christine Dunkle The Camden Herald

Specialty Page Design 4/25/19 Beautiful page and cohesive design.

2. Jeremiah Savage Island Ad-Vantages Voter Primer A lot of information present.

A lot of information presented in an easy-to-read format and clear headlines.

# Weekly 2

1. Christine Dunkle The Courier-Gazette Specialty Page, 05/30/19

Very well balanced both in element placement and color. I might have put a little more space between the stories but overall, I really like this design.

2. Nadean Gilliland Mount Desert Islander Sweet art for your sweetheart The cutout makes the image seem life-like as if it were jumping out at you and who doesn't love lots of color.

### 3. Christine Dunkle The Republican Journal

Specialty Page Design, 05/02/19 B Basic, yet elegant. The colors chosen for the color blocks fit in the overall color theme. I love the circular motion created by arranging the elements around the main body of the story.

# Daily/Weekend

1. Sally Tyrrell Ericson Portland Press Herald Specialty page design

2. Jason Rathbun, Jack Hibert, Kathryn Skelton Sun Journal Greetings from Lewiston

3. Linda Kamp-Davis Bangor Daily News Outdoors page

# Front Page Design

# Weekly 1

1. Jennifer Bryant
York County Coast Star
A 21st century blacksmith
(8/2/19)
Love everything! Great layout!

2. Heidi Murphy
The Original Irregular
Front Page Design
Great Layout!

3. Devin Higgins Aroostook Republican & News

Front Page Design Nice! The only criticism here is the bottom two articles are really tight. More White Space Please.

# Weekly 2

1. Design and News Staff The Courier-Gazette Front Page Design, 06/27/19

2. Christine Dunkle, Stephanie Grinnell The Republican Journal Front Page Design, 09/05/19

3. Kim Slawson, Sarah E. Reynolds The Republican Journal Front Page Design, 12/05/19

# Daily/Weekend

1. Marla Hoffman Sun Journal More than just hot air

**2. Becky Bowden Bangor Daily News**Apollo 11 at 50

**3. Sharon Wood Morning Sentinel**A Deadly Shade of Green



# **News Story** Weekly 1

# 1. Bill Pearson **Boothbay Register**

LePages working at McSeagulls Fun story - unemployed Gov working as a bartender. Well written and enjoyable, a story both a local and statewide audience would enjoy.

### 2. Pam Harnden **Livermore Falls Advertiser** Middle school students do

their part Student involvement in helping out in a crisis made for an interesting story.

#### 3. Daniel Dunkle **The Camden Herald**

Lobstermen fed up, facing drastic rules Thorough story about an issue important to the local economy. Great job of covering more than one point of view.

# Weekly 2

#### 1. Barbara Walsh The Maine Monitor

Maine ranks 9th in number of children

# 2. Lynda Clancy **Penobscot Bay Pilot**

Belfast, Rockport hospitals prepared

# 3. Dick Broom **Mount Desert Islander**

First responders stretched

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Callie Ferguson, Josh Keefe **Bangor Daily News**

They wanted a home. Great in-depth look at the economic and personal impacts on renters and landlords in distressed neighborhoods. Great writing that left this reader wanting even

### 2. Taylor Abbott **Morning Sentinel**

Collateral damage: Farmington tenants Thorough reporting on the surrounding residents and individuals impacted by the blast. A very worthwhile piece of reporting

#### 3. Lindsay Tice **Sun Journal**

CMMC could lose Medicaid, Medicare

Important issues written in a way to make it easy for the reader to understand and care about the issues.

# Spot News Story Weekly 1

1. Jessica Potila St. John Valley Times **Brothers credit Scout** 

In depth story from a press release while on deadline, the result of good old fashioned leg work. Well done.

#### 2. Annie Twitchell

The Original Irregular Loon capture Fun story and the background information on loons was appreciated. Who knew?

#### 3. Jayna Smith

The Calais Advertiser Local Man in Custody After Rampage Timeline could have been more clear. Would have liked to have known what set him off.

### Weekly 2

### 1. Sarah Thompson **Penobscot Bay Pilot**

You can keep the cat out of the bag

A well written, on the scene descriptive article of a cat rescue. In my opinion, this fit the definition of "spot news" - being on the scene and describing events as they unfold.

#### 2. Liz Graves **Mount Desert Islander**

Three-day Coast Guard search

The bulk of the article appeared to be written on "after-the-fact" interviews. It was well written and a timely community article. The photo showed citizens watching rescue efforts on TV, so there was an indication of being on scene.

### 3. Stephen Betts The Courier-Gazette

Generator pinpointed as cause of fire

There seemed to be a little too much "past tense" to the beginning of the article. For spot news writing, I like to see more unfolding action in the story, as if I'm there watching it. The second part of the story concerning the fire truck accident was a little more spot news reporting. I think I would have tried to combine the two to create a better sense of action.

# Daily/Weekend

### 1. Donna Perry, Russ Dillingham, staff Sun Journal

Farmington explosion Excellent continuous updating throughout the day as information came in. Strong reporting and writing makes it a clear standout. (and love the drone photos!)

#### 2. Amy Calder **Morning Sentinel**

Missing Waterville woman's boyfriend Great research to identify the story and details before police released any info. Strong reporting and great detail really pull in readers.

### 3. Matt Byrne, Dennis Hoey **Portland Press Herald**

Freeport man killed farmer Good report and writing.

# **Political Story** Weekly 1

#### 1. Ruth Leubecker **Machias Valley News Observer**

Wild blueberry growers struggle

Chronicles small businesses seeking protection and assistance from political leaders. Good stuff. There were some grammar errors, though, such as 'From farmers being paid X in 2000...last year they received' where 'to last year only receiving x' would have been better.

#### 2. Daniel Dunkle The Camden Herald

Berry makes case Streamlines the change process to consumer owned utilities without using alphabet soup. Some grammar flaws.

#### 3. Joseph Cyr **Houlton Pioneer Times** Cary Plantation holds final

town meeting Makes clear the reasons and advantages to dissolution of town government, addressing the concerns and fears of the

residents but adding a hope-

# Weekly 2

ful voice.

#### 1. Samantha Hogan **The Maine Monitor**

In a race dripping in cash Well written, engaging profile piece on a candidate who isn't in it for the money. Writer did a great job of getting to the heart of the candidate and letting readers know who she is and what motivates her. I liked the tone and the flow of the article. These types of articles are important in an election, as most voters will not have the opportunity to sit down and have a heart-to-heart with candidates to get to know them.

### 2. Becky Pritchard **Mount Desert Islander**

The optometrist who wouldn't run Nice to read a light-hearted political story! Good lede and opening graphs to draw the reader (me) in. It led to an enjoyable historical read about a local family that helped shaped their community.

### 3. Sarah Thompson **Penobscot Bay Pilot**

Can robust dialogue fit Informative local article on an important topic in the community.

# Daily/Weekend

1. Caitlin Andrews, Michael Shepherd **Bangor Daily News** 

Impeachment puts Maine's Susan Collins Nice deep dive into her voting record. Good overview.

### 2. Amy Calder **Morning Sentinel**

Waterville coronavirus panel

Good use of the fifth estate.

#### 3. Steve Collins **Sun Journal**

Secretive Facebook pages Needed reporting with the growth of miss and disinformation on social media.

# **Courts Story** Weekly 1

#### 1. A.M. Sheehan **Advertiser Democrat**

Courage to ask for help Unflinching look at domestic abuse and the roadblocks to leaving the situation, highlighting how those can be overcome and a little bit about how our business should adjust its coverage

#### 2. Jessica Potila St. John Valley Times

Fort Kent group takes objec-

Clear, easy to understand description of the arguments from each side, presented high up in the story.

### 3. Anne Berleant The Weekly Packet

Former Blue Hill treasurer 'not guilty' Follows the dots through the sticky morass of small town accounting clearly and without bias.

# Weekly 2

#### 1. Sue Cover **The Maine Monitor**

The disparities of deferred dispositions

The writer took what could be considered a bland topic - deferred dispositions - and put a face and life experiences to the process. The article definitely breathed life into routine court matters.

### 2. Douglas Rooks **Portland Phoenix**

Emptying the 'pods' An in-depth look at juvenile incarceration. Explanatory and informative and multiple sources.

#### 3. Becky Pritchard **Mount Desert Islander** Murder trial jury

shown Concise, crisp trial reporting.

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Eric Russell **Portland Press Herald**

State's rush to judgment

Thorough reporting and development of a long, complicated family's story. Great writing and flow. Really well done.

### 2. Callie Ferguson **Bangor Daily News**

Found on a frozen lake Good storytelling of one woman's struggle with mental illness in the prison system while weaving in details of the bigger picture.

#### 3. Christopher Williams Sun Journal

Former Lewiston cop's drug history

# **Investigative** Report

# Weekly 1

#### 1. Sarah Craighead **Dedmon Machias Valley News Observer**

Property tax spike Nice use of sources, quotes and numbers. Good explanations of different spending, saving and needs.

#### 2. Chris Bouchard **Aroostook Republican &** News

Caribou agrees to pay \$45,000

Good investigation and clear information from both sides. Good references and follow through.

#### 3. Sarah Craighead Dedmon **Machias Valley News Observer**

Fraudulent horse trailer website Nice use of information and sources. Excellent inclusion of contact information for reporting fraud. Very informative.

# Weekly 2

### 1. Samantha Hogan The Maine Monitor

The High Cost of Poor Defense Fantastic job. Great research. All of the information was relevant.

### 2. Samantha Hogan **The Maine Monitor**

Stockpile Crash Great job. Clear research. Great interviews.

# 3. Jordan Bailev **Portland Phoenix**

Prison or Profit Center? Great research and interviews on a problem that is probably not well known to the public.

# Daily/Weekend

## 1. Callie Ferguson, Erin Rhoda **Bangor Daily News**

Penobscot County Jail guards Good writing, references and further resources. Nice engagement offer and information, as well as adding the link for others to report such issues. Good explanation and line of action. The PDF for further in-depth knowledge for the reader is also a nice touch.

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#### 2. Tux Turkel, Penelope Overton

Portland Press Herald Electric shock Fast to the point punch really takes reader into the story fast. Nice bullet point summary. Good use of numbers and percentages. Interesting personal testimonies of resourcefulness of the customers. Excellent followup conclusion. Writer sounds somewhat opinionated with a lack of quotes or references.

#### 3. Meg Robbins Morning Sentinel

State halts use of road sealant Excellent follow-through. Nice variety in sources. Good conclusions.

# Analysis Weekly 1

# 1. Stephen Betts The Camden Herald

Why are so few students
A very important subject that needs more exposure like this. Fine job of outlining the issue and suggesting solutions.

#### 2. Anne Berleant The Weekly Packet

GSA trustees grapple with requests

Wow! Tough situation. We have something similar going on in Oklahoma with Epic Charter Schools. Not sure I understand the funding mechanism, but I applaud the effort at transparency. Keep after them!

# 3. David Marino Jr. The Star-Herald

Facebook groups unite An interesting commentary on our times. Facebook can be so useful, yet so dangerous. Good job.

# Weekly 2

# 1. Kendra Caruso The Republican Journal Vaccine referendum ignites

controversy

#### 2. Lynda Clancy Penobscot Bay Pilot 'Problems bigger than school'

**3. Darren Fishell The Maine Monitor**The \$132M electricity rip-off

### Daily/Weekend

#### 1.Randy Billings Portland Press Herald

Maine State Police may be spying

Wow! Very in-depth piece with good sourcing. Clearly lays out the pitfalls of technology vs. transparency when it comes to privacy rights. Great ioh!

2. Lindsay Tice Sun Journal Tax filings show health group's spending

This piece does a good job of parsing financial information from tax filings so that the reader can understand.

#### 3. Jessica Piper Bangor Daily News

A new vaccine law Clearly demonstrates the ongoing dilemma regarding mandatory vaccinations and family concerns regarding choice in their medical care.

# **Continuing Story**

# Weekly 1

# 1. Susan Mustapich The Camden Herald

Camden's plans for the dams This is very thorough and balanced reporting.

#### 2. Nina Mahaleris The Star-Herald

Deadly Dilemma
Great reporting and storytelling. The reporter really draws you in.

# 3. Anne Berleant The Weekly Packet

George Stevens Academy requests

This reporter did a great job following the ups and downs of this story. And she captured one of the best photos from a school board meeting that I've ever seen in the Jan. 2 paper.

### Weekly 2

## 1. Samantha Hogan, Dan Dinsmore

The Maine Monitor Indigent Defense in Maine

This series looked at so many angles and people. Fantastic job.

### 2. Sue Cover, Julie Pike, Dan Dinsmore

The Maine Monitor
Due Process: Inside Maine's
County Really fantastic and
thorough job with this series.

#### 3. Peter Weed, Dan Dinsmore, Gabe Souza The Maine Monitor

Help Wanted: The Immigrant Opportunity Fantastic look into the problems and solutions.

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Abigail Curtis Bangor Daily News

Sharon Carrillo murder trial Good addition of contact information to report similar cases. Nice links to related stories, and the information given actually tempted me to click and read more about the State's work in this area. Heart-grabbing human interest testimony from family members. Both sides well represented.

# 2. Staff Portland Press Herald

well-rounded.

Coronavirus hits Maine I like the bullet points in with the headlines. Very thorough. Nice information box. Nicely

3. Keith Edwards Kennebec Journal Kennebec County DA Maloney admonished Very professional. Good background. Nice followup.

# Arts/Lifestyle Feature

# Weekly 1

# 1. Anne Berleant The Weekly Packet

Local blues man tunes in Great story.

# 2. Anne Berleant Castine Patriot

Art, sounds and life at The Cannery Very well written. Lead is art. Pulls you into story.

#### 3. Lisa Kristoff Boothbay Register

SThayerART ... Yes, that S Thayer! Good, strong quotes.

# Weekly 2

### 1. Kate Cough The Ellsworth American

Life on the wave Writing flows well with great transitions and quotes. Thank you for taking a fun, interesting quote and using it as a lead. This made me interested in painting and art, which I normally am not! Beautiful design presentation surely pulled in readers.

#### 2. Sarah Hinckley Mount Desert Islander

Tremont teachers stretch themselves

A fun, interesting take on a school arts story! Good writing and flow with plenty of quotes.

# 3. Christine Dunkle The Courier-Gazette

Thinking outside the box, 05/23/19 Interesting and good flow. Love the lead "For a mime, Scot Cannon is surprisingly talkative.

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Hannah LaClaire The Times Record

Marji Greenhut reflects on a career This story painted such a vivid picture, both of the location (I want so badly to walk on those original floors!) and the artist, which makes it not just a good feature story but a great one.

### 2. Mark Laflamme Sun Journal

'Amazing.' 'Exciting.' 'Fascinating.' A well-written and interesting look into the world of birding. It really made me feel like I was there alongside of these birders, learning new things right along with the writer. Story is complemented by some really nice photos and layout as well.

#### 3. Bob Keyes Portland Press Herald

Why you can't see Maine's most iconic

I loved reading the experiences of people from the area and how they viewed the painting. It's great that it's hanging back up again. Well-done story with plenty of depth.

# **Feature Story**

# Weekly 1

#### 1. Sarah Craighead Dedmon Machias Valley News Observer

No homeless shelters
Easily picked as a top contender. Fantastic storytelling of an ever-present issue in communities. Excellent choice of quotes and facts. Highlighting the reasons a homeless shelter is difficult to operate was a great informative choice.

# 2. Shawn Sullivan York County Coast Star

"Passing of the keys" (Nov. 8, 2019)
Great presentation of the emotional story. You humanize the issue of low-income families. The quotes are well-placed and relevant to the topic.

# 3. Susan Mustapich The Camden Herald

Stanton Dearborn remembered This could've been just a basic, "name gets added" story, yet you dug deeper and gave voice to the struggle it took to actually get the name on the wall. Well done.

# Weekly 2

# 1. Steve Solloway The Maine Monitor

Another death in

the family This is a wonderful story.

#### 2. Samantha Hogan The Maine Monitor

Stuck in the stack This is a great story and is so timely. Very well written.

#### 3. Ken Waltz The Courier-Gazette

Like beloved Buffett song, Ron Belyea

I liked this. I enjoyed the read. Awesome tribute.

### Daily/Weekend

# 1. Rob Wolfe Portland Press Herald

Asylum seekers defy death Great use of story-telling to put a human face on a group of people who are so often de-humanized for political reasons. There's so much detail here - every bit of which adds to the overall picture - and the writing is excellent.

#### 2. Troy R. Bennett Bangor Daily News

Class ring lost 47 years ago Wow! Fascinating story. It's written well, and gives just the right amount of details.

# 3.Steve Collins Sun Journal

How a boy from the coast of Maine

What a fascinating story! Well-written and well-researched. Definitely one that holds the reader's attention.

# Food Story/ Feature

# Weekly 1

### 1. Tina Oddleifson The Weekly Packet Local organic wild

Maine blueberries
Really well done. Liked the
story of how the place was
named. Good idea to have a
recipe to go along with the
story - and the picture made
it even better!

### 2. Joseph Cyr Houlton Pioneer Times

Dance students get taste Really enjoyed the writing trading tutus, etc. was a fun intro. Managed to tell a fundraising story in a way people could get involved with!

# 3. Melissa Lizotte The Star-Herald

French fry stand Enjoyed the embedded story of how the owners met.

# Weekly 2

# 1. Wendy Andresen The Courier-Gazette

Broccoli rabe and kale Stromboli Love the lede, good way to draw the readers in.

#### 2. Sarah Hinckley Mount Desert Islander

Passing the torch on church pie sale Like the way your incorporate people who love going to the pie sale.

3. Evan Houk
The Lincoln County News
Bristol Couple Begins 'Encore
Career'
Great way of outlining their

### Daily/Weekend

### 1. Sam Schipani Bangor Daily News

plans.

Maine researchers finding new ways Great story about how Maine is tackling a specific problem. The story outlines the

challenges and explains the partnership between business and research in creating new opportunities to solve a problem.

# 2. Meredith Goad **Portland Press Herald**

Is there a restaurant bub-

I like the newsy angle of this story touching on an important economic development aspect of a busy community. The story outlines the fragility of the profit margins for most restaurants. I certainly can see the opportunity for a follow-up regarding how COVID has impacted the restaurant industry.

#### 3. Lindsay Tice **Sun Journal**

Bates College offers upperclass cuisine

This story sure made me want to try the cuisine at Bates College. A very solid and informative article.

# Religion/ **Spirituality**

# Weekly 1

#### 1. Anne Berleant **Castine Patriot**

Maine CEO changes self, company

Not your typical church page inspirational story. Well written, holds the reader's attention on a spiritual subject without becoming preachy or maudlin. Good work.

### 2. Morgan Mitchell St. John Valley Times

Mizpah brings healing to mourners

Nice blending of information on an upcoming event, with the spiritual impact the place has had on people. I would like to have learned a little more about Richard and the people whose lives have been touched. But overall good story.

#### 3. Natalie Boomer The Calais Advertiser

Good Friday Good story about wonderful event, nice. Could have benefited from less about what people did - pouring water into containers - and more about why - tradition, worship, etc. This story makes me want to worship with St. Ann's on Good Friday.

# Weekly 2

### 1. Sarah E. Reynolds The Republican Journal Clergy: Faith

inspires politics

2. Daniel Dunkle The Courier-Gazette Making the transition from prison.

3. Jessica Clifford **The Lincoln County News** 'That's Where I Belong'

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Staff

**Sun Journal** Power of Faith

These stories touch the heart without being preachy. They make the point of the power without felling forced.

### 2. Scott Thistle **Portland Press Herald**

Organizers turn to churches

This illustrated the strength of grassroots efforts that can work for conservative values as well as progressive ones. It made me want to stop and look up how the petition drive and election went.

#### 3. Judy Harrison **Bangor Daily News**

After 30 years, former Bangor Floral Just a feel good story. I loved the quotes about wanting to see what God had in store when a church reaches out to an underserved congregation.

# **Local Columnist**

# Weekly 1

1. Dee Menear The Franklin Journal Wandering

#### 2. Paula Brewer **Aroostook Republican** & News

Walkabout: Aroostook

3. Morgan Mitchell St. John Valley Times Morgan's recipe series

# Weekly 2

#### 1. Emma Testerman The Courier-Gazette

Dingbat from Away Love it! Good writer. I like your courage in standing up for what you believe. Creative and clever. Well done.

#### 2. Kris Ferrazza The Courier-Gazette

The Beat Goes On Entertaining writer. You had me in the barn with you and the pony. I bet people look forward to your writing.

#### 3. Natalie Ladd **Portland Phoenix**

Leftovers columns by Natalie

Beautiful tribute to your mother. First, second and third place in this category could easily be rearranged. Good, creative writing.

# Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Sam Schipani **Bangor Daily News**

Sam Tries Things; I tried smoking meat... I tried making mozzarella I love the concept of writing about the process of trying new things. It was interesting to read, and I enjoyed reading not just about the process but also some of the extra background information. My favorite part, though, was how much personality was in the columns. Sam has a strong writing voice, and I love that.

#### 2. Mark Laflamme **Sun Journal**

Street Talk

I love the contrast of the two columns. The column on opioids and Narcan was thoughtful and sobering - and I admit my heart broke at the paragraph about the police officer who was so willing to save others and then died of an overdose himself. The column about working from home made me laugh out loud, literally. Watch that "harmless flirtation" with Gladys! You never know where it could lead!

#### 3. Bill Nemitz **Portland Press Herald** Bill Nemitz

Best piece about a cooking pot I have ever read! What an interesting story! It was so well-written as well. The column about the struggle

of hospital visits during the time of COVID-19 was also well done and heart-breaking to read. A very strong writer with a way of telling a story - though the columns read a

# Critic's Award

little like news articles.

# Weekly 1 1. RJ Heller

**Machias Valley News Observer** 

Book Review - One Man's Wow! Now, that's a book review! I not only want to

read the book, I want to come to Maine so I can do it on the beach and experience all those sights and smells. Extremely well done.

# 2. Lisa Kristoff **Boothbay Register**

Fishin' for Fashion show Enthusiastically written, complete with exclamation points!!! What a cute idea. The descriptions were excellent.

### 3. John Reisman **The Calais Advertiser**

Freedom Studies Intriguing opinion piece, but it's kind of all over the place. I'm not sure what the point

# Weekly 2

1. Dick Broom

**Mount Desert Islander** Ashley Bryan shares 'Infinite Hope;'

#### 2. Evan Houk The Lincoln County News Review: Maine Musicians

Perform

3. Kristen Lindquist **Penobscot Bay Pilot** On Millay and Mount Battie

# Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Rob Tukey **Sun Journal**

Encore

Thought the content was well written and I could have read

#### 2. Andrew Ross **Portland Press Herald**

Dine Out Maine Most restaurant stories tend to go off track. I would like to eat there.

#### 3. Judy Harrison **Bangor Daily News**

'Fun Home' soars with perfection I don't know exactly what it was about this story, but I quickly lost interest.

# **Feature Headline** Weekly 1

1. Jackson Long **The Camden Herald** Strolling through the colon

#### 2. Jess Beer The Original Irregular Orchard to Keg

3. Jayna Smith The Calais Advertiser City to put a leash on irresponsible dog owners

# Weekly 2

### 1. Evan Houk **The Lincoln County News**

Time Marches On Makes you feel sad that a tradition is ending, but happy that the town is heading in a technological direction. Good job.

# 2.Staff

**The Maine Monitor Due Process** 

Very well written and in-depth piece.

### 3. Letitia Baldwin The Ellsworth American

Material girl Good job and showcasing a

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Staff

# **Bangor Daily News**

The buzz of the county Double play on words without being trite appropriate and worthy of the story.

### 2. Sally Tyrrell Ericson **Portland Press Herald**

Do you take this van? Originality and fun headline for an original story.

3. Ben Pinette **Kennebec Journal** 

Not Cutting It A serious headline f or a serious story.

# **News Headline**

# Weekly 1

### 1. Joseph Charpentier **Boothbay Register**

'Life is a fish and then you fry': Bet's Fish Fry fundraiser fairs fine for BCA What a delicious head! Entertaining for a light-hearted and important story.

#### 2. Anne Berleant **Castine Patriot**

Hungry for clams? Be ready to dig deep Excellent double meaning

verb and image appropriate to the story. Simple and direct to grab the readers.

### 3. Susan Johns **Wiscasset Newspaper**

Dollar General sign a no go after no show Creativity in a single column headline takes real talent. Great job.

# Weekly 2

Another death

#### 1. Dan Dinsmore **The Maine Monitor**

in the family This is personal, but still the best way to tell the public about how we feel when our papers are killed, and what it means to them as well. Great headline, simple and powerful.

### 2. Cyndi Wood The Ellsworth **American**

Very hungry caterpillars Sometimes you don't need a verb. Tells the story to capture readers' instant attention.

## 3. Faith DeAmbrose **Mount Desert Islander**

Bar Harbor bagger bests competition Bags \$10K bounty Terrific alliteration to add interest to a story most would have ignored.

# Daily/Weekend

### 1. Zack Aldrich **Portland Press Herald**

'Jeopardy!' streak is over, but bartender gave it his best shot Extraordinary headline on an ordinary story to grab readers and make them smile.

#### 2. Staff **Bangor Daily News**

Winterport farmer fights to save his bacon A reader-attention grabbing headline on an important story.

# 3. Mark Laflamme, **Carl Natale**

**Sun Journal** Smell that? Manure spreading

in L-A sure makes scents **CONTINUED ON** page 10

Guaranteed to attract reader attention.

## **Editorial**

# Weekly 1

1. Steven Porter **York County Coast Star** "Voters should uphold

Maine's vaccination law" An excellent piece on a vital issue. Funny how timely it turned out to be, isn't it? The facts and figures included certainly bolster your argument and, I would hope, make it hard to support the other viewpoint. Great work! And I had to check - so glad "no0" won the day!

#### 2. Nathaniel Barrows **Island Ad-Vantages**

Lobsterman's rally makes his-

Good job on a complex issue that is important to your community. Although it was not part of your entry, I was impressed to see the "opposing view" piece on the same page. This is a real service to the readers.

#### 3. Nathaniel Barrows The Weekly Packet

How we age and die Tough subject, especially with the deaths of two prominent people. You handled it well.

# Weekly 2

### 1. Daniel Dunkle The Courier-Gazette

Put transparency on council agenda

#### 2. Staff The Republican Journal Solar can been a boon

3. Liz Graves **Mount Desert Islander** Harmless history?

# Daily/Weekend

### 1. Judith Meyer **Sun Journal**

This is why the Meserve

Even though I don't know anything about this case, this editorial sums up very well who was involved, what has happened and the chaos and consequences. It also strikes an empathetic balance by acknowledging this case will bring heartache for years to come. It sums up very well the problem(s) and what the expected outcomes can be. And, it also puts the readers on notice that the newspaper will wade through all these issues and consequences in the most compassionate way possible -- but it won't back down from the story.

### 2. Greg Kesich **Portland Press Herald**

Welcome home. asylum seekers I like the way this editorial

lays out the issues regarding the immigration crisis through the eyes of the asylum seekers involved. A very solid piece.

#### 3. Susan Young, Matt Junker **Bangor Daily News**

Child welfare system; Jail Maine's Child Welfare System -- this editorial spells out the heartbreaking consequences of what is going on in the child welfare system. It points out that the mother is a victim, too, and that there needs to be more investment in support and intervention.

# **Opinion Columnist**

# Weekly 1

#### 1. Ruth Leubecker **Machias Valley News Observer**

The View Downeast Head and shoulders above the other entries. Cogent, fact-based news and opinion in a readable package. Leubecker is a credit to her community and her vocation. It was a pleasure to read her work.

### 2. Paula Brewer

The Star-Herald Walkabout: Aroostook Thought provoking and entertaining. And I think cursive should make a comeback as well.

### 3. Shawn Sullivan **York County Coast Star**

**Greetings from Sanford** Touching, personal stories that give you a window into the writer's world without sounding like his diary. Very nice work.

# Weekly 2

## 1. Jill Goldthwait **Mount Desert Islander**

Too many commissions? Great writing style. Nice ca-

dence and thorough presentation of subject.

# 2. Randall Poulton The Republican Journal

Patiently awaiting the golden years Compelling writing. Nice subtle wit.

#### 3. Andrew Marsters **Portland Phoenix**

Andrew Marsters: A View from the Hill Andrew paints beautiful pictures with his words.

# Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Greg Kesich **Portland Press Herald**

Greg Kesich: The View From Here

An obviously (at least in my part of the world) controversial topic, well documented and lined out. I'm sure this generated a great deal of

public discussion.

#### 2. Matt Gagnon **Bangor Daily News**

Define emergency; The next 100 years Great subject and well documented to point out a problem often ignored.

### 3. George Smith **Kennebec Journal**

Opinion columns by George Smith

This puts a face on an issue of obviously local importance. My only suggestion to improve would be to tighten it up a bit and offer up some possible hoped-for outcomes.

# **Editorial Cartoonist**

# Weekly

1. Glenn Chadbourne The **Lincoln County News** Editorial Cartoonist

Editorial cartoons aren't just drawings, they are first and foremost editorials, they express ideas. There were better artists in this competition, but no better editorial cartoonists. From the panicked TP running from the mob to the wide-eyed child shocked at what politics in 2019 entails, these entries are funny, thought-provoking and impactful. Good Job.

#### 2. E.A. Williams The Star-Herald

E.A. Williams Excellent art, upbeat, encouraging messages in a field in which it is easy to become cynical. This community is blessed to have an artist of this caliber contributing to their newspaper.

### 3. Joe Marshall **Mount Desert Islander**

Bar Harbor, Twilight Zone, Super Groundhog Day work on topics of local interest. I especially liked the little guy in the corner.

# Daily/Weekend

### 1. George Danby **Bangor Daily News**

Workweek, March Madness, Hoarding

To the point. well done. Easy to understand. I like the way Danby handles every day issues.

### 2. Steve Meyers **Portland Press Herald**

Steve Meyers Good professional cartoons.

# **Outdoors Story**

# Weekly 1

1. Jessica Potila St. John Valley Times Allagash guide bags monster buck

This is the kind of stuff you

won't find in big newspapers. Love it!

#### 2. Susan Johns **Wiscasset Newspaper**

Paddlers: Dam's new opening Well written.

#### 3. Melissa Lizotte The Star-Herald

Presque Isle community High interest story

# Weekly 2

### 1. Ken Waltz, Holly Vanorse **Spicer**

The Courier-Gazette Chute, let's have a party I knew from the title of the article I was going to enjoy it. Great job. Not only is it informative, it is also as cute and "punny" as the title.

#### 2. Ken Waltz The Republican Journal

Young Waldo County musher Very good article. Love the pic and how you explained the legacy.

# 3. Kate Cough The Ellsworth American

The Mind Game Very well written. Good job.

# Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Lindsay Tice **Sun Journal**

Nature Therapy: It's more than a walk Well done! Loved that there was a kid with a story, but also research, and concrete advice.

### 2. Amy Calder **Morning Sentinel**

Waterville couple takes part Loved the writing - so descriptive and interesting.

#### 3.-tie Deirdre Fleming **Portland Press Herald** Why catch-and-release

is killing Really informative, managed to convey critical counterintuitive facts.

### 3.-tie Aislinn Sarnacki **Bangor Daily News**

The wildlife Maine has lost Deeply researched, well written.

# Environmental Story

# Weekly 1

### 1. Sarah Craighead Dedmon **Machias Valley**

**News Observer** Fishermen contest Hard-hitting, informative, factual, emotional and includes both sides of the issue presented from a local and national perspective. This story has it all.

#### 2. Sarah Craighead Dedmon **Machias Valley News Observer**

Seeding salmon on Downeast rivers Well-written piece. I particularly enjoyed the injections of humor said by the subject and the writer with the "involuntarily slides to their destination," line.

### 3. Jayna Smith **The Calais Advertiser**

**Bald Eagles Dying** Good and informative article on a problem many readers may not have been aware of and might lead people to make changes on their own.

# Weekly 2

### 1. Stephen Rappaport **The Ellsworth American**

Lobstermen: rules threat-

Excellent unbiased coverage of a topic relevant to your community. You gave voice to the members of your community's lobsterman, while also examining the issue at hand during the NMFS session.

#### 2. Marina Schauffler **The Maine Monitor**

A breaking wave: A critical time

Extensive investigation into climate change hyperlocally focused on your community. The infographics provide much needed visual interpretation of the date you collected. Informative and engaging.

#### 3. Stephen Betts The Courier-Gazette

These are the toxic chemicals Great insight into a local issue. You provided your community with important information about chemicals in their environment they wouldn't have known before. Great presentation of the topic.

# Daily/Weekend

1. Matt Hongoltz-Hetling, staff

**Morning Sentinel** In an isolated Inuit commu-

#### 2. Kevin Miller **Portland Press Herald** Households are awash in

3. Andrew Rice **Sun Journal** Plant stops sending

'forever chemicals'

# **Business Story**

# Weekly 1

to end story.

sludge

1. Anne Berleant The Weekly Packet Main CEO changes self, company Love love love this story from beginning to end. Nice quote

# 2. Lisa Kristoff **Boothbay Register** Windjammer Emporium

Good lead. Well written.

# 3. David Marino Jr. The Star-Herald

New manager, local businesses High interest kind of story. Multiple sources quoted. Well written.

# Weekly 2

### 1. Darren Fishell The Maine Monitor

The \$132M electricity rip-off Fantastic information. Easy to understand. Great connection to the community and the concerned individual.

# 2. Peter Weed The Maine Monitor

The Immigrant Opportunity Great connection to the community. Great handling of a subject that can be sensitive. Easy to understand the information.

# **3. Fran Gonzalez The Republican Journal**Shuttered church is new

home
Great quotes. Good job
showing the importance to
the community.

# Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Penelope Overton Portland Press Herald Maine's Route 1: Lobster

shacks Lots of detailed information, and the story does a great

and the story does a great job of painting a picture of the whole journey along the route.

2. Taylor Abbott
Morning Sentinel
Bigelow Brewing expanding

Really interesting topic of a hobby turned into a growing business. Well-written, and with lots of information that held my interest.

#### 3. Kathryn Skelton Sun Journal

Soaring 'high': More Maine farmers Interesting look into a new farming industry. Wellwritten and hits on all the important points.

# **Education Story**

### Weekly 1

# 1. Joseph Charpentier Boothbay Register

Committee hires new principal

This was obviously a fastpaced meeting with several people chiming in, so the reporter did a good job of keeping up with what was happening. It had a good flow to it and was easy to understand.

#### 2. Chris Bouchard Aroostook Republican & News

MSSM ranked best high school

This was well written and informative. It did a good job of giving a perspective from different people.

# 3. Stuart Hedstrom The Piscataquis Observer Group working to bring playground

This was a good story that may have helped benefit the children in the community. It was easy to follow and it had good journalism practices in the reporting and writing.

# Weekly 2

# 1. Samantha Hogan The Maine Monitor

Failing to thrive
Nicely done with an obvious
large amount of research
and time spent on this big
project by the writer. Writer
does an excellent job of
presenting both sides of the
issues.

A thorough piece of writing.

# 2. Stephen Betts The Courier-Gazette Funding formula hurt

Funding formula hurts RSU 13 A common tran of artic

A common trap of articles about funding is to get bogged down in the numbers. This article does not do that. The explanation and what it means to the district and community is well done.

# 3. Johanna S. Billings The Ellsworth American

Rural schools struggle to recruit staff Good story on a problem not many people in the community might not realize. The writer does a good job of giving the hard facts and the impact on the people involved.

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Taylor Abbott Morning Sentinel Skowhegan bathroom-gen

Skowhegan bathroom-gender issue

# 2. Eesha Pendharkar Bangor Daily News

Bangor High students told of suicide

# 3. Rachel Ohm Portland Press Herald Cape Elizabeth students fault school

# Health Story Weekly 1

#### 1. Lisa Kristoff Boothbay Register

'Go green' has a whole new meaning Great story! Way to think outside the box on the best way to approach this subject. Well written and told.

### 2. Chris Bouchard Aroostook Republican & News

Community shares stories of hardship Great story that I appreciated the writer not "over quoting" when it is tempting in a story like this. The writer gets straight to the heart of what the people being interviewed were trying to get across.

### 3. Ruth Leubecker Machias Valley News Observer

CRH nurses fight to keep hospital alive
An important and well-written story about a subject that could impact many in the community.

# Weekly 2

# 1. Liz Graves Mount Desert Islander Alzheimer's disease researchers

# 2. Christine Simmonds The Courier-Gazette Former Union resident

# 3. Charlotte Boynton The Lincoln County News Drug Counselor from Wiscasset

# Daily/Weekend

# 1. Colin Woodard Portland Press Herald

Maine's emergency medical response

The top two stories were so good it was hard to select the best. This entry edged out the second place story because it not only addressed a major issue facing literally every community, it provided clear data and solid information on what needed to be done to address the problem. Thoroughly researched, well sourced, clearly explained. The reporter truly did his community a public service. Kudos.

# 2. Lindsay Tice Sun Journal

Regulators focus on Lewiston's

A strong story on a difficult subject but one that must be addressed. Though a bit repetitive (I can still recall how many complaints were made against the facility) it is a story that needs to be told and was told well. The sidebar on what to look for in a nursing facility was a nice touch.

### 3. Meg Robbins Morning Sentinel

Farmington doctor leads by example Good story on a timely issue, but I wanted a little more. The reporter touched on some issues facing the LGBTQ community when it comes to healthcare, but more specifics would have been nice. I was left wondering about privacy issues. What does the Affordable Care Act say, if anything, about this issue? Well written, but a bit anecdotal. Still a good read.



# **SPECIAL AWARDS**

# Freedom of Information

# Weekly

# 1. Samantha Hogan The Maine Monitor

Indigent Defense in Maine Fantastic research coupled with a human element. This was a tough category to judge because all entries were fantastic.

# 2. Staff The Camden He

#### The Camden Herald Freedom of Information

Great tenacity to get the full story. You explained it well and stayed neutral in the face of such a tragedy. Fantastic job. This was a tough category to judge because all entries were fantastic.

# 3. Staff The Courier-Gazette

Freedom of InformationGreat quotes from the councilors that help prove your point. Great follow through with keeping the public informed. This was a tough category to judge because all entries were fantastic.

# Daily/Weekend

### 1. Staff Sun Journal

Freedom of Information Very, very thorough on several cases and excellent follow-through.

# 2. Staff Portland Press Herald

Freedom of Information Impressive follow-up.

#### 3. Eesha Pendharkar Bangor Daily News

This Bangor school secludes
Would like to see more on this

and what is being done to fix the situation

# Best in Show Weekly 1

#### Eli Forman The Weekly Packet

WP Brooklin fire stream
The poignancy of this photo
speaks volumes. The etherealness of the firefighters in
the background lends to the
haunting feeling of loss. The
sun shining through the smoke
is a great technical feature.

# Weekly 2

# Evan Houk The Lincoln County News Bell Ringer -

Aug. 22, 2019 Crisp, clear, nice framing and use of horizontal lines.

# Daily/Weekend

Michael G. Seamans Morning Sentinel Firefighter portrait.JPG To me this is a very emotional shot. And it's well framed and the colors are vibrant. But mostly it's the expression on the chief's face. Beautiful and striking color quality and detail.

# Advertising General Excellence

# Weekly 1

1. The Calais Advertiser The layout and distribution of ads throughout the publication is great! The original design work on the ads is very nice. Easy layout to follow! Great work!

# 2. Boothbay Register

The use of color positions and color ads is very good! The design work on the color ads

is great! I think the Service Directory might be a better fit with the classifieds.

# 3. The Original Irregular

The diversity of advertisers is very good. Some work could be done on design and color ads to make them easier to read. The distribution of ads throughout provide a great flow. Fun to read!

### Weekly 2

# 1. Mount Desert Islander

The layout and placement of advertising is great! I loved the pink paper section with the "Draw Your Mom" and hope it was well supported by advertisers. The pull out Restaurant Guide is great! Great

# **2. The Ellsworth American** Great layout, great ad

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# **SPECIAL AWARDS**

placement and very good use of color space to upsell ads to color. The "Yellow Pages" is a great advertising idea and it looks great! Please consider selling a sponsor to run with your TV listings.

# 3. The Lincoln County News

The distribution of ads throughout is good. The use of color is good and the designs look very nice. Please consider selling a front page ad for layout and revenue.

# Daily/Weekend

#### 1. Portland Press Herald

Overall layout very clean and crisp'. Nice use of color, and excellent reproductive quality. Very impressive Service Directory in the Classified section. The Home Improvement Section had a robust number of ads and was very nicely executed. Maine Today is an excellent weekly addition to the Herald – ads were well designed to fit the publication's audience.

### 2. Kennebec Journal

Nicely laid out, with good use of color in ads. "Pigskin Picks" promotion and Gardiner Days of Light' signature pages were well executed, (including ad content and design).

### 3. Bangor Daily News

This newspaper scored extremely high amongst the judges. Overall quality of the newspaper was excellent - Nice use of color, excellent reproductive quality,

Classified section was visually appealing with a mix of photos and in column ads. Enjoyed the Holiday Home, Food & Traditions promotion with the Sneaky Raccoon. (He was so sneaky, we never did find him!) However, the unfortunate typographical error in the 'Shop Local' promotion (pg. B2) in the Thanksgiving Day edition caused significant point reduction by the judges that it placed third in the 'Advertising General Excellence' category.

# General Excellence Digital Weekly 1

- **1. The Camden Herald** A nice site that's full of content and easily navigated.
- **2. Wiscasset Newspaper** Full of news. Easily navigated.
- **3.** The Calais Advertiser Clean and simple look. Easily found local stories. Providing color digital issues when they may be black and white in print is a plus. Great work with the free subscription to "Hometown Heroes" program.

# Weekly 2

- 1. The Maine Monitor
- 2. Penobscot Bay Pilot
- 3. The Courier-Gazette

# Daily/Weekend

- 1. CentralMaine.com (KJ)
- 2. Portland Press Herald

3. Sun Journal

# General Excellence Print Weekly 1

# 1. York County Coast Star

This is the complete package - good news coverage, well written; good layout with strong headline writing and good photos/reproduction; and excellent political coverage. Good to see an opinion page, although we'd have preferred to see locally written traditional editorials in addition to columns. The only other suggestion is playing at least a few of those great photos bigger for more oomph. Overall, a great job.

### 2. The Weekly Packet

Good-looking tab, well laid out. Writing is strong, but some leads are just too long-trying breaking them up. Ads are especially attractive and add to the overall effectiveness of the newspaper. All in all, a very good product which we are sure the community appreciates.

#### 3. The Star-Herald

Good-looking paper full of well-written news and articles. Like that you play photos big enough for impact when appropriate. Especially liked your treatment of the girls' championship basketball team. Good job.

# Weekly 2

1. The Ellsworth American

Good mix of local news, strong editorial page, great classified section and well designed ads. Layout is clean and easy to read. Colorful and well-composed photos. Good in-depth reporting in July 25 feature.

# 2. The Republican Journal

Lots of local news, strong reporting, good ad design and easy-to-read classified section. Layout could use more white space.

### 3. The Courier Gazette

Lots of interesting local news, but stories need more white space. Good use of open records requests and coverage. Good ad design and easy-to-read classified section. Beautiful and thorough arts section.

### **Daily**

# 1. Portland Press Herald Beautiful page design and

use of photos throughout. Good use of white space. Strong reporting and local coverage. Good ad design and service directory.

### 2. Bangor Daily News

All local news on front pages. Good use of white space but most photos could be larger. Strong advertising in count and design! Wish design of 130th Anniversary had been stronger.

### 3. Morning Sentinel

Good local coverage on front page. Strong use of photos. Strong sports section.

# Weekend

# 1. Maine Sunday Telegram

Amazing CMP investigation with six pages of stories, photos and coverage that tell the full story. Striking feature and news photos. Strong reporting, beautiful front-page feature designs and solid ad design.

#### 2. Bangor Daily News

Impressive advertising content! Good use of white space but photos could be larger. Like obit and classified pages.

# 3. Central Maine S unday

Best use of photos in this division. Front page design is interesting and leads reader inside. Good local news coverage.

# Individual Awards

Journalist of the Year Randy Billings, Portland Press Herald

# Advertising Person of the Year

Joanne Alfiero, Portland Press Herald

#### Unsung Hero Carl Natale, Sun Journal

# Bob Drake Young Writer Meg Robbins,

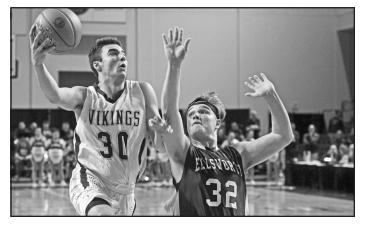
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