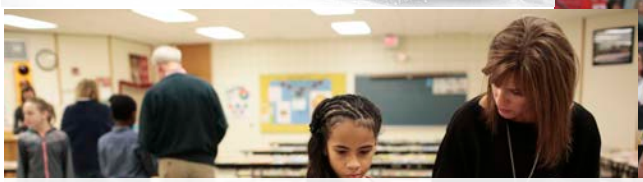
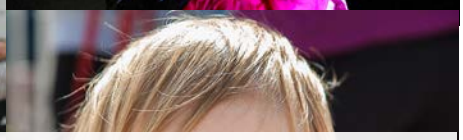

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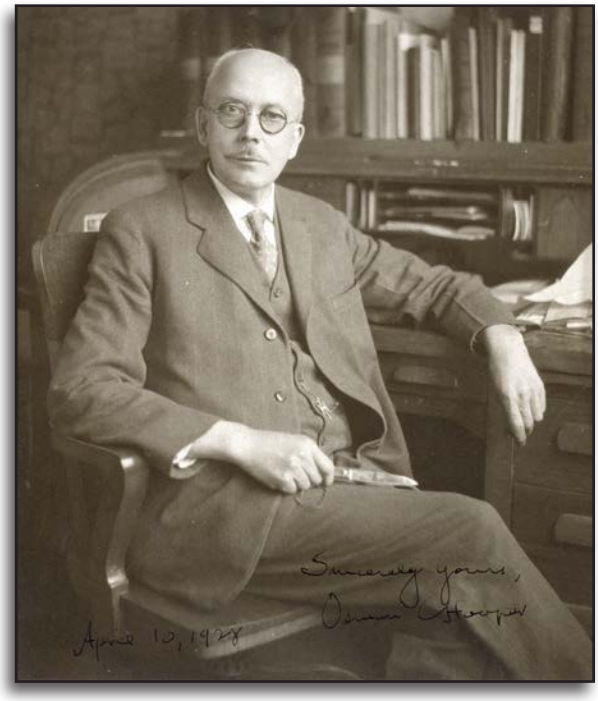

When the Ohio Newspaper Association was established in 1933, Osman C. Hooper was already a significant contributor to the organization. For many years, he conducted the annual "Ohio Newspaper Show," which was held as part of the Buckeye Press Association convention in Columbus. At the turn of the 20th century, the Buckeye Press Association, which represented weekly newspaper publishers, and the Associated Ohio Dailies were conducting separate events. ONA's founding was the result of their merger into a single state trade association.

It was also in 1933 that Hooper published one of several books: *The History of Ohio Journalism*, which traces the beginnings of Ohio newspapers. At the 1937 ONA Convention, Hooper was presented a resolution citing "his part in the development of increasingly high standards for Ohio community papers," and his name was added to the annual weekly newspaper contest.

Hooper spent 58 years at *The Columbus Dispatch*, beginning as a telegraph editor in 1880. He was an editorial writer for nearly 20 years and was made literary editor in 1917. Hooper became a journalism professor at Ohio State University in 1918 and was named professor emeritus in 1932. Throughout his teaching career, he continued to edit *The Columbus Dispatch* book page.

In 1925, Hooper established the Ohio Journalism Hall of Fame, which is housed at Ohio State University, and in 1939, he was inducted into the Journalism Hall of Fame. He died in 1941 at the age of 83.

PARTICIPATING PAPERS

Competing weekly newspapers were divided into four divisions according to circulation information already on file with the Ohio Newspaper Association. Competing collegiate newspapers were divided into two divisions according to the number of times their print or digital product was published. With a total of 54 weekly newspapers and 15 collegiate newspapers, the divisions are as follows:

WEEKLY:

DIVISION A — Total circ of 8,800 and over

- Chagrin Valley Times
- Cuyahoga Falls News-Press
- Fulton County Expositor
- Hudson Hub Times
- News Democrat, Sunday
- News Leader, Nordonia
- Stow Sentry
- The Budget Sugarcreek
- The Press, Millbury
- ThisWeek Dublin Villager
- ThisWeek Hilliard Northwest News
- ThisWeek Northland News
- ThisWeek Westerville News and Public Opinion
- Twinsburg Bulletin

DIVISION B — Total circ from 5,000 to 7,600

- Aurora Advocate
- Geauga County Maple Leaf
- Jackson County Times- Journal
- People's Defender, West Union
- Putnam County Sentinel
- Streetsboro Gateway News
- Tallmadge Express
- The Herald, Barberton
- The Press, Avon Lake
- The Register Herald, Eaton
- The Telegram, Jackson
- ThisWeek Johnstown Independent
- ThisWeek New Albany News
- West Life, Westlake

DIVISION C — Total circ from 3,200 to 4,900

- Free Press Standard
- Geauga Times Courier
- Monroe County Beacon
- Morgan County Herald
- Paulding Progress
- Perry County Tribune, New Lexington
- Pike County News Watchman
- The Gazette, Jefferson
- The Harrison Press
- The Journal Leader
- The Times-Junction
- The Tribune, Madison
- ThisWeek German Village Gazette

DIVISION D — Total circ from 800 to 3,100

- Ada Herald
- Archbold Buckeye
- Bluffton News
- News Democrat
- Ripley Bee
- Solon Times
- The Courier, Conneaut
- The Enterprise, Swanton
- The News, Pymatuning
- The Photojournal, Vermilion
- The Press, North Ridgeville
- Vinton County Courier
- Yellow Springs News

COLLEGIATE:

DIVISION A — Published 3 or more times a week

- Daily Kent Stater - Kent State University
- The BG News - Bowling Green State University
- The Lantern - Ohio State University
- The News Record - University of Cincinatti
- The Post - Ohio University

DIVISION B — All other papers, including web only

- Aviso AVW - Malone University
- Carroll News - John Carroll University
- Cedars - Cedarville University
- T&C Magazine - Otterbein University
- The Clarion - Sinclair Community College
- The Collegian - Ashland University
- The Independent Collegian - University of Toledo
- The Jambar - Youngstown State University
- The Pulse - University of Findlay
- The Transcript - Ohio Wesleyan University

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Hooper Category 1: News Coverage

Judged by Dan Caterinicchia

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: Stow Sentry

Judge's comments: "Solid overall. Flooding coverage especially well done."

Credits: Marsha McKenna, Jeff Saunders

SECOND PLACE: Chagrin Valley Times

Judge's comments: "Strong community coverage. Great photos, especially sports."

Credits: H. Kenneth Douthit, Amanda Petkiewicz, Ellen J. Kleinerman

THIRD PLACE: Twinsburg Bulletin

Judge's comments: "Wong trial coverage was well done."

Credits: Andrew Schunk, Conner Howard, Michael Leonard, April Helms, Joe Gasper

OVERALL COMMENTS "Some strong competition in this category. The papers are serving their communities well. Very tough to decide among the top 3."

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: The Herald, Barberton

Judge's comments: "Strong work. Compelling coverage of violent crimes, sports well done, community well covered."

Credits: Cheryl Vespoint, Carl Boon, Rich Muller

SECOND PLACE: Tallmadge Express

Credits: Jaime Gerard, Holly Schoenstein

THIRD PLACE: Geauga County Maple Leaf

Credits: John Karlovec, Cassandra Shofar, Jamie Ward, Ann Wishart

OVERALL COMMENTS "Incredibly strong category. Easily the best group of entries I judged. Top 3 were clearly the best of the bunch, based on the hard news/crime coverage, sports, politics, etc. Overall community service and professionalism were top notch. Communities very well served."

COMMUNITIES REGROUP AFTER TORRENTIAL RAINFALL

■ HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, SCHOOL CLEANING UP AFTER AN ESTIMATED $3 MILLION IN FLOOD DAMAGES

by JEFF SAUNDERS | REPORTER

Stow — Despite rains that began again May 14, Holy Family Parish School still planned on reopening May 19, even as the parish was still cleaning up from major storm damage.

"We're just finishing up the cleaning up and still planning to reopen Monday (May 19)," said Principal Sharon Fournier, as of press time.

Fournier said the latest rains had not caused any additional flooding in the parish.

"Thank goodness," she said. "It was annoying, but it hasn't caused any new issues."

Holy Family School's first floor and the church and rectory basements were inundated with water in the May 12 storm.

"I think it may go over $3 million," Parish Operations Manager Rich Malecky said May 13 about flood damage, adding that the parish is self-insured through the Cleveland

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FLOOD PHOTOS

See Pages 4 and 12 for more photos from the May 12 storm, and visit www.stowsentry.com for an online gallery of pictures, including those submitted by readers.

RPC PHOTO / JEFF SAUNDERS

The Lower Church Hall of Holy Family Parish was a mess the day after a May 12 storm sent a deluge through the church and rectory basements and flooded the first floor of Holy Family Parish School.

Left: One of the front page articles from Division A first place winner, Stow Sentry. In the article, the first floor of Holy Family Parish School flooded after major rainfall, resulting in $3 million in damages.

Right: Front page of Division C second place winner, Perry County Tribune.
Left: Twinsburg Bulletin's trial coverage of a man accused of murdering his wife.

STATE: FATHER'S SUSPICION LED TO WIFE'S MURDER

■ ATTORNEY FOR GLENN WONG, 51, SAYS ACCUSED MURDERER'S ACTIONS WERE IRRATIONAL, BUT NOT PREMEDITATED

by CONNER HOWARD | REPORTER

Akron — Glenn Wong's family life began to unravel in the months prior to the murder of his wife, prosecutors say, and jealousy and suspicion ultimately caused a "controlling" Wong to stab Tami Mitchell Wong more than 100 times on the morning of Feb. 24, 2013.

Wong's Akron-based attorney Brian Pierce contended on the first day of the murder trial March 25 that Wong's actions are not in dispute, and while irrational, they were not premeditated.

"I don't think the state will be able to prove to you that this was a premeditated event," Pierce said in Judge Paul Gallagher's court at Summit County Court of Common Pleas. "This was impulsive, spur of the moment … and frankly, not very rational."

Wong, 51, formerly of Abram's Drive in Twinsburg, has pleaded not guilty two charges of aggravated murder, one count of kidnapping, one count of murder, one count of felonious assault and one count of domestic violence in connection with the stabbing death of his wife of 11 years.

The chaos of that morning more than one year ago began to take shape with opening statements from assistant Summit County prosecutor Angela Walls-Alexander.

"Actions speak louder than words, and this case is definitely that kind of case," Walls-Alexander said. "The defendant's actions speak much more to his crimes than anything I could say."

In his opening remarks, Pierce told jurors that the case is not about who did what — rather whether each specific charge against Wong is valid.

RPC PHOTO / AMANDA WOOLF

Accused murderer Glenn Wong, left, and defense attorney Brian Pierce listen to Judge Paul Gallagher speak to the jury pool March 24. For daily updates on the trial at Summit County Court of Common Pleas, check www.twinsburgbulletin.com.

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New Lex councilman accepts plea agreement

BY BILL ROCKWELL
TRIBUNE REPORTER

Trent Thompson learned the consequences of his actions from a July 5 accident that left a young child injured and damaged two vehicles.

After months of litigation Thompson accepted a plea deal offered by Kevin Van Horn, a Zanesville-based lawyer representing the village. Thompson received his sentence from County Court Judge Dean Wilson Friday after he pleaded guilty to one count of a child restraint violation and no contest to failure to control.

The New Lexington councilman was accused of driving under the influence of alcohol after the village Fourth of July celebration last summer when a car he was driving smashed into a parked car on South Main Street, a 6-year-old passenger in the vehicle driven by Thompson struck the inside windshield with enough force to crack the glass and required medical attention.

For failure to provide a proper child restraint Thompson was fined $75 and fined $150 for failure to control. One count of OVI was dismissed, prompting the plea

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New Lexington Councilman Trent Thompson, right, was fined a combined total of $225 and costs Friday for charges stemming from a July 5 incident in which a Thompson crashed a vehicle he was driving in into a parked car following the village Fourth of July celebration. A six-year old child in the vehicle with Thompson was also injured during the incident.

POISONED PUPS

BY BILL ROCKWELL/TRIBUNE REPORTER

Somerset Rhonda Masterson and technician Kim Busby examine the IV of one of 18 Labradors from Mount Perry discovered to have been poisoned by antifreeze.

Mount Perry dogs poisoned with antifreeze

BY BILL ROCKWELL
TRIBUNE REPORTER

MOUNT PERRY — The family of Don Butts has only questions following a confusing weekend such as: Who would poison their 18 dogs and why?

The most important question after discovering someone had slipped them antifreeze is what will be the long term effects to the surviving animals?

Butts' daughter Michelle Wood said one animal began showing signs of illness that was originally believed to be parvo, until all 18 dogs began showing the same symptoms the same day.

"My dad took seven dogs to the vet, who told us that the virus would not hit all the dogs that quick, the next thing we knew we were taking all of the dogs to the vet."

Butts breeds the dogs, all Labradors, some are sold for income while others are donated as service dogs.

The first of the animals to be taken to the vet did not survive; tests revealed the dogs were poisoned with antifreeze. "We had a dog come in with acute renal failure and suffering from seizures," said Dr. Rhonda Masterson, the Somerset veterinarian who cared for the animals. "After confirming the dogs were suffering from antifreeze poisoning we were able to start the antidote which is vodka."

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Dr. Rhonda Masterson

"These dogs would not harm anyone and

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Timothy Harris Laura Hynus Chelsie Maddux

Sheriff announces heroin-related indictments

BY BILL ROCKWELL
TRIBUNE REPORTER

Perry County Sheriff William R. Barker announced the indictment of three New Lexington residents allegedly involved in a large-scale heroin operation.

The Perry County Grand Jury handed down the indictments last week for 31-year-old Timothy W. Harris, Jr. and 27-year-old Chelsie L. Maddux and 46-year-old Laura L. Hynus. All three defendants live in the New Lexington area. Harris and Maddux share a South Main Street address, and all three are facing multiple drug-related charges.

Barker said that 250 grams of heroin is considered to be a major offense. He said that Harris, Maddux and Hynus are accused of distributing more than 680 grams of heroin with a street value of approximately $680,000.

"That's the equivalent of a pound and a half of butter," Barker said. "This is the biggest heroin offense we have had here in Perry County."

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WHO'S THIS SUPER FAN?

BY BILL ROCKWELL/TRIBUNE REPORTER

Ohio State super fan "Buck I Guy" made an appearance Saturday night at the Driven charity basketball game held at New Lexington High School. Buck I Guy signed autographs and worked the crowd during the game, which raised more than $23,000 for the Driven Foundation and local charities. For more on the game, turn to page B1.

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DIVISION C

FIRST PLACE: The Gazette, Jefferson

Judge's comments: "Comprehensive community coverage. Strong work on politics, arts, crime, sports. Solid photos."

Credits: Stefanie Wessell, Zachary Dzurick

SECOND PLACE: Perry County Tribune

Judge's comments: "Strong fronts, hard news mix."

Credits: Bill Rockwell, Deb Hutmire

THIRD PLACE: The Times-Junction

Credits: Jane Ernsberger

OVERALL COMMENTS "Strong competition. First place winner was best overall community coverage and storytelling. Second-third place also very strong and tough to decide the order there."

DIVISION D

FIRST PLACE: The Press, North Ridgeville

Judge's comments: "Solid flooding coverage. Strong sports photos and overall community coverage. Clean layouts."

Credits: Peter Comings, Michael Fitzpatrick, Shane Rogers

SECOND PLACE: Archbold Buckeye

Credits: Mary Huber, David Pugh

THIRD PLACE: The Enterprise, Swanton

Credits: Drew Stambaugh, David Coehrs, Norris Ledyard

OVERALL COMMENTS "Impressive group of entries. They serve the communities well with a strong mix of hard news, features, politics, education and sports coverage. The top 3 clearly separated themselves from the rest.

Collegiate Category 1: News Coverage

Judged by Keith Rathbun

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: The Lantern - The Ohio State University

Judge's comments: "O-H - It's an excellent collegiate newspaper. The Lantern proudly displays a good range of reporting from hard-hitting news to strong news features and investigative reporting. Consistently strong coverage and writing, solid page one design and layouts, and a well-organized news section with the jumps housed regularly on page 3. Very reader-friendly. Great photo accompaniment to its featured news stories."

Credits: Staff

SECOND PLACE: Daily Kent Stater - Kent State University

Judge's comments: "Great story selection and extensive, local (i.e. campus) coverage. Knows its community. Excellent, detailed coverage of a campus shooter and the ordeal of a three-hour lockdown. Great story challenging the secrecy surrounding the campus's presidential search. Nice accompanying photos and graphics."

Credits: Staff

THIRD PLACE: The Post - Ohio University

Judge's comments: "When covering university news and issues, The Post does a tremendous job. But sometimes important campus stories are bumped off the front page and take a backseat to stories of more general interest in the county as a whole. Even though it was well-written, the paper is stronger to keep its news hole filled by university campus news. That's your community."

Credits: Ryan Clark, Staff

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: The Pulse - University of Findlay

Judge's comments: "Stories are topical and of strong interest to its readers. News staff definitely has its collective 'pulse' on the student body's interests. Consistently strong front page content and layout. Sarah Stubbs penned an excellent article on the new fad, Twitter anonymous, and its pitfalls."

Credits: Staff

SECOND PLACE: The Collegian - Ashland University

Judge's comments: "Nice, easy-to-read content with traditional page layout and good headline writing. Strong writing, great photo selection, good copy editing."

Credits: Staff

THIRD PLACE: The Clarion - Sinclair Community College

Judge's comments: "Paper's slogan is 'Produced by students, for students,' and they do their job well. Good story selection on news that students can use. Solid writing and editing, good layout, orderly design. Great effort."

Credits: Whitney Vickers, Matt Sells, Andrew Fisher

Hooper Category 2: In-Depth Reporting

Division A judged by Dwight Woodward; Division B judged by Sue Zake; Division C judged by Mark Goodman; Division D judged by Dan Caterinicchia

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: News Democrat, Sunday

Judge's comments: "The reporting by the News Democrat on the death of a young man discovered hanging in the Brown County Adult Detention Center is an excellent example of detailed reporting by watchdog journalists. The stories provide explicit details of deputies allegedly taunting the young man before the controversial death and the impact of the entire proceedings on the community."

Credits: Carly Tamborski

SECOND PLACE: Chagrin Valley Times

Judge's comments: "This series of eight stories on a historic YMCA camp by writer Joan Demirjian published in the Chagrin Valley Times is an excellent example of how a good reporter and a community newspaper can keep the public informed in the public debate over the fate of a community resource. The story was enhanced by tight editing, photos and graphics."

Credits: Joan Demirjian

THIRD PLACE: The Budget, Sugarcreek

Judge's comments: "This series of articles in The Budget gives great details on the many facets of heroin addiction. The stories look at signs of addiction, how addicts get hooked, the impact of addiction on families and the community and attempts to solve the problem of addiction."

Credits: Beverly Keller

OVERALL COMMENTS

"All the stories in the competition were very good to excellent. The top places stood out because of the quality of the reporting and editing and the impact the issues covered had on the communities served by the newspapers."

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: The Press, Avon Lake

Judge's comments: "Nicely reported story about a potentially violent situation related to a neighborhood skate park. It captures the difficulties of the local police to diffuse the situation and relates a number of the events leading to an escalation of the confrontations between a resident living next to the park and some of the park's skateboarders."

Credits: Bryan Wroten

SECOND PLACE: People's Defender

Judge's comments: "Good story that shines a light on HB8, which would allow school districts to secretly arm school employees. The reporting is enhanced by the addition of local voices."

Credits: Paul Hannah

THIRD PLACE: Putnam County Sentinel

Credits: Anne Coburn-Griffis, Nancy Kline

OVERALL COMMENTS

"Many of the entries were incremental coverage from meetings, with no effort to dig deeper or provide more context or outside perspectives to help readers understand more fully. In-depth stories at their best contain elements of watchdog or investigative reporting and shine a light on issues and situations that readers may not know about on their own."

DIVISION C

FIRST PLACE: ThisWeek German Village Gazette

Judge's comments: "An extremely well-written story about concerns surrounding e-cigarettes. The story is covered from all angles: legal, health and community impact with the voices of local business owners included."

SECOND PLACE: Free Press Standard

Judge's comments: "An important investigative story that reveals serious missteps by government officials that would likely not have been known but for this reporter's persistence. An excellent example of the good community journalism can do."

Credits: Carol McIntire

THIRD PLACE: Monroe County Beacon

Judge's comments: "A thorough story about an oil well fire, its suspected causes and the serious environmental consequences of it. This is a story that would have been easy to cover superficially, but this newspaper went deep and gave its readers the full story."

Credits: Darin Brown

OVERALL COMMENTS "A nice variety of investigative, analysis and stories. The strongest reflect real reporting; not just repeating what public officials say but providing clarification and context."

DIVISION D

FIRST PLACE: Yellow Springs News

Judge's comments: "Very well done. Fair, balanced, personal reporting. Emotional at times, but clearly professional. The best of Yellow Springs' entries."

Credits: Diane Chiddister, Lauren Heaton, Megan Bachman

SECOND PLACE: The Press, North Ridgeville

Judge's comments: "The 'real people' in these stories made the series. Deep reporting that truly got to the heart of what it was like for this community to deal with the floods."

Credits: Michael Fitzpatrick

THIRD PLACE: Yellow Springs News

Judge's comments: "Incredibly comprehensive. Nice mix of historical perspective and present-day examples."

Credits: Diane Chiddister, Lauren Heaton, Megan Bachman, Carol Simmons

OVERALL COMMENTS "A wide mix of entries on an even wider variety of topics. All entrants should be commended for digging deeper into what matters to their readers and their communities. But the top 3 were clearly the best of the bunch."

Collegiate Category 2: In-Depth Reporting

Division A judged by Jack Brammer; Division B judged by Mike Shearer

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: The Lantern - The Ohio State University

Judge's comments: "This fine series showed dogged reporting to reveal information about lucrative contracts. The reporters should be applauded for tackling a complex issue and presenting it in an enlightening way. Superb use of graphics!"

Credits: Kayla Byler, Caitlin Essig, Kristen Mitchell, Liz Young

SECOND PLACE: The Lantern - The Ohio State University

Judge's comments: "This reporter took a sad subject and applied solid, shoe-leather reporting to it, showing an ugly but unfortunately realistic side of a college problem. Kudos to the reporter's perseverance."

Credits: Dan Hope

THIRD PLACE: The Post - Ohio University

Judge's comments: "The Post reporters 'stepped out of the box' to report on an important issue to its region. Many college newspapers are not so ambitious or daring. This one was not only so bold, but so good in doing it."

Credits: Joshua Jamerson, Staff

OVERALL COMMENTS

"The subjects for all entries were important. This showed strong news judgment by the entrants. Some, however, started as editorials or commentary instead of hard news stories. When you do in-depth reporting, bring on the bear. That's a cry to present quickly the importance and relevancy of your story and why."

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: The Collegian - Ashland University

Judge's comments: "Outstanding reporting and use of the web to report a critical story after final print edition of the year. Displays solid watchdog reporting while telling the story clearly. Well done."

Credits: Zack Lemon

SECOND PLACE: Cedars - Cedarville University

Judge's comments: "Thorough and well written. I learned a few things. Includes perspective of cost to students, although that angle could have been developed more fully. Would have helped the audience care more about the story."

Credits: Lauren Eissler, Emily Finlay, Madison Troyer

THIRD PLACE: The Collegian - Ashland University

Judge's comments: "Another strong entry from Ashland with more solid watchdog reporting and clear writing."

Credits: Chris Bils

Hooper Category 3: Best Local Feature

Division A judged by Dr. Catherine Cassara assisted by Jonathon Stinchcomb and Hannah Benson; Division B judged by Cheryl Kushner and Ann Schierhorn; Division C judged by Michael Sweeney; Division D judged by Jacquie Marino and Beth Butler

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: Twinsburg Bulletin

Judge's comments: "Excellent, powerful and flowed very nicely from beginning to end. It carried the reader through what he experienced. How he displayed optimism was smoothly woven throughout the story."

Credits: Andrew Schunk, "WWII bomber pilot shot down, never loses hope in POW camp"

SECOND PLACE: ThisWeek Westerville News & Public Opinion

Judge's comments: "Fantastic! Both immersive and personal. A wonderful portrait of a modest war hero. Readers will find themselves right in Ernsberger's shoes, despite the decades gone by."

Credits: Andrew King, "Local helped set date for D-Day"

THIRD PLACE: Fulton County Expositor

Judge's comments: "Great job of using a local incident to discuss a popular debate. Tells several perspectives, which shows the high quality of reporting that took place."

Credits: David Coehrs, "Local attack fuels pit bull debate"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"Entries were an interesting and eclectic mix. As varied as stories were, however, what brings the winners to the top is the writers' ability to construct enticing leads, follow with smooth transitions, consistently strong grammar, and carry their readers through with vivid imagery so that they will want to read to the end."

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: ThisWeek New Albany News

Judge's comments: "This profile is well-written and engaged the reader so that you know what this 15-year-old teen endured by the end of the story."

Credits: Lori Wince, "Teen battles brain cancer with vivacious smile"

SECOND PLACE: West Life, Westlake

Judge's comments: "This is an interesting topic with a good balance of quotes and narrative."

Credits: Nicole Hennessy, "Olmsted Falls resident raising funds for local homeless population"

THIRD PLACE: The Press, Avon Lake

Judge's comments: "Bryan Wroten's story on an artist in residence on Antarctica takes us there. Especially effective is the description of the scenery and the work of the researchers."

Credits: Bryan Wroten, "Artist in residence"

DIVISION C

FIRST PLACE: The Journal Leader

Judge's comments: "Wow. An engaging, heart-warming story of a high school student graduating after an amazing journey, told with empathy and yet restraint. A timely news peg. A strong narrative that takes the reader full circle on a Spanish-speaking immigrant's leap into American

school, taking him from fear to accomplishment to closure. And the writer didn't just settle for interviewing the subject. There is some real reporting here. Very well done."

Credits: Kreg Robinson, "Derribando Barreras 'Breaking Down Barriers' "

SECOND PLACE: Pike County News Watchman

Judge's comments: "There were many entries about people dealing with the shock, pain, and adjustment of crippling disease, but none so roundly reported and well told. A clever lede hooks the reader, and then the story blossoms with details, quotes, and scene setting so rare in a sports-related feature. Congratulations!"

Credits: Julie Billings, "Farmer's competitive spirit has him winning his fight with leukemia"

THIRD PLACE: Morgan County Herald

Judge's comments: "A well-told account, with a news peg, of what a particular service means to its patrons, as seen through their eyes. Great visual and auditory detail animates the story. Super job."

Credits: Mackenzie Woodburn, "Library On Wheels"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"Many good entries that went the extra mile in getting an extra source or seeking out an extra detail. The winners here had great subjects, multidimensional reporting, and writing that knew when to expand and explore, and when to pull back and let a dramatic moment tell itself. ... These are a slice of life, both ordinary and sublime, but interpreted with sublime grace."

DIVISION D

FIRST PLACE: Solon Times

Judge's comments: "A truly good writer can make the writing disappear while the story takes over. Sue Reid does that in 'Never Forget.' The character and the emotion draw readers through from beginning to end. She finds just the right balance of direct quotes and paraphrasing. The quotes are compelling; they advance the story and come just often enough to let us connect again with Holocaust survivor Betty Gold, the protagonist. Reid touches back on the news peg - a speech at a high school - to unify the story. She does it so lightly and deftly that it takes nothing from the emotion of Gold's story."

Credits: Sue Reid, "Never Forget"

SECOND PLACE: Archbold Buckeye

Judge's comments: "David Pugh shows both his writing and reporting skills in 'German Township.' Pugh deserves praise first for recognizing the story potential in a seemingly mundane topic. And if he hadn't asked all the right questions, this story would never have come to life: What was in the boxes? How do you clean old paper? Who tackles a project like this and why? Who pays for it? And for every question asked, the story provides illustrative details in answer. The story is wide-ranging but cohesive and well-organized."

Credits: David Pugh, "German Township Records Restored By Sauder Village"

THIRD PLACE: Yellow Springs News

Judge's comments: "When the teenage son of a Yellow Springs teacher was diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer, the family received an incredible amount of help from many people in the Yellow Springs community. Megan Bachman of the Yellow Springs News shows how this support materialized into a cause in 'Community helps fight a cancer.' The piece flows seamlessly from present to past, answering all the readers' questions as the main character, Team Chase, comes into view. Throughout the tightly-focused story, a theme of gratitude emerges."

Credits: Megan Bachman, "Community helps fight a cancer"

Collegiate Category 3: Arts & Entertainment

Judged by Steve Tarter

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: The Post - Ohio University

Judge's comments: "Love the big, bold 'Post Modern' motif. Story on pornography was well executed."

Credits: William Hoffman, Jim Ryan, Sophie Kruse

SECOND PLACE: Daily Kent Stater - Kent State University

Judge's comments: "Like the look - enjoyed the read. 'Untouched world' story was fascinating in both word and picture."

Credits: Patrick Williams

THIRD PLACE: The Lantern - The Ohio State University

Judge's comments: "Use of comic art here is a reminder of what a powerful communication tool it is in the print world."

Credits: Danielle Seamon, Matthew Lovett, Amanda Etchison

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JIM RYAN

ASST. MANAGING EDITOR

PORNOGRAPHY STATISTICS

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Percent of Internet that is pornographic content

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Percent of Internet searches that are for pornography

$10 BILLION

Annual pornographic revenues exceed this figure in the US.

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Women who act in porn films are greeted by past three times more than men

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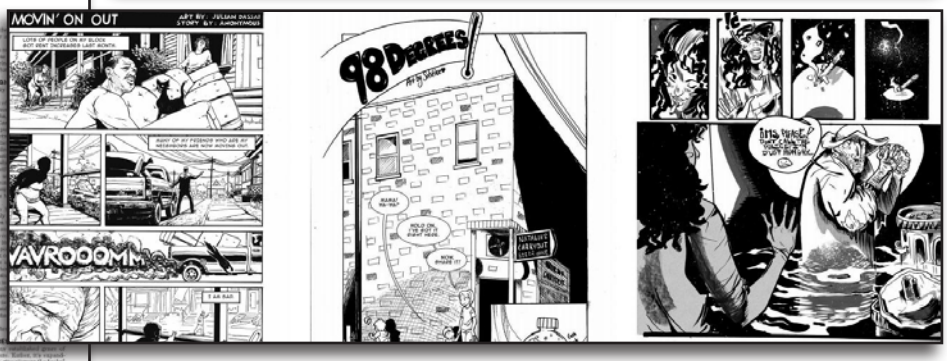

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STORY BY: ANONYMOUS

LOTS OF PEOPLE ON MY BLOCK BUT RENT INCREASES LAST MONTH.

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AN ETERNAL INTERE

Left: The Post covers the pros and cons of the pornography phenomenon.
Top right: Kent State students travel to the coast of Costa Rica to explore.
Bottom right: Comic strips featured in The Lantern's article, "Weinland Park to be focus of comic book narratives."

Opposite page

Left: The front page of first place winner, The Independent Collegian.
Top right: A Cedars student grew up in a circus, learned to breathe fire.
Bottom right: T&C Magazine used illustrations for a fashion spread.

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Navy's offense is a multifaceted challenge that Toledo's defense, which is currently ranked third overall in the MAC, has yet to face this season.

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MATTHEW EVANS "Why can't men be feminists?"

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Report: Faculty infighting endangers UT's doctoral psychology program

By Samantha Rhodes and Samuel Derkin

Are we the WORST generation ever?

We're accused of being lazy, disrespectful and apathetic. But is it true?

By Amanda Eggert, Community Editor

SOCIAL ISSUES

Medical marijuana debate comes to UT's campus

By Samantha Rhodes

Cheryl Shuman and a panel of physicians, patients and other professionals discussed their experiences with medical marijuana and explained why they felt it should be legalized on Oct. 11 in Nitschke Auditorium.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Virginia Scites: Girl on Fire

Senior theatre major learned many skills growing up in circus, including fire breathing

Photos by Madison Sternberg

Senior theatre major Virginia "V" Scites breathes fire outside the BTS. She was raised in a traveling circus and can also sword walk and fire dance.

by Kate Norman

Senior theatre major Virginia "V" Scites has a unique background: she was raised in a traveling circus.

Scites grew up traveling and performing historical circus acts with her parents and brother. She is a skilled fire breather and one of only seven or eight people in the world who sword walks. She is also a talented singer, contortionist and fire dancer, among many other things.

Scites originally went to Kentucky Christian University to major in music, but after two years, she switched to Cedarville for its more prestigious music program, she said. However, she said she decided to switch to theatre and finally found where she belonged.

How the Scites got into performing.

Scites' father, Eric Scites, majored in opera performance at Ohio State and had a great interest in the history of old American music, which eventually led to an interest in old American circus shows, V said.

Eric said that as a performer, he would take whatever work he could get until the right thing came along.

"I happened to accidentally stumble on doing some historical singing at an event, got interested, one thing led to the other," Eric said. "We started doing more and more research and started adding more and more things, and then next thing you know, it's a full-time job."

V and her parents all said the tricks they performed were self-taught and not difficult for them to learn. Eric said he learned through research -- finding out what the historical performers did and how they did it.

"Nobody's going to teach you how to do this stuff," he said. "You kind of learn it on your own."

V's entry into the family business

Although V's father, her mother Susan Scites and V's brother started performing a few years before she did, V said she finally jumped in when she was 9 because she was tired of staying home while the rest of her family traveled.

Eric said when they first started, he was singing with another lady while V listened.

"And finally, (V) came to Susan and said to tell me that we didn't need the other lady anymore and that she knew all the songs," Eric said.

Susan, her mother, said that V is a natural performer and that she always has been.

"You jokingly say 'drama queen,' but she has drama in her blood, and she loves to perform," Susan said. "The world is a stage to her, and she is going to use it to her advantage."

V said she started off as a contortionist, but by the time she was 12, her father had taught her how to fire breathe.

"He taught my brother and I and waited until after we knew how to tell my mom, who was not very happy because we were kids," V said.

V said when she was 13, she wanted to learn a more dangerous trick and learned to sword walk, which is walking up a stepladder made of swords.

"So that's what I did, and that was kind of my singular," V said. "I just decided that that sounded awesome, and I wanted to do it. For the most part, it was a lot of self-honed, have the patience to practice a lot and have the talent."

The traveling lifestyle

V and her family traveled to perform all over the country, performing 48 weekends out of the year and traveling the weeks between, V said.

The family did not buy a permanent home until V was 17, when they purchased a home in Pomeroy in southeastern Ohio to serve as a home base.

"But by then, I was about to leave for college, and they're still traveling, so it's more like a really expensive storage unit and less like a house," V said. "But we all have time to take away from our busy schedules to get

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DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: The Independent Collegian - University of Toledo

Judge's comments: "Big and bold -- like the layout and the well-edited material. Good photos, too."

Credits: Danielle Gamble, Amanda Eggert, Samantha Rhodes

SECOND PLACE: Cedars - Cedarville University

Judge's comments: "Can never get enough articles about fire-eaters. Interesting material handled well."

Credits: Kate Norman, Emily Paul, Staff

THIRD PLACE: T&C Magazine - Otterbein University

Judge's comments: "Striking design. Magazine format works well here."

Credits: Rebecca Knopf, Josh Park, Joshua Hartley, Matt Soppelsa

Hooper Category 4: Original Columns

Judged by Nancy Brendlinger and assisted by Kathryne Rubright and William Channell

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: Hudson Hub-Times

Judge's comments: "Tim Troglen localizes national and international topics in a compelling way."

Credits: Tim Troglen, "Smoke Signals"

SECOND PLACE: The Budget, Sugarcreek

Judge's comments: "Jessica Hartzler-Stock writes about the universal problems and joys of motherhood in a way that can appeal to mothers and adult daughters (with or without children), eschewing cliches and providing fresh insight."

Credits: Jessica Hartzler-Stock, "A Mom's Life"

THIRD PLACE: Chagrin Valley Times

Judge's comments: "Dave Lange takes on important issues with the local government and explains the problems by good reporting and writing that cuts through the bureaucratese."

Credits: David C Lange, "Lawsuits net dollars and sense," "Talk is cheap; health care isn't," "Alcohol could juice up economy"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"This division was full of strong contenders. It was hard to narrow the winners to three and to differentiate among the three finalists. Interesting topics and good writing was evident throughout. The newspapers in this division are providing their readers with various kinds of columns that would appeal to various audiences."

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: The Herald, Barberton

Judge's comments: "Carl Boon's columns express clear opinions based on research. They raise important questions about topics of local importance."

Credits: Carl Boon, "Affordable health insurance? Why not?," "Foundation scholarships need an examination," "Downtown towpath trailhead boom coming?"

SECOND PLACE: Putnam County Sentinel

Judge's comments: "Sarah Erchenbrecher Fryling writes insightful columns on the realities of motherhood, without the gauze filters. You don't have to be a mom to enjoy the wordsmithing or to understand her point. Anyone who has had a mother will be charmed and thankful."

Credits: Sarah Erchenbrecher Fryling, "Real Mom-ing"

THIRD PLACE: West Life, Westlake

Judge's comments: "Kevin Kelley gets third place on the strength of his column, on the photograph and on multiple readings of laws. The judges really liked the photograph story, which was a localized take on an important event in national history that well-illustrated racism then and made us think about racism now."

Credits: Kevin Kelley, "Photo captured grief of JFK shooting," "Road salt purchases don't require six weeks of scrutiny," "Beware of those who interview well"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"This was a competitive division with many strong individual columns. They were about local issues, well written and well researched. The top three stood out for their quality and consistency."

DIVISION C

FIRST PLACE: The Harrison Press

Judge's comments: "Joe Awad's columns were the unanimous choice of the judges for first place because of their solid writing and his ability to cover both locally important issues and write about the personal."

Credits: Joe Awad, "Theresa with an 'h'," "Miracles aside, training matters," "New law will yield cloudy days"

SECOND PLACE: The Tribune, Madison

Judge's comments: "Pat Greene not only shared her affection for her dog with the audience, but also provided us with interesting details and facts about dogs in general."

Credits: Pat Greene, "Battles with Butters"

THIRD PLACE: Pike County News Watchman

Judge's comments: "Sherry Stanley wrote authoritatively about rural issues that could both interest and be helpful for her rural and town neighbors. Her columns were based on solid reporting."

Credits: Sherry M. Stanley, "Rural Rendezvous"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"The entries in this division provided a wide range of topics, including local issues and history, public service information for specific groups within the communities such as veterans and farmers, personal insights and political opinions, and glimpses into the columnists' own lives.

Several columnists showed that they had spent a lot of effort researching or reporting their topics."

DIVISION D

FIRST PLACE: The Photojournal, Vermilion

Judge's comments: "Felton Finch is like the old uncle at Thanksgiving dinner who you are afraid is going to embarrass you in front of guests because of his opinions. But the wording is so clever and the writing takes such interesting turns, you can't help but laugh, even if you disagree with him. The three judges were laughing out loud and sharing choice phrases and images. The most entertaining of the columnists in this division."

Credits: Felton Finch, "Just For Fun - Letters From Felton Finch"

SECOND PLACE: The Press, North Ridgeville

Judge's comments: "Mike Fitzpatrick's crusading columns about local issues show a lot of reporting that supports his opinions and conclusions. Strong writing."

Credits: Michael Fitzpatrick, "Fitz to Print"

THIRD PLACE: Yellow Springs News

Judge's comments: "Lauren Heaton's columns are clearly written and of local interest. She blends opinion and information gained from reporting to make for convincing columns that suggest but do not demand courses of action."

Credits: Lauren Heaton

OVERALL COMMENTS

"Strong entries made this division difficult to rank order the winners. There was a wide variety of styles, but the winners all demonstrated that they were good wordsmiths, expressed their ideas in fresh ways and were able to stay away from cliches."

Collegiate Category 4: Opinion Writing

Judged by Peter Comings

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: Daily Kent Stater - Kent State University

Judge's comments: "It is hard to make engaging the more institutionalized form of the editorial. The submission was helped through its combination of editorial board perspective and the personal column submission from the editor."

Credits: Daniel Moore, Staff

SECOND PLACE: The Lantern - The Ohio State University

Judge's comments: "Fantastic writing with a great ability to make the personal something much more than navel gazing."

Credits: Danielle Seamon

THIRD PLACE: The Post - Ohio University

Judge's comments: "Inconsistent quality of entries hurt this, although the piece about the alleged rape was outstanding on its own."

Credits: Ryan Clark, Nicolien Buholzer, Brandon Carte, Haylee Pearl, Jim Ryan

OVERALL COMMENTS "The difference between first and second place was a close call and, in this judge's mind, finally came down to the difference between the missions of column writing and editorializing."

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: The Independent Collegian - University of Toledo

Judge's comments: "A gifted writer deals with personal issues that would make most of us cower."

Credits: Paris Black

SECOND PLACE: The Independent Collegian - University of Toledo

Judge's comments: "This entry renews faith that long editorials can be meaningful and not just ... long. Well-developed on a variety of issues that should be of importance of target readers."

Credits: Staff

THIRD PLACE: The Independent Collegian - University of Toledo

Judge's comments: "Clear writing by a student unafraid of calling the student government 'spineless' and backing up her use of the word. The three entries show a breadth of ability."

Credits: Danielle Gamble

OVERALL COMMENTS "Clearly, The Independent hit this out of the park. A hat-tip to all submitted writers, though, for sticking their necks out in a category in which there is no hiding."

Opposite page

Top left: Danielle Gamble said she was sick to her stomach during a student senate discussion on marriage equality.

Top right: Paris Black writes about her neighbor's suicide, the importance of not judging others' lived experiences and when to recognize you need help.

Bottom left: Danielle Seamon contests a Massachusetts law allowing photos taken up a person's skirt without that person's consent.

Bottom right: Daniel Moore writes about ethics in journalism and the consequences of false accusations after a Daily Kent Stater reporter fabricated a story on an offensive mark directed toward a high school student.

COMMENTARY

Spineless in student senate

DANIELLE GAMBLE
GUEST COLUMNIST

It is rare that I am angered to the point that I become literally sick to my stomach. But it happened yesterday, April 15, at Student Government while senate debated if they should pass a resolution supporting marriage equality.

I'll be honest; when this resolution first came up last week, I was lukewarm about it. It's not because I'm against the issue — I'm very pro-marriage equality. My hesitation and concern was with the scope of the resolution, and the fact that it was about a national topic that I wasn't sure UT's senate needed to address. Frankly, I thought senate should focus on grass-roots legislation about things happening closer to campus.

However, the timeliness of the resolution was undeniable — marriage equality is a hot issue in this state after a federal judge called for Ohio to recognize same-sex marriage just this week. And SG's amended resolution supporting marriage equality was well-worded, backed up by student advocates from Spectrum UT who really put it in perspective for me. I was particularly moved after two of the women spoke about recently getting engaged to their partners, and how much it would mean for them to feel like they had the support of their school community.

I figured with those factors, SG could pull themselves together for this resolution. Until I saw the disgusting display of incompetence that was this week's senate meeting.

Senators consistently refused to take responsibility for their vote. Too many refused to make a choice because they didn't feel they should *have* to vote on the resolution, and multiple senators called for the vote to be tabled yet another week. Others said not enough UT students were asked about marriage equality, so SG shouldn't pass legislation that didn't receive enough public support.

But much worse was the way that some senators talked about the LGBTQA community members. Phrasing that stressed separation and words such as "they" and "you" were used exclusively, like senators were afraid of being lumped in with the gays. At points, it even sounded like some senators were questioning the level of devotion Spectrum members had to the legislation — as if SG were some holier-than-thou advocacy group that had magical advocacy powers, and they should explain to lil' ol' Spectrum what it means to campaign for change.

Now, I am not affiliated with Spectrum, but if I was, I would be absolutely insulted. If I were approached by a senator to sponsor legislation as personal as that, I would be pretty excited. But after being shouted at, belittled and talked to

If I were approached by a senator to sponsor legislation as personal as that, I would be pretty excited. But after being shouted at, belittled and talked to like I was second-class student, I would write SG off as a

COMMENTARY

Understand before you judge

PARIS BLACK
IC COLUMNIST

Editor's note: This column contains imagery that may be disturbing to some readers.

Maybe if I were to swallow a half a bottle of Vicodin and chase it with a bottle of 1800, slice my wrist with that cheap razor from Family Dollar or maybe even drown my sorrows in my bathtub — the pain will eventually all go away.

Crazy how the mind of someone who could be sitting right next to you could be thinking of ways to kill themselves but never speaking about them aloud.

Have you ever heard the phrase "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade?" My next door neighbors' mission to commit suicide didn't go as planned when life kept giving her lemons; she let them pile up in a corner, growing mold until they made her sick.

I remember her lying on the bathroom floor where her 5-year-old sister found her. The water from the tub overflowing, cold, surrounding her motionless body. She was 11, the same age as me.

We were next door neighbors for about three and a half years, but were never really friends. Her little sister found her unconscious 15 minutes after she had taken her mother's pain killers. The words of her little sister continued to play in my head: "I just wanted to see if she would play Barbie's with me." She cried heavily, clenching my hand and T-shirt as they hauled her big sister's body off in the ambulance.

I cried a little myself; not because she tried to kill herself, but because her little sister cared so much about losing her that I just didn't know or understand why she would want to. But, that was just it. I didn't know or understand what was going on with her; I didn't know that her stepdad was raping her when her mom wasn't around. I didn't understand why she felt ugly and I didn't know she didn't have any friends. I still sit an

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The opinions of others are deadly. What you wear, how you look, what you say, even the way you breathe is being judged by people who don't have a say in the way you live your life.

I ask myself these questions the night I confessed to my best friends that I too have let the opinions of others get me down to the point where

The power of lies

A letter from the editor

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Daniel Moore

Journalism is in a unique role to tell the world's stories honestly and credibly. This week, that position was taken for granted.

I'm writing to explain one of journalism's greatest transgressions, how it happened this week at the Daily Kent Stater and how we will ensure it never happens again.

Editors on Wednesday were shocked to learn a reporter made up the first five paragraphs of a front-page story, "The Power of Words," that appeared Tuesday. The reporter fabricated a scene in which a white cheerleading captain at Kent's Roosevelt High School approached Imani Sales — a real student at the high school at the time — and made an offensive remark.

That scene never happened, and the Stater published it in Tuesday's paper and on KentWired.

During an investigation, the reporter admitted to making up the lead of the story. He had lied to his assigning editor and confirmed all the details were accurate. Because his fake scenario used a real person's name, copy editors were able to confirm the name's spelling and otherwise saw nothing unusual.

Upon learning of the fabrication Wednesday, editors acted immediately, took out that fabricated part of the story, then ultimately disposed of the story altogether later in the afternoon. The Stater apologized by phone to Sales and Kent Roosevelt's principal and athletic department.

Making stuff up and passing it off as true is nothing less than abominable ethics. According to the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism — and reprinted on syllabi in journalism classes here — "faking quotations, faking 'facts,' reporting things that did not happen are not only reprehensible; they could be actionable in court."

It's among the cardinal sins of journalism.

But even more important to me than lofty, academic jargon and fine print on course syllabi is the incredible and real harm that results from offenses such as these. The reporter's scene was fiction, but it damaged real people.

We harmed Imani Sales. We harmed the school's cheerleading squad and athletic department. We harmed students and alumni of Kent Roosevelt.

Which brings me to an unusual effect of journalism: its potentially explosive consequences. What's reported in seemingly small settings affects the big picture. When the reporting fails or facts are questioned, journalism's phrases and sentences and paragraphs make waves through a community and can close doors. When integrity is gone, people in the community may stop talking to each other.

The fabrication was the result of a reporter who didn't understand the magnitude of what he was doing. We have removed all of his previous stories from KentWired and notified him in a meeting that he is no longer welcome to work for us.

A transgression of this magnitude is sure to draw ire, especially from those directly involved. But I want to assure the Kent community that we recognize the damage, and it embarrasses me, the Stater staff and the school. Professors here have lectured on the principle of conveying truth from ethical, legal and moral standpoints. We are re-emphasizing the importance of ethics in journalism with the staff at the Stater.

I promise you we are taking every possible action to ensure this never happens again.

I offer my sincere apologies, on behalf of the Daily Kent Stater, to all involved.

Daniel Moore is the editor-in-chief of the Daily Kent Stater.

OPINION

Upskirt photography a shot to privacy, decency of American women

Courtesy of MCT

Lena, a fashion blogger, arrives for Issey Miyake Autumn/Winter 2014-15 Ready-to-Wear show held at Jardin des Tuileries in Paris Feb. 28.

DANIELLE SEAMON
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When I was 11, my mom, being the strong, outspoken East Coast woman that she is, was somehow able to abridge the sex talk to the following thesis:

"Your body is a temple. Keep your legs together until a man proves worthy and not pervy," she told me on a walk around the neighborhood she knew I could not escape.

Some 10 years later and more informed about the chirping of the birds and the buzzing of the bees, I hold onto that value.

However, if clothing giant American Apparel created the moral groundwork for the way American women dress and present themselves (as their name loosely suggests), being an all-American girl would mean my legs were made of peanut butter.

Recently, the store decided to begin advertising its miniskirts not by picturing a smiling young woman excited that summer is upon us, but with a faceless girl in a blue, pleated mini bent over in a field — white undies and all.

Of course, whining about this is like taking a bat to a dead horse.

The store seems unable to thrive without some drama pulsing in its infrastructure, which is how it became known for its extremely risqué campaigns. Rarely a week goes by where American Apparel is unable to provide some "unique" angle of a woman's breast in its advertising of beanies yet still not have to ask online shoppers if they are over 18 to access its website.

However, it is known that American Apparel does not represent our country any more than "American Idol" represents our taste in music.

What does represent the U.S., though, is Massachusetts, where for at least 24 hours earlier in March it was completely legal to take upskirt photos.

On March 5, Massachusetts' highest court ruled it was not illegal to secretly photograph up a woman's skirt or underneath her clothing, given she is not "'partially nude,' no matter what is or is not underneath the skirt by way of underwear or other clothing," Justice Robert Botsford of the state's Supreme Judicial Court wrote.

In other words, you're not a peeping Tom unless you are looking at my undergarments through a window, and sexual deviancy is not that unless you have an oostacle in the way of the money shot.

> "Because I am able to touch a man in the chest area without it being 'inappropriate' or 'violating' does not mean a man, with all puns intended, can do tit for tat."

The next day lawmakers banned upskirt photography, a decision I can only imagine was made upon waking up per "The Hangover" style asking, "What the hell did I do yesterday?"

However, this momentary lapse of judgement, spearheaded by a woman in the judicial system, invades female privacy more than the actual guy who was upskirting.

As today's culture allows women to be more free with their sexuality (Lady Gaga can wear a seashell bikini on TV while Rihanna can dedicate three minutes of radio time to her love of S&M), femininity in America no longer comes with the burden of hiding desire under a turtleneck and slacks.

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Hooper Category 5: Best Editorial

Judged by Jan Leach and Candace Bowen

NO DIVISIONS

FIRST PLACE: Cuyahoga Falls News-Press

Judge's comments: "Nice appreciation with recollection of achievements. Nice to read an editorial of praise. Good examples."

Credits: Phil Keren, "The end of an era: Seven-term mayor Don L. Robart's tenure filled with accomplishments"

SECOND PLACE: Pike County News Watchman

Judge's comments: "Nicely written and sincere. Good details."

Credits: Dustin Magill, "The Emmitt House: A Hometown Memory"

THIRD PLACE: Archbold Buckeye

Judge's comments: "Strong editorial with original reporting. Takes a stand that is clear and asks an important question for debate."

Credits: David Pugh, "Non-Emergency Transport - Did It Need To End?"

FOURTH PLACE: Archbold Buckeye

Judge's comments: "Strong editorial, again, with good reporting and good background. Asks a question that is important for the community and the future. Reasoned approach."

Credits: David Pugh, "New School Report Cards Get An 'F' "

OVERALL COMMENTS

"Winners knew what good editorials are -- they are the publication's voice, not a personal commentary, they include some good reporting to offer specific details to support the stand, and they do, indeed, offer a stand. A reasonable call to action is always a plus."

Middle: David Pugh from Archbold Buckeye offers alternatives to county commissioners' decision to stop a non-emergency transportation service that operated illegally.
Right: Pugh criticizes the Ohio Department of Education for its inability to answer questions regarding confusing school report cards.

Non-Emergency Transport– Did It Need To End?

Why were the Fulton County commissioners so seemingly anxious to get rid of the county non-emergency patient transport ambulance service?

The service, which went by the radio call Medic 94, used a regular ambulance and trained emergency medical technicians to move patients from nursing homes to hospitals, from one hospital to another, from homes to a kidney dialysis center.

Vond Hall, county administrator, and the commissioners say it was shut down because an obscure law was found buried deep in the Ohio Revised Code. The law, ORC 307.05, put into effect in 1994, prohibited a county of more than 40,000 people from operating such a service.

Based on that, Fulton County had been in violation of the law for years– probably close to two decades. But no agency, no board or commission, no state official– nobody– came knocking on Fulton County's door to tell it to stop.

Of course, the county must comply with the law.

But the commissioners made no attempt to seek some form of special permission, or waiver, or injunction, or anything to try to keep the service going. They decided on Dec. 17, 2013, the service would end in two weeks, on Dec. 31.

Ending non-emergency transports on extremely short notice caused difficulties for at least one family who had to plead its case to Delta Rescue for help. That family didn't receive official notification of the service termination from Hall until Wednesday, Dec. 30, the day before the service ended. How many other families faced this same problem?

Yet, if the commissioners were so scared of operating outside the law, why allow the service to run, illegally, for two weeks?

The commissioners stuck to their against-the-law stance even though our state senator and state representative said they would work on changing the law if the commissioners asked.

The commissioners never asked. Never even considered it. It was this newspaper that talked to the senator and representative, and learned they would be willing to help.

Perry Rupp, a commissioner, said the job of non-emergency transport of medical patients is better left in the hands of the private sector.

In theory, that's true. But can the private sector do the job better, safer, faster, and more efficiently than Medic 94? Especially considering that none of the private ambulance services are based in the county?

It almost seems as if the commissioners wanted to get rid of the non-emergency service, and the state law, ORC 307.05, was a convenient way to do it.

The commissioners say no, that was not the case.

With all due respect, we believe they could have made a better decision in this case.

New School Report Cards Get An "F"

The State of Ohio issued new report cards for schools and school districts in Ohio, which were supposed to be easier to understand.

The new report cards, and the State of Ohio, get an "F" from us.

The Ohio Department of Education graded schools for years. The federal government got into the act with "No Child Left Behind" legislation.

School grade cards have always been confusing and difficult for the public to understand.

The new cards are worse.

Steve Switzer, Pettisville superintendent, said he is "perplexed." Switzer has more than three decades in education, particularly administration, and holds advanced education degrees.

If he doesn't understand the new grade cards with his expertise, how can the public?

Another school official reported that they've called Columbus to get questions answered, only to have ODE officials say they don't know the answers, referring the callers up the ODE chain of command.

Plus, ODE didn't issue grades for all of the categories, and won't give schools an overall grade until 2015.

ODE dribbles out some information, but tells us not to compare to the previous cards, and don't try to average the grades together to get an overall grade. Is that akin to giving us bread, peanut butter, and jelly, but telling us not to make a sandwich?

After being a top-performing school district for more than a decade, Archbold Area Schools got a "D" on one portion. Pettisville, also a top performer, received an "F" in one category.

One year, the districts are pronounced Excellent school districts in the state... the next, they each manage three As and two Bs, out of a possible nine?

Instead of an "F," maybe ODE should get an "incomplete," with an offer to reconsider its grade if it redoes its work.

Collegiate Category 5: Sports Coverage

Judged by Steve Tarter

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: The BG News - Bowling Green State University

Judge's comments: "Nice design. Especially liked 'Walk This Way' graduation story. Lemon diet story addressed health issues in a way that won't sour readers."

Credits: Cameron Teague-Robinson, Danae King, Sports Staff

SECOND PLACE: The Lantern - The Ohio State University

Judge's comments: "Any doubts that football is top sport at Ohio State? Good photos, good layouts and straight shooting stories."

Credits: Eric Seger, Daniel Rogers

THIRD PLACE: The Post - Ohio University

Judge's comments: "Tidy little paper. Workmanlike and steady. Could use a little flash to set it off."

Credits: Chad Lindskog

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: The Independent Collegian - University of Toledo

Judge's comments: "Good photos. The layout and copy is sharp. I particularly liked the article on tough Lauf - nice to see role players get the spotlight from time to time."

Credits: Staff

SECOND PLACE: Cedars - Cedarville University

Judge's comments: "Runner Matt Brooker's ordeal - coming back from an auto accident - is well told. Lead article could have used a lead photo."

Credits: Zack Anderson, Beau Michaud, Greg Johnson

THIRD PLACE: The Collegian - Ashland University

Judge's comments: "Like the shaded column used for sports wrap-up. Stories could be more succinct."

Credits: Staff

OVERALL COMMENTS

"All the entries had strong points and showed signs of plenty of teamwork."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lauf's toughness — and his black eye — shine in UT win

By Blake Bacho
Associate Sports Editor

Freshman guard Jordan Lauf's contribution to the University of Toledo's 79-69 win Monday night over Florida A&M won't show up in any box score. His stat isn't anything too impressive, and his 15 minutes of playing time don't seem to stack up on paper to the rest of the team's time on the court.

But when Lauf stepped up to the podium to speak to media after the game, a brilliantly purple shiner underneath his left eye was tangible proof of how hard he had played that night.

And when you have everyone — from your own coach and teammates to the players you were guarding — vouching for your toughness, you don't really need anything else.

"I love him," said head coach Tod Kowalczyk after the game. "He is maybe the toughest kid I have ever been around. He is the ultimate team guy and he is our glue guy. I'm just glad I get to coach him for four years."

Lauf's toughness was put to the test early and often in a game that didn't look like it was going to go UT's way in the beginning.

Toledo (3-0) and Florida A&M traded the lead six times in the first half alone. Rattler senior guard Jamie Adams paced his team with 15 points in the first half. He would finish with a team-high 18 points.

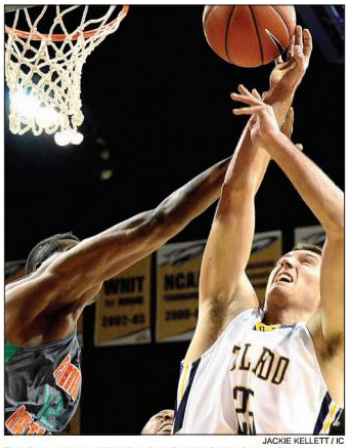
Lauf finished with only a single point, but he also added six rebounds to help his team reach 3-0 for the first time since 2003.

The rest of the Rockets' numbers were fairly more impressive — senior forward Rian Pearson and junior guard Juice Brown each had 18 points, and two other UT players finished in double digits.

It was Lauf, however, who would put his body in the way of Rattlers' junior forward Bobby King with 3.5 seconds left in the first half and Toledo down 40-39.

King slammed into Lauf,

See UT win / 6 »



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Freshman guard Jordan Lauf gets fouled on a layup attempt against FAMU Monday, Nov. 18. Lauf's defense toughness were on display throughout the game.

Left: Although he played only 15 minutes in a game against Florida A&M, University of Toledo freshman guard Jordan Lauf was labeled as tough by his coach and players after being knocked to the ground by another player. A vibrant purple bruise was visible underneath Lauf's eye as he spoke to the media following the game.

Hooper Category 6: Sports Coverage

Judged by Nicole Kraft

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: ThisWeek Hilliard Northwest News

Judge's comments: "Nice, clean design. Good use of photos and fonts. Stories are well told and solid throughout."

Credits: Staff

SECOND PLACE: Chagrin Valley Times

Judge's comments: "Comprehensive and well-designed. Articles and photos are strong. A leading entry."

Credits: Tony Lange

THIRD PLACE: Cuyahoga Falls News-Press

Judge's comments: "Clean design, strong photos. Headline font a bit of a challenge. Good graphics. Overall strong. Help the reader out using pull quotes or graphics."

Credits: Michael Leonard

OVERALL COMMENTS "This was a strong category of publications that clearly recognize the need to cover community sports well."

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Softball

Bradley eyeing tourney success

By BRAD EMERINE
ThisWeekSPORTS.com

The Hilliard Bradley High School softball team is hoping the momentum that it has built in the second half of the regular season carries over to the postseason.

The Jaguars lost five of their first nine games, but defeated Westerville North 17-7 in six innings in an OCC-Cardinal Division contest May 5 for their eighth win in 10 games.

Lindsey Love came on in relief in the first inning when the Warriors scored six runs and allowed only one run the rest of the way to earn the victory.

Bradley was 12-7 overall and 7-3 in the OCC-Cardinal before playing Westerville South on May 6 and Dublin Scioto on May 7.

The Jaguars, who will play host to Lakewood and Licking Heights in the Bradley Extravaganza on Saturday, May 10, are seeded 14th of 45 teams in the Division I district tournament and have a first-round bye.

They will play host to 17th-seeded DeSales or 44th-seeded Walnut Ridge in the second round May 15. The winner will play top-seeded Marysville, 16th-seeded Newark or 43rd-seeded Westland in a district semifinal May 20 at Pickering.

SOFTBALL >> A22

Bradley's Gracie Anton (left) heads up the field as Darby's Paeona Nabi gives chase May 1. Anton recorded three goals and an assist as the Jaguars won 15-9 to complete a sweep of Hilliard teams. Bradley also defeated Davidson 15-12 on April 22. Phil Villian/ThisWeekSPORTS

Girls Lacrosse

Jaguars knock off Panthers

By SCOTT HENNEN
ThisWeekSPORTS.com

Hilliard Bradley High School girls lacrosse coach Becky Mottlow was pleased with her team's performance in a 15-9 win over Darby 15-9 on May 1 in an OCC-Cardinal Division game, but added that the contest was about more than just winning.

It was a chance for the Jaguars to play against former teammates and rivals from the youth level. Bradley had that same opportunity nine days earlier when it beat Davidson 15-12.

"The relationship is great (between the Hilliard high school programs) and it's really kind of a family atmosphere," said Mottlow, whose team was 6-5 overall before playing New Albany on May 6. "The players have played together in youth lacrosse and were on the same teams as little girls. Some of my assistants coached (Darby) players and the (players') families know one another. It's always great."

The Jaguars, who finished 4-1 in the OCC-Cardinal, led Davidson 15-5 at halftime.

Kyra Loughridge had five goals to lead Bradley. Gracie Anton added three goals and one assist, Jazmin Rodriguez had two goals and one assist, Brienne Walker had two goals and Alex Anton had one goal and five assists.

"It took us a while (this season) to find our identity as a team," Mottlow said. "I think we now have the chemistry that we need and we're playing like a team."

Kenzie VanCleef had three goals and two assists to lead Darby, which is 5-10 overall and finished 1-4 in the OCC-Cardinal. Bri Rampi added three goals for the Panthers and Nycole Carter scored two.

"A lot of these girls have

GIRLS >> A22

Baseball

Central completes sweep of Darby

By SCOTT HENNEN
ThisWeekSPORTS.com

Eight errors in two games left the Hilliard Darby High School baseball team looking for help in the race for the OCC-Cardinal Division championship.

The Panthers fell to 8-3 in the league after being swept by Westerville Central, losing 2-1 on May 2 and 4-2 on May 5.

Darby, which was 11-10 overall before playing OCC-Cardinal games against Dublin Scioto on May 6 and Bradley on May 7, concludes league play Friday, May 9, at Bradley. Central was 10-1 in the league entering play May 6.

Darby committed two errors in the first game against Central and had six errors that led to four unearned runs, including three in the top of the seventh inning, in the second game against the Warhawks.

Nate Green pitched six hitless innings in the second game against Central. He was relieved by Eric Norton, who had two hits and scored two runs, in the seventh after the first batter of the inning reached base on a throwing error.

In his previous mound appearance, Norton threw the program's first perfect game, as Darby beat Scioto 10-0 in five innings in a league contest May 1.

"It was something to watch," coach Chris Fugitt said of the perfect game. "Nate struck out 12 of the 15 batters he faced. It was a lot of fun."

The Panthers lost two games in the St. Charles Classic on May 3, falling to the host Cardinals 9-8 in eight innings and Toledo Central Catholic 6-1.

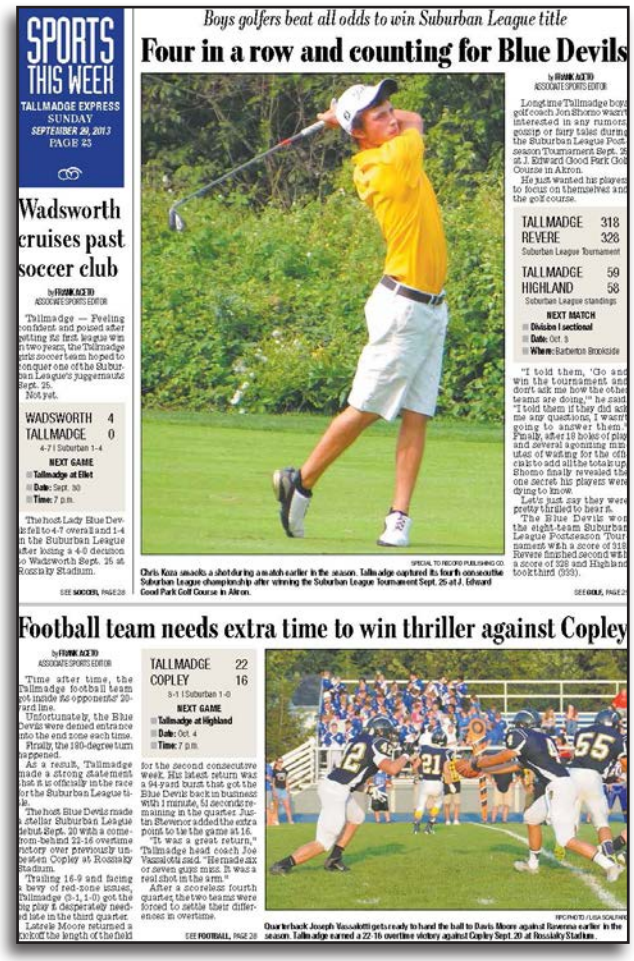
Darby is seeded 10th of 45 teams in the Division I district tournament and has a first-round bye. It opens Wednesday, May 14, at home against 28th-seeded Reynoldsburg or 43rd-seeded Walnut Ridge in the second round.

The Panthers have not played the Raiders or Scots this season.

The second-round winner plays third-

BASEBALL >> A2

Nate Green pitched six innings of no-hit ball, but Darby fell to Westerville Central 4-2 on May 5. Ron M.L. Young/ThisWeekSPORTS



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Boys golfers beat all odds to win Suburban League title

Four in a row and counting for Blue Devils

by FRANK ACETO
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Long time Tallmadge boys golf coach Jon Shomo wasn't interested in any rumors, gossip or fairy tales during the Suburban League Postseason Tournament Sept. 25 at J. Edward Good Park Golf Course in Akron.

He just wanted his players to focus on themselves and the golf course.

TALLMADGE 318
REVERE 328
Suburban League Tournament

TALLMADGE 59
HIGHLAND 58
Suburban League standings

NEXT MATCH
Division I sectional
Date: Oct. 1
When: Barberton Brookside

"I told them, 'Go and win the tournament and don't ask me how the other teams are doing,'" he said. "I told them if they did ask me any questions, I wasn't going to answer them." Finally, after 18 holes of play and several agonizing minutes of waiting for the officials to add all the totals up, Shomo finally revealed the one secret his players were trying to know.

Let's just say they were pretty thrilled to hear it.

The Blue Devils won the eight-team Suburban League Postseason Tournament with a score of 318. Revere finished second with a score of 328 and Highland took third (333).

SEE GOLF, PAGE 2

Chris Koza smacks a shot during a match earlier in the season. Tallmadge captured its fourth consecutive Suburban League championship after winning the Suburban League Tournament Sept. 25 at J. Edward Good Park Golf Course in Akron.

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Wadsworth cruises past soccer club

by FRANK ACETO
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Tallmadge — Feeling confident and poised after getting its first league win in two years, the Tallmadge girls soccer team hoped to conquer one of the Suburban League's juggernauts Sept. 25.

Not yet.

WADSWORTH 4
TALLMADGE 0
4-7 | Suburban 1-4

NEXT GAME
Tallmadge at Elliot
Date: Sept. 30
Time: 7 p.m.

The host Lady Blue Devils fell to 4-7 overall and 1-4 in the Suburban League after losing a 4-0 decision to Wadsworth Sept. 25 at Rossiaky Stadium.

SEE SOCCER, PAGE 28

Football team needs extra time to win thriller against Copley

by FRANK ACETO
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Time after time, the Tallmadge football team got inside the opponents' 20-yard line.

Unfortunately, the Blue Devils were denied entrance into the end zone each time.

Finally, the 180-degree turn happened.

As a result, Tallmadge made a strong statement that it is officially in the race for the Suburban League title.

The host Blue Devils made a stellar Suburban League debut Sept. 20 with a come-from-behind 22-16 overtime victory over previously unseen Copley at Rossiaky Stadium.

Trailing 16-9 and facing a bevy of red-zone issues, Tallmadge (3-1, 1-0) got the big play it desperately needed late in the third quarter.

Latrele Moore returned a kickoff the length of the field for the second consecutive week. His latest return was a 94-yard burst that got the Blue Devils back in business with 1 minute, 51 seconds remaining in the quarter. Justin Stevenor added the extra point to tie the game at 16.

"It was a great return," Tallmadge head coach Joe Vassalotti said. "He made one or seven guys miss. It was a real shot in the arm."

After a scoreless fourth quarter, the two teams were forced to settle their differences in overtime.

SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 28

TALLMADGE 22
COPLEY 16
5-1 | Suburban 1-0

NEXT GAME
Tallmadge at Highland
Date: Oct. 4
Time: 7 p.m.

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Quarterback Joseph Vassalotti gets ready to hand the ball to Davis Moore against Revere earlier in the season. Tallmadge earned a 22-16 overtime victory against Copley Sept. 20 at Rossiaky Stadium.

Left: ThisWeek Hilliard Northwest News
Right: Tallmadge Express

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: Tallmadge Express

Judge's comments: "Strong design. Good stories that are well-written. Photos are strong. Overall, an excellent package."

Credits: Frank Aceto

SECOND PLACE: ThisWeek New Albany News

Judge's comments: "Good design. Quality stories. Wish there was more depth to the section - many briefs - but a strong effort."

Credits: Staff

THIRD PLACE: West Life, Westlake

Judge's comments: "Comprehensive coverage. Design has some good elements - watch big copy blocks and use a dominant photo. Overall, a good effort."

Credits: Ryan Kaczmarski, Joe Ostrica

OVERALL COMMENTS "The best in this competition rose to the top fairly quickly, with many struggling with similar issues."

DIVISION C

FIRST PLACE: Pike County News Watchman

Judge's comments: "Nicely done. Clean design, strong writing. Good visuals. A strong package."

Credits: Julie Billings

SECOND PLACE: The Journal Leader

Judge's comments: "Strong visuals, though design needs to have a dominant image and less big blocks of copy. Writing serves the reader."

Credits: Kreg Robinson, Wally McAuley

OVERALL COMMENTS "Interesting approaches to serving community sports."

DIVISION D

FIRST PLACE: Vinton County Courier

Judge's comments: "Good effort. A lot of strong elements, good writing. Good photos. Much to like."

Credits: Staff

SECOND PLACE: News Democrat

Judge's comments: "Well-written with some strong design elements. Too many headline fonts at play.

Credits: Brian Durham

THIRD PLACE: Yellow Springs News

Judge's comments: "Some quality writing and a clean design. Try to develop comprehensive style elements that frame and support copy."

Credits: Megan Bachman

Collegiate Category 6: Design

Judged by Todd Franko

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: The Post - Ohio University

Judge's comments: "Good use of fonts and styles for hierarchy. Excellent use of space. Some columns are too wide. Feature packages are nicely put together, good use of sidebar styling. Masthead lacks interest in refers. Headlines need color on features. A very well thought out paper. The layouts are cohesive and smart."

Credits: Jake Newton, David Sebo

SECOND PLACE: The Lantern - The Ohio State University

Judge's comments: "Good use of photos for illustration of story. Graphics need more hierarchy. Lack of typographical hierarchy hurts many of the layouts. Overall a very good paper."

Credits: Kayla Byler

THIRD PLACE: Daily Kent Stater - Kent State University

Judge's comments: "Good use of photos with headlines. Section headers lack impact. Layout is stiff in some places and fluid in others. Overall this paper is solid."

Credits: Staff

OVERALL COMMENTS

"All entries are admirable. The Post has a distinct feeling of gravity. The Lantern is unique and utilizes photos well. The Daily Kent Stater is a solid paper.

It's great to see such solid work from colleges. There are a lot of talented people making good use of their skills in these publications."

Left: A spread of the first three pages from an edition of The Post
Right: A front page of The Lantern

Top left: Four pages from an edition of The Independent Collegian
Top right: Three pages from an edition of The Jambar
Bottom: Five pages from an edition of T&C Magazine

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: T&C Magazine - Otterbein University

Judge's comments: "Good use of color. Interesting page layouts. Pop-out quotes need smaller marks and larger type. Some pages are too busy. Very good publication."

Credits: Rebecca Knopf, Jennifer Hall

SECOND PLACE: The Independent Collegian - University of Toledo

Judge's comments: "Good use of photos and type. Nice use of color. Pages have good ratio of photos to text. Horizontal rules are too heavy. Nice publication altogether."

Credits: Staff

THIRD PLACE: The Jambar - Youngstown State University

Judge's comments: "Well-designed newspaper. Elements are too tight in some areas. Overuse of photos for page top refers on the front. Overall a very solid paper."

Credits: Paris Chrisopolous, Keeley Black, Corin Miller, Stacy Rubinic

OVERALL COMMENTS

"These publications all have different styles. I think each has particular attributes that help it stand apart from the rest.

T&C is a great example of creativity. The Independent Collegian is a great blend of creativity and standard newspaper elements. The Jambar maintains its design throughout and uses continuity very well."

Hooper Category 7: Design

Judged by Lori Carver

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: News Democrat, Sunday

Judge's comments: "Good use of color and photos providing reader with eye-catching opportunities."

Credits: Staff

SECOND PLACE: Stow Sentry

Judge's comments: "Organized well. Overall organization and placement was done well."

Credits: Marsha McKenna

THIRD PLACE: Cuyahoga Falls News-Press

Judge's comments: "Good use of color, art and graphics. Easy to read."

Credits: Phil Keren

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: West Life, Westlake

Judge's comments: "Well-balanced and pleasing to the eye. Color was very good and overall was well organized."

Credits: Tracy Miller

SECOND PLACE: Tallmadge Express

Judge's comments: "Good use of color and organized well."

Credits: Jaime Gerard, Frank Aceto, Holly Schoenstein, Terry Bumpas, April Helms

THIRD PLACE: The Press, Avon Lake

Judge's comments: "Appealing to the eye."

Credits: Jo Anne Porras

Bottom: Pages from Tallmadge Express

Top: Pages from The News Democrat, Sunday edition
Bottom: Pages from West Life

Top: Pages from The Tribune
Bottom: Pages from the Courier

DIVISION C

FIRST PLACE: The Tribune, Madison

Judge's comments: "Headlines look very good. Color is balanced and pleasing to the eye. Well organized."

Credits: Lisa Hollman

SECOND PLACE: The Gazette, Jefferson

Judge's comments: "Overall design is good, organized well. Makes this publication easy to read."

Credits: Stefanie Wessell, Shar Howe, Lisa Hollman

THIRD PLACE: Morgan County Herald

Judge's comments: "Overall design makes this publication appealing. Well organized and not overcrowded."

Credits: Staff

DIVISION D

FIRST PLACE: Vinton County Courier

Judge's comments: "Designed well. Organized and pleasing to the eye."

Credits: Angela Wince

SECOND PLACE: The Courier, Conneaut

Credits: Martha Sorohan

THIRD PLACE: Bluffton News

Credits: Austin Arnold

Bottom: Front pages from Vinton County Courier

Collegiate Category 7: Photojournalism

Judged by Steve Keller and Brad Sherman

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: The BG News - Bowling Green State University
Credits: Ron Zeisloft, Ruben Kappler, Alyssa Benes

SECOND PLACE: The News Record - University of Cincinnati
Credits: Phil Didion, Lauren Kremer, Tyler Stafford

THIRD PLACE: The Lantern - The Ohio State University
Credits: Ritika Shah

OVERALL COMMENTS

"Each of the top entries contain an emotional aspect, which is clearly, clearly shown and defined. Each of the winning photographers did an excellent job of capturing the moment, and these photographs brought the stories to life."

Top left: The BG News
Top right: The Lantern
Middle: The News Record
Bottom left: The BG News
Bottom right: The News Record

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: The Pulse - University of Findlay

Credits: Shelby Weems, Jake Dowling, Jingyun Liao

SECOND PLACE: The Independent Collegian - University of Toledo

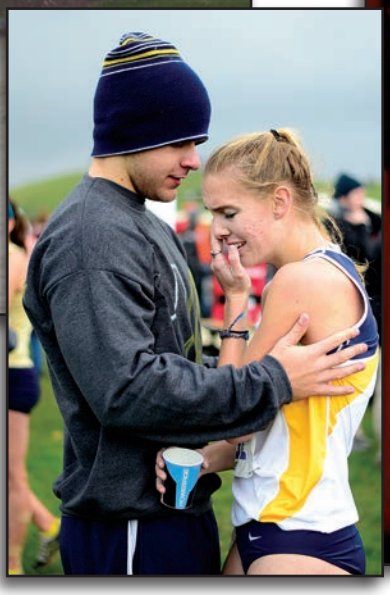
Credits: Jackie Kellett, Bob Taylor

THIRD PLACE: Cedars - Cedarville University

Credits: Madison Sternberg, Nathan Pilling, Jillian Philyaw

OVERALL COMMENTS

"Some extremely talented photographers in this group, from the first-place entry, particularly loved the juggler photo. Also loved Girl on Fire from the third-place winner. All are well done in terms of capturing the moment, and adding visual interest to their respective stories."



Top left: Cedars
Top right: The Pulse
Bottom left: Cedars
Bottom middle: The Independent Collegian
Bottom right: The Pulse

Hooper Category 8: Advertising

Judged by Lori Carver

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: The Budget, Sugarcreek

Judge's comments: "Exceptional. Ad stands out."

Credits: Milo Miller

SECOND PLACE: ThisWeek Westerville News & Public Opinion

Judge's comments: "Color is good."

Credits: Staff

THIRD PLACE: Twinsburg Bulletin

Judge's comments: "Original and good use of a black and white ad."

Credits: Joe Gasper, Mick Marano

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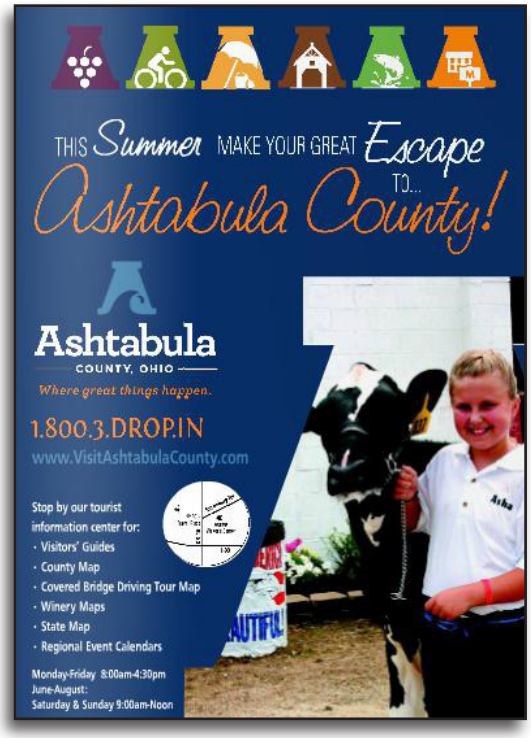
Top right: Gateway News
Bottom left: The Budget
Bottom right: ThisWeek Westerville News & Public Opinion

Left: The Press, North Ridgeville
Right: The Gazette



DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: Gateway News
Credits: Martha Doyle

SECOND PLACE: People's Defender
Credits: Peggy Niswander, Terry Rigdon

THIRD PLACE: The Herald, Barberton
Credits: Jon Nelson, Jim Colombo, Cheryl Vespoint

DIVISION C

FIRST PLACE: Morgan County Herald
Judge's comments: "Well done. Color is great and ads are laid out well."
Credits: April Nichols

SECOND PLACE: The Gazette, Jefferson
Judge's comments: "Pleasing to the eye and well organized."
Credits: Rachel Turner

THIRD PLACE: The Journal Leader
Judge's comments: "Good use of color."
Credits: Kreg Robinson

DIVISION D

FIRST PLACE: The Press, North Ridgeville
Judge's comments: "Well done. Ads are well designed, creative, and original."
Credits: Connie Thomas

SECOND PLACE: Ada Herald
Judge's comments: "Good use of color and designed well."
Credits: Betty Ellerbrock, DeeAnne Hornung

THIRD PLACE: The Photojournal, Vermilion
Judge's comments: "Organized well."
Credits: Staff

Collegiate Category 8: Headline Writing

Judged by Steve Keller and Brad Sherman

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: The BG News - Bowling Green State University

Credits: Alex Alusheff, Abby Welsh, Dylanne Petros, Danae King, "A flood of discussion," "Crabs on the beach?," "A higher rate of acceptance"

SECOND PLACE: The Post - Ohio University

Credits: Staff, "Bringing ink into the paint," "A bond between Kat and dog," "Freshman climbs Vine to Internet popularity"

THIRD PLACE: The Lantern - The Ohio State University

Credits: Staff, "Ohio State's Block 'O' seeks to rip chant off list," "Last call: Charlie Bear to abandon South Campus Gateway," "Fences fall: Ohio State fans swarm Mirror Lake early"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"The judges were extremely impressed with the creativity and impact of all entries in this group. The Number 1 and Number 2 winners were very close in the judging, but 'Flood' and 'Crabs' were the words that made the judges want to read further. Well done Bowling Green!"

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: The Jambar - Youngstown State University

Credits: Liam Bouquet, Frank George, Cassandra Twoey, Gabrielle Fellows, "Damage Dunn," "I think, therefore I drink," "Beer, Boobies and Them Bastards"

SECOND PLACE: Cedars - Cedarville University

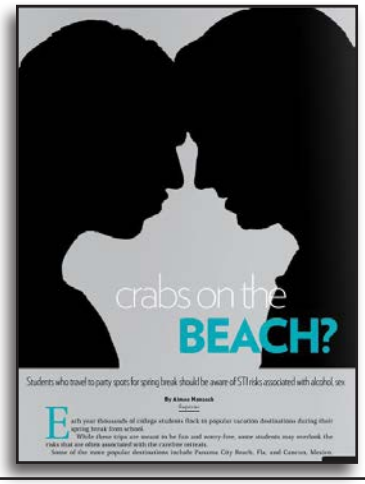
Credits: Staff, "Concealed carry: Will Cedarville pull the trigger?," "A major change: A major change?," "Virginia Scites: Girl on fire"

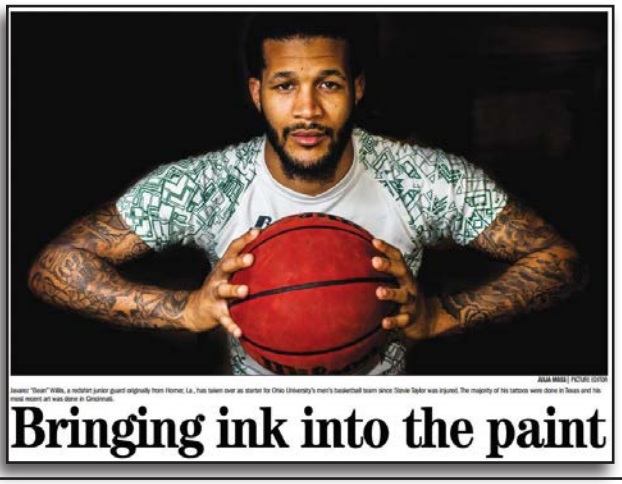
THIRD PLACE: The Pulse - University of Findlay

Credits: Abbey Nickel, "Hitting the books: Minivan collides with UF bookstore," "Un-bareable? Students speak up about activities in Bare Hall," "Harsh winter makes blood donations run cold locally"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"There was a lot of good competition in this group, but The Jambar had the most attention-grabbing choices."





Left: This BG News article covers concerns involving college students on spring break, such as alcohol, STIs and nonconsensual sex.
Right: Javarez "Bean" Willis , starter for OU men's basketball, displays his various tattoos on the cover of The Post. Willis said his tattoos show his progress.

Hooper Category 9: Best News Photo

Judged by Ken Garland

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: ThisWeek Dublin Villager

Judge's comments: "Good angle to show action. Excellent capturing of moment to portray story. Well-composed photo with good depth and use of rule of thirds."

Credits: Ryan Young, "Departments share training on plane crashes and propane tank blazes"

SECOND PLACE: ThisWeek Westerville News & Public Opinion

Judge's comments: "Good composition and good use of shallow focal length. Nice depth. Excellent job of capturing a moment of indecision and thought."

Credits: Joshua Bickel, "Searching for a good book"

THIRD PLACE: Chagrin Valley Times

Judge's comments: "Strong emotion and a good job of capturing the moment."

Credits: Geoff Powers, "Tears of sorrow for Eli Sachar: Village residents show outpouring of support"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"The entries were strong and each one had its own strength. It was a very evenly distributed field in terms of quality of competition."

Left: Chagrin Valley Times
Top right: ThisWeek Westerville News & Public Opinion
Bottom right: ThisWeek Dublin Villager

Top left: The Herald, Barberton
Bottom left: The Times-Junction (3rd place)
Bottom right: The Telegram Jackson

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: The Herald, Barberton

Judge's comments: "Fabulous photo! Excellent composition and timing. Moment is captured beautifully and photo portrays sense of urgency and captures the emotion/fear of the dog. Engages reader in the event."

Credits: Rich Muller

SECOND PLACE: The Herald, Barberton

Judge's comments: "Strong composition and good action photo that supports the story very well."

Credits: Rich Muller

THIRD PLACE: The Telegram, Jackson

Judge's comments: "Excellent timing for photo to show the fire still burning. Outstanding moment captured. Asymmetrical framing effective for including idea of location and for keeping flames in center of photo."

Credits: Bradford Sherman, "Fire destroys vehicle on Four Mile Road"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"Overall, very strong competition. Excellent job of capturing moments and emotion. Plus, some very well-composed photos that did a good job of visually telling the story."

DIVISION C

FIRST PLACE: Pike County News Watchman

Judge's comments: "Powerful photo. Clearly illustrates the story visually. Both destruction and cold - the crucial factors of the story - are well portrayed in the photo. It's a well-composed photo that creates a feeling of being there for the reader."

Credits: Julie Billings, "Emmitt House lost in fire"

SECOND PLACE: The Times-Junction

Judge's comments: "Photo depicts good action and moment. Excellent visual representation of the written story. Photo tells story well and is well composed."

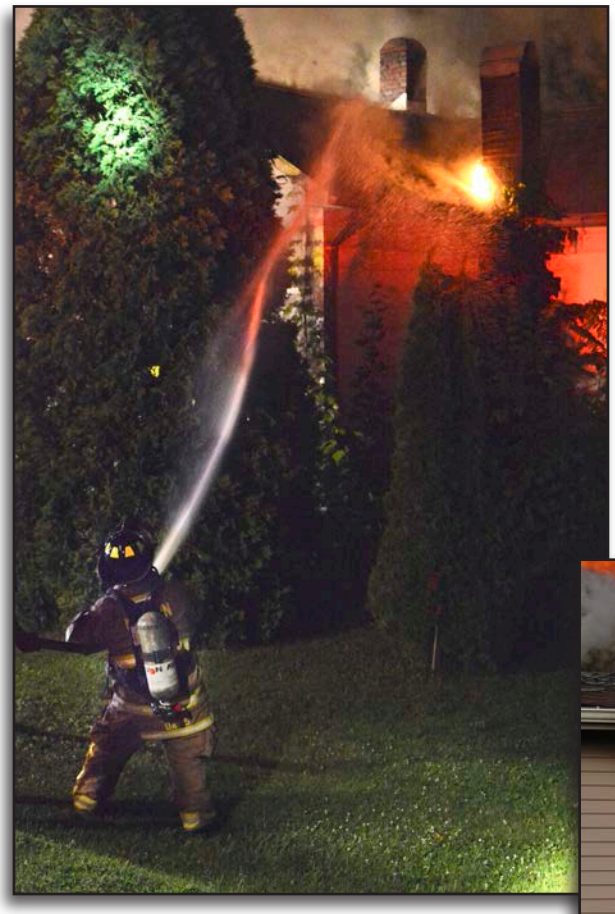
Credits: Jane Ernsberger, "Three departments respond to house fire"

THIRD PLACE: The Times-Junction

Judge's comments: "Photo depicts action and moment excellently."

Credits: Jane Ernsberger, "Deputies raid house in search of drugs"

OVERALL COMMENTS "An even distribution of quality in the photos. Some clearly were strong while some of the subject matter provided little opportunity to capture engaging images."



Left: The Herald, Barberton
Top right: Pike County News Watchman
Bottom right: The Times-Junction (2nd place)

DIVISION D

FIRST PLACE: The Photojournal, Vermilion

Judge's comments: "Photo of resident being rescued and the rescue boat ready to assist both have great dimension. Uses strong depth of field. The moment captured in the photo shows great action and portrays the story well in visual form."

Credits: Katy McElroy, "Flood Rescue"

SECOND PLACE: Archbold Buckeye

Judge's comments: "After cropping and enlarging image of photo it provides excellent visual representation of caption story. Photo is well composed and shows good detail."

Credits: David Pugh, "Semi Burns On Ohio Turnpike"

THIRD PLACE: Yellow Springs News

Judge's comments: "Photo tells story and portrays emotion. The photo also supplements the article with new and different information. The photo is well composed but could have slightly less space on the right side."

Credits: Lauren Heaton, "Villagers seek answers over death"

OVERALL COMMENTS "Very strong competition. The majority of photos included key elements such as proper composition, capturing a moment, action and visual telling of a story. There were a number of quality entries."

Top left: The Photojournal, Vermilion
Right: Archbold Buckeye
Bottom left: Yellow Springs News

Collegiate Category 9: Best Multi-Media Package

Judged by Erica Peterson

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: The Lantern - The Ohio State University

Judge's comments: "This is a true multi-media experience. With a story, graphic, interactive map, interactive graphic, a video and a slideshow, you provide several ways to get your audience involved and keep them engaged with a story heavy in stats and numbers - not an easy feat! Well done."

Credits: Liz Young, Kayla Byler, Kristen Mitchell, Caitlin Essig

SECOND PLACE: Daily Kent Stater - Kent State University

Judge's comments: "You really took advantage of the 'endless' space available online to provide lots of documentation and information to readers about the fate of a beloved professor. The interactive Q&A videos were fantastic and compelling, and it was good to see student comments included with this package."

Credits: Rex Santus, Jason Kostura

THIRD PLACE: The News Record - University of Cincinnati

Judge's comments: "You provided a nice package of stories on the topic, arranged in a visually appealing and interactive way. And the video was powerful and effective. A great example of telling different parts of a story through different media."

Credits: Zachary Gerberick, Becky Butts, Kara Driscoll

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: Cedars - Cedarville University

Judge's comments: "What a perfect story to supplement with strong photos and videos. Watching her breathe fire, eat fire and walk on swords tells the story so much more effectively than print alone. This is the only video I had to watch twice. Great job."

Credits: Kate Norman, Nathan Pilling, Madison Sternberg

SECOND PLACE: Cedars - Cedarville University

Judge's comments: "Great work of using social media effectively to tell the story. Storify was a good choice to show how involved the community was in the story. Nice work."

Credits: Zack Anderson, Lauren Eissler, Nathan Pilling

Left: Infographics used in The Lantern
Middle: One of many administrators used in The Lantern's slideshow
Right: Video on hiring administrators

Hooper Category 10: Best Feature Photo

Divisions A and B judged by Ken Garland; Divisions C and D judged by Leonardo Carrizo

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: ThisWeek Dublin Villager

Judge's comments: "Outstanding example of capturing a moment. The photo has very solid composition and uses both depth and depth of field effectively. Also a refreshing angle was utilized."

Credits: Joshua Bickel, "Gentle persuasion"

SECOND PLACE: ThisWeek Westerville News & Public Opinion

Judge's comments: "This is a beautifully composed photo. Excellent angle, depth, lead room and very good use of F-stop setting with sky in the background. The rule of thirds is well applied - especially for the positioning of the flag. And good action is captured."

Credits: Lorrie Cecil, "Heroes running"

THIRD PLACE: Chagrin Valley Times

Judge's comments: "Outstanding shot. A perfect moment was captured, the photo was well composed and the short depth of field truly enhances the quality of the photo."

Credits: Geoff Powers, "Geauga fresh open for season"

OVERALL COMMENTS "Subject matter of children was similar throughout the entries. Some excellent moments were captured in almost all of the photos. The photos were well timed and some displayed creative and refreshing angle changes."

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: West Life, Westlake

Judge's comments: "Great photo. Perfect capturing of a moment. The photo tells the story. It has emotion, action and reaction. And it is well composed."

Credits: Kevin Kelley, "Selfie"

SECOND PLACE: West Life, Westlake

Judge's comments: "Excellent composition. Excellent moment captured. Excellent emotion portrayed. Gives perfect visual image of what is described in the caption."

Credits: Sue Botos, "Cooking up fun"

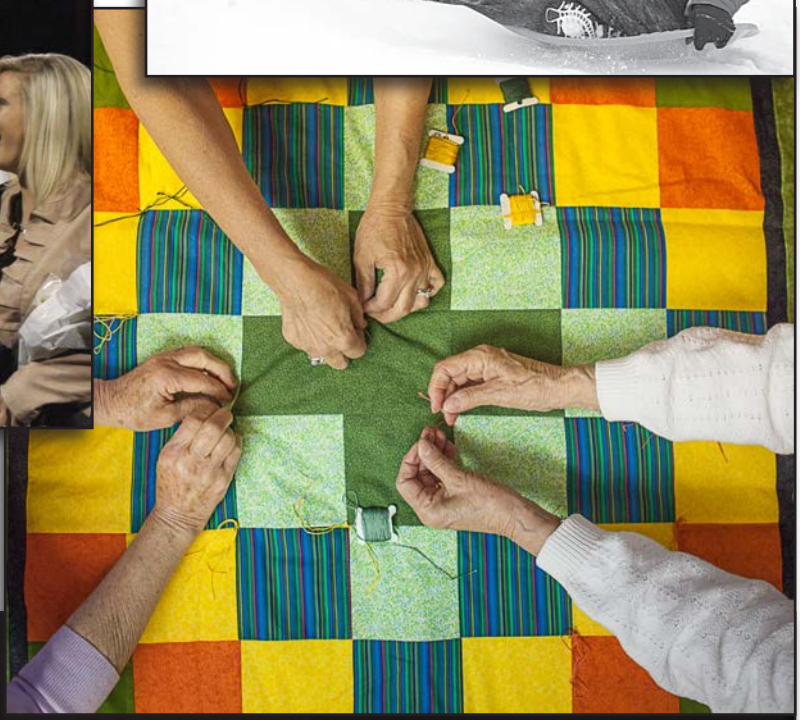
THIRD PLACE: ThisWeek New Albany News

Judge's comments: "Solid composition in the photo with the asymmetrical framing helping depict the only three students on the floor. Good depth in the photo. And the photo helps give the viewer a sense of being at the event while adding good visual support to the article."

Credits: Lorrie Cecil, "Students unite for annual Peace Week"

OVERALL COMMENTS "Strong competition. A number of the photos depicted a visual image that complimented the article or caption. Also, overall, the photos did an excellent job of capturing both action and emotion."

Top left: ThisWeek Dublin Villager
Top right: Yellow Springs News
Middle left: Pike County News Watchman
Middle right: Solon Times
Bottom left: The Harrison Press
Bottom right: West Life, Westlake (1st place)



DIVISION C

FIRST PLACE: The Harrison Press

Judge's comments: "Good job moving around to find the right angle to capture the kids' smiles. Capturing moments and emotions make great feature photos; this photograph has both."

Credits: Patricia Huelseman, "MADkids diggin in"

SECOND PLACE: Pike County News Watchman

Judge's comments: "The subject's expression is great and makes the image stand out."

Credits: Julie Billings, "Homecoming Queen's Surprise"

THIRD PLACE: Perry County Tribune

Judge's comments: "I like the perspective from above."

Credits: Deb Hutmire, "Forever in Peace"

OVERALL COMMENTS "It was a pleasure to see the wide variety of photo coverage done by the photographers of each publication."

DIVISION D

FIRST PLACE: Solon Times

Judge's comments: "This photograph complements the story very well. The colors pop and the hands lead the eyes towards the center of the photo. I like the fact that I can't see the faces of the women working. Instead I can concentrate on the quilt."

Credits: Geoff Powers, "Loving hands stitch comfort into prayer quilts"

SECOND PLACE: Yellow Springs News

Judge's comments: "This is a classic winter feature photo. You can't go wrong with a kid sledding and playing with his dog."

Credits: Suzanne Szempruch, "Slippery slope"

THIRD PLACE: The Photojournal, Vermilion

Judge's comments: "Beautiful image and well displayed on the page."

Credits: Scott Dommin, "Fourth of July"

OVERALL COMMENTS "Great representation of community photojournalism."

Left: ThisWeek New Albany News
Right: West Life, Westlake (2nd place)

Collegiate Category 10: Best Website

Judged by Travis Siebrass

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: The Lantern (www.TheLantern.com) - The Ohio State University

Judge's comments: "There is a lot to like on this website. Great mix of stories at the top of the page, with nice, big photos. Headlines could probably be upsized. Color-coded sections in the navigation bar and farther down the page are a nice touch. Sections are well organized. Shorter summaries with a few more headlines would give readers more options. The right-hand side of the page is strong. I like the videos, most popular stories and most commented stories. All in all, a very clean design."

Credits: Staff

SECOND PLACE: Daily Kent Stater (www.KentWired.com) - Kent State University

Judge's comments: "I really like the top section of the site. Nice photo play gets your attention. Other headlines are smaller with no summaries. Good mix of stories in the top third of the page. The navigation bar is a little busy and makes it hard for readers to find what they're looking for. I like that video is featured high on the page. A screen grab of a featured vote might grab the reader more than a headline. Site could use more section headers, like news, sports, A&E, etc., so readers know what they're clicking on if the headline doesn't make it clear. A few too many small photos on the page."

Credits: Staff

THIRD PLACE: The Post (www.ThePostAthens.com) - Ohio University

Judge's comments: "Site does a great job of putting attention-grabbing photos in the rotisserie. It's hard to read small headlines below the main photo. The navigation bar is solid. I like that it features subsections on the left. Your eye goes there first. If the reader is looking for a certain story, that option is also there. Twitter widget is prominently featured and has interesting content in it. I like the feature element. It does a great job of separating the rotisserie from the section headers. The sections feature of the website is good. One photo featured in each section is nice and clean."

Credits: Staff

OVERALL COMMENTS "There's a lot to like with the designs and editorial content in this group. Attention to detail is probably the one thing that separates the winners in this group."

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: Cedars (www.Cedars.Cedarville.edu)- Cedarville University

Judge's comments: "Site is well organized, with plenty of photos to draw attention to stories. Navigation bar is easy to use. A good mix of content at the top of the page, with clearly defined sections in the lower third of the home page. I like the editor's choice section. It pops off the page. One thing I might recommend is limiting the number of options in that section. Popular news widget on the left side of the page is clean. That section might benefit from fewer photos."

Credits: Staff

SECOND PLACE: T&C Magazine (www.Otterbein360.com) - Otterbein University

Judge's comments: "The multimedia section is an attention grabber. The navigation bar is busy. I really like

putting the calendar at the top of the page. It might help readers if the main art element at the top of the page is in the top left, rather than the middle. I like how the sections are ordered farther down the page. Enough news to give readers a choice, but not so much that it's overwhelming. Twitter and Facebook widgets are a nice touch."

Credits: Gena DiMattio

THIRD PLACE: The Collegian (www.AshlandCollegian.com) - Ashland University

Judge's comments: "I like the popular/commented/Facebook activity widget at the top of the page. Photo at the top of the page should be bigger. Nice big photos below the top story, though. That section could probably benefit from a header. Recent headlines header is a nice touch. Site has too many small photos. Sometimes less is more. Multimedia section at the bottom of the page is good. Easy to find videos and galleries."

Credits: Staff

OVERALL COMMENTS

"Tough to pick a winner in this group. All three sites have things that they do well."

Top left: Daily Kent Stater
Top right: The Lantern
Bottom right: Cedars

Hooper Category 11: Best Sports Photo

Divisions A and B judged by Hans Meyer; Divisions C and D judged by Bob Stewart

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: Chagrin Valley Times

Judge's comments: "Wrestling can provide some amazing shots, and you did a fantastic job capturing the pain and interesting of the sport. The player's eyes really tell the story along with the awkward angle of the player in green's head. I love that the angle of the photograph is close because it really feels like you are sitting on the mat looking up at them. My only complaint is the photo is cropped pretty square. Provide some more on the left and ride side."

Credits: Geoff Powers, "Bombers, Lions, Preppers, Wolverines grapple at 49th Kenston Invite"

SECOND PLACE: ThisWeek Hilliard Northwest News

Judge's comments: "This is a pretty amazing moment you captured. The composition and clarity of the photo are amazing as well. Focus is nearly perfect. I'd like to see the caption and how the photo was used on the page."

Credits: Joshua Bickel, "Darby laments miscues on offense"

THIRD PLACE: ThisWeek Dublin Villager

Judge's comments: "You captured this intense emotion well. I love the composition which includes all the team. I think the depth of field is just right with the green team players mostly in focus and the white team players mostly out of focus.

Credits: Joshua Bickel, "Rocks top Irish in district final"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"Overall, it's great to see so much action-packed photography. All the photographers did a great job capturing intense moments of action. It was difficult to decide on just three photos. However, I think the three winners here stood out for the range of emotions they all convey through the faces of those pictured."

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: ThisWeek New Albany News

Judge's comments: "Amazing photo. The photographer did an excellent job not just catching the thrill of victory but also composed the photograph effectively to highlight this emotion. I love the reaction on the winner's face which contrasts effectively with the second place runner. I love how the photographer used depth of field correctly to ensure only the winner was in sharp focus while the blurred background gave the impression of motion. I loved the crop that also underscored the action while filling the frame with important elements. Great job!"

Credits: John Hulkenburg, "VIKINGS"

SECOND PLACE: West Life, Westlake

Judge's comments: "Nice photo. I loved how the photographer used motion blur to convey how fast this runner is going. The focus is pretty much perfect also because it highlights what's most important here. My one nitpick comment is I think it's cropped to tight. I'd give the runner more space to run to. I'd also like to see the runner's legs."

Credits: Daniel Ondercin, "Avon sweeps"

THIRD PLACE: The Herald, Barberton

Judge's comments: "First, I really love the angle of this shot. Shooting with the action coming right at you helps frame and focus this shot. It's also clear what the story of this photo is. The colors are also amazing and draw me in. If I were to nitpick, it would be that I would have used a larger aperture so that more of the background would be out of focus. I also don't like the square crop. I know you'd end up cutting someone's head off, but I would have experimented with cropping down from the top more. "

Credits: Rich Muller, "The Magics defense swarms over Kenmore quarterback Sherod Clark"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"The field in this competition demonstrate effectively how newspapers can still tell a story through photos by not just capturing the action, but also by contextualizing and help readers understand why this story is important. The winners here did an excellent job not just getting the right shot, but also composing the shot in such a way to underscore what's most important. They all also demonstrated what good photography does better than any other media. Good photojournalism captures the emotion of an event better than any other medium."

DIVISION C

FIRST PLACE: Pike County News Watchman

Judge's comments: "This photo captures the intensity of the mid-air drive to the basket, and the all-out effort to defend the hoop. The framing of this shot is wonderful, complete with the American flag in the background. The shutter clicks at exactly the right moment. The observer doesn't know the outcome of the play, but knows that both players are giving their all."

Credits: Julie Billings, "Veach drives to the basket"

SECOND PLACE: The Journal Leader

Judge's comments: "This photo captures the emotion that is associated with great triumph, or even a profound loss. The observer knows that the athlete is 'all in.' We can't avert our eye from the moment, which makes it a very engaging photo."

Credits: Wally McAuley, "Kolby Rayner becomes emotional after earning a spot in the state wrestling tournament in Columbus"

THIRD PLACE: Pike County News Watchman

Judge's comments: "An excellent 'golden moment' sports photo. Crisp, well-framed and technically perfect. The jumper has the look of a bird-man, twisting over the bar."

Credits: Julie Billings, "Five Redstreaks have their eyes set on the podium at state competition"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"The winning photos in this category should serve to inspire sports photographers looking to capture the moment, the emotion, the intensity of the game."

DIVISION D

FIRST PLACE: Bluffton News

Judge's comments: "This photo captures THE moment of the game, when everything is at stake. Great anticipation on the part of the photographer. Picture is technically clean, well-framed, and worthy of being clipped and put on a lot of refrigerators."

Credits: Mark Yoder, "Noah Stratton blocks Spencerville's extra point attempt to keep Bluffton in the lead late in the game"

SECOND PLACE: Archbold Buckeye

Judge's comments: "A classic example of the after-game photo that captures what sports can mean to the athletes, as well as their coaches and mentors. This coach appears to be giving a life lesson to a player. He's speaking for the community. Nice photo."

Credits: Mary Huber, "Streaks Fall In Regional Final"

THIRD PLACE: Bluffton News

Judge's comments: "This image gives new meaning to the aerial nature of football. Not a forward pass, but rather a flying player, stopped mid-air by a defender. The photo isolates this moment for the observer."

Credits: Marvin Foster, "Robert Demmellweek tackles Ross Stewart of Allen East"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"Lots of good work to commend. The winners in this category found the right moment to convey to the readers: a special moment, a turning point in the game, the impact of a loss."

Top left: Archbold Buckeye
Top right: ThisWeek Dublin Villager
Middle left: ThisWeek New Albany News
Bottom left: Bluffton News (first place)
Bottom right: Chagrin Valley Times

Hooper Category 12: Best Headline

Judged by Dr. Terry Rentner

NO DIVISIONS

FIRST PLACE: The Telegram, Jackson

Judge's comments: "Creative, enticing headline that draws reader into the story. Headline is short, crisp, easy to read and uses a strong action verb that fits the context of the story and summarizes the action. The headline is so unusual that the reader is instantly intrigued and pulled into the story. This headline was a fresh, creative way to attract readers."

Credits: Pete Wilson, "Jesus exiled with a price tag"

SECOND PLACE: Twinsburg Bulletin

Judge's comments: "A fresh, creative headline that draws readers into the story. The headline doesn't overstate or sensationalize but provides an appropriate tone to match the content of the story."

Credits: Andrew Schunk, "Exhale at the door before dance floor"

THIRD PLACE: West Life, Westlake

Judge's comments: "A very intriguing headline that draws the reader into the story. This is a clever play with words that is fun, yet doesn't become too cute and take away from the importance of the story."

Credits: Tracy Miller, Kevin Kelley, "Matia crosses street, resigns from seat"

FOURTH PLACE: Solon Times

Judge's comments: "An engaging headline that attracts the reader through clever use of wordplay without sacrificing clarity. The use of a strong, active verb provides an interesting and inviting headline that also clearly summarizes the story."

Credits: Ellen Kleinerman, "Loving hands stitch comfort into prayer quilts"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"This was a very strong category of unique, interesting, and creative headlines. Good use of strong, active verbs made the headlines intriguing and invited readers into the stories. Very difficult to narrow down to top four. Congratulations to all who submitted."

JESUS EXILED
WITH A PRICE TAG

Jackson Schools' court settlement finalized; portrait must be removed and District must pay $15,000 in damages and $80,000 in legal fees

By Pete Wilson
Executive Editor

Although the Jackson City School District attempted to withdraw from a lawsuit over the legal right to display a painting of Jesus Christ in its schools, it will still have to pay financial damages and attorneys' fees.

The terms of a settlement in the case of *Sam Doe I et al vs. Jackson City School District* were approved Friday, October 4, by U.S. District Judge Algenon L. Marbley of the U.S. District Court for Southern Ohio.

See JESUS A3

Bottom: The Telegram, Jackson

Hooper Category 13: Special Edition/Section

Judged by Bill Reader

DIVISION A

FIRST PLACE: The Press, Millbury

Judge's comments: "This special section was a cut above the rest in this category. Graphically, it's beautiful. The content is good, useful and very easy to scan. There's great advertiser support here, and the content doesn't sound like something created by the advertising department."

Credits: Staff, "Biggest Week in American Birding - 2014 Visitor's Guide"

SECOND PLACE: ThisWeek Westerville News & Public Opinion

Judge's comments: "This takes second on breadth and scope. It does a great job of previewing each prep team. It contained a lot of information. Solid advertiser support. Lots of photos."

Credits: Staff, "Friday Night Live"

THIRD PLACE: The Budget, Sugarcreek

Judge's comments: "This publication did a good job of previewing the event and telling readers what to expect."

Credits: Staff, "Special Section - Horse Progress Days"

DIVISION B

FIRST PLACE: The Telegram, Jackson

Judge's comments: "A very impressive 'health and fitness' magazine insert packed with local content and ads and packaged in a manner that is sure to attract readership (and seems a perfect magazine to have sitting around in waiting rooms throughout the region)."

Credits: Staff, "Just For The Health Of It: Live And Learn"

SECOND PLACE: Geauga County Maple Leaf

Judge's comments: "A very thorough HS football tab."

Credits: Jamie Ward, Nikki Mansour, "2013 Football Preview"

THIRD PLACE: Geauga County Maple Leaf

Judge's comments: "Interesting and well-edited 'fall preview' special insert."

Credits: Staff, "Autumn Leaf"

Bottom: The Budget, Sugarcreek

Top: The Press, Millbury
Bottom: The Telegram, Jackson

DIVISION C

FIRST PLACE: Paulding Progress

Judge's comments: "Clever approach to 'serializing' the history of the county via a timeline layout. The layout is open and quite effective, and sufficient space is provided to make it easy to navigate. A real 'page turner.' "

Credits: Melinda Krick, Kelly Pracht, "Visions of Paulding County 2014 Edition"

SECOND PLACE: The Gazette, Jefferson

Judge's comments: "Very nice profile of many regional wineries. A little problem is the very obvious 'pay-to-play' layout (ads on the left, articles about those wineries on the right, sometimes with very similar photography)."

Credits: Staff, "Uncorked"

THIRD PLACE: The Gazette, Jefferson

Judge's comments: "Good, thorough preview of many events at the county fair, along with relatively recent photos from previous fairs."

Credits: Staff, "Ashtabula County Fair"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"The winning entries all put an emphasis on devoting staff to generating original content with distinct local emphasis."

Top: Yellow Springs News
Bottom: Geauga County Maple Leaf

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FIRST PLACE: Yellow Springs News

Judge's comments: "Excellent 'user guide' to the community, and the selection of a special theme each year keeps the publication from becoming little more than a new directory year to year. The content is topical and engaging, written primarily by the full-time staff of the paper (the professionalism of the writing and photography is evident). Overall, a very impressive effort for a newspaper of any size."

Credits: Diane Chiddister, Lauren Heaton, Megan Bachman, Lauren Shows, Staff, "The Guide to Yellow Springs - A Village Welcomes Wellness"

SECOND PLACE: The Photojournal, Vermilion

Judge's comments: "Very good summer preview edition. The content is well-written and very well organized. The publication strikes the right balance of editorial and advertising in the front half, giving it high readability. The overall layout and design is very professional and inviting. The whole package has a lot of keepsake value."

Credits: Karen Cornelius, Candace Barczyk, Susan Borso, "Visit Vermilion"

THIRD PLACE: Solon Times

Judge's comments: "The publication does a great job of profiling a number of interesting local businesses. A little ad-heavy on the front end, otherwise, a fine edition."

Credits: H. Kenneth Douthit III, Amanda Petkiewicz, Sue Reid, "Solon Connection"

OVERALL COMMENTS

"Two very strong contenders for the top spot here, but the Yellow Springs News gets the nod because of the exceptional attention to content - articles and photos both made the annual 'directory' much more than a listing of local businesses and organizations."

Hooper Category 14: Community Awareness

Judged by Dave Martens

NO DIVISIONS

FIRST PLACE: Jackson County Times-Journal

Judge's comments: "This project is a fine example of making local history come alive for readers. Felicia Tackett, Jeremiah Shaver, Jennifer Hughes and Lisa Trackett reported thoroughly and photographed well the event reenactments. The video was an especially engaging element to their reporting."

Credits: Jennifer Hughes, Jeremiah Shaver, Felicia Tackett, "Civil War 150"

SECOND PLACE: Vinton County Courier

Judge's comments: "Tyler Buchanan reported the story of Vinton County becoming a 'food desert' with the closing of a local food store. Readers were kept informed and told their stories through his ongoing reporting over the months. Fine example of staying with the story as it continued to unfold and impact readers' lives."

Credits: Tyler Buchanan, Joe Higgins, "Vinton County Food Desert"

THIRD PLACE: Yellow Springs News

Judge's comments: "This series helping readers understand the local economy is well-reported and used data to show changes taking place. Reporters Lauren Heaton, Diane Chiddister, Megan Bachman and Carol Simmons clearly coordinated their coverage to provide a thorough overview."

Credits: Diane Chiddister, Lauren Heaton, Megan Bachman, Carol Simmons

FOURTH PLACE: The Press, Millbury

Judge's comments: "Kelly Kaczala and Melissa Burden provided a real community service by reporting thoroughly on funding decisions for senior programs."

Credits: Kelly Kaczala, Melissa Burden, "Community looks at need for new senior levy"

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'The Last Full Measure' reenactment

The following photos were taken at the "The Last Full Measure" reenactment held on Saturday, June 14. The majority of the activities held outside of the Lillian Jones Museum in Jackson. Events of the reenactment were held at Jackson's McKinley Park. At the park, a time capsule was buried that will not be opened until Tuesday, April 12, 2061, which would mark the 200th Anniversary of when the American Civil War began.

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PHOTO BY JEREMIAH SHAVER
...ers are pictured carrying a coffin to be loaded ...e" wagon. This was part of the funeral reenactment procession to a "grave" at McKinley Park.

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Pictured is the Civil War funeral procession to a "grave" at McKinley Park. Once at the park, a time capsule was buried to wrap up the day.

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Folks are pictured grabbing some quick photos of one of the Civil War Reenactors that rode in the funeral procession reenactment.

PHOTO BY JEREMIAH SHAVER
...a beautiful house pulling a "hearse" wagon, used for the Civil War funeral procession re-

PHOTO BY JEREMIAH SHAVER
Surgeon Jim O'Moore is pictured during the surgery reenactment, that drew in a crowd that watched as O'Moore amputated a foot of a wounded soldier. He's pictured sawing through the bone of the soldier's leg.

PHOTO BY JEREMIAH SHAVER
Autumn Smith is pictured taking a photo of her boyfriend Scott Perkins with "Honest Abe" aka President Abraham Lincoln.

PHOTO BY JEREMIAH SHAVER
Tom Evans and Jason Brown are pictured preserving history, as they buried a time capsule in Jackson's McKinley Park to wrap up "The Last Full Measure" reenactment. The time capsule will be opened on Tuesday, April 12, 2061, which would mark the 200th Anniversary of when the American Civil War began.

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Sonya Avery, who portrayed a grieving widow, is pictured placing a rose of a coffin during the closing events of the "The Last Full Measure" reenactment.

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Union soldiers are pictured cooking a "ham" over an open camp fire at the mini encampment, which was a part of the "The Last Full Measure" reenactment.

Left: Video coverage of Jackson County Times-Journal's Civil War reenactment.
Right: Jackson County Times-Journal displays photos from the reenactment.

Hooper Category 15: Best Website (Independent)

Judged by Ray Marcano

NO DIVISIONS

FIRST PLACE: Archbold Buckeye (www.ArchboldBuckeye.com)
Credits: Mary Huber

SECOND PLACE: Yellow Springs News (www.YSNews.com)
Credits: Matt Minde, Diane Chiddister, Lauren Heaton, Megan Bachman, Staff

Hooper Category 15: Best Website (Group)

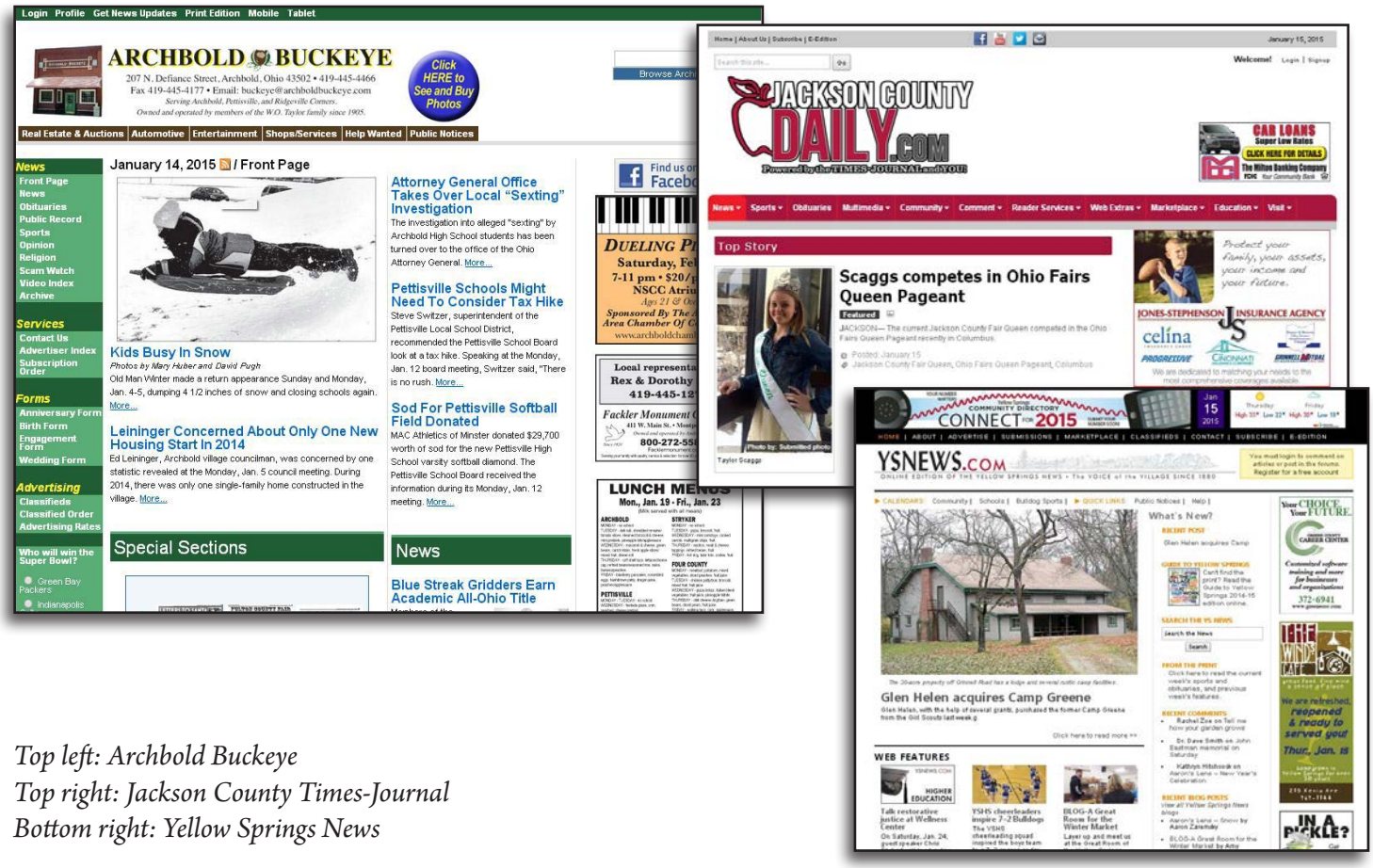
Judged by Ray Marcano

NO DIVISIONS

FIRST PLACE: Jackson County Times-Journal (www.JacksonCountyDaily.com)
Credits: Jennifer Hughes, Jeremiah Shaver, Jackie Denuit, Felicia Tackett, Paul Boggs Jr.

SECOND PLACE: Putnam County Sentinel (www.PutnamSentinel.com)
Credits: Staff

THIRD PLACE: Ada Herald (www.AdaHerald.com)
Credits: Kirk Dougal, Ashley Lehman, Anne Coburn-Griffis



Top left: Archbold Buckeye
Top right: Jackson County Times-Journal
Bottom right: Yellow Springs News

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