ONLINE

News Video

Weekly

1. Lynda Clancy
Penobscot Bay Pilot
Route 90 car crash injures three teens
Nice coverage of breaking news. Editing helped keep the video at a length capable of keeping viewers watching.

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

3. Eric Bailey, Samantha Hogan
The Maine Monitor
Alan Sipress talks Middle East
High production quality. Hogan does a great job conducting an interview on camera.

Daily/Weekend

1. Joe Phelan
Kennebec Journal
Mail boat video
Unique and interesting.

2. Linda Coan O’Kresik
Bangor Daily News
Bacon trouble Nice voice overs, transitions and cuts.

3. Russ Dillingham
Sun Journal
River Arrest Good spot coverage.

Sports Video

Weekly

1. Morgan Mitchell
St. John Valley Times
Basketball player with intellectual disabilities Great sports feature. Good job telling a great story.

2. Susan Johns
Wiscasset Newspaper
Sharing racing: Wiscasset Speedway Short and to the point. Nice voice over and editing to get the message out quick and clear.

3. Zack Miller
The Courier-Gazette
Round and round: 50 years of racing A different kind of sport video with good production quality. Good work gathering and sharing information.

Daily/Weekend

1. Troy R. Bennett
Bangor Daily News
Flat track racing returns to Maine
Great use of visuals and sounds that complement the interviews perfectly. The multiple sources are a plus as well. Video gives viewers a detailed crash course on flat track racing in less than two minutes.

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

3. Ben McCanna
Portland Press Herald
Freestyle footballer Patrick Shaw
This video is a nice addition to the article it was published with, but it doesn’t provide much as a standalone project.

Features/Lifestyle Video

Weekly

1. Charlie Stuart
The Maine Monitor
Bumblefoot Farm Among the highest production quality in the category. Longer than most entries, but that works well for a feature.

2. Ben Bragdon
Kennebec Journal
Editorial Page sections Clean layout with plenty of local, well written perspective.

3. Ben Bragdon
Morning Sentinel
Mus editorial page design The inclusion of letters from local readers was refreshing to see.

Sports Section

Weekly 1

1. Staff
The Camden Herald
Sports Section

2. Staff
The Calais Advertiser
Sports Section

3. Phil Stuart,
John Rogers
Lawrence County
News Observer

Daily/Weekend

1. Staff
Sun Journal
Sports sections
Lots of great local content and art. The graphics displaying first and second-team recipients were a nice touch in the ‘Best of the Best’ edition. June 9 edition displays a nice variety of sports, touching on just about everything. March 1 edition shows dedicated coverage of state basketball tournaments and also delves into hockey. Nice use of staff.

2. Bill Stewart, Sports staff
Kennebec Journal
KJ sports sections Packed with lots of local content and fantastic art. Most of the photos tell their own stories and are nice complements to their packaged stories.

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

3. Staff
Morning Sentinel
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1. Jean Lamontanaro
Casino Patriot
Looking for gift ideas? Eye catching. Makes you want to click away!

2. Amber Clark
The Lincoln County News
Coastal Car Wash Who doesn’t love a good sale!

3. Jean Lamontanaro
The Weekly Packet
Award Winning News Very pretty ad.

Daily/Weekend

1. Marcie Coombs
Bangor Daily News
Marsh Realtors - Marsh Property Mgmt. Clever to include flash images into each ad. Very informative and nice visual art.

2. Sales, David Pierce,
Property Mgmt.
Looking for gift ideas? Easy on the eyes but very informative ad. Nice way to target TSA/HSA patients before eoy.

3. Staff
Portland Press Herald
Portland Symphony Orchestra Very nice homepage takeover. Love the artistic element especially while advertising the arts. Very clean and classic design while still drawing attention to the subject!

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

Game Story
Weekly 1
1. Mark Haskell
The Camden Herald
Camden Hills’ yeoman over-time effort
Stories about tough losses are often the hardest to write. Game was well-detailed and strong use of quotes.

2. Sarah Craighead Dedmon
Machias Valley
News Observer
The Machias Bulldogs Great community support for this basketball team. Story is well done and shows a team on a mission.

3. Ken Waltz, Zack Miller
The Camden Herald
Late Kelly goal lifts Windjammers
Some of the most important game played in difficult conditions. A good read.

Weekly 2
1. Mark Haskell
The Republican Journal
Champions’ meal: Vikings again
Very well written story along with great artwork about the baseball team. The pictures on the jump page are great.

2. Mark Haskell
The Courier-Gazette
In usual classic playoff battle, Panthers
Softball, baseball, softball. Lots to read about on the front to draw people to the rest of your sports section.

3. Lynda Clancy
Penobscot Bay Pilot
Firefighters, ski patrol, rock climbers

Daily/Weekly
1. Ernie Clark
Bangor Daily News
Deprey’s buzzer-beater lifts Caribou
I felt like I was at this intense game. The background information about both teams made me aware that this game was an important one despite it being a State Championship game.

2. Randy Whitehouse
Sun Journal
Red Storm thwart Vikings rally
This is a great story with a big up and down ride that you take the readers on. It was really neat to see some of the facts you integrated.

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

Sports News Story
Weekly 1
1. Zack Miller
The Camden Herald
Lost treasures: Daley brings baseball History is important and this story tells part of a community’s history through baseball. It is interesting what you find in unexpected places.

2. Jessica Potila
St. John Valley Times
Fort Kent student recognized
Nice story and well-deserved recognition for the young man. He has a long, enjoyable career in this profession.

3. Joseph Cyp
Houlton Pioneer Times
SAD 70 revamps athletic, co-curricular Interesting read and comparison of other districts’ eligibility requirements.

Weekly 2
1. Mark Haskell
The Courier-Gazette
Life in limbo: Uncharted waters
Very good job. The writing keeps the reader from thinking, “Oh no, another COVID story.” It keeps them engaged.

2. Mark Haskell
The Courier-Gazette
Court pivot: Coach Breen switches
Very well written.

3. Mark Haskell
The Republican Journal
Busline League crossover games
Cute opening and good job and explaining the brackets.

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

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

3. Randy Whitehouse
Sun Journal
Oak Hill coach Doucette dies at 45
The story did what it needed to do in using multiple sources to convey the impact of this coach’s death. Lots of long quotes, but they work in this type of story because they evoke emotion from the reader.

Sports Headline
Weekly 1
1. Ken Waltz
The Camden Herald
Chute, let’s have a party: U.S. National Toboggan I love the wordplay. A bit long, but overall very all appealing and makes me want to read the story.

2. Stuart Hedstrom
The Piscataquis Observer
Puck drops for Piscataquis County Ice Arena Like the pun, but at first, I didn’t get what the pun meant at first, being I don’t know hockey very well, the story gave context and i could appreciate it better.

3. Heidi Murphy
The Original Irregular
Hot Winter
Clever use of wordplay.

Weekly 2
1. Ken Waltz
The Courier-Gazette
Shellshocked: Griffith sinks others in lobster crate gauntlet

2. Paula Roberts
The Lincoln County News
Foes on the Field, but Generous Allies When the Chips Are Down

3. Ken Waltz
The Republican Journal
Mustang dynamo: Coolen
The headline and story about a soccer family was something that caught my attention immediately. This story had a lot of info in it and was well put together.

Daily/Weekly
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Sun Journal
Kicking it with family
I love using the sport you are featuring and an old family term.

2. Bob Conn
Times Record
Sharpe’s ‘grand’ win for Dragons

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The Camden Herald
Icenom cometh: Zamboni drivers
Who doesn’t want to drive a Zamboni? Fun, interesting story of people who love what they do.

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

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

Weekly 2
1. Ken Waltz
The Republican Journal
Revs need to win revolution Excellent column. I absolutely loved your column about your son. I related to you as a parent on so many levels.

2. George Harvey
Penobscot Bay Pilot
At the heart of school sports Very nice.

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

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

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

Sports Columnist
Weekly 1
1. Ken Waltz
The Camden Herald
Hair, house, golf glue that binds
These are great columns that bring a sense of nostalgia.

2. Monique Labbe
The Weekly Packet
From the Sidelines
I really liked the column about the coaches. It’s easy for parents and even report- ers to be too hard on them.

3. Zack Miller
The Camden Herald
Throwing it out there: My son
These are both nice pieces of work. The writer shows personality and insight while getting right to the point.

Weekly 2
1. Ken Waltz
The Republican Journal
Reality check: No more fun and games Very good at telling the story of the lockdown from the perspective of the one feeling lost from the pandemic.

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2. Nina Mahaleris
   The Star-Herald
   Presque Isle High School Graduation
   Love the focus on this young man but yet showing the looks of the fellow students along with him waiting with excitement.

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

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   The Lincoln County News
   Beach Burn
   Dramatic shot showing flame and smoke. Nicely cropped.

2. Dick Broom
   Mount Desert Islander
   LOOMING LARGE
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   Battle of Flames
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Really nice color and framing AND tells the story.

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

Daily/Weekend
1. Michael G. Seams
Morning Sentinel
Deadly Shade of Green
Part 2
Strong use of light and color helped this one carry the day. Good work.

2. Brianna Soukup
Portland Press Herald
Cliff Island School
(Part 1 of 2)
Candid moments and honest narrative helped this selection become a winner.

3. Troy R. Bennett
Bangor Daily News
On pulling Bold use of telephotos and close-ups helped bring me down in there with the animals; I could almost hear and smell the moment. Good work.

Feature Photo
Weekly 1
1. Jayna Smith
The Calais Advertiser
Boy Scout at Flag Placement
This is a very good pic. It is vivid and captures the heart-ache.

2. Chris Bouchard
Aroostook Republican & News
Jumble the Clown
This is a good pic. You did an awesome job at capturing the clown’s emotion.

3. Kevin Burnham
Boothbay Register
The beginning of the end
Very interesting pic. I love how you captured the fun they were having.

Weekly 2
1. Gabe Souza
The Maine Monitor
Hands at work
Nice shot. In this case, the fingers tell the story better than faces would. Good lighting and composition. An easy choice for first place.

2. Holly Vanorse Spicer
The Courier-Gazette
Feature photo: I like the masks, which help make the lady’s expression even more noticeable.

3. Sarah Thompson
Penobscot Bay Pilot
Firefighters from multiple Knox County

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

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

2. Michael G. Seams
Morning Sentinel
Pandemic birthday visit
Jeanne’s face makes this photo. A little too much the shutter to deal with as a distraction (glare, background image inside, etc.) but vibrant color and staging.

3. Troy R. Bennett
Bangor Daily News
Kite flyers
Beautifully structured, composition, toning, and perspective.

Sports Photo
Weekly 1
1. Joseph Cyr
The Star-Herald
Central Aroostook vs. Fort Fairfield
Excellent shot. You were able to focus on the two athletes and great clarity.

2. Joseph Cyr
Aroostook Republican & News
Caribou vs. Ellsworth Boys
Awesome job focusing on the two players. Very clear image and great focus.

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

Weekly 2
1. Zack Miller
The Republican Journal
Sports photo
Serious kudos to the photographer for being ready to shoot this picture. Good composition and I’m guessing it took some Photoshop work to lighten the face enough to show his expression. Sports photography was the most competitive category, and this one is the best of the best.

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Sports photo
Unusual photo that makes a striking image.

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Morning Sentinel
Singing coach
Fun, outside-the-box images like this always engage readers.

2. Derek Davis
Portland Press Herald
Dive
Unusual take on light for a sports action shot.

3. Joe Phelan
Kennebec Journal
Championship basketball
Lots of eyes in this moment create engagement for readers and fans both.

Illustration
Weekly
1. Christine Dunkle
The Courier-Gazette
Bicentennial Birthday Bash
This a beautiful graphic and a serene page.

2. Samantha Hogan
The Maine Monitor
High Hour Alerts
This is a simple but effective graphic.

3. Samantha Hogan
The Maine Monitor
Paying for Defense
This graphic does a great job of grabbing your attention and providing useful information.

Daily/Weekend
1. Michael Fisher
Portland Press Herald
Coronavirus
Excellent use of the color-box in the background. I also thought the design was humorous and aligns clearly with the text and the message.

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

Specialty Page Design
Weekly 1
1. Christine Dunkle
The Camden Herald
Specialty Page Design 4/25/19
Beautiful page and cohesive design.

2. Jeremiah Savage
Island Ad-Vantages
Voter Primer
A lot of information presented in an easy-to-read format and clear headlines.

Weekly 2
1. Christine Dunkle
The Courier-Gazette
Specialty Page Design 05/30/19
Very well balanced both in element placement and color. I might have put a little more space between the stories but overall, I really like this design.

Graphic
Weekly 1
1. Jeremiah Savage
Island Ad-Vantages
Where can you park?
2. Jeremiah Savage
The Weekly Packet
Touring Through Time
3. Cheryl Stabiniski
The Calais Advertiser
Shop Local This Valentine’s Day

Weekly 2
1. Sarah Hinkley, Barbara Tedesco
Mount Desert Islander
Where the waste goes
2. David Fickett
The Ellsworth American
Dive
3. Jessica Ouellette
The Maine Monitor
Refugee Resettlement in Maine

Daily/Weekend
1. Sally Tyrrell
Portland Press Herald
Specialty page design
2. Jason Rathbun, Jack Hibert, Kathryn Skelton
Sun Journal
Greetings from Lewiston
3. Linda Kamp-Davis
Bangor Daily News
Outdoors page

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

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

3. Devin Higgins
Aroostook Republican & News
Front Page Design
Nice! The only criticism here is the bottom two articles are really tight. More White Space Please

Weekly 2
1. Design and News Staff
The Courier-Gazette
Front Page Design, 06/27/19
2. Christine Dunkle, Stephanie Grinnell
The Republican Journal
Front Page Design, 09/05/19
3. Kim Slawson, Sarah E. Reynolds
The Republican Journal
Front Page Design, 12/05/19

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1. Marla Hoffman
Sun Journal
More than just hot air
2. Becky Bowden
Bangor Daily News
Apollo 11 at 50
3. Sharon Wood
Morning Sentinel
A Deadly Shade of Green

The cutout makes the image seem life-like as if it were jumping out at you and who doesn’t love lots of color.

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

Daily/Weekend
1. Sally Tyrrell
Portland Press Herald
Specialty page design
2. Jason Rathbun, Jack Hibert, Kathryn Skelton
Sun Journal
Greetings from Lewiston
3. Linda Kamp-Davis
Bangor Daily News
Outdoors page

Front Page Design
**Weekly 1**

1. Bill Pearson
   Boothbay Register
   LePages working at McSeagulls
   Fun story - unemploye Gov working as a bartender. Well written and enjoyable, a story both a local and statewide audience would enjoy.

2. Pam Harnden
   Livermore Falls Advertiser
   Middle school students do their part
   Student involvement in helping out in a crisis made for an interesting story.

3. Daniel Dunkle
   The Camden Herald
   Lobstersmen fed up, facing drastic rules Thorou story about an issue important to the local economy. Great job of covering more than one point of view.

**Weekly 2**

1. Barbara Walsh
   The Maine Monitor
   Maine ranks 9th in number of children

2. Lynda Clare
   Penobscot Bay Pilot
   Belfast, Rockport hospitals prepared

3. Dick Broom
   Mount Desert Islander
   First responders stretched this Daily

**Daily/Weekly**

1. Callie Ferguson, Josh Keefe
   Camden Daily News
   They wanted a home. Great in-depth look at the economic and personal impact of landlords and landlors in distressed neighborhoods. Great writing that left this reader wanting even more.

2. Taylor Abbott
   Morning Sentinel
   Collateral damage: Farming tenants Thorou reporting on the surrounding residents and individuals impacted by the blast. A very worthwhile piece of reporting.

3. Lindsay Tice
   Sun Journal
   CMSM could lose Medicaid
   Medicare
   Important issues written in a way to make it easy for the reader to understand and care about the issues.

**Spot News Story**

**Weekly 1**

1. Jessica Potilla
   St. John Valley Times
   Brothers credit Scout Troop
   In-depth story from a press release while on deadline, the result of good old fashioned leg work. Well done.

2. Annie Twitchell
   The Original Irregular
   Loom the facts concerning the story
   Fun story and the background information on loons was appreciated. Who knew?

3. Jayna Smith
   The Calais Advertiser
   Local Maine custody, Rampage Timeline could have been more clear. Would have liked to have known what set him off.

**Weekly 2**

1. Sarah Thompson
   Penobscot Bay Pilot
   You can keep the cat out of the bag
   A well written, on the scene descriptive article of a cat rescue. In my opinion, this fit the definition of “spot news” - being on the scene and describing events as they unfold.

2. Liz Graves
   Mount Desert Islander
   Three-day Coast Guard search
   The bulk of the article appeared to be written on “after-the-fact” interviews. It was well written and a timely community article. The photo showed citizens watching rescue efforts on TV, so there was an indication of being on scene.

3. Stephen Betts
   The Courier-Gazette
   Generator pinpointed as cause of fire
   There seemed to be a little too much “past tense” to the beginning of the article. For spot news writing, I like to see more unfolding info in the story, as I’m there watching it. The second part of the story concerning the fire truck accident was a little more spot news reporting. I think I would have tried to combine the two to create a better sense of action.

**Daily/Weekly**

1. Donna Perry, Russ Dillingham, staff
   Sun Journal
   Farmington explosion
   Excellent continuous updating throughout the day as information came in. Strong reporting and writing makes it a clear standout. (and love the drone photos!)

2. Amy Calder
   Morning Sentinel
   Missing Waterville woman’s boyfriend
   Great research to identify the story and details before piece released any info. Strong reporting and great detail really pull in readers.

3. Matt Byrne, Dennis Hoey
   Portland Press Herald
   Freepost man killed farmer
   Good report and writing.

**Political Story**

**Weekly 1**

1. Ruth Lebechuck
   Machias Valley News Observer
   Wild blueberry growers struggle
   Chronicles small businesses seeking protection and assistance from political leaders. Good stuff. There were some grammar errors, though, such as ‘from farmers being placed on the “waiting list” they received’ where ‘to last year only receiving x’ would have been better.

2. Daniel Dunkle
   The Camden Herald
   Berry makes case for streamlining the change process to consumer owned utili ties without using alphabet soup. Some grammar flaws.

3. Joseph Cyr
   Houlton Pioneer Times
   Cary Plantation holds final town meeting
   Makes clear the reasons and advantages to dissolution of town government, addressing the concerns and fears of the residents but adding a hopeful voice.

**Weekly 2**

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

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

3. Sarah Thompson
   Penobscot Bay Pilot
   Can robust dialogue fit
   Informative local article on an important topic in the community.

**Daily/Weekly**

1. Caitlin Andrews, Michael Shepherd
   Bangor Daily News
   Impeachment puts Maine’s Susan Collins Nice deep dive into her voting record. Good overview.

2. Amy Calder
   Morning Sentinel
   Waterville coronavirus panel
   Good use of the fifth estate.

3. Steve Collins
   Sun Journal
   Secretive Facebook pages
   Needed reporting with the growth of miss and disinformation on social media.

**Courts Story**

**Weekly 1**

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

2. Jessica Potilla
   St. John Valley Times
   Fort Kent group takes objections
   Clear, easy to understand description of the arguments from each side, presented high up in the story.

3. Anne Berleant
   The Weekly Packet
   Former Blue Hill treasurer ‘not guilty’
   Follows the dots through the sticky morass of small town accounting clearly and without bias.

**Weekly 2**

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

2. Douglas Roughs
   Portland Phoenix
   Emtpying the ‘pods’
   An in-depth look at juvenile incarceration. Explanatory and informative and multiple sources.

3. Becky Pritchard
   Mount Desert Islander
   Murder trial jury shown
   Concise, crisp trial reporting.

**Daily/Weekly**

1. Callie Ferguson, Erin Rhoda
   Bangor Daily News
   Bangor Daily News
   Penobscot County Jail guards
   Good writing, references and further resources. Nice engagement offer and information, as well as adding the link for others to report such issues. Good explanation and line of action. The PDF for further in-depth knowledge for the reader is also a nice touch.
2. Tux Turkel, Penelope Overton Portland Press Herald Electric shock Fast to the point punch really takes reader into the story fast. Nice bullet point summary. Good use of numbers and percentages. Interesting personal testimonies of re-sourcefulness of the customers. Excellent follow up conclusion. Writer sounds somewhat opinionated with a lack of quotes or references.


Analysis
Weekly 1
1. Stephen Betts The Camden Herald Why are so few students A very important subject that needs more exposure like this. Fine job of outlining the issue and suggesting solutions.
3. Lisa Kristoff The Weekly Packet State halts use of road sealant Great reporting and storytelling.

Weekly 2
1. Kendra Caruso The Republican Journal Vaccine referendum ignites controversy
2. Lynda Clancy Penobscot Bay Pilot ‘Problems bigger than school’
3. David Marino Jr. The Star-Herald Facebook groups unite

Weekly 3
1. Samantha Hogan, Dan Dinsmore The Camden Herald Local blues man tunes in Great story.
2. Sarah Hinckley The Weekly Packet Houlton’s Clara’s Law Cycle: A personal testimonies of re-sourcefulness of the customers. Excellent follow up conclusion. Writer sounds somewhat opinionated with a lack of quotes or references.
3. Lisa Kristoff The Weekly Packet Life on the wave

Weekly 4
1. Samantha Hogan, Dan Dinsmore The Camden Herald Life on the wave
2. Sarah Hinckley The Weekly Packet Life on the wave
3. Christine Dunkle The Courier-Gazette How a boy from the coast of Maine What a fascinating story! Well-written and well-researched. Definitely one that holds the reader’s attention.

Food Story/Feature
Weekly 1
1. Tina Oddleifson The Weekly Packet Local organic wild Maine blueberries Really well done. Liked the story of how the place was named. Good idea to have a recipe to go along with the story - and the picture made it even better!
2. Joseph Cyr Houlton Pioneer Times Dance students get taste Really enjoyed the writing - trading tutus, etc. was a fun intro. Managed to tell a fund-raising story in a way people could get involved with!
3. Melissa Lizotte The Star-Herald French fry recipes Enjoyed the embedded story of how the owners met.

Weekly 2
1. Wendy Andresen The Courier-Gazette Broccoli rabe and kale Stromboli Love the lede, good way to draw the readers in.
2. Sarah Hinckley Mount Desert Islander Passing the torch on church pie sale Like the way your incorporate people who love going to the pie sale.
3. Evan Houk The Lincoln County News Bristol Couple Begins ‘Encore Career’ Great way of outlining their plans.

Weekly 3
2. Randy Billings Portland Press Herald Another death in the family
3. Steve Hinckley Mount Desert Islander Passing the torch on church pie sale
challenges and explains the partnership between business and research in creating new opportunities to solve a problem.

2. Meredith Goad Portland Press Herald Is there a restaurant bubble? I like the newsworthy angle of this story touching on an important economic development aspect of a busy community. The story outlines the fragility of the profit margins for most restaurants. I certainly can see the opportunity for a follow-up regarding how COVID has impacted the restaurant industry.

3. Lindsay Tice Sun Journal Bates College offers upper-class cuisine This story made me want to try the cuisine at Bates College. A very solid and informative article.

Religion/ Spirituality

Weekly 1

1. Anne Berleant Castine Patriot Making the transition from The Courier-Gazette inspires politics Good Friday makes me want to worship Good Friday

2. Kris Ferrazza The Franklin Journal Power of Faith These stories touch the heart without being preachy. They take the point of the power without feeling forced.

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

Local Columnist

Weekly 1

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2. Scott Thistle Portland Press Herald Organizers turn to churches This illustrated the strength of grassroots efforts that can work for conservative values as well as progressive ones. It made me want to stop and look up how the petition drive and election went.

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

Weekly 2


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

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

Daily/Weekend

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

2. Mark Laflamme Sun Journal Street Talk I love the contrast of the two columns. The column on opioids and Narcan was thought -ful and sobering - and I admit my heart broke at the paragraph about the police officer who was so willing to save others and then died of an overdose himself. The column about working from home made me laugh out loud, liter -ally. What "harmless flir -tion" with Gladys! You never know where it could lead!

3. Bill Nemitz Portland Press Herald Bill Nemitz Best piece about a cooking pot I have ever read! What an interesting story! It was so well-written as well. The column about the struggle of hospital visits during the time of COVID-19 was also well done and heart-breaking to read. A very strong writer with a way of telling a story through the columns read a little like news articles.

Critic's Award

Weekly 1

1. RJ Heller Machias Valley News Observer Book Review - One Man's Meat Wow! Now, that's a book review! I not only want to read the book, I want to come to Maine so I can do it on the beach and experience all those sights and smells. Extremely well done.

2. Lisa Kristoff Bangor Daily News Fishin’ for Fashion show Enthusiastically written, complete with explanation photos! What a cute column. The descriptions were excellent.

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

Daily/Weekend

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

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Feature Headline

Weekly 1

1. Jackson Long The Camden Herald Strolling through the colon

2. Jess Beer The Original Irregular Orchard to Keg

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

Weekly 2

1. Ivan Houk The Lincoln County News Time Marches On Make you feel sad that a tradition is ending, but happy that the town is heading in a technological direction. Good job.

2. Staff The Maine Monitor Due Process Very well written and in-depth piece.

3. Letitia Baldwin The Ellsworth American Material girl Good job and showcasing a passion

Daily/Weekend

1. Staff Bangor Daily News The buzz of the county Double play on words without being trite appropriation and worthy of the story.

2. Sally Tyrrell Ericson Portland Press Herald Do you take this van?

3. Ben Pinette Kennebec Journal Not Cutting It A serious headline for a serious story.

News Headline

Weekly 1

1. Joseph Charpentier Boothbay Register ‘Life is a fish and then you fry’: Bet’s Fish Fry fundraiser fairs fine for BCA

Weekly 2

1. Dan Dinsmore The Maine Monitor Another death in the family

2. Mark Laflamme, Sun Journal Save his bacon A reader-at -tention for a light-hearted and important story.

3. Susan Johns Wiscasset Newspaper Dollar General sign a no go after no show Creativity in a single column headline takes real talent. Great job.

Weekly 2

1. John Charpentier Boothbay Register ‘Life is a fish and then you fry’: Bet’s Fish Fry fundraiser fairs fine for BCA

2. Kristin Lindquist Penobscot Bay Pilot On Millay and Mount Battie

Daily/Weekend

1. Staff Bangor Daily News Winterport farmer flights to save his bacon A reader-at -tention for a light-hearted and important story.

3. Mark Laflamme, Carl Natalie Sun Journal Smell that! Manure spreading in L-A sure makes scents

Continued On page 10
Guaranteed to attract reader attention.

**Editorial**

**Weekly 1**

1. Steven Bierter
   York County Coast Star
   “Voters should uphold
   Maine’s vaccination law”

An excellent piece on a vital issue. Funny how timely it turned out to be, isn’t it? The facts and figures included cer-
tainly bolster your argument and, I would hope, make it
hard to support the other viewpoint. Great work! And I
had to check - so glad “no!”
won the day!

2. Nathaniel Barrows
   Island Ad-Vantages
   Lobsterman’s rally makes his-
tory.

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

3. Nathaniel Barrows
   The Weekly Packet
   Holter age and die

Touch subject, especially with
the deaths of two prominent people.
You handled it well.

**Weekly 2**

1. Daniel Dunkle
   The Courier-Gazette
   Put transparency on council
   agenda

2. Staff
   The Republican Journal
   Solar can be a boon

3. Liz Graves
   Mount Desert Islander
   Harmless history?

**Daily/Weekend**

1. Judith Meyer
   Sun Journal
   This is why the Preserve
   case

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

2. Greg Kesich
   Portland Press Herald
   Welcome home, asylum seekers
   I like the way this editorial
lays out the issues regarding
the immigration crisis through
the eyes of the asylum seek-
ers involved. A very solid
piece.

3. Susan Young, Matt Junker
   Bangor Daily News
   Child welfare system; Jail
   Maine’s Child Welfare System
   -- this editorial spells out
   the heartbreaking consequences
   of what is going on in the
   child welfare system. It points
   out that the mother is a vic-
tim, too, and that there needs
to be more investment in sup-
port and intervention.

**Opinion Columnist**

**Weekly 1**

1. Ruth Leubecker
   Machias Valley News Observer
   The View Downeast
   Head and shoulders above
   the other entries. Cogent,
   fact-based news and opin-
   ion in a readable package.
   Leubecker is a credit to her
   community and her vocation.
   It was a pleasure to read her
   work.

2. Paula Brewer
   The Star-Herald
   Walkabout: Aroostook
   Thought provoking and en-
tertaining.

3. Shawn Sullivan
   York County Coast Star
   Greetings from Sanford
   Touching, personal stories
   that give you a window into
   the writer’s world without
   sounding like his diary. Very
   nice work.

**Weekly 2**

1. Jill Goldthwaite
   Mount Desert Islander
   Too many commis-
sions?

Great writing style. Nice ca-
dence and thorough presen-
tation of subject.

2. Randall Poulton
   The Republican Journal
   Patiently awaiting the golden
   years Compelling writing.
   Nice subtle wit.

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

**Daily/Weekend**

1. Greg Kesich
   Portland Press Herald
   Greg Kesich: The View From
   Here
   Obviously (at least in my
   part of the world) controver-
sial topic, well documented
   and lined out. I’m sure this
   generated a great deal of
   public discussion.

2. Matt Gagnon
   Bangor Daily News
   Define emergency; The next
   100 years Great subject and
   well documented to point out
   a problem often ignored.

3. George Smith
   Kennebec Journal
   Opinion columns by George
   Smith -- this puts a face on an issue
   of obviously local importance.
   My only suggestion to im-
   prove would be to tighten it up a bit
   and offer up some possible hoped-for outcomes.

**Editorial Cartoonist**

**Weekly 1**

1. Glenn Chadbourne
   The Lincoln County News
   Editorials
   Editorial cartoons aren’t just
   drawings, they are first and
   foremost editorials, they
   express ideas. There were
   better artists in this competi-
tion, but no better editorial
cartoonists. From the pan-
icked TP running from the
mob to the wide-eyed child
shocked at what politics in 2019
entails, these entries are
funny, thought-provoking and
impactful. Good job.

2. E.A. Williams
   The Star-Herald
   E.A. Williams
   Excellent art, upbeat, encou-
gaging messages in a field in
which it is easy to become
cynical.

3. Joe Marshall
   Mount Desert Islander
   Bar Harbor, Twilight Zone,
   Super Groundhog Day
   Nice work on topics of local inter-
   est. I especially liked the lit-
tle guy in the corner.

**Daily/Weekend**

1. George Danby
   Bangor Daily News
   Workweek, March Madness,
   Hoarding
   To the point, well done. Easy
to understand. I like the way
Danby handles every day is-
issues.

2. Steve Meyers
   Portland Press Herald
   Steve Meyers
   Good professional cartoons.

**Outdoor’s Story**

**Weekly 1**

1. Jessica Potilla
   St. John Valley Times
   Allagash guide bags
   monster buck
   This is the kind of stuff you
   won’t find in big newspapers.
   Love it!

2. Susan Johns
   Wiscasset Newspaper
   Paddlers: Dam’s new opening
   Well written.

3. Melissa Lizotte
   The Star-Herald
   Presque Isle community high
   interest story

**Weekly 2**

1. Ken Waltz, Holly Vanorse
   Spencer
   The Courier-Gazette
   Chute, let’s have a party
   The view and how you explained the
   legacy.

2. Kate Cough
   The Ellsworth American
   The Mind Game
   Very well written. Good job.

**Daily/ Weekend**

1. Lindsay Tice
   Sun Journal
   Nature Therapy: It’s more than a
talk
   Well done! Loved that there
   was a kid with a story, but
   also research, and concrete
   advice.

2. Amy Calder
   Morning Sentinel
   Waterville couple takes part
   Loved the writing - so
descriptive and interesting.

3.-tie Deirdre Fleming
   Portland Press Herald
   Why catch-and-release is
   killing
   Really informative, managed
to convey critical counter-
intuitive facts.

3.-tie Asilinn Sarnacki
   Bangor Daily News
   The wildlife Maine has lost
   Deeply researched, well
   written.

**Environmental Story**

**Weekly 1**

1. Sarah Craighead Dedmon
   Machias Valley News Observer
   The wildlife Maine has lost
   Deeply researched, well
   written.

2. Susan Johns
   Wiscasset Newspaper
   Paddlers: Dam’s new opening
   Well written.

3. Melissa Lizotte
   The Star-Herald
   Presque Isle community high
   interest story

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

3. Jayna Smith
   The Calais Advertiser
   Bald Eagles Dying
   Good and informative article
   on a problem many readers
   may not have been aware of
   and might lead people to
   make changes on their own.

**Weekly 2**

1. Stephen Rappaport
   The Ellsworth American
   Lobstermen: rules threat-
   en!

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

2. Marina Schaufler
   The Maine Monitor
   A breaking wave: A critical
topic.

Extensive investigation into
climate change hyperlocally
focused on your community.
The longform piece provides
much needed visual interpre-
tation of the data you collect-
ed. Informative and engaging.

3. Stephen Betts
   The Courier-Gazette
   These are the
toxic chemicals
Great insight into a local
issue. You provided your
community with important
information about chemicals
in their environment they
wouldn’t have known before.
Great presentation of the
topic.

**Daily/Weekend**

1. Matt Hongoltz-Hetling, staff
   Morning Sentinel
   In an isolated Inuit commu-
nity

2. Kevin Miller
   Portland Press Herald
   Households are awash in
   ‘forever chemicals’

3. Andrew Rice
   Sun Journal
   Plant stops sending
   sludge

**Business Story**

**Weekly 1**

1. Anne Berleant
   The Weekly Packet
   Main CEO changes self, company

Love love love this story from
beginning to end. Nice quote
to end story.

2. Lisa Kristoff
   Boothbay Register
   Windjammer Emporium

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Good lead. Well written.


Weekly 2
1. Darren Fishell The Maine Monitor The $323M electricity rip-off Fantastic information. Easy to understand. Great connection to the community and the concerned individual.
2. Peter Weed The Maine Monitor The immigrant Opportunity Great connection to the community. Great handling of a subject that can be sensitive. Easy to understand the information.
3. Fran Gonzalez The Republican Journal Shuttered church is new home Great quotes. Good job showing the importance to the community.

Daily/Weekend
1. Penelope Overton Portland Press Herald Maine’s Route 1: Lobster shack Lots of detailed information, and the story does a great job of painting a picture of the whole journey along the route.
2. Taylor Abbott Morning Sentinel Bigelow Brewing expanding Really interesting topic of a hobby turned into a growing business. Well-written, and with lots of information that held my interest.
3. Kathryn Skelton Sun Journal Soaring ‘high’: More Maine farmers interesting look into a new farming industry. Well-written and hits on all the important points.

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3. Ruth Leubecker Machias Valley News Observer CRH nurses fight to keep hospital alive An important and well-written story about a subject that could impact many in the community.

Weekly 2
1. Liz Graves Mount Desert Islander Alzheimer’s disease researchers 2. Christine Simmonds The Courier-Gazette Former Union resident 3. Charlotte Bonyn The Lincoln County News Drug Counselor from Wiscasset

Health Story
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1. Lisa Kriscy Boothbay Register ‘Go green’ has a whole new meaning Great story! Way to think outside the box on the best way to approach this subject. Well written and told.
2. Chris Bouchard Aroostook Republican & News Community shares stories of hardship Great story that I appreciated the writer not “over quoting” when it is tempting in a story like this. The writer gets straight to the heart of what the people being interviewed were trying to get across.
3. Johanna S. Billings The Ellsworth American Rural schools struggle to recruit staff Good story on a problem not many people in the community might not realize. The writer does a good job of giving the hard facts and the impact on the people involved.

Weekly 2
1. Liz Graves Mount Desert Islander Alzheimer’s disease researchers 2. Christine Simmonds The Courier-Gazette Former Union resident 3. Charlotte Bonyn The Lincoln County News Drug Counselor from Wiscasset

SPECIAL AWARDS

Freedom of Information
Weekly
1. Samantha Hogan The Maine Monitor Indigent Defense in Maine Fantastic research coupled with a human element. This was a tough category to judge because all entries were fantastic.
2. Staff The Camden Herald Freedom of Information Great tenacity to get the full story. You explained it well and stayed neutral in the face of such a tragedy. Fantastic job. This was a tough category to judge because all entries were fantastic.
3. Staff The Courier-Gazette Freedom of Information Great quotes from the councilors that help prove your point. Great follow through with keeping the public informed. This was a tough category to judge because all entries were fantastic.

Weekly
1. Eli Forman The Weekly Packet WP Brooks fire stream The poignancy of this photo speaks volumes. The extremeness of the firefighters in the background lends to the haunting feeling of loss. The sun shining through the smoke is a great technical feature.
2. Eesha Pendharkar Bangor Daily News This Bangor school secludes Would like to see more on this and what is being done to fix the situation

Best in Show
Weekly
1. Eli Forman The Weekly Packet WP Brooks fire stream The poignancy of this photo speaks volumes. The extremeness of the firefighters in the background lends to the haunting feeling of loss. The sun shining through the smoke is a great technical feature.

Advertising General Excellence
Weekly
1. The Calais Advertiser The layout and distribution of ads throughout the publication is great! The original design work on the ads is very nice. Easy layout to follow! Great work!
2. Boothbay Register The use of color positions and color ads is very good! The design work on the color ads is great! I think the Service Directory might be a better fit with the classifieds.
3. The Original Irregular The diversity of advertisers is very good. Some work could be done on design and color ads to make them easier to read. The distribution of ads throughout provide a great flow. Fun to read!

Weekly
1. Mount Desert Islander The layout and placement of advertising is great! I loved the pink paper section with the “Draw Your Mom” and hope it was well supported by advertisements. The perfect Restaurant Guide is great! Great Ads!
2. The Ellsworth American Great layout, great ad

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SPECIAL AWARDS

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

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

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

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

3. Bangor Daily News
   This newspaper scored extremely high amongst the judges. Overall quality of the newspaper was excellent - Nice use of color, excellent reproductive quality, Classified section was visually appealing with a mix of photos and in column ads. Enjoyed the Holiday Home, Food & Traditions promotion with the Sneaky Raccoon. (He was so sneaky, we never did find him!) However, the unfortunate typographical error in the 'Shop Local' promotion (pg. 82) in the Thanksgiving Day edition caused significant point reduction by the judges that it placed third in the 'Advertising General Excellence' category.

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

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

Daily/Weekend
1. CentralMaine.com (KJ)
2. Portland Press Herald
3. Sun Journal

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

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

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

Daily
1. Portland Press Herald
   Beautiful page design and use of photos throughout. Good use of white space. Strong reporting and local coverage. Good ad design and service directory.

2. Bangor Daily News
   All local news on front pages. Good use of white space but most photos could be larger. Like obit and classified pages.

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

Individual Awards
Journalist of the Year
Randy Billings, Portland Press Herald

Advertising Person of the Year
Joanne Alfiero, Portland Press Herald

Unsung Hero
Carl Natale, Sun Journal

Bob Drake
Young Writer
Meg Robbins, Morning Sentinel

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Thank you for weathering the storm. We recognize the value of your profession at a time when it is most in need.