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**STUDENT RUN MEDIA****BEST PRINT NEWSPAPER STORY 2 YEAR/TRADE SCHOOL****First Place**

Levy won't raise tax; will boost education

**Lauren Hoffman**

Lorain County Community College

**Second Place**

Issue 10 passes with ease for LCCC

**The Collegian Staff**

Lorain County Community College

**Third Place**

Getting students engaged: How Tri-C's student engagement office plans to connect students

**Jonathan Beard**

Tri-C The Voice

**BEST PRINT SPORTS STORY 2 YEAR/TRADE SCHOOL****First Place**

For the love of wrestling

**Anthony Leyva**

Lorain County Community College

*A well-told story that appeals to a broad audience – not only sports fans.*

**Second Place**

The Triceratops are back

**Christina Easter**

Tri-C The Voice

**Third Place**

Pickleball party kicks off at Fieldhouse

**Hayden Lowstetter**

Lorain County Community College

**BEST PRINT FEATURE STORY TRADE/2 YEAR SCHOOL****First Place**

Hosting OYATC

**Edona VaJushi**

Tri-C The Voice

**Second Place**

RTA boost

**Jonathan Beard**

Tri-C The Voice

**Third Place**

Silent halls full of ghosts: The story of the Silent Witness Exhibit at LCCC

**Lauren Hoffman**

Lorain County Community College

**BEST RADIO/PODCAST NEWS STORY TRADE/2 YEAR SCHOOL****First Place**

Truth of homeschooling

**Cassandra Lewis**

Lorain County Community College

*The host has a pleasant delivery style.*

*The questions felt organic, sparking a compelling conversation between the host and guest. Well done!*

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**Second Place**

Who I am

**Noah Underhill**

Lorain County Community College

**Best Online Report Trade/2 Year School****First Place**

Issue 10 wins with a comfortable lead

**Caitlyn Ujvari**

Lorain County Community College

**Second Place**

LCCC closes 4th time for safety

**Lauren Hoffman**

Lorain County Community College

**BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS****GENERAL NEWS****First Place**

Job sprawl spillover

**Jay Miller**

Crain's Cleveland Business

*Interesting and thoughtful examination of the post-COVID intersection of jobs and transportation. Quality reporting.*

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**Second Place**

Plum choice: Kroger agrees to acquire Albertsons

**Steve Watkins**

Cincinnati Business Courier

**Third Place**

Reviving Victoria's Secret

**Julanne Hohbach**

Columbus CEO Magazine

**FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE****First Place**

Rick Manning still loves what he does

**Joe Scalzo**

Crain's Cleveland Business

**Second Place**

Matt Scantland's next big thing

**Carrie Ghose**

**Third Place**

For developer Gina Merritt, a blighted building in Hough is an open door

**Michelle Jarboe**

Crain's Cleveland Business

**FEATURES: GENERAL****First Place**

The sweet spot

**Liz Engel**

Cincinnati Business Courier

*A well-told story of a family business looking to the future while retaining its identity.*

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**Second Place**

Build, baby, build

**Steve Wartenberg**

Columbus CEO Magazine

**Third Place**

Sandusky for all seasons

**Michelle Jarboe**

Crain's Cleveland Business

**FEATURES: PACKAGE****First Place**

Sports gambling

**Joe Scalzo**

Crain's Cleveland Business

*Impactful and eye-opening reporting on a topic that seems to get little attention despite the relative ease of sports gambling these days.*

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**Second Place**

Intel

**Jess Deyo and Jim Weiker**

Columbus CEO Magazine

**Third Place**

The office of the future

**Bonnie Meibers, Owen Milnes and Mark Somerson**

Columbus Business First

**FEATURES: TRENDS**

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**First Place**

Gentrification remaking neighborhoods

**Bonnie Meibers**

Columbus Business First

*This was a particularly tough competition. This piece was so well done, with its history and hope for the future.*

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**Second Place**

Explosive growth: Ohio's wine industry

is maturing and growing at an amazing rate

**Jeremy Nobile**

Crain's Cleveland Business

**Third Place**

Trash to treasure entrepreneurs

**Jess Deyo**

Columbus CEO Magazine

*Another excellent story that could have been the winner on another day.*

**PUBLIC SERVICE/INVESTIGATIVE****First Place**

An Ohio entrepreneur's guide to certification for minority- and women-owned businesses

**Erica Thompson**

Columbus CEO Magazine

*Enterprising look at efforts to boost minority-owned businesses. The owners chosen as examples are nice representations.*

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**Second Place**

Quest to regulate R-PACE lending

**Jeremy Nobile**

Crain's Cleveland Business

**Third Place**

Gun violence: Searching for solutions

**Dan Shingler**

Crain's Cleveland Business

**DEPARTMENTS OR COLUMNS****First Place**

From the CEO

**Fred Koury**

Smart Business

**Second Place**

Tips from the Top

**Michael Feuer**

Smart Business

**BEST BUSINESS PUBLICATION IN OHIO****First Place**

Columbus Business First

**Staff**

Columbus Business First

**Second Place**

Realm

**Brendon Cull, Danielle Wilson, John Fox and Brittany Dexter**

Cincinnati Magazine

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**DAILY NEWSPAPERS****BREAKING NEWS: SINGLE STORY, CONSECUTIVE DAYS, SAME TOPIC****First Place**

Old Waite Building demolished  
**Sara Crawford**  
Medina County Gazette

**Second Place**

Police videos of Jayland Walker shooting sparks outrage  
**The Beacon Journal staff**  
Akron Beacon Journal

**Third Place**

Tornado touches down in Eaton Township  
**Kevin Martin and Bruce Bishop**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

**BREAKING NEWS: SINGLE-DAY PACKAGE****First Place**

Princeton mass shooting hoax  
**Enquirer staff**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer  
*Provided necessary context to a sobering, unfortunate trend story on false active shooting reports. Used multiple platforms to get information out.*

**BREAKING NEWS: ONGOING COVERAGE****First Place**

James Williams shooting  
**Lori Steineck, Cassandra Nist and Tim Botos**  
The Repository

**Second Place**

Police investigate fatal shooting at Sheffield McDonalds  
**Kevin Martin, Dave O'Brien, Dylan Reynolds and Carissa Woytach**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

**Third Place**

Lorain Police shoot, kill man who stabbed K-9 while serving warrant  
**Kevin Martin, Dave O'Brien and Carissa Woytach**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

**GENERAL NEWS: SINGLE STORY****First Place**

Interviews detail longstanding neighbor feud before Portage deputy fatally shot

woman

**Jeff Saunders**

Record Courier  
*Compelling story from start to finish.*

**Second Place**

Great Race comes to Medina  
**Sara Crawford**  
Medina County Gazette

**Third Place**

Medina woman scammed out of approximately \$150,000  
**Sara Crawford**  
Medina County Gazette

**GENERAL NEWS: MULTIPLE STORIES- SAME TOPIC****First Place**

Miranda Webb: Trauma, anarchy and perilous life on the run  
**Amanda Garrett**  
Akron Beacon Journal  
*Interesting story. Is she a bad person, a victim of her upbringing, or her own bad choices? The fact that I couldn't decide whether I liked her or not made the story more compelling.*

**Second Place**

Connecting the dots: Racism as a public health crisis  
**Rhonda Crowder, Bob Sandrick and Grant Segall**  
FreshWater Cleveland

**Third Place**

Lorain County reacts to Russian invasion of Ukraine  
**Carissa Woytach**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

**FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE**

*Category comment: While there were many contenders, these top three offer something extra within their story angles. Beyond clear and engaging writing, these stories make readers feel hopeful and show the power of supporting one another.*

**First Place**

How Nick Chubb remaining 'one of the guys' at high school has him ready for Browns season  
**Nate Ulrich**  
Akron Beacon Journal  
*What a fantastic angle. In this profile of Nick Chubb, a professional football*

*player doesn't just "go back to his roots," he stays there, building up himself and the community around him. You can tell Nate Ulrich has a strong reporting sense and is skilled at interviewing and observation. By the end, the reader feels like they know Chubb in a way they wouldn't if not for Ulrich's work.*

**Second Place**

'Troopering it out': Bridgestone winner Jerry Kelly by wife's side during cancer treatment

**Marla Ridenour**

Akron Beacon Journal  
*From the start, Marla Ridenour captures our attention with her sharp lede. Throughout the piece, we discover another side of Jerry Kelly – champion golfer but also devoted husband standing by his wife's side during a difficult diagnosis. You learn the details of a partnership you don't see on TV while watching golf games, and it's all told in a clean, engaging way.*

**Third Place**

Man starts over with marriage, baby and new house after suffering from COVID  
**Sara Crawford**  
Medina County Gazette  
*This piece has a sharp lede that sets the stage for a compelling story of survival and new beginnings. This piece shows the power of providing support when things look bleak.*

**FEATURES: GENERAL**

*Category comment: There were so many good features in this category, making it tough to choose the top three, and several of them deserved honorable mentions.*

**First Place**

Afghan refugee athletes build a new life in Cincinnati  
**Sharon Coolidge**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer  
*Superb, gripping feature about three young Afghan women athletes who narrowly escaped the Taliban and made it to America.*

**Second Place**

A bittersweet Christmas  
**Rini Jeffers**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

*Poignant and moving feature by Jeffers about the ongoing trauma of young children losing their mother to a violent, abusive husband and father*

**Third Place**

The history of Ohio's Phil Bucklew, father of Naval Special Warfare  
**Adam Baum**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer  
*Eye-opening, well-researched feature on an obscure military veteran who served from WWII to the Vietnam War and is known now as the Father of Special Naval Warfare.*

**PUBLIC SERVICE****First Place**

How Catholic Democrats in Akron helped write the conservative playbook to overturn Roe

**Doug Livingston and Seyma Bayram**  
Akron Beacon Journal  
*We need more such stories. Good work!*

**Second Place**

Evictions near record high in Akron. Can anything avert this crisis?

**Doug Livingston**

Akron Beacon Journal

**Third Place**

Moms make plans to deliver outside Portage as labor and delivery unit closes

**Diane Smith**

The Record Courier  
*Nice work!*

**INVESTIGATIVE**

*Category comment: Incredible work in this category. The top three finishing entries were all wonderfully researched, smart, interesting stories.*

**First Place**

"Accused": The impending execution of Elwood Jones  
**Amber Hunt, Amanda Rossmann and Phil Didion**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer  
*The definition of impactful reporting. Incredibly well done across the board.*

**Second Place**

Child sexual abuse more common than Ohioans may think  
**Terry DeMio, Jordan Laird, Bethany Bruner and Madeline Mitchell**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer and The Columbus Dispatch

**Third Place**

Ohio youth prison system struggles with violence, staff vacancies

**Laura Bishop, Amy Knapp**  
The Columbus Dispatch

**BUSINESS****First Place**

Pure romance: Supportive ‘sisterhood’ or risky MLM?

**Alexander Coolidge**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

**Second Place**

Portage County adds jobs, seeks workers

**Diane Smith**  
Record Courier

**Third Place**

Medwick Marketplace Shopping Center sold for \$14.5 million

**Sara Crawford**  
Medina County Gazette

**SPORTS****First Place**

Deshaun Watson stories

**Scott Petrak and Jim Ingraham**  
The Chronicle Telegram

**Second Place**

Bengals beat

**Charlie Goldsmith**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

**Third Place**

Canal Park at 25: How a ballpark changed downtown Akron

**Marc Bona**  
Cleveland.com

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT****First Place**

‘An earworm that never left’:

Columbus jazzman embraces musical gifts to inspire others

**Earl Hopkins**  
The Columbus Dispatch

**Second Place**

Cincinnati’s Gee Horton found himself an accidental artist

**Sharon Coolidge**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

**BEST SECTION****First Place**

The Chronicle-Telegram sports

**Sports staff**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

**Second Place**

The Cincinnati Enquirer sports

**Sports staff**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

### **BEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: 75-000 OR LESS CIRCULATION**

**First Place****Staff**

Akron Beacon Journal  
*The Akron Beacon Journal offered the most wide-ranging, comprehensive and hard-hitting local news coverage.*

**Second Place**

**Scott Mahoney**  
Medina County Gazette  
*Terrific sports reporting.*

**Third Place****Staff**

The Chronicle-Telegram

### **BEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: MORE THAN 75,000 CIRCULATION**

**First Place****Staff**

The Cincinnati Enquirer  
*Applaud the balance of big-city reporting with small-town-like coverage. Enterprise journalism had sense of urgency and depth. Appropriate blend of story types and selection. Stories were also well-edited and visual presentation was sophisticated.*

**DIGITAL MEDIA****NEWSPAPER WEBSITE****First Place****Staff**

Cleveland Jewish News

**Second Place**

**Eden Amador Gorby**  
Tri-C The Voice

**Third Place****Staff**

Medina County Gazette

**MAGAZINE WEBSITE**

*Category comment: A wide range of websites with a lot of information.*

**First Place**

Smart Business Dealmakers

**Michael Marzec**

Smart Business

*Really good use of color and contrast.*

**Second Place**

CincinnatiMagazine.com  
**Sam Rosenstiel and staff**  
Cincinnati Magazine

**Third Place**

Eye on Ohio  
**Lucia Walinchus**  
Eye on Ohio

**TELEVISION NEWS WEBSITE****First Place**

Fox8.com – Fox 8 News Cleveland  
**Fox.com web team**  
WJW Fox 8

**Second Place**

WKYC Studios Website  
**WKYC staff**  
WKYC

**RADIO NEWS WEBSITE****First Place**

ideastream.org  
**ideastream staff**  
Ideastream Public Media  
*Easy-to-use functionality on the site. Easy to find information highlights the station’s focus on its local audience. Site design is clean with effective use of white space. Story pages are uncluttered and accessible. Overall the site flows smoothly.*

**ONLINE GENERAL NEWS STORY****First Place**

What it’s like to be the target of right-wing harassment  
**Andy Downing**  
Matter News  
*Interesting insight into how social media can be used to easily distort facts. Well told.*

**Second Place**

Cleveland nonprofit hospitals get millions in property tax breaks. Many are asking, ‘Is it worth it?’  
**Stephanie Czekalinski**  
Ideastream

**Third Place**

Ukrainian Americans in Northeast Ohio’s response to war  
**John Kerezy and Roman Skalsky**  
EyeOnCleveland.com

**ONLINE FEATURE STORY****First Place**

As Cleveland retools housing codes to deal with LLC landlords, tenants face maintenance problems

**Nick Castele**  
Ideastream

*Through interviews, photos and records, this well-written story thoroughly documents the rise of investor landlords who prey on vulnerable Ohio tenants and contribute to the decline of neighborhoods.*

**Second Place**

934 Gallery controversy opens conversations on race, censorship

**Andy Downing**  
Matter News

*Rare dive into the backstory of how public art is chosen, judged and suppressed, and how artists are harmed in the process.*

**Third Place**

Who torched the Hamilton home?

**Lucia Walinchus**  
Eye on Ohio

*An exhaustive look at the sequence of events that ended with a proposed elder-care home burning to the ground.*

**BLOGS****First Place**

Right Down Euclid blog

**Evan Dammarell**  
Right Down Euclid

*I love the laid back, conversational style of this blog. It has a down home sensibility that was a pleasure to read even for those of us who live a few hundred miles away.*

**Second Place**

What’s brewing?

**Jeremy Nobile**  
Crain’s Cleveland Business

**Third Place**

Making history! Case makes first trip to NCAA tournament

**Matt Florjancic**  
From the Best Seat in the House sports blog



**ANALYSIS****First Place**

Analysis: The real reason Dave's is closing isn't because of a greedy landlord or poor customers

**Lee Chilcote**

The Land

*Well researched and argued with interesting analysis.*

**Second Place**

Too high a price for Deshaun Watson

**David DeNatale**

WKYC

**Third Place**

HB6 newsletter

**Kathiann M. Kowalski**

Eye on Ohio

**INFOGRAPHICS****First Place**

The crime behind the crimes

**Ian Cross**

WEWS-TV 5

*Information was presented in a clean, easy-to-understand and -follow manner. Great work!*

**Second Place**

NEXUS pipeline Instagram graphics

**Lauren Green and Anna Huntsman**

Ideastream

**BREAKING NEWS SINGLE STORY****First Place**

Police officer killed in Bluffton; ensuing chase ends in Elyria

**Vince Guerrieri and Bruce Bishop**

The Chronicle-Telegram

**Second Place**

Fire erupts at former Star of the West Milling Co. in downtown Kent

**Anna Huntsman, Abigail Bottar and Eman Abu-Khaled**

Ideastream

**BREAKING NEWS SERIES****First Place**

Police videos show shooting of Jayland Walker

**Beacon Journal staff**

Akron Beacon Journal

*Strong, comprehensive reporting. The Beacon Journal did a nice job of examining and dissecting every possible angle to this obviously important story.*

**Second Place**

Death of Jayland Walker

**WKYC staff**

WKYC

**Third Place**

Clinched! Cleveland Guardians win AL Central Division

**Matt Florjancic**

From the Best Seat in the House sports blog

**USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA**

*Category comment: Love to see these Ohio news organizations reaching more audiences through creative use of social media!*

**First Place**

Cleveland Magazine social media

**Cleveland Magazine staff**

Cleveland Magazine

**Second Place**

Governor candidates on the issues –

TikTok

**Emily DeLetter**

The Cincinnati Enquirer

**Third Place**

Cleveland experts share tips on staying active when it's hard to exercise outside

**Anna Huntsman**

Ideastream

**ONLINE STORYTELLING****First Place**

'The Horseshoe' celebrates century of winning, tradition

**DeAnna MacKeigan and Megan Roth**

Cleveland Jewish News

*O-H! (I-O!) Loved this package, not just because of the subject. Great use of media here, from the YouTube video featuring staff sharing personal memories of Ohio Stadium to the online poll and so much more. The layered interaction kept me engaged (and clicking) throughout, and not just because I was judging it. You had a solid story that you took to the next level by embracing multiple formats.*

**PODCAST****First Place**

'Inside the Bricks' season 2: My

Changing Neighborhood

**Justin Glanville**

Ideastream

*A local reporter closely examines the human, public policy and economic forces shaping his own changing neighborhood.*

**Second Place**

[Dark Side of the Land] The Husband or the Handyman: Who killed Marilyn Sheppard?

**Nichole Vrsansky, Brian Sinclair,****Chris Kline and Misty Stiver**

Cleveland reporters revisit a gripping murder mystery from a local perspective.

**BEST WEBSITE IN OHIO****First Place**

Cleveland Jewish News

**CJN staff**

Cleveland Jewish News

**Second Place**

Fox8.com – Fox 8 News Cleveland

**Fox8.com web team**

WJW Fox 8

**Third Place**

BeaconJournal.com

**Staff**

Akron Beacon Journal

**PHOTOGRAPHY DAILY NEWSPAPER****SPOT NEWS - DAILY NEWSPAPER****First Place**

Police officer killed in Bluffton; ensuing chase ends in Elyria

**Bruce Bishop**

The Chronicle-Telegram

*About as complete as you can get for a breaking story involving different agencies, the death of a police officer and other factors.*

**Second Place**

Crop-duster assists in containing

Carlisle Township fire

**Bruce Bishop**

The Chronicle-Telegram

**GENERAL NEWS - DAILY NEWSPAPER****First Place**

Jayland Walker protest

**Jeff Lange**

Akron Beacon Journal

*Excellent use of the shirt image to highlight the victim and convey the solemn-*

*nity of the situation.*

**Second Place**

Early voting begins in Lorain County

**Bruce Bishop**

The Chronicle-Telegram

*Clever framing to reveal the message without offense. It makes it more compelling.*

**Third Place**

'It felt like an eternity'

**Bruce Bishop**

The Chronicle-Telegram

**SPORTS - DAILY NEWSPAPER**

*Category comment: I say this every time I judge a competition; but again, I truly mean it when I say that each and every one of these photographs is fantastic. Determining ranking order was REALLY difficult. Every one of these images stands strong on their own merit – each of them has demonstrated technical strength and compositional skills that are top notch. I hope that each of you is proud of the work that you've submitted, because it truly was a joy to look at these incredible photographs. Very difficult to judge; lots of great work here!*

**First Place**

Out at second

**Jeff Lange**

Akron Beacon Journal

**Second Place**

Lost helmet

**Phil Masturzo**

Akron Beacon Journal

**Third Place**

Mini rods at the fair

**Thomas Fetenko**

The Chronicle-Telegram

**GENERAL FEATURE - DAILY NEWSPAPER**

*Category comment: All were very well done, clear and interesting. A lovely set of entries!*

**First Place**

Something fishy going on

**Kristin Bauer**

The Chronicle-Telegram

**Second Place**

Bobbing for apples

**Mike Cardew**

Akron Beacon Journal

**Third Place**  
Akron Marathon  
**Mike Cardew**  
Akron Beacon Journal

### PORTRAIT / PERSONALITY PHOTOGRAPHY

**First Place**  
Bridge Pointe fills housing need  
**Bruce Bishop**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

**Second Place**  
Lorain fire helmet uncovered  
**Bruce Bishop**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

### PHOTO JOURNALISM

**First Place**  
Akron Civic's BOOM! Theater drops the mic on aging  
**Ryan Lowe**  
Ideastream  
*The pictures lead you down a story line and kept a reader's interest!! Good job!*

**Second Place**  
A bittersweet Christmas  
**Kristin Bauer**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

**Third Place**  
Jayland Walker protest  
**Jeff Lange**  
Akron Beacon Journal

### PHOTOGRAPHY NON DAILY NEWSPAPER

#### SPOT NEWS

**First Place**  
Bike ride to inauguration  
**Corrie Schaffeld**  
Cincinnati Business Courier  
*Beautifully composed image of what feels like a man on a mission.*

#### GENERAL NEWS

**First Place**  
Oil leak drink  
**Corrie Schaffeld**  
Cincinnati Business Courier  
*Fun photo made better because of the human element.*

#### SPORTS

**First Place**  
2022 Crosstown Shootout  
**Corrie Schaffeld**  
Cincinnati Business Courier

*Smart use of the wider aperture to really make the subject pop.*

#### FEATURE

**First Place**  
"Do the right thing" Rico Grant  
**Corrie Schaffeld**  
Cincinnati Business Courier  
*Compelling portrait with depth thanks to framing and use of foreground and background.*

#### STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY

**First Place**  
Hoist makes a splash  
**Corrie Schaffeld**  
Cincinnati Business Courier  
*Love how the action is captured*

#### PICTORIAL

**First Place**  
Blink 2022  
**Corrie Schaffeld**  
Cincinnati Business Courier  
*Fun! Excellent shots.*

**Second Place**  
City lines: The landscape of downtown buildings  
**Bob Perkoski**  
FreshWater Cleveland

### PHOTOGRAPHY ALL OTHERS

#### GENERAL PHOTO (MULTIPLE IMAGES)

*Category comment: The winner was far and away a great photo storyteller. Each picture led to another one that was better. While a small number, all were good pictures! Thank you.*

**First Place**  
Spring fashion  
**Tim Johnson**  
Columbus Monthly  
*All I can say is WOW. Each picture has its own personality on story. WELL DONE!*

**Second Place**  
CEO of the Year portrait series  
**Tim Johnson**  
Columbus CEO Magazine

#### PORTRAIT / PERSONALITY PHOTOGRAPHY - ALL OTHERS

**First Place**  
Columbus icon Ann B. Walker  
**Tim Johnson**  
Columbus Monthly

**Second Place**  
Lark Mallory  
**Rob Hardin**  
Columbus CEO Magazine

**Third Place**  
Donna James  
**Tim Johnson**  
Columbus CEO Magazine

#### PHOTO JOURNALISM - ALL OTHERS

**First Place**  
Fly guy  
**Tim Johnson**  
Columbus Monthly  
*Gave the viewer a real feel for the action.*

**Second Place**  
The Black Forager's wild ride  
**Tim Johnson**  
Columbus Monthly

#### PICTORIAL - ALL OTHERS

**First Place**  
Big Bear, Calif., sunset  
**David Manley**  
Tire Business Newspaper

**Second Place**  
Parade of Sail: Tall Ships arrive in Cleveland  
**Bob Perkoski**  
FreshWater Cleveland

### GENERAL CIRCULATION MAGAZINES

#### NEWS

**First Place**  
Win, lose, draw: Inside Ohio's redistricting battle  
**Jim DeBrosse**  
Cincinnati Magazine  
*Thorough examination of the drawing of political districts that touches on all the important issues that go along with that.*

**Second Place**  
Not in anyone's backyard?  
**Carrie Blackmore Smith**  
Cincinnati Magazine  
*Terrific story on people taking on the powerful utility industry.*

**Third Place**  
Growing up Schottenstein  
**Dave Ghose**  
Columbus Monthly

*Nice profile with great details and background on a big family in the city's business circles.*

#### FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE

**First Place**  
The brothers Moody  
**Wil Haygood**  
Columbus Monthly  
*Tale of two brothers – a star architect and a drug dealer – packed with details and insights only a lifelong friend would know. Beautifully told.*

**Second Place**  
The Black Forager's wild ride  
**Brittany Moseley**  
Columbus Monthly  
*This goes way beyond the subject's self-deprecating description of most articles about her: "Wow, the newsworthiness boils down to 'Black woman goes outside, has good time in front of internet, people amazed.'"*

**Third Place**  
Diane Therese Pinchot's sculptures search the world for what's sacred  
**Amanda Koehn**  
Canvas magazine of Cleveland Jewish News  
*Fascinating woman: ex-nun, political prisoner, artist.*

#### FEATURES: GENERAL

**First Place**  
Seeking the snowy owl  
**Annie Nickoloff**  
Cleveland Magazine  
*Really compelling read. Great use of the personal to highlight a bigger story. Really well written.*

**Second Place**  
The pinball wizards among us  
**Laurie Pike**  
Cincinnati Magazine

**Third Place**  
The fight to save Roundwood Manor  
**Becky Boban**  
Cleveland Magazine

#### FEATURES: CONSUMER

**First Place**  
Outdoor eats  
**Aiesha Little**  
Cincinnati Magazine

**Second Place**

True North  
Staff  
Columbus Monthly

**Third Place**

Experts' advice for parents amid the baby formula shortage  
**Angela Gartner and Janet Cho**  
Columbus CEO Magazine

**FEATURES: ART****First Place**

Inside Allison Banzhaf's Wow Factory  
**Laurie Pike**  
Cincinnati Magazine

*This story incorporates multiple voices to reflect on the legacy and lasting impact of a homegrown music group. The story is well told, and old photos and video clips add to the text, rather than distract. An engaging read!*

**Second Place**

Meet Nick Tobler, TikTok's 'eel pit guy'  
**Emily DeLetter**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

**SPORTS****First Place**

Hotter than hell  
**Chris DeVille**  
Columbus Monthly

*A tale of two soccer rivalries is wonderfully reported with a blending of history and current play.*

**Second Place**

Nick Goepper is still up in the air  
**John Stowell**  
Cincinnati Magazine

**Third Place**

There's no place like home court  
**Marie Elium**  
Northeast Ohio Boomer magazine

**FOOD****First Place**

Global eats  
Staff  
Columbus Monthly

**Second Place**

Our iconic eats  
**Aiesha Little**  
Cincinnati Magazine

**PUBLIC SERVICE/  
INVESTIGATIVE****First Place**

The forgotten fire  
**Joel Oliphint**  
Columbus Monthly  
*Comprehensive piece that perfectly fits the category description: "...brings hidden matter to light and shows initiative and depth of research." One can't help but contrast how this environmental incident was handled in a majority-Black neighborhood with the recent East Palestine train derailment.*

**DEPARTMENTS OR COLUMNS****First Place**

Columbus Parent  
**Kristy Eckert**  
The Modern Momma  
*I'm not a parent, but I was instantly drawn in to the columns because of the exceptional writing. Remarkably well written endings – the type that leave the reader really feeling something!*

**Second Place**

Editor's Note  
**Angela Gartner**  
Northeast Ohio Parent magazine

**BEST MAGAZINE IN OHIO****First Place**

**John Fox, Amanda Boyd Walters, Brittany Dexter and staff**  
Cincinnati Magazine

**Second Place**

Staff  
CAN Journal

**Third Place**

Staff  
Columbus Monthly

**NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS****BREAKING NEWS****First Place**

Rabbi Weiss suspended following arrest  
**Amanda Koehn and Stephen Langel**  
Cleveland Jewish News  
*In-depth reporting in the aftermath of a disturbing event that rocked the community. Well done all around.*

**Second Place**

Youngster severely injured in aftermath of vandalism  
**David Jacobs**  
Shelby Daily Globe

**Third Place**

Dallas rabbi who grew up in Beachwood prays for colleague in hostage situation  
**Bob Jacob**  
Cleveland Jewish News

**FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE****First Place**

An interview with Dr. Michael Baston, Tri-C's new president  
**Jonathan Beard**  
Tri-C The Voice

**Second Place**

Economic development leader gains statewide attention, praise  
**David Jacobs**  
Shelby Daily Globe

**FEATURES: GENERAL****First Place**

The day the music dies: Reflections on Record Revolution closing after 55 years on Coventry  
**Grant Segall**  
FreshWater Cleveland  
*The first place winner of this category illuminated how a vinyl shop became a community landmark and its owner's cool demeanor in the face of a big change. I can almost hear the records spinning.*

**Second Place**

Former home 'just blown up and bombed'  
**Courtney Byrnes**  
Cleveland Jewish News  
*The writer thoughtfully reported the generational trauma of war experienced by a Jewish Ukrainian family watching and waiting to see what becomes of their country of origin.*

**Third Place**

Robert P. Madison, man of many architectural, personal triumphs  
**Karin Rice**  
FreshWater Cleveland  
*It's clear to the reader that Mr. Madison is a titan of his industry. What an incredible life he lived. Well done!*

**PUBLIC SERVICE****First Place**

'Do I eat that day?' Cost of public transit burdens Cleveland job-seekers, GED students

**Mandy Kraynak**

The Land  
*Story shows the importance of public transportation to the success or failure of programs to help better the lives of residents.*

**Second Place**

Heights of Democracy: Keeping the citizenry connected  
**Deborah Van Kleef and Carla Rautenberg**  
Heights Observer

**SPORTS**

*Category comment: Very interesting reading. I loved the angles they all took in their writing.*

**First Place**

Wincinnati  
**Steve Watkins**  
Cincinnati Business Courier

**Second Place**

Yeshiva U's Turell hopes to become first Orthodox Jew to play in NBA despite being a long shot  
**Bob Jacob**  
Cleveland Jewish News

**Third Place**

The Triceratops are back  
**Christina Easter**  
Tri-C The Voice

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT****First Place**

Fran Lebowitz talks causing trouble, Jewish childhood, ahead of Playhouse Square visit  
**Becky Raspe**  
Cleveland Jewish News  
*The writer pulled some memorable quotes from the interview with Lebowitz, making it an entertaining read.*

**Second Place**

Patinkin, Grody open up in backstage interview with CJN  
**Becky Raspe**  
Cleveland Jewish News

**COMMUNITY / LOCAL COVERAGE****First Place**

Rabbi Weiss  
**Amanda Koehn and Stephen Langel**  
Cleveland Jewish News



**Second Place**

A behind-the-scenes look at downtown revitalization project

**David Jacobs**

Shelby Daily Globe

**Third Place**

Community Development Connection

**Karin Rice and Doug Guth**

FreshWater Cleveland

## BEST NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

**First Place**

Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

*The variety and volume of local reporting was really impressing.*

**Second Place**

Staff

Heights Observer

*Every word contributed by members of the community*

**OPEN****GENERAL NEWS COLUMN****First Place**

Changes have arrived for student health care at Oberlin College

**Rini Jeffers**

The Chronicle-Telegram

*Crisp writing takes Oberlin's president to task.*

**Second Place**

Finding hope at a place called Lake Hope

**Regina Brett**

Cleveland Jewish News

**Third Place**

Shameful Dave Yost jumped in mud to doubt case of 10-year-old who got abortion

**Amelia Robinson**

The Columbus Dispatch

**SPORTS COLUMN****First Place**

Browns' Deshaun Watson trade triggers past for sexual assault victims. I am one of them

**Marla Ridenour**

Akron Beacon Journal

*A powerful, well written column.*

**Second Place**

Cold, bitter, exhausting ... latest loss and this season

**Jim Ingraham**

The Chronicle-Telegram

**Third Place**

What being a Browns fan really means

**Joe Donatelli**

WEWS-TV 5

**BUSINESS COLUMN****First Place**

Right to Repair laws in purgatory?

**David Manley**

Tire Business

**Second Place**

Workplace mental health

**Kathy McCarron**

Tire Business

**BEST IN OHIO: COLUMN**

**Category comment:** *There were many well-written, thought-provoking columns on a variety of topics, from history to sports. While there were many deserving winners, there were other writers whose columns included more typical reportage, such as extensive quotes with people, instead of arguing in their own voices. Nevertheless, the variety of information in all the submissions made for fascinating reading.*

**First Place**

**Rini Jeffers**

The Chronicle-Telegram

*With a strong voice and sardonic touches, Jeffers tackles social issues, such as gun violence and the First Amendment, and makes convincing arguments.*

**Second Place**

**Scott Woods**

Columbus Monthly

*Woods has unflinching views on issues, primarily ones dealing with current and past Black history, that demonstrate what makes a good columnist.*

**Third Place**

**Betty Lin-Fisher**

Akron Beacon Journal

*Lin-Fisher writes passionately about common and unusual events in ordinary people's lives that illuminate how they cope with the stresses of modern living.*

## HEADLINE WRITING NEWSPAPERS (DAILY & NON DAILY)

**First Place**

A-plus raiding

**Kevin Aprile**

The Chronicle-Telegram

*Love seeing local high school sports get the professional treatment with an outstanding headline. This hammer really creates the sense of relevance and importance for the community.*

**Second Place**

Nike slam dunk: The other shoe falls on Irving

**Bob Jacob**

Cleveland Jewish News

*Both parts of the headline were catchy while informative.*

**Third Place**

No escape from Alcaraz: Spaniard wins U.S. Open for first Slam title, top ranking

**Vince Guerrieri**

Medina County Gazette

*Great word play ... informative and catchy.*

## HEADLINE WRITING ALL OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**First Place**

Giving gray hair the green light

**Lois Bowers and Ron Rajecki**

McKnight's Senior Living

**Second Place**

Big things come in nano-packages

**Andrew Schunk**

Rubber News

**Third Place**

Imagining an industry left breathless

**Erin Pustay Beaven**

Rubber News

**HEADLINE WRITING - ONLINE****First Place**

In one Ohio city, the Pride flags went up. Then were removed. Then were restored. All in 24 hours.

**Ken Schneck**

The Buckeye Flame

*This headline has an almost musical pacing to it that really drives home the jarring back-and-forth that occurred in this town. Powerful.*

**Second Place**

At an Ohio Pride festival last week, it was hateful protestor with bullhorn vs. drag queen. The winner? Judy Garland.

**Ken Schneck**

The Buckeye Flame

*How do you not click on this story?*

**Third Place**

How many clicks between Ohio State Rep Gary Click & hardcore pornography? We decided to find out.

**Ken Schneck**

The Buckeye Flame

## BEST IN OHIO: HEADLINE WRITING

**Category comment:** *All the entries had good, clever headlines. It was tough.*

**First Place**

**Bob Jacob**

Cleveland Jewish News

*Nice use of puns and wordplay without being trite.*

**Second Place**

**Kevin Aprile**

The Chronicle-Telegram

**Third Place**

**Vince Guerrieri**

Medina County Gazette

**REVIEWS/CRITICISM****First Place**

'Our Team' author Luke Epplin's book intertwines 4 narratives behind 1948 world champion Cleveland Indians

**Marc Bona**

Cleveland.com

*Great, rhythmic writing draws the reader in no matter if the reader has an interest in the subject.*

**Second Place**

Jason Isbell steps into the divide at the Palace Theatre

**Andy Downing**

Columbus Alive

## BEST IN OHIO: REVIEWS/ CRITICISM

**First Place**

CAN Blog

**Michael Gill**

CAN Journal

*Wonderful art appreciation challenges us to look at world more closely.*



**Second Place**

Food writing  
**Dillon Stewart**  
Cleveland Magazine

**SINGLE ESSAY**

**Category comment:** *The winning entry was very evocative and meaningful, with sensory, emotional writing. Very moving piece. The other winners showed wonderful writing and research and humanity. Great job!*

**First Place**

Father's Day: Dad said every problem had a solution. Then he got sick

**Dan Horn**

The Cincinnati Enquirer

**Second Place**

The brothers Moody

**Wil Haygood**

Columbus Monthly

**Third Place**

Bruno Putze: A Veterans Day veteran

**Peter Jedick**

The Plain Dealer

**BEST IN OHIO ESSAY WRITING****First Place**

**Richard M. Perloff**  
Cleveland State University  
*Searing insights ... brings it home.*

**Second Place**

**Rini Jeffers**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

**Third Place**

**Tom Matowitz**  
FreshWater Cleveland

**SINGLE EDITORIAL****First Place**

Everybody knows  
**Brad Dicken**  
The Chronicle-Telegram  
*Clear, concise and well argued. What else could you want?*

**Second Place**

Unwelcome in Ohio  
**Amelia Robinson**  
The Columbus Dispatch

**Third Place**

Sour welcome  
**Scott Suttell**  
Crain's Cleveland Business

**BEST IN OHIO: EDITORIAL****First Place**

**Michael Shearer**  
Akron Beacon Journal

**Second Place**

**Brad Dicken**  
The Chronicle-Telegram

**Third Place**

**Amelia Robinson**  
The Columbus Dispatch

**ANALYSIS****First Place**

Power outage  
**Dave Ghose**  
Columbus Monthly

**Second Place**

Legally speaking  
**Stephanie Haney**  
WKYC

**Third Place**

P.G. Sittenfeld verdict 'a dark, dark moment for Cincinnati'

**Sharon Coolidge, Kevin Grasha, Bebe Hoges**

The Cincinnati Enquirer

**ARCHITECTURE/DESIGN WRITING****First Place**

Bringing Ben Dobar back to life  
**Linda Vaccariello**  
Cincinnati Magazine

**Second Place**

Downtown department stores get a residential revival  
**Vince Guerrieri**  
CityLab

**Third Place**

Central Perks  
**Matthew Hall**  
Environments for Aging - Spring 2022

**BUSINESS/FINANCIAL WRITING****First Place**

Exiled by Intel  
**Suzanne Goldsmith**  
Columbus Monthly

**Second Place**

Reviving Victoria's Secret  
**Julanne Hohbach**  
Columbus CEO Magazine

**Third Place**

Batteries included: Electric vehicle

manufacturing comes to Ohio

**Dan Eaton**

Columbus Business First

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE WRITING****First Place**

Your friend, Michael  
**Suzanne Goldsmith**  
Columbus Monthly  
*An alarming, but fascinating story about tapping into the criminal mind. All the elements are here for a well-told, page-turner of a read!*

**Second Place**

In a Cincinnati forest, a sex sting operation leads to a clash between police and mayor  
**Cameron Knight**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

**Third Place**

Change police culture to spur intervention in misconduct  
**Richard M. Perloff**  
The Plain Dealer

**DATA JOURNALISM****First Place**

A scooped-up side lot and the riverfront parcel that mysteriously got away: How rules written for distressed 'Rust Belt' property may benefit a select few  
**Lucia Walinchus**  
Eye on Ohio  
*Hyperlocal data journalism is difficult to find and the work done to do it well is gritty. This is a prime example. Very relevant to the community. Excellent use of sources and visuals.*

**Second Place**

Neighborhood report card  
**Dan Horn**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer  
*Powerful interactive that could appeal to both locals and visitors.*

**Third Place**

Gap between CEO and worker compensation expanded in 2021  
**Jeremy Nobile**  
Crain's Cleveland Business

**EDUCATION WRITING (PRE-K-12)****First Place**

'Neighborhood glue': Kenmore fears more blight as historic high school closes with no plan

**Jennifer Pignolet**

Akron Beacon Journal

**Second Place**

Six years into College and Career Academies, what's changed inside Akron schools?

**Jennifer Pignolet**

Akron Beacon Journal

**Third Pedilace**

Federal waivers that decreased childhood hunger end soon

**Carissa Woytach**

The Chronicle-Telegram

**EDUCATION WRITING (HIGHER EDUCATION)****First Place**

A complicated equation: Students and institutions navigate Northeast Ohio's changing higher education landscape  
**Amy Morona**  
Crain's Cleveland Business  
*Great use of data to tell the story of declining enrollment and its impact on communities, students, and the labor market. Thorough reporting and concise writing.*

**Second Place**

What's in your backpack?

**Jeanne Hoban**

Northeast Ohio Medical University

**Third Place**

How UC students, staff avoided COVID-19 mandate  
**Madeline Mitchell**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

**ENTERTAINMENT WRITING****First Place**

Singing on a porch to the Rock Hall: O'Jays story started in Canton  
**Ed Balint**  
The Repository  
*This story incorporates multiple voices to reflect on the legacy and lasting impact of a homegrown music group. The story is well told, and old photos and video clips add to the text, rather than distract. An engaging read!*

**Second Place**

Meet Nick Tobler, TikTok's 'eel pit guy'  
**Emily DeLetter**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

## ENVIRONMENTAL WRITING

**First Place**

The river runs through us

**Cedric Rose**

Cincinnati Magazine

*We've come a long way from when Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission officials sniffed jars of water from the Ohio River to monitor water quality. This piece of explanatory journalism skillfully weaves colorful descriptions with the science that keeps the vital waterway safe to use.*

## FOOD WRITING

**First Place**

Cleveland's 25 Best Restaurants

**Dillon Stewart**

Cleveland Magazine

*Good story. I was ready to book a flight to sample the food.*

**Second Place**

Why Frisch's is one of the most important restaurants in town

**Keith Pandolfi**

The Cincinnati Enquirer

*Connected on an emotional level to this good story.*

**Third Place**

Beyond Thunderdome

**Andy Brownfield**

Cincinnati Business Courier

## HUMOR WRITING

**First Place**

Post-mask realities are staring us in the face

**Cliff Anthony**

The Plain Dealer

*Pokes fun at aspects of the past three years we can all laugh at and relate to.*

**Second Place**

For those blessed to not be paying attention

**Joe Donatelli**

WEWS-TV 5

**Third Place**

Woof! Lunch with the 'kids' at Doodle Drive-in is exhausting and yummy

**Craig Webb**

Akron Beacon Journal

## MEDICAL / HEALTH WRITING

**First Place**

Rediscovering capacity and purpose

**Jeanne Hoban**

Northeast Ohio Medical University

*This story really pulls at the heartstrings. It's such a heartbreaking issue but so real for so many. It was very well done and an example of compassion in journalism.*

**Second Place**

Black Americans were targeted by cigarette makers. Will they benefit from ban on menthols?

**Brooks Sutherland**

The Cincinnati Enquirer

*This is an important and timely issue. Wonderful research and effort!*

**Third Place**

So, so worth it

**Diane Smith**

Record Courier

*This is such a feel-good story! What an amazing journey for these women. Excellent writing!*

## MULTICULTURAL WRITING

**First Place**

Black women embrace wearing 'natural' hair at work

**Erica Thompson**

Columbus Monthly

*Smart and interesting story about the impact of the CROWN Act.*

**Second Place**

Our cultures, our community: Cuba

**Sebastian Diaz**

Northeast Ohio Medical University

**Third Place**

Unwrapping tamales in Northern Kentucky, a tradition thousands of years in the making

**Jolene Almendarez**

The Cincinnati Enquirer

## OBITUARY

**First Place**

Wolstein recalled for 'rescuing and improving' Flats

**Bob Jacob**

Cleveland Jewish News

*Wonderful use of both sources and his prior coverage; very heartfelt.*

**Second Place**

Jean-Robert de Cavel, Cincinnati's most renowned chef, dies after battle with cancer

**Andy Brownfield**

Cincinnati Business Courier

## POLITICS / GOVERNMENT WRITING

**First Place**

HB6 scandal coverage

**Kathiann M. Kowalski**

Eye on Ohio

*Although this is the lengthiest entry – its 4th part is particularly intriguing and well written. It could have stood on its own. Part 7 also gives the reader deep insight into how deep this scandal is. And in part 8, this quote says it all: FirstEnergy has just for so many years been invested so heavily on so many different fronts related to the halls of power in the state that it makes it difficult to even find folks that don't have some sort of tie to the company at this point.*

**Second Place**

Ohio's redistricting chaos

**Jessie Balmert**

The Columbus Dispatch

**Third Place**

As Roe falls, Northeast Ohioans express elation, devastation

**Staff**

Ideastream Public Media

## REAL ESTATE WRITING

*Category comment: Two of the top three entries deal with the growing problems of investors flooding Ohio's housing market. Journalists should stay on top of this topic now that higher mortgage rates have changed the cost of buying and owning homes.*

**First Place**

How real estate investors are changing Cincinnati

**Dan Horn and Randy Tucker**

The Cincinnati Enquirer

*Well-written and visually displayed, deeply researched look at how big money is changing homeownership on one street and the broader impact on a community and the American Dream.*

**Second Place**

A traditional taboo

**Stan Bullard**

Crain's Cleveland Business

*Touching, counterintuitive story about how professionals share their health conditions.*

**Third Place**

Buying blitz: Cleveland-area

homeowners grapple with flood of inquiries from investors

**Michelle Jarboe**

Crain's Cleveland Business

*Great passage on how to deal with pesky home buyers: "He couldn't possibly sell off a gateway to hell, where he's 'fighting the demonic betrayers of mankind who wish to unleash eternal darkness and damnation upon us all.'"*

## TECHNOLOGY WRITING

**First Place**

Intel comes to Ohio

**Carrie Ghose**

Columbus Business First

*Informative package that covers all aspects of the new big business coming to town.*

**Second Place**

How RFID chips are bringing next-gen NFL stats right to your couch

**Vince Guerrieri**

Popular Mechanics

**Third Place**

Permission to launch: Three startups stand at the precipice, but only one can be Cincinnati's first \$10 billion brand

**Liz Engel**

Cincinnati Business Courier

## TRAVEL WRITING

**First Place**

Dodging the crowds and clouds at Great Smoky Mountains National Park, America's most popular

**Susan Glaser**

The Plain Dealer

*Engaging writing, good use of personal anecdotes (the bear – I believe you!). All the information a reader would need to make a successful trip to the Smokey's*

**Second Place**

From industrial powerhouse to tourist draw: 24 hours in Ashtabula's fun, funky Bridge Street district

**Susan Glaser**

The Plain Dealer

**Third Place**

True North

**Staff**

Columbus Monthly

**BEST IN OHIO:  
PHOTOGRAPHER***First Place***Bruce Bishop**  
The Chronicle-Telegram*Second Place***Jeff Lange**  
Akron Beacon Journal*Third Place***Corrie Schaffeld**  
Cincinnati Business Courier**BEST IN OHIO:  
FREELANCE WRITER***First Place***Grant Segall**  
FreshWater Cleveland and The Land*Second Place***Bob Sandrick**  
Issue Media Group, FreshWater  
Cleveland and cleveland.com*Third Place***Jill Sell**  
Akron Beacon Journal, The Plain  
Dealer, Akron Beacon Journal and  
Cleveland Magazine**BEST IN OHIO:  
STAFF WRITER***First Place***Doug Livingston**  
Akron Beacon Journal  
*In a highly competitive field of staff  
reporters, Doug Livingston's ability  
to explain complex matters in an  
understandable and exciting way gives  
him the edge.**Second Place***Dan Eaton**  
Columbus Business First*Third Place***Amanda Garrett**  
Akron Beacon Journal**RADIO****On-going Coverage***First Place***Andy Chow, Jo Ingles and Karen  
Kasler**  
Ohio Public Radio*Second Place***Justice for Jayland  
Staff**  
Ideastream**PUBLIC SERVICE***First Place***Ohio After Roe**  
**Jo Ingles and Karen Kasler**  
Ohio Public Radio  
*The Statehouse News Bureau set out to  
cover the political and legal firestorm  
created by the U.S. Supreme Court's  
decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.  
This series of stories approached the  
women's health crisis with compassion  
and thorough reporting. Thank you  
for chronicling history for future  
generations.**Second Place***Sound of Us: Richmond Heights**  
**Justin Glanville**  
Ideastream  
*It's an extremely noble venture to train  
young people to tell their own stories  
through audio. Well done!**Third Place***Dave's Market closes, creates a food  
desert**  
**Leigh Barr, Drew Maziasz, Rachel  
Rood and Rick Jackson**  
Ideastream**IN-DEPTH COVERAGE***First Place***Is Akron following the rules in  
homeless encampment sweeps?**  
**Advocates raise concerns**  
**Anna Huntsman**  
Ideastream  
*Homelessness can be a disheartening  
and seemingly endless story to cover.  
The reporter approached the topic with  
humanity and a healthy skepticism for  
public officials' approach. Powerful  
audio, photos and copy made this entry  
the clear winner.**Second Place***Ohio elections officials hit with huge  
public records requests from 2020**  
**Karen Kasler**  
Ohio Public Radio**HUMAN INTEREST***First Place***Meet Tater Tot, the furry friend  
alleviating stress for kids navigating the**

## legal system

**Kabir Bhatia**  
Ideastream*This is a perfect execution of a human-  
interest story. Great use of sound, espe-  
cially starting with Tater Tot's panting  
and lapping water. Two paws up!***USE OF SOUND***First Place***Through social media, this Kent  
musician documents life with chronic  
fatigue syndrome**  
**Jeff St. Clair**  
Ideastream  
*Powerful piece that puts its subject,  
who suffers from chronic fatigue  
syndrome, front and center. Hal  
Walker is allowed to share in his own  
words what the "crashes" he endures  
are like – and what that sounds like,  
as he struggles for breath. Just as  
effectively, the piece uses the musician's  
instrumentation as a backdrop.***RADIO/PODCAST SHOW***First Place***Autism Milestones**  
**Leigh Barr, Drew Maziasz, Rachel  
Rood and Rick Jackson**  
Ideastream  
*This "Sound of Ideas" episode looks  
at the changing perspectives on autism  
over the past 22 years. Kudos for the  
diversity of the guests, including people  
with autism, some of whom who were  
recently diagnosed. Insightful, well-  
moderated conversation.***TELEVISION****NEWS***Category comments: Overall,  
exceptional news coverage on a variety  
of topics that clearly matter to the  
region's audience.**First Place***Scott Noll Investigates**  
**Scott Noll**  
WEWS-TV 5  
*From the plague of stolen guns to  
unsafe carnival ride operations, the  
winner in this category dug beneath the  
surface to find stories that are essential  
to protecting public safety. Well done!**Second Place***Fallout from Russia****Duane Pohlman, Eric Frisbee and  
Tim Geraghty**  
WKRC-TV*Third Place***Deshaun Watson investigation**  
**Ed Gallek, Peggy Gallek and Andy  
Fishman**  
WJW Fox 8**ON-GOING COVERAGE***First Place***Fallout**  
**Duane Pohlman, Eric Frisbee and  
Tim Geraghty**  
WKRC-TV  
*Remarkable reporting on a horrific  
public safety story with geopolitical  
implications. Keep holding federal  
officials' feet to the fire!**Second Place***Linndale: Traffic tickets, hidden fees**  
**Ed Gallek, Peggy Gallek and Andy  
Fishman**  
WJW Fox 8  
*An outrageous series on small towns  
taking advantage of the court system  
to raise million to fund eye-watering  
salaries for their employees. Great job  
on refusing to take "no" for an answer.**Third Place***Piece of family history destroyed by  
EF2 tornado**  
**Payton Marshall and Payton Del  
Bradley**  
WXIX Fox 19**HUMAN INTEREST***Category comment: Incredibly strong  
category overall.**First Place***How Ohio breweries and artists use  
beer cans as their canvas**  
**Dave DeOreo and Jean-Marie Papoi**  
Ideastream  
*Super fun story. Beautifully shot, well  
edited, just a joy to watch. Great stuff.**Second Place***I just like nice words**  
**Ken Brown and Payton Del Bradley**  
WXIX Fox 19*Third Place***Just a dad from Akron**  
**David Colabine and Clay LePard**  
WEWS-TV 5



**SPORTS REPORT OR COMMENTARY**

**First Place**  
Nuns from Old St. Mary's pray for Bengals win  
**Payton Marshall and Holland Rains**  
WXIX Fox 19  
*Great story idea that's well-executed.*

**TELEVISION SHOW**

**Category comment:** *Judging was not easy! There were many notable entries, and I would encourage those that did not make the Top 3 to keep up the good work!*

**First Place**  
WEWS 75th Anniversary Special  
**Joe Donatelli, Mark Ackerman and Amanda Merrell**  
WEWS-TV 5

**Second Place**  
Inside Artemis  
**Betsy Kling, Chris Blake, Susan Moses and Taylor Moore**  
WKYC

**Third Place**  
Street Level: Vine Street  
**Staff**  
Spectrum News 1

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

**First Place**  
The cost of gun violence  
**Scott Noll and Bridgette Pacholka**  
WEWS-TV 5  
*This segment was highly effective in driving home how gun violence impacts every American through staggering health care costs. Ohio lawmakers should pause at the fact that our society is funding trauma wards with taxpayer dollars that could send people to college and vocational schools. Fantastic job reporting on a heartbreaking topic.*

**Second Place**  
Planet CLE  
**Jason Mikell, Payton Domschke, Susan Moses and Margaret Bernstein**  
WKYC  
*The range of relatable environment-focused stories was engaging for viewers. I was also impressed that station employees took the time to do a beach clean-up and really practice what they preach. Well done!*

**BEST WEATHERCAST**

**First Place**  
Tornado storm coverage for Holmes and Wayne counties  
**Jason Mikell**  
WKYC  
*Mikell and Domschke work well together in covering a tornado warning and other severe storm aspects. Very informative and excellent use of color graphics.*

**Second Place**  
Taking the Plunge: December 23, 2022  
**Betsy Kling**  
WKYC  
*Kling does a good job of explaining the ongoing impact of an ongoing snowstorm accompanied by severe cold and wind.*

**BEST TELEVISION NEWSCAST IN OHIO IN A MAJOR MARKET**

**First Place**  
WKYC Studios 3News  
**Staff**  
WKYC  
*Two quality newscasts, both very serious lead stories handled extremely well. From the producers to the anchors to the crews in the field, quality stuff across the board.*

**Second Place**  
19 News Everywhere At 5  
**Scott Carlson and Heather Flowers**  
WOIO-TV

**Third Place**  
Newscast 2022  
**Staff**  
WJW Fox 8

**TRADE PUBLICATIONS****TRADE REPORT**

**First Place**  
Imagining an industry left breathless  
**Erin Pustay Beaven**  
Rubber News  
*Terrific, interesting, well-written stories covering multiple angles about airless tires.*

**Second Place**  
Automotive plastics industry navigates supply chain challenges, EV demands  
**Bruce Geiselman and Karen Hanna**

Plastics Machinery & Manufacturing

**Third Place**  
RoboTire evolves service bay  
**Jessica Holbrook**  
Tire Business

**FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE**

**First Place**  
From fashion to machinery: French-Lutz formally in line to lead family business  
**Bruce Meyer**  
Rubber News  
*You don't need to work in the rubber industry to find this profile interesting. Credit to the writer for bringing this interesting story about one person's career shift to the page. Quite the transition from the world of Manhattan fashion to manufacturing in the Midwest.*

**Second Place**  
Trelleborg's 'transformational' leader  
**Andrew Schunk**  
Rubber News

**FEATURES: GENERAL**  
**Category comment:** *Trade publications often present news in a dry way that feels more like a press release than a thoughtful story. These three pieces represent outstanding writing AND storytelling. Experts and non-experts alike can read these entries and feel connected to the story. Bravo to the writers!*

**First Place**  
Consistency, family a recipe for success at Morgan Polymer Seals  
**Erin Pustay Beaven**  
Rubber News

**Second Place**  
Small tire, big opportunity  
**Sam Cottrill**  
Rubber News

**Third Place**  
Hybrid manufacturing approach breaks down barriers for 'Bionic Kids'  
**Karen Hanna**  
Plastics Machinery & Manufacturing

**FEATURES: SPECIAL SECTION/PACKAGE**

**First Place**  
Warning: Winding road ahead  
**Bruce Meyer and Erin Pustay**

**Beaven**  
Rubber News

**Second Place**  
In pursuit of sustainable  
**Erin Pustay Beaven**  
Rubber News

**Third Place**  
Tire Business Humanitarian package  
**Kathy McCarron**  
Tire Business

**FEATURES: TRENDS**

**First Place**  
Everything to know about ADAS  
**Jessica Holbrook**  
Tire Business  
*Informative and non-jargony package of stories on a topic most vehicle owners probably never consider – the connection of computerized safety systems on other parts of the vehicle from windshields to tires.*

**Second Place**  
Recruiting the next generation  
**Sam Cottrill**  
Rubber News

**Third Place**  
Russian invasion pushes EU to other carbon blacks  
**Andrew Schunk**  
Rubber News

**DEPARTMENTS OR COLUMNS**

**First Place**  
Women voices empower us. The next generation will, too.  
**Bruce Meyer and Erin Pustay Beaven**  
Rubber News  
*Nicely written editorials.*

**Second Place**  
Editor's column  
**Lois Bowers**  
McKnight's Senior Living  
*Nuanced exploration of a sensitive topic.*

**Third Place**  
Talking Points  
**Ron Shinn**  
Plastics Machinery & Manufacturing  
*Interesting and useful information for this audience.*



**BEST TRADE PUBLICATION IN OHIO****First Place**

**Editorial staff**  
Rubber News

**Second Place**

**Don Detore, David Manley, Bruce Davis and Kathy McCarron**  
Tire Business

**Third Place**

**Staff**  
Plastics Machinery & Manufacturing

**VISUALS****SINGLE CARTOON****First Place**

Intel is a big win for Ohio  
**Rich Williams**  
Crain's Cleveland Business  
*Simple, effective and instantly understandable.*

**BEST IN OHIO: CARTOONING**

**Category comment:** *Hard to choose between them but a choice had to be made. Both had strong ideas and good execution. It came down to which one made me laugh the most.*

**First Place**

**Rich Williams**  
Crain's Cleveland Business  
*Strong body of work. Twitter parody particularly excellent.*

**Second Place**

**Jeff Darcy**  
The Plain Dealer

**ILLUSTRATION SINGLE IMAGE****First Place**

**Margaritas**  
**Phil Masturzo**  
Akron Beacon Journal  
*This illustration just pops, in a way that's really special.*

**Second Place**

Summer Camp Guide  
**Kendra Huspaska**  
Northeast Ohio Parent magazine

**Third Place**

Climate migrants  
**Kayla Byler**  
Crain's Cleveland Business

**MULTIPLE ILLUSTRATIONS FOR ONE STORY- ALL PUBLICATIONS****First Place**

Climate migrants  
**Kayla Byler**  
Crain's Cleveland Business  
*Tough subject to illustrate, but these images are up to the task. Applaud the balance between simplicity and sophistication. Design blends photography and illustration seamlessly. Well done.*

**BEST IN OHIO: ILLUSTRATION****First Place**

Illustrations for transformational leader profiles  
**Dave Szalay**  
Northeast Ohio Medical University  
*Well-conceived, masterfully executed illustrations. Also loved the color palette.*

**INFOGRAPHICS****First Place**

Top 12 recycling states  
**Michael McGrady**  
Rubber News  
*Excellent job, clear graphics that make the story.*

**BEST IN OHIO: INFOGRAPHICS****First Place**

The charges against P.G. Sittenfeld  
**Michael Nyerges, Sharon Coolidge and Kevin Grasha**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer  
*Concise information in visually pleasing presentation.*

**Second Place**

Body of work  
**Michael Nyerges**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

**SINGLE PAGE DESIGN- TAB**

**Category comment:** *A tough category to judge. Loved the one about the athletes – each one captured the athletes' personality.*

**First Place**

Highest-paid athletes  
**Kayla Byler**  
Crain's Cleveland Business  
*Very captivating!*

**Second Place**

An interview with Dr. Michael Baston,

Tri-C's new president

**Eden Amador-Gory**

Tri-C The Voice  
*Interesting man, nice story and good picture capturing his personality.*

**Third Place**

Climate migrants  
**Kayla Byler**  
Crain's Cleveland Business

**SINGLE PAGE DESIGN- MAGAZINE****First Place**

Luxury Lunacy  
**Betsy Becker**  
Columbus Monthly  
*Fun selection of absurdly pricy items with gentle snark added in. Bonus points for the info on Black-owned business at the bottom.*

**Second Place**

Global Eats  
**Betsy Becker**  
Columbus Monthly

**'A-1' NEWS FRONT- DAILY AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS****First Place**

Body of work  
**Stephen Valentine**  
Cleveland Jewish News  
*Excellent use of photography, typography and proportionality.*

**SPREAD OR MULTIPLE PAGE-TABS****First Place**

Gun violence: Searching for solutions  
**Kayla Byler**  
Crain's Cleveland Business  
*Well-designed package of photos and writing to bring varied sources who are trying to curb the violence.*

**Second Place**

Akron-based maker of Purell celebrates 75 years of cleaning up  
**Stephen Valentine**  
Cleveland Jewish News

**SPREAD OR MULTIPLE PAGE-MAGAZINES**

**Category comment:** *No losers in this category. A strong group altogether, marked by compelling images, thoughtful typography and strong design. A pleasure to view and read.*

**First Place**

24 Hours in 24 Photos

**Brittany Dexter, Hatsue Andrews, Emi Villavicencio and Jen Kawanari**  
Cincinnati Magazine

*A compelling take on a familiar concept. The consistent and minimalistic type treatment and generous space given to images allows those photos to command attention. Bonus kudos for involving such many photographers.*

**Second Place**

On the Camino, going up slowly  
**Abigail Archer**  
Cleveland Magazine  
*The opening spread, with its type treatment, design and imagery, really takes the reader on a journey.*

**Third Place**

Cleveland's 25 Best Restaurants  
**Erin Stinard**  
Cleveland Magazine  
*Striking food images that makes this reviewer hungry. Nice variety that captures and maintains viewer interest.*

**BEST IN OHIO: PAGE DESIGN****First Place**

**Jessica Simon**  
Cleveland Jewish News

**Second Place**

**Betsy Becker**  
Columbus Monthly

**Third Place**

**Stephen Valentine**  
Cleveland Jewish News

**COVERS: GENERAL CIRCULATION MAGAZINES****First Place**

Canvas Magazine - Spring 2022  
**Stephen Valentine**  
Cleveland Jewish News  
*Simple design with great use of color. Cover pops.*

**Second Place**

Building a greener city  
**Brittany Dexter**  
Cincinnati Magazine

**Third Place**

Cleveland's 25 Best Restaurants  
**Erin Stinard**  
Cleveland Magazine

**COVERS: BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS****First Place**

Fall 2022

**Heather Hauser and Tim Johnson**

Columbus CEO Magazine

*Sharp, crisp, powerful cover.***Second Place**

Gun violence: Searching for solutions

**Kayla Byler**

Crain's Cleveland Business

*Strong, balanced design complements equally strong content.***Third Place**

40 Under Forty

**Kayla Byler**

Crain's Cleveland Business

*Eye-catching; nicely done.***COVERS: TRADE & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS***Category comment: All entries were solid in this category and close in performance. Too bad there isn't an Honorable Mention award.***First Place**

Packaging paradox

**Marvin Brown**

Plastics Machinery &amp; Manufacturing

*Good, clean design using a strong central image to catch the eye and inform quickly. Well done.***Second Place**

Global Tire Report cover

**David Manley and Michael McCrady**

Tire Business

*Clever and easily understood cover graphics provide a glimpse into rankings of top producers contained within. Indexing helps direct readers, creating an informative and attractive presentation.***Third Place**

Imagining an industry left breathless

**Michael McCrady**

Rubber News

*A composite central graphic and supporting cover stories in newspaper style provide insight and a timely feel. Readers gotta love the look and the details.***BEST USE OF MULTIMEDIA****First Place**

Temple Emanu El to toast 75 years with gala weekend

**Cheryl Sadler**

Cleveland Jewish News

**Second Place**

'The Horseshoe' celebrates century of winning, tradition

**DeAnna MacKeigan and Megan****Roth**

Cleveland Jewish News

**Third Place**

Kevin Love in conversation with Donovan Mitchell

**Cleveland Magazine staff, Long****Division Creative and Casey Rearick**

Cleveland Magazine

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