



2016 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest Random List of Winners

Updated: 06/06/2017

Multimedia Storytelling

Division AB: **Sarasota Observer**, Olivia Liang; **East County Observer**, Jessica Salmond; **Orlando Business Journal**, Staff

Online Breaking News Coverage

Division AB: **Sarasota Observer**, Kat Hughes; **Belleair Bee**, Suzette Porter; **Orlando Business Journal**, Richard Bilbao;

Website Excellence

Division C: **The Islander News**, Staff ; **Business Observer**, Staff ; **Navarre Press**, Staff ;

Division AB: **Orlando Business Journal**, Staff ; **Florida Keys Keynoter**, Staff ; **Longboat Observer**, Staff ;

Front Page Makeup

Division C: **Business Observer**, Staff ; **Suwannee Democrat**, Dee Freeman, Thomas Lynn, Jessie Box, Mike Jones, and Carl McKinney; **Navarre Press**, Staff ;

Division B: **West Orange Times & Observer**, Jessica Eng, Michael Eng, Steven Ryzewski, Amy Quesinberry, Danielle Hendrix, Gabby Baquero, and Brittany Gaines; **Orlando Business Journal**, Victoria Prichard and Jim Carchidi; **Plant City Times & Observer**, C.J. Major and Emily Topper;

Division A: **Largo Leader**, Chris George; **Sarasota Observer**, Staff; **Clearwater Beacon**, Logan Mosby;

Overall Graphic Design

Division C: **The Arcadian**, Kyle Gallimore and Steve Bauer; **The Baker County Press**, Staff; **Navarre Press**, Richard Williams and Staff;

Division B: **Longboat Observer**, Staff ; **West Orange Times & Observer**, Jessica Eng; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Ricardo Fonseca and Mike Field;

Division A: **Coastal Breeze News**, Valerie Simon and Staff; **East County Observer**, Staff; **The Coastal Star**, Scott Simmons, Jerry Lower, Tracy Allerton, and Steve Plunkett;



2016 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest
Random List of Winners

Updated: 06/06/2017

Informational Graphic

Division C: **Navarre Press**, Richard Williams; **Business Observer**, Nicole Thompson; **Madison County Carrier**, Cheltsie Holbrook and Georganna Sherman;

Division B: **Orlando Business Journal**, Victoria Prichard; **Plant City Times & Observer**, C.J. Major; **Longboat Observer**, Nicole Thompson;

Division A: **East County Observer**, CJ Major; **The Coastal Star**, Hiram Henriquez; **Sarasota Observer**, Staff ;

Best Headline

Division C: **Navarre Press**, Brian Lester; **Boca Beacon**, Susan Erwin; **Business Observer**, Mark Gordon;

Division B: **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Pat Copeland; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Mike Field; **West Orange Times & Observer**, Jessica Eng;

Division A: **Largo Leader**, Chris George; **Sarasota Observer**, Staff ; **Clearwater Beacon**, Logan Mosby;

Sports Column

Division C: **The Baker County Press**, Jon Shumake; **Boca Beacon**, Marcy Shortuse; **Boca Beacon**, Leighton Ingram;

Division B: **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Scott Lockwood; **Plant City Times & Observer**, Justin Kline; **West Orange Times & Observer**, Steven Ryzewski;

Division A: **Palm Coast Observer**, Jeff Dawsey; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Ethan Bauer; **East County Observer**, Ryan Kohn;

Sports Page or Section

Division C: **Gulf Breeze News**, Jason Thompson; **Navarre Press**, Staff ; **The Baker County Press**, Staff ;

Division B: **Plant City Times & Observer**, Justin Kline; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Scott Lockwood; **West Orange Times & Observer**, Steven Ryzewski and Jessica Eng;



2016 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest
Random List of Winners

Updated: 06/06/2017

Sports Spot News Story

Division C: **The Baker County Press**, Jon Shumake; **Riverland News**, Jeff Bryan; **Navarre Press**, Richard Williams;

Division AB: **West Orange Times & Observer**, Steven Ryzewski; **Palm Coast Observer**, Jeff Dawsey;
Plant City Times & Observer, Justin Kline;

Sports Feature Story

Division C: **Nassau County Record**, Kathie Colgrove; **The Islander News**, Kelly Josephsen; **Navarre Press**, Brian Lester;

Division B: **Orlando Business Journal**, Richard Bilbao; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Scott Lockwood; **West Orange Times & Observer**, Steven Ryzewski;

Division A: **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Ethan Bauer; **Sarasota Observer**, Ryan Kohn; **The Laker/Lutz News**, Kevin Weiss;

Sports Photo

Division C: **Gulf Breeze News**, Jason Thompson; **Navarre Press**, Brian Lester; **The Apopka Chief**, Alex Olivera;

Division B: **Ormond Beach Observer**, Jeff Dawsey; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Monica Simpson; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Justin Fennell;

Division A: **Coastal Breeze News**, Roger LaLonde; **Palm Coast Observer**, Jeff Dawsey; **Clearwater Beacon**, Jim Layfield;

Portfolio Photography (Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award)

Division C: **Riverland News**, Julie Mancini; **The Baker County Press**, Jon Shumake; **Navarre Press**, Sandi Kemp;

Division B: **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Tom Vaught; **Windermere Observer/West Orange Times & Observer**, Michael Eng; **Orlando Business Journal**, Jim Carchidi;



Photo Series in One Issue

Division C: **The West Volusia Beacon**, Marsha McLaughlin; **Riverland News**, Jeff Bryan; **The Baker County Press**, Joel Addington;

Division B: **Orlando Business Journal**, Jim Carchidi; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Joseph John Orchulli II; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Justin Fennell;

Division A: **Clearwater Beacon**, Logan Mosby and Staff; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Andres Leiva; **The Laker/Lutz News**, Fred Bellet;

Feature Photo

Division C: **Riverland News**, Julie Mancini; **The Arcadian**, Priscilla McDaniel and Steve Bauer; **Riverland News**, Jeff Bryan;

Division B: **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Joseph John Orchulli II; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Meredith W. Nicholson; **West Orange Times & Observer**, Amy Quesinberry;

Division A: **Largo Leader**, Jim Layfield; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Grace King; **The Laker/Lutz News**, Richard K. Riley;

Spot News Photo

Division C: **Suwannee Democrat**, Thomas Lynn; **The West Volusia Beacon**, Marsha McLaughlin; **The Baker County Press**, Jim McGauley;

Division AB: **Ormond Beach Observer**, Emily Blackwood; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Alan Alvarez; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Joseph John Orchulli II;

Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division C: **Boca Beacon**, Marcy Shortuse and Daniel Godwin; **Business Observer**, Staff ; **Navarre Press**, Staff ;

Division B: **Plant City Times & Observer**, Emily Topper, Justin Kline, Abby Baker, Amber Jurgensen, and C.J. Major; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Ed Scott; **West Orange Times & Observer**, Michael Eng, Jessica Eng, Amy Quesinberry, Gabby Baquero, and Danielle Hendrix;

Division A: **Coastal Breeze News**, Staff ; **East County Observer**, Staff ; **Sarasota Observer**, Staff ;



2016 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest Random List of Winners

Updated: 06/06/2017

Community History

Division C: **Nassau County Record**, Kathie Colgrove; **The Islander News**, Kelly Josephsen; **The West Volusia Beacon**, A. Janell Williams;

Division B: **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Cindy Lane; **Belleair Bee**, Tom Germond and Staff; **West Orange Times & Observer**, Amy Quesinberry;

Division A: **Sarasota Observer**, Nick Friedman; **Sarasota Observer**, Alex Mahadevan; **The Laker/Lutz News**, B.C. Manion;

Best Obituary

Division C: **The Apopka Chief**, John Peery; **The West Volusia Beacon**, A. Janell Williams; **The Islander News**, Kelly Josephsen;

Division B: **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Kim Cool; **Longboat Observer**, Robin Hartill; **Longboat Observer**, Staff ;

Division A: **East County Observer**, Pam Eubanks; **Largo Leader**, Chris George; **Seminole Beacon**, Tiffany Razzano;

Outdoor & Recreation

Division C: **Boca Beacon**, Susan Erwin; **Navarre Press**, Brian Lester; **Winter Park/Maitland Observer**, Sarah Wilson;

Division AB: **The Reporter**, David Goodhue; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Cindy Lane; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Larry Evans;

Agricultural & Environmental Reporting

Division C: **Business Observer**, Mark Gordon; **Navarre Press**, Brian Lester; **Suwannee Democrat**, Thomas Lynn;

Division B: **Longboat Observer**, Staff ; **Plant City Times & Observer**, Emily Topper; **West Orange Times & Observer**, Danielle Hendrix;

Division A: **East County Observer**, Jay Heater; **Palm Coast Observer**, Jonathan Simmons; **The Coastal Star**, Deb Hartz;



State & Local Tax Reporting (The TaxWatch Award)

Division C: **The Calhoun-Liberty Journal**, Teresa Eubanks; **Navarre Press**, Jamie Gentry and Gail Acosta; **The Baker County Press**, Mike Anderson and Joel Addington;

Division AB: **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Bob Mudge; **Miami New Times**, Jessica Lipscomb; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Greg Giles;

Business Reporting

Division C: **The Baker County Press**, Joel Addington; **Crestview News Bulletin**, Brian Hughes; **Business Observer**, Mark Gordon;

Division B: **Orlando Business Journal**, Emma Skeels; **Orlando Business Journal**, Richard Bilbao; **Orlando Business Journal**, Matthew Richardson;

Division A: **Sarasota Observer**, David Conway; **The Coastal Star**, Mary Hladky; **The Laker/Lutz News**, Kathy Steele;

Local Government Reporting

Division C: **Winter Park/Maitland Observer**, Sarah Wilson; **Business Observer**, Mark Gordon; **Santa Rosa Press Gazette**, Aaron Little;

Division B: **Longboat Observer**, Staff ; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Pat Copeland; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Greg Giles;

Division A: **Sarasota Observer**, David Conway; **The Coastal Star**, Steve Plunkett; **The Laker/Lutz News**, B.C. Manion;

Faith and Family Reporting

Division C: **Perry News-Herald/Taco Times**, Susan Lincoln; **The Baker County Press**, Joel Addington; **Suwannee Democrat**, Thomas Lynn;

Division B: **Clay Today**, Jesse Hollett; **Plant City Times & Observer**, Emily Topper; **Windermere Observer**, Michael Eng;

Division A: **East County Observer**, Pam Eubanks, Berkley Mason, and Jay Heater; **The Coastal Star**, Janis Fontaine; **The Laker/Lutz News**, B.C. Manion;



2016 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest
Random List of Winners

Updated: 06/06/2017

Arts, Entertainment & Review Reporting

Division C: **Boca Beacon**, Marcy Shortuse; **Boca Beacon**, Sue Erwin; **Heritage Florida Jewish News**, Christ DeSouza and Jeffrey Gaeser;

Division B: **Longboat Observer**, Nick Friedman; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Kim Cool; **Windermere Observer**, Brittany Gaines;

Division A: **The Coastal Star**, Greg Stepanich; **Sarasota Observer**, Nick Friedman; **Sarasota Observer**, Niki Kottmann;

Health, Medical & Science Reporting

Division C: **Business Observer**, Jean Gruss; **Navarre Press**, Brian Lester; **Winter Park/Maitland Observer**, Sarah Wilson;

Division B: **Orlando Business Journal**, Rachel Williams; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Bob Mudge; **West Orange Times & Observer**, Danielle Hendrix;

Division A: **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Melissa Gomez; **Sarasota Observer**, David Conway; **The Coastal Star**, Lona O'Connor;

Education Reporting

Division C: **Business Observer**, Mark Gordon; **Sumter County Times**, Brenda Locklear; **Navarre Press**, Jamie Gentry;

Division B: **News-Leader**, Jessica Waters and Glenda Jenkins; **Plant City Times & Observer**, Emily Topper; **West Orange Times & Observer**, Michael Eng;

Division A: **Palm Coast Observer**, Jacque Estes; **The Coastal Star**, Ron Hayes; **The Laker/Lutz News**, B.C. Manion;

Feature Story: Non-profile

Division C: **Riverland News**, Jeff Bryan; **Winter Park/Maitland Observer**, Isaac Babcock;

Division B: **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Cindy Lane; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Debbie Flessner; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Larry Humes;

Division A: **Largo Leader**, Chris George; **Miami New Times**, Brittany Shammas; **East County Observer**, Jessica Salmond;



2016 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest
Random List of Winners

Updated: 06/06/2017

Feature Story: Profile

Division C: **The West Volusia Beacon**, Barb Shepherd; **Business Observer**, Mark Gordon; **The Herald-Advocate**, Cynthia Krahl;

Division B: **Ormond Beach Observer**, Emily Blackwood; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Kim Cool; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Greg Giles;

Division A: **Sarasota Observer**, Amanda Morales; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Martin Vassolo; **The Laker/Lutz News**, B.C. Manion;

In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division C: **Navarre Press**, Staff; **Navarre Press**, Staff; **Perry News-Herald/Taco Times**, Angela Castelucci;

Division B: **Clay Today**, Jesse Hollett; **Plant City Times & Observer**, Emily Topper; **The Reporter**, David Goodhue;

Division A: **Palm Coast Observer**, Jonathan Simmons; **Sarasota Observer**, Anna Brugmann; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Staff Entry;

Investigative Reporting (Claudia Ross Memorial Award)

Division C: **Madison Enterprise-Recorder**, Selina Iglesias; **The Calhoun-Liberty Journal**, Teresa Eubanks, Johnny Eubanks, and Domenick Esagro; **Navarre Press**, Jonathan Crider;

Division AB: **The Reporter**, David Goodhue; **Orlando Business Journal**, Anjali Fluker; **Palm Coast Observer**, Jonathan Simmons;

Breaking News Story

Division C: **The Calhoun-Liberty Journal**, Teresa Eubanks; **Perry News-Herald/Taco Times**, Angela Castelucci and Mark Viola; **The Apopka Chief**, Teresa Sargeant;

Division B: **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Joe Hendricks; **West Orange Times & Observer**, Jennifer Nessler; **Ormond Beach Observer**, Emily Blackwood;

Division A: **Palm Coast Observer**, Brian McMillan; **Sarasota Observer**, Staff; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Martin Vassolo;



2016 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest
Random List of Winners

Updated: 06/06/2017

General News Story (Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award)

Division C: **Boca Beacon**, Marcy Shortuse; **The Herald-Advocate**, Cynthia Krahl; **Williston Pioneer Sun News**, Carolyn Ten Broeck;

Division B: **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Debbie Flessner; **Orlando Business Journal**, Anjali Fluker; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Bob Mudge;

Division A: **Palm Coast Observer**, Brian McMillan; **The Independent Florida Alligator**, Staff Entry; **Palm Coast Observer**, Jonathan Simmons;

First Amendment Defense (Jon A. Roosenraad Award)

Division Open: **Navarre Press**, Staff ;

Serious Column (Sally Latham Memorial Award)

Division C: **Crestview News Bulletin**, Thomas Boni; **Riverland News**, Jeff Bryan; **Madison County Carrier**, Emerald Greene Parsons;

Division B: **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Mark Seiden; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Bennett Gross; **Belleair Bee**, Bob Driver;

Division A: **Largo Leader**, Tom Germond; **Palm Coast Observer**, Brian McMillan; **The Laker/Lutz News**, Tom Jackson;

Humorous Column

Division C: **Madison Enterprise-Recorder**, Rick Patrick; **Williston Pioneer Sun News**, Carolyn Ten Broeck; **Perry News-Herald/Taco Times**, Susan Lincoln;

Division B: **Belleair Bee**, Bob Driver; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Cindy Lane; **Longboat Observer**, Nick Friedman;

Division A: **Dunedin Beacon**, Tom Germond; **Palm Coast Observer**, Brian McMillan; **Sarasota Observer**, David Conway;



2016 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest
Random List of Winners

Updated: 06/06/2017

Original Local Editorial Cartoon

Division BC: **Boca Beacon**, Dave Horton; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Steven Borggren; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Clay Jones;

Editorial Award

Division C: **Santa Rosa Press Gazette**, Thomas Boni; **Boca Beacon**, Marcy Shortuse; **The West Volusia Beacon**, Beacon Staff;

Division AB: **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Bob Mudge; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Cindy Lane; **The Coastal Star**, Mary Kate Leming;

Editorial Page

Division Open: **Navarre Press**, Staff ; **The Baker County Press**, Staff ; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Ronald Dupont Jr.;

Community Service

Division Open: **Largo Leader**, Lee Clark Zumpe; **The Arcadian**, Arcadian Staff; **Venice Gondolier Sun**, Staff;

General Excellence

Division C: **Riverland News**, Jeff Bryan, Augie Salzer, and Julie Mancini; **Business Observer**, Staff; **Navarre Press**, Staff ;

Division B: **Ormond Beach Observer**, John Walsh; **Longboat Observer**, Staff; **Anna Maria Island Sun**, Mike Field;

Division A: **Sarasota Observer**, Staff; **Coastal Breeze News**, Valerie Simon and Staff; **Miami New Times**, Staff;