

**16 - Sports Feature 26 entries**

1 **The Bay Voice, New Baltimore**  
Comeback Kids Dan Hemler  
Inspirational story of two athletes. Like how writer broke up long tale by using vignettes. Well-written.

2 **The County Press, Lapeer**  
For The Love Of Horses and Hounds  
Kimberly Dutkiewicz  
Loved this fascinating story about fox hunting. Very interesting.

3 **Redford Observer**  
Show Him The Money Paul Beaudry  
Clever story idea to follow a little leaguer for a game.

HM **County Line Reminder, Ortonville**  
Brandon Icer Had A Leg Up Eric DeMink  
No comment given.

**17 - Sports Coverage 18 entries**

1 **Waterford Eccentric**  
2000 wrap-up issue especially strong. The eye is drawn to the design - good mix of photos and headlines. Content and variety of other issues just as solid. Well done.

2 **Harbor Country News, New Buffalo**  
Good variety of coverage across sports, and excellent photos.

3 **Birmingham Eccentric**  
Nice emphasis on features. Good quality and expression in photos, and good variety of information.

**18 - Lifestyle Section 13 entries**

1 **Clarkston Eccentric**  
Good lead story. Well written and good for the community. Very good use of lines on inside for designating story space. Layout pulled you ahead. Note: Good idea to include e-mail addresses in bylines. This should be used more often!

2 **Plymouth Observer**  
Good use of photos to tell story. Good to tell her story first - then walk-a-thon. Good use of map on first page. Good jump layouts on page B2.

3 **Troy Eccentric**  
Layout landed the third place. Great idea for the photo boxes. Interesting and original topic.

HM **Farmington Observer**  
Great story - good use of inside photos. Good community focus.

**19 - Special Section 26 entries**

1 **The Detroit Jewish News**  
JN Sourcebook  
Very creative and appealing. Informative book.

2 **The Detroit Jewish News**  
Style @ The Jewish News  
Nice magazine, good artwork.

3 **Birmingham Eccentric**  
Feast for the Holidays  
Attractive, eye appealing section that grabs you to want more.

HM **Tri-County Times, Fenton**  
Source Book  
No comment given.

**WEEKLY CLASS C**

**01 - General Excellence 19 entries**

1 **Milford Times**  
Brilliant writing stands out in these issues, also a keen sense of layout, community news and consistent community events, art/photojournalism and editorial.

2 **South Lyon Herald**  
Consistent concepts, comprehensive local and area news coverage. Good design, classifieds, color ad art.

3 **Northville Record**  
Layout, art, writing is all superb. A comprehensive community newspaper with hard hitting journalism and a mix of community features.

HM **The Tri-City Times, Imlay City**  
No comment given.

**02 - Spot News Story 23 entries**

1 **The Monroe Guardian**  
Clinton, Gore Visit Monroe Mike Schaffer  
I am impressed by the photo quality and packaging for your short turn around time. It was a big event for your town. I liked the sidebar with your local mayor.

2 **Gaylord Herald Times**  
A Community Mourns Staff  
I liked this entry because the reporters had 3 days to work on it and the stories are more than just spot news write-ups. People already knew about the accident by their publication deadline. These stories talk about the people who died and their role in the town.

3 **Caro, Tuscola County Advertiser**  
Student Protest Leads To Suspensions David  
Bossick  
I liked that on deadline day you got a photo. Your story on the protests was more than just the simple facts. You talked to quite a few people and still wrote it up in time for the deadline.

3 **Gaylord Herald Times**  
Counting Blessings Julie Kettlewell  
Great storytelling by both writer and sources.

HM **The Citizen, Hamtramck**  
Musician Walter Wasacz

**03 - Local News Reporting 36 entries**

**06 - Enterprise Feature 32 entries**

1 **Caro, Tuscola County Advertiser**  
Marriage Denied For Caro Couple Nancy  
Barriger  
The story closely summarized the legal issues behind a judge's decision to bar a couple from marriage. The writing remained decisive yet interesting.

1 **Milford Times**  
The Long Way Home David M. Aguilar  
Well researched, nicely written. Details were obviously the high points of the story. A nice first-hand perspective on drunk driving.

2 **Allegan County News**  
Cross Burning Daniel G. Kelsey  
The story is true to the subject's personal point of view without losing sight of the objective details of the incident. The story is expanded to a community level.

2 **Northville Record**  
Watch What You Eat Andrew Dietderich.  
Well researched, loved your sidebar on restaurants. An informative topic that opened my eyes and made my stomach churn.

3 **The Tri-City Times, Imlay City**  
Firefighter Challenges City Diana Farley  
This story portrayed a strongly political move that was bold and well-written, covered all the bases.

3 **The Monroe Guardian**  
Bullies Dennis Oblander  
Timely story with the recent school shooting. Good research - but you forgot to talk to the kid.

HM **Ogemaw County Herald**  
R.C. Teacher's Aid Faces CSC Charge Deanna  
Cahill  
No comment given.

HM **Leland, The Leelanau Enterprise & Tribune**  
Roan Brothers Cymbre Foster  
Good researching - digging up new info.

**04 - Design 13 entries**

**07 - Editorial Page or Pages 14 entries**

1 **The Monroe Guardian**  
Balanced dramatic design. Not afraid to use large photos. Typography is also well balanced.

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Inviting design. Good use of white space. Good variety - "Street Talk" a nice feature. Try to get more letters.

2 **South Lyon Herald**  
Great clarity punctuated by solid color. Good balance and use of typography.

2 **Gaylord Herald Times**  
Solid, well-organized, readable pages. Lots of letters a plus. Shorter editorials with more conversational style would help.

3 **Ogemaw County Herald**  
Bold and colorful design with good balance of type. Interesting, not overpowering.

3 **Westland Eagle**  
Good mix of staff opinion - local cartoonist on local issues a big help. Need to better identify columnists - position, non-staff, etc.

HM **The Citizen, Hamtramck**  
Strong design makes up for lack of color.

**08 - Editorial Writing 18 entries**

**05 - Human Interest Feature 39 entries**

1 **Milford Times**  
The Race of a Lifetime David M. Aguilar  
Cole's dedication to her pledge comes through very well.

1 **Ogemaw County Herald**  
Paranoia Over School Violence Bruce Bischoff  
Lead draws in reader and paints a powerful picture. The writer knows how to take a tough subject and tell it powerfully to readers.

2 **Ogemaw County Herald**  
Model T Brings Back Memories Noelle Logan  
Excellent work establishing how much the car means to the family. What could have been just a brief came to life.

2 **Milford Times**  
Faceless System Failed Victims Karl Kling  
This writer is experienced and tells the facts in a great descriptive manner. A reader can't help but read it without stopping. Great!

3 **The Citizen, Hamtramck**  
It's Time For Truce Charles Sercombe  
Interesting lead that takes the city officials to takes from beginning to end. If it were a boxing match, the city would be bloody on the ropes! Good job!

HM **The Tri-City Times, Imlay City**  
Officers Need To Follow Rules Tom Wearing  
No comment given.

### 09 - Local Columns 34 entries

1 **Gaylord Herald Times** Peter Comings  
Comings is funny and engaging. He successfully makes personal experiences universal by likening them to more common situations or highlighting specific emotions.

2 **The Monroe Guardian** Mike Schaffer  
Schaffer takes a firm stance and pulls no punches on both local and national issues. Humor even shows through on more personal columns.

3 **Caro, Tuscola County Advertiser**  
Brett McLaughlin  
McLaughlin displays talent with diverse subjects from funny "quickie" columns to moving profiles of different lives.

HM **Milford Times**  
Tran Longmoore  
No comment given.

### 10 - Spot News Picture 17 entries

1 **Gaylord Herald Times**  
Flamingo Inferno Jeffrey Hogan  
Excellent composition and capture of evolving story. Very well done.

2 **Ogemaw County Herald**  
Fire Destroys Barn, Swine Bruce Bischoff  
Encompassing view includes both drama and lighter "smoked" hog.

3 **The Tri-City Times, Imlay City**  
Crash On M-53 Randy Jorgensen  
Strong visual impact and compelling composition.

### 11 - Feature Picture 37 entries

1 **The Tri-City Times, Imlay City**  
Rodeo Rider Randy Jorgensen  
This shot is the result of time - preparation - and a little luck. Great lighting!

2 **The Tri-City Times, Imlay City**  
History Goes Up In Flames Diana Farley  
Composition well balanced. Good blend of colors and movement.

3 **South Lyon Herald**  
Hal Gould  
Picture tells a story that motorists fear - timing is everything.

HM **Oceana's Herald Journal, Hart**  
Tunnel of Color John Cavanaugh  
No comment given.

### 12 - Sports Picture 32 entries

1 **Milford Times**  
Alpine Skier Hal Gould  
Great vertical shot, way to capture the face backwards? Good use of in between skier/ground.

2 **Houghton Lake Resorter**  
Happy At Home Thomas Reznick  
Nice feel of modern nostalgia. Everything in the picture is positioned very nicely.

3 **Milford Times**  
Pole Vault Hal Gould  
Great color and framing of jumper.

HM **Ogemaw County Herald**  
Giving A lift Brent R. Baker  
No comment given.

### 13 - Picture Story 28 entries

1 **The Monroe Guardian**  
Lights Dennis Oblander  
Beautifully executed photos drew me right into the page.

2 **The Citizen, Hamtramck**  
Paczki Day Charles Sercombe  
Great day in the life kin of photo story.

3 **Gaylord Herald Times**  
Day Of Remembrance in Otsego Co. Bill Serveny  
No comment given.

HM **South Lyon Herald** Hal Gould  
No comment given.

### 14 - Sports Writing 27 entries

1 **The Monroe Guardian**  
The Number 2 from Monroe Co. Jamie Cook  
Cook gives a unique look at two area wrestlers. Good use of descriptive adjectives. Keeps readers' interest.

2 **Ogemaw County Herald**  
Unbeaten Tawas Hands Falcons Bitter Loss  
Brent Baker  
Descriptive lead set state for good story.

3 **Gaylord Herald Times**  
Twin Titles James Cook  
Making golf come alive is no easy task. James Cook does it well.

HM **Gaylord Herald Times**  
Injury Plagued Gaylord Julie Kettlewell  
No comment given.

**15 - Sports Column 14 entries**

1 **Evart Review** Jeff Junker  
This guy is great! Junker effectively uses imagery, phrasing, paragraph structure and flow to lure readers all the way through his columns. Simply outstanding.

2 **Gaylord Herald Times** Mike Dunn  
Any coach reading a motivating message should tack Dunn's columns to the locker room cork board. Great stories told with flair and finesse. Well done.

3 **Ogemaw County Herald** Brent Baker  
Baker has no fear and loads of writing skills. Impressive writing.

HM **Oceana's Herald Journal, Hart**  
N. B. Sawyer  
No comment given.

**16 - Sports Feature 20 entries**

1 **Gaylord Herald Times**  
Tower of Strength Mike Dunn  
Well-written story about basketball player who overcame severe injury to continue her career. Good use of quotes.

2 **Gaylord Herald Times**  
Two of a Kind James Cook  
Getting good quotes from high school kids is awfully tough, but author did. And we felt like we knew these two athletes.

3 **Ogemaw County Herald**  
Earnhardt's Final Moments Haunt WB Family  
Brent Baker  
Gripping, chilling account of how local family had close encounter with Earnhardt crash.

HM **Oceana's Herald Journal, Hart**  
Sequin Connie Gorton  
Proves how wacky wrestlers are.

**17 - Sports Coverage 12 entries**

1 **Ogemaw County Herald**  
Outstanding, clear photos. Solid writing. The reader has a good sense of having been there! Good variety of coverage at all levels, including community sports.

2 **Gaylord Herald Times**  
Good writing and photos. However, multiple colors in page design and multiple fonts are distracting. Golf coverage well done.

3 **Novi News**  
Some really stellar photos, and good variety of coverage. Colored box for one story is jarring, and there is occasional trapped white space around photos.

HM **Belleville-Area Independent**  
No Comment Given.

**18 - Lifestyle Section 12 entries**

1 **The Monroe Guardian**  
Nicely done section. Well-organized. 60 Guide a plus. Liked "Millennium Force" layout and story.

2 **Gaylord Herald Times**  
Good subject matter, nice layouts on front, good layout inside pages.

3 **Novi News**  
Excellent photos, good stories that would be better with tighter editing.

**19 - Special Section 21 entries**

1 **Northville Record**  
Dawn Of A New Era  
Well done section tying the past and future. Well designed and informative.

2 **Oceana's Herald Journal, Hart**  
Vacationland  
Informative piece for visitors and locals. Makes me want to visit area. Easy reading.

3 **Houghton Lake Resorter**  
Seasons (Winter)  
Good news content and advertng.

HM **The Monroe Guardian**  
ARCA  
No comment given.

**WEEKLY CLASS D**

**01 - General Excellence 12 entries**

1 **Morenci Observer**  
I really like the redesign in 2001. Flag no longer has annoying screen. Crisp layout on front that is easy to follow. Photo quality is good in 2001. Nice headline fonts. I like mix of harder news and feature stories.