

3 **The County Press**
 Speed's all in the Family Mark Haney
 Fun feature; nice lead.

17 - Sports Coverage 14 entries

1 **Canton Observer**
 Very nice variety in sports coverage - features, people oriented as well as team stories; great layout of photos.

2 **Birmingham Eccentric**
 Great coverage and action photos; very thorough and nice, consistent layout.

3 **Oxford Eccentric**
 Clean, neat layout with nice action photos; fine coverage and writing.

4 **South Haven Tribune**
 Excellent coverage, photos, stories and layout. Hopefully advertisers are paying a very high premium to be on 1-B because it does take away some from the section to have ads on the cover, of course.

18 - Lifestyle Section 7 entries

1 **Tri-County Times**
 Loads of staff-generated community news.

2 **Clarkston Eccentric**
 Leader dog story in local school a unique idea.

3 **The County Press**
 Good story ideas. Click page is a great way to not only show the community but get the community involved in the paper. The lack of relevance of the photos on the summer stings story kept this from being first place.

19 - Special Section 24 entries

1 **Tri-County Times**
 Fall Sports Preview
 A readable, attractive section!

2 **Portland Review & Observer**
 Kids Edition
 Well done!

3 **Tri-County Times**
 Renaissance Festival
 Good, attractive section.

4 **South Haven Tribune**
 Fall Sports 2001
 Good job.

Weekly Class C

01 - General Excellence 16 entries

1 **Oceana's Herald Journal**
 The readers must feel like they are holding the community in their hands when they read this paper. It's all about the people and their stories and activities. Well worth \$.75! The unorthodox masthead grows on you - it must be Oceana County!

2 **Saline Reporter**
 Coverage of local news that readers would almost have to be interested in - great stories. "Saline in Brief" is good and so are Sports and Community sections. It has the look and feel of a real hometown newspaper.

3 **Romeo Observer**
 This newspaper is Romeo, Michigan. The look is conservative yet colorful. Great local news. Header on classifieds could be more prominent. Should local sports be a little more prominent? That is your call - depends on what readers want.

4 **Milford Times**
 Milford, South Lyon, Northville all are excellent newspapers with first place to second and third place written all over them. Individuality of the winners to their particular communities in this year's competition gave those the nod over these three.

4 **Northville Record**
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4 **South Lyon Herald**
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02 - Spot News Story 37 entries

1 **Gaylord Herald Times**
 G-P Explosion Coverage J. Hogan, P. Comings, J. Dickerson, M. Jones, H. Dickerson
 Extraordinary work under extreme time pressure.

2 **Milford Times**
 Gun Tragedy Hits Home D. Aguilar, T. Longmoore, E. Johnson
 Getting behind a tragic incident to ask what it means.

3 **Gaylord Herald Times**
Two Dead In Jo-burg Tragedy J. Hogan,
P. Comings, C. Jenkins, L. Lawrason, H.
Dickson, J. Dickerson
No Comment Given

4 **Oscoda County Herald**
Police Suspect Hate Crime Starr Golembiewski
No Comment Given

03- Local News Reporting 13 entries

1 **Gaylord Herald Times**
Good coverage of breaking news combined with a
feel for the community.

2 **South Lyon Herald**
No Comment Given

3 **Milford Times**
No Comment Given

4 **Ogemaw County Herald**
No Comment Given

04 - Design 10 entries

1 **Milford Times**
Has the look of a larger paper. Surprises throughout.

2 **South Lyon Herald**
Very good!

3 **Gaylord Herald Times**
Classic, open presentation.

05 - Human Interest Feature 44 entries

1 **The Monroe Guardian**
Samaria 48177 Dennis Oblander
Reading this story was like being beamed back to
Norman Rockwell's America. This was a superbly
written slice of life story.

2 **The Tri-City Times**
Teacher's 'Hunk' Now Centerfold Diane Farley
A common "feel-good" story that became much more
due to the writer's flair for asking the right questions.
This shows how even the simplest stories can
fascinate and hold readers' attention.

3 **The Citizen**
Guess Who's Winning the Rat Race
Charles Sercombe
Great writing, great topic, great picture, too. What a
character!

4 **Ogemaw County Herald**
Survivor Elizabeth Swift
This magazine quality series was capably researched,
well-presented and interesting, too - all with a strong
local connection.

06 - Enterprise Feature 31 entries

1 **Ogemaw County Herald**
Guns 'n Roses M. Constance, B. Bischoff,
D. Cahill
No Comment Given

2 **South Lyon Herald**
Understanding Special Education
Anna Troppens
No Comment Given

3 **Milford Times**
Mascot: Up Close Erin Johnson
No Comment Given

4 **Gaylord Herald Times**
Caution Ahead Lisa Lawrason
No Comment Given

07 - Editorial Page or Pages 10 entries

1 **Gaylord Herald Times**
What a nice page with your view, an outsider's view
and Word on the Street. All of it doesn't come without
hard work, we know that's true.

2 **Ogemaw County Herald**
We're delighted to read atop an editorial page the
opening words of the First Amendment. The little mug
and bio of an employee down page is a good idea.

3 **The Tri-City Times**
Tom Wearing's editorials are folksy and frank.

08 - Editorial Writing 22 entries

1 **Ogemaw County Herald**
Bruce Bischoff
These are really, really good.

2 **The Citizen**
Charles Sercombe
Very hard-hitting, very local!

3 **Milford Times**
Tran Longmoore
Good fight for open government.

4 **Milford Times**
David Aguilar
Very good.

09 - Local Columns 31 entries

- 1 **Milford Times**
Karl Kling
Columns show good mix of topical and personal.
- 2 **The Monroe Guardian**
Dennis Oblander
Wry humor works well in clever, witting pieces.
- 3 **The Monroe Guardian**
Mike Schaffer
A strong local feeling.
- 4 **The Exponent**
Vernice Schepeler
Elegantly drawn memories of the country life.

10 - Spot News Picture 27 entries

- 1 **Tuscola County Advertiser**
Eight Injured Steve Donahoe
Good composition, depth of field, focus, high impact.
- 2 **Ogemaw County Herald**
On the Loose Deanna Cahill
No Comment Given
- 3 **South Lyon Herald**
One Car Accident Hal Gould
No Comment Given
- 4 **The Citizen**
Vigil Walter Wasacz
Great point of view and composition. Emotion expressed in faces.

11 - Feature Picture 46 entries

- 1 **Milford Times**
Carnival Swing Hal Gould
Nice composition, great expression.
- 2 **Milford Times**
Memorial Day Salute Hal Gould
Nice emotional photo. Makes a very nice front page.
- 3 **Houghton Lake Resorter**
Determined Thomas Reznick
Great expression, nice angle.
- 4 **South Lyon Herald**
Deer Crossing Hal Gould
Great photo to illustrate story. Good timing.

12 - Sports Picture 28 entries

- 1 **Milford Times**
High Jump Hal Gould
This photo had the best expression and was the cleanest of the group. This kind of photo puts the viewer in the high jumper's place.
- 2 **Oceana's Herald Journal**
Shelby Falls In State Semis John Szegda
Great expression. You can feel the pain of this young man. The photo is tight and has all the info needed without bring trashy.....
- 3 **South Lyon Herald**
Running Over Hal Gould
Nice clean action photo. The player on his back with his legs sticking up makes it work.
- 4 **The Tri-City Times**
Hit By Pitch Kevin Kissane
This is a good moment. The background is cluttered. A longer lens and a wider f-stop would have pushed this photo to the third place.

13 - Picture Story 32 entries

- 1 **Milford Times**
Huron Valley Mourns David Aguilar
Nice variety of shots and clean composition makes this photo a winner.
- 2 **Milford Times**
Milfords 4th Hal Gould
Could have used a tighter edit, but still thought nice moments were captured... especially like the fireworks photo.
- 3 **Oceana's Herald Journal**
Sun Sets On Summer Andrew Skinner
Really beautiful and colorful photos that are packaged well.
- 4 **South Lyon Herald**
Dairy Farm Hal Gould
Nice set of photos for nice assignment. Unusual composition and heart felt moments throughout.

14 - Sports Writing 24 entries

- 1 **Gaylord Herald Times**
St. Mary Yes! Dominick Miller
There's a good story on St. Mary's basketball victory. The same for the account of Gaylord's football victory over Cadillac.
- 2 **Houghton Lake Resorter**
Sponsorship Summit Cheryl Mendham
More space in papers need to be given stories about consultants teaching good sportsmanship.
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3 **Tuscola County Advertiser**
 Reese's Semifinal Sorrow David Bossick
 The game kept going, going, going. David Bossick stayed with it and wrote a good game story.

15 - Sports Column 13 entries

1 **Gaylord Herald Times**
 Mike Dunn
 Good writing.

2 **Ogemaw County Herald**
 Brent Baker
 No Comment Given

3 **The Monroe Guardian**
 Chuck Nelson
 No Comment Given

16 - Sports Feature 23 entries

1 **Oscoda County Herald**
 Mio Boy has Bright Future Starr Golembiewski
 Clearly the best. Writing is way, way above average.

2 **Gaylord Herald Times**
 Gaylord's Comeback Mike Dunn
 A compelling story, well told.

3 **Houghton Lake Resorter**
 McKindles Rises James Briggs
 No Comment Given

4 **The Exponent**
 Addison's Adopted Leader Jeff Steers
 No Comment Given

17 - Sports Coverage 12 entries

1 **Ogemaw County Herald**
 This is one fine newspaper, among many in Class C, and Brent Baker and the sports coverage make it that much better of a community paper. Beautiful photos - pictures of stories capture the spirit of your county. Great look, easy to read.

2 **Gaylord Herald Times**
 The Gaylord Herald Times is an excellent newspaper, and the sports coverage is a big reason why - very thorough, great photos. Well done, Mike Dunn and everyone involved.

3 **The Tri-City Times**
 An excellent sports section in a very good newspaper. Very nice photos, some excellent. Thorough coverage - fine job by Kevin Kissane.

4 **The Monroe Guardian**
 This is one of the best collections of newspapers and sports sections I have seen in s long time, otherwise

this Honorable Mention could have been a first place. Excellent stories, photos, layout and overall coverage.

18 - Lifestyle Section 7 entries

1 **South Lyon Herald**
 Good mix of features and community service coverage. Library column is unique. Nice layout. Companion pieces to main story go the extra mile.

2 **Milford Times**
 Good effort to reflect what was going on in the community. Layout on barn raising was eye catching and photos told the story well.

3 **The Monroe Guardian**
 Liked the lightning story idea. Good tips with it. Comprehensive community coverage with local experts used as columnists.

19 - Special Section 24 entries

1 **The Monroe Guardian**
 Survive
 A clever take-off of the TV "Survivor" theme - the section was interesting, readable and fun.

2 **The Exponent**
 A Look Back at 2001
 A good, newsy section.

3 **Milford Times**
 2001 - The Year in Review
 A good, clean section. Easy to read.

4 **Houghton Lake Resorter**
 Seasons - Winter
 Interesting features.

Weekly Class D

01 - General Excellence 16 entries

1 **Charlevoix Courier**
 Consistent layout and design making it easy for readers to find regular features. Also fine writing and great reproduction of photos that really give you a sense of place and people.

2 **Morenci Observer**
 Clean looking layout and design - good writing and fine use of photographs.

3 **Chelsea Standard**
 Good consistent layout and design. Easy to follow sections with good writing and lost of local photographs of people and places.