

2023 Oklahoma Society of Professional Journalists Pro Chapter Awards Recipients

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RADIO

Radio Outstanding Newscast

1st Place - KGOU, Nyk Daniels - KGOU AM NewsBrief: Nov. 7, 2022

2nd Place - KOSU , Michael Cross, Allison Herrera, Robby Korth, Graycen Wheeler -
Sept. 26 newscast

Radio Outstanding Discussion Program

1st Place - KOSU, Michael Cross, Neva Hill, Ryan Kiesel - This Week in Oklahoma Politics

2nd Place - KGOU, Dick Pryor, Shawn Ashley - Capitol Insider: Rise of Christian Nationalism
Influences Political Discourse and Elections in 2022

3rd Place - KGOU, Logan Layden - KGOU Readers Club

Honorable Mention - StateImpact Oklahoma: Catherine Sweeney, Logan Layden, Robby Korth, Beth
Wallis - StateImpact Oklahoma reporters react to midterm election results

Radio Outstanding extended form news story or series

**1st Place - StateImpact Oklahoma, Catherine Sweeney - The Adderall shortage has made its
way to Oklahoma**

Comments:

Excellent job of explaining how the issue impacts those affected while also being concise.

2nd Place – KOSU, Allison Herrera - Coverage of Castro-Huerta

3rd Place - StateImpact Oklahoma , Beth Wallis - Sustaining Sustainability: The waste problem in
Oklahoma's cannabis industry

Honorable Mention - KOSU, Robby Korth, Kateleigh Mills - Youth in Conversation

Radio Outstanding News Story

1st Place - KOSU, Allison Herrera - 'It was 12 years of hell': Indian boarding school survivors recount painful memories

2nd place - KOSU, Xcaret Nuñez - Rural Oklahoma needs more veterinarians, but low pay and student debt make choice difficult

3rd Place - KGOU, Hannah France, Taylor Jones - International students in Oklahoma respond to protests in Iran

Honorable Mention - KGOU, Hanna France - A new ordinance allows Oklahoma City residents to raise chickens in backyards

Radio Outstanding Investigative Reporting

1st Place - KOSU, Graycen Wheeler - After a month of yellow drinking water, Altus officials say they've addressed high manganese concentrations

Comments: Water reports are difficult to report on. This story showed direct impact as illustrated by the color of the water instead of told us that there was an issue.

2nd Place: KGOU, Hannah France, Whitney Bryen -Whistleblowers allege embezzlement, fraud at Tahlequah nonprofit that championed Indigenous women

Comments: Lots of frustrated people call a newsroom. This story showed good reporting depth and scope. I loved that the hospital administrator was unaware of the very existence of the nonprofit next door.

3rd Place: StateImpact Oklahoma , Robbie Korth - How property tax protests are hurting Oklahoma schools

Honorable Mention: StateImpact, Beth Wallis - What more can be done to save the Lesser Prairie-Chicken?

Radio Outstanding Documentary

1st Place – KOSU, Focus: Black Oklahoma Team - Focus Black Oklahoma

Comments: Strong conversations make for a very compelling program.

Radio Outstanding Feature

1st Place: KOSU, Xcaret Nuñez - Farms welcoming tourists now make up a \$1 Billion industry of corn mazes and pumpkin patches

Comment: The variety of voices included in this story plus the idea of fall made it a winner. Great job including stats, law, and a family's trip to the pumpkin patch into a winning feature story.

2nd Pl: Statelmpact, Robby Korth, - Before getting their diplomas, these Yukon High School seniors go back to elementary school

3rd Place - KGOU, Hannah France - Conversion therapy bans continue to be discussed in Oklahoma

Honorable Mention: Statelmpact Oklahoma, Robby Korth - Alumni gather at Oklahoma City's old Northeast High School to honor 1970 student activism

Radio Outstanding Spot News

First Place - KGOU, Nyk Daniels - Oklahoma ends 2021 with warmest December on record

Radio Outstanding Editing Audio

First Place - Statelmpact Oklahoma , Beth Wallis - Where should we put our country's nuclear waste? Statelmpact Oklahoma goes underground to find out

Comments: Good use of NAT sound throughout the report helps make this well-written story even more vibrant.

Second Place - KOSU, Allison Herrera - 'It was 12 years of hell': Indian Boarding School survivors recount painful memories

Radio Outstanding Use of Sound

First Place: KGOU, Hannah France - A new ordinance allows Oklahoma City residents to raise chickens in backyards

Comment: Musical chickens! Way to make a story about city ordinances stand out.

Second Place: KOSU, Graycen Wheeler - After a month of yellow drinking water, Altus officials say they've addressed high manganese concentrations

Radio Outstanding Interview

First Place: KGOU, Logan Layden - "We have to invent a new country now": KGOU's conversation with David Brooks

Comments: Interview did an excellent job of objectively confronting an issue that affects all Americans.

Second Place: KOSU, Kateleigh Mills, Matthew Viriyapah - One Small Step: Terri and Emily

Radio Outstanding Online Reporting

First Place: KOSU, Graycen Wheeler - After a month of yellow drinking water, Altus officials say they've addressed high manganese concentrations

COMMENTS: Going beyond complaints and water reports, this story dives deep into a common problem people face when turning on the tap at their sink. Great job conveying info and the science into easily digestible chunks.

Second Place: KOSU, Allison Herrera - FACT CHECK: Oklahoma Gov. says convicted drunk driver could go free

Radio Outstanding Reporter Portfolio

First Place - Hannah France , KGOU

Comments: A strong collection of reports exemplifies this reporter's talents in producing compelling radio stories on a wide range of topics. She uses good judgment in picking soundbites to include with NAT sound often helping weave the reports together.

Second Place: -Beth Wallis, StateImpact Oklahoma

Third Place: Robby Korth, StateImpact Oklahoma

Radio Outstanding Host/Moderator

First Place: Michael Cross, KOSU

Comment: Series did an excellent job of objectively addressing various topics without inserting any apparent agenda into the coverage.

Second Place: Nyk Daniels - KGOU

TELEVISION

TV Outstanding Discussion Program/ Series

First Place: KJRH, Julie Chin, Dennis Meister, Wes DeHart, Gary Griggs, Andrew Mohler - Positively Oklahoma: Stories of the Human Spirit

COMMENT: Each of these stories touched a piece of emotion. Thank you to you and your news team for what you do! Incredible storytelling!

Second Place:

TV Outstanding extended form news story or series

First Place: FOX 23, Rick Maranon - Oklahoma Getting A Baby Box

Comments:

Great coverage. I like that you explained how the baby box works on the inside. Many times people don't show the inside of the baby box. Also, you traveled to another state to do this story, which only shows your level of dedication.

TV Outstanding News Investigative Reporting

First Place: KTUL, Daniela Ibarra, Jeremy Jones - Go mom Go

Comment: This does have broader context than one man's murder, however it's not illustrated in this story. Still good job on bringing the issue forward.

Second Place: Fox23 News, Rick Maranon - One Year Later: Gone Without A Trace

Comment:

While there was a lot of effort put into this story, I don't know that an unsolved murder mystery really qualifies under the investigative tab.

TV Outstanding Feature

First Place: KJRH, Amanda Slee - Breast Cancer Awareness: Mother shares unique diagnosis story

Comment: Thank you for bringing this important story to light. It was well told and also inspiring.

Second Place: KJRH, Julie Chin, Wes DeHart - Positively Oklahoma: Longest Married Couple

Third Place, KJRH, Amanda Slee, Scott Marion - Paraprofessionals needed in schools

TV Outstanding Spot News

First Place: KJRH, Amanda Slee, Avery Fulton - Destruction in Idabel

Comment:

I loved your stand up and your story was well told. Although the tornado did cause damage, your story showed the people impacted still had hope and that's an important message to convey.

Second Place: KJRH, Amanda Slee, Marisa Wojtalewicz - Shooting at Taft Memorial Day Celebrations

PUBLIC RELATIONS

PR Best Video

First Place: OMRF, Lindsay Thomas, Jenny Lee, Kate Miller, James Harber, Joseph Harber - Celebrating 75 Years of Discoveries That Make a Difference

PR Outstanding Newsletter

**First Place: OMRF, Adam Cohen, Lindsay Thomas, Jenny Lee, Kate Miller, Tony Thornton
BUNSEN BURNER**

Comments: Great layout with cohesive, but compelling design choices.

Second Place: Otoe-Missouria Tribe , Heather Payne -
WORAGE Stories of the People

PR Outstanding Promotional Material

First Place: Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust , Sjonna Paulson, Kelli Brodersen, Chase Harvick, Sarah Powers, Lindsey Funk

Comments: Strong, clear message delivered by the right person on camera.

Second Place: OMRF, Lindsay Thomas, Jenny Lee, Sabrina Gabrielli -
241 Emmylou Harris poster

PR Outstanding Press Release

First Place: Otoe-Missouria Tribe , Heather Payne - TRIBAL ARTIST PAINTS WATERPARK MURAL

Comments:

Fantastic story! This is a great example of how a press release can have character and beauty. Well done!

Second Place: OMRF, Tony Thornton, Lindsay Thomas -
Stillwater's 'Pink Out' gift to OMRF takes on special meaning

Comments:

Great lead! This is a wonderful example of giving a press release a little bit of personality even when there are some difficult realities involved. Well done!

Third Place: OMRF, Tony Thornton, Lindsay Thomas : OMRF experts urge caution as RSV cases rise

PR Outstanding Feature Writing

First Place: Oklahoma Humanities Magazine: Leeda Copley, Oklahoma Humanities, Publisher; Vampires, Aliens, and Zombies—Oh My!

Comments: A joy to read. Encourages readers to reflect on who "we" are on a deep level, in contrast with the playfulness of the title, artwork and colors.

Second Place: OMRF, Adam Cohen - Family Matters

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Third Place: Oklahoma Humanities Magazine, Danny Heitman, Oklahoma Humanities, Publisher -
The Days of Eleanor Roosevelt

PR Outstanding Publications

First Place: OMRF, Adam Cohen, Lindsay Thomas, Jenny Lee - 2021 Annual Report

Comments:

The graphics were vibrant and compelling. I loved the use of numbered paragraphs.

Second Place: Oklahoma Humanities Magazine,
Oklahoma Humanities Staff, Oklahoma Humanities, Publisher - Spring/Summer 2022

Third Place: OMRF,
Adam Cohen, Lindsay Thomas, Jenny Lee, Kate Miller, Tony Thornton -
Findings Magazine

Honorable Mention: Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust , Thomas Larson, Sarah Carson, Shauna Schroder - The People's Trust

PRINT

Print Outstanding Video

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Print Outstanding Web Design

**First Place: Campus Oklahoma City University,
Blake Uhlig, Anna Schmidt, Natalie Turner, Doha Hana, Beth Woemmel - MediaOCU - The Campus**

Comments:

Very nice, clean design with easy-to-read fonts and point sizes. Site is easy to navigate!

Second Place: Osage News

Print Outstanding Website

First Place: NonDoc Media, Tres Savage, Andrea DenHoed, Matt Patterson, Joe Tomlinson, Bennett Brinkman

Comments: Great selection and placement of content! Stories and photos are engaging, and the site is easy to navigate.

Second Place: Cherokee Phoenix,

Third Place - The Frontier

Honorable Mention - Oklahoma Daily

Print Outstanding Online Story

First Place: NonDoc Media, Matt Patterson - With more elections around the corner, voter fatigue complicates 2023

Comment: Interesting look at the constant campaigning required of candidates who face re-election every two years, plus the plethora of smaller races in early 2023 on the heels of the 2022 elections. I'm exhausted for the electorate.

Second Place: NonDoc Media, Bennett Brinkman - An audit, a slur and an investigation: Tense times at Talihina Public Schools

Comments:

Interesting but not tightly focused story about problems in a rural school ranging from homophobic slur by a teacher who yells at male students, investigations by state officials and an overdue audit.

Third Place: Religion Unplugged, Bobby Ross Jr. -

The truth of Brown v. Board: Setting the record straight during Black History Month

Comments:

Excellent review of the history of Brown v Board of Ed from the daughter of Brown.

Print Outstanding Newspaper Story

First Place: Osage News, Shannon Shaw Duty - Working Together: Regional partnerships bring more jobs

Comments: Wonderful scene-setting rarely found in hard news. Very engaging.

Second Place: Christian Chronicle, Audrey Jackson - 'This is wailing, weeping, heartfelt grief. This is what this town is feeling'

Comments: This is the perfect example of how to localize national news to serve your audience.

Third Place: Osage News, Louise Red Corn -
Judge rules Enel must produce financial profitability of wind farm
Comment:
Straightforward and clear voice. Solid writing and reporting.

Print Newspaper Graphic Illustration

First Place: Southwest Ledger, Carl Lewis, - Straightforward and clear voice. Solid writing and reporting.

Comment: Really great illustrations to help readers digest the information. Nice color scheme.

Second Place: Campus (Okla. City Univ.) , Blake Uhlig, Anna Schmidt, Elizabeth Heffernan, Sofia Granados - Special Elections issue - March 30, 2022

Print Newspaper Story Photo Essay

First Place: Christian Chronicle, Audrey Jackson - Shame stops as Agape Flows

Comments: Photos about a subject such as this can be difficult to capture. Well done!

Second Place: Southwest Ledger, Rip Stell , A Day at the Capitol”

Third Place: Campus Oklahoma City University, Sofia Granados - Dia de las Velitas - page 7

Honorable Mention: NonDoc Media, Michael Duncan - Joy Hofmeister hammers voucher threat in rural Oklahoma

Print Outstanding Newspaper Photography

First Place: McAlester News-Capital , Derrick James - Officers show support to fellow officer

Comments: Thinking and troubleshooting-That's what makes a good photojournalist!

Second Place: 15th Street News Rose State College, Michael Palacios - OKC Celebrates Completion of Lower Scissortail Park

Third Place: Southwest Ledger, Rip Stell - A Day at the Capital

Honorable Mention: Southwest Ledger, Christopher Bryan - Oklahoma Youth Expo

Print Outstanding Page 1 Layout

First Place: Cherokee Phoenix, Mark Dreadfulwater

Comment: Good balance in design. Photography is sharp.

Second Place: Southwest Ledger, Carl Lewis - Hollywood on the Prarie

Print Outstanding Newspaper

First Place: Cherokee Phoenix

Comments:

This is everything a newspaper should be. It especially does an outstanding job of thoroughly and thoughtfully covering its various constituents. The writing is superb. The headlines and photos are attractive. Overall, it is a strong voice for the community and everyone associated with it should be very proud. Congratulations to the staff for all their hard work.

Second Place: Southwest Ledger

Third Place: Citizen Potwatomi Nation

Honorable Mention: The Frontier

Print Outstanding Magazine Story

First Place: The Frontier, Kayla Branch - With nowhere else to go, he slept in the emergency room

Comment: Strong reporting, clear writing, and a compelling narrative all work hand-in-hand to usher this important subject into the light. Excellent work.

Second Place: Tulsa People, Julianne Tran - "International flavors"

Comments: Clear, vibrant language anchors this series of intimate portraits, the nuances of which make the reader feel like he's a regular in each one of their shops.

Third Place: Cowboys & Indians, Heide Brandes - Remember the Removal Bike Ride

Comment:

It's not easy to balance past and present in stories like this, but the author does an admirable job in this well-written account.

Print Outstanding Magazine Illustration/Graphic

First Place: Curbside Chronicle, Sydni Nasada - Tastes Like Home

Comments: This is awesome. The feature idea is great - but the illustration definitely makes it. I would hope there is a series of these!

Second Place: Curbside Chronicle, Karson Brooks - Holiday Stories

Comments:

Very whimsical style - adds a nice down home feel to the feature.

Third Place: 15th Street News (Rose State Coll.) , Laura Huskey -

Beautiful illustration, although it's not clear which feature it is associated with.

Print Outstanding Magazine Cover

First Place: Curbside Chronicle, Nathan Poppe, Aditi Heins - Issue 93 - Santa Blair

Comment: The typography and photography work very well together on this cover.

Second Place: Curbside Chronicle, Sydni Nasada - Issue 88 Tastes Like Home

Third Place - TulsaPeople, Greg Bollinger, Georgia Brooks - TulsaPeople September 2022

Print Outstanding Magazine Photography

First Place: Curbside Chronicle, Nathan Poppe - Cold Snap

Comments:

Very moving photograph. The subject matter is emotional, but black and white treatment of this images definitely leaves a lasting impression.

Second Place: TulsaPeople, Michelle Pollard - Mr. Kim's

Comment: Good food photography. Some changes with lighting could be used better to enhance the images, but the food still looks delicious.

Third Place: Curbside Chronicle, Nathan Poppe - La 29 Mural

Comment: Colorful way to capture and share culture.

Print Outstanding Story Photo Essay

First Place: TulsaPeople, Michelle Pollard, Blayklee Freed - Tulsa's backyard

Comments: This entry shows how the photos were used. The images are beautiful and the spread took quite a bit of planning.

Second Place: Curbside Chronicle, Nathan Poppe - Cold Snap

Comments;

Raw human emotions - very powerful imagery!

Third Place: Curbside Chronicle, Nathan Poppe - Paws Everything

Comment: What an interesting story angle for this set of photos!

Print Outstanding Magazine Page design

First Place: Curbside Chronicle, Nathan Poppe, Sydni Nasada, Lauren Mitchell, Miguel Rios, Jezy Gray - 2022 Curbside Voter Guide

Print Outstanding Magazine

First Place - Curbside Chronicle

Comments:

Although the page count of Curbside Chronicle might be limited, every element on every page feels engaging, vibrant, and new. The writing (especially that of editor Nathan Poppe). The design. The imagery (both photos and illustrations). Although I know little of Oklahoma and Curbside's community, this is a publication that I feel myself wanting to pass on — to hand to a friend and say, "Look."

Second Place: TulsaPeople Magazine

Comments:

Tulsa People offers such an immersive survey of Tulsa that a reader feels that he, too, upon finishing an issue, has a finger on the city's pulse. This publication has flashes of brilliance (the International Market story, for example), with overall good writing, design, and photography.

Third Place: Crimson Quarterly OU Daily

Print Outstanding Review

First Place - Tulsa Community College - Media , Joe O'Shansky - Film Review: The Fabelmans

Comment: A concise and appealing review with a nice balance of summary and critical analysis.

Second Place: Southwest Ledger, Mike W. Ray - Myth of 'Old West' has surpassed the actual era

Third Place: Southwest Ledger, James Finck - REVIEW: 'So Help Me God' by Mike Pence

Honorable Mention: Southwest Ledger, Mike W. Ray = The incredible, 'Notorious Life of Ned Buntline'

Print Outstanding Investigative Report

First Place: The Frontier, Jennifer Palmer Clifton Adcock, Reese Gorman - Misspent education relief funds, school choice groups and Ryan Walters

Comments:

Solid investigative work. Good read. Ticks all the boxes. "Education relief money spent on a TV or a gas grill or Christmas tree" is so relatable for the reader and makes the point stick.

Second Place: NonDoc Media, Megan Prather - Epic founders Ben Harris and David Chaney poured money into state politics

Comment:

Solid reporting and good job getting all the players in the story. I voted second place because I wanted to see those ghost students in the lede. The reader probably cares more that public funds went to students who did not attend the school than there's a Super PAC out there to save the butts of the school founders.

Third Place: The Frontier, Reese Gorman, Brianna Bailey, Kayla Branch - Swadley's Foggy Bottom Kitchen

Comments:

If corruption can be a fun read, then this is one. Great subject matter.

Honorable Mention: Southwest Ledger, Mike W. Ray, JJ Francais, Curtis Awbrey -

Local developer illegally stores recalled hand sanitizer resulting in enviromental nightmare

Comments:

This could have have been breaking news and then move on. Good job connecting the dots and telling the story.

Print Outstanding General News

First Place: The Frontier, Kayla Branch - Even with millions in new funding, Oklahoma still faces staffing shortages for disability services

Comment:

Personal accounts backed by solid data bring this story to life and highlight the relationship between public policy and its effect on everyday people's lives. Kudos to Kayla Branch for showing readers how "Even with millions in new funding, Oklahoma still faces staffing shortages for disability services."

Second Place: Cherokee Phoenix, Will Chavez - Birdwell awarded Medal of Honor in White House ceremony

Third Place: Christian Chronicle, Bobby Ross Jr. - After yet another mass shooting, Tulsa church prays, reflects: Is there a solution?

Honorable Mention: NonDoc, Joe Tomlinson, Tres Savage - 'We need water': Sasakwa residents dry for months, governments unsure of solution

Print Outstanding Spot News

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Second Place: Religion Unplugged, Bobby Ross Jr. - In rural Oklahoma, a Ukrainian priest prays for his mother — and his homeland

Third Place - Southwest Ledger, M. Scott Carter - In Idabel, voting will proceed despite tornado

Honorable Mention - Oklahoma Daily, Alexia Aston - OU Gaylord College assistant professor faces 2 felony charges after allegedly attempting to meet minor for sex

Print Outstanding Commentary/Column

First Place - Christian Chronicle, Cheryl Mann Bacon - Why finding truth in the Jan. 6 hearings matters for Christians

Comments: The columnist digs past the surface views that typically permeated social media and other reactions to the Jan. 6 hearings. She explains clearly why those who support Trump and call themselves Christians (I assume that is basically her entire audience) needed to pay attention to the hearings and to respect the process and the people involved. The story of her mother's support for Nixon disappearing while she watched the Watergate hearings served as a great personal example of the importance of giving open-minded attention to these events.

Second Place: NonDoc Media, William W. Savage Jr. - The Grapes of Wrath is far from 'horrible' or 'terrible'

Comments: This column used detailed information about Oklahoma's sordid history to make clear why everyone in the state — especially its politicians — needs to understand this past. Taking opportunities to criticize politicians over efforts to restrict libraries weaves into the narrative nicely. I like it when columnists take a strong critical stand. This one does.

Third Place: Christian Chronicle, Erik Tryggestad -
Remembering the 'best worshiper on the planet'

Comments:

Tribute columns can all begin to sound the same. This one stood out because the writer was able to paint a clear picture of John Hayes through his own descriptions and with quotes from others. Tying the lead and end together brought the article into a neat package.

Honorable Mention: Christian Chronicle, Gabriel Grant Huff -
In Uvalde, writer found purpose

Comments:

The writer's growth in dealing with covering a tragedy for the first time can be felt as he progresses through this column. It is an excellent effort for an intern. His narrative approach is good, but he could have gone into more depth with some of his descriptions of what he witnessed in Uvalde.

Print Outstanding Editorial

First Place: Campus Oklahoma City University, Natalie Turner - 'Accessible Campus' includes food choice, p. 4

Comments:

Very comprehensive. Good mix of quotes and very nice background research which really grounds this article.

Second Place: Southwest Ledger, Better communication is called for in handling Cache schools valuation error

Print Outstanding Feature

First Place: Fodors, Heide Brandes - A Vampire Sent Me To a New Orleans Sex Club

Comments:

Wow! This is an amazing story about a risqué topic. The lead and introduction is absolutely captivating and then the story shows an more than just a visit to the club. Well done!

Second Place: Christian Chronicle, Bobby Ross Jr. -
Breaking down barriers — new and old — to help tornado victims

Third Place - The Frontier, Kayla Branch -
A \$440 utility deposit almost kept her from finding a home

Honorable mention: Curbside Chronicle, Miguel Rios - Lights Camera Oklahoma

Print Outstanding Profile

First Place: Associated Press, Bobby Ross Jr. - Amid crises, rural roots anchor Southern Baptists' president

Comment:

This entry was placed first because I felt like it did the best job of showing me who Bart Barber is. From his small-town roots to his cattle farm to his responsibilities regarding his church and denomination, I get to know and understand Barber through his words, the other sources and how the writer weaves it together, starting with letting me know the name of Barber's bull is Bully Graham.

Second Place: Oklahoma Daily, Mason Young - Dillon Gabriel and the gulch: How bond forged in Hawaiian ravine will be key in climb OU's 2022 season poses

Comments:

This would be an impressive profile by anyone, but to be written by a college journalist is amazing. The amount and depth of information led the pack in this category.

Third Place: Christian Chronicle, Bobby Ross Jr. - She's a mom, Sunday school teacher — and prominent religious freedom attorney

Comment:

A good, strong feature that would win many competitions. Well done.

Honorable Mention: Christian Chronicle, Bobby Ross Jr., Natalie Walters - In Texas, CEO leads Christian Care Centers through bankruptcy and sale

Comments:

A ton of good information. I got confused if the focus is a personality profile or a bankruptcy article. I realize it is both, so maybe streamline the bankruptcy and reorganization details.

Print Outstanding Sports Report

First Place: Christian Chronicle, Bobby Ross Jr. - A heavenly day at the ballpark

Second Place: Oklahoma Daily, Mason Young - 'Let your life speak': OU's 'Unity' jerseys carry special meaning for Prentice Gautt's family, players who designed and wore them

Third Place: Oklahoma Daily, Austin Curtright - OU football's win contributes to Nebraska's recent fall, but 'tradition' reigns supreme in Sooners-Cornhuskers rivalry

Honorable Mention - Oklahoma Daily, Mason Young - Racism, sports and Murphy's Law: Cale Gundy's actions pose 1st major test of culture Brent Venables is building at OU

Print Outstanding Sports Photography

First Place: McAlester News-Capital, Derrick James - McAlester Championship Celebration

Second Place: Oklahoma Daily, Bob Nguyen - Shoeless Stoops TD

Third Place - Oklahoma Daily, Ray Bahner - OU-Nebraska: That's who we are

Honorable Mention - Southwest Ledger, Hugh Scott - Elgin's Tucker pursuing his passion through rodeos

Print Outstanding Spot Photography

First Place - McAlester News-Capital , Derrick James - Call for justice

Second Place - Osage News, Louise Red Corn - Firefighter teams come together to fight fire near Shidler

Third Place - Cherokee Phoenix, Chad Hunter - High court rejects 30-plus McGirt petitions

Print Outstanding General Photography

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Second Place - Citizen Potwatomi Nation, Garrett Fisbeck - Potato dance

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Opal Lee, National Grandmother of Juneteenth, visits Pottawatomie County

Print Photographer of the Year

First Place - Nathan Poppe, Curbside Chronicle

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Third Place - Derrick James

Print Reporter of the Year

First Place - Miguel Rios, Curbside Chronicle

Second Place - [Cheryl Mann Bacon](#), Christian Chronicle

Third Place - [Erik Tryggestad](#), Christian Chronicle

Honorable Mention - Nathan Poppe, Curbside Chronicle

Broadcast Reporter of the Year

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