

2007 Contest Winners

Alabama AP Broadcasters Association Contest

RADIO

Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast: WZZK, Don Dailey, "9:30 am News".

Best Coverage of a Spot News Story: WBHM, Tanya Ott, "Enterprise Tornadoes".

Best Reporter: WBHM-FM, Tanya Ott, "Enterprise Tornado, Steel Deal Complete, Wheat Prices Soar".

Best Anchor: WZZK-FM, Don Dailey, "8:30 a.m. News".

Best Investigative Reporting: Alabama Public Radio, Amanda Dewald, Brett Tannehill, Butler Cain "Hispanic Alabama".

Best General Sports: WBHM, Steve Chiotakis, "Semantics Antics".

Best Public Affairs or Documentary: WBHM, Les Lovoy, Tanya Ott, Gigi Douban, Andrew Yeager, Steve Chiotakis, Michael Krall, Davis Haines.

Best Hard-News Feature Story: WBHM, Tanya Ott, "Community College Controversy".

Best Soft-News Feature Story: Alabama Public Radio, Brett Tannehill, "Reconciling Faith & Science".

Best Web Journalism: Alabama Public Radio, Courtney Bowland, Tricia Masucci, APR News, "Prototype".

Best Commentator of Editorialist: WBHM, Les Lovoy, "Entitlement Generation".

Best Sports Reporter: WBHM, Steve Chiotakis, "Semantic Antics".

Best Specialized Reporter: WBHM, Rosemary Pennington, "God, Darwin & Dixie".

Best Use of Tape: Alabama Public Radio, Butler Cain, "Field Day".

TELEVISION

CLASS AAA

Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast: WTVY, Tim Elliott, "News 4 at 6 pm".

Best Spot News Story: WTVY, News 4 Staff, Katie McManus, "Enterprise Tornadoes News 4 10 pm".

Best Reporter: WTVY, Alex Zequeira, "Stolen Property; Enterprise Tornado; Missing Alzheimer Patient".

Best News Anchor: WTVY, Erica Proffer, "News 4 this Morning".

Best Sports Anchor: WTVY, Chris Harris, "News at 10 Weekends".

Best Series: WVUA, Terry Brewer, Jerome Davis, Alex Joseph, "Justice for Lynn".

Best Feature Story: WTVY, Patrick Claybon, "Against the Odds".

Best Sports Story: WVUA, John Huddleston, "Joe Horn in Northport".

Victor Irving Best Staff Photography: WVUA, Jerome Davis, Kim Rankin, Todd Hoyer, "Drought, Hit & Run, Olympic Trials, Basketball Tryout".

Stan Tarilton Best Photographer: WVUA, Jerome Davis, "Kid Car Design, Cosmetic Surgery, Fire Along Trucks".

Best Weather Anchor: WTVY, Martha Spencer, "December Weathercasts".

Best Specialized Reporter: WTVY, Patrick Claybon, "Operation Crackdown; Cottonwood Manhunt; Swveilgne Review".

Best Web Journalism: WVUA, Eric Hopes, WVUA Web Team, "Various".

CLASS AA

Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast: WAFF, Kelly Pate, Jon McAnally, Mark Thornhill, Liz Hurley, Brad Travis, WAFF News, Production & Engineering, "WAFF 48 News at 5". Best Documentary: WSFA, Bob Howell, Desmond Wingerd, Scott Duff, Sally Pitts, Alicia Briscoe, Kevin Ives, WSFA 12 News Team, WSFA 12 News Production Team, Eileen Jones, "Taking back our Neighborhoods".

Best Spot News Story: WAFF, Chris Chapman, Barbie Gura, Kim Hester, Amanda Jarrett, Jon McAnally, Robyn McGlohn, Matthew Parriott, Erin Patterson, Eric Sollman, Mark Thornhill, WAFF Production, Stew Hirsch, "HPD Officer Shot".

Best Reporter: WAFF, Robyn McGlohn, "Officer Shot, DayCare Sex Offender, Brewery Fire".
Stan Tarilton Best Photographer: WSFA, Andre Morgan, "Boot Camp, Police Accident, Pet Food Recall".

Best News Anchor: WAFF, Mark Thornhill, "Mark Thornhill-Best News Anchor".

Best Weather Anchor: WAKA, David Baxley; "David Baxley".

Best Sports Anchor: WSFA, Jeff Shearer, "Jeff Shearer Sports Anchor".

Best Series: WAFF, Michaelene Tetteh, Jeanie Powell, "Battling Sex Trafficking". Best Investigative Reporting: WAFF, Robyn McGlohn, Chris Champan, Blake Mann, "Predator at the Pre-School".

Best Feature Story: WAFF, Eric Sollman, "Twins".

Best Sports Story: WAKA, Kayla Anderson, Marco Wright, "Motocross".

Best Sports Feature: WHNT, John Pearson, "Haunted Baseball Park".

Best Sports Program: WSFA, WSFA News Team, WTVM News Team, "Iron Bowl Preview 2007."

Best Extraordinary Coverage of a Planned Event: WAFF, Georgi Bragg, Chris Chapman, Kimberly Essex, Daniel Farmer, Elizabeth Gentle, Liz Hurley, Ben Isenhower, Amanda Jarrett, Jeanie Powell, Lisa Screws, "Lee H.S. Bus Crash: One Year Later".

Victor Irving Best Staff Photography: WAFF 48, Kevin Athrow, Josh Ault, Juergen Beck, Chris Chapman, Barbie Czura, Daniel Farmer, Rachel Hardman, Rachad Hollis, Christie Iletto, Ben Isenhower, Blake Mann, Eric Sollman, Todd Wade, Scott Theisen, Michaelene Tetteh.

Stan Tarilton Best Photographer: WSFA, Andre Morgan, "Boot Camp, Police Accident, Pet Food Recall".

Best Specialized Reporter: WAFF, Jeanie Powell, "WAFF 48 To Catch a Predator Reports".

Web Journalism: WAFF, Roger Scott, Sherry Pruitt, Mandi Milligan, "WAFF.com".

CLASS A

Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast: ABC 33/40, Al Volker, Keith Poss, Brenda Ladun, Dave Baird, Katie Garretty, Rachel Rose, Carlos Slaughter, Patrick Huelett, Jason Bradley, "10:00 pm".

Best Spot News Story: WBRC, Fox 6 News Team, "Bessemer Bank Robbery".

Best Reporter: WKRG, Kimberly Curth, "Katrina 2 Years Later; Doctor's office Video Taped; Toddler".

Best News Anchor: WKRG, Jennifer Abney, "Jennifer Abney".

Best Weather Anchor: ABC 33/40, James Spann, "James Spann".

Best Sports Anchor: WBRC, Rick Carl, "Best Sports Anchor".

Best Documentary: WKRG, Tiffany Craig, Jud Hulon, Jennifer Dale, Ed Smith, "Mobile's Makeover".

Best Series: WBRC, Devon Walsh, Anthony Moore, "Living with Tourettes".

Best Investigative Reporting: WKRG, Arnell Hamilton, Tiffany Craig, "Phony Fish, (Grouper Testing)".

Best Feature Story: WIAT, Stephen Hauck, "Dumb Laws"

Best Sports Story: WBRC, Rick Karle, John Rockett, Mike Tucker, "The Road Back".

Best Sports Feature: WBRC, Mike Dubberly, Sheldon Haygood, "Soccer Kid".

Best Sports Program: ABC 33/40, Mike Raita, Jeff Speegle, Kyle Craig, Melissa Lee, Todd Dewey, Jeff Myers, Scott Forester, Bill Castle, Don Ward, Scott Grossman, Carson Young, Bruce Nix, Brian Wallace, Keith Poss, Denise Phillips, Carlos Slaughter, Al Volker, Patrick Hulett, Roy Roberson, Jason Bradley, Tina McKinnon, Gwen Gorby, Lee Watford, "Friday Night Blitz".

Best Extraordinary Coverage of a Planned Event: WBRC, Rick Karle, Brian Pope, Mike Dubberly, Sheldon Haygood, Richard Guittar, Jeh Jeh Pruitt, Greg Long, Mike Tucker, Scott Richards, Rick Journey, Janice Rogers, Paul Finebaum, Jac Kaufman, Janet Hall, Kelvin Reynolds, Neal Posey, Alan Baker, Tiffany Bittner, John Rockett, Alan Collins, Lloyd Alford, James Finch, Melissa Hasberry,

Stephen Gallien, Lantz Croft, Mike McClain, Fox6 News, Operations, Creative Service & Engineering, "Saban Says Yes".

Victor Irving Best Staff Photography: ABC 33/40, Bill Castle, Brian Wallace, Todd Dewey, Scott Forester, Scott Grossman, Dennis Tugman, Carson Young, Jeff Myers, Asa Allen, Bruce Nix. Chris Reid, Jerry Wade, Marcus Stroud, "Montage of Spot News; The Gift; Passing & Picking; 9/11 Ride; Drum off; Chicken Cook off.

Stan Tarilton Best Photographer: ABC 33/40, Marcus Stroud, "Drum Off; Corridor X".

Best Specialized Reporter: WKRG, Jere Hough, "County Road 5 Stories".

Web Journalism: WIAT, Phillip Ohnemus, "Alabama, & E-85"

MOST OUTSTANDING NEWS OPERATION

Radio: Alabama Public Radio

Television, Class AAA, WTVY

Television, Class AA, WHNT

Television, Class A, ABC33/40

ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS COOPERATION AWARDS

Radio: WERC

Television: WVTM

Television: WBRC

Television: WSFA

Television: ABC33/40