

2008 JUDGES' COMMENTS – Division II

General Excellence

First Place

The Marietta Times

Among a bunch of very fine newspapers in Division II. The Marietta Times earns the top honors for its breadth and depth of local news coverage. Attractive design and typography always lead readers into paper packed with news. All the section fronts are also well designed. The paper isn't afraid to go big and bold with headlines nor with a lead art package of an NCAA tournament bracket on the front. A superb newspaper front to back.

Second Place

Troy Daily News

Clean design and excellent centerpiece stories really stand out. The sports section fronts every day are particularly appealing.

Third Place

**The (Massillon)
Independent**

The most consistently well-designed paper of all the entries. The Independent really makes readers want to pick it up.

Honorable Mention

**The (Fremont)
News-Messenger**

Focus on local news really comes through. Stories are well-written and edited.

Best Blogger

First Place

**The (East Liverpool)
Review**

Michael D. McElwain

Blogger was creative, engaging and descriptive. He was able to catch the readers' attention with his words.

Second Place

**The (East Liverpool)
Review**

David M. Grimes

The blogger was able to inform readers about technology in a colorful and often funny way.

Third Place

**The (Tiffin)
Advertiser-Tribune**

Zach Baker

The blogger was able to bring a different side of sports to life in the blog, often leaving me with a smile.

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Best Online Photojournalist

First Place

Mount Vernon News
George Breithaupt

The video footage of this poaching sting as it unfolds is an excellent example of a newspaper using multimedia to provide readers thorough and speedy coverage of issues important to the community it serves. Well done.

Second Place

The (Alliance) Review
Joni Bowen

What's nice about their video is that the newspaper knew in advance of the dig and had a reporter and videographer on-site throughout the operation. If not for the committed efforts, the discovery of the possible vertebra may not have been captured for the record.

Third Place

Mount Vernon News
Kenesha Beheler

Kenesha Beheler's combined use of submitted photos and a map of the Amazon region helped tell an informative and interesting story of a local couple's adventures in a remote corner of the world.

Best Headline Writer

First Place

Chillicothe Gazette
Phil Foreman

What sets this entry apart from the others is the writer's creativity employed in an accurate, full-length headline. These headlines entertain the reader while getting directly to the point of the story. Good job.

Second Place

The Athens Messenger
Ann Kamody

Very creative, kicker-type leads. Entertaining.

Third Place

Troy Daily News
David Fong

Heads have great reader impact.

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Best Business Writer

First Place

Troy Daily News
Ron Osburn

Clear writing, brings home human angle to business stories. Excellent reporting.

Second Place

The Marion Star
John Jarvis

Fine reporting, lots of good detail, well-sourced.

Third Place

Bellefontaine Examiner
Joel E. Mast

Excellent writing, fine reporting and follow-through.

Honorable Mention

Ashland Times-Gazette
Ginger Christ

Strong reporting, lots of detail. Well-sourced.

Best Columnist

First Place

The (Bowling Green) Sentinel-Tribune
David Dupont

Dupont is entertaining and clearly understands his subject. Writing is clean and moves well.

Second Place

The (Alliance) Review
Georgette Huff

Writes well.

Third Place

Ashland Times-Gazette
Jo Ann Shade

Good home-grown columns.

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Best Editorial Cartoonist

First Place

The (Massillon)

Independent

Jerry King

Effective, well-drawn cartoons put the issues out front and center. Behind the pen is a creative, skilled artist with ability to make a point. These cartoons give a little tickle to the reader while delivering a punch.

Second Place

The (Athens) Post

Carolyn Miller

Nice drawings that make a point. The artist behind these cartoons is headed in the right direction. Be bold.

Third Place

The (Athens) Post

Lisa Merklin

Good artwork from a talented artist.

Best Editorial Writer

First Place

Chillicothe Gazette

Mike Throne

Clear writing, good explanation of issues. Especially liked the editorial on protests at funerals. Editorials also had clear solutions to the issues they raised.

Second Place

The (Tiffin)

Advertiser-Tribune

Rob Weaver

Editorials are written in sparse style that get ideas across quickly and effectively. Especially liked the insight behind the comment in Casino editorial.

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Best Feature Writer

First Place

The Athens Messenger
Danaline Bryant

"Permanent Pilgrim" is an engaging story from the start. The writer holds our interest to the end and maintains the perfect rhythm throughout. Her other stories illustrate a good consistency in style.

Second Place

Ashland Times-Gazette
Ginger Christ

Ginger's work is engaging, clear and flows well. Her style is consistent and she carries her subjects well from beginning to end.

Third Place

Ashland Times-Gazette
Courtney Albon

Courtney's work is compelling and moves smoothly through to the end. Her style is consistent.

Best Graphics Artist

First Place

The Marietta Times
Greg Reich

Dramatic presentation grabs attention. The artist/designer integrates information into overall graphic design in seamless style.

Second Place

The (Athens) Post
Catherine Gignac

This artist uses typography and icons to make something out of nothing. The overall presentation is well balanced with sense of humor in the icons on the Best of 2007 page. Displays good sense of overall architecture of page.

Third Place

Ashland Times-Gazette
Scott Barrowcliffe

This entry edged out competitors with the variety and range of work. The inclusion of news graphics showed the artist can take data and present it in an easy-to-read form, as well as demonstrate a creative mind with the football preview Monopoly game.

Honorable Mention

**The (Massillon)
Independent**
Robert McCune

Day of Prayer was an eye-catching design.

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Best Sports Columnist

First Place

Lancaster Eagle-Gazette

Joe Arnold

Well-thought-out points. The lead idea is kept together throughout and tied together in the end.

Second Place

Chillicothe Gazette

Joey Chandler

Fresh perspective. Good use of participation as way to know subject.

Third Place

The Athens Messenger

Jason Arkley

Nice grasp of Ohio University athletics.

Best Sports Feature Writer

First Place

The (Alliance) Review

Jeffrey Zupanic

Jeffrey Zupanic produced interesting stories with very clean copy. The entries were just the right length - not too long, but with enough content to get the meaning across. The work was very balanced.

Second Place

The (Athens) Post

Matt O'Donnell

Solid stories with a couple of interesting angles. "Unseen Love for Basketball" was one of the best features I have read, period.

Third Place

Ashland Times-Gazette

Doug Haidet

Nice variety of stories. Solid copy. Who knew the hammer throw could be so interesting?

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Best Sports Writer

First Place

Ashland Times-Gazette
Doug Haidet

Features were great, but column and game story were rock-solid. Haidet had best copy of all the entries.

Second Place

The (Athens) Post
Matt O'Donnell

Rock-solid copy throughout. O'Donnell took stories that may be uninteresting and made them good reads. Stories also just the right length.

Third Place

The (Bowling Green) Sentinel-Tribune
Kevin Gordon

Coach story was solid and profiles of Geelan and Tracy were very good. Game story made an 8-0 game interesting.

Best Photographer

First Place

Chillicothe Gazette
Sarah Wright

Out of the many entries, this photographer's work demonstrated the best edited shots, the most variety of shots, the most interesting shots, and all with no severe deficiencies in any parts of the selected photos.

Second Place

The (Massillon) Independent
Kevin Whitlock

This photographer's work stood out because of the creative compositions and good moments.

Third Place

The (Alliance) Review
Kevin Graff

There were some good personal moments in this photographer's work. There was good presentation of overall proficiency compiled with creativity.

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Best News Writer

First Place

Lancaster Eagle-Gazette

Michelle George

Hands down, the best writer in this category. George's stories have excellent leads, are well researched and reported, and well structured. Particularly liked the "Two Officials Face Residency Scrutiny" story. These stories are hard to report; George reported hers well. George also handled domestic violence story with a lot of sympathy while still being honest with reader.

Second Place

**The (Fremont)
News-Messenger**

Matt Manning

Manning is an excellent reporter. He has a knack for going the extra mile to get comments/detail for stories that other reporters miss or don't care about. This was particularly true in "Tire" and "DWI" stories. His story about the funerals of plane crash victims was well done. It was handled with all the sympathy such stories require but the details readers need.

Third Place

Lancaster Eagle-Gazette

Tamaria Kulemekka

Kulemekka provided her newspaper's readers with important political coverage in a year when the presidential race was most important in Ohio and the U.S. Her retelling of a 30-year storm and remembrances of those who lived through it was well done. Stories are well reported and written.

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Best Sports Event Coverage

First Place

Chillicothe Gazette

"Chillicothe's State
Championship"

Game story was great. From last shot to insurmountable lead in third, ebb and flow of the game was very well organized. "Knight" piece was timely and realistic. "Stu" piece was well-thought-out. "Fans" piece was well done as well. Reax stories can often be cheesy. This was heartfelt with historical insight. Great job to the entire staff.

Second Place

**The (Massillon)
Independent**

"Massillon vs. McKinley"

Very good coverage of not only the game, but the significance of said game. "KO" is good side bar with background leading up to win. Game story was very well done with important historical/future info flowing into game analysis. "J.T." good piece on game inside the game. Defense and tailgate stories very well written with added insight.

Third Place

Bellefontaine Examiner

Aaron LaBatt
"State Wrestling Coverage"

Very straightforward, unbiased coverage of the event. D-II story detailed yet not overdone. D-III story very well done. "Pool" loss good.

Honorable Mention

The (Athens) Post

Matt O'Donnell
"Bobcats Dream Run Ends"

No comments.

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Best Sports Enterprise

First Place

Troy Daily News

David Fong

"Accepting All Reader Challenges"

Out of all the entrants, this series best fits into the guidelines of the contest rules. The author had a very 'outside the box' idea and executed it well, bringing some humor to his sports section. Well-written and well-executed. Bonus photos for reader involvement.

Second Place

The (Fremont) News-Messenger

Matthew Horn

"Baris Raised for Guerra"

Sometimes a story presents itself that can basically write itself. This was one of those stories, however, the writer did a good job of hitting the emotional sports fan from all angles. It was clear that a lot of time was spent digging.

Third Place

The (Massillon) Independent

Greg Kohntopp

"Legend of Paul Brown"

A great deal of information presented in a very readable story. Each sub-lead leaves the reader wanting more.

Honorable Mention

Lancaster Eagle-Gazette

Joe Arnold

"OHSAA Eligibility Appeal"

It's nice when human interest stories can be informative. Interesting presentation on the effects of the rules of the game.

Best Special Sports Section

First Place

Lancaster Eagle-Gazette

"2008 Football Preview"

Wonderful layout in interior of section. Cool pictures with common font above. Also broke up normal team previews from page to page.

Second Place

The (East Liverpool) Review

"Friday Night Lights"

I would guess your readers have come to love this weekly layout. Consistent, colorful, timely.

Third Place

Chillicothe Gazette

"Chillicothe Cavaliers: Reliving the Magic"

Great section on what was surely a historic sports moment. I imagine it was one fans gobbled up for memorabilia purposes. Enjoyed the pictures and informal cut lines.

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Best Daily Sports Section

First Place

The (Alliance) Review

Innovative box score format. Very original, great photography, and as a whole, very pleasing to the eye.

Second Place

Lisbon Morning Journal

A lot of information crammed into front page in a very eye-catching way. Good in-depth local coverage.

Third Place

The (Bowling Green) Sentinel-Tribune

Big bang for your buck in local coverage. All info is easily accessible from the front page.

Best Informational Graphic

First Place

The (Athens) Post

Kelley Shaffer
"What Would \$700 Billion Get You?"

This was a clever idea, cleverly presented. What an irreverent treat for readers of The Post.

Second Place

The Marietta Times

Greg Reich
"30 Days of Green"

This is a reader-friendly graphic, easy to navigate and packed with information. The artist balanced the page with the right mix of visual components and text.

Third Place

The (Athens) Post

Kelley Shaffer
"This Halloween Forget Your Fears"

The artist likes to have fun and finds visual elements to match the information and strike the right tone. The graphic is full of useful information as well as whimsy. Color palate is applied in unifying fashion.

Honorable Mention

The (Alliance) Review

Wendy Prince
"Open Enrollment"

The entries in this category were fairly evenly split between light-hearted feature packages and more traditional data-driven charts. The latter may not dazzle, but are ever important to news reporting. This is a solid example of the role charts play.

Honorable Mention

The Athens Messenger

Wendy Van Sickle
"Ballot Warning"

This graphic's power comes from its simplicity. It shows visually, quickly the issue behind the story.

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Best Illustration

First Place

The (Athens) Post
Kelley Shaffer
"Are You Scared?"

What's the E-Trade Baby say: "I totally underestimated the creepiness?" I love the composition of this illustration. The balloons surrounding the face draw you into the eyes which hold and follow you. Yeah, I'm a little scared.

Second Place

The (Massillon) Independent
Robert McCune
"Dirty White Collar"

An excellent effort to illustrate the topic and integrate information into the illustration. Good use of what I assume is Photoshop treatment. Unusually striking and appropriate to the topic.

Third Place

Ashland Times-Gazette
Scott Barrowcliffe
"Hot Air, Cold Steel"

Artist effectively conveyed the two signature entertainment events using poster-style covers. Nice topography, good balance.

Honorable Mention

The (Alliance) Review
Kevin Graff
"Reel Love"

Clever in its simplicity. Having one set of lips in different shade of lipstick was the artist's touch and elevated the work.

Best Spot News Photo

First Place

Lancaster Eagle-Gazette
Ty Wright
"Murder"

Excellent timing, very emotional scene. Good composition. The photographer's instincts paid off, and despite the gravity of the moment, the photographer clearly and effectively created the image that communicates with the viewers.

Second Place

The (Bowling Green) Sentinel-Tribune
J.D. Pooley
"Bank Robbed"

Supreme timing and excellent composition with compelling subject matter helped this photo stand out from the others.

Third Place

Chillicothe Gazette
Sarah Wright
"Fatal Investigation"

There were many entries dealing with car wrecks, but due to the outcome and intensity of this particular wreck, the circumstances and decent framing of this photo stood out.

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Best General News Photo

First Place

The (Alliance) Review

Edgar Hall Jr.

"Fireworks"

A typical fireworks shot would not win first place, but this photo was well exposed to show the smoke and extra long star bursts, well framed to illustrate how many people showed up, and was overall just a really sweet photo.

Second Place

Chillicothe Gazette

Sarah Wright

"MAPS"

This is a general news photo which provides not just the news but maybe a hint of humor as well. Not only does the driver appear to not be enjoying his day, the cop does appear to be smiling as he hands over a ticket. Great moment.

Third Place

Lisbon Morning Journal

Aaron Rudolph

"Tribute"

This is a nice quiet moment where the photographer was paying attention and it paid off.

Best Feature Photo

First Place

Lancaster Eagle-Gazette

Ty Wright

"Airshow"

This is a well-executed photo of an ordinary news event which shifts away from what one would expect to see into something with a unique perspective that still manages to tell a story about the event. Very artful photo that stood out above the others.

Second Place

The (Massillon)

Independent

Glenn B. Dettman

"Basketball"

It was a hard choice between 2nd and 3rd place, but this photo won out because it took the most ordinary looking of situations and helped to expose a natural humor and curiosity that many others in attendance might have missed.

Third Place

Troy Daily News

Anthony Weber

"Sky Dancers"

This photo is a great example of why perspective can mean so much in a photo. The photographer had to plan this shot out and even then, the shot will not necessarily present itself, but in this case, it did.

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Best Sports Photo

First Place

Lancaster Eagle-Gazette

Ty Wright

"Football"

This is a nicely timed.

Second Place

The Marion Star

Bill Sinden

"Throw Out"

The photographer gets extra points just for getting this photo because it is not an easy one to get. It is a well-composed, peak-action sports photo.

Third Place

The (Celina)

Daily Standard

Mark Pummell

"Jump Ball"

This photo has a great moment within it.

Best Photo Essay

First Place

Lancaster Eagle-Gazette

Ty Wright

"Liberty Union Football 2008"

The audio was a great addition to the slideshow.

Second Place

Chillicothe Gazette

Sarah Wright

"Lady Cavs"

This entry demonstrated a good attempt with an often overused subject for photo essays, basketball. The photographer obviously spent a lot of time with her subjects.

Third Place

Chillicothe Gazette

Sarah Wright

"Day In Tecumseh"

Again, the photographer has spent some time with the subjects, allowing for good moments with some emotional connection.

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Best Community Service

First Place

**The (Massillon)
Independent**

"Get Fit Stark!"

Wow! Great team effort came up with a thorough and engaging series. I usually take into account how many readers might be moved to action by such community involvement, and I'm sure the answer here was "many." Everything about this series is exceptional. It's informative on many levels, full of impact, and in some cases, very personal.

Second Place

**The (East Liverpool)
Review**

Michael D. McElwain
"The Gift of Sound"

No comments.

Third Place

**The (Fremont)
News-Messenger**

Kristina Smith Horn
"Senior, Vet Day No Longer
Free"

No comments.

Honorable Mention

**The (Bowling Green)
Sentinel-Tribune**

Bill Ryan and Chris Miller
"Pets Received"

No comments.

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Best Special Section

First Place

**The (Massillon)
Independent**

"Progress 2008"

Well-designed pages, stories that capture and maintain interest. Art that is entertaining to look at and fonts that help each page stand out from the one before. Use of graphics and info boxes compliment stories, and stories are nicely written and easy to follow from start to finish. Covers of each section are different and have a nice display of art that guide the viewer into the rest of the section.

Second Place

The Marietta Times

"Marietta's Top 25"

Section has a very clean layout with great use of art. The covers of each section are similar and appealing with the use of art and the borders around each piece. Stories within each section are easy to read and well-written. Use of graphics and info boxes set stories apart and help to unify pages. Progress 2008 is a well-designed edition with old and new photos complimenting great stories and a nice layout.

Third Place

**The (Tiffin)
Advertiser-Tribune**

"Our Town 2008"

The unique concept and design of Our Town 2008, along with well-written and interesting stories, made this special section an entertaining read. Each page from start to finish was a new and different account that highlights the diverse occupations in the community. Use of fonts and art that compliment each story set each page apart from the next.

Honorable Mention

Chillicothe Gazette

"A Salute to Veterans"

The stories that are featured in "A Salute to Veterans" are well-written, touching and easy to understand and appreciate. The layout is consistent and clean with the placement of a large number of art stories. From start to finish, "A Salute to Veterans" uses fonts, stories and art to form a well-designed special section.

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Best Breaking News

First Place

**The (Massillon)
Independent**

Doug Staley

"Justice for Jaydee"

Reporter Doug Staley brings all the horror and police work into this story of such an unimaginable crime. He recounts the events of the crime succinctly and reports how the police kept the case going until the arrest. The story on the trash collector who made the 911 call reporting the girl's death and community reaction is a perfect sidebar. The superb headline, photo of Jaydee and the crime timeline make the story even more compelling. And referring readers to the tape of the 911 call on the paper's web site is a smart way to boost page views. It's the best breaking news story in a strong category.

Second Place

Ashland Times-Gazette

"Fire Hits Pump House"

Solid stories about a massive fire that gutted a huge building in Ashland. Good sidebars on the history of the building and the current tenants. Great photos of the blaze and the aftermath. The fire truck ladder along side the ice encased tree is amazing. Good refer to the Web site for more photos.

Third Place

**The (Massillon)
Independent**

"Fire Truck Crash"

Superb follow-up stories to a terrible tragedy. Excellent reporting about the driver of the fire truck, even though it seems she isn't at fault. Good sidebars on a previous wreck and touching base with the family. All stories are very well written, too.

Honorable Mention

Mount Vernon News

Pam Schehl

"Freshwater Controversy"

Story line is fascinating and reporter did excellent job of following each news event.

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Best Explanatory Reporting

First Place

Lancaster Eagle-Gazette

"Downtown Fire: 1 Year Later"

This was one of the first entries that I read and I found myself comparing the rest of the entries to this one. The stories were compelling, with different angles, different points of view and different lessons learned highlighted throughout the series. The group of stories gave me a real sense of what the town had gone through and the challenges it will be facing in the future. Great work.

Second Place

The Marion Star

John Jarvis

"Hospital Lease"

The story was well-written, well-researched and well-quoted. Could definitely tell the story was of great interest to a number of competing factions within the community. Good job.

Third Place

The Athens Messenger

Elizabeth Goussetis

"Mortal Combat"

No one is immune from tragedy and this story gave an interesting look inside the process. There were other stories/series that tackled more difficult subjects, but this one left few questions unanswered. Good job.

Honorable Mention

Mount Vernon News

Mark S. Jordan

"Face to Face with a Modern Chicken Farm"

The story contained good quotes and there was good information, both in the story itself and the information box. This is especially true of the figures comparing the waste of 37,000 chickens to 137 dairy cows or 14 humans. Good job.

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Best Enterprise Reporting

First Place

**The (Bowling Green)
Sentinel-Tribune**

Jan Larson

"Life After Layoff"

Particularly effective are the lead stories each day focusing on an individual family directly affected by the closing. The author really brings out the inner strength in each family and also the vulnerability and fear each is experiencing at the same time. The story on the manager charged with closing the plant is an angle not usually considered. The solid reporting and writing about real world impact of hundreds of jobs lost on a town and its employees made this entry stand out in a very strong category.

Second Place

Chillicothe Gazette

"Red Light Cameras"

Chillicothe reporters did a very good job of following the decision to put red light cameras around the town right from the start. Particularly effective is the "Seeing Red" story, which sums up the issue and brings out the council members didn't have all the information about the camera system before they decided to move forward. It's an issue that affects just about everyone in the area and the Gazette made sure its readers were aware of what was going on.

Third Place

The Marietta Times

"Eyesores in Marietta"

The Marietta staff saw a problem in the community and wrote a series of stories that not only pointed out the problem, but offered some solutions.

Honorable Mention

The (Athens) Post

Emily Grannis

"Unionization at Ohio
University"

A well-done effort by the college newspaper staff to explain the issues surrounding faculty members possibly forming a union at Ohio University. Good reporting and well organized.

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Best Investigative Reporting

First Place

Lisbon Morning Journal

JoAnn Bobby-Gilbert
"Doctor Charged"

The reporter's knowledge of her beat and citizens of her town, as well as her being so observant, is impressive. She has a "nose" for news.

Second Place

The Athens Messenger

Kristin Heinichen
"Mentoring"

The reporter's "ear" for news caught this story and she followed up, exposing wrongdoing and leading to the college correcting the matter. The challenges she encountered in pursuing the story suggest strong investigative skills.

Third Place

Chillicothe Gazette

Loren Genson
"Board of Control"

Anytime a reporter uncovers something like this and news coverage prompts change, it is evidence of good reporting. Facing challenges included being "laughed at" exemplifies strong ethics and good investigative skills.

Honorable Mention

The (Alliance) Review

Stephanie Ujhelyi
"CSI: Alliance"

This story was very interesting, and the reporter answered questions readers would have with great detail.

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Best Full Page Layout

First Place

The Athens Messenger

Ann Kamody

"Our Man in Havana"

Stunning photos laid out beautifully. The design flow of the page allows each photo to have its maximum effect on readers. White space used to perfection. Just an amazing page.

Second Place

The (Alliance) Review

Jack Weber

"Reel Love"

A page that takes not the most original idea - romantic movies for Valentine's Day - and really adds some pizzazz. Using movie posters inside film reels is a great touch, but the lipstick kisses really make it work. Good layout and type styles for the film reviews below the fold.

Third Place

**The (Massillon)
Independent**

Robert McCune

"Titledown"

A different front page for a huge event in Massillon. The Independent devotes its entire front to making its case to be called "Title town USA" by ESPN. And it works.

Honorable Mention

The (Athens) Post

Jeremy Yingling

"Change Has Come to
America"

The photo of the massive Chicago crowd and the headline looks magnificent.

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Best Page One Layout

First Place

**The (Massillon)
Independent**
Robert McCune

Beginning with the monster headline of "Yes, He Did," for Obama's election, and the huge cutout, The Independent demonstrates it's not afraid to be bold with its front design. These are pages that will stand out in a newspaper rack and appeal to all readers. The highlights from the entry are many. The attractive typefaces, the teases, the varying white space, the powerful headlines. The Independent really stood out in this category.

Second Place

**The (Fremont)
News-Messenger**
Angela Adair

Very attractive overall design. Teases are well done, particularly to more information on Web site. Good headlines and art make pages invite readers in.

Third Place

Lancaster Eagle-Gazette

Clean front pages with solid lead art on each. The full width photo for the skydiving worked well.

Best Web Site

First Place

Chillicothe Gazette

This site has all the great corporate-supplied modules as one would expect. Good resource database with current information. Innovative cooperation with local high school to produce and post basic Web video and multimedia videos.

Second Place

**The (Tiffin)
Advertiser-Tribune**

This site shows signs of a good on-site content driver. Quality, up-to-date content. I liked the kids weather feature, CU photo gallery, Trib-Homes and Trib-Cars interactive features. Also liked the subscription page and the subscribe to the Tribune link at the bottom of each story.

Third Place

Ashland Times-Gazette

This site showed evidence of creativity. Great sales effort with half-price certificates. Community interaction good.