

Category	Newspaper	# of entries	daily/nondailies	Judge	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
1. best design			daily	hendricks	Rock Island Argus	The Daily Journal	The Times
			nondailies	hendricks	Lake County Journal	The Galena Gazette	The Hinsdalean
2. Best Infographic	Daily Journal (Kankakee) 4; The Times (Ottawa) 1	5	Dailies	Akst	Kim Carpenter, The Daily Journal ("Day of Destruction")	Kim Carpenter, The Daily Journal ("Winning or Losing the Game?")	Julie Stroebel, The Times-Ottawa ("Calculating the Risk")
	Evanston Roundtable 3; Ledger-Sentinel (Oswego); Galena Gazette; Hinsdalean; Observer	7	nondailies	Akst	Sharon, Boehlefeld, The Observer ("Here's how to get around The Observer Online")	The Hinsdalean ("Crash Data"), Jim Slonoff	Evanston RoundTable ("District 65 Achievement Report: High Levels of Achievement But Declines in 2011-2012" by Lawrence Gavin
3. Best Headline	Sauk Valley Media; The Times; Kane County Chronicle; Northwest Herald; Rock Island Argus	5	Dailies	J.Smith	Scott Helmchen : "Hobbit forming" "Meat your maker" "It don't mean a thing if you aint got that swing", Northwest Herald	Crash Course, Finders not keepers, Losing its fizz" Kim Skibinski, KCC	Mane event, stealing headlines, wait and see, Jeff Rogers, Sauk Valley Media
	Evanston Roundtable 4; Ledger-Sentinel	5	nondailies	J. Smith	County board gives Peace Fest a chance, We're in serious shape right now, Regrets? Kendall County officials have a few, John Etheredge, Oswego Ledger-Sentinel	Celebrating the wheels of fortune, Searching for a pot of Gold, Perkins wood paths, Charles Wilkinson, Evanston Roundtable	NONE
4. Best Special Section	daily journal (kankakee) 3, The Times, northwest herald, rock island argus 2,	7	dailies	Killam	Melting Pot, staff, Rock Island Argus	Arsenal at 150, staff, rock Island Argus	Glory of the Game, sports staff, sauk valley media
	ledger-sentinel, galena gazette, lake county journal, evanston roundtable, Observer	5	nondailies	Killam	Staff, New bishop ordained and installed, The observer	Hillary Dickerson, Honor Flight, The Galena Gazette	Sheryl Devore, Jesse Carpender, Cassandra Dowell, Yadira Sanchez Olson, Forefront: 2013, Lake County Journal
5. Best general feature	daily journal 3, the times 3, kcc3, rock island argus 3, sauk valley media 2	14	Dailies	g.smith	Discovering family, Brenda Schory, KCC	Hope arises amid tragedy, jon krenek, Daily journal kankakee	The art of craft, kara silva, kcc

	Observer 4, galena gazette 3, regional news, evanston roundtable 4, kendall county record, lake county journal 2, hinsdalean 2	17	nondailies	g.smith	Honor flight" Hillary Dickerson, Galena Gazette	Barking up the right tree, Amanda Hudson, The Observer	A great adventure, P. Carter Newton, galena gazette
6. Best personality profile	northwest herald, rock island argus, sauk valley media 2, daily journal 4, the times 4, kcc 2,	14	dailies	schrader	"Music is his life," by Dawn Neuses, Rock Island Argus	"Peaks and Valleys: Father follows son's final route through the mountains he loved" Jami Kunzer, Northwest Herald	"Homeless teen dares to dream" by Dennis Yohnka, Daily Journal
	the observer 2, kane county farmer, lake county journal 2, galena gazette, evanston roundtable 3, hinsdalean 4	13	nondailies	schrader	"Brad Jenks: My passion won't change," Jesse Carpender, Lake County Journal	"Retiring with a passion," Amanda Hudson, The Observer	"Pioneering strokes," Ken Knutson, The Hinsdalean
7. Best Religion Story	rock island argus 2, daily journal 4, the times, kcc 2	9	dailies	brunner	"The power of religion" Ashley Rhodebeck/KCC	"Papal pendemonium" Dennis Yohnka, The Daily Journal (Kankakee)	"Walk for fresh water" Leon Lagerstam, Rock Island Argus
	the observer 4, ledger-sentinel 3, lake county journal, evanston 3, hinsdalean 2	13	nondailies	brunner	"Christian church welcomes all with unconditional love" Cassandra Dowell, Lake County Journal	"Montgomery pastor writes book" Lisa Welz, Ledger-Sentinel (Kendall Co.)	"God's grace a focus of Trinity Presbyterian" Pamela Lannom, The Hinsdalean
8. Best Business/Financial/Consumer Story	Rock Island Argus, Sauk Valley Media, The Daily Journal 4, The Times, kcc 3	10	Dailies	mullen	Jonathan Bilyk, Taking the risk & Start up success, KCC	Jon Krenek: Property tax 2012, daily journal	Jonathan Bilyk, short sales gaining popularity in housing market, KCC
	ledger-Sentinel 4, evanston 4, hinsdalean 3	11	nondailies	mullen	Ken Knutson: Holland Hardware, Hinsdalean	Pint-size pub settles in on Main Street/Evanston Roundtable, Victoria Scott	Lisa Welz: 2.5 million safe miles/ledger-sentinel
9. Best Tech/Medical Story	The Times 7, kcc 2, daily journal 3, sauk valley media	13	dailies	krull	Hidden injury, Christopher Heimerman, Sauk Valley Media	Calculating the risk, Jerrilyn Zavada, The Times/Ottawa	working in the dark, ashley rhodebeck, kane county chronicle
	Galena Gazette 2, evanston 4, kendall county record, lake county journal, ledger-sentinel	9	nondailies	krull	Order to chaos, Andrew Brunner, Galena Gazette	Offshore wind energy report: Beginning of a road map, Lawrence Gavin and Mary Helt Gavin, Evanston Roundtable	Yorkville HS alum gives tips for kids to eat healthy, Matt Schury, Kendall County Record

10. Best Sports Story	KCC 4, Daily Journal 4, the times 5, sauk valley, rock island 3	17	dailies	korcek	Athlete, mom, honor student by Jay Schwab, KCC	1977-78 Pirates a tall order by Andy Tavegia, Ottawa Times	Special Shout-out to the PA guys by Kevin Druley, KCC
	observer 2, ledger sentinel 2, regional news, evanston 2, plano record, kendall county record, galena, hinsdalean 4	14	nondailies	korcek	Miracles can happen, Lukas Runs back from Near Death by Jeff Vorva, The Regional News	Kelly Amonte Hiller: A Quintessential Role Model by Les Jacobson, Evanston Round Table	Catholic Dad's Day job means he works super vowl Sunday by Penny Wiegert, The Observer
11. Best Sports Columnist	Daily Journal, the times, kcc, rock island 2, sauk valley 2	7	Dailies	korcek	Christopher Heimerman, Sauk Valley Media	Marc Nesseler, Moline Dispatch (?)	Steve Soucie, Kankakee Daily News
	Evanston roundtable	1	nondailies	korcek	Hooked on Fishing, Dick Peach, Evanston Round Table	No entry	no entry
12. Best Columnist	Daily journal 3, the times 2, rock island 2, sauk valley	8	dailies	Denius	Larry Lough, Sauk Valley Media	Scott T. Holland, The Times (Ottawa)	Rachael Reynolds-Soucie, The Daily Journal (Kankakee)
	Ledger-Sentinel 2, Lake County Journal 2, observer 2, galena, evanston 3, kane county FARMER, hinsdalean	11	nondailies	Denius	Pam Lannom, Hinsdalean	Roger Matile, Ledger-Sentinel	Amanda Hudson, The Observer
13. Best Editorial	rock island 2 sauk valley 3, the times 4, kcc 2, daily journal	12	Dailies	Killam	sterling schools' vote on contract raises problems, larry lough, sauk valley media	An insult: we have a crisis. We get a cartoon, staff, daily journal	Brazen thefts end in prison countdown, jim dunn, sauk valley media
	hinsdalean 3, evanston 4, kendall co 2, ledger-sentinel 2, gurnee life, lake co journal, galena	14	nondailies	Killam	Pam Lannom, "Board members taking wrong route," The Hinsdalean	John Etheredge, "Meeting law violations likely to cost taxpayers," Ledger-Sentinel	Staff, "Personnel or policy?" The Galena Gazette
14. Best Spot News Photo	The Times 3, kcc, daily journal 4, rock island	9	dailies	Grubb	Fire destroys lipton building, doug larson, the times (Ottawa)	Serrard fire, John Greenwood, rock Island argus	school bus crash, tom sistak, times (Ottawa)
	evanston 3, galena, ledger-sentinel, gurnee life, hinsdalean	7	nondailies	Grubb	Fire destorys galena home, jay dickerson, galena gazette	New school, candace H. johnson, gurnee life	flooding widespread, jim slonoff, hinsdalean
15. Best Feature Photo	Kcc 2, the times 4, daily journal 4, rock island 2, northwest herald	13	dailies	Grubb	splash landing, paul colletti, rock island argus	Clown stroll, sandy bressner, kcc	helpf for the picky eater, paul colletti, rock island argus
	galena, evanston 2, ledger sentinel 2, kendal co 2, lake co journal, hinsdalean	9	nondailies	Grubb	Fido Fest fun for dogs and their people, too; david toney, ledger-sentinel (oswego)	homecoming pep rally, jim slonoff, the hinsdalean	dirty girl, candace h johnson, lake co. journal (grayslake)

16. Best Sports Photo	daily journal 4, the times 4, kcc 2, rock island 3, northwest herald	14	dailies	Grubb	Perfection is complete, paul colletti, rock island argul	woodland's sara spaniel, doug larson, The times, ottawa	Soccer goal, sandy bressner, kcc
	ledger-sentinel 2, galena 2, evanston 4, plano record, kendall co record, lake co journal, hinsdalean	12	nondailies	Grubb	1st-Mark VanOsdol Galena Gazette, Galena, IL 'Big air!'	2 <sup>nd</sup> -Jim Slonoff 'Instant replay' The Hinsdalean	'Oswego running back Chris Cooper', Joanne Pleskovich, The Ledger-Sentinel, Oswego, IL
17. Best online photo gallery	the times, kcc 2	3	dailes	hendricks	Kane County Fair, Sandy Bressner, KCC	Delani Vest, Sandy Bressner, KCC	Under water April 2013, Tom Sistak, Doug Larson, Jeremy Reed, Steve Stout, Andy Tavegia
	NONE	0	nondailies	NA	X	X	X
18. Best Video	Rock Island Argus 2, kcc 3	5	dailes	vazquez	Arsenal at 150, Todd Mizener and Paul Colletti, Rock Island Argus	Kane copes with flooding, Kane County Chronicle, staff (?)	Remember Lincoln School, Todd Mizener and Paul Colletti, Rock Island Argus
	NONE	0	nondailies	NA	x	X	X
19. Best Website	rock island argus, northwest herald, daily journal, the times, kcc	5	dailies	Akst	Northwest Herald (www.nwherald.com)	The Rock Island Argus (www.qconline.com)	Kane County Chronicle (www.kcchronicle.com)
	NONE	0	nondailies	NA			
20. Best Spot News Story	daily journal 4, the times 2, rock island 3	9	dailies	Denius	"'Near riot' at E.M. prison," Stephen Elliott, Rock Island Argus	"It's a miracle no one was killed," Steve Stout, The Times (Ottawa)	"Illinois, Fox rivers engulf Ottawa," Steve Stout, The Times (Ottawa)
	galena , evanston 3, ledger-sentinel 3, gurnee life, lake co journal 3, observer 3	14	nondailies	Denius	"Cleanup after 'worst flood' could take weeks," Jesse Carpender (cq), Sheryl DeVore, Yadira Sanchez Olson, Lake County Journal	"Proposed gun regulations spur debate," Sheryl DeVore, Lake County Journal	"Kids say thanks" and "OSF's new helicopter blessed," The Observer, Amanda Hudson
21. Best In-Depth News Story	Daily journal 4, times, kcc 4, sauk valley 3, northwest herald, rock island argus	13	dailies	Cassidy	Property Tax Bills shock residents, kevin craver, nwherald	politics in office of states attorney, david giuliani, sauk valley media	changing administrations, jonathan bilyk, kcc
NEEDS ART!!!!	ledger-sentinel 4, hinsdalean, observer, evanston 3, galena gazette	10	nondailies	Cassidy	coroner's race heats up, matt schury, ledger-sentinel	is 20% tax cut feasible? Realistic? Matt schury, ledger-sentinel	faces of faith, diversity and change in the catholic church, (series) the observer

22. best news story series			dailies	hendricks	David Giuliani, "Under the radar: Many townships, little scrutiny," Sauk Valley Media	Brett Rowland, "MCC: Building the future," Northwest Herald	Al Lagattolla and staff, "Bullying series," Kane County Chronicle
			nondailies	hendricks	Larry Gavin, "Teachers oppose new evaluation system," Evanston RoundTable	Tony Scott, "Vaughn trial coverage," Ledger-Sentinel	Pam Lannom, Ken Knutson, "Decision 2013: School board," The Hinsdalean
23. Best education reporting	kcc, rock island argus, sauk valley, daily journal,	4	Dailies	mullen	Dereel Barichello, Sauk Valley Media	Sarah Hayden, Rock Island Argus	Ashley Rhodebeck, KCC
	kendal county record, gurnee life, lake co journal, the observer, evanston roundtable, gazette , hinsdalean	7	nondailies	mullen	Pam Lannom, Hinsdalean	Cassandra Dowell/ Lake County	Sharon Boehlefeld, the Observer