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“Doubling Down on the
Oldies”

Thank you for joining us. We'll start after 4 p.m.

2020 Annual Communications Awards

Arkansas Press Women

A typewriter with a large glass award trophy on top, set against a background of a red carpet and a building.

Arkansas Press Women

2020 Annual Communications Contest Awards

April 25, 2020

SEE YOU IN 2021



Arkansas

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PRESS WOMEN



Dorothy Stuck

*APW Founding Member &
APW President - 1953*





Charlotte Schexnayder

*APW President - 1955 &
NFPW President - 1977*



Arkansas Press Women

2020 Annual Communications Contest Awards

*Thank you Helen Plotkin,
Contest Chair!*



Collegiate Contest Winners



Rachel Ball, Claire Brownlee, Hannah Lawrence, Jessica Oldenettel, Natalie Rogers, and Andrea Sosso

students at John Brown University

1st Place

Collegiate • Education • Public Relations Campaign

Saving Grade NWA Gives Campaign





Catherine Nolte

student at John Brown University • Managing Editor of **Threefold Advocate**

1st Place

Collegiate • Education • Art and Design • Design

The Life of Christ in Words and Images

1st Place

Collegiate • Education • Writing • News

Brexit delayed for a third time, pushed to January 2020

1st Place

Collegiate • Education • Writing • Opinion/Editorial/Reviews

Mental illness is not a sin



Debbie Miller

assistant professor at John Brown University

1st Place

**Collegiate • Education • Faculty Adviser of Student
Publication, Station, or Site**

The Threefold Advocate Student Newspaper

The image features a background of a stack of papers with a blue-tinted, blurred effect. A large, dark purple triangle is positioned on the right side, pointing towards the center. Overlaid on this background is the text "Professional Contest Winners" in a bold, white, sans-serif font, arranged in three lines. The text is centered horizontally and partially overlaps the purple triangle.

**Professional
Contest
Winners**



Maria Aguilar

student at John Brown University

Honorable Mention

Writing • Specialty Articles • Social Issues

Bentonville Citizens Protest to Relocate Confederate Statue



Terry Austin

editor at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

2nd Place

Graphics and Design • Page Design • Newspaper

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Eric Besson

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

2nd Place

**Writing • Continuing Coverage or Unfolding News •
Newspaper**

Public Corruption: Jeremy Hutchinson

Co-Entrants: Lisa Hammersly, Linda Satter, Staton Breidenthal



Bill Bowden

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Writing • Feature Story • Newspaper

It Was Top Secret



Kelly Brant

editor at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Food

Awesome Sauce

Co-Entrant: Jeff Gammons

2nd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Food

Yuletide Twist

Co-Entrant: Jeff Gammons

3rd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Food

Whip It Good

Co-Entrant: Staton Breidenthal



Daniel Breen

reporter/anchor at the KUAR Public Radio

1st Place

Radio and Television • Prepared Report • News, Features, Sports or Opinion

Protestors Flock to Arkansas Tech in Support of Re-Naming Controversial Scholarship



Sally Carroll

writer at the McDonald County Press

Honorable Mention

Writing • News Story • Newspaper

Friends Seek Justice for Jessica



Sean Clancy

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

2nd Place

Writing • Feature Story • Newspaper

Marking a Tragedy

2nd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Arts and Entertainment

Hiding in Plain Sight



Amanda Claire Curcio

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Writing • In-depth Reporting • Newspaper

Juvie: Lost Time



Nikki Dawes

former graphic designer at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Graphics and Design

Graphics for "The Wander"

Honorable Mention

Graphics and Design

Graphics for "Dive into Lit Fest!"





Stan Denman

designer at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Graphics and Design • Page Design • Newspaper

Style Cover, April 29, 2019



Debbie Eckert

writer and owner of Debbie's Hair Production

1st Place

Books, Short Stories, Verse • Nonfiction Books for Adult Readers • Autobiography or Memoir

Hairspray, Holy Water And The Healing Hand Of God



Angelita Faller

news director at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock

1st Place

Writing • Feature Story • Online Publication

UA Little Rock Alum Creates Dance Troupe to Inspire Deaf, Hard of Hearing Dancers

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • History

UA Little Rock class Investigates Arkansas's 'Other Trail of Tears'

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Science or Technology

Grant Helps Fund Research to Track Perpetrators of Violent Cyber Flash Mobs

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Social Issues

UA Little Rock Student Wins SURF Award to Research Outdated Maritime Law Cited by Lawyers in Missouri Duck Boat Tragedy



Angelita Faller

news director at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock

2nd Place

Writing • News Story • Online Publication

Newly Discovered Historic Records Reveal New Details Surrounding The Elain Massacre

2nd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Education

UA Little Rock honors student who died of cancer with posthumous degree

Third Place

Writing • Feature Story • Newspaper

UA Little Rock alum becomes homeowner through University District affordable housing program



Angelita Faller

news director at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock

Honorable Mention

Writing • Specialty Articles • Government or Politics

Study Shows Marijuana Dispensaries Reduce Local Opioid Mortality Rates

Honorable Mention

Writing • News Story • Newspaper

Elaine 12 inducted into Arkansas Civil Rights Heritage Trail





Hunter Field

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

3rd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Government or Politics

Pot Firm Filing



Debra Hale-Shelton

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

2nd Place

Writing • News Story • Newspaper

Empire is drugs, hate mix



Wally Hall

sports editor at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Writing • Columns • General

Like It IS



Lisa Hammersly

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

2nd Place

Writing • In-Depth Reporting

Acadia Child Treatment Centers

Co-Entrant: Ginny Monk

2nd Place

Writing • Continuing Coverage or Unfolding News

Public Corruption

Co-Entrants: Eric Besson, Michael Wickline, and Linda Satter

3rd Place

Writing • News Story • Newspaper

Widow's Tax OKed

Co-Entrant: Frank Lockwood



Eric Harrison

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Arts and Entertainment

Overpaying the Price

Co-Entrant: Nikki Dawes



Mary Hightower

chief communications officer at University of Arkansas System
Division of Agriculture

2nd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Agriculture, Agribusiness,
Aquaculture

Farmers Waiting, Watching for Slow-Rolling Disaster After Moving
Livestock, Equipment to Higher Ground



Cynthia Howell

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Education

LR Schools

Honorable Mention

Writing • Continuing Coverage or Unfolding News

LRSD Education

*Co-Entrants: Tony Holt, Rachel Herzog, Stephen Simpson, Thomas Metthe,
John Sykes Jr., Staton Breidenthal*



Ashlynnne Jenkins

newsletter editor at Friends of Arkansas Post National Memorial

3rd Place

Writing • Publications Regularly Written by Entrant • Newsletter or other Non-Newspaper Publication, Non-Profit, Government, or Educational

Friends of Arkansas Post National Memorial February Newsletter



Ashlynnne Jenkins

newsletter editor at Friends of Arkansas Post National Memorial

Honorable Mention

**Writing • Publications Regularly Written by
Entrant • Newsletter or other Non-Newspaper
Publication, Non-Profit, Government, or
Educational**

Friends of Arkansas Post National Memorial
June Newsletter

Honorable Mention

Friends of Arkansas Post National Memorial September
Newsletter

Honorable Mention

Friends of Arkansas Post National Memorial
December Newsletter



Cary Jenkins

editor at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Photography • Photographer-Writer

Glory Days: Crumbling old Arkansas grocery also was a theater for minorities and a family's home



Tammy Keith

senior writer at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette River Valley and Ozark Edition and Three Rivers Edition

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Hobby, Crafts, Building, Designing, Construction

Maumelle 9-year-old writes anti-bullying book

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Physical Health

Registered nurse marks 50 years at Conway Regional



Tammy Keith

senior writer at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette River Valley and Ozark Edition and Three Rivers Edition

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Religion

Russellville Manna House volunteers help 'spiritually, nutritionally'"

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Sports

Morrilton woman with brain cancer starts Go Gray in May 5k

1st Place

Writing • Columns • Humorous

Counting on chocolate to cure a cough; Surviving sickness, painting project



Tammy Keith

senior writer at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette River Valley and Ozark Edition and Three Rivers Edition

2nd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Business

ASU honors Heber Springs radio-station owner

2nd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Hobby, Crafts, Building, Designing, Construction

Architect, craftsman builds coffin for St. Joseph School Bazaar

2nd Place

Writing • Columns • General

First thoughts to 32 years of marriage; Reporter ready for retirement

2nd Place

Writing • Columns • Humorous

Passport photo is no glamour shot; Finding fashion frustrating



Tammy Keith

senior writer at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette River Valley and Ozark Edition and Three Rivers Edition

2nd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Education

Retired Conway educators reward girls in math

2nd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Physical Health

Kidney transplant successful

2nd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Government or Politics

White County 911 center adopts shelter animal

3rd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Education

Morrilton senior elected national Beta Club president



Tammy Keith

senior writer at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette River Valley and Ozark Edition and Three Rivers Edition

3rd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Social

The CALL board chairwoman is mother to 8

3rd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Hobby, crafts, building, designing, construction

Car show benefits foundation for fallen officer

3rd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Education

Harding dorm mom celebrates 30 years

3rd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Business

Searcy reaps benefits of Small Business Administration Revolution-Main Street



Tammy Keith

senior writer at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette River Valley and Ozark Edition and Three Rivers Edition

3rd Place

Writing • Columns • Humorous

July brings memories of Bacon; Waiting for Carol to call on me

3rd Place

Writing • Columns • General

Proud mom sends son off to Spain; Happy birthday to my only 'little brother'"

3rd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Social Issues

Recovery home helps women overcome addiction

Honorable Mention

Writing • Specialty Articles • Arts and Entertainment

Award-winning director revamps Pottsville band



Tammy Keith

senior writer at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette River Valley and Ozark Edition and Three Rivers Edition

Honorable Mention

Writing • News Story • Newspaper

Conway Regional to run Hendrix health clinic

Honorable Mention

Writing • Specialty Articles • Business

Searcy woman named chamber's Volunteer of the Year

Honorable Mention

Writing • Specialty Articles • Government or Politics

Maumelle raising money for all-inclusive playground

Honorable Mention

Writing • Specialty Articles • Government or Politics

Conway hires diversity, economic-development coordinator



Tammy Keith

senior writer at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette River Valley and Ozark Edition and Three Rivers Edition

Honorable Mention

Writing • Specialty Articles • Sports

Clinton brother, sister win sports awards

Honorable Mention

Writing • News Story • Newspaper

Committee formed to consider naming park after leader

Honorable Mention

Writing • Columns • General

Race honors children's legacies; Saying goodbye to The Director

Honorable Mention

Writing • News Story • Newspaper

Couple's adopted son accused of trying to kill them



Bernadette Kinlaw

columnist at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Writing • Columns • Informational

Watch Your Language: Apostrophe



Gavin Lesnick

staff at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Web and Social Media • Electronic Newsletter • Corporate or for-profit

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Newsletters

Co-Entrant: Stevie Neilson



Frank Lockwood

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Government or Politics

Memo reveals attack on Cotton rival

Honorable Mention

Writing • Continuing Coverage or Unfolding News

Mahony drops out

Co-Entrants: Hunter Field, John Moritz



Philip Martin

critic at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Reviews

Three chords and the truth

3rd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Arts and Entertainment

The Wonder of it all

Honorable Mention

Writing • Specialty Articles • Arts and Entertainment

From Podunk and beyond



Ryan McGeeney

communications specialist at U of A System Division of Agriculture

Honorable Mention

Writing • Specialty Articles • Business

Big jump in Arkansas peanut acreage banking on new buying points within state

Honorable Mention

Writing • Specialty Articles • Agriculture, Agribusiness, Aquaculture

Some rice and soybean growers face latest twist in difficult year



Maggie McNeary

staff at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Web and Social Media • Website edited or managed by Entrant • Corporate or for-profit

ArkansasOnline.com

*Co-Entrants: Gavin Lesnick, Barry Arthur,
The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Staff*



Tommy Mettthe

staff photographer at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

**1st
Place**

**Photography • Single Photograph •
News or Feature Photo**

Blaze sets off fertilizer load; rig driver dies

**1st
Place**

**Photography • Single Photograph •
Sports Photo**

Marion draws line

**3rd
Place**

**Photography • Single Photograph • News or
Feature Photo**

Ducks from a safe distance



Debbie Miller

assistant professor at John Brown University; former director of fundraising and events at Ozark Guidance

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Personal Essay

Letter from the Threefold Faculty Adviser

1st Place

Communications Programs and Campaigns • Community, Institutional or Internal Relations

The Power of Thank You

2nd Place

Public Relations Materials • Brochures • Nonprofit, Government or Educational

We Love You a Latte



Fred Miller

science editor at University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture

1st Place

Writing • News Story • Online Publication

New blackberry from Division of Agriculture achieves pinnacle of flavor

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Agriculture, agribusiness, aquaculture

Lab-produced meats face legal hurdles, consumer acceptance challenges

2nd Place

Photography • Single Photograph • News or Feature Photo

Tick Map Study



Kirk Montgomery

former graphics designer at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

3rd Place

Graphics and Design • Graphics

Sunken stock



John Moritz

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Honorable Mention

Writing • News Story • Newspaper

1st Collins killing details out



Kristin Netterstrom Higgins

program associate at University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture

1st Place

**Public Relations Materials • Brochures •
Nonprofit, Government or Educational**

Arkansas' Cottage Food Law: What the Law Allows

1st Place

**Web and Social Media • Social Media Campaign
• Nonporfit, Government, or Educational**

LoveARcommunities

Co-Entrant: Julianne Dunn, Emily Smith

1st Place

**Radio and Television • Special Programming •
Radio**

Strengthening Our Communities: The Citizen
Initiative Process In Arkansas



Kristin Netterstrom Higgins

program associate at University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture

2nd Place

**Web and Social Media • Electronic Newsletter •
Non-profit, Government, or Educational**

Arkansas Senate Wants Term Limits on 2020 Ballot

2nd Place

**Web and Social Media • Electronic Newsletter •
Non-profit, Government, or Educational**

Voters Will Decide Sales Tax Issue; Arkansas
Legislature Changes Ballot Process





Catherine Nolte

student at John Brown University, Managing Editor, *Threefold Advocate*

2nd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Religion

Upperclassmen confront faith crisis at CCCU schools



Rachel O'Neal

High Profile editor at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Writing • Personality Profile • More than 500 Words

Laura Landreaux

Co-Entrant: Jeff Gammons

Honorable Mention

Writing • Personality Profile • More than 500 Words

The Family Business



Michelle Parks

director of communications at Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design

1st Place

Editing for Print or Online Publications • Publications Regularly Edited by Entrant • Magazine/Magapaper

ReView magazine Winter 2018/Spring 2019

2nd Place

Writing • Personality Profiles • More than 500 Words

Jackson Wins 2019 AIA Young Architects Award



Charlotte Purdy

reporter at DeWitt Era-Enterprise

3rd Place

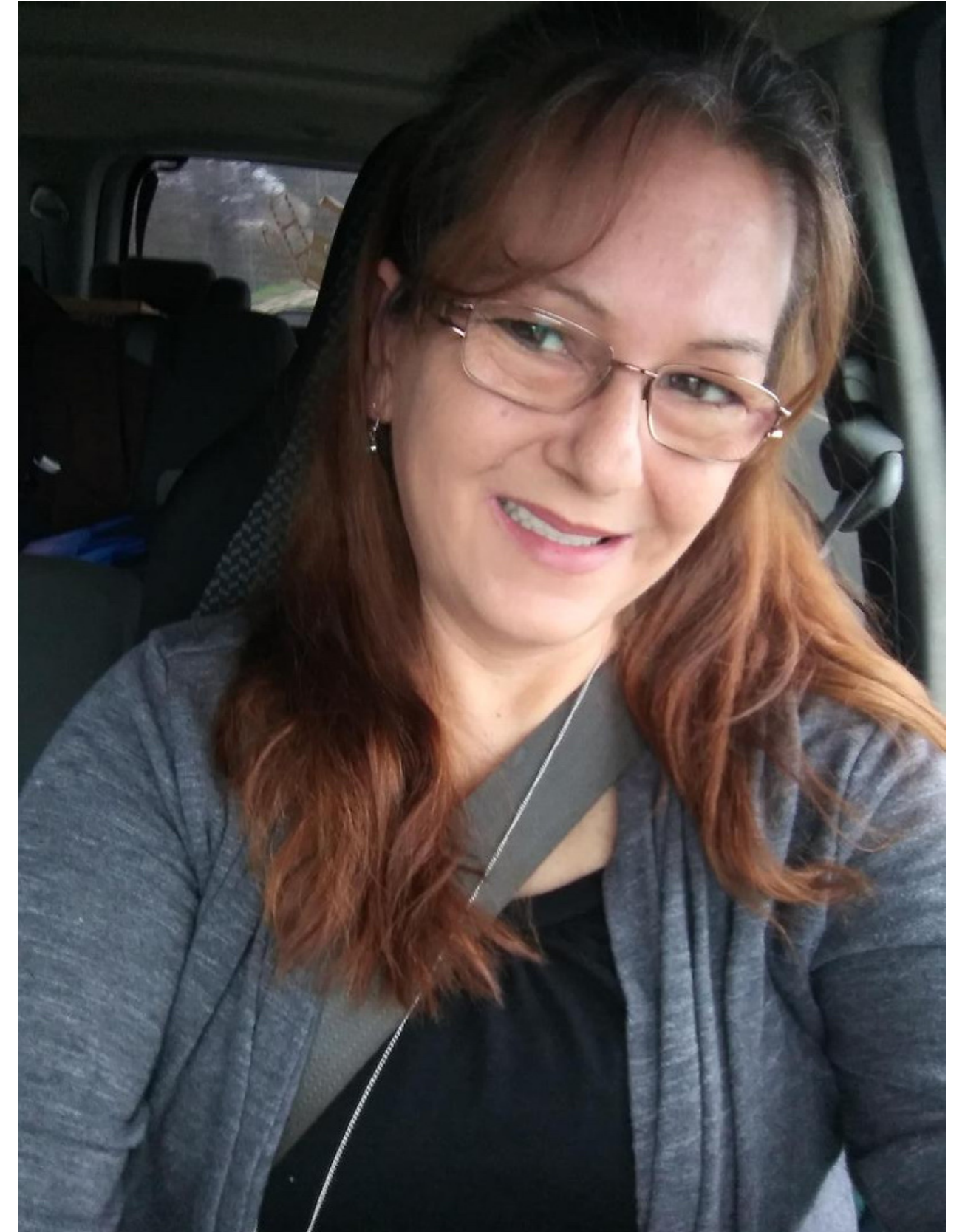
Photography • Photographer-Writer

Blues On The Square

3rd Place

**Single Photography • Single Photograph •
General Photo**

Quapaw Pottery





Charlotte Purdy

reporter at DeWitt Era-Enterprise

Honorable Mention

Photography • Photographer-Writer

American Legion Celebrates 100 Years of Public Service

Honorable Mention

Writing • Specialty Articles • History

25th Annual Ghosts of the Past



Jeanne Roberts

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Honorable Mention

Writing • Continuing Coverage or Unfolding News

Polk County Casinos



Emily Smith

**program associate at University of Arkansas System Division of
Agriculture • Community, Professional and Economic Development**

1st Place

**Web and Social Media • Blogs • Nonprofit, government or
educational**

Breakthrough Solutions Connects Visionary Rev. Arthur Hunt with
Grant to Bring Creative Economy to Dumas and Beyond



Jamie Smith

owner at Jamie's Notebook

1st Place

Web and Social Media • Blogs • Corporate or For-Profit

The Day Facebook Died (and why it shouldn't have been your website in the first place)

2nd Place

Web and Social Media • Website Edited or Managed by Entrant • Nonprofit, Government or Educational

GiveCamp NWA Website

Co-Entrant: Chris Whittle



Deborah Stanuch

Freelance Writer

1st Place

Writing • Feature Story • Magazine, Newsletter or Other Non-Newspaper Publication

The Generosity of Jeannie

3rd Place

Personality Profile • More than 500 Words

Joe Miles Retires from Banking



Honorable Mention

Writing • Feature Story • Newspaper

The Mystery of Joseph Bunnell



Stephen Steed

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Business

Dicamba-snitch

3rd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Agriculture, Agribusiness, Aquaculture

U.S. Pays State Farmers



Celia Storey

editor at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

2nd Place

Graphics and Design • Graphics

Finding their Bliss

2nd Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • History

Pages from the Past





Clara Turnage

former reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Writing • Continuing Coverage or Unfolding News

2019 Flooding Coverage

Co-Entrants: Dale Ellis, Emily Walkenhorst, Stephen Simpson, Thomas Metthe, Staton Breidenthal, David Gottschalk

3rd Place

Continuing Coverage or Unfolding News

Police Shooting

Co-Entrants: Rachel Herzog, Stephen Simpson, Staton Breidenthal, Mitchell Pe Masilun

1st Place

News Story • Newspaper

Lapping of water ends cries for help



Emily Walkenhorst

reporter at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

1st Place

Writing • Specialty Articles • Green/Environmental

Hog farm proposal garners support



2020 Sweepstakes





Angelita Faller

Runner Up

2020 APW

Sweepstake Winner



Tammy Keith

**2020 APW
Sweepstakes Winner**



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Thank You Abernathys!

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*Thank you Helen Plotkin,
Contest Chair!*