

2026 Professional Keystone Media Award Winners
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Category Name	Award	Organization	Entry Title	Credits
Investigative Reporting	First Place	The Latrobe Bulletin	Former LVPD police chief, Ligonier Township man, charged in 'sympiotic' drug relationship	Abigail Hakas & Joe Wells
Investigative Reporting	Second Place	The Mercury, Pottstown	Feds open probe of Title IX violations in Phoenixville School District athletics	Evan Brandt
Investigative Reporting	Honorable Mention	Hazleton Standard-Speaker	Powering Project Hazelnut	Kent Jackson & Dave Janoski
Enterprise Reporting	First Place	The Times News, Lehighton	Tombstone Tales	Donald Serfass
Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	The News-Item, Shamokin	A deep dive on reproductive rights, education and child abuse	Chienne Herman
Enterprise Reporting	Honorable Mention	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Climate Change	Justin Strawser, Nick Rex, Bill Bowman & Christian Wade
News Beat Reporting	First Place	Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Harrisburg	Federal Fallout -- Mine Safety	Ian Karbal
News Beat Reporting	Second Place	The Latrobe Bulletin	Ligonier Valley Police Department	Joe Wells
Breaking News	First Place	Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Harrisburg	Attack on the governor's residence	Ian Karbal, Peter Hall, Tim Lambert & John Cole
Breaking News	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Three police officers killed in ambush shooting	Mike Argento, Harrison Jones, Teresa Boeckel & Lena Tzivekis
Breaking News	Honorable Mention	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Milton baby	Francis Scarcella & Rick Dandes
Ongoing News Coverage	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Attack on LGBTQ+ group	Scott Fisher & Teresa Boeckel
Ongoing News Coverage	Second Place	Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Harrisburg	Aftermath of an attack on the Governor's Residence	Peter Hall, Ian Karbal, Tim Lambert & John Cole
Ongoing News Coverage	Honorable Mention	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Coverage of Judge Stambaugh's criminal case	Mike Argento
News Feature Story	First Place	Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Harrisburg	Congressional health insurance tug-o-war puts Pennsylvanians in a lurch	Whitney Downard
News Feature Story	Second Place	Beaver County Times	New technology solves cold case homicide	Garret Roberts

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Business or Consumer Story	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Amish tourism is a big business and the sect has a complicated relationship with it	Mike Argento
Business or Consumer Story	Second Place	Beaver County Times	Possible closure of Penn State Beaver	Garret Roberts
Business or Consumer Story	Honorable Mention	Beaver County Times	Opening day of new Pittsburgh International Airport terminal	Patrick O'Shea
Editorial	First Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Term limits, Oversight, Elections' problems	Michael Maneval
Editorial	Second Place	Herald-Standard, Uniontown	More context needed; Have yourself a merry little Christmas; Finding your path	Jennifer Garofalo
Editorial	Honorable Mention	The Times News, Lehighton	It's never a harmless brush fire; Bear attack Brings awareness of Rabies Risk; Operating a pet shelter is a real 'catastrophe'	Marta Gouger
Column	First Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Being patriotic doesn't mean you're a patriot; Harvey Edwards thrived here, made it a better place; Who has the courage to be better?	William Bowman
Column	Second Place	The Indiana Gazette	I don't know yet; Pool daze; Tales from the obituary desk	Kylie Jasper
Column	Honorable Mention	The Times News, Lehighton	Just be careful what you wish for...; Praying developers preserve our past; Mission accomplished - Real ID in hand after paper chase	Kelly Monitz Socha
Sports Beat Reporting	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	High school sports	Shelly Stallsmith
Sports Beat Reporting	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Penn State athletics	Frank Bodani
Sports Beat Reporting	Honorable Mention	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	South's youth; Eck's run; Mr. Everything	Chris Masse
Sports/Outdoor Column	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	What to make of Penn State football now	Frank Bodani

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Sports/Outdoor Column	Second Place	New Castle News	Looking back on how COVID changed the sports world; The clock is ticking; Inquiring for vacant head football coaching positions	Ron Poniewasz Jr.
Sports/Outdoor Column	Honorable Mention	New Castle News	Elite 8 runners announced; Give the Neshannock High softball team its flowers; Finding Zen on the gridiron around the NFL	Cody Pattison
Sports Feature	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Dover football star does double duty as lineman, fireman	Jack Gleckler
Sports Feature	Second Place	The Times News, Lehighton	Lehighton's Borger wins ATVMX national title	Justin Carlucci
Sports Feature	Honorable Mention	York Daily Record/Sunday News	York Suburban athlete's journey steeped in family, faith	Jack Gleckler
Sports Enterprise	First Place	New Castle News	PIAA shot clock debate	Ron Poniewasz Jr. & Cody Pattison
Sports Enterprise	Second Place	The Times News, Lehighton	Following the dream	Patrick Matsinko
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	First Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Insinger retires	Chris Masse
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Swimmers fighting for pool	Shelly Stallsmith
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	Honorable Mention	The Latrobe Bulletin	Wildcats and coach Tom McIntyre earn first win in triple overtime against Plum	Anthony DiCerbo
Feature Story	First Place	Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Harrisburg	81 years later, a small Normandy town remembers the sacrifices of Pa.'s 28th Division	Tim Lambert
Feature Story	Second Place	Bedford Gazette	Locals remember Y2K, 25 years later	Heather Koontz
Personality Profile	First Place	The Times News, Lehighton	A medical milestone	Amy Miller
Personality Profile	Second Place	Herald-Standard, Uniontown	'Your life matters'	Jennifer Garofalo
Personality Profile	Honorable Mention	The News-Item, Shamokin	Better late than never: Kulpmont native continues 30-year recreational hockey career at 65	Mackenzie Witt
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	First Place	The Times News, Lehighton	Uncovering historical gems	Donald Serfass

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Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Pastries & produce: Here's what I tried during my first trip to New Eastern Market; Banky's Bakehouse brings sweet treats & a backstory to Manchester Twp.; York artist with stage 4 cancer holding his own wake, selling his art to benefit his kids; How dog with a cheese ball jar stuck on its head was rescued by volunteers in York County	Lena Tzivekis
Breaking News Photo	First Place	The Republican-Herald, Pottsville	'Bomb' at Schuylkill Courthouse is can of applesauce	Matthew Perschall
Breaking News Photo	Second Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Delware Township fire	Rob Inglis
Breaking News Photo	Honorable Mention	The News-Item, Shamokin	Fire	Larry Deklinski
News Event Photo	First Place	The Times News, Lehighton	Dancing in the street	Donald Serfass
News Event Photo	Second Place	The Indiana Gazette	Six More Weeks Punxsutawney Phil	Jessica Uptegraph
News Event Photo	Honorable Mention	The Latrobe Bulletin	APRA beam signing	Joe Wells
Feature Photo	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Flag twirler	Dan Rainville
Feature Photo	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Green parasols	Paul Kuehnel
Feature Photo	Honorable Mention	The Latrobe Bulletin	Snapshots of community at Latrobe's National Night Out	Joe Wells
Sports Feature Photo	First Place	Hazleton Standard-Speaker	Gymnastics Practice	John Haeger
Sports Feature Photo	Second Place	The Herald, Sharon	Pregame sunset	Tanner Mondok
Sports Feature Photo	Honorable Mention	The Courier-Express/Tri-County Sunday, DuBois	Dobson home celebration	Chris Wechtenhiser
Sports Action Photo	First Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Field hockey in the rain	Rob Inglis
Sports Action Photo	Second Place	The Courier-Express/Tri-County Sunday, DuBois	Play at the plate	Chris Wechtenhiser
Sports Action Photo	Honorable Mention	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Scream	Dave Kennedy
Photo Story/Essay	First Place	The Times News, Lehighton	Carbon catacombs	Amy Miller

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Photo Story/Essay	Second Place	The Latrobe Bulletin	Banana split celebration dishes out family fun	Ernie Sistek
Photo Story/Essay	Honorable Mention	The Latrobe Bulletin	Crowd enjoys airshow under sunny skies	Bill Pribisco
News Page Design	First Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Lewisburg athlete not letting deafness keep her off court; Risk to public grows as Pa. budget impasse lingers; Monument marks site of opera house lost in fire; Warming Earth affects Americans from coast to coast; Valley moms lead kids on and off athletic fields; Lewisburg students honor veterans during celebration	Eric Pehowic
News Page Design	Second Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Uncertainty, Superbowl, A Dream Come True, Recovered, Nxet Evolution, Starting to be a Problem	Tim Wertz
News Page Design	Honorable Mention	The Herald, Sharon	Oct 18 Flames go out for WaterFire Sharon; Aug 9 Script changes; Nov 15 Returning the favor; Nov 1 Food demand surges	John Zavinski
Feature Page Design	First Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Mifflinburg Musical has fast talk, moves; Ready for fun; a rom-com of mythic proportions; BTE Production adds humor to Hitchcock; A new spin on Shakespeare	Kyra Smith-Cullen
Feature Page Design	Second Place	The Indiana Gazette	Coming Home; St. Augustine; Ricketts Glen State Park invites hikers to explore 'wild' falls, reconnect with nature; Garden of the Month; All aboard!	Jennifer Woomer
Feature Page Design	Honorable Mention	The Times News, Lehighton	SPOTLIGHT: Adventure Man; Custer's Last Stand; They fit the bill	David Rowe

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Sports Page Design	Second Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Twice, Under pressure, title chasing, getting better, drive for five	Jon Gerardi
Sports Page Design	Honorable Mention	The Times News, Lehighton	Sports all around us	Times News Sports Department
Headline Writing	First Place	Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Harrisburg	Gov. Shapiro wants you to know he's pushing back on Trump; Another day, another transit bill passes amid Pa. budget impasse; After weeks of demand, Congressman Scott Perry holds a town hall — over the phone	Tim Lambert & Ian Karbal
Headline Writing	Second Place	The Herald, Sharon	Sharon police ... roundabout way; Woman's love for over-the-top decor runs bone deep; Script changes; Welcome to your new drugstore...	John Zavinski
Headline Writing	Honorable Mention	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Friday night fights, Win-dians, you can bank on it	Jon Gerardi
Graphic/Photo Illustration	First Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Friday Night Frights	Tim Wertz
Graphic/Photo Illustration	Second Place	New Castle News	'Canes in the Pros	Pete Sirianni
News Videos	First Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Courage not fear	Dave Kennedy
News Videos	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Hear mother of fallen Officer Andrew Duarte respond to conclusion of investigation	Paul Kuehnel
News Videos	Honorable Mention	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Watch conclusion of memorial service for 3 fallen officers with flyover and gun salute	Paul Kuehnel
Sports Videos	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Dallastown junior soars to become league's top hitter	Shelly Stallsmith
Sports Videos	Second Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Matness at the MACC	Dave Kennedy
Sports Videos	Honorable Mention	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Maddie Smith reaches 1,000 points	Dave Kennedy

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Features Videos	First Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Meet Jamie Miller, a cop who learned from the most traumatic calls and now helps others	Paul Kuehnel
Features Videos	Second Place	Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Harrisburg	Remembering Pvt. Irwin S. Fox through unearthed photos and audio recording	Tim Lambert
Features Videos	Honorable Mention	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Rosie the Riveter	Dave Kennedy
Podcast	First Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	HS Football podcast	Todd Hummel & Bill Bowman
Podcast	Second Place	The Herald, Sharon	Sports Report	Tanner Mondok, Rob Malsom & Ty Kohler
Podcast	Honorable Mention	New Castle News	Tipoff Show podcast	Ron Poniewasz Jr., Larry Kelly, Cody Pattison & Pete Sirianni
Special Section	First Place	Williamsport Sun-Gazette	Golden Goals	Jon Gerardi
Special Section	Second Place	The Daily Item, Sunbury	Inside Pennsylvania Magazine	Chelsea Ritter, Kyra Smith-Cullen & Rob Ingls
Special Section	Honorable Mention	The Courier-Express/Tri-County Sunday, DuBois	Women Today: Women in business across the Tri-County area	Ben Destefan, Tyler Kolesar & Josh Walzak
Excellence in Reporting on Diversity- Equity and Inclusion	First Place	New Castle News	Tibetan monks working art piece creates serenity, peace	Debbie Wachter
Excellence in Reporting on Diversity- Equity and Inclusion	Second Place	The Mercury, Pottstown	'DE FACTO' JIM CROW. Book tells the story of civil rights efforts in Pottstown	Evan Brandt