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APA Media Awards Magazine Contest Winners Announced

Birmingham, AL (June 30, 2024) – Winners in categories of the 2024 Alabama Press Association Media Awards have been announced by Dee Ann Campbell, chairman of the AMA Contest Committee. This year, 19 publications submitted 363 entries in the annual magazine contest. The Hoosier State Press Association membership judged the entries.

First place awards in select categories were presented at the 2024 APA Summer Convention banquet awards program.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Cat. 02 Best Single Feature Story

- 1st Place: Walker magazine for "A vivid life: Veteran Randy Fielding talks of photography, time serving country" by Nicole Smith
- 2nd Place: Homewood Life Magazine for "Forever Aniah" by Madoline Markham Koonce, Lindsey Culver
- 3rd Place: Jackson Magazine for "Veterans Helping Veterans" by Hunter Jones, Ashley Colon, Elizabeth Law

Cat. 03 Best Personality Profile

- 1st Place: Hoover's magazine for "Legend on the Links" by Lauren Dowdle, Blair Ramsey
- 2nd Place: Lake Martin Living for "Tommy G" by Ben Smith
- 3rd Place: Beachin' for "Class is in session: Sand Castle University" by Kayla Green

Cat. 04 Best Business Feature

- 1st Place: LIVE Lee for "Every Flavor, All The Colors" by Kendyl Hollingsworth
- 2nd Place: Homewood Life Magazine for "The American Dream" by Carmen Brown, Blair Ramsey
- 3rd Place: Huntsville City Lifestyle Magazine for "He Brews" by Amy Bailey, Nadia Kidd, Eddie Hurskin

Cat. 05 Best Travel Feature

- 1st Place: Homewood Life Magazine for "Eat, Drink and Be Merry in Napa" by Christiana Roussel
- 2nd Place: Huntsville City Lifestyle Magazine for "Choose Your Fall Adventure" by Amy Bailey
- 3rd Place: DeKalb Living for "Welcome to Alabama!" by Mark Harrison

Cat. 06 Best Culinary Feature

- 1st Place: Huntsville Magazine for "Tom Brown's Restaurant Opens Doors to New Location" by Gianna Hudson, Takara Swoopes, Dokk Savage
- 2nd Place: Homewood Life Magazine for "A Chop Above" by Brenda Ladun
- 3rd Place: Community Matters for "Food Truck Frenzy" by Cayla Grace Murphy, Cheyenne Sharp

Cat. 07 Best Sports Feature

- 1st Place: Hoover's magazine for "Legend on the Links" by Lauren Dowdle, Blair Ramsey
- 2nd Place: LIVE Lee for "Spokes of Life" by Hannah Goldfinger
- 3rd Place: LAKE Magazine for "Fishing for a Living" by Ben Smith, Audra Spears, Kenneth Boone

Cat. 08 Best Photo Essay

- 1st Place: Lake Martin Living for "July 4th in Review" by Kenneth Boone, Cliff Williams, Lizi Arbogast Gwin
- 2nd Place: Huntsville City Lifestyle Magazine for "Life In Leather" by Ty Cole, Amy Bailey
- 3rd Place: Huntsville City Lifestyle Magazine for "Family Is Everything, Thanksgiving With The Garcia Family" by Joe Davis

Cat. 09 Best Single Photograph

- 1st Place: Community Matters for "A Dream Come True - Santa Maria della Pieta" by Sherry Brown
- 2nd Place: Beachin' for "Oyster Farms" by Micah Green
- 3rd Place: LAKE Magazine for "Sunset Shoreline" by Kenneth Boone

Cat. 10 Best Individual Website

- 1st Place: Huntsville Magazine for www.huntsvillemagazine.com by Takara Swoopes
- 2nd Place: Lake Wedowee Life for www.lakewedoweelife.com by Leisel Caldwell

3rd Place: Community Matters for <http://www.cullmantribune.com/cullman-community-matters-magazine> by Dustin Isom, Noah Galilee, staff

Cat. 11 Best Single Ad

1st Place: Homewood Life Magazine for "Mantooth Interiors" by staff
2nd Place: Lake Wedowee Life for "Bobbers Bar and Grill" by Kelly Caldwell
3rd Place: Homewood Life Magazine for "Cookie Fix" by staff

Cat. 12 Best Advertising Campaign or Series

1st Place: Community Matters for "Cullman Economic Development Agency-Working Together to Make a Difference" by Noah Galilee, Dustin Isom, Janet Chandler
2nd Place: LIVE Lee for "Glynn Smith Chevrolet/GMC" by Michelle Key
3rd Place: Homewood Life Magazine for "At Home" by staff

Cat. 13 Best House Ad or Self-Promotion

1st Place: Lake Wedowee Life for "What You Make at the Lake Recipe Contest" by Leisel Caldwell
2nd Place: Huntsville Magazine for "What's Happening This Weekend" by Takara Swoopes
3rd Place: Community Matters for "Subscribe to The Cullman Tribune" by Dustin Isom

Cat. 14 Best Overall Design

1st Place: Huntsville Magazine by Takara Swoopes
2nd Place: LAKE Magazine by Audra Spears, Betsy Iler, Kenneth Boone
3rd Place: Homewood Life Magazine by Kate Green, Jamie Dawkins

Cat. 15 Best Cover Photo or Illustration

1st Place: Beachin' for "The Sand Shaper" by Micah Green
2nd Place: Hoover's magazine for "Summer" by Blair Ramsey
3rd Place: Lake Martin Living for "Dadeville's new Mural" by Jim Denney

Cat. 16 Best Themed Issue

1st Place: Walker magazine for "Celebrating 150 Years of the Daily Mountain Eagle" by staff
2nd Place: INDY Magazine for "Showtime at the community theater" by staff
3rd Place: Lake Wedowee Life for "Wedowee's Got Talent" by staff

Cat. 17 Best Column

1st Place: LAKE Magazine for "Nature of the Lake" by Kenneth Boone
2nd Place: Lake Martin Living for "Culture Shock" by Lacey Howell
3rd Place: Lake Martin Living for "Medical News" by George Miranda

Cat. 18 Best Community Event

1st Place: LAKE Magazine for "Plug Day" by Betsy Iler, Audra Spears
2nd Place: LAKE Magazine for "Clean Up Honor Roll" by Betsy Iler, Ben Smith, Audra Spears
3rd Place: Huntsville Magazine for "The Fall Soiree" by Takara Swoopes, CJ Byrd

Magazine of the Year:

1st Place: Huntsville Magazine
2nd Place: Homewood Life Magazine
3rd Place: LAKE Magazine