

2025 Texas Better Newspaper Contest Awards

Sweepstakes Categories

Advertising

Division 2

1st Place New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung
2nd Place Laredo Morning Times
3rd Place Baytown Sun
4th Place Galveston – The Daily News

Division 3

1st Place La Grange – The Fayette County Record
2nd Place Livingston – Polk County Enterprise
3rd Place Nacogdoches – The Daily Sentinel
4th Place El Campo – Wharton County Leader-Journal

Division 4

1st Place Seguin Gazette
2nd Place Greenville – Herald-Banner
3rd Place Graham – The Graham Leader
4th Place Cleburne Times-Review

Division 5

1st Place Hearne – Robertson County News
2nd Place Port Aransas South Jetty
3rd Place Bowie – The Bowie News
4th Place Pleasanton Express

Division 6

1st Place Uvalde Leader-News
2nd Place Caldwell – Burleson County Tribune
3rd Place Columbus – Colorado County Citizen
4th Place Pilot Point Post-Signal

Division 7

1st Place Dublin – The Dublin Citizen
2nd Place Ingram – West Kerr Current
3rd Place Eastland County Today
4th Place Canton – Van Zandt News

Division 8

1st Place Flatonia – The Flatonia Argus
2nd Place Spur – The Texas Spur
3rd Place Silverton – Caprock Courier
4th Place Silsbee – The Bee

Division 9

1st Place Clarendon Enterprise
2nd Place Archer City – Archer County News
3rd Place Henrietta – Clay County Leader
4th Place Iowa Park Journal

Division 10

1st Place Post The Post Dispatch
2nd Place Jacksboro Herald-Gazette
3rd Place Quanah Tribune-Chief
4th Place Gladewater Mirror

Column Writing

Division 2

1st Place Baytown Sun
2nd Place Killeen Daily Herald
3rd Place Galveston – The Daily News
4th Place Clute – The Facts

Division 3

1st Place Georgetown – Williamson County Sun
2nd Place Nacogdoches – The Daily Sentinel
3rd Place El Campo – Wharton County Leader-Journal
4th Place La Grange – The Fayette County Record

Division 4

1st Place Palestine Herald Press
2nd Place Greenville – Herald-Banner
3rd Place Seguin Gazette
4th Place Cleburne Times-Review

Division 5

1st Place Kerrville – Hill Country Community Journal
2nd Place Port Aransas South Jetty
3rd Place San Antonio Business Journal
4th Place Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post

Division 6

1st Place Uvalde Leader-News
2nd Place Pearsall – Frio-Nueces Current
3rd Place Pilot Point Post-Signal
4th Place Woodville – Tyler County Booster

Division 7

1st Place Dublin – The Dublin Citizen
2nd Place Beeville Bee-Picayune
3rd Place Bandera Bulletin
4th Place Azle – The Azle News

Division 8

1st Place Muenster Enterprise
2nd Place Spur – The Texas Spur
3rd Place Groveton – Trinity County News-Standard
4th Place Shepherd – San Jacinto News-Times

Division 9

1st Place Luling Newsboy and Signal
2nd Place Iowa Park Journal
3rd Place Clarendon Enterprise
4th Place Floydada – Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon

Division 10

1st Place Refugio County Press
2nd Place Royse City Herald Banner
3rd Place Quanah Tribune-Chief
4th Place Dripping Springs – News-Dispatch

Editorial

Division 2

1st Place Galveston – The Daily News
2nd Place Killeen Daily Herald
3rd Place Baytown Sun
4th Place Longview News-Journal

Division 3

1st Place Lufkin Daily News
2nd Place Nacogdoches – The Daily Sentinel
3rd Place La Grange – The Fayette County Record
4th Place Livingston – Polk County Enterprise

Division 4

1st Place Gainesville Daily Register
2nd Place Greenville – Herald-Banner
3rd Place Cleburne Times-Review
4th Place Weatherford Democrat

Division 5

1st Place Decatur – Wise County Messenger
2nd Place Kerrville – Hill Country Community Journal
3rd Place Port Aransas South Jetty
4th Place Pharr – The Advance News Journal

Division 6

1st Place Caldwell – Burleson County Tribune
2nd Place Pearsall – Frio-Nueces Current
3rd Place Uvalde Leader-News
4th Place Columbus – Colorado County Citizen

Division 7

1st Place Lexington Leader

Division 8

1st Place Flatonia – The Flatonia Argus
2nd Place Silsbee – The Bee
3rd Place Silverton – Caprock Courier
4th Place Spur – The Texas Spur

Division 9

1st Place Clarendon Enterprise
2nd Place Mercedes – The Mercedes Enterprise
3rd Place Luling Newsboy and Signal

Division 10

1st Place Munday – Knox County News-Courier
2nd Place Post – The Post Dispatch
3rd Place Quanah Tribune-Chief
4th Place Royse City Herald Banner

Feature Photography

Division 2

1st Place Galveston – The Daily News
2nd Place New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung
3rd Place Laredo Morning Times
4th Place Tyler Morning Telegraph

Division 3

1st Place Georgetown – Williamson County Sun
2nd Place Boerne Star
3rd Place Lampasas Dispatch Record
4th Place Kerrville Daily Times

Division 4

1st Place Graham – The Graham Leader
2nd Place Greenville – Herald-Banner
3rd Place Seguin Gazette
4th Place Weatherford Democrat

Division 5

1st Place Decatur – Wise County Messenger
2nd Place Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post
3rd Place San Antonio Business Journal
4th Place Port Aransas South Jetty

Division 6

1st Place Uvalde Leader-News
2nd Place Pilot Point Post-Signal
3rd Place Navasota Examiner
4th Place Pearsall – Frio-Nueces Current

Division 7

1st Place Vernon Daily Record
2nd Place Clifton Record Tribune
3rd Place Lexington Leader
4th Place Childress – The Red River Sun

Division 8

1st Place Flatonia – The Flatonia Argus
2nd Place Muenster Enterprise
3rd Place Springtown Epigraph
4th Place Silverton – Caprock Courier

Division 9

1st Place Luling Newsboy and Signal
2nd Place Burkburnett Informer Star
3rd Place Iowa Park Journal
4th Place Sealy – The Sealy News

Division 10

1st Place Quanah Tribune-Chief
2nd Place Dripping Springs – News-Dispatch
3rd Place Gladewater Mirror
4th Place Jacksboro Herald-Gazette

Feature Writing

Division 2

1st Place Longview News-Journal
2nd Place Tyler Morning Telegraph
3rd Place Clute – The Facts
4th Place Laredo Morning Times

Division 3

1st Place Lufkin Daily News
2nd Place El Campo – Wharton County Leader-Journal
3rd Place Boerne Star
4th Place Kerrville Daily Times

Division 4

1st Place Seguin Gazette
2nd Place Weatherford Democrat
3rd Place Greenville – Herald-Banner
4th Place Gainesville Daily Register

Division 5

1st Place Pleasanton Express
2nd Place Decatur – Wise County Messenger
3rd Place Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post
4th Place Port Aransas South Jetty

Division 6

1st Place Uvalde Leader-News
2nd Place Irving Rambler
3rd Place Navasota Examiner
4th Place Pilot Point Post-Signal

Division 7

1st Place Lexington Leader
2nd Place Childress – The Red River Sun
3rd Place Clifton Record Tribune
4th Place Ingram – West Kerr Current

Division 8

1st Place Silsbee – The Bee
2nd Place Waxahachie Daily Light
3rd Place Springtown Epigraph
4th Place Spur – The Texas Spur

Division 9

1st Place Clarendon Enterprise
2nd Place Mercedes – The Mercedes Enterprise
3rd Place Luling Newsboy and Signal
4th Place Lindale News & Times

Division 10

1st Place Post – The Post Dispatch
2nd Place Ozona Stockman
3rd Place Gladewater Mirror
4th Place Dripping Springs – News-Dispatch

General Excellence

Division 2

1st Place Laredo Morning Times
2nd Place Killeen Daily Herald
3rd Place Longview News-Journal
4th Place New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung

Division 3

1st Place Kerrville Daily Times
2nd Place Nacogdoches – The Daily Sentinel
3rd Place Georgetown – Williamson County Sun
4th Place Lampasas Dispatch Record

Division 4

1st Place Greenville – Herald-Banner
2nd Place Cleburne Times-Review
3rd Place Seguin Gazette
4th Place Graham – The Graham Leader

Division 5

1st Place Austin Business Journal
2nd Place Houston – Jewish Herald-Voice
3rd Place Pleasanton Express
4th Place Kerrville – Hill Country Community Journal

Division 6

1st Place Uvalde Leader-News
2nd Place Kyle – Hays Free Press
3rd Place Columbus – Colorado County Citizen
4th Place Navasota Examiner

Division 7

1st Place Clifton Record Tribune
2nd Place Ingram – West Kerr Current
3rd Place Dublin – The Dublin Citizen
4th Place Bandera Bulletin

Division 8

1st Place Springtown Epigraph
2nd Place Madisonville Meteor
3rd Place Silsbee – The Bee
4th Place Flatonia – The Flatonia Argus

Division 9

1st Place Sealy – The Sealy News
2nd Place Liberty – The Vindicator
3rd Place Henrietta – Clay County Leader
4th Place Clarendon Enterprise

Division 10

1st Place Post – The Post Dispatch
2nd Place Jacksboro Herald-Gazette

3rd Place Munday – Knox County News-Courier
4th Place Royse City Herald Banner

Headline Writing

Division 2

1st Place Laredo Morning Times
2nd Place Longview News-Journal
3rd Place Baytown Sun
4th Place Denton Record-Chronicle

Division 3

1st Place La Grange – The Fayette County Record
2nd Place Boerne Star
3rd Place Georgetown – Williamson County Sun
4th Place El Campo – Wharton County Leader-Journal

Division 4

1st Place Graham – The Graham Leader
2nd Place Greenville – Herald-Banner
3rd Place Seguin Gazette
4th Place Weatherford Democrat

Division 5

1st Place Decatur – Wise County Messenger
2nd Place Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post
3rd Place Port Aransas South Jetty
4th Place Houston – Jewish Herald-Voice

Division 6

1st Place Uvalde Leader-News
2nd Place Pilot Point Post-Signal
3rd Place Pearsall – Frio-Nueces Current
4th Place Hallettsville Tribune-Herald

Division 7

1st Place Azle – The Azle News
2nd Place Dublin – The Dublin Citizen
3rd Place Clifton Record Tribune
4th Place Bandera Bulletin

Division 8

1st Place Springtown Epigraph
2nd Place Madisonville Meteor
3rd Place Silsbee – The Bee
4th Place Shepherd – San Jacinto News-Times

Division 9

1st Place Luling Newsboy and Signal
2nd Place Henrietta – Clay County Leader
3rd Place Iowa Park Journal
4th Place Floydada – Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon

Division 10

1st Place Royse City Herald Banner
2nd Place Gladewater Mirror
3rd Place Jacksboro Herald-Gazette
4th Place Refugio County Press

News Photography

Division 2

1st Place Galveston – The Daily News
2nd Place Laredo Morning Times
3rd Place New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung
4th Place Baytown Sun

Division 3

1st Place Nacogdoches – The Daily Sentinel
2nd Place Georgetown – Williamson County Sun
3rd Place El Campo, Wharton Co. Leader-Journal
4th Place Boerne Star

Division 4

1st Place Graham – The Graham Leader
2nd Place Seguin Gazette
3rd Place Greenville – Herald-Banner
4th Place Cleburne Times-Review

Division 5

1st Place Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post
2nd Place Decatur – Wise County Messenger
3rd Place San Antonio Business Journal
4th Place Kerrville – Hill Country Community Journal

Division 6

1st Place Uvalde Leader-News
2nd Place Woodville – Tyler County Booster
3rd Place Irving Rambler
4th Place Pearsall – Frio-Nueces Current

Division 7

1st Place Vernon Daily Record
2nd Place Clifton Record Tribune
3rd Place Lexington Leader
4th Place Mineola – Wood County Monitor

Division 8

1st Place Silsbee – The Bee
2nd Place Springtown Epigraph
3rd Place Spur – The Texas Spur
4th Place Silverton – Caprock Courier

Division 9

1st Place Mercedes – The Mercedes Enterprise
2nd Place Sealy – The Sealy News
3rd Place Liberty – The Vindicator
4th Place Burkburnett Informer Star

Division 10

1st Place Gladewater Mirror
2nd Place Quanah Tribune-Chief
3rd Place Post – The Post Dispatch
4th Place Jacksboro Herald-Gazette

News Writing

Division 2

1st Place Laredo Morning Times
2nd Place Denton Record-Chronicle
3rd Place Tyler Morning Telegraph
4th Place Galveston – The Daily News

Division 3

1st Place Kerrville Daily Times
2nd Place Lufkin Daily News
3rd Place La Grange – The Fayette County Record
4th Place El Campo – Wharton County Leader-Journal

Division 4

1st Place Palestine Herald Press
2nd Place Taylor Press
3rd Place Weatherford Democrat
4th Place Cleburne Times-Review

Division 5

1st Place Austin Business Journal
2nd Place Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post
3rd Place Pleasanton Express
4th Place Houston – Jewish Herald-Voice

Division 6

1st Place Pearsall – Frio-Nueces Current
2nd Place Irving Rambler
3rd Place Caldwell – Burleson County Tribune
4th Place Kyle – Hays Free Press

Division 7

1st Place Dublin – The Dublin Citizen
2nd Place Ingram – West Kerr Current
3rd Place Mineola – Wood County Monitor
4th Place Clifton Record Tribune

Division 8

1st Place Shepherd – San Jacinto News-Times
2nd Place Groveton – Trinity County News-Standard
3rd Place Springtown Epigraph
4th Place Spur – The Texas Spur

Division 9

1st Place Liberty – The Vindicator
2nd Place Clarendon Enterprise
3rd Place Archer City – Archer County News
4th Place Luling Newsboy & Signal

Division 10

1st Place Gladewater Mirror
2nd Place Royse City Herald Banner
3rd Place Munday – Knox County News-Courier
4th Place Post – The Post Dispatch

Page Design

Division 2

1st Place Killeen Daily Herald
2nd Place Tyler Morning Telegraph
3rd Place Longview News-Journal
4th Place Laredo Morning Times

Division 3

1st Place Livingston – Polk County Enterprise
2nd Place El Campo – Wharton County Leader-Journal
3rd Place Kerrville Daily Times
4th Place Nacogdoches – The Daily Sentinel

Division 4

1st Place Graham – The Graham Leader
2nd Place Cleburne Times-Review
3rd Place Greenville – Herald-Banner
4th Place Weatherford Democrat

Division 5

1st Place Houston – Jewish Herald-Voice
2nd Place Port Aransas South Jetty
3rd Place Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post
4th Place Decatur – Wise County Messenger

Division 6

1st Place Columbus – Colorado County Citizen
2nd Place Pilot Point Post-Signal
3rd Place Navasota Examiner
4th Place Uvalde Leader-News

Division 7

1st Place Azle – The Azle News
2nd Place Clifton Record Tribune
3rd Place Dublin – The Dublin Citizen
4th Place Vernon Daily Record

Division 8

1st Place Shepherd – San Jacinto News-Times
2nd Place Spur – The Texas Spur
3rd Place Madisonville Meteor
4th Place Silverton – Caprock Courier

Division 9

1st Place Floydada – Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon
2nd Place Liberty – The Vindicator
3rd Place Sealy – The Sealy News
4th Place Archer City – Archer County News

Division 10

1st Place Post – The Post Dispatch
2nd Place Royse City Herald Banner
3rd Place Gladewater Mirror
4th Place Munday – Knox County News-Courier

Sports Coverage

Division 2

1st Place Longview News-Journal
2nd Place Denton Record-Chronicle
3rd Place Laredo Morning Times
4th Place Tyler Morning Telegraph

Division 3

1st Place Livingston – Polk County Enterprise
2nd Place La Grange – The Fayette County Record
3rd Place Kerrville Daily Times
4th Place El Campo – Wharton County Leader-Journal

Division 4

1st Place Graham – The Graham Leader
2nd Place Taylor Press
3rd Place Gainesville Daily Register
4th Place Cleburne Times-Review

Division 5

1st Place Decatur – Wise County Messenger
2nd Place Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post
3rd Place Kerrville – Hill Country Community Journal
4th Place Port Aransas South Jetty

Division 6

1st Place Pearsall – Frio-Nueces Current
2nd Place Uvalde Leader-News
3rd Place Hallettsville Tribune-Herald
4th Place Columbus – Colorado County Citizen

Division 7

1st Place Clifton Record Tribune
2nd Place Vernon Daily Record
3rd Place Azle – The Azle News
4th Place Dublin – The Dublin Citizen

Division 8

1st Place Spur – The Texas Spur
2nd Place Springtown Epigraph
3rd Place Shepherd – San Jacinto News-Times
4th Place Flatonia – The Flatonia Argus

Division 9

1st Place Archer City – Archer County News
2nd Place Liberty – The Vindicator
3rd Place Iowa Park Journal
4th Place Sealy – The Sealy News

Division 10

1st Place Anahuac – The Progress
2nd Place Refugio County Press
3rd Place Munday – Knox County News-Courier
4th Place Post – The Post Dispatch

Sports Photography

Division 2

1st Place Longview News-Journal
2nd Place Galveston – The Daily News
3rd Place Laredo Morning Times
4th Place Tyler Morning Telegraph

Division 3

1st Place Kerrville Daily Times
2nd Place Nacogdoches – The Daily Sentinel
3rd Place Lufkin Daily News
4th Place La Grange – The Fayette County Record

Division 4

1st Place Cleburne Times-Review
2nd Place Weatherford Democrat
3rd Place Seguin Gazette
4th Place Graham – The Graham Leader

Division 5

1st Place Kerrville – Hill Country Community Journal
2nd Place Pleasanton Express
3rd Place Decatur – Wise County Messenger
4th Place Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post

Division 6

1st Place Pearsall – Frio-Nueces Current
2nd Place Pilot Point Post-Signal
3rd Place Navasota Examiner
4th Place Uvalde Leader-News

Division 7

1st Place Ingram – West Kerr Current
2nd Place Azle - The Azle News
3rd Place Vernon Daily Record
4th Place Mineola – Wood County Monitor

Division 8

1st Place Muenster Enterprise
2nd Place Silsbee – The Bee
3rd Place Flatonia – The Flatonia Argus
4th Place Madisonville Meteor

Division 9

1st Place Luling Newsboy and Signal
2nd Place Burkburnett Informer Star
3rd Place Iowa Park Journal
4th Place Clarendon Enterprise

Division 10

1st Place Anahuac – The Progress
2nd Place Gladewater Mirror
3rd Place Dripping Springs – News-Dispatch
4th Place Munday – Knox County News-Courier

Special Categories

Best Magazine

Daily Division

1st Place New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung
2nd Place Galveston – The Daily News
3rd Place Clute – The Facts
4th Place Laredo Morning Times

Semi-Weekly Division

1st Place Kerrville Daily Times
2nd Place Palestine Herald Press
3rd Place Weatherford Democrat
4th Place Seguin Gazette

Weekly Division

1st Place Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post
2nd Place Sealy – The Sealy News
3rd Place Kaufman – The Kaufman Herald
4th Place Madisonville Meteor

Best Website

Daily Division

1st Place New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung
2nd Place Denton Record-Chronicle
3rd Place Baytown Sun
4th Place Clute – The Facts

Semi-Weekly Division

1st Place La Grange – The Fayette County Record
2nd Place Kerrville Daily Times
3rd Place Lufkin Daily News
4th Place Nacogdoches – The Daily Sentinel

Weekly Division

1st Place Houston – Jewish Herald-Voice
2nd Place Uvalde Leader-News
3rd Place Kyle – Hays Free Press
4th Place Austin Business Journal

Community Service

Daily Division

1st Place Killeen Daily Herald
2nd Place Tyler Morning Telegraph
3rd Place Galveston – The Daily News
4th Place Baytown Sun

Semi-Weekly Division

1st Place Livingston – Polk County Enterprise
2nd Place Lufkin Daily News
3rd Place Kerrville Daily Times

Weekly Division

1st Place Iowa Park Journal
2nd Place Gladewater Mirror
3rd Place Pilot Point Post-Signal
4th Place Devine – The Devine News

Online Live Coverage

Daily Division

1st Place New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung
2nd Place Tyler Morning Telegraph
3rd Place Galveston – The Daily News
4th Place Killeen Daily Herald

Semi-Weekly Division

1st Place Kerrville Daily Times
2nd Place La Grange – The Fayette County Record
3rd Place Seguin Gazette
4th Place Palestine Herald Press

Weekly Division

1st Place Kerrville – Hill Country Community Journal
2nd Place Liberty – The Vindicator
3rd Place Eastland County Today

Special Section

Daily Division

1st Place Longview News-Journal
2nd Place Clute – The Facts
3rd Place Tyler Morning Telegraph
4th Place Galveston – The Daily News

Semi-Weekly Division

1st Place Kerrville Daily Times
2nd Place Georgetown – Williamson County Sun
3rd Place Palestine Herald Press
4th Place Nacogdoches – The Daily Sentinel

Weekly Division I

1st Place Decatur – Wise County Messenger
2nd Place Pearsall – Frio-Nueces Current
3rd Place Uvalde Leader-News
4th Place Hallettsville Tribune-Herald

Weekly Division II

1st Place Azle - The Azle News
2nd Place Silsbee – The Bee
3rd Place Springtown Epigraph
4th Place Kyle – Hays Free Press

Weekly Division III

1st Place Clarendon Enterprise
2nd Place Luling Newsboy and Signal
3rd Place Post – The Post Dispatch
4th Place Terrell – The Terrell Tribune

(Please note: The Special Categories are non-sweepstakes categories, meaning that awards do not add points for Sweepstakes.)

**The 2026 Texas Better Newspaper Contest
opens for entries Jan. 18, 2027**

2025 Texas Better Newspaper Contest Awards by Newspaper

Anahuac – The Progress

1st Place Sports Coverage
1st Place Sports Photography

Archer City – Archer County News

1st Place Sports Coverage
2nd Place Advertising
3rd Place News Writing
4th Place Page Design

Austin Business Journal

1st Place General Excellence
1st Place News Writing
4th Place Best Website

The Azle News

1st Place Headline Writing
1st Place Page Design
1st Place Special Section
2nd Place Sports Photography
3rd Place Sports Coverage
4th Place Column Writing

Bandera Bulletin

3rd Place Column Writing
4th Place General Excellence
4th Place Headline Writing

Baytown Sun

1st Place Column Writing
3rd Place Advertising
3rd Place Editorial
3rd Place Headline Writing
3rd Place Best Website
4th Place News Photography
4th Place Community Service

Beeville Bee-Picayune

2nd Place Column Writing

Boerne Star

2nd Place Feature Photography
2nd Place Headline Writing
3rd Place Feature Writing
4th Place News Photography

Bowie – The Bowie News

3rd Place Advertising

Burkburnett Informer Star

2nd Place Feature Photography
2nd Place Sports Photography
4th Place News Photography

Caldwell – Burleson County Tribune

1st Place Editorial
2nd Place Advertising
3rd Place News Writing

Canton – Van Zandt News

4th Place Advertising

Childress – The Red River Sun

2nd Place Feature Writing
4th Place Feature Photography

Clarendon Enterprise

1st Place Advertising
1st Place Editorial
1st Place Feature Writing
1st Place Special Section
2nd Place News Writing
3rd Place Column Writing
4th Place General Excellence
4th Place Sports Photography

Cleburne Times-Review

1st Place Sports Photography
2nd Place General Excellence
2nd Place Page Design
3rd Place Editorial
4th Place Advertising
4th Place Column Writing
4th Place News Photography
4th Place News Writing
4th Place Sports Coverage

Clifton Record Tribune

1st Place General Excellence
1st Place Sports Coverage
2nd Place Feature Photography
2nd Place News Photography
2nd Place Page Design
3rd Place Feature Writing
3rd Place Headline Writing
4th Place News Writing

Clute – The Facts

2nd Place Special Section
3rd Place Feature Writing
3rd Place Best Magazine
4th Place Column Writing
4th Place Best Website

Columbus – Colorado County Citizen

1st Place Page Design
3rd Place Advertising
3rd Place General Excellence
4th Place Editorial
4th Place Sports Coverage

Decatur – Wise County Messenger

1st Place Editorial
1st Place Feature Photography
1st Place Headline Writing
1st Place Sports Coverage
1st Place Special Section
2nd Place Feature Writing
2nd Place News Photography
3rd Place Sports Photography
4th Place Page Design

Denton Record-Chronicle

2nd Place News Writing
2nd Place Sports Coverage
2nd Place Best Website
4th Place Headline Writing

The Devine News

4th Place Community Service

Dripping Springs – News-Dispatch

2nd Place Feature Photography
3rd Place Sports Photography
4th Place Column Writing
4th Place Feature Writing

The Dublin Citizen

1st Place Advertising
1st Place Column Writing
1st Place News Writing
2nd Place Headline Writing
3rd Place General Excellence
3rd Place Page Design
4th Place Sports Coverage

Eastland County Today

3rd Place Advertising
3rd Place Online Live Coverage

El Campo – Wharton Co Leader-Journal

2nd Place Feature Writing
2nd Place Page Design
3rd Place Column Writing
3rd Place News Photography
4th Place Advertising
4th Place Headline Writing
4th Place News Writing
4th Place Sports Coverage

The Flatonia Argus

1st Place Advertising
1st Place Editorial
1st Place Feature Photography
3rd Place Sports Photography
4th Place General Excellence
4th Place Sports Coverage

Floydada – Floyd Co Hesperian-Beacon

1st Place Page Design
4th Place Column Writing
4th Place Headline Writing

Fredericksburg Standard-Radio Post

1st Place News Photography
1st Place Best Magazine
2nd Place Feature Photography
2nd Place Headline Writing
2nd Place News Writing
2nd Place Sports Coverage
3rd Place Feature Writing
3rd Place Page Design
4th Place Column Writing
4th Place Sports Photography

Gainesville Daily Register

1st Place Editorial
3rd Place Sports Coverage
4th Place Feature Writing

Galveston – The Daily News

1st Place Editorial
1st Place Feature Photography
1st Place News Photography
2nd Place Sports Photography
2nd Place Best Magazine
3rd Place Column Writing
3rd Place Community Service

3rd Place Online Live Coverage
4th Place Advertising
4th Place News Writing
4th Place Special Section

Georgetown - Williamson County Sun

1st Place Column Writing
1st Place Feature Photography
2nd Place News Photography
2nd Place Special Section
3rd Place General Excellence
3rd Place Headline Writing

Gladewater Mirror

1st Place News Photography
1st Place News Writing
2nd Place Headline Writing
2nd Place Sports Photography
2nd Place Community Service
3rd Place Feature Photography
3rd Place Feature Writing
3rd Place Page Design
4th Place Advertising

The Graham Leader

1st Place Feature Photography
1st Place Headline Writing
1st Place News Photography
1st Place Page Design
1st Place Sports Coverage
3rd Place Advertising
4th Place General Excellence
4th Place Sports Photography

Greenville Herald-Banner

1st Place General Excellence
2nd Place Advertising
2nd Place Column Writing
2nd Place Editorial
2nd Place Feature Photography
2nd Place Headline Writing
3rd Place Feature Writing
3rd Place News Photography
3rd Place Page Design

Groveton - Trinity Co News-Standard

2nd Place News Writing
3rd Place Column Writing

Hallettsville Tribune-Herald

3rd Place Sports Coverage
4th Place Headline Writing
4th Place Special Section

Hearne - Robertson County News

1st Place Advertising

Henrietta - Clay County Leader

2nd Place Headline Writing
3rd Place Advertising
3rd Place General Excellence

Houston - Jewish Herald-Voice

1st Place Page Design
1st Place Best Website
2nd Place General Excellence
4th Place Headline Writing
4th Place News Writing

Ingram - West Kerr Current

1st Place Sports Photography
2nd Place Advertising
2nd Place General Excellence
2nd Place News Writing
4th Place Feature Writing

Iowa Park Journal

1st Place Community Service
2nd Place Column Writing
3rd Place Feature Photography
3rd Place Headline Writing
3rd Place Sports Coverage
3rd Place Sports Photography
4th Place Advertising

Irving Rambler

2nd Place Feature Writing
2nd Place News Writing
3rd Place News Photography

Jacksboro Herald-Gazette

2nd Place Advertising
2nd Place General Excellence
3rd Place Headline Writing
4th Place Feature Photography
4th Place News Photography

The Kaufman Herald

3rd Place Best Magazine

Kerrville - Hill Country Community Journal

1st Place Column Writing
1st Place Sports Photography
1st Place Online Live Coverage
2nd Place Editorial
3rd Place Sports Coverage
4th Place General Excellence
4th Place News Photography

Kerrville Daily Times

1st Place General Excellence
1st Place News Writing
1st Place Sports Photography
1st Place Best Magazine
1st Place Online Live Coverage
1st Place Special Section
2nd Place Best Website
3rd Place Page Design
3rd Place Sports Coverage
3rd Place Community Service
4th Place Feature Photography
4th Place Feature Writing

Killeen Daily Herald

1st Place Page Design
1st Place Community Service
2nd Place Column Writing
2nd Place Editorial
2nd Place General Excellence
4th Place Online Live Coverage

Kyle - Hays Free Press

2nd Place General Excellence
3rd Place Best Website
4th Place News Writing
4th Place Special Section

La Grange - The Fayette Co Record

1st Place Advertising
1st Place Headline Writing
1st Place Best Website
2nd Place Sports Coverage
2nd Place Online Live Coverage
3rd Place Editorial
3rd Place News Writing
4th Place Column Writing
4th place Sports Photography

Lampasas Dispatch Record 75

3rd Place Feature Photography
4th Place General Excellence

Laredo Morning Times

1st Place General Excellence
1st Place Headline Writing
1st Place News Writing
2nd Place Advertising
2nd Place News Photography
3rd Place Feature Photography
3rd Place Sports Coverage
3rd Place Sports Photography
4th Place Feature Writing
4th Place Page Design
4th Place Best Magazine

Lexington Leader

1st Place Editorial
1st Place Feature Writing
3rd Place Feature Photography
3rd Place News Photography

Liberty - The Vindicator

1st Place News Writing
2nd Place General Excellence
2nd Place Page Design
2nd Place Sports Coverage
2nd Place Online Live Coverage
3rd Place News Photography

Lindale News & Times

4th Place Feature Writing

Livingston - Polk County Enterprise

1st Place Page Design
1st Place Sports Coverage
1st Place Community Service
2nd Place Advertising
4th Place Editorial

Longview News-Journal

1st Place Feature Writing
1st Place Sports Coverage
1st Place Sports Photography
1st Place Special Section
2nd Place Headline Writing
3rd Place General Excellence
3rd Place Page Design
4th Place Editorial

Lufkin Daily News

1st Place Editorial
1st Place Feature Writing
2nd Place News Writing
2nd Place Community Service
3rd Place Sports Photography
3rd Place Best Website

Luling Newsboy and Signal

1st Place Column Writing
 1st Place Feature Photography
 1st Place Headline Writing
 1st Place Sports Photography
 2nd place Special Section
 3rd Place Editorial
 3rd Place Feature Writing
 4th Place News Writing

Madisonville Meteor

2nd Place General Excellence
 2nd Place Headline Writing
 3rd Place Page Design
 4th Place Sports Photography
 4th Place Best Magazine

The Mercedes Enterprise

1st Place News Photography
 2nd Place Editorial
 2nd Place Feature Writing

Mineola - Wood County Monitor

3rd Place News Writing
 4th Place News Photography
 4th Place Sports Photography

Muenster Enterprise 275

1st Place Column Writing
 1st Place Sports Photography
 2nd Place Feature Photography

Munday - Knox County News-Courier

1st Place Editorial
 3rd Place General Excellence
 3rd Place News Writing
 3rd Place Sports Coverage
 4th Place Page Design
 4th Place Sports Photography

Nacogdoches - The Daily Sentinel

1st Place News Photography
 2nd Place Column Writing
 2nd Place Editorial
 2nd Place General Excellence
 2nd Place Sports Photography
 3rd Place Advertising
 4th Place Page Design
 4th Place Best Website
 4th Place Special Section

Navasota Examiner

3rd Place Feature Photography
 3rd Place Feature Writing
 3rd Place Page Design
 3rd Place Sports Photography
 4th Place General Excellence

New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung

1st Place Advertising
 1st Place Best Magazine
 1st Place Best Website
 1st Place Online Live Coverage
 2nd Place Feature Photography
 3rd Place News Photography
 4th Place General Excellence

Ozona Stockman

2nd Place Feature Writing

Palestine Herald Press

1st Place Column Writing
 1st Place News Writing
 2nd Place Best Magazine
 3rd Place Special Section
 4th Place Online Live Coverage

Pearsall - Frio-Nueces Current

1st Place News Writing
 1st Place Sports Coverage
 1st Place Sports Photography
 2nd Place Column Writing
 2nd Place Editorial
 2nd Place Special Section
 3rd Place Headline Writing
 4th Place Feature Photography
 4th Place News Photography

Pharr - The Advance News Journal

4th Place Editorial

Pilot Point Post-Signal

2nd Place Feature Photography
 2nd Place Headline Writing
 2nd Place Page Design
 2nd Place Sports Photography
 3rd Place Column Writing
 3rd Place Community Service
 4th Place Advertising
 4th Place Feature Writing

Pleasanton Express

1st Place Feature Writing
 2nd Place Sports Photography
 3rd Place General Excellence
 3rd Place News Writing
 4th Place Advertising

Port Aransas South Jetty

2nd Place Advertising
 2nd Place Column Writing
 2nd Place Page Design
 3rd Place Editorial
 3rd Place Headline Writing
 4th Place Feature Photography
 4th Place Feature Writing
 4th Place Sports Coverage

The Post Dispatch 575

1st Place Advertising
 1st Place Feature Writing
 1st Place General Excellence
 1st Place Page Design
 2nd Place Editorial
 3rd Place News Photography
 3rd Place Special Section
 4th Place News Writing
 4th Place Sports Coverage

Quanah Tribune-Chief

1st Place Feature Photography
 2nd Place News Photography
 3rd Place Advertising
 3rd Place Column Writing
 3rd Place Editorial

Refugio County Press

1st Place Column Writing
 2nd Place Sports Coverage
 4th Place Headline Writing

Royse City Herald Banner

1st Place Headline Writing
 2nd Place Column Writing
 2nd Place News Writing
 2nd Place Page Design
 4th Place Editorial
 4th Place General Excellence

San Antonio Business Journal

3rd Place Column Writing
 3rd Place Feature Photography
 3rd Place News Photography

The Sealy News

1st Place General Excellence
 2nd Place News Photography
 2nd Place Best Magazine
 3rd Place Page Design
 4th Place Feature Photography
 4th Place Sports Coverage

Seguin Gazette

1st Place Advertising
 1st Place Feature Writing
 2nd Place News Photography
 3rd Place Column Writing
 3rd Place Feature Photography
 3rd Place General Excellence
 3rd Place Headline Writing
 3rd Place Sports Photography
 3rd Place Online Live Coverage
 4th Place Best Magazine

Shepherd - San Jacinto News-Times

1st Place News Writing
 1st Place Page Design
 3rd Place Sports Coverage
 4th Place Column Writing
 4th Place Headline Writing

Silsbee - The Bee

1st Place Feature Writing
 1st Place News Photography
 2nd Place Editorial
 2nd Place Sports Photography
 2nd Place Special Section
 3rd Place General Excellence
 3rd Place Headline Writing
 4th Place Advertising

Silverton - Caprock Courier

3rd Place Advertising
 3rd Place Editorial
 4th Place Feature Photography
 4th Place News Photography
 4th Place Page Design

Springtown Epigraph

1st Place General Excellence
 1st Place Headline Writing
 2nd Place News Photography
 2nd Place Sports Coverage
 3rd Place Feature Photography
 3rd Place Feature Writing
 3rd Place News Writing
 3rd Place Special Section

The Texas Spur

- 1st Place Sports Coverage
- 2nd Place Advertising
- 2nd Place Column Writing
- 2nd Place Page Design
- 3rd Place News Photography
- 4th Place Editorial
- 4th Place Feature Writing
- 4th Place News Writing

Taylor Press

- 2nd Place News Writing
- 2nd Place Sports Coverage

Terrell Tribune

- 4th Place Special Section

Tyler Morning Telegraph

- 2nd Place Feature Writing
- 2nd Place Page Design
- 2nd Place Community Service
- 2nd Place Online Live Coverage
- 3rd Place News Writing
- 3rd Place Special Section
- 4th Place Feature Photography
- 4th Place Sports Coverage
- 4th Place Sports Photography

Uvalde Leader-News

- 1st Place Advertising
- 1st Place Column Writing
- 1st Place Feature Photography
- 1st Place Feature Writing
- 1st Place General Excellence
- 1st Place Headline Writing
- 1st Place News Photography
- 2nd Place Sports Coverage
- 2nd Place Best Website
- 3rd Place Editorial
- 3rd Place Special Section
- 4th Place Page Design
- 4th Place Sports Photography

Vernon Daily Record

- 1st Place Feature Photography
- 1st Place News Photography
- 2nd Place Sports Coverage
- 3rd Place Sports Photography
- 4th Place Page Design

Waxahachie Daily Light

- 2nd Place Feature Writing

Weatherford Democrat

- 2nd Place Feature Writing
- 2nd Place Sports Photography
- 3rd Place News Writing
- 3rd Place Best Magazine
- 4th Place Editorial
- 4th Place Feature Photography
- 4th Place Headline Writing
- 4th Place Page Design

Woodville - Tyler County Booster

- 2nd Place News Photography
- 4th Place Column Writing

Sweepstakes

Division 2

- 1. Laredo Morning Times 650 points
- 2. Longview News-Journal 500 points
- 3. Galveston, The Daily News 475 points
- 4. Killeen Daily Herald 375 points

Division 3

- 1. Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel 475 points
- 2. Kerrville Daily Times 450 points
- 3. La Grange, Fayette County Record 425 points
- 4. Georgetown, Williamson County Sun 375 points

Division 4

- 1. Greenville Herald Banner 625 points
- 2. Graham Leader 600 points
- 3. Seguin Gazette 525 points
- 4. Cleburne Times-Review 425 points

Division 5

- 1. Decatur, Wise County Messenger 625 points
- 2. Fredericksburg Standard Radio-Post 550 points
- 3. Port Aransas South Jetty 400 points
- 4. Kerrville, Hill Country Community Journal 375 points

Division 6

- 1. Uvalde Leader-News 875 points
- 2. Pearsall, Frio-Nieces Current 550 points
- 3. Pilot Point Post Signal 400 points
- 4. Columbus, Colorado County Citizen 250 points

Division 7

- 1. Clifton Record Tribune 550 points
- 2. Dublin Citizen 500 points
- 3. Ingram, West Kerr Current 350 points
- 4. Vernon Daily Record 350 points
- 4. Azle News 350 points

Division 8

- 1. Springtown Epigraph 500 points
- 2. Silsbee Bee 475 points
- 3. Texas Spur 450 points
- 4. Flatonia Argus 400 points

Division 9

- 1. Luling Newsboy and Signal 525 points
- 2. Clarendon Enterprise 475 points
- 3. Liberty Vindicator 375 points
- 4. Iowa Park Journal 300 points

Division 10

- 1. Post Dispatch 575 points
- 2. Gladewater Mirror 525 points
- 3. Royse City Herald Banner 375
- 4. Quanah Tribune-Chief 325 points



Sweepstakes Tiebreakers:

If a tie should arise in a Sweepstakes category, the newspaper with the most points in the General Excellence category will be declared the winner. If neither newspaper has won a General Excellence award, the newspaper with the most first place awards overall will be declared the winner. If the score remains tied, the newspaper with the most second place awards will be declared the winner, and so on.

Contest judging:

103 TPA member newspapers registered for the 2025 Texas Better Newspaper Contest. Entries totaled 1,020.

Entries in the were judged by volunteers from the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association.

The 2026 contest will open in January 2027. TPA will swap judging duties with the Oklahoma Press Association in 2027.

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