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Chattanooga team wins Golden Press Card

A team from the Chattanooga Times Free Press won this year's Golden Press Card award for "Ticket Fixing." Winners were Larry Henry, Ronnie Moore, Dick Cook, Cathy Gilbert and Judy Walton.

Knoxville News-Sentinel reporters David Keim and Don Jacobs won the Horace V. Wells community service award for a story of teenage drinking and driving, "What Happened to Adam."

Adina Chumley, Golden Press Card chair, presented the awards April 27 at the Riverside Tavern. Keynote speaker at the event was Deborah Potter of NewsLab in Washington, D.C.

Categories and winners were:

1-A, Deadline/Spot News Reporting

Award of Excellence: Randall Higgins, Cathy Wilfong, Mike O'Neal & Carolyn Park, Chattanooga Times Free Press, "School Bus, Train Collision"

Award of Merit: Marian O'Briant & Ladawna Parham, The Daily Times, "MHS Students suspected in counterfeiting scheme"

Third Place: Thomas Fraser & Amanda Martin, The Daily Times, "Bear Attack Kills Woman in Park"

Honorable Mention: Anna C. Irwin, The Daily Times, "Grim Discovery"

2-A, General Reporting

Award of Excellence: David Keim & Don Jacobs, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "What Happened to Adam"

Award of Merit: Larissa Brass, The Knoxville News Sentinel, "High-tech Hope"

Third Place: Matthew T. Everett-Metro Pulse, "Up in Smoke"

Honorable Mention: Kristi L. Nelson, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "Roadblock to Recovery"

3-A, Feature Writing

Award of Excellence: Mike Gibson, Metro Pulse, "Blue vs. White"

Award of Merit: Pam Sohn, Chattanooga Times Free Press, "Kaylie's Journey Home"

3-B, Feature Writing—Non-daily

Award of Excellence: Ed Hooper, Tennessee Star Journal, "Legends of Appalachia"

Award of Merit: Jane Lael, LaFollette Press, "Howard Armstrong Entertains"

4-A, Series/Package/Project

Award of Excellence: Scott Parker, Jeannine Hunter, David Keim, Jennifer Lawson, Bryan Mitchell, Jamie Satterfield & Nellann Young, The Knoxville News Sentinel, "The World in Our Backyard"

Award of Merit: Laura Ayo, Rebecca Ferrar, Hayes Hickman, Joe Howell, Jamie Satterfield, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "The ABC's of Daycare"

Third Place: David Keim, Knoxville News-Sentinel, "Class of 2000"

Honorable Mention: Linda Braden Albert, The Daily Times, "Foster Care: A Four-part Series"

4-B, Series/Package/Project Writing Non-daily

Award of Excellence: Ed Hooper, Tennessee Star Journal, "The Legends of Appalachia"

Award of Merit: Charles Winfrey, LaFollette Press, "LaFollette Medical Center Series"

5-A, Investigative Reporting

Award of Excellence: Larry Henry, Ronnie Moore, Dick Cook, Cathy Gilbert, Judy Walton, Chattanooga Times Free Press, "Ticket Fixing"

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5-B, Investigative Reporting – Non-daily

Award of Excellence: Ed Hooper, Tennessee Star Journal, "Legends of Appalachia"

6-A, Sports Reporting

Award of Excellence: Sam Bundy, Leonard Butt, Stefan Cooper, The Daily Times, "Domination-Redemption"
Award of Merit: Gary Lundy, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "One Night, Two Stories"

6-B, Sports Reporting

Award of Merit: Ed Hooper, Tennessee Star Journal, "Tennessee's World Champion Archer"

7-A, Editorials

Award of Excellence: Hoyt Canady, The Knoxville News-Sentinel

7-B, Editorials – Non-daily

Award of Excellence: Larry Smith, LaFollette Press, "Publisher's Letter"

8-A, Columns

Award of Excellence: Mark Kennedy, Chattanooga Times Free Press, "Baroness of Beads," "Under Al's Ashes," "Old Red Takes on the World"

Award of Merit: Sherri Gardner Howell, Knoxville News-Sentinel, "Happy New Year," "Giant Gas Guzzling Four-Wheel Pal," "Dogs Had Way of Belonging to Two Families"

Honorable Mention: Sam Venable, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "Owen Belden always liked to watch," "Women undergo menopause," "There's much more than enough"

8-B, Personal Columns, Non-daily

Award of Excellence: Charles Winfrey, LaFollette Press, "My Turn"

Award of Merit: Larry Smith, LaFollette Press, "Publisher's Letter"

9-A, Reviews/Criticism

Award of Excellence: Jesse Fox Mayshark, Metro Pulse, "Movie Guru"

Award of Merit: Coury Turczyn, Metro Pulse, "Movie Guru"

Honorable Mention: Zak Weisfeld, Metro Pulse, "Movie Guru"

10-A, Radio News Reporting

Award of Excellence: Dave Foulk, Citadel Communications, "Delaware Avenue Murder-Suicide"

10-B, Television News Reporting

Award of Excellence: Mark Ritchie, Heather Donald, Jon Vanderford, Yvette Martinez, WATE-TV, "Deadly Storm"
Award of Merit: News Staff, WBIR-TV, "Tornado 2000"

11-A, Radio Feature Reporting

Award of Excellence: Sam Brown, Citadel Communications, "Railriders"

11-B, Television Feature Reporting

Award of Excellence: Don Dare & George Mitchell, WATE-TV, "Angels of Mercy"

Award of Merit: Yvette Martinez & Jason Hensley, WATE-TV, "Medical Missionaries"

12-A, Radio Investigative Reporting

Award of Excellence: Sam Brown, Citadel Communications, "Claiborne County Nursing Home"

12-B, Television Investigative Reporting

Award of Excellence: Don Dare & Randy Stephens, WATE-TV, "Goodwill Hunting"

Award of Merit: Brennan Robinson, WATE-TV, "Cock-fighting"

13-B, Television Sports Reporting

Award of Excellence: Dave Staley, WTVC-TV, "Dave's Diamond Darlings"

Award of Merit: Vince Lennon, WTVC-TV, "Lynda Weathers Memorial"

14-B, Television Documentary/Public Affairs

Award of Excellence: Staff, WTVC-TV, "Red Bank Lions Championship Show"

15-A, Headline

Award of Excellence: Karen Henry, Chattanooga Times Free Press

Award of Merit: Donna A. Cruze, The Knoxville News-Sentinel

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Third Place: Suzanne Foree Neal, The Knoxville News-Sentinel

16-A, Page One Design

Award of Excellence: Jennifer Dedman, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "The Cherokee Gamble"

Honorable Mention: Richard Dodson & Amanda Martin, The Daily Times

17-A, Inside Page Design

Award of Excellence, Rey Pineda, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "Style Sections"

Award of Merit: Lin C. Parker, Chattanooga Times Free Press, "Romance in Bloom"

Honorable Mention: Jennifer Dedman, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "She's like us except she's just tall"

18-A, Informational Graphic

Award of Excellence: R. Daniel Proctor, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "Smokies Park/Air & Space"

Award of Merit: Kathy Zachary-McMahan, Chattanooga Times Free Press, "ACL Injuries"

Honorable Mention: Laura Walker, Chattanooga Times Free Press, "Awesome Alaska"

19-A, Art Illustration

Award of Excellence: Don Wood, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "Eye for an Eye"

Award of Merit: Rick Baldwin, Metro Pulse, "It's Alive"

Honorable Mention; Michael Longstaff, Metro Pulse, "Summer Books Issue"

20-A, Photo Illustration

Award of Excellence: Robin Rudd, Chattanooga Times Free Press, "Holiday Feasting"

Award of Merit: Laura Walker, Chattanooga Times Free Press, "Bad Breath"

21-A, Deadline Photography

Award of Excellence: Jeff Guenther, Chattanooga Times Free Press, "Candlelight Vigil"

Award of Merit: Michael Patrick, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "Making a Point"

Honorable Mention: Tom Sherlin, The Daily Times, "Blaze Causes Major Damage"

21-B, Deadline Photography—Non-daily

Award of Excellence: Dwane Wilder, LaFollette Press, "A devil on his shoulder"

Award of Merit: Dwane Wilder, LaFollette Press, "Heading down the stretch"

22-A, Feature Photography

Award of Excellence: Angela Lewis, Chattanooga Times Free Press, "Kaylie's Journey Home"

Award of Merit: Jeff Guenther, Chattanooga Times Free Press, "Small Town Friday Nights"

First Honorable Mention: Daryl Sullivan, The Daily Times, "Smashing Good Time"

Second Honorable Mention: Jack Rose, Metro Pulse, "Falling Leaves"

22-C, TV Feature Photography

Award of Excellence: Josh Roe, WBIR-TV, "Summer Workouts"

Award of Merit: George Mitchell, WATE-TV, "High Flying"

23-A, Editorial Cartoon

Award of Excellence: Bruce Plante, Chattanooga Times Free Press, "It's Tennessee Stupid"

24-A, Work for Other Media, Writing

Honorable Mention: J. Laurie Byrne, UT Agricultural Extension Service, "Getting Engaged"

24-B, Work for Other Media, Visuals

Honorable Mention: Wynne Brown, "Sequoyah Speaks"

25-World Wide Web

Award of Excellence: Jack Lail, Traci McDonell, Ed Tisdale, Joslyn Miller, Tanya Crissey, Allison Shelton-The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "govols.com"

Award of Merit: Jack Lail, Joslyn Miller, Traci McDonell, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "gosmokies.com"

Third Place: Jack Lail, Traci McDonell, Joslyn Miller, Ed Tisdale, Tanya Crissey & Allison Shelton, The Knoxville News-Sentinel, "knoxnews.com"

SPJ Leadership Training

Board members, Adina Chumley and Larry Aldridge, have been accepted in the SPJ leadership training program in Indianapolis.

The national chapter pays the expenses. The workshop will be held June 1 to 3.

Bonnie Hufford, faculty adviser to the student chapter at the University of Tennessee, will also attend along with one or two students.

Front Page Follies Fast Approaching

Reservations for tables at this year's Front Page Follies are running ahead of past years. The honoree is Ron McMahan, former editor and owner of the (original) Knoxville Journal and former press secretary to Senator Howard H. Baker Jr.

Follies will be May 19 at the Radisson Summit Hill. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30, and dinner is at 7:30. The show follows at 8:30.

Once again, we will auction news-related items before the show, so bring your checkbook.

Good seats are still available. If you have not made your reservations, please do so soon. Tables for ten are \$500. Individual tickets are \$50.

Send reservations to Sally Guthrie, 5316 Riverbriar Road, Knoxville, Tenn. 37919.

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Radisson Summit Hill

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