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| group A | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | First Place | The Oregonian | Health insurance guide | Staff |
| group A | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | Second Place | Statesman Journal | Catalog of Giving (Nov. 27, 2014) | Stefanie Knowlton, Michael Davis |
| group A | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | Third Place | The Oregonian | 2014 Holiday Events Guide | Staff |
| group B | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | First Place | Mail Tribune | Outdoors in Our Valley | Dave Smigelski, Rob Galvin, Cathy Noah |
| group B | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | Second Place | Herald and News | 1,000 Wins: Danny Miles, OIT coach | Steve Matthies, Sports Staff |
| group B | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | Third Place | Mail Tribune | Prep Football 2014 | Tim Trower, Kris Henry, Dan Jones, Frank Silow |
| group C | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | First Place | East Oregonian | Pendleton Round-Up: Cowboy Tough | Staff |
| group C | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | Second Place | The World | The World - Special 3A basketball tournament section | John Gunther, Ron Jackimowicz |
| group C | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | Third Place | The Daily Astorian | Our Coast | Rebecca Sedlak, John Bruijn, staff |
| group D | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | First Place | News-Register | Green Living | Staff |
| group D | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | Second Place | News-Times (Newport) | Our Helo | News-Times staff |

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| group D | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | Third Place | Central Oregonian | Discover Things to do Summer 2014 | Staff |
| group E | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | First Place | The Madras Pioneer | Summer Sageland 2014 | Pioneer staff |
| group E | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | Second Place | Beaverton Valley Times | Portrait: Animals in our lives | Christina Lent,Keith Sheffield,Jaime Valdez,Jonathan House |
| group E | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | Third Place | Cottage Grove Sentinel | 2014 Cottage Grove Community Guidebook | Gary Manly,Jon Stinnett,Ron Annis |
| group F, G, H | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | First Place | The Times (Tigard) | Portrait: Animals in our lives | Christina Lent,Keith Sheffield,Jaime Valdez,Jonathan House |
| group F, G, H | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | Second Place | Keizertimes | McNary 2014 Fall Sports Preview | Eric A. Howald,Andrew Jackson |
| group F, G, H | General | 102 | Best Special Section or Issue | Third Place | Blue Mountain Eagle | 2014 Hunting Journal | Staff |
| group A | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | First Place | The Oregonian | The Wolf of The Dalles? | Jeff Manning |
| group A | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Second Place | Statesman Journal | The Battery Burden (Series), Tracy Loew | Tracy Loew |
| group A | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Third Place | The Oregonian | LNG risks | Ted Sickinger |

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| group B | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | First Place | Mail Tribune | Is this the new gold rush? | Greg Stiles |
| group B | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Second Place | Mail Tribune | Zombie foreclosures | Greg Stiles |
| group B | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Third Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Local economy continues comeback from recession | Jeff Duewel,Jim Moore |
| group C | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | First Place | Corvallis Gazette-Times | "Hearts on Their Sleeves" | Bennett Hall,Mark Ylen |
| group C | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Second Place | East Oregonian | Pipe dreams | George Plaven |
| group C | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Third Place | The Dalles Chronicle | Changing Times | RaeLynn Ricarte |
| group D | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | First Place | News-Times (Newport) | Bucking the odds | Rick Beasley |
| group D | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Second Place | Hood River News | Grown Local | Ben Mitchell,Trisha Walker |
| group D | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Third Place | The Hermiston Herald | It's all in the ingredients | Maegan Murray |
| group E | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | First Place | Polk County Itemizer-Observer | "Guest room to go" | Jolene Guzman |
| group E | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Second Place | Beaverton Valley Times | A positive spin | Shannon O. Wells |
| group E | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Third Place | Lake Oswego Review | Kelly Mooney creates senior photos with style | Barb Randall |

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| group F | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | First Place | The Times (Tigard) | Jiggles, gone for good | Caitlin Feldman |
| group F | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Second Place | The Times (Tigard) | On the Business Beat | Geoffrey Pursinger |
| group F | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Third Place | The Sandy Post | Shaping Metal | Kylie Wray |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | First Place | The New Era | Bi-Mart opens; Samaritan Health officials working to meet patients' needs; Logging lessons | Scott Swanson |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Second Place | Bandon Western World | Face Rock cheese aging gracefully | Amy Moss-Strong |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 201 | Best Coverage of Business and Economic Issues | Third Place | Estacada News | Mixed views | Isabel Gautschi |
| group A | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | First Place | The Oregonian | Editorial by Helen Jung (Smarter Balance, school lottery, probation) | Helen Jung |
| group A | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | Second Place | The Register-Guard | Mandated sick leave; Redaction run amok; A failure of oversight | Paul Neville |
| group A | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | Third Place | The Oregonian | Editorials by Erik Lukens (smoking, Merkley, clean fuel) | Erik Lukens |
| group B | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | First Place | Mail Tribune | Our View editorials | Robert Hunter |

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| group B | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | Second Place | Mail Tribune | Our View: OSU's tangled web; Our View: A question of value; Our View: If at first you don't secede ... | Gary Nelson |
| group B | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | Third Place | The News-Review | Roseburg VA needs an honest accountable leader; O&C bill still needs work to offer certainty; Can interim VA director's goals be achieved? | Vicki Menard |
| group C | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | First Place | The World | Where are our elected leaders? | Larry Campbell |
| group C | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | Second Place | The Dalles Chronicle | Disrespecting the will of the people | RaeLynn Ricarte |
| group C | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | Third Place | The World | Public funds must have public scrutiny | Larry Campbell |
| group D | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | First Place | The Hermiston Herald | Blame ordinances, not commissioners, for strip club; A questionable decision; Now the fun begins | Jessica Keller |
| group D | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | Second Place | Baker City Herald | "Langrell: Drop mayor..."; "Forest Service comes to its senses"; "No secrets at City Hall" | Jayson Jacoby, Kari Borgen, Chris Collins |

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| group D | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | Third Place | News-Register | Arbitration reversals erode accountability; Downtown unsuitable for homeless campsite; Let not this devastating act divide us one from another | Steve Bagwell |
| group E | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | First Place | News-Times (Forest Grove) | Hagg Lake visitors must be warned of danger: Ballot measure a recipe for regional gridlock; Sign vandalism hits the whole community | Doug Burkhardt |
| group E | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | Second Place | Lake Oswego Review | City Should hold true to vision (0717-Page7); Wizer Decision isn't about right and wrong (0904-Page7); In a time of uncommon divisiveness (016-Page6) | Gary Stein |
| group E | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | Third Place | Polk County Itemizer-Observer | "Teamwork can keep BV fire station open"; "It's too early for new assessment testing"; "Different opinions should be welcome" | Emily Mentzer |
| group F, G, H | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | First Place | Wallowa County Chieftain | Incumbent barks up wrong tree with dog regs | Rob Ruth |

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| group F, G, H | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | Second Place | Keizertimes | Where's money for playground? | Lyndon Zaitz |
| group F, G, H | Editorial | 202 | Best Editorial | Third Place | Lebanon Express | Lebanon Express editorial | Audrey Gomez |
| group A | Editorial | 203 | Best Editorial Page | First Place | The Oregonian | The Oregonian editorial pages | Erik Lukens |
| group A | Editorial | 203 | Best Editorial Page | Second Place | Statesman Journal | Summer of Human Suffering 1A, 6D-8D (Sunday, Aug. 3); Honoring a visionary, 9A (Tuesday, July 22); McNary students host candidates, 11A (Thursday, Sept. 25) | Dick Hughes |
| group A | Editorial | 203 | Best Editorial Page | Third Place | The Register-Guard | 1/26/2014; 4/19/2014; 3/26/2014 | Jackman Wilson,Paul Neville,Lloyd Paseman |
| group B | Editorial | 203 | Best Editorial Page | First Place | Mail Tribune | Mail Tribune editorial pages | Gary Nelson |
| group B | Editorial | 203 | Best Editorial Page | Second Place | The News-Review | Tuesday, January 14, 2014; Sunday, June 22, 2014; Thursday, November 20, 2014 | The News-Review |
| group B | Editorial | 203 | Best Editorial Page | Third Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Oct. 21; March 2; June 12 | Staff |
| group C | Editorial | 203 | Best Editorial Page | First Place | The Observer | Monday, June 23; Wednesday, Feb. 19; Friday, Nov. 28 | Andrew Cutler,Kelly Ducote |
| group C | Editorial | 203 | Best Editorial Page | Second Place | The Dalles Chronicle | Combined editorials | Neita Cecil,RaeLynn Ricarte,Mark Gibson |

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| group C | Editorial | 203 | Best Editorial Page | Third Place | The Daily Astorian | The Daily Astorian | Steve Forrester, Matt Winters, Sue Cody, Laura Sellers |
| group D, E, F, G, H | Editorial | 203 | Best Editorial Page | First Place | News-Register | Viewpoints (selection) | Ossie Bladine, Steve Bagwell, Marna Porath |
| group D, E, F, G, H | Editorial | 203 | Best Editorial Page | Second Place | Baker City Herald | Dec. 12; Jan. 17; Oct. 24 | Jayson Jacoby |
| group D, E, F, G, H | Editorial | 203 | Best Editorial Page | Third Place | Blue Mountain Eagle | Editorial pages June 11, October 29, November 26 | Scotta Callister, Randy Wriighthouse |
| group A | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | First Place | The Oregonian | Empty Desks | Betsy Hammond |
| group A | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Second Place | The Oregonian | Student debt crisis | Jeff Manning |
| group A | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Third Place | The Register-Guard | Core Meltdown | Josephine Woolington |
| group B | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | First Place | Mail Tribune | Inspiring grads (three stories) | Teresa Thomas |
| group B | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Second Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Concerns: anti-bullying program goes too far | Ruth Longoria Kingsland |
| group B | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Third Place | Mail Tribune | Strike decision set for tonight | Teresa Thomas |
| group C | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | First Place | Argus Observer | High-tech education | Jessica Else |
| group C | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Second Place | The Dalles Chronicle | Concussions treated head on | Neita Cecil |
| group C | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Third Place | Ashland Daily Tidings | Who you going to call? | Joe Zavala |
| group D | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | First Place | News-Times (Newport) | Outlaw chickens pay tuition | Rick Beasley |

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| group D | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Second Place | Central Oregonian | Technology in education series: Part 1 facing a new era: Part 2 Heads in the cloud | Kevin Sperl |
| group D | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Third Place | News-Register | Latin lives on | Starla Pointer |
| group E | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | First Place | Polk County Itemizer-Observer | "The core of education" | Jolene Guzman,Emily Mentzer |
| group E | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Second Place | Lake Oswego Review | Investigation finds evidence of hazing on Lakeridge High dance team | Jillian Daley |
| group E | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Third Place | Woodburn Independent | More than a statistic | Lindsay Keefer |
| group F | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | First Place | Keizertimes | Taylor a student favorite | Eric A. Howald |
| group F | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Second Place | West Linn Tidings | "WL-WV sets open enrollment numbers" | Kate Hoots |
| group F | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Third Place | The Sandy Post | Robots | Kyle Wray |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | First Place | Bandon Western World | New class inspires love of technology | Amy Moss-Strong |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Second Place | Bandon Western World | Promoting awareness of bullying | Amy Moss-Strong |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 204 | Best Educational Coverage | Third Place | Estacada News | Code Fascination | Isabel Gautschi |
| group A | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | First Place | The Oregonian | Oil trains in Oregon | Rob Davis |

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| group A | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | Second Place | Statesman Journal | Supermarket Safe? (Dec. 7); Inspection results results hard to find (Dec. 7); Experts want results made public (Dec. 8, 2014) | Tracy Loew |
| group A | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | Third Place | The Oregonian | Addicted to Failure | Les Zaitz |
| group B | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | First Place | Mail Tribune | Project Pipeline (Note: Jan. 1, 2015 story OK'd by Laurie Hieb, ONPA) | Damian Mann,Mark Freeman,Vickie Aldous,Greg Stiles |
| group B | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | Second Place | The News-Review | Vets: VA lags on appointments; Veterans feel vindicated by VA report; Senators: Roseburg VA making vets wait too long to see docs; Scathing report on VA notes Roseburg case; A workplace turned toxic?; Roseburg VA workers say they were asked to lie... | Carisa Cegavske |
| group B | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | Third Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Heroin in our Valley (three- part series) | Melissa McRobbie |
| group C | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | First Place | Corvallis Gazette-Times | "Hunting for Housing" | Bennett Hall,Amanda Cowan |
| group C | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | Second Place | The Daily Astorian | Wanted: sexual assault nurses, now | Chelsea Gorrow |

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| group C | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | Third Place | The World | The high cost of poor roads | Devan Patel |
| group D, group E | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | First Place | Polk County Itemizer-Observer | "Two becoming one" | Emily Mentzer |
| group D, group E | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | Second Place | News-Register | Juvenile detention | Tom Henderson |
| group D, group E | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | Third Place | Polk County Itemizer-Observer | "Shattered dreams" | Emily Mentzer |
| group F, G, H | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | First Place | Keizertimes | Where will the Big Toy go? / Debate grows over Big Toy site / Big delay for Big Toy? / A look at the Big Toy budget / City not paying for Big Toy / Big Toy gets new home | Craig Murphy |
| group F, G, H | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | Second Place | The Times (Tigard) | Cutting Deep: Bull Mountain erosion threatens houses, streams | Geoffrey Pursinger |
| group F, G, H | Editorial | 205 | Best Enterprise Reporting | Third Place | Keizertimes | A cooling splash—when open | Craig Murphy |
| group A | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | First Place | The Oregonian | Mount Hood memories | Tom Hallman Jr. |
| group A | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Second Place | The Bulletin | In Colorado Dam project, a WHITEWATER OASIS | Beau Eastes |
| group A | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Third Place | The Register-Guard | Autzen sniper with sidebar | Mark Baker |

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| group B | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | First Place | Mail Tribune | Green skiing | Mark Freeman |
| group B | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Second Place | Herald and News | Aquatic Transplant | Lacey Jarrell |
| group B | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Third Place | Albany Democrat-Herald | Ghosts of Plainview | Cory Frye |
| group C | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | First Place | East Oregonian | "Brother, killer, mystery" | Phil Wright |
| group C | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Second Place | The Dalles Chronicle | Incredible Voyage | Neita Cecil |
| group C | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Third Place | Ashland Daily Tidings | Who you going to call? | Joe Zavala |
| group D | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | First Place | The Outlook | Flood of memories | Anne Endicott |
| group D | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Second Place | The Outlook | Family Grateful | Katy Sword |
| group D | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Third Place | The Outlook | Telebaby | Anne Endicott |
| group E | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | First Place | Lake Oswego Review | Arrested on 35th Place | Jillian Daley |
| group E | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Second Place | Polk County Itemizer-Observer | "Ties that bind" | Jolene Guzman |
| group E | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Third Place | Headlight-Herald | Tillamook officiates first same-sex marriage | Chelsea Yarnell |

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| group F | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | First Place | West Linn Tidings | "Home under a dome" | Patrick Malee |
| group F | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Second Place | West Linn Tidings | "A silver lining" | Patrick Malee |
| group F | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Third Place | The Times (Tigard) | Sowing a healthier life | Caitlin Feldman |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | First Place | Bandon Western World | Creating reflective art on Bandon's beaches | Amy Moss-Strong |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Second Place | Estacada News | Students Space Out | Isabel Gautschi |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 206 | Best Feature Story: General | Third Place | Estacada News | Huckleberry Heaver | Isabel Gautschi |
| group A | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | First Place | The Oregonian | Death with Dignity | Molly Harbarger |
| group A | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Second Place | The Oregonian | Best Friends | Tom Hallman Jr. |
| group A | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Third Place | Statesman Journal | Republicans rally on the road, Anna Staver | Anna Staver |
| group B | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | First Place | The News-Review | Storyteller writing final chapter | Kate Stringer |
| group B | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Second Place | Mail Tribune | Finding her home court | Damian Mann |
| group B | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Third Place | Mail Tribune | Role(s) model | Tim Trower |

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| group C | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | First Place | Corvallis Gazette-Times | After 50 days, survivor is home | Anthony Rimel |
| group C | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Second Place | The Observer | Still follows the path of Spain's soul | Jeff Petersen |
| group C | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Third Place | The Daily Astorian | Hammond man blows his own horn | Edward Stratton |
| group D | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | First Place | News-Register | The final flight | Starla Pointer |
| group D | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Second Place | News-Register | Tall tales ring true | Karl Klooster |
| group D | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Third Place | The Outlook | Small Hands | Anne Endicott |
| group E | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | First Place | News-Times (Forest Grove) | Open & Schutz; Chief: Faced culture clash in N. C. | Jill Rehkopf Smith |
| group E | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Second Place | Beaverton Valley Times | Soldier with the watchful eye | Shannon O. Wells |
| group E | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Third Place | Polk County Itemizer-Observer | "Ties that bind" | Jolene Guzman |
| group F | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | First Place | The Times (Tigard) | SPEED FREAKS: In the Tabor family, racing is passed down from generation to generation | Geoffrey Pursinger |
| group F | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Second Place | The Sandy Post | Community remembers | Kylie Wray |
| group F | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Third Place | West Linn Tidings | "Heart of a lion" | Patrick Malee |

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| group G, group H | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | First Place | The New Era | 93-year-old veteran awarded lifetime VFW member status; Memories of a muralist; Paintings in prose | Sean C. Morgan, Scott Swanson |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Second Place | Estacada News | Warm Boxed Wine | Isabel Gautschi |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 207 | Best Feature Story: Personality | Third Place | Lebanon Express | Princess Jenna Morch: Center of the Courts | Jake Rosenberg |
| group A | Editorial | 208 | Best Headline Writing | First Place | The Oregonian | Headlines by Jake Arnold | Jake Arnold |
| group A | Editorial | 208 | Best Headline Writing | Second Place | The Oregonian | Headlines by Doug Miller | Doug Miller |
| group A | Editorial | 208 | Best Headline Writing | Third Place | The Register-Guard | Que syrah, syrah in new climate; Tattoo U; Hello, Sally; Foamageddon; Things fall apart; Headline News | Steve Collier |

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| group B | Editorial | 208 | Best Headline Writing | First Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | TXT U L8TR; Will local mills get a fair cut?; Lawsuit backs up Glendale sewer plans; Military Surplus: A good deal or setting a bad tone?; Net improvement: Hard work on the court pays off for two Hidden Valley seniors; Chemical Reactions: Backers say pest | Sara Bristol |
| group B | Editorial | 208 | Best Headline Writing | Second Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Minutes to win it: Million-dollar contract in limbo; Rediscovered plant collection to bloom digitally; Council brews up plan to allow growler business; Steampunk fan pedals his passion; Cuts put brakes on traffic ticketing; Flames gobble Onion Mountain | Patricia Snyder |

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| group B | Editorial | 208 | Best Headline Writing | Third Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Mighty Thor helps rescue NV boys; Twice as Fast, NV's D'Arpino twins at the top of state sprint list; Cat-astrophe averted after feline stuck inside tree; It's not cool to leave pets in hot cars; No Pardy in Rogue River; Lights out for fiberoptic company | Greg Hanberg |
| group C | Editorial | 208 | Best Headline Writing | First Place | East Oregonian | "Cash Cows," "Floody, Muddy River," "Harkie's Last Ride," "Afraid o' no crows," "Princess and the Plea," "Wine of the Times" | Drew Langton |
| group C | Editorial | 208 | Best Headline Writing | Second Place | The World | Best headlines 2015 Ron Jackimowicz | Ron Jackimowicz |
| group C | Editorial | 208 | Best Headline Writing | Third Place | The Daily Astorian | Patrick Webb's headlines | Patrick Webb |
| group D, E, F, G, H | Editorial | 208 | Best Headline Writing | First Place | News-Register | Themes like only yesterday; An inside job; Wall-YE oops; Dump drones to buzz birds; Imaging all the people; Life in pictures | Racheal Winter |

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| group D, E, F, G, H | Editorial | 208 | Best Headline Writing | Second Place | News-Register | Playing by the roles; Who was that mask man?; Ugliness is only down deep; No Buddy is better; Steeple at stake; Will's way with clay | Karl Klooster |
| group D, E, F, G, H | Editorial | 208 | Best Headline Writing | Third Place | Polk County Itemizer-Observer | "Snowpocalypse"; "Field of dreams"; "Laissez bons temps rouler"; "Not high on pot"; "Going nuts"; "Nature's classroom" -- Kurt Holland | Kurt Holland |
| group A | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | First Place | The Oregonian | Faces of Meth: 10 years later | Kasia Hall |
| group A | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | Second Place | Statesman Journal | Wilderness and Willpower The fight to protect Oregon's wildest land, Zach Urness | Zach Urness |
| group A | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | Third Place | The Register-Guard | Second chance | Randi Bjornstad |
| group B | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | First Place | Herald and News | Hiking the John Muir Trail: 4- part series | Lee Juillerat |
| group B | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | Second Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Heroin in our Valley (three-day series) | Melissa McRobbie |
| group B | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | Third Place | Albany Democrat-Herald | Hooked on Fish Lake | Alex Paul |
| group C | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | First Place | The Dalles Chronicle | True grit in a time of turmoil | RaeLynn Ricarte |

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| group C | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | Second Place | East Oregonian | "Homeless no more" | Kathy Aney, Antonio Sierra |
| group C | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | Third Place | The Dalles Chronicle | A legacy branded in beef | RaeLynn Ricarte |
| group D | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | First Place | Hood River News | Urban Logging | Kirby Neumann-Rea, Adam Lapierre |
| group D | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | Second Place | Hood River News | The prolific, delicious blackberry | Kirby Neumann-Rea, Trisha Walker, Ben Mitchell |
| group D | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | Third Place | The Hermiston Herald | Christmas just another day for homeless man; Out on the streets; Hermiston Warming Station safe house for homeless | Maegan Murray |
| group E | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | First Place | News-Times (Forest Grove) | Motorcycle therapy boosts vets' mental health; Motorcycles: A lot of work to give something away. | Stephanie Haugen |
| group E | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | Second Place | Beaverton Valley Times | A taste of the good life | Shannon O. Wells |
| group E | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | Third Place | News-Times (Forest Grove) | Getting pumped to end domestic abuse; Shoes: What was missing was the 'fun aspect' | Nancy Townsley |
| group F, G, H | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | First Place | Keizertimes | The devils are all here | Eric A. Howald |

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| group F, G, H | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | Second Place | The Times (Tigard) | 'This is just a new adventure'/Fitting the mold/Overcoming a hurdle | Caitlin Feldman |
| group F, G, H | Editorial | 209 | Best Lifestyle Coverage | Third Place | West Linn Tidings | How does your garden grow? | Barb Randall |
| group A | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | First Place | The Oregonian | Metro columns by Steve Duin | Steve Duin |
| group A | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | Second Place | The Register-Guard | Cause for alarm, and not silence; Finding life after the cheers die; Oregon's bandwagon takes on a few new passengers | Austin Meek |
| group A | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | Third Place | Statesman Journal | Newspapers are vital to an informed community (July 20); CRC the biggest political debate (March 30); A fence's link to leadership (June 29) - Dick Hughes | Dick Hughes |
| group B | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | First Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | A ROC and roll afternoon at the pantry; Time to start asking the right questions; Cowboys corral that old time gospel | Kevin Widdison |

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| group B | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | Second Place | Mail Tribune | Round with rock star... Golf balls dunked in ponds... Oropallo finishes journey... | Tim Trower |
| group B | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | Third Place | Mail Tribune | First, they came for the pit bulls; A familiar road, in the dark; Guns, guns and more ... | Rob Galvin |
| group C | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | First Place | The Observer | Hayward lives up to hype; Entertainment from start to finish; Eastern program trending upward | Josh Benham |
| group C | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | Second Place | The Daily Astorian | Impressions | Nancy McCarthy |
| group C | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | Third Place | The Daily Astorian | In One Ear | Elleda Wilson |
| group D | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | First Place | Baker City Herald | "New use for old knickers"; "Tis a season to think about trees"; My long-awaited visit to lilac heaven" | Chris Collins |
| group D | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | Second Place | News-Register | Raising the Hardy Boys | Nathalie Hardy |
| group D | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | Third Place | News-Register | Whatchama | Jeb Bladine |
| group E | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | First Place | Lake Oswego Review | What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas;Sight of Crab Pot's charred remains hits hard;Getting to know Grandpa | Barb Randall |

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| group E | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | Second Place | Lake Oswego Review | Food insecurity extreme among college students; Retirement changes the world; Trends for 2015 including sipping bone broth | Barb Randall |
| group E | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | Third Place | News-Times (Forest Grove) | Time and chance haunt us all | Jill Rehkopf Smith |
| group F, G, H | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | First Place | Wallowa County Chieftain | Rayford saw the crew through | Rocky Wilson |
| group F, G, H | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | Second Place | Keizertimes | Want change? Start with our high school; Put yourself in an English learner's shoes; What to do when GPA has no meaning | Eric A. Howald |
| group F, G, H | Editorial | 210 | Best Local Column | Third Place | West Linn Tidings | Grandpa would have eaten this up; Make it your mission to eat more lamb; Tips offered for improving Halloween hijinks | Barb Randall |
| group A | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | First Place | The Oregonian | The legacy of Terrance Kelly | Andrew Greif |
| group A | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Second Place | The Register-Guard | Beyond his years | Chris Hansen |

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| group A | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Third Place | Statesman Journal | Rare cancer meets a singular optimist, Bill Poehler | Bill Poehler |
| group B | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | First Place | Mail Tribune | Victor's journey | Dan Jones |
| group B | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Second Place | The News-Review | Rampage player's life forever altered after hit | Sanne Godfrey |
| group B | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Third Place | Mail Tribune | 'Krick, let 'em run!' | Tim Trower |
| group C | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | First Place | Argus Observer | From tragedy to triumph | Jarrad Felgenhauer |
| group C | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Second Place | East Oregonian | "Lacrosse comes home" | Kathy Aney |
| group C | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Third Place | Ashland Daily Tidings | Cheering on the champs | Joe Zavala |
| group D | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | First Place | The Outlook | Saved by the bench | Parker Lee |
| group D | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Second Place | News-Register | What dreams may come | Robert Husseman |
| group D | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Third Place | The Hermiston Herald | Playing with the boys | Sam Barbee |
| group E | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | First Place | Beaverton Valley Times | Sweet Vengeance | Matt Singledecker |
| group E | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Second Place | Lake Oswego Review | Lakeridge football: A change of attitude - Administrators say tougher rules, higher expectations will prevent a repeat of 2013's controversial season | Jillian Daley |
| group E | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Third Place | News-Times (Forest Grove) | Building for the future; Stadium: Volunteers helped with construction. | Amanda Miles |

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| group F | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | First Place | The Sandy Post | Sandy edges Hood River | Parker Lee |
| group F | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Second Place | The Sandy Post | Sandy splashes way to relay record | Parker Lee |
| group F | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Third Place | The Times (Tigard) | Chasing a dream | Dan Brood |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | First Place | Estacada News | Rangers rally way to playoffs | Parker Lee |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Second Place | Estacada News | Estacada Runners finish second | Dave Ball |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 211 | Best Sports Story | Third Place | The New Era | Wrestling camp brings state's best together for focused training; Players get 'unique' experience in Foster water polo tourney; Phoenix stays ahead of Huskies en route to 38-28 playoff win | Scott Swanson |
| group A | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | First Place | The Oregonian | Reynolds High School shooting | Staff |
| group A | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Second Place | The Register-Guard | Fire destroys mill idles 250 workers | Christian Hill |
| group A | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Third Place | The Register-Guard | Fracas ends with car in water | Jack Moran |
| group B | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | First Place | Mail Tribune | Two shot after police chase | Sam Wheeler |

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| group B | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Second Place | The News-Review | Community remembers slain Roseburg woman; Roseburg man charged with murder in death of store employee | Jessica Prokop, Mike Henneke, Michael Sullivan |
| group B | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Third Place | Herald and News | To catch a suspect | Tristan Hiegler |
| group C | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | First Place | Argus Observer | Shootout | Zachary Chastaine, Cherise Kaechele, Kristi Albertson |
| group C | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Second Place | The Dalles Chronicle | Airport burglar held at gunpoint | Neita Cecil |
| group C | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Third Place | The Observer | Ice causing flooding on Catherine Creek | Dick Mason |
| group D | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | First Place | Baker City Herald | SWAT team called | Jayson Jacoby, Chris Collins, S. John Collins |
| group D | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Second Place | Baker City Herald | Fire blackens 3,300 acres | Jayson Jacoby, S. John Collins, Chris Collins |
| group D | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Third Place | Central Oregonian | That car was 1930 | Jason Chaney |
| group E | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | First Place | The News Guard | September 3 = Child dies in sand hole collapse. July 9 = \$120,000 fire cooks Crab Pot | Jeremy Ruark, Heather DeRosa, Frank Perea |

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| group E | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Second Place | News-Times (Forest Grove) | Rare, deadly bacteria nearly fells FGHS alum; Kylie: support page has nearly 1500 members. | Nancy Townsley |
| group E | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Third Place | The Madras Pioneer | Police catch repeat offender | Holly Gill |
| group F | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | First Place | The Times (Tigard) | Mystery of man's 1926 disappearance may be close to solved | Geoffrey Pursinger |
| group F | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Second Place | The Times (Tigard) | Sherwood mourns loss after Thanksgiving shooting | Geoffrey Pursinger |
| group F | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Third Place | Wallowa County Chieftain | Wolves traveling closer to residences | Rocky Wilson |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | First Place | Bandon Western World | Former teacher, Charles Eugene McLaughlin, found guilty | Amy Moss Strong |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Second Place | The New Era | Crane lifts runaway city backhoe out of South Santiam River / Brief thunderstorm leaves lasting effects / Two die in house fires | Scott Swanson, Scott Swanson, Sean Morgan |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 212 | Best Spot News Coverage | Third Place | Bandon Western World | Bandon Water Resource Committee resigns | Amy Moss-Strong |
| group A | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | First Place | The Oregonian | Writing by Tom Hallman Jr. | Tom Hallman Jr. |

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| group A | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Second Place | Statesman Journal | No construction for old men (July 22); How to resuscitate your dragon (Aug. 7); Exiling Susana (Feb. 23), Carol McAlice Currie | Carol McAlice Currie |
| group A | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Third Place | The Oregonian | Writing by David Stabler | David Stabler |
| group B | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | First Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Sidelined by Alzheimer's; Miner sees Virgin Mary, Jesus revealed in nugget; Kidnap victim moves away from home of six decades | Jeff Duewel |
| group B | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Second Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Fisherman saved sister of drowning victim; Granddaughter dies despite efforts to save her with jail; Iconic phosphates still a bargain | Shaun Hall |
| group B | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Third Place | The News-Review | What would Mildred do?; Misplaced campaign signs point to flap over property rights; A hiking salvation | Carisa Cegavske |
| group C | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | First Place | The Dalles Chronicle | Danger lurks in the dawn | RaeLynn Ricarte |
| group C | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Second Place | The Observer | Lucky to be alive; Shelter fight rages on; Ropes rescue launches camp | Kelly Ducote |
| group C | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Third Place | The Dalles Chronicle | Independence, yea or nay? | Neita Cecil |

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| group D | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | First Place | News-Times (Newport) | Begging for a chance | Rick Beasley |
| group D | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Second Place | News-Times (Newport) | Faith comes to your doorstep | Rick Beasley |
| group D | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Third Place | The Outlook | Have you Herd? | Anne Endicott |
| group E | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | First Place | News-Times (Forest Grove) | Garcia gets probation in emotional hearing; Garcia: Her lawyer says she'll try to get her back to Oregon. | Jill Rehkopf Smith |
| group E | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Second Place | Headlight-Herald | Somewhere down the road | Chelsea Yarnell |
| group E | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Third Place | News-Times (Forest Grove) | The house that grief built; House: After a pair of deaths, solidarity. | Jill Rehkopf Smith |
| group F | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | First Place | Keizertimes | Who ya gonna call? / New opponent / Hugo's out of the shadows | Eric A. Howald |
| group F | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Second Place | Blue Mountain Eagle | Merged South Fork fires challenge crews; Blaze chars ESD building; Religion wafts through Seneca pot case | Scotta Callister |
| group F | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Third Place | Blue Mountain Eagle | Water, water everywhere; More than a century of fond farewells; Teaching the dream | Cheryl Hoefler |

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| group G, group H | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | First Place | Estacada News | Murder Sunny Afternoon | Isabel Gautschi |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Second Place | The New Era | Paintings in prose; Restoring local deer, elk populations might start right at home; Dear Editor: A letter to The New York Times | Scott Swanson |
| group G, group H | Editorial | 213 | Best Writing | Third Place | Estacada News | Warm Boxed Wine | Isabel Gautschi |
| group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Editorial | 215 | Editorial: Best Story of the Year | First Place | The Oregonian | Brenda Tracy investigation | John Canzano |
| group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Editorial | 215 | Editorial: Best Story of the Year | Second Place | Statesman Journal | Rewarding bad behavior, Hannah Hoffman | Hannah Hoffman |
| group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Editorial | 215 | Editorial: Best Story of the Year | Third Place | Lake Oswego Review | The Battle of Hallinan Heights | Sandra Sorenson |
| group A | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | First Place | The Register-Guard | 1/19/14; 6/1/14; 7/18/14 | Rob Romig |
| group A | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | Second Place | The Oregonian | Page One from The Oregonian | Staff |
| group A | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | Third Place | Statesman Journal | Sept. 7; Nov. 21; June 29 | Staff |
| group B | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | First Place | Mail Tribune | Page A1 designs -- May 8, March 13, July 16 | Rob Galvin |
| group B | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | Second Place | Herald and News | Page One Designs, 3 pages | Nicole Crapps |
| group B | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | Third Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Aug. 17, Feb. 16, Jan. 19 | Staff |
| group C | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | First Place | Ashland Daily Tidings | Daily Tidings Front Pages | Bert Etling |
| group C | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | Second Place | The World | Best Page One Design | Ron Jackimowicz |

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| group C | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | Third Place | The Observer | Monday, Oct. 13; Friday, Sept. 12; Wednesday, March 26 | Andrew Cutler, Kelly Ducote |
| group D | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | First Place | The Outlook | Outlook Page One Design | Tiffany O'Dell |
| group D | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | Second Place | Central Oregonian | Central Oregonian page one design | Deana Marshall |
| group D | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | Third Place | News-Times (Newport) | Page one design | Jody Craig, Steve Card |
| group E | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | First Place | The South County Spotlight | Davidson does it again | John William Howard |
| group E | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | Second Place | Beaverton Valley Times | Beaverton Valley Times | Keith Sheffield |
| group E | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | Third Place | Lake Oswego Review | Jan. 23; Aug. 28; Dec. 4 | Mikel Kelly |
| group F, G, H | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | First Place | Blue Mountain Eagle | Page 1 September 10; April 9; August 6 | Randy Wriighthouse, Will Koenig |
| group F, G, H | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | Second Place | The New Era | March 5, 2014; June 18, 2014; September 24, 2014 | Scott Swanson |
| group F, G, H | Graphics | 301 | Best Page One Design | Third Place | The Sandy Post | Sandy Post Best Page One Design | Tiffany O'Dell |
| group A | Graphics | 302 | Best Graphics | First Place | The Oregonian | Graphic by Dan Aguayo | Dan Aguayo |
| group A | Graphics | 302 | Best Graphics | Second Place | The Register-Guard | Monument Men | Tom Penix |
| group A | Graphics | 302 | Best Graphics | Third Place | The Register-Guard | Trophy Dash | Tom Penix |
| group B | Graphics | 302 | Best Graphics | First Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Enjoy the Light Loop | Edith Decker, Corey Hartgrave |
| group B | Graphics | 302 | Best Graphics | Second Place | Mail Tribune | A scare, a laugh, a twist | Bob Pennell |

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| group B | Graphics | 302 | Best Graphics | Third Place | Mail Tribune | Calling all coffee geeks | Bob Pennell |
| group C | Graphics | 302 | Best Graphics | First Place | The Dalles Chronicle | A cowboy's home | Lisa Becharas |
| group C | Graphics | 302 | Best Graphics | Second Place | The Daily Astorian | Trading Tansy Point | Alan Kenaga |
| group C | Graphics | 302 | Best Graphics | Third Place | Corvallis Gazette-Times | Said the Wolff to the Beavers | Benjamin Ricker |
| group D, E, F, G, H | Graphics | 302 | Best Graphics | First Place | Polk County Itemizer-Observer | "Family Tree" | Kurt Holland |
| group D, E, F, G, H | Graphics | 302 | Best Graphics | Second Place | The News Guard | March 19 = Taft Tiger Spring Sports Preview. April 30 = Knocking Down the Flagsticks. April 16 = The Long and Short of it. | Jim Fossum,Stephania Baumgart, Frank Perea |
| group D, E, F, G, H | Graphics | 302 | Best Graphics | Third Place | Keizertimes | MHS, PSU alum kicking for Thunder | Andrew Jackson |
| group A | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | First Place | The Register-Guard | Power point | Andy Nelson |
| group A | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Second Place | The Oregonian | Horse in fog | Beth Nakamura |
| group A | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Third Place | The Oregonian | Straight Outta St. Johns | Beth Nakamura |
| group B | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | First Place | Mail Tribune | Honor the sacrifice | Jamie Lusch |
| group B | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Second Place | The News-Review | Shoe department | Michael Sullivan |
| group B | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Third Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Girl underwater | Timothy Bullard |
| group C | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | First Place | Corvallis Gazette-Times | Hope for Cancer Survivors | Amanda Cowan |
| group C | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Second Place | East Oregonian | Standing strong | E.J. Harris |
| group C | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Third Place | The Observer | Musician spreads music, cheer | Tim Mustoe |

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| group D | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | First Place | The Outlook | Rearview mirror | Troy Wayrynen |
| group D | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Second Place | The Outlook | Population growth | Troy Wayrynen |
| group D | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Third Place | Central Oregonian | Right on target | Kevin Sperl |
| group E | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | First Place | Beaverton Valley Times | Retiring to the Farm | Jonathan House |
| group E | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Second Place | Beaverton Valley Times | Music: Songs float through her mind | Jaime Valdez |
| group E | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Third Place | Lake Oswego Review | Down, but not out | Vern Uyetake |
| group F | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | First Place | Keizertimes | Brook's City Dance Theatre brings wintry tale to MHS (photo A) | Eric A. Howald |
| group F | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Second Place | The Times (Tigard) | Local grads turn boredom viral | Jaime Valdez |
| group F | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Third Place | The Times (Tigard) | A New Challenge, a New Adventure | Jonathan House |
| group G, group H | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | First Place | Lebanon Express | KidsWithBooks | Matt DeBow |
| group G, group H | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Second Place | Lebanon Express | HollidayWWIIObelisk | Ted Holliday |
| group G, group H | Graphics | 303 | Best Feature Photo | Third Place | Lebanon Express | DeBowFeaturePhoto | Matt DeBow |
| group A | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | First Place | The Register-Guard | Eugene Springfield firefighter Andy Fidino sprays water | Andy Nelson |
| group A | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | Second Place | Statesman Journal | Bring suicide into the light | Ashley Smith |
| group A | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | Third Place | Statesman Journal | Doctor dies in crash | Anna Reed |
| group B | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | First Place | Albany Democrat-Herald | Teen charged with murder | Mark Ylen |

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| group B | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | Second Place | Mail Tribune | Emotional Countdown | Bob Pennell |
| group B | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | Third Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Celebration on the courthouse steps | Timothy Bullard |
| group C | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | First Place | Corvallis Gazette-Times | Brush fire threatens homes | Jesse Skoubo |
| group C | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | Second Place | East Oregonian | Officer kills suspect | E.J. Harris |
| group C | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | Third Place | Argus Observer | Semitrailer sliced in half | Cherise Kaechele |
| group D | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | First Place | The Outlook | American Hereos | Troy Wayrynen |
| group D | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | Second Place | The Outlook | Cold shoulder | Troy Wayrynen |
| group D | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | Third Place | The Outlook | Ferguson protest | Troy Wayrynen |
| group E | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | First Place | Beaverton Valley Times | A year in Photos | Jaime Valdez |
| group E | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | Second Place | Beaverton Valley Times | Team Rescue | Jaime Valdez |
| group E | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | Third Place | The News Guard | Aug 6 = Girl survives 3-story fall from motel window. September 24 = Colors in Motion. September 3 = Child dies in sand hole collapse. | Jeremy Ruark |
| group F, G, H | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | First Place | The New Era | L-egg-in' it; Fire destroys RV; firefighter aims hose at burning house | Sean C. Morgan,Scott Swanson,Scott C. Swanson |
| group F, G, H | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | Second Place | The Times (Tigard) | Shopping Cart High Five | Jonathan House |
| group F, G, H | Graphics | 304 | Best News Photo | Third Place | The Times (Tigard) | Patrolling the Streets | Jaime Valdez |
| group A | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | First Place | The Register-Guard | Finding forever | Alisha Jucevic |

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| group A | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | Second Place | The Register-Guard | Moving from bad to worse | Andy Nelson |
| group A | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | Third Place | The Register-Guard | The depth of winter | Paul Carter |
| group B, group C | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | First Place | Corvallis Gazette-Times | Hurling Takes Off | Amanda Cowan |
| group B, group C | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | Second Place | The Dalles Chronicle | The Business of Beef | Mark Gibson |
| group B, group C | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | Third Place | The World | 'A snapshot from the past' | Lou Sennick |
| group D | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | First Place | Central Oregonian | Roundup weekend | Kevin Sperl,Lon Austin |
| group D | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | Second Place | The Outlook | Scouts pay tribute | Jim Clark |
| group D | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | Third Place | The Outlook | Ferguson protest | Troy Wayrynen |
| group E | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | First Place | Beaverton Valley Times | Ten Tiny Dances | Jonathan House |
| group E | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | Second Place | Lake Oswego Review | The City of Art/Loads of Fun for Everyone | Vern Uyetake |
| group E | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | Third Place | Polk County Itemizer-Observer | "Ride 'Em Cowboy" | Lukas Eggen,Jolene Guzman,Kurt Holland |
| group F, G, H | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | First Place | West Linn Tidings | "Sweet Repeat/Back-to-back" | Vern Uyetake |
| group F, G, H | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | Second Place | West Linn Tidings | "Hats off to Class of 2014" | Vern Uyetake |
| group F, G, H | Graphics | 305 | Best Photo Essay | Third Place | Keizertimes | Go big blue | EricA. Howald |
| group A | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | First Place | The Register-Guard | Strike the pose | Brian Davies |
| group A | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Second Place | The Register-Guard | Title splash | Chris Pietsch |
| group A | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Third Place | The Oregonian | Flying high | Thomas Boyd |
| group B | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | First Place | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Easton Bents makes a catch in the rain | Joel Takarsh |

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| group B | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Second Place | The News-Review | Eagles soar past Wolves in OT | Michael Sullivan |
| group B | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Third Place | Herald and News | OIT chamapionship track | Steven Silton |
| group C | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | First Place | East Oregonian | Siblings in stride | E.J. Harris |
| group C | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Second Place | Corvallis Gazette-Times | New era for Beavers | Andy Cripe |
| group C | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Third Place | The World | Newport ends North Bend's season | Lou Sennick |
| group D | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | First Place | The Outlook | Gophers are Futures Champs | Dave Ball |
| group D | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Second Place | Central Oregonian | Cowboys shut out Bend JV squad soccer header | Lon Austin |
| group D | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Third Place | Central Oregonian | Carrying on a tradition of rodeo fun | Lon Austin |
| group E | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | First Place | News-Times (Forest Grove) | Vikings sweep district meet. | Amanda Miles |
| group E | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Second Place | Polk County Itemizer-Observer | "Fighting for a cause" (Wyatt Passantino defeated ...) | Lukas Eggen |
| group E | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Third Place | Beaverton Valley Times | Crusader crowning | Jonathan House |
| group F | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | First Place | Blue Mountain Eagle | Up to the challenge tour, Tanner Bradley on Mr. Cow | Angel Carpenter |
| group F | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Second Place | Blue Mountain Eagle | Sea Dragons - Sivanna Hodge | Angel Carpenter |
| group F | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Third Place | The Times (Tigard) | Tigard's title wait is over | Dan Brood |

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| group G | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | First Place | Estacada News | Rangers rally way to playoffs | Parker Lee |
| group G | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Second Place | Estacada News | Estacada runners finish second | Dave Ball |
| group G | Graphics | 306 | Best Sports Photo | Third Place | Estacada News | Trick plays keep Rangers close | Dave Ball |
| group A | Online | 401 | Best overall web site | First Place | Statesman Journal | www.StatesmanJournal.com | Staff |
| group A | Online | 401 | Best overall web site | Second Place | The Oregonian | OregonLive | Staff |
| group A | Online | 401 | Best overall web site | Third Place | The Register-Guard | The Register-Guard | Carl Davaz,Rob Denton,John Heasley,Micky Hulse |
| group B, C, D | Online | 401 | Best overall web site | First Place | The World | The World -- www.theworldlink.com | Staff |
| group B, C, D | Online | 401 | Best overall web site | Second Place | News-Register | NewsRegister.com (for access, use "judge" as e-mail address/user id and "contest" as password) | Staff |
| group B, C, D | Online | 401 | Best overall web site | Third Place | The Daily Astorian | DailyAstorian.com — Username: judges; Password: eomg2015 | Crindalyn Lyster,Travis Clark,Laura Sellers |
| group E, F, G, H | Online | 401 | Best overall web site | First Place | Polk County Itemizer-Observer | Polk County Itemizer-Observer: www.polkio.com | Staff |
| group E, F, G, H | Online | 401 | Best overall web site | Second Place | Lebanon Express | Lebanon Express website | Staff |

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| group E, F, G, H | Online | 401 | Best overall web site | Third Place | The News Guard | The News Guard | Jeremy Ruark,Erik Utterback,Erin Walter,Frank Perea |
| group A | Online | 402 | Best web design | First Place | Statesman Journal | www.StatesmanJournal.com | Staff |
| group A | Online | 402 | Best web design | Second Place | The Register-Guard | The Register-Guard | Rob Denton,John Heasley,Micky Hulse,Carl Davaz |
| group A | Online | 402 | Best web design | Third Place | The Oregonian | OregonLive | Staff |
| group B | Online | 402 | Best web design | First Place | Herald and News | www.heraldandnews.com | Staff |
| group B | Online | 402 | Best web design | Second Place | The News-Review | NR Today | The News-Review |
| group B | Online | 402 | Best web design | Third Place | Mail Tribune | Mail Tribune, mailtribune.com | Staff |
| group C, D, E, F, G, H | Online | 402 | Best web design | First Place | News-Register | NewsRegister.com (for access, use "judge" as e-mail address/user id and "contest" as password) | Dan Shryock,Ossie Bladine |
| group C, D, E, F, G, H | Online | 402 | Best web design | Second Place | Polk County Itemizer-Observer | Polk County Itemizer-Observer (www.polkio.com) | Staff |
| group C, D, E, F, G, H | Online | 402 | Best web design | Third Place | The News Guard | www.thenewsguard.com | Jeremy Ruark,Erik Utterback,Erin Walter,Frank Perea |

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| group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Online | 403 | Best web project | First Place | The Oregonian | Straight Outta St. Johns | Casey Parks,Beth Nakamura,Mark Friesen |
| group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Online | 403 | Best web project | Second Place | Statesman Journal | How the Wilderness Act changed Oregon (and America) | Zach Urness |
| group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Online | 403 | Best web project | Third Place | The Register-Guard | THE PICK: Oh, what a memory Kenny Wheaton’s seminal play still resonates 20 years later | Rob Denton,Ryan Thorburn,Andy Nelson |
| group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Online | 404 | Best multimedia element | First Place | The Register-Guard | The Simpsons Mural: From dream to reality in 5 days | Chris Pietsch |
| group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Online | 404 | Best multimedia element | Second Place | Herald and News | Klamath Tribes Restoration Ceremony | Lacey Jarrell |
| group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Online | 404 | Best multimedia element | Third Place | The World | Implanted: Coos Bay siblings move into new ‘camp’ in deaf community with cochlear implants | Alysha Beck,Chelsea Davis |
| group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Online | 405 | Best online coverage of breaking news | First Place | The Register-Guard | UP IN FLAMES — Fire destroys mill, idles 250 workers | Rob Denton,The Register-Guard Staff |
| group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Online | 405 | Best online coverage of breaking news | Second Place | The Oregonian | Reynolds High School shooting | Staff |
| group A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Online | 405 | Best online coverage of breaking news | Third Place | The News-Review | BREAKING NEWS: Roseburg police identify victim in Fast Stop Market homicide, arrest local man | Jessica Prokop,Mike Henneke,Michael Sullivan |