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Best Sports Feature	Print-Small/Print-Large	Paul Kiser	Anchorage Daily News	Tegan Horton		Year in review. Looks at all angles to focus on the issues and possible solutions for the citizens. Gets all angles in regards to solutions without drawing any conclusions nor trying to direct the reader to a specific conclusion.	Year in review. Looks at all angles to focus on the issues and possible solutions for the citizens. Gets all angles in regards to solutions without drawing any conclusions nor trying to direct the reader to a specific conclusion.	Kyle Hopkins, Tegan Horton	Tribune	Curly Lines		The Broken City: Shovels and Industry: How Did We Get Here?	They drive. They do it on their own phone and email, but I like the way you used the email responses to introduce each new "reaction" of the story.	Cody Latta	Pennwalk Chasen		Print-Large		Review: education defines 'home career for Dufwenberg'	How can education define 'home career for Dufwenberg'?	John Hickey	
Best Reporting on Science	Print-Large	Matt Miller	Alaska Magazine		Print-Large	Bone of the Acid: The maddening mystery	An engaging and sympathetic account of a multi-faceted character. Reads like a novel.	Sharon Haley		No Winner					No Winner							
Best Reporting on Science	Print-Small	Matt Miller	Chitka Valley News		Print-Small	New weather station saving high resolution in Kenai Pass	A clear and accessible piece that helps readers see the impact of the weather station in question.	Jenna Kuncie	Chitka Valley News		Print-Small	When does the king run get too small to watch?	A careful and detailed accounting of what coordinates know and what they don't about the flying point for a salmon population.	Kyle Clayton	Alaska Contractor		Print-Small	Laying Down High-tech Pavement	An interesting explanation of the impact of new technologies on the work of building roads.	Nancy Erickson		
Best Breaking News Story	Television	Devon Sayers	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	7.0 earthquake		John Thain	No Winner						No Winner							
Best Video Journalism	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	John Carten-Hansen	KTOU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Naderstrack Completion		Mika Nedersock	KTVU TV (Anchorage)						No Winner		Television	John Thain Photographer	John Thain	Again, an amazing entry of talent. Mik Nedersock did an excellent job of being engaging and not being afraid to get into the role in getting the shot. You got. Good use of a close second and showed talent using angles to tell a story. There was very creative.		
Veteran McKinzie Award for Best Business Reporting	Television	Devon Sayers	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Frontiers: Alaska Anation, Turbulent Times		Rhonda McBride, Will Mader	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Alaska seafood industry looks somewhere beyond the sea			No Winner							
Best Comprehensive Coverage (Print)	Print-Small/Print-Large	Steve Reed	Anchorage Daily News		Print-Large	Nov. 30 Earthquake Coverage	Natural disasters of historic proportion get horizon newspapers to the test. The Anchorage Daily News faced such a test beginning Nov. 30, 2018, when a pair of earthquakes rocked the state's most populated area as severely as had any such event since 1956. Over the days and weeks that followed, the ADN demonstrated it was up to the challenge. The ADN's coverage reflected two truths. The earthquake was a complex story and a vital story. ADN reporters and photographers found the people most affected by the quakes and afterwards and they captured the images at ground level and from above to illustrate the destruction and the challenges of cleanup and restoration. In its end, no one was killed by the quake or 7.0, but everyone who turned to the ADN had the opportunity to become well-informed.	Chitka Valley News staff	Anchorage Daily News		Print-Large	The ADN's coverage of the 2018 landslide is an outstanding example of extended, comprehensive coverage. The content is compelling thanks to great story telling, strong visuals, graphics and infographics and acknowledgment of the annual-casualty controversy that has surrounded the event. Story telling was highlighted by Tegan Horton's short profile (excerpted below) of TV star-odd mother, Jen Lanier. The coverage is good enough to claim the place as a normal year. But, the most significant earthquake to hit Anchorage's coast. Central Alaska made 2018 anything but a normal year. And it means future coverage must settle for second. Horton's lead: Shout after Jen Lanier wobbles up, he hands her his belt. Dear Steve: the TV star-odd mother has a lot to translate on the lifeline that and their several other, having been perpetually white and rural, his feet are quick to talk. "They become so painful," he said last month in his Chitka home, sitting at the mountain table. "So I use handkerchiefs to knock them down." Over the years, the lifeline that Jen Lanier has built has left Lanier collapsed, hospitalized, broken and broken. The belt keeps calling.										
Best Education Reporting	Television	Devon Sayers	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	I can be my own man, I can be whatever I want- Camp Tom Diggs works with teens with intellectual backgrounds		Rhonda Pabina, Leah Schwartz							KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Active shooter training		Heather Horton, Will Mader		
Susan Nightshade Award for Best Columnist	Print-Large	Steve Reed	Anchorage Press	John Aronov		YIELD for Early YIELD. An Alaskan Dancer. There is a simple solution to the long, long drive back and forth. Forgive me because of early hours. Under Five	Important watchdog work better suited to a columnist. This is a simple solution to the long, long drive back and forth. Forgive me because of early hours. Under Five	John Aronov		Charles Worthforth		Charles Worthforth column	Outstanding community column writing suitable for early hours of reader interest. Thorough reporting.	Charles Worthforth	Anchorage Press		Print-Large	Editor's Note	Opinion effectively expressed via words well chosen	Mark Hoffman		
Susan Nightshade Award for Best Columnist	Print-Small	Steve Reed	The Northern Light		Print-Small	Motivational must-visit on K. Kneasski: Judge Cheney is not in theme in Dufwenberg. Need the recombination of Josh Kneasski	Persuasive, whimsical, thoughtfully reported and clearly expressed.	Robert Hohmann	The Northern Light		Print-Small	Save volume, not salaries. Mass production. Discriminate, be honest. Alaska's most valuable resource is not the oil.	Ben Edwards		Homer News		Print-Small	Unravel Alaska: "Shake, not strain," "Stop adding away." A different kind of light	Clarity, justified, well-voiced columns that fill the requirements to make me think and make me laugh.	Nick Verney		
Best Headline Writing	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Heather Horne	KCWB Radio (Sitka)		Radio	Law: Kneasski: Judge Cheney is not in theme in Dufwenberg. Need the recombination of Josh Kneasski	As a veteran newspaper editor and publisher, it's hard to come across a penny headline I haven't seen before, but this writer's work was fresh and so relevant to the state's headlines.	Robert Wooley	Juneau Empire		Print-Large	5 headlines by Ben Horowitz	Ben Horowitz		The Northern Light		Print-Small	Calder's Jensen	All three submissions in this category delivered were award worthy. Great body of work for consideration.	Calder's Jensen		
Best Page Layout & Design	Print-Small/Print-Large	Heather Horne	Alaska Business Monthly		Print-Large	Marine Salvage	A creative touch. The layout makes the playful design leaps from the page and beautiful. Besides the headline story's attention, which is what quality design should do.	David Geiger	Alaska Business Monthly		Print-Large	Facing the Blob			David Geiger	Juneau Empire		Print-Large	Wash your vest		Angelo Scoppio	
Best Arts Reporting	Radio	Christina Myer	KFSA Radio (Peterburg)		Radio	Decorating Alaska at opens in Petersburg	Compelling look at what art means to the state, but also what it means to the community.	Joe Vecchiello	KNCM		Radio	Caught Doing Something Good: Ellie Harrison	The saying "I'd rather be lucky than rich" applies here, in that the writer got very lucky finding a fascinating interview subject, and then, of course, did a great job putting together a segment.	Karen Trop, Ella Martinson	KCWB Radio (Sitka)		Radio	Goodness-inspired collective brings art to Sitka	Arctic makes a lantern visit to Ft. Reliance to check out the non-tourist art scene.	Rachel Cassandra		
Best Alaska History Reporting	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Scott Thompson	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Bella Harmon's Alaska	Lowly story, and great photography. It will soon be read the former First Lady. And this is the best news item after.	Rhonda McBride, Will Mader	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Mike Givens, A Political Pastoral	It's a great history collection with a place on local TV. Good use of historical perspective. I like how Mike Givens compelling for president, but really never mentions that. Good use of an interview subject who can't come.	Rhonda McBride, Will Mader	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Rosewood's Alaska Journey	Imparting history through Rosewood, who is not familiar but better.	Eric Soel		
Best Investigative Reporting	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Lois Norder	KYUK		Radio	Listen To KYUK's Four-Part Series On Funding, Safety, And Public Health In Mountain Village	This powerful series, told through the eyes of an officer, highlights the failure of mental health systems and the cost in lives of inadequate care, waiting and funding for this branch of law enforcement. This was articulate and compelling, with shocking statistics that give home impassable circumstances.	Teresa Coimbra	Anchorage Daily News		Kyle Hopkins		The lack of police protection, justice for rape victims in Northwest Alaska	Kyle Hopkins	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Don't show myself candidate's arrest, wage garnishments, lawsuits	The reporter dug through thousands of pages of documents to background candidates and laid out evidence to allow her to report. This journalist's presentation would hold up in any court.	Liz Flannery		
Best Newsprint	Television	Aaron Ellis	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Evening News 11/29/18		Megan Muzakov, Joe Vogt, Jennifer Sumner	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Channel 7 Morning Edition: "Back to the Future"	Aaron Arentzen, Karl Stumbaugh, Austin Stone, Steven Taylor, Rhonda Coimbra, Eric Soel, Jason Griffiths, Jr., James Jackson, Chris Moberg	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Channel 7 Newshour: A.T.D Earthquake Shakes		Trey Sobo, Mike Fox, Rebecca Pabina, Steve Reed, Pauline, Tim Mendenhall, Josh Moore, Heidi Davis Davis, David Alexander, Leah Latta, Devon Sayers, Eric Soel, Andrew Luoma, Kaitie Hinkle, Sam Maguire, Leah Schwartz, Holly Plum, Joshua Maxwell			
Best Comprehensive Coverage (Broadcast Radio & Television)	Television/Radio	Aaron Ellis	KCWB Radio (Sitka)		Radio	The Cost of Living in Sitka		Emily Young, Northern Post, Rachel Cassandra	KUCB Unleash Community Broadcasting		Radio	Ty Years After 9/11, Survivors And Descendants Commemorate The Alaskan Campaign	Zaid Sabi, Lucas Krueger, Benji Wilber		KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	7.0 Earthquake: KTVU Comprehensive Coverage		7.0 Earthquake: KTVU Comprehensive Coverage		
Best Same-Day Feature	Television	Karen Larsen	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Ascending Gold Star Peak	Excellent story with a clear beginning, middle and end and complete with a revealing surprise. Great job of setting the goal, the history and the conclusion of the effort.	Beth Verga, Multimedia Journalist	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Several Flooding	Reporters did an excellent job of showing one man's fight against the elements. Choosing the character to tell the story, with the help of excellent color and relevant sound from the photographer, combined for a wonderful story. Great job answering the key question: 'Why does he do it?'	Cassie Schim, Kevin Kellner	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Star the Rescuer	Daring story told through solid audio/visuals. Reporter and photographer did a wonderful job of capturing the tale. A member of media and an ending moment that surely had all of the adult viewers thinking in terms of 'discovery' as they adjusted the beam.	Lauren Maxwell, Rachel McPherson		
Best Specialty News Program	Television	Janelle Striner	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Voices of Alaska: Chalk and Release	Wonderful investigative work, hearing voices, revealing and clear journalism.	Doreilly Rivers, Gina Romeros, John Thain, Ken Kubokoy	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Road Trip: Alaska: The Road Less Traveled	What a delight to watch the adventure. A great example of "not in a place" in a fun, entertaining, but also educational.	KTVU Staff, Tracy Sinclair		Television	Operation Afghanistan: Alaska's Spartan Biggie		Blake Ennis, Albert Lutten, Nicole Biggie			
Best General News Program	Print-Small	Jason Patterson	Chitka Valley News		Print-Small	Former Homer students allege sexual abuse by Karl Wolf	Strong coverage of a difficult subject.	Kyle Clayton	Homer News		Print-Small	Local man says flying Saigahs	Member congregation in response to church member's invasion party	Megan Pezar	Pennwalk Pitt		Print-Small	Coast Guard suspends search for missing man		Brian Varney		
Best General News Reporting	Print-Large	Jason Patterson	Anchorage Daily News	Laurel Andrews		How a retired geologist discovered a lost life from coast to the Alaska Range	Now work. An interesting story well told.	Laurel Andrews	Faribake Daily News-Mirror		Print-Large	Pick the right light for your camera	How a retired geologist discovered a lost life from coast to the Alaska Range	David Jones	Juneau Empire		Print-Large	Doing the Dip: Polar Bear Dip gets 2018 off to a rocky, thrilling start		Alex McCartry		
Best Education Reporting	Print-Small/Print-Large	Jason Patterson	The Northern Light		Print-Small	AISEP selected as finalist for Harvard Innovation Award	Solid reporting.	Maria Riss	The Northern Light		Print-Small	Hunger and homelessness: Support network grows to make awareness	Hunger and homelessness: Support network grows to make awareness	Ridon O'Donnoghue								
Best Humor	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Linda Levin	KCWB Radio (Sitka)		Television	Who's naughty now? Santa Investigated in North Pole won't be back	Delightful if on the current present, played by Santa, and his miss assistant, an elf, and his helper who is under guard and how well he is doing.	John Straley, Finn Straley, Coltin Wooley, Robert Wooley	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Print-Small	The Park's Aftermath	This reporter sets out to ask blizzard entrants what alleged questions on they great answer, but is the best response "but like a highway? Funny.	Blake Ennis, Albert Lutten, Tracy Sobo, Patrick Erbelew		Alaska Magazine		Print-Large	The Alaska Life	What do Alaskans buy with those annual government checks that arrive in October? If you can't keep them warm the winter? Make it fun as the writer, who went to the North Pole.	Susan Dunmore	
Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Television	Stacey Winkler	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Provisional Term Dating Violence: She's a Story	A deeply personal telling of a tragic story that looks at the state of domestic violence and how it can be done to. Told with great sensitivity and a desire to change the community for the better.	Rhonda McBride, Will Mader	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Homeless camp firing	It's difficult to go to a terrifying and bring to reveal the past to the present.	Beth Verga, Multimedia Journalist, Ghem O'Brien, Photojournalist		KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	A family's last-ditch effort to keep a motherland land	Good use of the grandfather to help us understand the former state of what it takes to make a seemingly routine phone therapy.	Maria Dunmore, Eric Soel	
Best Long Feature	Print-Small/Print-Large	Michael Fishman	Alaska Business Monthly		Print-Large	Neelika Metravick	A beautifully written story that weaves the personal and professional into an excellent illustration of a rural town in need.	Iraai Stone Simonielli	Anchorage Daily News		Print-Large	He withdrew from his friends and neighbors. When he died in the village house, no one realized he was dead.	Michele Theriault Boets		Alaska Business Monthly		Print-Large	CLD Fly South for Shift Work	Business and explanatory journalism. Didn't just tell. Made my eye. It leaves the story hanging on through they have a full understanding.	Sam Friedman		
Best Arts Reporting	Print-Large	Kerry Cavanaugh	Alaska Magazine		Print-Large	I Want to Live in an Alaskan Music Festival: How and where from an incredible journey	This is a lively article that really captures the excitement and the drive and drives music festival some through Alaska. It captures what an important part of the Alaska arts culture these festivals are and, most importantly, makes the reader want to go to lots of them.	Monica Devine	Anchorage Daily News		Print-Large	Cheyenne Mathews	He is a well-written article about a unique Alaskan artist whose work is not just art and music, but also a part of your culture and it happens.	Cheyenne Mathews	Anchorage Press		Print-Large	Why the capped bird sings: IMCC2 Charity Project celebrates its third year	This is an informative article on a very special charity project. It's not just a musical festival, it's a way to help them and their families. It's a great story that captures the quality of the writer includes from both a side and from inside about four hunger for forgiveness and for connection with family.	O'Hara Shipps		
Best Alaska Outdoors Reporting	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Christina Myer	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Angling for Tomorrow		Rhonda McBride, Ken Kubokoy, Will Mader	Chitka Valley News		Print-Small	Beer and food have close call at Chitkat		Jenna Kuncie	Cordova Times		Print-Small	Food-time hunter draws tag, harvests moose		Emily Meador		

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Best Single Story Reporting	Radio	Don Collins	Alaska Public Media		Radio	There will not be/see: Home intrusions with sex assaults	I have a friend who's a reporter for the International Day Tribune. Within the next few months, I expect to be holding a Pulitzer for reporting on the very issue. This piece could have fit nicely with the work he did. It's that good. And that interesting, of course.	Zachariah Hughes	KCJW Radio (Sitka)		Radio	Since 1980, Valdez's not on record and shop going strong	You know, I believe a lot of confidence a writer and producer to start the piece the way you did. AND YOU MADE IT! That was great. What a great way to provide the listener with the sense of place.	Emily Hocking	KYUK		Radio	It's pretty good you also cited the well rounded under your lead-in to the list of Curtis Burt and that's something I've never did trying to get more reporters to do it's so smooth and makes a piece so much more likeable.			Chris again. I'm blown away by the quality of work in this category. I think you've done a great job of curating the best. I had to go back and read the difference between all of it was nice this. I'm proud to be in the same industry as these journalists.
Best Culture Reporting	Print-Small	Margaret Litman	Petersburg Pilot		Print-Small	Saskatoon, PA to beach see other ain't seeing class to shepherd cultural identity	This was a well-structured and well-paced.	Brian Vanels	Chitka Valley News		Print-Small	Hatch teaches Tingli language class	Nice news story with good details and well-selected quotes.	Jenna Kuzne	Corvallis Times		Print-Small	Eyke the premiere at Anchorage International Film Festival			Emily Messer
Vern McCracke Award for Best Business Reporting	Print-Small	Justin Henley	Wangpelt Sentinel		Print-Small	Crude ship season comes to a close. A look at how it's effects on Wangpelt	The story lacked from every angle an important element of the story. Clear writing and full of details. In a best of kind, the story did show the other for the depth of its coverage an important fact.	Caleb Varnant	Skagway News		Print-Small	Sgt. Preston's Lodge changing ownership, securing housing	No community item to see one of its important. It's certainly not specific - why it had to be, and what it would mean to community going forward.	Leigh Armstrong	Petersburg Pilot		Print-Small	Saltwater season mass the work			Brian Vanels
Vern McCracke Award for Best Business Reporting	Print-Large	Justin Henley	Oceans Deeply	Yareth Rosen	Print-Large	Craving of Alaska's Fishing Fleet Pushes Key Industry to Reef	Not only is this a thorough review of an important issue, it's a pleasure to read from start to finish. Near-perfection.	Yareth Rosen	Anchorage Daily News	Annie Zak	Print-Large	After years of poor job salmon runs, renewed focus for sportfishing community equates	A well-written piece covering an important topic that provides readers a thorough understanding of the issues at hand.	Annie Zak, Loren Holmes	Alaska Business Monthly	Julie Stricker	Print-Large	Entreprising Entrepreneurs	A story that's important not only as a business item, but as a social justice story. Stan Blank on a great angle.	Julie Stricker	
Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Print-Large	Betsy Russell	Anchorage Daily News	Devin Kelly	Print-Large	Crackdown on Anchorage's abandoned buildings helps neighborhoods fight blight	A thoroughly reported and researched piece on a compelling issue, from policy to neighborhood impact.	Devin Kelly	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner		Print-Large	Mukovskis splits with Trump on climate change	Nice job drawing out the local impacts from an important national angle, in addition to reporting the senator's position.	Don McQuerry	Peninsula Clarion	Victoria Peterson	Print-Large	Borough chooses to not appeal court decision, updates reclamation policy	A very complete report that captures all sides of the decision.	Victoria Peterson	
Vern McCracke Award for Best Business Reporting	Radio	Covey Fittoff	KTOO Public Media		Radio	Five rules for investment from Alaska's Permanent Fund Corporation	This piece stands out for its well-researched information of the topic, truly writing and delivery, and attention of visuals and evidence.	Rashah McCherney	KCJW Radio (Sitka)		Radio	Sitka entrepreneur rolls out an aviation revolution in the baggage bin	The writing in this piece is vivid and accessible. The reporter takes us to a place we people get to see, and shows how an invention could revolutionize the baggage process.	Robert Woodley	KYUK		Radio	The Doris Gold Mine Needs To Move A Mountain: How Close Are They To Making That Happen?	This piece offers a balanced look at a controversial project. The reporter is strong and clear, and the interview gave the story substance and resonance.	Kyroll Shalamberger	
Best Food Reporting	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Gretchen McKay	KTVB TV (Anchorage)		Television	Harvesting Alaska: Flying Squared Bakery	The reporter painted a great picture of people and place. I feel like I was there.	Loren Maxwell, Nick Stevens	Final Alaskans Magazine	Vera Stotland	Print-Large	A Community Cooks	I love the way the writer was able to weave together her own personal history with that of other Alaskans, including recipes make it a even better read.	Vera Stotland	Anchorage Daily News	Annie Zak	Print-Large	How one cargo ship delay sends ripples through Alaska's food supply chain	Terrific reporting. The writer was able to weave complete subject and make it easy to understand. There's a lot in the story, all seen our fresh produce for great!	Annie Zak	
Best Reporting on Science	Radio	Cara Heland	KTOO Public Media		Radio	Wolves are eating each other near Gulkana. What does that mean for the herd?		Elizabeth Jenkins	Alaska Public Media		Radio	AK: Rising populations, threat of disease prompt renewed interest in red research		Arnon Swenson	Alaska Public Media		Radio	Moving science with traditional knowledge, researchers hope to get use of the reindeer.	Alison Helman		
Best Profile	Radio	Cara Heland	KTOO Public Media		Radio	What's the deal with Jimmie's banoffee pie?		Adelyn Barber	KYSK Radio (Petersburg)		Radio	RIS graduate with cowboy pal ready for new challenges		Angela Denning	KTOO Public Media	Elizabeth Jenkins	Print-Large	Jimie built full on fully electric boat of his dreams	Elizabeth Jenkins		
Best Culture Reporting	Radio	Eric Hennessy	Alaska Public Media		Radio	AK: Nostalgia and random absurd at Anchorage's 120th Annual Derby Con	Strong opening scene with the tattoo. Well researched. Clear, conversational writing and very nice voice. Acted as a welcome guide to the article, including explaining some terms that may be unknown to some. "Custume show" was very visual. Excellent coverage of venue. Also had tips from the security guard meeting the kids who was an outside observer. Strong ending. The piece did not feel forced. It did have given a high polish. Well done!	Arnon Swenson	Alaska Public Media		Radio	Anchorage Museum archives earthquake with oral histories, historical photos	A very clear way to explore the history of the museum, including oral histories and good humor. Strong writing and voice. Well done!	Kristen Swann	Alaska Public Media		Radio	Drawing on historical strengths to prevent problems in the future	Alison Helman		
Best Sports Photo (Small)	Television/Radio/Print-Small	Barnett Stroun	Skagway News		Print-Small	Wrestling invitational brings Southeast Alaska athletes to Skagway's mats	With only one entry, was limited to just one photo. A first place and one runner up but just didn't work. There it appears the judging program requires that you pick a first place winner.	Don Fox	No Winner		No Winner			No Winner		No Winner					
Best Sports Photo (Large)	Television/Radio/Print-Large	Barnett Stroun	Juniata Empire		Print-Large	Baseball's close competition, color and feel. Just jumps off the page. Easy to pick this winner.	With main focus done behind a third place finish is generous enough. Don't mean to sound harsh, visually construction.	Michael Penn	Anchorage Daily News	Loren Holmes	Print-Large	Flag Football	Nice clean composition and a great expression of the owner's face helped the photo catch second place.	Loren Holmes	Anchorage Daily News	Robert Hallinan	Print-Large	Sprint Mushing	Of the six entries, the top three stood out from the others, but not as much from each other. Thoughtful as to place the information without being a distraction.	Robert Hallinan	
Best Sports Photo (Small)	Television/Radio/Print-Small	Barnett Stroun	Alaska Magazine		Print-Small	Baseball's close competition, color and feel. Just jumps off the page. Easy to pick this winner.	First, usually, this is the wrestling pic to get in case there's a pin in the first 15 seconds of the match. The two wrestlers are facing each other and there's no real action.	Jeff Schultz	Anchorage Daily News	Robert Hallinan	Print-Large	Flower in the Sun	Nice writing and association with the proper exposure to make this a compelling image that feels mysterious.	Bob Hallinan	Jenna Droppa	Print-Large	Eagles	Nothing wrong with this image. An intense moment captured for sure, but someone looks like he's off to the side too.	Michael Penn		
Best Sports Photo (Small)	Television/Radio/Print-Small	Barnett Stroun	The Northern Light		Print-Small	Baseball's close competition, color and feel. Just jumps off the page. Easy to pick this winner.	Then the thought comes that the story might be about one of the wrestlers being a girl, which would make the photo an OK photo for that issue. Did not do good, much less great, sports photo at all.	Chase Burnett	Petersburg Pilot	Print-Small	Fight for life	Of the three eagle photos submitted in this category, this one leaned far to the last moment and technical execution.	Julia Slavick	Petersburg Pilot	Print-Small	Gonging on herring	A clean composition well executed.	Carl Eyer			
Best Sports or Outdoors Column	Print-Small/Print-Large	Elizabeth Walters	Anchorage Daily News	Vicky Ho	Print-Large	Cautionary Tales	Herd to spot a clean background of some wrestling tournaments, but only photo with a guy's head with a white ball coming out of the boy's head to enter in a contest.	Vicky Ho	Skagway News	Print-Small	Fish Tilt: A little mystery	Jeff Hennebak, "Passion and Risk", Oct. 11, 2018. "When that condition became clear, I had a moment of intense respect, and the later featured earlier." "Having a higher crop on the lake - would have put over the top."	Andrew Clematis	Peninsula Clarion	Print-Large	Jeff Hennebak, "Passion and Risk", Oct. 11, 2018. "When that condition became clear, I had a moment of intense respect, and the later featured earlier." "Having a higher crop on the lake - would have put over the top."	Jeff Hennebak				
Best News Photo	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Barnett Stroun	Anchorage Daily News	Loren Holmes	Print-Large	House damaged by earthquake	Other things to say about this photo would be that the horizon is filled for no apparent reason, and a light source on the left would have removed the distraction of that person taking a photo with their phone.	Loren Holmes	No Winner		No Winner			Corvallis Times	Print-Small	Wind storm breaks 100-foot Bear Cave	This could just be the greatest photo I've ever seen - even the best award operational and I couldn't see the original file in a thumbnail.	Tom Barnum			
Best Blog	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Don Collins	The Midnight Sun	Matt Burton	Print-Small	The Midnight Sun medical clinic	Herd to spot a clean background of some wrestling tournaments, but only photo with a guy's head with a white ball coming out of the boy's head to enter in a contest.	Matt Burton	AlaskaMag.com	Print-Small	Super informative, it's nice relaxed writing style and lots of links for more information. Very impressive.	Eric Kirkland	AlaskaMag.com Family Fun in the 40s, 50s, 60s	Super informative, it's nice relaxed writing style and lots of links for more information. Very impressive.	Eric Kirkland	The Spewerian	Victoria Peterson	Victoria Peterson	The Spewerian	Victoria Peterson, Lovel Brown, Samantha Dewarport, Young Kim	
Best Reporting on Health	Print-Small	Bob Chigas	Actic Scudder		Print-Small	It's not time for you to go!	Other things to say about this photo would be that the horizon is filled for no apparent reason, and a light source on the left would have removed the distraction of that person taking a photo with their phone.	Shady Grove Oliver	Skagway News	Print-Small	Breaking through barriers to mental healthcare in the Last Frontier			Dan Fox	Wangpelt Sentinel	Print-Small	Staying healthy for the new school year	Caleb Varnant			

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Best Reporting on Health	Print/Large	Dan Cheng	Pennaca Clinton		Print-Large	Health care providers call for syringe exchange" This story offered news of both good news and health officials, along with solid context about needle exchange programs.	Erin Thompson	Anchorage Daily News	Tegan Harton		Print-Large	Health care providers call for syringe exchange" This story offered news of both good news and health officials, along with solid context about needle exchange programs.	Erin Thompson	Anchorage Daily News	Tegan Harton		Print-Large	Responsible Pain Management	Case: Shaw Stonehill				
Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Radio	Alice Spive	KCWI Radio (Sikh)		Radio	For this report, using healthy gym means going prison Really, really compelling story. Great use of sound and on-person tape. And such interesting big picture legal questions. I did wish you had more explicitly said that you researched multiple legal files, etc. to show you'd extensively researched her case and her situation. But I could tell that you had. Great an engaging story and such a nice job telling it.	Robert Woodley	KTOO Public Media		Radio			After a month of silence, hardly only four comments are necessarily told, with some that bring her and the story to life. Nice work with the big picture issues around public investigations and the death of Native people at the hands of police.	Jake Stenberg	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)		Radio	Also relevant for how July 1st was written	Joe Vachonick	Great work of amount - a true pleasure to listen through these - I was left thinking about. But couldn't get out of my head. The juxtaposition of the structure, frames with the defendant's statement - it's so powerful.			
Best Culture Reporting	Television	Brian McCrone	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Zulf Bailey, Musical Messenger Early foot of the class. Wonderful shot, edited, voiced. Great direction.	Theresa McDonald, Will Mader	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television			Fast-paced story matter. Structurally interesting.	Travis Khachatourian	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Edward Legrand's Last Great Race on Earth	Great character. Could have gotten more into her.	Blake Esling			
Best Short Feature	Print/Large	Karen Larsen	Anchorage Daily News	Tegan Harton		The internet gave the mother broken home and troubled love. As TV, back not ready to stop recording. How nice that support for the story in print.	Tegan Harton	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Matt Burton		Television		Durham's connection to rural Alaska shines through on rustic investigation day	Matt Burton	Anchorage Daily News	Anne Zak	Television	McCarthy's only ambulance was vandalized. She (McCrone) wanted to buy the town a new one.	Anne Zak				
Best Reporting on Health or Science	Television	Brian McCrone	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Manning news anchor takes viewers along her first menstruation Shoreline call to action. Informative, useful journalism.	Anna Arambasi, Mia Naderbeck	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television			Well-timed. Great character in place at the intersection of the categories.	Tracy Stricker, Mia Naderbeck									
Best Magazine Feature	Print-Small/Print-Large	Margaret Litman	Alaska Business Monthly		Print-Large	Off the Cliff: Awe Thompson This is a compelling, engaging read that makes the subject relatable. Nice use of a limited word count.	Kathryn Mackenzie	Alaska Contractor		Print-Small			Nice detail on an Alaska-specific issue.	Nancy Erickson	Alaska Contractor		Print-Small	Risking Stability	Lots of good detail about the issue.	Wend White	Horizontal details in the second column. Lots of Alaska-specific stories that ought to be shared with the country.		
Best Media Website	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Jim Flynn	The Northern Light		Print-Small	www.northernlight.org	TN: Staff	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television			KTVU.com: Earthquake Coverage	Joe Stupakiewicz, Elizabeth Roman, Chris Ault	Anchorage Daily News		Print-Large	www.northernlight.org	Anchorage Daily News staff				
Best Solo Journalism	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Jim Flynn	Anchorage Press	Olivia Shipa		Finding Her Voice: Anchorage-born Alaska State legislator's independence rapports in 'Deflection of Resilience'	Olivia Shipa	Olivia Shipa		Television			Teenage perspectives. Too young for the news. Sluggish. Friends take matters into their own hands.	Olivia Shipa	Anchorage Daily News	Loren Holmes	Print-Large	www.northernlight.org	Loren Holmes Solo Journalism				
Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Print-Large	Brian McCrone	Anchorage Daily News	Marc Lester		Rehabbing Alaska's only maximum security prison Incredible access. Great photos. Beautifully done. Very impressive editing. Full package. Start to finish.	Marc Lester	Anchorage Daily News		Print-Large			Address Alaska 38 years in a single Anchorage week. One was used in the north. Where are the rest?	Michelle Theroux Booth	Anchorage Daily News	Kyle Hopkins	Print-Large	Secret report says Anchorage police conducted investigation into drug dealing by Alaska National Guard recruits	Important reporting.	Kyle Hopkins			
Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Print-Small	Brian McCrone	Arctic Scander		Print-Small	Alaska Native women respond to the story's actual history. Could use more character development.	Shelly Grove Oliver	Wangelj Sentinel		Print-Small			Very interesting. Great perspective on the local property dispute	Caleb Varkent	Petersburg Pilot		Print-Small	From a case to pay \$50,000 to Alaska Airlines lawsuit	Not much there is not an overall profile of the attorney, an example like his at the center of a case, but of questionable litigation over the years.	Tom Leach	Basic character. Did a great job reporting. Don't rely so much on police or court-provided information.		
Best Online Video Journalism	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Wes Pepp	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Bathed Search and Rescue Early the best entry in the category. Love the present-tense nature of the story. Call to action. The video is well-paced. The viewer in the story. Highlights the emotional reality of the men being saved.	Joeh Thom	Anchorage Daily News	Loren Holmes		Television		From start to finish, it's a beautiful, it's so beautiful it's mesmerizing to watch.	Loren Holmes	No Winner		Television	How young athletes and youth with a variety of technical issues and/or lack of ability.			Three entries did not appear to have video links?		
Best Multimedia Presentation	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Wes Pepp	BBC	Cody Linka		The US state that gives residents \$1,000 each year Solid local reporting, videos were short and edited well.	Michael Downey, Cody Linka	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television			Well-developed, intriguing, and informative. The audio plays out after a cyber attack	Chris Roman, Jessica Stupakiewicz, Lauren Maxwell, Heather Harris, Shannon Baker, Amy Smith, Rhonda McBride, Nick Swann, Kevin Kallman, Phil Ryan	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	MULTIMEDIA MAP: Overview of Afghanistan's Strategic Disparities	Intriguing map accompanies this entry. Would love to see more focus on the photography. A video edit on the map and how the reporting was done was impressive.	Sidney Sullivan, Blake Esling, Albert Lujan			
Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Television	Cynthia Sewall	KTVU TV (Anchorage)	Liz Flanigan		Candidate's campaign credentials don't check out Through, smart, and compelling, this well-timed story highlights the important role media plays in backgrounding and vetting candidates.	Liz Flanigan	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television			Well-developed, intriguing, and informative. The audio plays out after a cyber attack	Daniel Harty, Beth Varga, Shawn Wilson	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Alaska Governor sworn in on a "little dinner" above the Arctic Circle	A great mix of local color and a twist on a traditional gubernatorial event.	Liz Flanigan, Jared Mazurek			
Best Breaking News Story	Print-Small/Print-Large	Cynthia Sewall	Kodiak Daily Mirror	Gabe Stutman		Waiting on the waves. All across Kodiak, people watched safely A truly detailed, well-organized story, resulting in a full, journalistic, and comprehensive on a gripping organic sense of narrative. A great accomplishment on a reporter's second day of work!	Gabe Stutman	The Northern Light	Robin O'Donoghue		Print-Large		During a regional disaster, this story reflects a different approach to keep readers continually informed. Sometimes, it's important to get the information out without any journalistic filter.	Robin O'Donoghue	Juneau Empire	Print-Large	PHD candidate cited for having denied Alaska's environmental laws	Dead path, misleading bias, and a local reporter's journalistic news break. This is an "only in Alaska" story.	Alex McCarthy				
Best Culture Reporting	Print-Large	Margaret Litman	First Alaskans Magazine	Vera Starbard		Husked The book hooked me (and I read it) in great detail.	Tamara Karberg	Alaska Magazine		Print-Large			Nice pacing, nice integration of photos and text for an engaging package	Patricia Charley, Sherry Sweney	Juneau Empire	Alex McCarthy	Print-Large	Alaska's photographers & lessons that can be learned from each other on environmental topics	Lowly sense of place in this article. Nice weaving of different perspectives.	Alex McCarthy			
Best Picture Story	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Test Women	Anchorage Daily News	Loren Holmes		Isolated 2018 A beautiful photograph book on an iconic race, with great use of aerial views to show the magnitude of the environment. The behind-the-scenes photos really helped tell the story, in particular the shots of cigarette packs, which really conveyed the time and isolation of the course.	Loren Holmes	First Alaskans Magazine	Vera Starbard		Television		The use of photos gives me a great idea of both the activities at the camp and eventually the generational mix of elders and youth. I liked seeing the landscape photos and the behind-the-scenes preparation photos. It was clear that the subjects were at ease with having a photographer present.	Wayde Carroll	Anchorage Press	Olivia Shipa	Print-Small	Spot Day at Brother Francis	This story best of several other categories for best by having a photo of the mid-Century class having a chat of a client MALDEN in walking out. The book the story itself.	Olivia Shipa	The story is a beautiful category to judge. As a whole, there is some great photography in there.		
Best Feature Photo (Small)	Television/Radio/Print-Small	Test Women	Daily Sika Sentinel		Print-Small	Walking the Walk A good feature shows you an incident in action about what is going on in the world. It is a good concept and certainly does that. It is a frame where possible where the photo didn't "leave the roof on the right, this would be even better, but with its interesting content and strong pairing with text, it still is a winner.	James Paulsen	Corvado Times		Print-Small			Fourth of July bubbles This has a lot of potential, with the multicolored bubbles against the blue sky and the of the mountains. What sets this out of first place was lack of "MOMENT." There was a major problem: the bubbles, or a pop in action, someone trying to reach it, it would have both content and action (and reaction) and would have been awarded to that. Had to get the camera up high and for using the back of the head for the shot. It's visually interesting, just lacking moment.	Emily Measner	Chikil Valley News		Print-Small	Fighting a snag	Horizontal detail makes this a clearly composed. I'm left wondering what on the face of it, it is a clear shot having a bit of a clear shot would have been better. I'd like the repeated look of the three subjects.	Kyle Clayton			
Best Feature Photo (Large)	Television/Radio/Print-Large	Test Women	Juneau Empire		Print-Large	Polar Dip A great depiction of human reaction from a yearly event. Really nice in selecting a frame with a variety of people and expressions in it.	Michael Penn	Anchorage Daily News	Loren Holmes		Print-Large		Moose blocks traffic Nice composition and the angle in makes the moose look even larger than the cars that it's in. Nice good selection of a frame where the legs look like they are walking	Loren Holmes	Anchorage Daily News	Robert Hallinan	Print-Large	Moose Crossing	I was difficult choosing between that and that piece on the one. Nice job capturing human-animal interaction. The composition of a tighter crop would have elevated this higher in the category. There is a good	Bob Hallinan	Horizontal detail makes this a clearly composed. I'm left wondering what on the face of it, it is a clear shot having a bit of a clear shot would have been better. I'd like the repeated look of the three subjects.		
Best Arts & Culture Criticism	Print-Small/Print-Large	Kerry Clawson	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Matt Burton		'Captain Toad' is a gem of a Mario world treasure hunt This review makes a clear case that 'Captain Toad' is a gem of a Mario world treasure hunt.	Matt Burton	Anchorage Press	Jean Bundy		Print-Small		Art Show: Unpacking Art of Fandom This review captures the humor of an art show and makes it fun to read in various ways.	Jean Bundy	Anchorage Press	Jean Bundy	Print-Small	Overlying Cultures Impress After the Show "Shoreline" Ends	This critique offers interesting analysis of the art show. "Shoreline" through the lens of cultural exchange combining ancient and modern music. Made thought-provoking was the Nike shoe-making analogy.	Jean Bundy			
Best General News Story	Television	Aaron Ellis	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	View Road Aftermath Trying to avoid another "Exxon Valdez"	Dave Goldman	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television			Operation Afghanistan: Afghan Transition to the War for a Better Life Skilak	Blake Esling, Albert Lujan	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Cop saves a life	Joe Vachonick				
Best Environmental Reporting	Television/Radio/Print-Small/Print-Large	Janelle Stroner	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	History professor reflects on life and struggle Mangrove Oil: The Big Theme	Mia Naderbeck, Mia Ross	First Alaskans Magazine	Vera Starbard		Television		USA professor elected International Chair of the Circumpolar Council Chickadee: The Bird	Diana Campbell	KTVU TV (Anchorage)		Television	Searching for a cause for the sea bird die-off	Tacy Stricker, Eric Soule				
Best Profile	Print-Small	Christina Myer	Extreme Alaska		Print-Small	History professor reflects on life and struggle	Laura Lundell	The Northern Light	Robin O'Donoghue		Print-Small		USA professor elected International Chair of the Circumpolar Council Chickadee: The Bird	Robin O'Donoghue	Wangelj Sentinel		Print-Small	Amelia Whiteaker, coach of the Lady Hawks to retire	Caleb Varkent				
Best Audio Program or Podcast	Radio	Amy Robinson	Alaska Public Media		Radio	I enjoyed listening to these entries. They had great production, including writing and conversational delivery. All of the entries are there to attract and keep listeners.	Rachel Washoff, Anne Field, Jennifer Penberton, Elizabeth Harbeck, Lu Ruskin	KBBE Radio, Homer		Radio			Great delivery and good information on the subject. The audio quality is excellent. Shortening the introductory music would make stronger pieces.	Jeff Louchevood	KXDM		Radio	Story 48: Sharing Your Voice, Your Story, Your Alaska	Good use of ambient sound, clear, clean, and interesting. The audio quality is excellent. Shortening the introductory music would make stronger pieces.	Joe Vachonick	Thank you for allowing me to judge again. I did not have the opportunity to judge. I placed them based not on the matter if the entry focused on climate change. However, as a lot of all, everything, as a couple weeks. Rather than for audio quality. (Discussion each and production values, such as use of ambient sound, when relevant.)	Joe Vachonick	