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Better Newspaper Contest
Freedom of Information Award
Judge: The Valdosta Times wins – again – for its relentless pursuit of public records and its regular use of the laws to pry documents from recalcitrant public officials. It’s incredible how much time and effort that the paper puts into this effort, but it also should serve witness to the power of FOI.

The Dahlonega Nugget should receive praise for its work as well. They used FOI deftly to reveal a story that the city clearly was trying to keep under wraps.
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Emerging Journalist Awards
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Daily Division

Nick Wooten
Ledger-Enquirer, Columbus
Emerging Journalist Award
Weekly Division

Jill Holloway
The Post-Searchlight,
Bainbridge
2021 Photo of the Year

Riley Bunch,
The Valdosta Daily Times

JUDGES COMMENT:
This photo encapsulates 2020. It was a difficult category to judge since so many of the photos showed slices of day-to-day life in the strangest and most difficult year many of us have experienced. But this photo sums up so much in one powerful image.
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Second Place,
Division B

Riley Bunch
The Valdosta Daily Times
Second Place, Division C

Ron Daniel
Douglas County Sentinel, Douglasville
HAPPY HOMECOMING

COVID-19 survivor back in Hartwell after battle

By Michael Hall
Publisher/Editor

Third Place, Division D

Michael Hall
The Hartwell Sun
Second Place, Division E

Larry Sanford
Jackson Progress Argus
Making a Splash

Third Place, Division F

Phil Mosier
Springs Publishing
Second Place,
Division E

Gary Jones
The Elberton Star
Third Place, Division E

Sarah Gove
The Blackshear Times
Third Place,
Division D

Carrie Dawn Roy
The Dahlonega Nugget

CLIMB TIME

Feature Photo

Photo courtesy of Carrie Dawn Roy
Second Place, Division C

Stephen Milligan
The Walton Tribune
Monroe
Second Place,
Division B

Joshua L. Jones
Athens Banner-Herald

Feature Photo
Feature Photo

Third Place,
Division A

Bobby
Haven
The Brunswick
News
Sports Photo

Third Place,
Division A

Will Hammock
Gwinnett Daily Post,
Lawrenceville
Third Place, Division B

Joshua Jones
Athens Banner-Herald

Sports Photo
Sports Photo

Second Place,
Division C

Davontay Wilson
The Press-Sentinel, Jesup
Second Place, Division D

Josiah Connelly
Morgan County Citizen, Monroe
Third Place, Division E

Larry Stanford
Jackson Progress
Argus
Second Place
Division E

Jay Phillips
The Champion, Decatur

Spot News Photo
Spot News Photo

WILD WEATHER
wreaks havoc in Hart County

Grayson Williams
The Hartwell Sun

Second Place, Division D
Spot News Photo

Third Place,
Division C

Ron Daniel
Pickens County
Progress, Jasper
Spot News Photo

Second Place, Division B

Riley Bunch
The Valdosta Daily Times
Spot News Photo

Second Place, Division A

Thomas Hartwell
Marietta Daily Journal
Second Place, Division A

Derrick Davis
The Brunswick News
Second Place, Division B

Joshua Jones
Athens Banner-Herald
Sports Feature Photo

Third Place, Division C

Brett Fowler
Times-Georgian, Carrollton
Sports Feature Photo

Third Place, Division D

Caleb Collins
The News Observer, Blue Ridge
Sports Feature Photo

Third Place, Division E

Scott Herpst
Walker County Messenger, Lafayette
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