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## ILLINOIS PRESS ASSOCIATION HONORS TOP NEWSPAPERS

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois’ top newspapers were honored today at the Illinois Press Association’s annual convention in Springfield. More than 100 daily and non-daily newspapers competed in 37 editorial categories.

The Wisconsin Newspaper Association judged the more than 3,000 editorial entries.

The Chicago Sun-Times won the Stuart R. Paddock Memorial Sweepstakes Trophy for large dailies. First place awards for “Evi & Walter: A love story in any key” in the News Reporting - Series and Best Web Project categories contributed to the newspaper’s victory.

The Sweepstakes Trophies are awarded to newspapers earning the most points in six different circulation divisions. Points are awarded for first place through honorable mention in most contest categories including general excellence, photography, newswriting, opinion writing, design, community service and editorial page.

Runner-up for the Paddock Trophy was the Journal Star, Peoria. In third place was the Chicago Tribune Media Group.

In the medium-sized daily newspaper category, The News-Gazette in Champaign took top honors. They were awarded the Mabel S. Shaw Memorial Sweepstakes Trophy. Northwest Herald, Crystal Lake claimed second place, and the Sauk Valley Media, Sterling won third.

In the small daily newspaper category, the Daily Chronicle in DeKalb claimed top honors. The newspaper was awarded the Patrick Coburn Award of Excellence. Coming in second for the Coburn Award was The Register-Mail, Galesburg, followed by the Journal Gazette & Times-Courier, Mattoon.

In the large, non-daily newspaper category, Downers Grove Suburban Life claimed the Will Loomis Memorial Trophy. Austin Weekly News in Chicago received second place. The Illinois Times in Springfield received third place.

The Harold and Eva White Memorial Trophy is awarded to a medium-sized non-daily newspaper. Winner this year was The Galena Gazette. Second place went to the Bureau County Republican, Princeton. And in third place was the Republic-Times, Waterloo.

The Le Roy Farmer City Press claimed ownership of the David B. Kramer Memorial Trophy, which is awarded to the best small, non-daily newspaper in Illinois. Forest Park Review received second place. And the third place award was won by the Ford County Record.

The Illinois Press Association, located in Springfield, represents approximately 450 daily and weekly newspapers.

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