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## Fond du Lac High newspaper adviser wins NEWSPA Friend of Scholastic Journalism Award

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The adviser of Fond du Lac High School's newsmagazine, *The Cardinal Columns*, was presented with the Skip Zacher Friend of Scholastic Journalism Award at the 2017 Northeastern Wisconsin Scholastic Press Association Conference.

Matt Smith, who serves on the NEWSPA Board of Directors and regularly is a speaker at the spring conference, received NEWSPA's top award honoring his contributions to scholastic journalism at the April 26 conference at UW Oshkosh. A newspaper adviser and teacher at Fond du Lac High School, Smith was honored for his fight for a free student press with the National New Voices campaign. Trent Scott, the 2016 award winner who previously served as NEWSPA president, presented this year's award to Smith.

Given annually since 2000, the award is named after Zacher, a former UW-Oshkosh journalism professor and executive secretary of NEWSPA from 1983-99.

Smith graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a degree in journalism and earned a master's degree in education from the University of Maryland-College Park.

He spent several years working as a writer and designer, including two years as a reporter for a weekly newspaper in Washington, D.C. He then became an educator and taught high school English in Maryland for five years. In 2010, he moved to Wisconsin and started teaching English and journalism at Fond du Lac High School.

Smith said it is important for Wisconsin to pass the New Voices Legislation, which enshrines that students will make decisions within their publications. "[It's] not just for students who deserve to exercise their First Amendment right, but also for school districts, for administrators and for teachers who now, without a state law, have no firm guidelines."

Smith said he is hopeful the legislation will pass in Wisconsin. "A lot of pieces are in place; we just need to get the traction to move forward," he said. "I am very optimistic for our state and I hope that you continue to support it," he told the other newspaper and yearbook advisers at the NEWSPA annual luncheon and membership meeting.

Smith said he was honored to receive the award and mentioned how NEWSPA members are the people who have his back.



Photo by: Brianna Coleburne

Trent Scott (left), presents Matt Smith with the Skip Zacher Friend of Scholastic Journalism Award at the 2017 NEWSPA Conference.

The NEWSPA conference is held each spring and brings more than 400 high school journalists and their advisers to the UW-Oshkosh campus to learn from more than 40 professionals.

This year, students representing 25 high schools attended the conference, and about 500 first-, second-, third- and fourth-place honors were awarded to high school journalists in NEWSPA's newspaper and yearbook contests at the closing award ceremonies.

**The 2018 conference will be held on April 18.** For more information, go to <http://journalism.uwosh.edu/northeastern-wisconsin-scholastic-press-association-newspa/>.

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# Newspaper Competition Winners

# 2017 Newspaper Winners

## WRITING DIVISON

**News Story; General-** *Large School Judge: Isral De-Bruin, Communications Director, EdTogether. Medium & Small School Judge: Stephanie Daniel Merkel, Freelance.*

**Large** 1st: Justin Schrzer, West Bend High Schools  
2nd: Hannah Bensen, West Bend High Schools  
3rd: Olivia Pusch, Hartford Union High School  
4th: Anusha Naik, Wausau West High School  
HM: Marley Kreger, Hartford Union High School  
HM: Hannah Bensen, West Bend High Schools

**Medium** 1st: Julia Marschall, Plymouth High School  
2nd: Nathan Wegner, Cedarburg High School  
3rd: Grace McMillen, Cedarburg High School

**Small** 1st: James Hinton, Berlin High School  
2nd: Jillian Jorns, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Maleny Capetillo, Chilton High School

**News Story; Academic/ Class Related or Extra-curricular -** *Large School Judge: Amber Paluch, Green Bay Community Foundation. Medium & Small School Judge: Julie Larson, Press Gazette Media.*

**Large** 1st: Lilian Velez & Mattie Zaunter, West Bend High Schools  
2nd: Alissa Arneson, Oshkosh West High Schools  
3rd: Justin Scherzer, West Bend High Schools  
4th: Cel Krause, Neenah High School  
HM: Joshua Dvorak, Wausau West High Schools  
HM: Alina Prah, West Bend High Schools

**Medium** 1st: Alea Kahn, Cedarburg High School  
2nd: Tehya Wachuta, Plymouth High School  
3rd: Emilie Smith, Green Bay West High School

**Small** 1st: Sophie Brandt, Chilton High School  
2nd: Jemma Benton & Madeline Estes, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Ryan Mueller, Sheyboygan Falls High School  
4th: Mercedes Zabel, Berlin High School  
HM: Rachel Padour, Chilton High School  
HM: Shianne Berger, Chilton High School

**News Story; Sports -** *Large School Judge: Dan Kohn, Appleton Post Crescent. Medium & Small School Judge: Erik Buchinger, Multi Media Channels*

**Large** 1st: Anthony Schlass, West Bend High Schools  
2nd: Macey Kniess, Wausau West High School  
3rd: Victoria Chanez, Oshkosh West High School

**Medium** 1st: Sarah Snyder, Green Bay West High School  
2nd: Cori Ezelmueller, Cedarburg High School  
3rd: Chloe Weil, Cedarburg High School  
4th: Erika Ditzman, Green Bay West High School

**Small** 1st: Maggie Hartman, Sevastopol High School  
2nd: Alex McClelland, Berlin High School  
3rd: Caley Huggins, Berlin High School  
4th: Alex McClelland, Berlin High School  
HM: Mercedes Zabel, Berlin High School  
HM: Blake Sargent, Sevastopol High School

**Feature Story; Entertaining -** *Large School Judge: Julie Henderson, Professor Emeritus, UW Oshkosh. Medium & Small School Judge: Lori Grzybowski*

**Large** 1st: Ike Miller, Neenah High School  
2nd: Allison Trampe, West Bend High Schools  
3rd: Katie Kahn, Hartford Union High School  
4th: Breah Ostertag, Oshkosh West High School  
HM: Annie Stubing, Neenah High School  
HM: Carly Chandler, Oshkosh West High School

**Medium** 1st: Daniella Peters, Cedarburg High School  
2nd: No Winner  
3rd: Will Zajkowski, Cedarburg High School

**Small** 1st: Lily Birmingham, Sevastopol High School  
2nd: No Winner  
3rd: Mercedes Zabel, Berlin High School  
4th: Emily Schmidt, Berlin High School  
HM: Will Albertson, Sevastopol High School

# 2017 Newspaper Winners

**Feature Story; Personality Profile** - *Large School Judge: Judy Kneiszel, Freelance, The Word House, LLC. Medium & Small School Judge: Amelia Compton-Wolff, Press-Gazette Media.*

**Large** 1st: Kaitlyn Von Behren, West Bend High Schools  
2nd: Maggie Kieser, West Bend High Schools  
3rd: Lea Kopke, Bay Port High School  
4th: Breah Ostertag, Oshkosh West High School  
HM: Basil Eastman-Kiesow & John Zwick, Neenah High School  
HM: Danielle Del Conte & Grace Schinker, Wausau West High School

**Medium** 1st: Jayda Martell, Plymouth High School  
2nd: Allison Smith, Cedarburg High School  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: Caley Huggins, Berlin High School  
2nd: James Hinton, Berlin High School  
3rd: Blake Sargent, Sevastopol High School  
4th: Emily Schmidt, Berlin High School

**Feature Story; News Based** - *Large School Judge: Jim Collar, Appleton Post Crescent. Medium & Small School Judge: Jim Kneiszel, Freelance, The Word House, LLC.*

**Large** 1st: Alina Prael, West Bend High Schools  
2nd: Alyssa Keller, Fond du Lac High School  
3rd: Annabelle Wojahn, Oshkosh West High School  
HM: Brianna Burgess, Camrya Oestreich, Casey McKrough & Robert Brown, Fond du Lac High School  
HM: Hannah Bensen, West Bend High Schools

**Medium** 1st: Jacob Kulis, Green Bay West High School  
2nd: Natalie Britt, Plymouth High School  
3rd: Grace McMillen, Cedarburg High School  
4th: Arianna VanDam, Green Bay West High School  
HM: Julia Marschall, Plymouth High School

**Small** 1st: Rachel Padour, Chilton High School  
2nd: Caylie Krebs, Berlin High School  
3rd: Isaiah Spetz, Sevastopol High School

**Feature Story; Sports** - *Large, Medium & Small School Judge: Brandon Berg, Chippewa Falls Herald.*

**Large** 1st: Auburn Larson, West Bend High Schools  
2nd: Ellie Callahan, Neenah High School  
3rd: Ally Price, Appleton North High School  
HM: Megan Hass & Megan Kluck, Wausau West High School  
HM: Anthony Schlass, West Bend High Schools

**Medium** 1st: Emma Hellmer, Plymouth High School  
2nd: Grace McMillen, Cedarburg High School  
3rd: Alex Gravatt, Plymouth High School  
HM: Sarah Snyder & Hannah Bopray, Green Bay West High School

**Small** 1st: Angie Evans, Berlin High School  
2nd: Bria Osterberg, Berlin High School  
3rd: Emily Schmidt, Berlin High School  
4th: Brittney Meyer, Berlin High School

**Editorial** - *Large School Judge: Mandy Potts, UW Oshkosh. Small & Medium School Judge: Gary Coll, UW Oshkosh-Retired*

**Large** 1st: Kiran Loewenstein, Oshkosh North High School  
2nd: Alyssa Birkeland, West Bend High Schools  
3rd: Kate Bennett, Appleton North High School

**Medium** 1st: Erika Ditzman & Emilie Smith, Green Bay West High School  
2nd: Natalie Britt, Plymouth High School  
3rd: Natalie Britt & Tehya Wachuta, Plymouth High School

**Small** 1st: James Hinton, Berlin High School  
2nd: Isaiah Spetz, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Caylie Krebs, Berlin High School

# 2017 Newspaper Winners

**In-Depth Reporting I - Large, Medium & Small School**  
*Judge: Angie Landsverk, Freelance.*

**Large** 1st: Madison Supple, Fond du Lac High School  
2nd: Nora Ptacek, Appleton North High School  
3rd: Zach Renderan, Noah Burdett & Carley Higgins, Fond du Lac High School

**Medium** 1st: Natalie Britt & Tehya Wachuta, Plymouth High School  
2nd: Brenna Fischer, Bridget Hagen & Grace McMillen, Cedarburg High School  
3rd: Natalie Britt & Tehya Wachuta, Plymouth High School

**Small** 1st: Maleny Capetillo, Chilton High School  
2nd: Isaiah Spetz, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Blake Sargent, Sevastopol High School

**In-Depth Reporting II - Large, Medium & Small School**  
*Judge: Jim Nelson, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.*

**Large** 1st: Salma Abdel-Azim, Henry Ptacek, Ahmad Abdel-Azim, Yasmeen Ashour & Sonia Tallroth, Appleton North High School  
2nd: Katie Landolt & Aliza Hitz, Oshkosh West High School  
3rd: Salma Abdel-Azim, Henry Ptacek, Olivia Molter, Nora Ptacek, Ahmad Abdel-Azim, Maddy Schilling, Sarah Fleming, Sonia Tallroth & Kate Benett, Appleton North High School

**Medium** 1st: Elizabeth King, Erika Ditzman, Emilie Smith, Josie McGlone & Jacob Kulis, Green Bay West High School  
2nd: Arianna VanDam, Elizabeth King & Erika Ditzman, Green Bay West High School  
3rd: Bridget Hagen & Giovanna Truong, Cedarburg High School

**Small** 1st: Caley Huggins, Berlin High School  
2nd: Isaiah Spetz & Ashley Ellefson, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Caley Huggins, Allison Marks, Angie Evans, James Hinton & Caylie Krebs, Berlin High School

**Column; Sports - Large, Medium & Small School**  
*Judge: Eric Blakman, Fantasy Football Players Championship*

**Large** 1st: Hope DeShaney, Neenah High School  
2nd: Olivia Pusch, Hartford Union High School  
3rd: Frank Slavinsky, Neenah High School  
4th: Ian McDonald, Oshkosh West High School  
HM: Maddie Clark, Appleton North High School

**Medium** 1st: Jake Levy, Cedarburg High School  
2nd: Alec Collins, Cedarburg High School  
3rd: Erika Ditzman, Green Bay West High School  
4th: Tyler Offield & Brandon Dudley, Green Bay West High School

**Small** 1st: Maxwell McHugh, Sevastopol High School  
2nd: Connor Pierce, Sheboygan Falls High School  
3rd: Connor Pierce, Sheboygan Falls High School  
4th: Connor Pierce, Sheboygan Falls High School  
HM: Connor Pierce, Sheboygan Falls High School  
HM: Connor Pierce, Sheboygan Falls High School

**Reviews - Large, Medium & Small School**  
*Judge: Shane Nyman, Appleton Post Crescent.*

**Large** 1st: Claire Miller & Olivia Helf, Oshkosh West High School  
2nd: Jess Trembly, Oshkosh West High School  
3rd: Kynda Alzoubi, Oshkosh West High School

**Medium** 1st: Devin Sikora, Plymouth High School  
2nd: Barb Rasmussen, Cedarburg High School  
3rd: Bobby O'Neil, Cedarburg High School

**Small** 1st: Amber DeFere, Sheboygan Falls High School  
2nd: Amber DeFere, Sheboygan Falls High School  
3rd: Ellie Roe & Jackie Jin, Sheboygan Falls High School

# 2017 Newspaper Winners

**Column; Humorous-** *Large, Medium & Small School*  
*Judge: Patti Zarling, Press Gazette Media.*

**Large** 1st: Charley Hrobsky, Neenah High School  
2nd: Annessa Ihde, Appleton North High School  
3rd: Kaitlyn Kerrigan, Hartford Union High School  
4th: Robert Pulford, West Bend High Schools

**Medium** 1st: Izzy Gemignani, Cedarburg High School  
2nd: Drew Kuborn, Cedarburg High School  
3rd: Lexine Smits, Green Bay West High School

**Small** 1st: Maleny Capetillo, Chilton High School  
2nd: Carmen Valor Bravo, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Will Albertson, Sevastopol High School  
4th: Will Albertson, Sevastopol High School

**Column; Serious -** *Large, Medium & Small School*  
*Judge: Mary Buckley, Community Newspapers.*

**Large** 1st: Brock Doemel, Oshkosh North High School  
2nd: Isabel Krueger, West Bend High Schools  
3rd: Kara Conley, West Bend High Schools  
4th: Robert Pulford, West Bend High Schools

**Medium** 1st: Evan Schmidt, Plymouth High School  
2nd: Tehya Wachuta, Plymouth High School  
3rd: Nolan Stumpf, Cedarburg High School  
4th: Jared Antonneau, Cedarburg High School

**Small** 1st: Shianne Berger & Isabell Kopf, Chilton High School  
2nd: Madeline Estes & Gale Chier, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Maleny Capetillo, Chilton High School

## DESIGN DIVISON

**Advertisement-** *Large, Medium & Small School*  
*Judge: Sara Steffes Hansen, UW-Oshkosh.*

**Large** 1st: Jack Buechel, Oshkosh West High School  
2nd: Andrew Merfeld, Neenah High School  
3rd: No Entry

**Medium** 1st: Sarah Morris, Plymouth High School  
2nd: Jacob Kulis, Green Bay West High School  
3rd: Jacob Kulis, Green Bay West High School

**Small** 1st: Mercedes Zabel, Berlin High School  
2nd: James Hinton, Berlin High School  
3rd: Alex McClelland, Berlin High School  
4th: James Hinton, Berlin High School

**Editorial Cartoons -** *Large, Medium & Small School*  
*Judge: Phil Hands, Wisconsin State Journal.*

**Large** 1st: Kaela Greenfield, Hartford Union High School  
2nd: Alicia Orlando, Neenah High School  
3rd: Lia Jaworski, Oshkosh North High School  
4th: Maggie Rowe, Oshkosh West High School

**Medium** 1st: No Winner  
2nd: Erika Ditzman, Green Bay West High School  
3rd: Henry Patefield, Green Bay West High School

**Small** 1st: Molly Banks, Sevastopol High School  
2nd: Olivia Bonlander, Chilton High School  
3rd: Caylie Krebs, Berlin High School  
HM: Alex McClelland, Berlin High School

# 2017 Newspaper Winners

**Comic Strips** - *Large, Medium & Small School Judge: Phil Hands, Wisconsin State Journal.*

**Large** 1st: Alicia Orlando , Neenah High School  
2nd: Zoe Zoesch-Weigel, Neenah High School  
3rd: No Entry

**Medium** 1st: Savanna Lee, Green Bay West High School  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Illustrations** - *Large, Medium & Small School Judge: Kevin Rau, rauhaus Design and UW-Oshkosh.*

**Large** 1st: Malorie Ottosen, Wausau West High School  
2nd: Madison Supple, Fond du Lac High School  
3rd: Alexandra Seager, Wausau West High School

**Medium** 1st: No Winner  
2nd: Erika Ditzman, Green Bay West High School  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Logo Design**- *Large, Medium & Small School Judge: Brandon Jacobs, EAA*

**Large** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Medium** 1st: Erika Ditzman, Green Bay West High School  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: Isaiah Spetz, Jillian Jorns & Katie Hartman, Sevastopol High School  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Feature or News Page Design** - *Large, Medium & Small School Judge: Brandon Jacobs, EAA*

**Large** 1st: Malorie Ottosen, Wausau West High School  
1st: Natalie Ollhoff & Alexander Soukup, Wausau West High School  
2nd: No Winner  
3rd: Noah Burdett & Zach Renderman, Fond du Lac High School  
4th: Salma Abdel-Azim, Henry Ptacek, Ahmad Abdel-Azim, Olivia Molter, Adithi Reddy, Andrea Calzada & Nicole Bezella, Appleton North High School  
HM: Austin Scott & Jensyn Ronca, Fond du Lac High School  
HM: Kaitlyn Kerrigan, Hartford Union High School

**Medium** 1st: Tehya Wachuta, Plymouth High School  
2nd: Julia Marschall, Plymouth High School  
3rd: Erika Ditzman, Green Bay West High School  
4th: Erika Ditzman, Green Bay West High School

**Small** 1st: Emily Schmidt, Berlin High School  
2nd: Brittney Meyer, Berlin High School  
3rd: Isaiah Spetz & Molly Banks, Sevastopol High School  
4th: Emily Schmidt, Berlin High School  
HM: Isaiah Spetz & Molly Banks, Sevastopol High School

## PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

**News Photo**- *Large, Medium & Small School Judge: Timothy R. Gleason, UW Oshkosh.*

**Large** 1st: Kiara Vanden Langenberg, Neenah High School  
2nd: Sophie Salzer, Oshkosh West High School  
3rd: Olivia Pusch, Hartford Union High School

**Medium** 1st: Jordan Lomibao, Plymouth High School  
2nd: Tehya Wachuta, Plymouth High School  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

# 2017 Newspaper Winners

**Sports Photo - Large, Medium & Small School Judge:**  
*Timothy R. Gleason, UW Oshkosh.*

**Large** 1st: Kaomi Yang, Wausau West High School  
2nd: Kaomi Yang, Wausau West High School  
3rd: Frank Slavinsky, Neenah High School

**Medium** 1st: Tyler Luedtke, Plymouth High School  
2nd: Tyler Luedtke, Plymouth High School  
3rd: Tyler Luedtke, Plymouth High School

**Small** 1st: Emily Schmidt, Berlin High School  
2nd: Brittney Meyer, Berlin High School  
3rd: Brittney Meyer, Berlin High School

**Feature Photo - Large, Medium & Small School Judge:**  
*Timothy R. Gleason, UW Oshkosh.*

**Large** 1st: Paige Haehlke, Wausau West High School  
2nd: Olivia Molter, Appleton North High School  
3rd: Julia Reigh, Oshkosh West High School

**Medium** 1st: Jordan Lomibao, Plymouth High School  
2nd: Jordan Lomibao, Plymouth High School  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: Emily Schmidt, Berlin High School  
2nd: Emily Schmidt, Berlin High School  
3rd: No Entry

**Essay and Series Photo(s) - Large, Medium & Small School Judge:** *Timothy R. Gleason, UW Oshkosh.*

**Large** 1st: Alissa Arneson, Oshkosh West High School  
2nd: Ksenya Seager, Neenah High School  
3rd: Paige Haehlke, Wausau West High School

**Medium** 1st: Tyler Luedtke, Plymouth High School  
1st: Tyler Luedtke, Plymouth High School  
2nd: No Winner  
3rd: Lauren Dombrowski, Green Bay West High School  
4th: Ylana Vang, Green Bay West High School

**Small** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Open Photo - Large, Medium & Small School Judge:**  
*Timothy R. Gleason, UW Oshkosh.*

**Large** 1st: Austin Scott, Fond du Lac High School  
2nd: Ksenya Seager, Neenah High School  
3rd: Kaitlyn Kerrigan, Hartford Union High School

**Medium** 1st: Tyler Luedtke, Plymouth High School  
2nd: Tyler Luedtke, Plymouth High School  
3rd: No Winner

**Small** 1st: Emily Schmidt, Berlin High School  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

## STUDENT- DEVELOPED WEB SITE DIVISION

**Writing- Large, Medium & Small School Judge:**  
*Amanda Betts, Stellar Blue Technologies.*

**Large** 1st: Amara Neitzke, Appleton North High School  
2nd: John Haas, Fond du Lac High School  
3rd: BaJie Vang, Neenah High School  
HM: Amara Neitzke, Appleton North High School  
HM: Charley Hrobsky, Neenah High School

**Medium** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Photographs/ Graphics - Large, Medium & Small School Judge:** *Amanda Betts, Stellar Blue Technologies.*

**Large** 1st: No Winner  
2nd: Ava Dieck, Neenah High School  
3rd: Ellie Callahan, Neenah High School

**Medium** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

# 2017 Newspaper Winners

**Site Design - Large, Medium & Small School Judge:**  
*Amanda Betts, Stellar Blue Technologies.*

**Large** 1st: Satellite Staff, Neenah High School  
2nd: Sarah Fleming, Appleton North High School  
3rd: Jared Erdman, Maggie Rowe, Caelyn Jischke & Katie Schneider, Oshkosh West High School

**Medium** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Video-** *Large, Medium & Small School Judge: Brad Weber, Oshkosh North High School.*

**Large** 1st: Marissa Hart, Neenah High School  
2nd: Marissa Hart, Neenah High School  
3rd: Marissa Hart, Neenah High School

**Medium** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

## WEBSITE DIVISION

**Publications (Not Published through Journalism Class)- Large, Medium & Small School Judge:** *Deb Rothenberger, Brandon Valley High School, Brandon, SD.*

**Large** 1st: West Bend Current Staff, West Bend High Schools  
1st: Satellitree Staff, Neenah High School  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

## PUBLICATION DIVISION

**Publication (Published through Journalism Class)- Large, Medium & Small School Judge:** *Deb Rothenberger, Brandon Valley High School, Brandon, SD.*

**Large** 1st: Hartford Chornicle Staff, Harford Union High School  
1st: Warrior's Word Staff, Wausau West High School  
2nd: Portside Staff, Bay Port High School  
2nd: The Cardinal Columns Staff, Fond du Lac High School  
3rd: No Entry

**Medium** 1st: Hi-Lights Staff, Plymouth High School  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: The Red 'n' Green Staff, Berlin High School  
2nd: Pioneer Chips Staff, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: No Entry

**Publication (NOT Published through Journalism Class)- Large, Medium & Small School Judge:** *Deb Rothenberger, Brandon Valley High School, Brandon, SD.*

**Large** 1st: Noctilua Staff, Appleton North High School  
2nd: The North Star Staff, Oshkosh North High School  
2nd: Index Staff, Oshkosh West High School  
3rd: No Entry

**Medium** 1st: No Winner  
2nd: Common Sense Staff, Cedarburg High School  
2nd: Purple Parrot Staff, Green Bay West High School  
3rd: Skyrocket Staff, Wausau East High School

# IN THE PULITZER TRADITION COMPETITION

Large, Medium & Small School Judge: Raquel Routledge, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

1st: Natalie Britt & Tehya Wachuta, *World War II veteran, former prisoner of war Edgar Kuhlow shares story with community*, Plymouth High School

2nd: Grace McMillan, *Graduate raises awareness for world poverty through documentary, and Anderson's Relearn Foundation continues to provide supplies to children in need*, Cedarburg High School

3rd: Rachel Terry, *Cancer: A Mother's Will to Survive*, Neenah High School

## 1st Place Pulitzer Competition Winner

Natalie Britt & Tehya Wachuta  
Plymouth High School  
Medium School

### World War II veteran, former prisoner of war Edgar Kuhlow shares story with community

By Natalie Britt and Tehya Wachuta

While high school students may complain about having their cell phones taken away, their struggles are incomparable to the journey of Sheboygan Falls citizen Edgar Kuhlow, who was a prisoner of war (POW) in World War II.

"Our squad was sent out on reconnaissance patrol. We were supposed to locate the Germans; we were not supposed to engage them, but we were coming down the road in the open and I think the Germans located us before we located them, and they had us pinned down in the ditch, shooting at us from both sides. So, what can six men do? We surrendered."

The German soldiers lined the six men up on the road, and Kuhlow began to anticipate death.

"I thought for sure they were going to shoot us," he said. "But they didn't. The German soldiers treated us very well with what they had. We were taking a lot of prisoners also, so I think they figured tomorrow it could be them and the situation could be reversed."

Unfortunately for Kuhlow and his troop, the next day did not bring a reversal of roles. Instead, the six men were taken as POWs.

"I remember the first night, we slept in a barn with a pen of sheep. We piled in extra bedding, and we stayed on our side of the pen. [The sheep] stayed on their side of the pen. We got along [well]."

Once the German vehicles had room for Kuhlow and his men, they transported them to a bus full of POWs. Despite the uncomfortable situation, the soldiers were reassured on the bus.

"There is security in numbers," Kuhlow said. "If the six of us had been too much of a burden on them, they could have shot us."

The bus took the prisoners to Strasbourg, France, where they stayed in an old factory.

"We were really getting hungry," Kuhlow said. "One night, a few of the POWs broke into the kitchen and stole some food. I thought 'We're really gonna get it.' I didn't get any of the food they stole, and three days later, they were boarding us up in beat-up coaches, and they told us 'The food you stole at Strasbourg was supposed to be the food for the trip to Limburg.' We were on this train for two days and two nights. We didn't get a bite to eat."

Since the train was carrying POWs, it wasn't scheduled to travel as quickly as other trains, and the trip to Limburg took longer than it normally would. The POWs were periodically allowed to exit the train for exercise, and during one of these stops, the prisoners saw flatcars loaded with potatoes. While this may not seem like an exciting sight, it was one the starving prisoners were more than happy to discover.

"The guards turned their backs so we could steal some potatoes," said Kuhlow, "and we wiped the dirt off as best we could and we ate raw potatoes. [They were] better than nothing."

Once they arrived in Limburg in November, the prisoners were given a circus tent to sleep in.

"There were about six inches of straw on the floor, and that's where we slept; we were packed in like sardines. After it got too cold in the tent, we were moved into smaller brick buildings. Here, we slept on the brick floor, with three men and one blanket to cover up with. On the brick floor, you had to turn quite often. We all three had to turn at the same time or somebody was out from under the blanket."

On these cold nights, the prisoners couldn't get much sleep, so they talked with one another. They didn't discuss their current situation as prisoners, or even speak fondly of home; instead, they talked about food.

"When you're hungry, all you can think about is food," Kuhlow said. "Everybody had a more exotic recipe than the next guy. 'If I get home, I'm gonna have two refrigerators, and they're always gonna be full.'"

The prisoners had good reason to fantasize about food - in Limburg, they were given a cup of Ersatz coffee, which is made of acorns, for breakfast, a bowl of soup, which was mostly water, for lunch, and a slice of bread for dinner.

After Limburg, Kuhlow and his men were sent to a camp Poland, but by the time they arrived after four days and four nights, many soldiers had frozen feet due to cut-off circulation. There was a small joy, however, in the Red Cross parcels which were given to them - a joy that quickly became restricted as they realized their beds were full of fleas.

"The minute you laid down, the fleas started crawling up your legs and they'd bite you," Kuhlow said. "We weren't getting anything to eat and then the fleas would suck our blood away. Altogether, by the time I was liberated, I'd lost about 50 pounds. I was only 140 pounds to begin with."

Although he thinks he picked up the virus in Southern Italy, Kuhlow began to show signs of malaria on a Polish farm. One of the German guards took him to the doctor, but he wasn't given any treatment. Then, his group needed to be relocated because the Russians were drawing closer. They travelled for three weeks.

"At first I was walking, and then I couldn't walk anymore, so I was riding the wagons," said Kuhlow. "One time, these two Germans were talking about me on the wagon. I grew up in a German family and I could understand German. They didn't



Kuhlow earned a bronze star medal and a purple heart medal for his service. The bronze star is awarded to members of the armed forces for heroic or meritorious achievement in combat. The purple heart is awarded to members of the armed forces who were injured or killed by enemy forces during combat.

know that I knew their language. One guy said to the other guy, 'He's gonna stay laying here in Germany.' Well, I fooled them," Kuhlow said proudly. "I made it."

On April 13, 1945, the highest ranking German official came to Kuhlow's barrack and informed the American prisoners that President Roosevelt had died.

"He had a great big grin on his face. He must have thought they won," Kuhlow said.

Soon after that, the German troops relocated again to avoid the Russians. They had only been in their new camp for one night before the POWs woke up to a surprise.

"We got there on the first of May. The next morning, all the Germans were gone," Kuhlow said. "They pulled out during the night to surrender to the Americans. They didn't want to be captured by the Russians. The towers were empty and all the gates were open. The Russians got there on the third of May and then we were under control of the Russians. The shooting stopped on the seventh of May. President Truman announced the end of the war on the eighth of May."

On May 12, Kuhlow and his troop were flown out. Kuhlow still had malaria, so he was flown to a hospital in France. First, the POW were served bakery items.

"They brought out trays of bakery and whatever else they had in the kitchen to feed us. It wasn't so much the bakery that raised our spirits, but somebody cared."

At the hospital, the POWs could finally shower and eat again.

"They gave us all the soap we wanted, and [we could] stay in the shower as long as we wanted," Kuhlow said. "After the shower, we got a haircut, we shaved, and Red Cross gave us all the personal items we would need. I even had a pillow - something I hadn't seen since I left the states."

Once Kuhlow had healed, he returned home. He took a bus from Milwaukee to Sheboygan on July 5.

"I had not been home for over two years and I had not had a single word from home for the last ten months," Kuhlow said. "Ma answered the telephone. I couldn't get through to her, she kept saying [I wanted someone else] 'No,' I said, 'I want you. I'm your son.' Now Ma was all shook up. She called Pa to the telephone. I told Pa my bus was leaving at 10:00, and could he pick me up in Sheboygan? Of course he could. Pa let me drive the car home from Sheboygan. I don't know how long we sat at the kitchen table; Ma kept bringing out more food."

The next day, Kuhlow went to see his fiancée.

"I went up the steps. My fiancée's called to Ruth, 'You'd better sit lake in Sheboygan. That's where we got married on the twenty-

Kuhlow learned many things resilience, bravery, adaptation, and the importance of getting one thing he notices in America absence of empathy.

"People are so smart. little phones and do anything," Kuhlow can't learn to get along

sister knew who was coming up and down.' Then we drove to the we set our wedding date. eighth of July."

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They make these gadgets that can said, "but they with each other."



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## Patriotism in Plymouth

### Military life impacts, spans multiple generations

Centerspread by Natalie Britt and Tehya Wachuta

In the twenty-first century, it seems the possibilities are endless. Technology has evolved from horse-drawn carriages to self-driven cars. But with these possibilities have also come the need for instant gratification and the feeling of boredom where simple bliss once dwelled. Although this generation of high school students may complain about a lack of freedom or the pressure of trying to be an adult and adolescent at the same time, the struggles of members of the armed forces are incomparable to the daily annoyances in the life of an average adolescent. This centerspread is intended to offer perspective on what it truly means to be stripped of freedom, and while we do not deny that high school students face challenges, we hope that the stories of both WWII POW Edgar Kuhlow and PHS students will serve to help our community understand the impact of the armed forces.

### Themes of Veterans' Day assembly permeate student life

By Tehya Wachuta

In most schools, students view assemblies as a time to get out of a class for a while and promptly forget the meaning behind the presentation the next period. The PHS Veterans' Day assembly, however, is one students have learned to connect to.

English and drama teacher Janet DeJean Newton involves her speech students in the assembly. Doing so has allowed students to form a deeper understanding of veterans' experiences, and in some cases, has helped build a bond between students and other family members.

"I had a student a couple years ago who reconnected with her grandfather because she hadn't talked to him since she was eight years old, but she knew that he was involved in Vietnam, so they had that moment to connect," Newton said.

One student involved in this year's Veterans' Day assembly is senior Destiny Henschel, who was part of the choral performance.

"I've had family members who served in the army," said Henschel, "so [being a part of the assembly] was cool because I was able to relate to it, and I had a specific connection."

Henschel's sister, Angel Henschel, is a military police officer who recently returned from Cuba.

"[Angel] worked at a prison, and she made sure that everybody stayed where they were supposed to stay," Destiny said. "She was there for a little less than a year."

During that year, the Henschel family was only able to visit Angel once over Thanksgiving break. Although the Henschel family currently supports Angel's decision to join the military, it was a difficult change.

"When we found out that she had to go to Cuba, we were all really upset because when she was in college, she was able to come back, but she was in Cuba, she wasn't able to leave until her time was up," said Destiny.

Angel initially became involved in the military to pay off her students loans at UW River Falls.

"She had so many student loans and so many dues to pay and the military pays for your schooling, so she decided to do it that way because she is tough and she can handle it," Destiny said.

Many students, like Angel, choose to enter the armed forces as a means of paying for up to 100 percent of their college tuition. Some students, like senior Jake Weisensel, choose to enter the armed forces as an alternative route to college.

"[I want to join the Navy because I want] the option to have a career that's

valid to people without having to go to college," Weisensel said. "I didn't have to necessarily do so well in school or take college courses. I just decided that I don't want to go through the college route; it's not for me right now."

Weisensel was originally interested in the Marine Corp but chose to join the Navy because it offered positions in the medical field. He will leave on July 13 for Naval Station Great Lakes, the US Navy's only boot camp, where he will train to become either an electronics technician or fire controlman.

"An electronics technician is in charge of all the computers and whatever gets broken on the ship," Weisensel said. "A fire technician is in charge of the computers that control the missiles on the ship."

Weisensel is interested in pursuing music in the future but knows that it will be difficult to keep practicing music while in training.

"I want to try to find a way to keep doing music while I'm in, but it'll be hard," he said. "It might have to take a back burner for now."

Weisensel is not the only student who has had to make sacrifices for his connection to the armed forces. Junior Joe Harvey aspired to join the Air Force, but because individuals with a gluten allergy are ineligible to join the armed forces, he is not able to become a part of the Air Force. Harvey is instead a member of Civil Air Patrol, an Air Force auxiliary program.

"I've got to do the military physical training, but I also get to learn a lot about aeronautics and science, and how different things work," Harvey said. "I get to learn search and rescue. I also get the military foundation since it is technically a military organization."

Although disappointed that he will not be able to join the Air Force, Harvey expects his experience with Civil Air Patrol to help him later in life.

"I know that since it's military-based, it'll definitely make me more disciplined and show me experiences that I wouldn't have ever thought of being able to do and open up a lot more doors, which will help me," he said.

Even with all the benefits, the military is an organization which requires all aspects of the individual. That's what makes recognition of personal sacrifice and dedication so important, a sentiment which resonates with Newton.

"It's been a pleasure to be a part of [the assembly]. I've learned a lot in the last several years. I'm always crazy busy during that time of year, and I remind myself, this is nothing compared to what these individuals have done for us," said Newton. "It's an honor to be able to be a part of the recognition."

## Comments:

This is great work. I especially appreciate how the reporters got out of the way and let Kuhlow tell his story. The story is full of good detail and suspense. I like how reporters get readers interested in mentioning their cell phones and how Kuhlow brings it back to the phones at the end of the story.

# 2nd Place Pulitzer Competition Winner

Grace McMillan  
Cedarburg High School  
Medium School

## Graduate raises awareness for world poverty through documentary

by Grace McMillan

Class of 2014 graduate Ryan Anderson spent his winter break living in a garbage dump city in Jamaica for the sake of education.

He was part of a four-man team that traveled to Riverton City, Kingston, Jamaica, to film an educational documentary called **The Ten Dollar Perspective** that the group hopes will “spark conversation about global poverty and different cultures around the world,” Anderson said.

It wasn't Anderson's first time in the city of Riverton. He's traveled there on service trips for several years with Pivotal Directions, a non-profit organization based in Mequon, with a goal to cultivate teen servant leadership skills through service experience, and that's where the idea for the documentary came about.

“Jeff Wenzler, the founder of Pivotal Directions and author of **The Pivotal Life**, and I have been going to Riverton for years now. We have always been inspired by the resilience, friendliness and overall spirit of the people who call the garbage dump home,” Anderson said.

“We wanted to be able to step in their shoes for a bit and document that experience, so the world could know about these amazing people. I think the idea came more out of necessity than inspiration.

We need to understand these people better if we are ever going to be able to come up with solutions as a global population.”

The goal of the documentary, Anderson said, is simple, but achieving it is the complicated part. The group attempted to simply “act as journalists and tell the story of these people through our interactions and relationships with them.”

“The film's sole goal is to increase the conversation surrounding global poverty and the \$10 wage that 80 percent of our global population lives on,” hence the title of the film. “I do not understand all the complexities of poverty nor do many people. I hope that this film gets people talking about potential solutions. Even, more so I hope that it gets people, young people especially, interested in pursuing a career that may help them address these massive issues—whether that is the medical field, a STEM field or becoming an entrepreneur who attempts to solve problems faced by these people.”

With a goal established, the next step was to find a film crew, which was hard due to the risky, on-the-fly nature of the project. Eventually, Keith Donovan, a seven-time Emmy Award winner, got involved through his daughter, who is a Pivotal Directions

student, and agreed to film and edit the film.

The documentary itself is set to be released this month. As a low-budget project with virtually no marketing budget, Anderson said, “I hope that young people around the country will take interest in our film and see its value. We just need as many people to share it on social media and talk about it in general as possible. We are also pursuing trying to get the film on Netflix, Hulu, HBO, PBS or some other network.”

Anderson is looking to enlist the help of CHS students to do this. “Watch and share our film with as many people as possible. This could be the greatest film ever made, but if no one sees it, it will have no effect,” he said. And further, “talk about the issues. Don't just watch the film and recognize the problems. Think through possible solutions and figure out a way you may be able to implement them.”

Anderson is certainly no stranger to this process. He founded the Relearn Foundation during his sophomore year of high school, and it continues to make a difference today.

“You know those blue school supply collection bins in your school at the end of every year? That's Relearn. I started Relearn in 2012, and since then we have



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Class of 2014 graduate Ryan Anderson (on the right) works alongside his fellow trip leader Jeff Wenzler and a man from Riverton City, Jamaica during a trip to the garbage dump city last winter.

raised over 10,000 pounds of school supplies in 26 schools throughout our region, and we have donated those supplies to schools and educational facilities in the United States, Jamaica, Guatemala, Haiti and Zambia.”

Anderson is also the Assistant Director of Pivotal Directions, as well as an international trip leader and the middle school camp director. He serves on their board of advisers and has been working as an employee for Pivotal for the past two years, he said.

As for his future, Anderson is pursuing the medical field. He said he's been interested in medicine since he was four years old, when his older brother was very sick. “I have always deeply admired the doctors who saved Ricky's life,” he explained. “I traveled to Riverton for the first time in 2012

and realized that this is an area of medicine that has a lot of need...I am now a Public Health major at University of South Carolina and am specifically interested in breaking cycles of poverty, medical disparities, global health and infectious disease.”

Right now, he's doing that through his work in this film. “I hope that we capture their story in a way that inspires the world the way that they have inspired me,” he said.

Anderson also wanted to share his favorite quote, shared by American cultural anthropologist Margaret Mead, which he feels is especially important for high schoolers: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has.”

## Comments:

Interesting Story about Anderson and his work in Jamaica. A little too much about logistics of the film rather, than about the details of living in a “garbage dump” city. I would imagine Anderson had some powerful, colorful stories about the city, thow would really bring the story to life.

# 3rd Place Pulitzer Competition Winner

Rachel Terry  
Neenah High School  
Large School

Just three years after the birth of her daughter, Joan Terry was diagnosed with Stage 1 Breast Cancer.

Because cancer knows no boundaries, this survivor's story showcases how a mother protects her small children during the battle for her life.

She firmly recalled sitting in the doctor's office awaiting her prognosis. The anticipation was awful, but nothing compared with the actual diagnosis. As the doctor rambled on about treatment options and timelines, she could only think of how she was going to tell her family.

With an immediate family of four and an extended family of 12 siblings, Terry knew she had all of the support in the world. The diagnosis shocked everyone due to no family history of breast cancer. Terry knew that she could not dwell on the situation. With a mother who had died of colon cancer at age 50, she did not question the diagnosis, instead she just looked at it as a bump in the road. Something she had to deal with and then move on to better things in the future.

The road to better things, however, was not always easy. "I took it one day at a time. I knew that this was not a death sentence and that I would get through it," Terry explains.

Though the thought of the unknown always lingered in her mind. She was scared about not knowing if the doctors caught the cancer early enough, or if she was going to have a successful recovery, or if everything was going to be okay. "I didn't want to die at 34. My kids were so young, and I had my whole life ahead of me!"

And those two things kept her fighting.

As she was rolled into the operation room, Terry remembers continually telling herself that "I will not lose this battle!" "I have a great team of doctors and God, all by my side helping me get over this little bump in the road."

Within a few days of her lumpectomy, Terry returned to work. This is where she liked to be. She wanted to keep everything in her life as normal as possible. "If I concentrated on keeping my life as normal as possible, then I wouldn't be so focused on the disease. However, family and friends did not always make this simple."

"Since they cared a lot about me, they wanted to help out as much as they could." Terry went on to explain that as great as this was, sometimes she felt a little overwhelmed and annoyed.

"The support was awesome, but sometimes I just wanted to cook and eat dinner with my immediate family and not always have people calling or sending us food."

Before the physical effects of chemotherapy and radiation, Terry got away with telling as few people as she could about her diagnosis. She did not look any different than three months prior, so people could not tell something was wrong. "I didn't tell people about my cancer because I did not want them to feel sorry for me. This would have only made me feel worse about the situation."

Though everything changed when her hair started to fall off, one clump after another. Her first chemotherapy treatment had taken place and all of the doctors told her that she was going to lose her hair after this treatment. At first she did not, so she thought she would be one of the selective few who would not lose their hair. Three days later it was all gone. She was bald.

"I felt embarrassed at first. But I quickly got over that and just looked at it as a reality check. Everything was going the exact

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way the doctors said it would, so I thought things must be going well.”

In contrast, her son shares his memory of his mother’s battle.

“I will forever remember the day that I came home from school and saw my mom bald. I was too young to understand what was going on, but at that moment I knew something was not right,” said Terry’s son Matthew.

Being 8 years old, Matthew felt that he could not really do much for her. “I tried to comfort her by giving her hugs and getting anything that she wanted. I’d like to say I was a good little helper,” said Matthew with a little laugh. “I never once thought I would lose her to cancer, because I knew she was too stubborn to die.”

Matthew does remember the day that he went to the wig shop with her. He didn’t necessarily understand why she wanted a wig, but as time went on, and he grew older, he realized that she probably used one so she could look more “normal” and to draw attention away from herself.

“She’s not one that likes attention at all, so the more she could push it away from herself, the better,” he said.

Four days after her first chemotherapy treatment, Terry was back at work. She established this routine quite early in her treatments: Chemotherapy on Thursday, recovery at home on Friday, start feeling better on Saturday, back to work on Mondays. This routine took place six times, once every three weeks. Her bad days were quite obvious, the Thursday and Friday of Chemotherapy weeks; however, she said that she never truly felt like she had good days. Even though she did not

feel as awful as she did on her bad days, she knew that there were more treatments to come, but she knew that the best day would be the day when all of this is over.

As she sat in the Chemo Room, Terry often found herself getting lost in her music, especially her favorite song, “Piano Man.” Looking around the room at the other eight cancer patients, she realized that feeling sorry for yourself does no good. “Instead you should think positive and look forward to the future, remembering that there are always people who are worse off than you in the same room.”

About a year and a half after her diagnosis, Joan Terry was declared cancer free.

“Initially I felt relieved when I heard those words come out of his mouth because I knew I would be able to live a healthy life, but I was still slightly worried, because once you have cancer, you’re never cancer free. There is always a chance that it could come back.”

Joan Terry’s story could have been totally different if she had not obtained a second opinion. Instead of a survival story, this could have been a remembrance of a death story. She knew how important it was to get a second opinion and is thankful for her boss, who had breast cancer herself, who pushed her to not take no for an answer. Terry stresses the importance of knowing one’s body, getting a second opinion and fighting for life.

## Comments:

Excellent job telling the story. The biggest drawback for this piece is not disclosing you are the daughter of Terry. I only learned that from noticing the names and the photo caption. You should be very transparent. It was not disclosed in the story which was told very well- from what seemed to be an outside perspective. As her daughter you could have written more personally. But either way transparency is critical.

# 1st Place: Design | Comic Strips

Alicia Orlando  
Neenah High School  
Large School

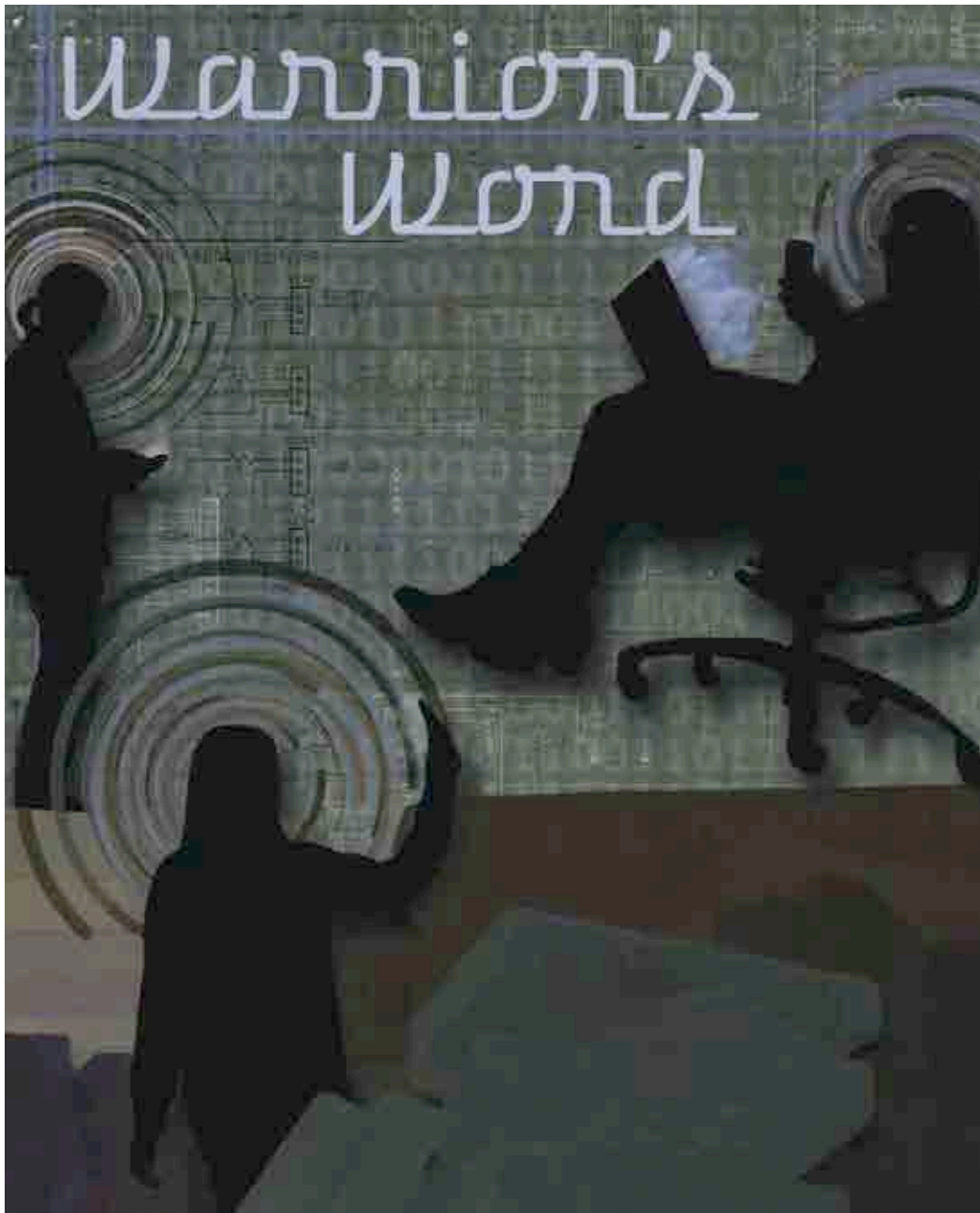


## Comments:

Good art, nice simple characters design, good compositions and nice backgrounds. A very nice comic with good story. It's funny.

# 1st Place: Design | Illustration

Malorie Ottosen  
Wausau West High School  
Large School

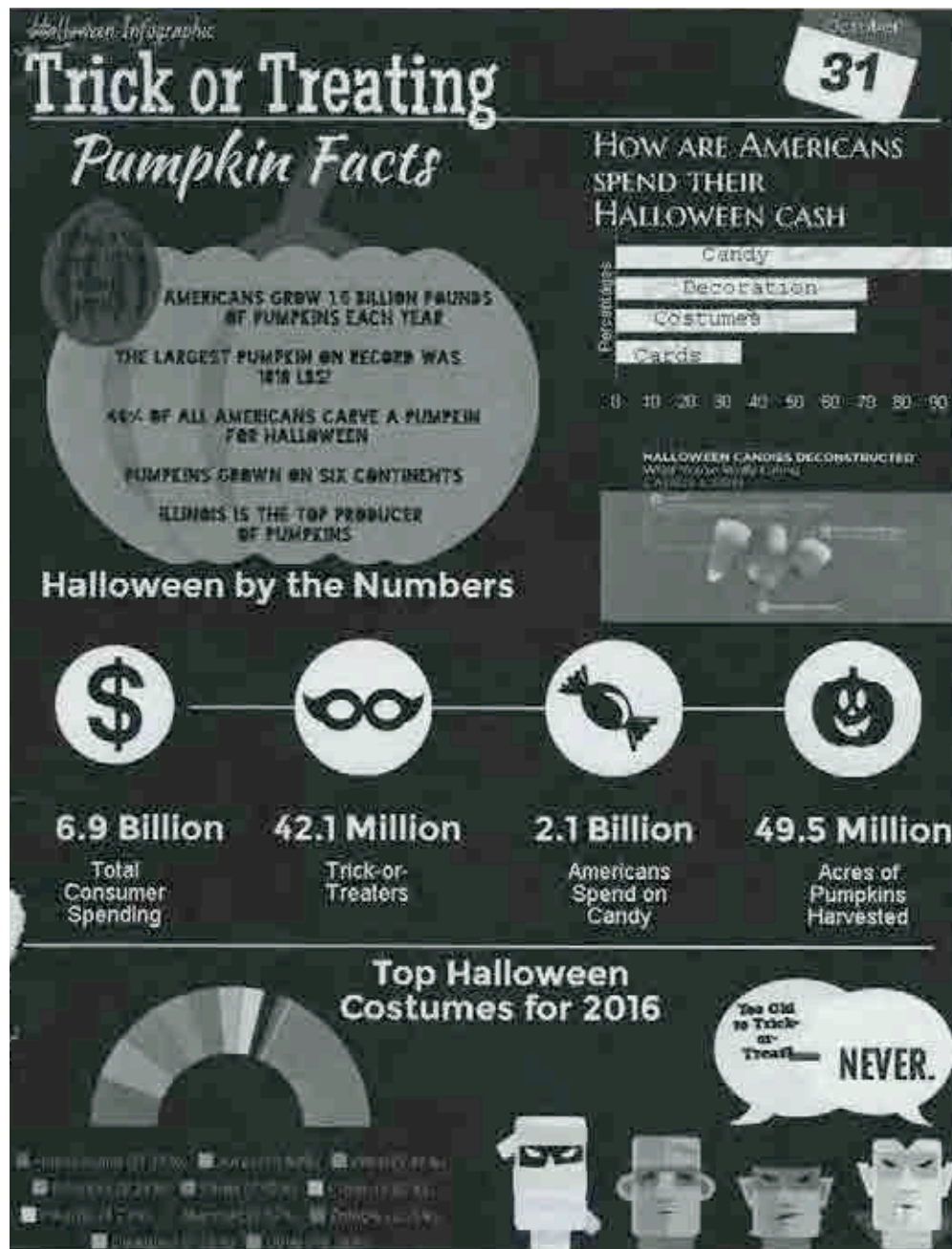


## Comments:

Very well thoughtout and executed composition. Excellent use of layers the reveal themselves to the viewer over time.

# 1st Place: Design | Infographics

Erika Ditzman  
Green Bay West High School  
Medium School

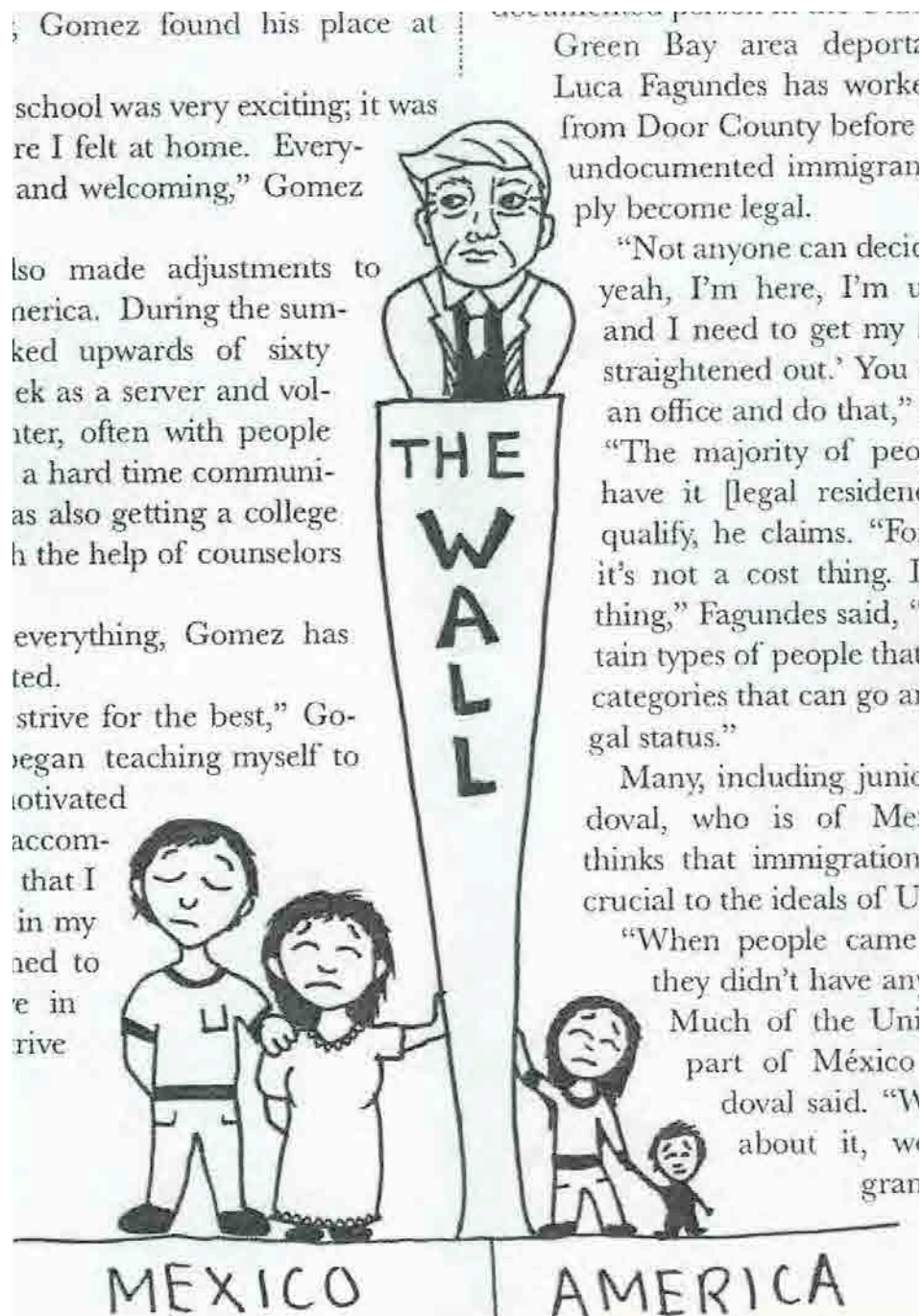


## Comments:

Wow! Lots of great information included in this infographic. I especially like that you included a bar chart and type of pie chart. Those are easy for readers to comprehend and make it easy to see how most people spend their money or what are the top costumes.

# 1st Place: Design | Editorial Cartoon

Molly Banks  
Sevastopol High School  
Small School

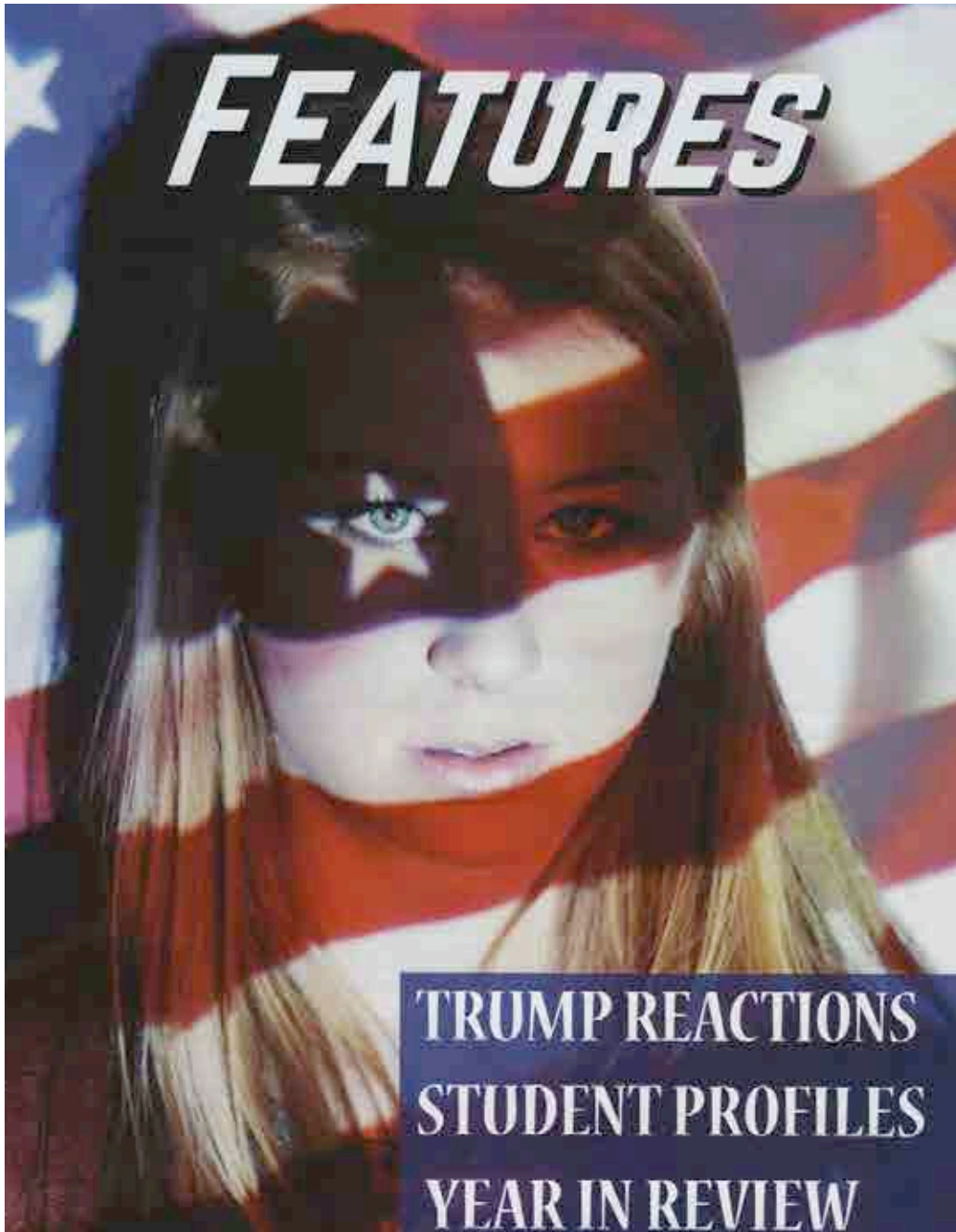


## Comments:

This is a well drawn cartoon with a clear message. More white space around the image would have made it better.

# 1st Place: Photography | Open Photo

Austin Scott  
Fond du Lac High School  
Large School



## Comments:

Overall, this is an excellent photo. It is visually appealing and has a message.

# 1st Place: Photography | Feature Photo

Jordan Lamibao  
Plymouth High School  
Medium School



## Comments:

Overall, good shot. The photo could be a bit more crisp, but the action is frozen and that is good. Next time, consider approaching from different angles to avoid the rope and microphone.

# 1st Place: Photography | Feature Photo

Emily Schmidt  
Berlin High School  
Small School



## Comments:

Great! Love everthing about this photo.

# 1st Place: Writing | Review

Claire Miller & Olivia Helf  
Oshkosh West High School  
Large School

## Moana rides animated waves to box office gold

With an animated film nothing short of extraordinary, Disney brings *Moana* to life in an engaging adventure with an empowering storyline that speaks to all ages. From her fiery love for the ocean and being chief of her island, Moana finds herself facing a range of ontological obstacles. With the future of her island in jeopardy, she is forced to make a life-altering decision to help save her home. An intriguing and heartfelt tale that pushes the boundaries of typical Disney animation, *Moana* raises the pressing question: just how far would one go to save their home? Pitting a twist on gender roles and going beyond stereotypical heroism, *Moana* boldly bestows the role of chief to its strong female lead, while simultaneously uniting the cultural aspect of a Polynesian masterpieces. Like any of Disney's cinematic masterpieces, it's impossible not to fall in love with this most recent cultural, mythical, and admirable must-see creation.

As a young girl, Moana (Auli'i Cravalho) experienced a mystical ennoblement with the ocean, where it revealed to her that she was "The Chosen One." Despite "Moana's lack of understanding at the time, that encounter generated an unwavering connection between her and the sea from that point forward. All of her life, Moana wanted nothing more than to please her

father, Chief Tui (Temuera Morrison, *Green Lantern*). When he forbids Moana to explore past the reef and of fear for her safety, she must decide if she will follow her heart, or her father's orders. Moana's grandmother, Tia (Rachel House, *How to Train Your Dragon*), encourages her to stay true to her dreams and be one with the

moments where both Maui and Moana want to give up, but proceed on, for it is their destiny to restore the heart of Te Fiti.

Despite this being Auli'i Cravalho's first performance, her stellar vocals are bound to grab the attention of other directors. Her unique voice, with the perfect spin on Moana's character, making her ideal for the role. Despite being an animated character, she brings life to Moana and embodies her character effortlessly.

With the creative direction of directors John Musker and Ron Clements, creates a spectacular picture with a lively visual story, making an authentic world with catchy songs, matchless laugh-out-loud humor. Establishing vivid images to convey the cultural aspects of the Polynesian people. Musker and Clements incorporate the storytelling skills of Maui and his stellar navigation skills to further incorporate cultural background that is not only appropriate to the geography, but also kid-friendly in presentation manner. Integrating a shift in traditional gender roles, Moana is declared the hero, and restores the characteristics of a

strong-willed, intelligent and successful leader with great potential. Both Musker and Clements have blended together many different features to create a bold, nature-friendly film.

*Moana* undoubtedly offers a plethora of smiles and laughs, but still manages to express a powerful and motivating message. The animation is a diversified and authentic modern-day Disney treasure that rises far above expectations as Moana sets sail on her voyage to self-discovery. Capturing different ways of life and challenging social constructs, directors Musker and Clements have set the bar high for Disney films to come with its consistent, laugh-out-loud humor, kid-friendly integration of culture and psychology, and a prominent theme of female empowerment throughout the entire storyline. It's safe to conclude that *Moana* is the official girl-power film of 2016.

*Enriching and humorous and backed by strong female empowerment, the newest Disney classic, Moana, sets the bar high for future films.*

*A+*

by C. Miller and O. Helf

## Comments:

A very well executed review. It starts and ends with the big picture opinions and has a steady mix of info and opinion throughout. I'd have dropped in the cultural aspect of this film early on-giving Moana a time and place is key to a summary of the film from the get-go. Great job!

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# Yearbook Competition Winners

# 2017 Yearbook Winners

## GENERAL DIVISON

### Divider

- Large** 1st: Anusha Naik, Kaomi Yang & Laura Niemeyer, Wausau West High School  
2nd: Autumn Scovronski & Sabrina Hansen, Oshkosh West High School  
3rd: Laura Benish & Madison Smith, Oshkosh North High School
- Medium** 1st: Ashley Baranczyk, Green Bay West High School  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: Ashley Baranczyk, Green Bay West High School
- Small** 1st: Cory Carlson & Clare McInerney, Sevastopol High School  
2nd: Cory Carlson & Clare McInerney, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Emilee Althoff & Kelcee Beaune, Wautoma High School

### Academic, Class or Related Story

- Large** 1st: Jenna Kettner, Wausau West High School  
2nd: Brady MacKay, Wausau West High School  
3rd: Laura Benish, Oshkosh North High School
- Medium** 1st: Erika Ditzman, Green Bay West High School  
2nd: No Winner  
3rd: No Entry
- Small** 1st: Lexie Joly, Sevastopol High School  
2nd: Clare McInerney & Lily Birmingham, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Jasmine Arnold, Wautoma High School

### Academic, Class or Related Story

- Large** 1st: Abigail Peterson, Wausau West High School  
2nd: Olivia Mrotek, Wausau West High School  
3rd: Sophie Drew, Oshkosh North High School
- Medium** 1st: No Winner  
2nd: Esperanza Fassbender, Green Bay West High School  
3rd: No Entry
- Small** 1st: Yunjeong Lee, Sevastopol High School  
2nd: Lexie Joly, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Anna Eisch, Wautoma High School

### Extracurricular Story

- Large** 1st: Paige Haehlke, Wausau West High School  
2nd: Julia Bartram, Wausau West High School  
3rd: Austin Leyh & Madison Smith, Oshkosh North High School
- Medium** 1st: No Winner  
2nd: Lauren Dombrowski, Green Bay West High School  
3rd: No Entry
- Small** 1st: Rocky Dobs & Emilee Althoff, Wautoma High School  
2nd: Megan Reeves, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Yunjeong Lee & Demi Floor, Sevastopol High School

### World, National, State or Local Story

- Large** 1st: Sara Ellefson, Oshkosh West High School  
2nd: Emily Schmidt, Wausau West High School  
3rd: Alexander Soukup, Wausau West High School
- Medium** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry
- Small** 1st: Clare McInerney, Sevastopol High School  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

### Copy Package

- Large** 1st: Abigail Peterson & Laura Niemeyer, Wausau West High School  
2nd: Zoe Morin, Oshkosh North High School  
3rd: Anusha Naik, Wausau West High School
- Medium** 1st: No Winner  
2nd: Esperanza Fassbender & Hannah Bopray, Green Bay West High School  
3rd: No Entry
- Small** 1st: Lexie Joly, Sevastopol High School  
2nd: Stella Rigden & Emilee Althoff, Wautoma High School  
3rd: Jasmine Arnold, Emilee Althoff & Kelcee Beaune, Wautoma High School

# 2017 Yearbook Winners

## Double Page Spread; Academic Life

**Large** 1st: Celestine Vang & Laura Niemeyer, Wausau West High School  
2nd: Laura Benish, Oshkosh North High School  
3rd: Abigail Peterson & Kaomi Yang, Wausau West High School

**Medium** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: Lexie Joly, Lily Birmingham & Megan Reeves, Sevastopol High School  
2nd: Clare McInerney & Lily Birmingham, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Alex Brown & Emilee Althoff, Wautoma High School

## Double Page Spread; Sports

**Large** 1st: Paige Haehlke & Kaomi Yang, Wausau West High School  
2nd: Zoe Morin, Oshkosh North High School  
3rd: Deagan Maki, Oshkosh North High School

**Medium** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: Lexie Joly, Sevastopol High School  
2nd: Demi Ploor, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Tenaya Sharp & Lorena Ortega, Wautoma High School

## Academic, Class or Related Story

**Large** 1st: Anusha Naik & McKenzie Roberts, Wausau West High School  
2nd: Emma Hahn & Laura Niemeyer, Wausau West High School  
3rd: Brianna Altomari, Oshkosh West High School

**Medium** 1st: No Winner  
2nd: Will Fischer & Liz Valentin, Green Bay West High School  
3rd: Nkaujoua Xiong & Pachia Vue, Green Bay West High School

**Small** 1st: No Winner  
2nd: Emilee Althoff, Alex Brown & Elizabeth Meek, Wautoma High School  
3rd: No Entry

## Double Page Spread; Student Life

**Large** 1st: Kaomi Yang, Wausau West High School  
2nd: Malorie Ottosen & Anusha Naik, Wausau West High School  
3rd: Laura Benish & Sophie Drew, Oshkosh North High School

**Medium** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: Yunjeong Lee & Demi Ploor, Sevastopol High School  
2nd: Hailey LeCloux & Vanessa Bean, Sevastopol High School  
3rd: Jasmine Arnold, Emilee Althoff, Kelcee Beaune & Kaissee Conger, Wautoma High School

## Opening and Closing

**Large** 1st: Tommie Schoenberger, Oshkosh West High School  
2nd: Anusha Naik, Wausau West High School  
3rd: Reflections Staff, Oshkosh North High School

**Medium** 1st: No Winner  
2nd: No Winner  
3rd: Ashley Baranczyk, Green Bay West High School

**Small** 1st: No Winner  
2nd: No Winner  
3rd: Emilee Althoff, Jasmine Arnold & Kaissee Conger, Wautoma High School

## DESIGN DIVISON

### Computer Design/ Hand- Rendered Illustration

**Large** 1st: Kaomi Yang, Wausau West High School,  
2nd: Zoe Morin, Oshkosh North High School  
3rd: Zoe Morin, Oshkosh North High School

**Medium** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

**Small** 1st: No Entry  
2nd: No Entry  
3rd: No Entry

# 1st Place: Design | Computer Illustration

Kaomi Yang  
Wausau West High School  
Large School



## Comments:

Nice whimsical addition to yearbook. Different take on standard staff list.

# 1st Place: Photography | Open Photo

Sophie Drew  
Oshkosh North High School  
Large School



## Comments:

This photo says a lot about the subject-provides much information...the way her knees are bent, arm is out for balance, focus in her eyes, placement of feet and hands. Good job.

# 1st Place: Photography | Open Photo

Tommy Whitaker  
Oshkosh West High School  
Large School



## Comments:

What makes this photo out of the ordinary is the addition of unexpected color.

# 1st Place: Design | Page Design/Layout

Britany Gunderson &  
Desiree Diberanrdino  
Wautoma High School  
Small School



## Comments:

Lettering on some signs need to be bigger and neater. Plus, changing size of some photos to add visual interest.

# 1st Place: General | Sports Story

Yunjeong Lee  
Savastopol High School  
Small School

## ALIVE AND KICKING

### *Different strategies, game plans impact soccer results*

With new leadership and a determination to win, both the girls' and boys' soccer teams went through positive changes. "New captains took over, who helped us communicate and get us energized before a game," Nick Stoeckel said.

Millar Minahan's favorite game was the 11-1 victory against Gresham.

"We got to end the game early because of our scoring streak, which was a plus," Minahan said.

Triumphing ☐ in ☐ nine consecutive games was the highlight of the season. Wins against Kiel (9-0) and Roncalli (6-0) contributed to the streak.

For the girls' team, defeating the Clippers for the first time in years became a turning point.

*Name?*



#### PREPARING FOR A WIN

Before a game against Sturgeon Bay, Julia DeMain prepares to launch the ball to an awaiting teammate.

"The wing gave us motivation and a little push to get us going. We started winning more games afterwards," Julia DeMain said.

With a different strategy the girls moved to a new positions that fit with players' individual skills. Margaret Stoneman went from defense to holding mid, while Clare McInerney went from forward to sweeper.

In addition, rather than some players enduring an entire 90-minute game, substitutions filled in when needed.

"It was nice to get a break during the game other than the amount of time we have for halftime," Kiana Copiskey said. "It also allowed everyone to get an opportunity to play."

## Comments:

Not just a record of wins and losses-you added what made this year special.



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