

SPJ's Top of the Rockies winners 2020

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Category Name	Award	Credits	Organization	Entry Title
General Website Excellence	First Place	Durango Herald Development Team	Durango Herald	The Durango Herald
General Website Excellence	Second Place	Staff	Farmington Daily Times	The Farmington Daily Times
General Website Excellence	Third Place	Staff	Albuquerque Business First	Albuquerque Business First website
A&E and Food: Single Story	First Place	Billy Arnold, Allie Gross	Jackson Hole News&Guide	The Metal Mentality
A&E and Food: Single Story	Second Place	Stuart Melling	Gastronomic Salt Lake City	A seemingly fishy story sushi in the desert
A&E and Food: Single Story	Third Place	Collin Krabbe	Albuquerque Business First Colorado	Why choosing a name could make or break your brew game
Blog	First Place	Jeff Roberts	Freedom of Information Coalition	Freedom of Information articles and columns
A&E and Food: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Staff	Albuquerque Business First	Meow Wolf could become New Mexico's biggest startup story ever
A&E and Food: Criticism	First Place	Carolyn Dunmire	Four Corners Free Press	Just follow the directions; the insta-cooker revolution; responsible food-sharing
Breaking News Story	First Place	Allie Gross, Emily Mieure John C. Ensslin, Ernest Luning,	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Blaze damages Genevieve building
Breaking News Story	Second Place	Conrad Swanson, Andy Colwell	Colorado Politics	Denver Runoff 2019
Breaking News Story	Third Place	John Livingston	Durango Herald	Hardrock 100 canceled
Sports: Columns	First Place	John Livingston	Durango Herald	Surviving life with Mom and the Rockies
Features: Short form	First Place	Jonathan Romeo	Durango Herald	The man who killed Colorado's last grizzly bear
Features: Short form	Second Place	John Spina	Longmont Times-Call	Bartender's liver saves child's life

Features: Short form	Third Place	Bret Hauff	Durango Herald	A woodcutter's bliss Widespread fighting at St. George youth facility results in multiple injuries
Spot News Videography	First Place	Joseph Witham	St. George News	Back to School Round Dance
News Videography	First Place	Trennie Collins	The Southern Ute Drum	Groping victim feels let down by cops, prosecutors, courts
Legal: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Emily Mieure, Allie Gross	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Power play: Big investment firm escapes Blackjewel 'unscathed'
Legal: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Andrew Graham	Wyofile	Lack of mental health resources a major worry
Legal: Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Mike Easterling	Farmington Daily Times	45th Annual Denver March Powwow
Feature Videography	First Place	Trennie Collins Anythink Innovations , The Studio , Anythink	The Southern Ute Drum	
General Podcasting Excellence	First Place	Wright Farms	SPARK	The Kitchen Table Living Sports by John Livingston Episode 13: Professional soccer player Lauren Milliet
General Podcasting Excellence	Second Place	John Livingston	Durango Herald	The Durango Herald in your Ear by Bret Hauff and Katie Chicklinski-Cahill: Eps. 2: Aliens, ninjas and adoptions, Eps. 3: Voters, and early Christmas and wolf rescues, Eps. 4: Tiny homes, Santa v. Krampus death match and teaching young'uns
General Podcasting Excellence	Third Place	Bret Hauff, Katie Chicklinski-Cahill	Durango Herald	Wondering if you should pet that dog?
Single Page Design	First Place	Andy Edwards	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Feature page design David Buck 2
Single Page Design	Second Place	David Buck	Durango Herald	Feature page design David Buck 4
Single Page Design	Third Place	David Buck	Durango Herald	
Front Page Design	First Place	Andy Edwards	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Spark sets butte ablaze
Front Page Design	Second Place	Melissa Edwards	Colorado Springs	Co\$t of a data breach

			Business Journal	
Front Page Design	Third Place	Michael Hicks	Clear Creek Courant	A dog-gone good time
Info Graphic	First Place	Rachel Baca, Juliana Vadrnais	Albuquerque Business First	So you want to see New Mexico like a visitor would
Info Graphic	Second Place	Samantha Nock	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Budget 2020
Info Graphic	Third Place	Rachel Baca, Juliana Vadrnais	Albuquerque Business First Colorado Springs	Equality is good for your business
Marijuana General Reporting	First Place	Jeanne Davant	Business Journal Colorado Springs	Want weed with that?
Marijuana General Reporting	Second Place	Jeanne Davant	Business Journal	New law could end cannabis clubs legal limbo
Special Section	First Place	Staff Michael Hicks, Deb Hurley Brobst, Deborah Swearingen, Corinne Westeman, Alissa Noe, Sara	Albuquerque Business First	Legislative Preview
Special Section	Second Place	Hertwig, Page Hatcher	Canyon Courier	Kids who will change the world
Special Section	Third Place	Mike Koshmrl, Andy Edwards	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Headwaters Weeding out employees: How will medical marijuana legalization affect workplace drug testing?
Marijuana Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Mikayla Shoup	St. George News	
Marijuana Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Patrick Armijo	Durango Herald	A mission of uncertainty Opioid addiction clinic closes with short notice; staff, patients scramble for alternatives
Health: General Reporting	First Place	Mikayla Shoup	St. George News	
Health: General Reporting	Second Place	Mary Shinn	Durango Herald	Ending the cycle of ER visits

Politics: General Reporting	First Place	Zak Podmore	Four Corners Free Press	Winning a seat at the table Tax Restructuring and Equalization Task Force Coverage (Series)
Politics: General Reporting	Second Place	Ryann Richardson	St. George News	
Politics: General Reporting	Third Place	Andrew Graham	Wyofile	2019 Wyoming legislative session coverage Trustees quietly investigated Nichols before unexplained dismissal/Nichols: Any investigation was unfair, but keep it hidden either way
Investigative/Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Andrew Graham , Seth Klamann	Wyofile	Series: Coal company's bankruptcy ripples across Wyoming
Investigative/Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Andrew Graham	Wyofile	
Investigative/Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Allie Gross, Melodie Edwards	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Injured at work, some go unaided Wyo politicians respond to Blackjewel and coals black times
Politics: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Andrew Graham	Wyofile	Surviving the shutdown; How Zion and its park rangers are making do
Politics: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Mikayla Shoup Lucas Peerman, John Moses, Algernon D'Ammassa, Hannah Grover, Josh Kellogg, Nathan Fish,	St. George News	
Politics: Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Damien Willis, Sam Ribakoff	Farmington Daily Times	Donald Trump Rally coverage, Rio Rancho, New Mexico
Best Solutions Journalism	First Place	Tom Hallberg	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Colorado family planning sets high standard
Best Solutions Journalism	Second Place	Alayna Alvarez	Colorado Politics	Denver Police co-responder program Addressing the Nation: Overcoming extreme challenges to voter registration in San Juan County
Best Solutions Journalism	Third Place	Maggie McGuire Andrew Graham ,	Moab Sun News	Re-regulation: Examining Wyomings response to coals decline
General Reporting-Series or Package	First Place	Angus M. Thuermer Jr. ,	Wyofile	

		Dustin Bleizeffer, Katie Klingsporn		
General Reporting-Series or Package	Second Place	Joey Bunch Andrew Graham, Angus M.	Colorado Politics	The influencers: Lobbying at the Capitol
General Reporting-Series or Package	Third Place	Thuermer Jr. , Katie Klingsporn	Wyofile	Powering down: Examining coals shaky ground from Jim Bridger Its a citizens job to identify leadership; New communities to be safe, boring, predictable; Branding our city shouldnt be this hard
News Column	First Place	John Hazlehurst	Colorado Springs Business Journal	
News Column	Second Place	Ernest Luning	Colorado Politics	Ernest Luning: Trail Mix Casper shooting confirms worst aspects of stand-your-ground law
News Column	Third Place	Kerry Drake	Wyofile	Sangster on year one at IHS
Sports: General Reporting	First Place	Joel Priest	The Southern Ute Drum	
Sports: General Reporting	Second Place	Alissa Noe	Canyon Courier	Thomas makes history on the English Channel
Sports: General Reporting	Third Place	John Livingston	Durango Herald	Dropping into Durango Editorials: Universities should end ...; Limit jobs? ...; Colorado lawmakers
Editorials	First Place	Christopher Wood Regan Foster, Bryan Grossman, Mary Jo Meade, Amy Gillentine Sweet, John	BizWest	
Editorials	Second Place	Weiss, Ralph Routon	Colorado Springs Business Journal	Online, frogs hit boiling point/Last at bat for baseball?/Keep entertainment out of politics
Editorials	Third Place	Robert Meyerowitz	Durango Herald	Robert Meyerowitz Editorials 3
Feature Page Design	First Place	David Holub	Durango Herald	Feature page design David Holub 1
Feature Page Design	Second Place	Andy Edwards	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Targhee Fest
Feature Page Design	Third Place	Andy Edwards	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Service dogs

Legal: General Reporting	First Place	Emily Mieure	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Jennifer Nalley's killer sentenced to 25 years to life
Legal: General Reporting	Second Place	Emily Mieure	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Judge allows defendant to avoid courthouse, feds
Science and Technology: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Andrew Graham	Wyofile	Blockchain: Can Wyo woo a digital revolution? Should it?/Links drive allegation of insiders writing crypto bills
Science and Technology: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Angus M. Thuermer Jr.	Wyofile	Pavillion water experts fault leaky gas wells, unlined pits
Science and Technology: Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Andrew Graham	Wyofile	Can Mark Gordon save coal (and stop climate change)?
Ag and Environment: Enterprise	First Place	Jonathan Romeo	Durango Herald	Tainted by uranium
Ag and Environment: Enterprise	Second Place	Angus M. Thuermer Jr.	Wyofile	Sage grouse populations declining across the West
Ag and Environment: Enterprise	Third Place	Jonathan Romeo	Durango Herald	A changing Mesa Verde
Ag and Environment: General Reporting	First Place	Gail Binkly	Four Corners Free Press	Move over for e-bikes
Ag and Environment: General Reporting	Second Place	Jonathan Romeo	Durango Herald	Rancher or tax scofflaw?
Ag and Environment: General Reporting	Third Place	Liz Weber	Durango Herald	Bringing back the wolf
Sports Photography	First Place	Andrew Graham, Mike Vanata	Wyofile	Pomp, pageantry and politicians at the Daddy of em all
Sports Photography	Second Place	Jerry McBride	Durango Herald	Iron Horse
Sports Photography	Third Place	Bradly J. Boner	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Corbet's Couloir
Feature Photography	First Place	Ryan Dorgan	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Elk at the Teton County Fairgrounds
Feature Photography	Second Place	Matthew Jonas	Longmont Times-Call	Sunset Stunner
Feature Photography	Third Place	Jeremy Wade Shockley	The Southern Ute Drum	Ute Tribe ushers in spring with Bear Dance
News Photography	First Place	Joseph Witham	St. George News	Trapped Coyote
News Photography	Second Place	Bradly J. Boner	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Targhee Elk Study

News Photography	Third Place	Jeremy Wade Shockley	The Southern Ute Drum	Shining light on domestic violence
Spot News Photography	First Place	Bradly J. Boner	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Roadkill
Spot News Photography	Second Place	Ryan Dorgan	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Saddle Butte Fire
Spot News Photography	Third Place	Ryan Dorgan	Jackson Hole News&Guide	Wilson Wreck
Headline Writing	First Place	Christopher Ortiz, Collin Krabbe	Albuquerque Business First	Doughnuts, millennials and the Doyenne of Death
Headline Writing	Second Place	David Buck	Durango Herald	Trails of destruction - David Buck
Headline Writing	Third Place	David Buck	Durango Herald	The ketamine cure - David Buck
Public Service	First Place	Bret Hauff, Mary Shinn, Jonathan Romeo	Durango Herald	Homeless sustained coverage
Public Service	Second Place	Angus M. Thuermer Jr.	Wyofile	Permit proposes to release tainted water into Boysen, Wind River
Public Service	Third Place	Andrew Graham	Wyofile	Immigration detention proposal prompts questions, drives debate
Health: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Shannon Mullane	Durango Herald Colorado Springs	Leaning on their peers
Health: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Faith Miller Dan Mika, Lucas High, Paula Aven Gladych, Doug	Business Journal	Medicaid bottlenecks hurt home health agencies
Business: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Storum, Ken Amundson	BizWest	Cannabis: The Next Frontier
Business: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	John Spina	Longmont Times-Call	South Main Station WHERE PAST, PRESENT MEET Once-plentiful Old West trading posts near
Business: Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Mike Easterling	Farmington Daily Times	Four Corners offer goods, history
Sports: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Angus M. Thuermer Jr.	Wyofile	Snowmobilers now top Wyo avalanche fatality list

Sports: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Ryne Williams	St. George News	Top hurdler and dual-sport athlete, Darcy Jackson, working to take leaps over lupus
Sports: Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Ryne Williams	St. George News	Why not us? How a toy unicorn embodied Dixie volleyballs Cinderella run in 4A playoffs
Business: General Reporting	First Place	Andrew Graham Ken Amundson, Paula Aven Gladych, Lucas	Wyofile	In coal country, Blackjewel's bankruptcy touches many
Business: General Reporting	Second Place	High, Jensen Werley	BizWest Colorado Springs	Workforce Woes
Business: General Reporting	Third Place	Helen Robinson	Business Journal	Trade war hikes prices, squeezes businesses
Education: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Ellis Arnold	Centennial Citizen	A united voice
Education: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Katie Klingsporn	Wyofile	Guns, schools and Wyoming communities divided
Science and Technology: General Reporting	First Place	Collin Krabbe	Albuquerque Business First	Former Amazon exec will help lead ABQ startup's national rollout
Science and Technology: General Reporting	Second Place	Jeremy Wade Shockley	The Southern Ute Drum	Does electric drive the future?
Education: General Reporting	First Place	Sam Ribakoff	Farmington Daily Times	To fill teaching positions, Aztec looks towards contracted teachers from the Philippines
Education: General Reporting	Second Place	Casey Van Divier	Golden Transcript	Bus driver shortage
Education: General Reporting	Third Place	Ryann Richardson	St. George News	Pine View Middle promotes mental wellness with designated room for distressed students
Column Personal/Humor	First Place	Joey Bunch	Colorado Politics	Joey Bunch columns
Column Personal/Humor	Second Place	Marianne Goodland	Colorado Politics	Marianne Goodland humor columns
Column Personal/Humor	Third Place	David Feela	Four Corners Free Press	Have a GFF New Year; derelicts; fowl language

Feature: Long form	First Place	Marianne Goodland	Colorado Politics	Pain over preservation Unable to diversify, Legislature doubles down on energy
Feature: Long form	Second Place	Andrew Graham	Wyofile	
Feature: Long form	Third Place	Ernest Luning	Colorado Politics	CU's Fantastic Four
News Reporting- Single Story	First Place	Angus M. Thuermer Jr.	Wyofile	Lawmakers quietly explore storing spent nuclear fuel
News Reporting- Single Story	Second Place	Bret Hauff	Durango Herald	Iced out Polis recall group hands out \$11,000 in contributions to board members, employees
News Reporting- Single Story	Third Place	Marianne Goodland	Colorado Politics	