

## Wauneta Breeze earns 19 awards in Nebraska Press Association contest

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### The Wauneta Breeze



The Wauneta Breeze was named second in its class last week at the annual Nebraska Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest.

The Breeze was named second in Class A, weekly newspapers with circulation under 1,000, based on total points. The Gering Courier took first and the Doniphan Herald third.

Newspapers were judged on the quality of their writing, photography and design work that was published in 2012. The NPA contest was judged by members of the Michigan Press Association.

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Breeze staff earned a total of eight first place finishes in the following categories:

- Reader interaction
- Classified section
- Single classified advertisement, Susan Jones, cook needed
- Sports column writing, Diane Stamm
- Specialty pages
- Feature series, Sheri Hink, area organizations
- In-depth writing, Tina Kitt, Record ag land prices seen across Nebraska
- Editorial writing, Tina Kitt and Sheri Hink

### **Second place awards**

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Breeze staff earned five second place awards including:

- Photo page, Diane Stamm, Pioneer Days
- Feature photography, Diane Stamm, Flying into Summer
- News photography, Sheri Hink, education
- Youth coverage
- Web site

### Third place awards

Third place awards earned by the Breeze included:

- Single retail advertising idea in black and white, Susan Jones, card shower
- Sports action photo, Diane Stamm, high jumper
- Sports feature photo, Diane Stamm, T-Ball

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- Breaking news, Sheri Hink, Wauneta Roller Mills Tragedy
  
- In-depth writing, Sheri Hink, telecommunication changes

### Area papers snag awards

The Imperial Republican, owned by Johnson Publications along with the Breeze, the Grant Tribune-Sentinel and the Holyoke (Colorado) Enterprise, earned six awards in the Better Newspaper Contest for Class C newspapers with a weekly circulation between 1,501 and 2,800.

The Republican took a first place award for a sports action photo taken by Russ Pankonin.

The Republican earned second place honors for an agricultural advertisement designed by Jana Pribbeno, Karen Hayes and Chris Fidler as well as for editorial writing done by Russ Pankonin and Jan Schultz.

Republican staff took home third place awards for use of computer graphics designed by Fidler, reader interaction designed by Pribbeno and Dana Sorenson and for its editorial page.

The Grant Tribune-Sentinel also fared well in the contest taking home first place for its front page, second place for headline writing and third place for breaking news writing.