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# Gazette again named newspaper of the year

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NORTHAMPTON - For the second year in a row, the Daily Hampshire Gazette was named "Newspaper of the Year" by a New England journalism trade group.

The yearly award, presented by the New England Newspaper Association, recognizes newspapers for the quality of their reporting, editing, photography and design. Entries are judged by an independent jury of editors from around the country.

The awards are given by category; the Gazette bested about 30 New England newspapers to win the recognition.

In all, eight daily and Sunday publications were honored.

Jim Foudy, Gazette editor and associate publisher, accepted the award Friday in a ceremony in Boston.

The Gazette has been named a distinguished newspaper in the same category - publications with circulations of 13,501 to 22,500 - in previous years .

The Sun Chronicle in Attleboro and the Concord Monitor in Concord, N.H., were also named distinguished newspapers in the same category as the Gazette this year.

The Daily Hampshire Gazette is owned by Newspapers of New England, which also owns The Recorder in Greenfield and The Concord Monitor.

Foudy said the award means a lot to the staff and reflects their "commitment and hard work."

"In this difficult economy, which is battering newspapers along with many other industries, the Gazette is fortunate to have a lot of talented people, many with long ties to the community and the newspaper. It is their work that wins the awards and helps the Gazette play its role in keeping people informed and connected," said Foudy. "We're fortunate as well for the commitment to local journalism shown by the current and past owners of the Gazette."

Following are the other daily newspaper of the year winners, in ascending circulation:

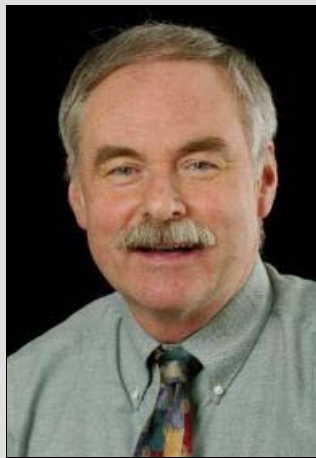
Daily circulation to 13,500: Gloucester Daily Times

Daily circulation 22,501-35,000: The Standard-Times, New Bedford

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