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# Star News Group wins NJPA contest awards

## Entries judged in NJ Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest for 2014 issues

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Star News Group, publisher of The Coast Star, Manasquan, and The Ocean Star, Point Pleasant Beach, has been honored by its peers with three awards in the New Jersey Press Association's [NJPA] 2014 Better Newspaper Contest.

Each year, newspapers across the state submit entries in several dozen categories to the NJPA's Better Newspaper Contest, to be evaluated by members of another state's press association.

The Coast Star was honored with one Better Newspaper Contest Award in the category for large weekly newspapers.

Sports reporters Len Bardsley and Bridget McCann and production manager Joyce Manser took first place in the category "Packaging the News – Sports Section Layout and Content."

The Ocean Star was honored with two Better Newspaper Contest Awards in the categories for smaller weekly newspapers.



The Ocean Star and its production team of Mrs. Manser, Wally Bilotta and Pam Yoncak took second place in the category "Packaging the News – General Typography and Layout of the Entire Paper."

Reporter Kimberly Mollo took first place in the category "Reporting, Writing and Illustration – Environmental-Health and Science Writing." She won the award for her story titled "Activists protest seismic study planned off NJ Coast."

James Manser, publisher and owner of Star News Group, said the awards reflect not only the hard work and dedication of the news department, but of all the employees in the company.

"I am pleased that our peers have recognized the talents of our editorial staff," Mr. Manser said. "And I thank all of our employees for their commitment to putting out a quality product each and every week."

Alison Manser Ertl, General Manager of Star News Group, said the awards reflect the hard work and dedication of the news, sports and production departments.

"Our staff works diligently week in and week out to produce two quality newspapers, as well as our website, and we always appreciate being recognized by the NJPA for those efforts," Mrs. Ertl said. "This year was another great showing for Star News Group among New Jersey weeklies for our staff."

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