

News-Sun receives 12 awards in state contest

NEWS-SUN STAFF REPORT

SPRINGFIELD — The News-Sun received 12 awards, including three first-place plaques, Friday in the Illinois Press Association's annual Newspapers in Excellence Contest.

The staff-produced "Too Young for Justice" series, which ran from Feb. 14 to Feb. 16, received a first place in the Best Investigative-Enterprise Reporting category. The series also garnered a third place in the Best News Reporting Series and an honorable mention in the Best Community Service category.

A first place was awarded to Judy Masterson and Jim Newton in the Best Business Reporting category for their March 5 story about the increase in the Cook County sales tax. The Viewpoint page was judged Best Editorial Page.

Editor-in-Chief Chris Cashman was awarded a second place in the Best Local

Editorial category for his April 24 editorial on the "Banana Boys" prank at Zion-Benton High School. News Editor Charles Selle received an honorable mention in the category for his Jan. 23 editorial on smoking tents.

Chief Photographer Thomas Delany Jr. received a second place in the Best Feature Photo category for his image of birders at the Lake Forest Middlefork Savanna.

Staff Writer Ryan Pagelow was awarded a second place in the Best Enterprise/Feature Writing category for his story on a gay couple at Waukegan High School.

The News-Sun Sports section was given a second place in the Best Sports Section category.

Honorable mentions for Best Photo Illustration and Best Informational Graphic were awarded to designer Marc Jenkins.

The newspaper competed in Division E reserved for medium-size dailies.