

THE RIVER REPORTER WINS "BEST OF SHOW"

To our advertisers...

From the smallest business to the very largest, our success is greatly attributed to you. You are the ones who make it possible for us to print such a fine newspaper.

Your advertising dollars support so much in so many different ways.

All of you are so much more than just another business.

You have made it possible for **The River Reporter** to win in advertising excellence. We took home a second place finish out of all New York State weekly newspapers.

For this we give our thanks.

With sincere thanks and appreciation,
Danielle, Emily & Eileen



It's all for you...

More often than not when **The River Reporter** staff is out and about in the community, we are greeted with the comment, "Oh, you're from **The River Reporter**, I love that paper!"

Those words warm our hearts. They validate our intention to be a viable part of this wonderful Upper Delaware region, including Wayne, Pike and Sullivan Counties.

It's exciting that the spirit in which we do our work—our love for the community, our love of journalism—is recognized and appreciated. And we collectively share your assessment, "We love that **River Reporter**. What a great paper!"

And we are humbled and honored by the community trust placed in our hands to accurately document the lives of the people in the communities we serve.

We're pleased with our accomplishment in the Better Newspaper Contest and we are extremely thankful for your support, appreciation and love.

You, dear readers, give meaning to our journalistic endeavors.

Thank you.

A publisher's tribute to her staff...

The River Reporter took Best in Show in the New York Press Association 2004 Better Newspaper Contest. We gathered 235 contest points. The Riverdale Press, which placed second, took 165.

I am in awe of our accomplishment. We came in first.

It is a validation of the strength of teamwork, collaboration and intent. We aspired all year long, collectively and individually, to be an award-winning paper, to produce award-winning articles, ads, special sections and features.

Our efforts did not go unrecognized; our intention was indeed fulfilled.

And I am quoted in print by the New York Press Association that we intend to enhance all that we accomplished in 2004.

That's a tall order. How do we do better than being number one, and taking that honor with our nearest competitor far behind?

We move forward with intention. We go forward with the enhancement of the atmosphere in which we do our award-winning journalistic work.

It was lovely to be sitting at dinner and having our group pictures flash on the overhead screen.

The women of **The River Reporter**.
The staff of **The River Reporter**.

The advertising department of **The River Reporter**.

The men of **The River Reporter**.

And what I hope for us as we continue to produce our unique, well respected and award-winning work is that we are able to keep in mind those pictures and think teamwork, skill, authenticity and trust.

Let us do our jobs in that joyous atmosphere with a humble consciousness and remembrance of our intention to serve our community with the production of the best community weekly. Let us hold our accomplishment this year in our hearts and minds and work from there.

I have every confidence that with the highest of aspiration, all is possible; everything is potential.

We could not have achieved what we achieved this past weekend and this past year without the unique talents of each and every one of you.

As I often tell my son, Zachary, on Mother's Day, "Thanks, you make me look good."

I thank you all for this highest personal accomplishment of my journalistic career. You all are truly the best.

Laurie Stuart



Photo by David Handschuh
TRR staff celebrating in Albany last weekend include, seated from the left, Sales Manager Danielle Gaebel, Publisher Laurie Stuart, and Assistant Editor, Charlie Buterbaugh; and standing from the left, Advertising Consultants, Eileen Hennessy and Emily Bacchiocchi, Webmaster and Editorial Writer Anne Willard, Production Manager Connie Kern, Sports and Youth Editor Richard Ross, Staff Writer Tom Kane, Editorial Assistant Kimberly Weyandt, and News Editor David Hulse.

To our publisher...

20 Beautiful Things That Are True About You

You are something and someone very special. You really are. No one else in this entire world is exactly like you, and there are so many beautiful things about you... You're a one-of-a-kind treasure, uniquely here in this space and time. You are here to shine in your own wonderful way, sharing your smile in the best way that you can, and in remembering all the while that a little light somewhere makes a bright light everywhere. You can, and do, make wonderful contributions to this world. You have qualities within you that many people would love to have, and those who really and truly know you... are so glad they do. You have a big heart and a good and sensitive soul. You are gifted with words and thoughts and ways of seeing things that only special people know.

You know that life doesn't always play by the rules but that in the long run, everything will work out. You understand that you and your actions are capable of turning anything around, and that the joys once lost can always be found. There is a resolve and an inner reserve of strength in you that few ever get to see. You have so many treasures within, those you're only beginning to discover, and all the ones you're already aware of. Never forget what a treasure you are. That special person in the mirror may not always get to hear all the compliments you so sweetly deserve, but you are so worthy of such an abundance ...of friendship, joy and love.

To Laurie,
With love, respect and thanks to
a wonderful publisher and friend
who makes it possible for us to be #1.

Your Staff