YOUTH WINNER (up to 18 years of age): Peter Russel, The Courier

Peter Russel is an exceptional young man. He has delivered a 50 paper route for The Courier for 3 years. He maintains a 3.942 GPA at Findlay High School and a 4.0 GPA at the University of Findlay. He participates in numerous honor societies and sports. Peter is also an Eagle Scout and is very active in his church. His volunteer hours for 2011 exceed 150, and that doesn’t include his mission trip to Grenada (which he financed with newspaper money.)

ADULT WINNER (age 19-54): Kathy Liebert, Beacon Journal

Kathy S3, a Mogadore, Ohio resident is a dedicated mother of her children Joshua and Cassie. Her son, Joshua Kunle, is 34 years old and is employed as a service manager for Ron Marhofer. Kathy’s daughter, Cassie, is 24 and is employed as a Registered Nurse. Kathy is employed full time by Wendy’s and started delivering for the Beacon Journal in March of 2006. Kathy plans to continue her education in May when she starts at The Akron Institute/Herzing University. She plans on following in her daughter’s footsteps and become an RN. When Kathy has free time she enjoys hiking and spending time gardening.

RUNNER UP: Kristine Russell, Columbus Dispatch

SENIOR WINNER (age 56 and over): Tina Cumston, Columbus Dispatch

Tina Cumston is an Independent Contractor that has been delivering the Columbus Dispatch since 1994. She is the recipient of the Dispatch Independent Contractor of the Year in the Senior Division for 2011. Her recent award is once again a reflection of the dedication to “providing #1 service” to her customers.

A Columbus, Ohio resident, Tina attributes her accomplishments to her ability to do whatever is necessary to keep the customer happy. Arriving early to the distribution center, engaging her customers, solving problems on her delivery area, and talking with potential customers are a few of the keys to her success.

Active in her community, Tina works as a Restorative Aide and provides special needs care at a local center. Her “love of service” is once again the cornerstone of her approach in dealing with those in need, as her “special angels” add enjoyment and satisfaction to her life.

A married mother of two, grandmother of five, Tina’s family have been an integral part of her success as an Independent Contractor. She loves what she does every day. She meets every challenge with a smile, and is well deserving of the recognition she has received.

RUNNER UP: Karen Coci, The Blade