

Laabs wins state journalism award

Joyce Laabs, The Lakeland Times' feature writer, was recently honored with the 2002 Journalism Award for the large weekly news story category by the Wisconsin Association of Aging Unit Directors for her story about cryo-surgery performed by Dr. Richard Roach late last year.

The story, which appeared on the front page of the Friday, Nov. 29, edition of The Lakeland Times, described the Cryoablation procedure performed by Roach and a team from Cryo-Med at Howard Young Medical Center last fall.

It was the first time the procedure had been performed in the state and The Lakeland Times was the first to report it.

Laabs' story was recognized as the winning entry by the state association April 28.

Entries to the contest were to recognize "outstanding coverage of issues about or of importance to older adults."

Dianne Jacobson, the Oneida County director for the department on aging, made the presentation to Laabs and Lakeland Times General Manager Gregg Walker Wednesday, May 14.

Dianne Jacobson, Oneida County director of the department on aging, right, presents the plaque recognizing Joyce Laabs, center, as the winner of the state Association of Aging Unit Directors 2002 Journalism Award. Lakeland Times General Manager Gregg Walker, left, joined in the presentation.

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