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## **Izaak Walton League honors Tribune, columnist**

A local environmental columnist and the Tribune have been honored for outstanding coverage of conservation and environmental issues.

Columnist J. Scott Christianson recently received the National Conservation Award from the Izaak Walton League of America, which is among the largest conservation and environmental organizations in the United States.

Christianson, whose environmental column appears in the Tribune on Fridays, is the youngest recipient of the national award and the founding member of the Greater Ozarks chapter of the IWLA. Christianson also has written articles that have appeared in national publications and has served as editor of "Outdoor Missouri," the state magazine for the Izaak Walton League.

The Tribune on Monday became the first daily newspaper to receive the annual Honor Roll Award from the Missouri Chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

Joe Barnes, president of the League in Missouri, said the Tribune earned the honor because of Christianson's "outstanding column," the editorials of Hank Waters "and the emphasis on environmental and conservation matters."