

2023 Final Awards: General Excellence, Sweepstakes & Best of the Dakotas

NDNA General Excellence

Weekly: Small >>> **General Excellence**

Third Place

Hankinson, News Monitor

Second Place

Cooperstown, Griggs County Courier

First Place

Bowbells, Burke County Tribune

Judge comments: Great weekly newspaper. Very well done in every category.

Weekly: Mid-Size >>> **General Excellence**

Third Place

Hillsboro Banner

Second Place

New Rockford Transcript

First Place

Tioga Tribune

Judge comments: Fantastic Newspaper. Class of the division.

Weekly: Large >>> **General Excellence**

Honorable Mention

Lisbon, Ransom County Gazette

Third Place

Bottineau Courant

Second Place

Crosby, The Journal

First Place

Grafton, Walsh County Record

Judge comments: It was tough competition but in the end an outstanding sports report helped buoy and Walsh County Record to 1st. Very good photography and a solid selection of local news made for a quality publication.

Multi-Day: Small >>> **General Excellence**

Third Place

Jamestown Sun

Second Place

Wahpeton, Daily News

First Place

Dickinson Press

Judge comments: This is a paper that serves its community well, with a depth of local and regional/statewide reporting. It's attractive, with big, bright and engaging photos of local people.

Multi-Day: Large >>> **General Excellence**

Third Place

Grand Forks Herald

Second Place

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

First Place

Bismarck Tribune

Judge comments: Enjoy this paper. Good community focus. Tons of variety in stories. I feel like I know what's happening in North Dakota. This is a darn good effort. Well done.

NDNA Sweepstakes

Weekly: Small >>> [Sweepstakes](#)

Winner!

Hankinson, News Monitor

Score: 3,325: 15 first places, 18 second places, 8 third places & 1 fourth place

Weekly: Mid-Size >>> [Sweepstakes](#)

Winner!

Hillsboro Banner

Score: 4,975: 25 first places, 20 second places, 15 third places & 7 fourth places

Weekly: Large >>> [Sweepstakes](#)

Winner!

Grafton, Walsh County Record

Score: 5,550: 20 first places, 24 second places, 25 third places & 16 fourth places

Multi-Day: Small >>> [Sweepstakes](#)

Winner!

Dickinson Press

Score: 5,925: 33 first places, 20 second places, 17 third places & 7 fourth places

Multi-Day: Large >>> [Sweepstakes](#)

Winner!

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

Score: 6,100: 27 first places, 27 second places, 20 third places & 12 fourth places

Best of the Dakotas

Weekly Newspapers Under 900 >>> **Best of the Dakotas**

Winner!

Hamlin County Republican, Castlewood, SD

Weekly Newspapers 901-1,300 >>> **Best of the Dakotas**

Winner!

Hillsboro Banner, Hillsboro, ND

Weekly Newspapers 1,301 & Over >>> **Best of the Dakotas**

Winner!

The Journal, Crosby, ND

Multi-Daily Newspapers Under 7,000 >>> **Best of the Dakotas**

Winner!

Dickinson Press, Dickinson, ND

Daily Newspapers 7,001 and over >>> **Best of the Dakotas**

Winner!

The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead, Fargo, ND

And the winner of the Traveling “Dakota Marker” Trophy is...

North Dakota! *With 4 of 5 wins!*