2019 NDNA News, Photo, & Special Awards
Better Newspaper Contest Award Winners (for work done in 2018)

News Awards

Reporting

Weekly: Small

Third Place
Bowbells, Burke County Tribune
Storm Hits
Lisa Thomas

Second Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
Hundred for Haiti x 10
Allison Olimb

First Place
Parshall, Mountrail County Record
A New School for Parshall
Jerry W. Kram

Weekly: Mid-Size

Third Place
Tioga Tribune
Clean up takes 5 years, part one
Jacob Orledge

Second Place
Washburn, The Leader-News
Swallowed by the river
Alyssa Meier

First Place
Hazen Star
Weathering the storm: A tale of family and community
Daniel Arens
Weekly: Large  > > > Reporting

Honorable Mention
Crosby, The Journal
*Pit Bull case*
Brad Nygaard

Third Place
Bottineau Courant
*Rolette shooting*
Scott Wagár

Second Place
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Crossing the Line*
Angela Kolden

First Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
*Tornado destroys over 100 RVs*
Neal A. Shipman

Daily: Small  > > > Reporting

Honorable Mention
Jamestown Sun
*Emotions strong at vigil for slain mother of two*
Tom LaVenture

Third Place
Dickinson Press
*The Eyesore On Bible Camp Road*
James Miller

Second Place
Williston Herald
*Judge wont allow late evidence in theft*
Jamie Kelly

First Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*We lost a true superhero last week - Jessy Haberman*
Karen Speidel
Honorable Mention
Grand Forks Herald
Troubling trend
Pamela Knudson

Third Place
Bismarck Tribune
Questions remain after death of Bismarck child
Blair Emerson

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
Species in conflict
Brad Dokken

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Homicide of NDSU freshman still a deep wound 4 years later
Kim Hyatt

Reporting Series

Weekly: Small

Third Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
Curb Side Recycling
Lesa Van Camp

Second Place
Elgin, Grant County News
E/NL School Board asking for Building Fund Levy
Jill Friesz

First Place
Parshall, Mountrail County Record
Parshall seeks livable community designation
Jerry W. Kram
Weekly: Mid-Size  >  >  >  Reporting Series

Third Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
Richland students investigated for alleged misconduct
Frank Stanko

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
Norman County West tuition deal
Cole Short

First Place
New Rockford Transcript
Youth Risk Behavior Survey and Teen Challenges
Rachel Brazil, Amy Wobbema, Lora Wobbema

Weekly: Large  >  >  >  Reporting Series

Third Place
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
State's first Solar Project?
Angela Kolden

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
Wildrose city dysfunction
Brad Nygaard

First Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
Is Watford City ready for another boom
Neal A. Shipman

Daily: Small  >  >  >  Reporting Series

Honorable Mention
Dickinson Press
Theodore Roosevelt Library Series
Iain Woessner

Third Place
Jamestown Sun
Justice Lange leaves baby at slough
Keith Norman, Tom LaVenture

Second Place
Dickinson Press
Correctional Facility On Chopping Block
James Miller

First Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
Richland 44 assaults
Frank Stanko
Daily: Large

>> Reporting Series

**Honorable Mention**
Grand Forks Herald
*Marijuana*
April Baumgarten

**Third Place**
Bismarck Tribune
*Davis Refinery and Theodore Roosevelt National Park*
Amy Dalrymple

**Second Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Liquor license series*
Tu-Uyen Tran

**First Place**
Grand Forks Herald
*Climate: Change on the Plains*
Staff

Feature Reporting

Weekly: Small

>> Feature Reporting

**Honorable Mention**
New Town News
*French Cyclist*
Edna Sailor

**Third Place**
New Town News
*Save the last dance*
Jerry W. Kram

**Second Place**
Bowbells, Burke County Tribune
*Giving Globally*
Lisa Thomas

**First Place**
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Connected to Mars*
Allison Olimb
Weekly: Mid-Size  Feature Reporting

Honorable Mention
Milnor, The Sargent County Teller
*Beating the odds... Bryan Gabel: The gift of life*
Mary Engst

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Brick by brick*
Cory Erickson

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Three little pigs*
Cole Short

First Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
*Bald can be beautiful*
Karen Speidel

Weekly: Large  Feature Reporting

Honorable Mention
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Bottle Collector*
Angela Kolden

Third Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
*Drilling for love*
Betsy Ryan

Second Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
*On the road to recovery*
Neal A. Shipman

First Place
Crosby, The Journal
*Therapy dog is a hit*
Brad Nygaard
Third Place
Williston Herald
Local musician releases new album
Mitch Melberg

Second Place
Dickinson Press
A beautiful backyard
Sydney Mook

First Place
Dickinson Press
For the American Dream
Iain Woessner

Honorable Mention
Bismarck Tribune
Story of survival
Amy Dalrymple

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
Pulse of the community
Bonnie Meibers

Second Place
Minot Daily News
Grocers find rural niche
Jill Schramm

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
I refused to quit fighting
Tracy Briggs
Feature Series

Weekly: Small

Third Place
New Town News
*Fun and fitness day*
Jerry W. Kram

Second Place
New Town News
*The toughest stories*
Edna Sailor

First Place
McClusky Gazette
*Christmas Memories*
Allan Tinker

Weekly: Mid-Size

Honorable Mention
Tioga Tribune
*Cleanup takes 5 years and $93 million*
Jacob Orledge

Third Place
New Rockford Transcript
*Summer Exploration series*
Transcript Staff

Second Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
*Point of View: Unsung heroes*
Karen Speidel, Carrie McDermott, Frank Stanko

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Hillsboro teacher retirement*
Cory Erickson, Cole Short, Pace Maier
Weekly: Large

**Feature Series**

**Honorable Mention**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
4-H
Sue Matcha

**Third Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*Far and away: Filipino people find opportunity in ND*
Sydney Glasoe Caraballo

**Second Place**
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
*Faces of the Patch*
Ashleigh Plemper

**First Place**
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
*Faces of the Patch*
Betsy Ryan

Daily: Small

**Feature Series**

**Third Place**
Valley City Times-Record
*Hi-Liners for Christ Group*
Tina Olson, Ellie Boese

**Second Place**
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Out and About*
Katie Betz

**First Place**
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*POV A Day in the Life*
Julie Bezenek, Frank Stanko, Karen Speidel

Daily: Large

**Feature Series**

**Third Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Celebrating champion volunteers*
Forum staff

**Second Place**
Bismarck Tribune
*Heitkamp-Cramer*
Jack Dura

**First Place**
Grand Forks Herald
*Hometown heart*
Staff
Weekly: Small

Third Place
Parshall, Mountrail County Record
Cold Makes Water Meters a Hot Topic
Jerry W. Kram

Second Place
McClusky Gazette
Rumors running wild discussed at special meeting
Allan Tinker

First Place
New Town News
Rally speaks to Native American power
Jerry W. Kram

Weekly: Mid-Size

Honorable Mention
Tioga Tribune
Letters detail testy personal dispute at city
Jacob Orledge

Third Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
Ready to light up a joint?
Karen Speidel

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
Hillsboro School Board restricting MN transfers
Cole Short

First Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
Life of an inspector
Carrie McDermott
Honorable Mention
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
'Share your Truth'
Angela Kolden

Third Place
Bottineau Courant
City-County police budget at a stalemate
Scott Wagar

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
Group texts by Wildrose officials ruled illegal
Brad Nygaard

First Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
County wants junkyard to meet state rules
Neal A. Shipman

Third Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
No. 1 reason children in foster care is parental drug use
Carrie McDermott

Second Place
Williston Herald
PSC admonishes representatives of Kinder Morgan
Renée Jean

First Place
Dickinson Press
There's No Special Treatment
James Miller
Daily: Large

**Honorable Mention**
Bismarck Tribune
*Critter creates a ruckus*
Lauren Donovan

**Third Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*One of our greatest challenges*
Helmut Schmidt

**Second Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*3 Clay County sheriff candidates have discipline on records*
Robin Huebner

**First Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Some spills don’t count*
Patrick Springer

Weekly: Small

**Government Series**

Honorable Mention
McClusky Gazette
*Budget, benefit, Brenda and bow-wows*
Allan Tinker

**Third Place**
Drayton, Valley News & Views
*Recycling*
Lesa Van Camp

**Second Place**
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Proposed restaurant requests PR liquor ordinance variant*
Allison Olimb

**First Place**
Bowbells, Burke County Tribune
*Wind Farm Controversy*
Lisa Thomas, Lyann Olson
**Weekly: Mid-Size**  

**Government Series**

**Honorable Mention**  
Tioga Tribune  
*Understaffed Tioga police*  
Jacob Orledge

**Third Place**  
Tioga Tribune  
*Tioga city data breach*  
Cecile Wehrman, Traci Papineau

**Second Place**  
Hankinson, News-Monitor  
*Point of View CDC programs helping communities thrive*  
Karen Speidel, Carrie McDermott, Frank Stanko

**First Place**  
Hillsboro Banner  
*Nielsville Bridge coverage*  
Cole Short

**Weekly: Large**  

**Government Series**

**Third Place**  
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*2018 City-County tax initiatives*  
Neal A. Shipman

**Second Place**  
Crosby, The Journal  
*Controversial sheriff’s race*  
Brad Nygaard

**First Place**  
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*2018 County Election series*  
Betsy Ryan
Honorable Mention
Wahpeton, The Daily News
_Diversion fight series_
Frank Stanko

Third Place
Williston Herald
_Williston airport coverage_
Mitch Melberg

Second Place
Williston Herald
_Farm Bill coverage_
Renée Jean

First Place
Dickinson Press
_Theodore Roosevelt Library Series_
Iain Woessner

Daily: Large

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
_Thief River Falls City Hall fight_
April Baumgarten, Tess Williams

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
_Secretary of State campaign scandal_
Tu-Uyen Tran, Patrick Springer, Ryan Johnson, John Hageman

First Place
Bismarck Tribune
_Juvenile Justice_
Jack Dura

Weekly: Small

Second Place
New Town News
_New Town teacher dies in collision_
Jerry W. Kram

First Place
Elgin, Grant County News
_Fire claims Dakota Farm Equipment_
Jill Friesz

Spot News
**Weekly: Mid-Size**

**Honorable Mention**
Hankinson, News-Monitor
*Lidgerwood Market destroyed*
Karen Speidel

**Third Place**
Tioga Tribune
*Alleged heroin overdose leads police to investigate Tioga bar*
Jacob Orledge

**Second Place**
New Rockford Transcript
*Herman sentenced for role in Engst murder*
Amy Wobbema

**First Place**
Hillsboro Banner
*The water came up really, really fast*
Cole Short, Cory Erickson

**Weekly: Large**

**Third Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Commissioner facing numerous charges*
Todd Morgan

**Second Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*One dead, four injured in MT rollover*
Brad Nygaard

**First Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Minto Fire*
Brittany Brevik
**Honorable Mention**
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*July 4 storm takes down trees, damages buildings*
Carrie McDermott

**Third Place**
Dickinson Press
*Stark County Auditor Arrested for DUI*
Harvey Brock

**Second Place**
Williston Herald
*6-day-old killed, dozens injured, hundreds displaced*
Jamie Kelly

**First Place**
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Friday: Two Fire Responses*
Carrie McDermott, Frank Stanko

**Third Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*This is a sad day in West Fargo*
Kim Hyatt

**Second Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Imminent deadly threat*
Wendy Reuer

**First Place**
Bismarck Tribune
*Storm slams Watford*
Amy Dalrymple
**Weekly: Small** > > > Business News Reporting

**Third Place**
New Town News
*Taxi Joe*
Jerry W. Kram

**Second Place**
Parshall, Mountrail County Record
*On the Rise*
Jerry W. Kram

**First Place**
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Safe-T-Pull, Inc. gains new, familiar product line*
Allison Olimb

**Weekly: Mid-Size** > > > Business News Reporting

**Third Place**
Washburn, The Leader-News
*New clothing outlet opens*
Alyssa Meier

**Second Place**
Tioga Tribune
*Aurora Wind Project*
Brad Nygaard

**First Place**
Hillsboro Banner
*Ready to check out*
Cole Short

**Weekly: Large** > > > Business News Reporting

**Third Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Shakti Moon*
Todd Morgan

**Second Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*Familiar faces get new duties at St. Luke’s*
Brad Nygaard

**First Place**
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
*Watford City pair opens Burrito Bros*
Betsy Ryan
Daily: Small

Third Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Business suspended at Wahpeton’s Oasis*
Frank Stanko

Second Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*RDO in Breckenridge adds 9 jobs, bulk oil*
Carrie McDermott

First Place
Williston Herald
*Bakken jobs bubble bigger than reported*
Renée Jean

Daily: Large

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Energy boom, carbon cost*
Bonnie Meibers

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Exporters: Trade agreement tip of the iceberg*
Emily Allen

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Fraud: Costly, painful and all too common*
Helmut Schmidt

Sports Page

Weekly: Small

Third Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
*Boys and Girls Basketball*
Lyle Van Camp, Lesa Van Camp

Second Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Walsh County Press - Sports Page*
Allison Olimb, Larry Biri, Kevin Skavhaug

First Place
New Town News
*New Town News*
Staff
Honorable Mention
Tioga Tribune
*Tioga sports pages*
Jody Michael

Third Place
Washburn, The Leader-News
*Miners, Cardinals each take a win*
Alyssa Meier

Second Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*Sports Section*
Erik Gjovik

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Hillsboro Banner Sports*
Pace Maier

Weekly: Large

Third Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
*Feb. 28, Sept. 19, Oct. 17*
Neal A. Shipman

Second Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*18-Apr*
Chelsea Wysocki

First Place
Bottineau Courant
*Bottineau Courant*
Matthew Semisch

Daily: Small

Third Place
Devils Lake Journal
*DLJ Sports Section*
Chris Harris

Second Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Sports*
Turner Blaufuss

First Place
Dickinson Press
*The Next Level*
Shelby Reardon, Patrick Bernadeau, Forum Designers
Daily: Large  >  >  >  Sports Page

Honorable Mention
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Forum sports pages
Forum staff

Third Place
Minot Daily News
Spring Sports Coverage
Alex Eisen, Ashton Gerard, Rex Larson

Second Place
Bismarck Tribune
Bismarck Tribune Sports
Dave Selvig

First Place
Minot Daily News
Winter Sports Coverage
Alex Eisen, Garrick Hodge, Ashton Gerard, Rex Larson

Sports Reporting

Weekly: Small  >  >  >  Sports Reporting

Third Place
New Town News
Warriors fall short
Jerry W. Kram

Second Place
Bowbells, Burke County Tribune
Hinds
Lisa Thomas

First Place
McClusky Gazette
Hoops, hoops and more hoops
Tim Hanson
Weekly: Mid-Size > > > Sports Reporting

Honorable Mention
Hankinson, News-Monitor
LOOKING to make HISTORY
Karen Speidel

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
Beasts in the East
Pace Maier

Second Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
On Target
Erik Gjovik

First Place
Washburn, The Leader-News
Cardinals fall in final inning
Alyssa Meier

Weekly: Large > > > Sports Reporting

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Spoilers battle, take Aggies to 10
Chelsea Wysocki

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
DC football coaches praise upcoming realignment
Jody Michael

First Place
Bottineau Courant
W-N undergoes coaching change mid-tournament
Matthew Semisch
Third Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Petermann has new meaning for life post-surgery*
Turner Blaufuss

Second Place
Dickinson Press
*Back To State*
Patrick Bernadeau

First Place
Jamestown Sun
*CLASS OF 2018: inducted in N.D. Sports Hall of Fame*
Mike Savaloja

Honorable Mention
Bismarck Tribune
*Irving visits Standing Rock*
Dave Selvig

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
*UND, donor at odds over logo*
Tom Miller

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*‘That wrecked me’*
Chris Murphy

First Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Hazardous occupation, puck to the face*
Brad E. Schlossman

Sports Series

First Place
Elgin, Grant County News
*Grant County Coyotes State Bound*
Jill Friesz
Weekly: Mid-Size  > > > Sports Series

**Third Place**
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*M-P-B Thunder girls' basketball*
Erik Gjovik

**Second Place**
Hillsboro Banner
*H-CV boys basketball title coverage*
Pace Maier

**First Place**
Hankinson, News-Monitor
*Rising Star: Speedster has one job to keep running*
Karen Speidel

Weekly: Large  > > > Sports Series

**Third Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*Softball program series*
Jody Michael

**Second Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*PR-F-L Aggies Baseball State Tournament*
Chelsea Wysocki

**First Place**
Bottineau Courant
*Deing Kug Recruitment*
Matthew Semisch

Daily: Small  > > > Sports Series

**Third Place**
Jamestown Sun
*Park River-Fordville-Lankin win State title*
Mitchell Johnson

**Second Place**
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Breck boys basketball coverage*
Turner Blaufuss

**First Place**
Jamestown Sun
*Central Cass wins state 'B' softball title*
Mike Savaloja
Daily: Large

Sports Series

Honorable Mention
Minot Daily News
Minotauros Playoff Run
Alex Eisen

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
NCHC series
Brad E. Schlossman

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
Engelstad vs Kennedy
Andrew Haffner, Tom Miller, Sydney Mook

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Bison playoffs
Mike McFeely, Jeff Kolpack, Eric Peterson

Sports Feature

Weekly: Small

Sports Feature

Third Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
Park River teen shines a light on Shrine Bowl
Allison Olimb

Second Place
New Town News
Boxer's living legacy
Jerry W. Kram

First Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
Bombers Return
Lyle Van Camp
Weekly: Mid-Size  >  >  > Sports Feature

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
3x champ
Pace Maier

Second Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
Programs stress being physically active
Turner Blaufuss

First Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
Love of the game
Karen Speidel

Weekly: Large  >  >  > Sports Feature

Third Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
Berquist, Hepper named 2018 Future Stars of Rodeo
Betsy Ryan

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
Fortuna -- home of the hoppers once again
Brad Nygaard

First Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Conquering obstacles
Chelsea Wysocki

Daily: Small  >  >  > Sports Feature

Honorable Mention
Devils Lake Journal
DLJ Alexander Sports Feature Making the Impossible (Chris)
Chris Harris

Third Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
New crop of coaches
Turner Blaufuss

Second Place
Dickinson Press
"I can build the car, and they can drive them"
Patrick Bernadeau

First Place
Jamestown Sun
Jamestown sports community mourns loss of No. 1 fan
Mike Savaloja
Daily: Large  > > > Sports Feature

Honorable Mention
Grand Forks Herald
*Age 101 and still golfing*
Greg DeVillers

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*The American goal*
John Miller

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
*YouTube-taught punter may help UND football*
Tom Miller

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Eyes forward*
Chris Murphy

Sports Column

Weekly: Mid-Size  > > > Sports Column

Honorable Mention
Hillsboro Banner
*Troftgruben emerges as hero*
Cole Short

Third Place
Rolla, Turtle Mountain Star
*Unforgettable peewee moments*
John Rosinski

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Lessons learned*
Cory Erickson

First Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
*Nash says goodbye to Lidgerwood baseball*
Karen Speidel
Weekly: Large

Third Place
Crosby, The Journal
From This Angle -- Sports gambling
Jody Michael

Second Place
Bottineau Courant
Think preseason football doesn’t matter? Think again
Matthew Semisch

First Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
A football family
Brittany Brevik

Daily: Small

Honorable Mention
Wahpeton, The Daily News
T-Wolves need to end this drought
Turner Blaufuss

Third Place
Dickinson Press
Kyrie, sneakers, and a close connection
Patrick Bernadeau

Second Place
Dickinson Press
Rooting for the impossible
Shelby Reardon

First Place
Devils Lake Journal
DLJ Sports Columns (Chris)
Chris Harris

Daily: Large

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Football is the great diversion
Jeff Kolpack

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
Looking ahead to the Summit
Wayne Nelson

First Place
Grand Forks Herald
NCHC and WCHA voted to keep 3-on-3 overtimes
Brad E. Schlossman
First Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
*To Publish or Not to Publish*
Lesa Van Camp

Third Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
*Fairmount High seniors live in post 9/11 world*
Karen Speidel

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
*No better time to run for public office*
Cole Short

First Place
Washburn, The Leader-News
*Transparency*
Alyssa Meier, Don Winter, Hayley Anderson

Third Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
*Legalizing marijuana would be a bad move for voters!*
Neal A. Shipman

Second Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Business promotes peace*
Todd Morgan

First Place
Crosby, The Journal
*Journalists should ask hard questions*
Cecile Wehrman
Daily: Small      > > > Editorial

Third Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
Daily News Media gives A Call to Write
Daily News Media

Second Place
Jamestown Sun
Solutions still needed for JPS
Sun Staff

First Place
Dickinson Press
A reason to give thanks
James Miller

Daily: Large      > > > Editorial

Honorable Mention
Bismarck Tribune
Major changes won't be easy in higher ed
Steve Wallick

Third Place
Minot Daily News
Mr. President, stop the war on media
Michael Sasser

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
Accusations in Roosevelt are serious
Korrie Wenzel

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
North Dakota needs a working two-party system
Patrick Springer

Editorial Page

Weekly: Small      > > > Editorial Page

First Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
Editorial Page Design
Lesa Van Camp
Weekly: Mid-Size > > > Editorial Page

Third Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
Independent Editorial Pages
Allen Stock, Lori Buchholtz

Second Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
News-Monitor Editorial Pages
Karen Speidel

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
Hillsboro Banner Opinion Page
Banner Staff

Weekly: Large > > > Editorial Page

Second Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
17-Oct
Staff

First Place
Crosby, The Journal
Journal editorial pages
Journal Staff

Daily: Small > > > Editorial Page

Third Place
Jamestown Sun
Opinion page
Kathy Steiner

Second Place
Dickinson Press
The Dickinson Press Editorial Page
Harvey Brock

First Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
May 3 editorial page
Daily News Media
**Third Place**  
Grand Forks Herald  
*The power of state funerals*  
Korrie Wenzel  

**Second Place**  
Bismarck Tribune  
*Bismarck Tribune Editorial Page*  
Staff  

**First Place**  
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Forum Editorial Pages*  
Angie Wieck  

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**Standing News Front**

**Daily: Small**  

**Honorable Mention**  
Valley City Times-Record  
*Red Knights 9/11 Tribute Ride*  
Tina Olson  

**Third Place**  
Dickinson Press  
*Bad Case of Hillbilly Hankering*  
Linda Sailer  

**Second Place**  
Jamestown Sun  
*Sun Country March 17*  
Meghan Dowhaniuk  

**First Place**  
Wahpeton, The Daily News  
*22-Apr*  
Daily News Media
Daily: Large

**Standing News Front**

**Third Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Art deco icon gets a thorough polishing*
Mark Merck

**Second Place**
Grand Forks Herald
*Northern View: A place for peregrines*
Jackie Ausk

**First Place**
Grand Forks Herald
*Northland Outdoors: 2018 year in review*
Wayne Elfman

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**Agricultural Coverage**

Weekly: Small

**Agricultural Coverage**

**Third Place**
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Piece of Park River comes down*
Allison Olimb

**Second Place**
New Town News
*Parshall’s skyline gets overhaul*
Jerry W. Kram

**First Place**
McClusky Gazette
*Storms and rain limit yields*
Allan Tinker
Weekly: Mid-Size

*Honorable Mention*
Hankinson, News-Monitor
*Frame and Rafters up*
Carrie McDermott

*Third Place*
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*Palmer amaranth confirmed in Foster County*
John Gallagher

*Second Place*
Tioga Tribune
*Trade agreement produces mixed results*
Jacob Orledge

*First Place*
Washburn, The Leader-News
*Drought, tariffs plague farmers*
Alyssa Meier, Jill Denning-Gackle

Weekly: Large

*Third Place*
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
*Tough spring for calving*
Betsy Ryan

*Second Place*
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Zahradka finds her niche*
Chelsea Wysocki

*First Place*
Crosby, The Journal
*Producers speak of trade wars and tariffs*
Sydney Glasoe Caraballo

Daily: Small

*Third Place*
Dickinson Press
*Bags of Beetles*
Iain Woessner

*Second Place*
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Birds of a feather flock together*
Frank Stanko

*First Place*
Williston Herald
*Oil on the ranch changes things*
Renée Jean
Daily: Large

Agricultural Coverage

Honorable Mention
Grand Forks Herald
*Wolf-related cattle losses a major concern*
April Baumgarten

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
*ND’s ag economy bucking Upper Midwest trend*
Bonnie Meibers

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Watery web*
Sam Easter

First Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Farther afield*
Diane Newberry

Personal Column - Serious

Weekly: Small

Personal Column - Serious

Honorable Mention
Drayton, Valley News & Views
*Love*
Laiken Larson

Third Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
*Last Column*
Taylor Stegman

Second Place
McClusky Gazette
*Edge of Chaos: Blue Zones*
Allan Tinker

First Place
New Town News
*And yet they published*
Jerry W. Kram
Weekly: Mid-Size >> Personal Column - Serious

Third Place
Washburn, The Leader-News
The end of a chapter
Alyssa Meier

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
So many lessons learned in only 12 seconds
Cole Short

First Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
A grand display of school solidarity
Karen Speidel

Weekly: Large >> Personal Column - Serious

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Beauty in every body
Chelsea Wysocki

Second Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
The voters have spoken
Neal A. Shipman

First Place
Crosby, The Journal
Whines & Roses: Predators have no place to hide now
Cecile Wehrman

Daily: Small >> Personal Column - Serious

Honorable Mention
Wahpeton, The Daily News
When the weather is agreeable, winter recreation can't be beat
Wayne Beyer

Third Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
Change can be scary, but can create opportunities
Chris DeVries

Second Place
Williston Herald
Fear won't stop us
Jamie Kelly

First Place
Dickinson Press
Cannibals of free speech
Iain Woessner
Daily: Large

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
The 'Daily Miracle' will go on
Mike Jacobs

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Faithful dog was first family member
Jessie Veeder

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Big Eddie was oh-so-talented, and equally complicated
Mike McFeely

Weekly: Small

Personal Column - Humorous

Third Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
From the Editor's Desk - March 7, 2018
Allison Olimb

Second Place
New Town News
Everything new is old
Jerry W. Kram

First Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
Seeking Work
Lyle Van Camp

Weekly: Mid-Size

Personal Column - Humorous

Third Place
Washburn, The Leader-News
Hello, my name is Alice
Alyssa Meier

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
Granddaughters baptism was hardly a quiet affair
Neil O. Nelson

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
Finally catching up on my Hallmark viewing
Cole Short
Weekly: Large > > > Personal Column - Humorous

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Metallica time*
Brittany Brevik

Second Place
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Angels among Us*
Angela Kolden

First Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Christmas's little brother*
Chelsea Wysocki

Daily: Small > > > Personal Column - Humorous

Honorable Mention
Dickinson Press
*There's a bat in the house*
Linda Sailer

Third Place
Dickinson Press
*Russia not to be trusted*
Harvey Brock

Second Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Aquaman nearly perfect*
Frank Stanko

First Place
Dickinson Press
*I'll have the McDMZ*
Iain Woessner

Daily: Large > > > Personal Column - Humorous

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Ya got trouble, North Dakota*
Mike McFeely

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
*The Dreaded Kamatsi Squirrel*
Brad Dokken

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Bar set high for perfect middle-aged hangout*
Tammy Swift
**Special News Section**

**Weekly: Small**  
> > > Special News Section

**Second Place**  
Drayton, Valley News & Views  
*Christmas Section*  
Lesa Van Camp

**First Place**  
Park River, Walsh County Press  
*Walsh County Fair Pre Fair Special*  
Allison Olimb, Brook Dahlgren, Larry Biri

**Weekly: Mid-Size**  
> > > Special News Section

**Third Place**  
Hillsboro Banner  
*Hillsboro Banner Christmas Edition*  
Banner Staff

**Second Place**  
Langdon, Cavalier County Republican  
*Spring Sports Preview*  
Staff

**First Place**  
Hankinson, News-Monitor  
*Football Cards*  
Staff, Karen Speidel, Candace Engstrom

**Weekly: Large**  
> > > Special News Section

**Honorable Mention**  
Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Falls Sports Preview*  
Chelsea Wysocki

**Third Place**  
Crosby, The Journal  
*Shop Local tab*  
Cecile Wehrman

**Second Place**  
Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Ag Section*  
Staff

**First Place**  
Crosby, The Journal  
*Trade, Tariffs & Trump*  
Journal Staff
Daily: Small  >  >  >  Special News Section

Honorable Mention
Valley City Times-Record
_Honor, Glory and Pride Edition_
Tina Olson, Megan Kjelland, Brenda Tompt

Third Place
Williston Herald
20 Under 40
Williston Herald staff

Second Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
_Profile 2018_
Carrie McDermott, Frank Stanko, Karen Speidel, Kathleen Leinen, Turner Blaufuss

First Place
Jamestown Sun
_All about Ag - Progress Edition_
Jamestown Sun Staff

Daily: Large  >  >  >  Special News Section

Honorable Mention
Bismarck Tribune
_Vision 2018_
Staff

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
_Gold Rush, Hockeytown Hero_
Brad E. Schlossman, Meaghan MacDonald, Kirsten Stromsodt

Second Place
Minot Daily News
_Centennial Farms 2018_
Eloise Ogden, Mandy Taniguchi, Jill Schramm, Sue Sitter, Shyanne Belzer, Michael Sasser

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
_Best of the Red River Valley_
Forum staff

Section/Feature Front Design

Weekly: Small  >  >  >  Section/Feature Front Design

First Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
_Christmas Section Front Page_
Lesa Van Camp
Weekly: Mid-Size  >  >  >  Section/Feature Front Design

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
_Hillsboro Banner Sports 11-2-18_
Banner Staff

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
_Hillsboro Banner Sports 3-23-18_
Cory Erickson

First Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
_News-Monitor Community Page_
Karen Speidel

Weekly: Large  >  >  >  Section/Feature Front Design

Honorable Mention
Grafton, Walsh County Record
_Back to School_
Jackie Thompson, Chelsea Wysocki

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
_Volleyball preview_
Chelsea Wysocki

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
_Trade, Tariffs & Trump_
Cecile Wehrman, Brad Nygaard

First Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
_Show me the honey-Ag issue_
Jackie Thompson

Daily: Small  >  >  >  Section/Feature Front Design

Second Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
_Running with a Purpose_
Carrie McDermott

First Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
_Wilkin County Fair_
Candace Engstrom
Daily: Large

Honorable Mention
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Terrarium of terror
Wayne Elfman

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
Sports: Tough task
Meghan Dowhaniuk

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
Travel: Here's to the family road trip
Marcy Nickel

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
'Anxiety of modern life'
Emily Beaman

Weekly: Small

Third Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
Front Page Design
Lesa Van Camp

Second Place
New Town News
New Town News
Staff

First Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
Walsh County Press - Park River
Allison Olimb
Weekly: Mid-Size

Honorable Mention
New Rockford Transcript
Just a little wind
Amy Wobbema

Third Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
News-Monitor fronts
Karen Speidel

Second Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
Independent Front Page
Staff

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
Hillsboro Banner
Cole Short, Cory Erickson

Weekly: Large

Honorable Mention
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Aug. 29
Neal A. Shipman

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
29-Aug
Jackie Thompson

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
Journal front pages
Cecile Wehrman

First Place
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
Halloween Greetings
Megan Peterson
Daily: Small

Third Place
Jamestown Sun
7-Sep
Emma Santee

Second Place
Dickinson Press
Front Page Design
Meghan Dowhaniuk

First Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
Rhinos, Opioid Crisis, Vehicle licensing
Kathleen Leinen, Carrie McDermott

Daily: Large

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Contrast candidates
Sara Slaby

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
2018 Election: Decision day
Tanner Larson

First Place
Grand Forks Herald
Quiet and unspoiled
Cole Britton

Weekly: Small

Second Place
New Town News
Pooches have their own resort
Staff

First Place
McClusky Gazette
Fest makes storm holler Uncle
Allan Tinker
Weekly: Mid-Size

Third Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
Second by a "Herr"
Erik Gjovik

Second Place
Washburn, The Leader-News
Getting back on course
Alyssa Meier

First Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
Pot issue smoked by voters
Karen Speidel

Weekly: Large

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Blood, sweat and fears
Morgan Hovde

Second Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Show me the honey
Jackie Thompson

First Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
Roadside delivery
Neal A. Shipman

Daily: Small

Third Place
Dickinson Press
Slicing Through The Sleet
Patrick Bernadeau

Second Place
Dickinson Press
A constellation Prize
James Miller

First Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
Council grilling chicken-raising ordinance
Frank Stanko
Daily: Large

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Trump Towers in Fargo
Jeff Kolpack

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
Grand Forks designer has board game
Bonnie Meibers

First Place
Grand Forks Herald
Swede romance
Chris Bjorke

Informational Graphics

Weekly: Small

Second Place
Parshall, Mountrail County Record
Community School Meetings
Staff

First Place
Elgin, Grant County News
2018-2019 School Enrollment Numbers
Jill Friesz

Weekly: Mid-Size

Third Place
New Rockford Transcript
Youth Risk Behavior Survey results
Amy Wobbema, Ashley Schuster, Rachel Brazil

Second Place
New Rockford Transcript
Cash and Carry Lumber timeline
Ashley Schuster

First Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
2018 Area school board & city elections
Karen Speidel
Weekly: Large

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Police stats*
Jackie Thompson

Second Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
*Pennies Add Up*
Neal A. Shipman

First Place
Bottineau Courant
*DCB Enrollment*
Lynn Evenson

Daily: Small

Second Place
Devils Lake Journal
*DLJ Informational Graphic SCOTUS/WOTUS (Reed)*
J. Reed Anderson

First Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*NDSCS employees share workforce frustrations*
Kathleen Leinen

Daily: Large

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Ranking risk*
Carli Greninger

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Fatal failure*
Troy Becker
Best Web Site

Weekly: Mid-Size

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
hillsborobanner.com
Banner Staff

Second Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
wahpetondailynews.com/news_monitor
News-Monitor Staff

First Place
New Rockford Transcript
newrockfordtranscript.com
Transcript Staff

Weekly: Large

Second Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
watfordcitynd.com
Neal A. Shipman

First Place
Crosby, The Journal
JournalTrib.com
Cecile Wehrman

Daily: Small

Third Place
Jamestown Sun
jamestownsun.com
Sun Staff

Second Place
Dickinson Press
dickinsonpress.com
Iain Woessner

First Place
Williston Herald
willistonherald.com
Williston Herald staff
Daily: Large

> > > Best Web Site

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Inforum.com
Forum staff

Second Place
Bismarck Tribune
bismarckttribune.com
Staff

First Place
Grand Forks Herald
gfherald.com
Staff

Devil Made Me Do It - Editorial

Weekly: Small

> > > Devil Made Me Do It - Editorial

First Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
Future date on front page
Lesa Van Camp
Winner Comments: Clairvoyance at its best. Pretty amazing to print the news three weeks in advance of it happening!

Overall Design Excellence

Weekly: Small

> > > Overall Design Excellence

Third Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
Overall Design Excellence
Allison Olimb, Brook Dahlgren, Larry Biri

Second Place
McClusky Gazette
Overall Design Excellence
Allan Tinker, Candace Pellman, Betty Dockter, Jackie Kohler

First Place
Parshall, Mountrail County Record
Overall Design Excellence
Staff
**Weekly: Mid-Size**

**Third Place**
Tioga Tribune
*Overall Design Excellence*
Tioga Tribune Staff

**Second Place**
Hillsboro Banner
*Overall Design Excellence*
Banner Staff

**First Place**
New Rockford Transcript
*Overall Design Excellence*
Amy Wobbema, Pam Nemitz, Allison Lindgren, Ashley Schuster, Rachel Brazil, Jennifer Willis

**Weekly: Large**

**Honorable Mention**
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
*Overall Design Excellence*
Farmer Staff

**Third Place**
Bottineau Courant
*Overall Design Excellence*
Staff

**Second Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Overall Design Excellence*
Staff

**First Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*Overall Design Excellence*
Journal Staff

**Daily: Small**

**Third Place**
Jamestown Sun
*Overall Design Excellence*
Sun Staff

**Second Place**
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Overall Design Excellence*
Daily News Media

**First Place**
Dickinson Press
*Overall Design Excellence*
Dickinson Press Staff
**Daily: Large**  

**Overall Design Excellence**  

**Third Place**  
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Overall Design Excellence*  
Forum staff  

**Second Place**  
Grand Forks Herald  
*Overall Design Excellence*  
Staff  

**First Place**  
Bismarck Tribune  
*Overall Design Excellence*  
Staff  

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**Photography Awards**  

**News Photo**  

**Weekly: Small**  

**Overall Design Excellence**  

**Third Place**  
Park River, Walsh County Press  
*An Icelander's welcome*  
Larry Biri  

**Second Place**  
Drayton, Valley News & Views  
*Skjeberg Churg Fire*  
Lesa Van Camp  

**First Place**  
McClusky Gazette  
*Greased pigs: Dawson Felchle picked up a pig*  
Candace Pellman  

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**Weekly: Mid-Size**  

**Overall Design Excellence**  

**Third Place**  
Tioga Tribune  
*Cultural Kaleidoscope showcases Russian culture*  
Cathleen Wehrman  

**Second Place**  
Washburn, The Leader-News  
*Code 10-32*  
Alyssa Meier  

**First Place**  
Hankinson, News-Monitor  
*RURAL FIREFIEMEN: Holding monthly training sessions*  
Karen Speidel
Weekly: Large

**Third Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*Sons of Norway*
Brad Nygaard

**Second Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*David Larson and Danielle Flanders*
Brittany Brevik

**First Place**
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
*Another winter blast*
Neal A. Shipman

Daily: Small

**Third Place**
Williston Herald
*Pickup truck partially submerged on 144th Ave. in Trenton.*
Jamie Kelly

**Second Place**
Jamestown Sun
*Voting line*
John Steiner

**First Place**
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Chahinkapa Zoo is open for the season*
Kathleen Leinen

Daily: Large

**Third Place**
Grand Forks Herald
*Day of the Icelander*
Eric Hylden

**Second Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Like no other pain*
David Samson

**First Place**
Bismarck Tribune
*Prayer walk*
Mike McCleary
**Weekly: Small**

**Second Place**
Park River, Walsh County Press
Knocked sideways
Larry Biri

**First Place**
Elgin, Grant County News
Dakota Farm Equipment in flames
Jill Friesz

**Weekly: Mid-Size**

**Third Place**
Hankinson, News-Monitor
Lidgerwood house fire
Frank Stanko

**Second Place**
Hankinson, News-Monitor
Lidgerwood Market destroyed
Karen Speidel

**First Place**
Washburn, The Leader-News
Fire claims home of Washburn family
Alyssa Meier

**Weekly: Large**

**Third Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Warsaw fire
Jackie Thompson

**Second Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Pollys roof
Brittany Brevik

**First Place**
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
Tornado destroys over 100 RVs
Neal A. Shipman
Daily: Small  > > > Spot News Photo

Third Place
Jamestown Sun
*Hanging on*
John Steiner

Second Place
Jamestown Sun
*Emotions strong at vigil for slain mother of two*
Tom LaVenture

First Place
Williston Herald
*Lamar Putney hugs his cousin*
Jamie Kelly

Daily: Large  > > > Spot News Photo

Third Place
Bismarck Tribune
*Wreaths across America*
Tom Stromme

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Investigators walk the homicide scene*
David Samson

First Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Bear in University Park*
Eric Hylden

Feature Photo

Weekly: Small  > > > Feature Photo

Third Place
New Town News
*Last dance*
Jerry W. Kram

Second Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Spoiler cheerleader Shantel Carlson reacts to close call*
Larry Biri

First Place
McClusky Gazette
*Brian Tinker moves his white chess piece*
Allan Tinker
Weekly: Mid-Size  >  >  >  Feature Photo

Third Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
_State-Bound_
Erik Gjovik

Second Place
Langdon, Cavalier County Republican
_Boyd Square burns down_
Lori Peterson

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
_Randy Habeck Cornhole_
Cory Erickson

Weekly: Large  >  >  >  Feature Photo

Third Place
Crosby, The Journal
_Crowning moment_
Don Anderson

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
_Bud business_
Brad Nygaard

First Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
_Ride brings mixed emotions_
Neal A. Shipman

Daily: Small  >  >  >  Feature Photo

Third Place
Jamestown Sun
_Dancers perform_
John Steiner

Second Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
_Wahpeton singers are Instrument of Peace at St. Johns_
Frank Stanko

First Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
_Friday was Kids Day at Wilkin County Fair_
Carrie McDermott
Daily: Large

> > > Feature Photo

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Winging it
David Samson

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
Orphan animals
Eric Hylden

First Place
Bismarck Tribune
Sweet Briar flag
Jack Dura

Sports Photo

Weekly: Small

> > > Sports Photo

Third Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
Anders pushes through launch
Lyle Van Camp

Second Place
New Town News
Steer wrestler
Jerry W. Kram

First Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
Grafton/Park River Spoiler captain Suda flipped upside down
Larry Biri

Weekly: Mid-Size

> > > Sports Photo

Third Place
Washburn, The Leader-News
Miners bring home win
Alyssa Meier

Second Place
New Rockford Transcript
You’re outta there! - Mustangs defeat Black Sox
Jenna Weisenberger

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
Back-to-back champ
Cory Erickson
**Weekly: Large**  
> > > **Sports Photo**

**Third Place**  
Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Mustangs end season at the Betty*  
Chelsea Wysocki

**Second Place**  
Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Landon Woînârowicz shot*  
Brittany Brevik

**First Place**  
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*A Championship HOWL*  
Neal A. Shipman

**Daily: Small**  
> > > **Sports Photo**

**Third Place**  
Williston Herald  
*Wyatt Thorton takes a jump*  
Jamie Kelly

**Second Place**  
Jamestown Sun  
*Hit by the hard ball*  
John Steiner

**First Place**  
Wahpeton, The Daily News  
*Wahpeton picks up the walk-off win, 3-2*  
Turner Blaufuss

**Daily: Large**  
> > > **Sports Photo**

**Honorable Mention**  
Minot Daily News  
*Mckinlee Harmon home run*  
Alex Eisen

**Third Place**  
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*North Dakota State's Tyson Ward readies for a dunk*  
Michael Vosburg

**Second Place**  
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Minot knocks off Dickinson for first state title*  
David Samson

**First Place**  
Grand Forks Herald  
*Hillsbоро pick*  
Eric Hylden
**Weekly: Small**  
> > > Picture Story

**Third Place**  
Drayton, Valley News & Views  
*Neighborhood Watergun Fight*  
Lesa Van Camp

**Second Place**  
McClusky Gazette  
*Cool day for SCIPY Halloween*  
Candace Pellman

**First Place**  
Park River, Walsh County Press  
*Midway 3 on 3 Hot Shots*  
Larry Biri

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**Weekly: Mid-Size**  
> > > Picture Story

**Honorable Mention**  
Carrington, Foster County Independent  
*Scenes from JunkFest 2018*  
Erik Gjovik

**Third Place**  
New Rockford Transcript  
*Just a little wind*  
Amy Wobbema

**Second Place**  
Hillsboro Banner  
*Memorable moments at the B*  
Cory Erickson

**First Place**  
Washburn, The Leader-News  
*Washburn sends off 2018 grads*  
Alyssa Meier
Weekly: Large  

Third Place
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
Leonard Fall festival- Horace Bean Days- Mud Run Mapleton
Angela Kolden

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
Memorial Weekend
Brad Nygaard

First Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Enchanted Forest
Chelsea Wysocki

Daily: Small  

Honorable Mention
Wahpeton, The Daily News
Spring Pow Wow
Frank Stanko

Third Place
Jamestown Sun
Coming home
Tom LaVenture

Second Place
Jamestown Sun
Snow art and work
John Steiner

First Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
Loyal fans of the Twin Towns
Turner Blaufuss

Daily: Large  

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
Stanley Cup
Eric Hylden

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Amplified voices
Michael Vosburg

First Place
Bismarck Tribune
Silbernagel
Mike McCleary
Pictorial Photo

**Weekly: Small**

Third Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
*Fall or Winter*
Lesa Van Camp

Second Place
McClusky Gazette
*Oh no! Snow*
Allan Tinker

First Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Five year old Dreger climbs through pile of pumpkins*
Larry Biri

**Weekly: Mid-Size**

Honorable Mention
New Rockford Transcript
*A Night in the Stars*
Jenna Weisenberger

Third Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
*Bald eagles seem to provide the perfect mirror*
Karen Speidel

Second Place
Washburn, The Leader-News
*Swallowed by the river*
Alyssa Meier

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Booming in Buxton*
Cory Erickson
Weekly: Large

**Third Place**
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
*Where the buffalo roam*
Neal A. Shipman

**Second Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*North Dakota fall sunset*
Jackie Thompson

**First Place**
Bottineau Courant
*Church Steeple*
Scott Wagar

Daily: Small

**Third Place**
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Come on, Spring*
Karen Speidel

**Second Place**
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Signs of Spring*
Carrie McDermott

**First Place**
Jamestown Sun
*Holiday art*
John Steiner

Daily: Large

**Third Place**
Bismarck Tribune
*Scenery transformed*
Tom Stromme

**Second Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Bright colors on a rainy day*
David Samson

**First Place**
Grand Forks Herald
*Courthouse*
Eric Hyliden
**Portrait Photo**

**Weekly: Small**

Third Place
New Town News
*Delores Hayes*
Jerry W. Kram

Second Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
*Sophie Plays with Ducks*
Lesa Van Camp

First Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Greicar recipient of award in Senior Citizen Division*
Larry Biri

**Weekly: Mid-Size**

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Fred Jahn*
Neil O. Nelson

Second Place
Washburn, The Leader-News
*Washburn celebrates prom*
Alyssa Meier

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
*H-CV Volleyball*
Cory Erickson

**Weekly: Large**

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Summertime*
Chelsea Wysocki

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
*Firefighter Barry Eide*
Brad Nygaard

First Place
Bottineau Courant
*Taylen Strand*
Matthew Semisch
Honorable Mention
Dickinson Press
*Pumpkins in the Patch*
Kayla Henson

**Third Place**
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Shelter Buddies*
Frank Stanko

**Second Place**
Wahpeton, The Daily News
*Culinary Arts students earn kitchen basics*
Carrie McDermott

**First Place**
Jamestown Sun
*JFD deputy chief says 43 years service about helping others*
Tom LaVenture

**Third Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Deconstructing Drew*
David Samson

**Second Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Jospelm Birch*
Michael Vosburg

**First Place**
Grand Forks Herald
*Faith walk, highway to heaven*
Eric Hylden
Agricultural Photo

Weekly: Small

Third Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Picking up the beets*
Larry Biri

Second Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
*Spring Work*
Lyle Van Camp

First Place
McClusky Gazette
*A sunflower field south of Anamoose produces color*
Allan Tinker

Weekly: Mid-Size

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Paetyn Strand and chicken*
Cole Short

Second Place
Hankinson, News-Monitor
*Grain glitch fix awaits president’s signature*
Karen Speidel

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Aspyn Knutsvig and goat*
Cory Erickson
Honorable Mention
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
Farming the old-fashioned way
Neal A. Shipman

Third Place
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer
Pulling a calf
Betsy Ryan

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
Saving for a rainy day
Brad Nygaard

First Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Earning his keep
Chelsea Wysocki

Honorable Mention
Dickinson Press
To Feed 1.5 Billion People
James Miller

Third Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
Cows at Riverview dairy
Carrie McDermott

Second Place
Wahpeton, The Daily News
Three generations of Dairy Producers - cows
Karen Speidel

First Place
Jamestown Sun
Wheat harvest aerial
John Steiner
**Daily: Large**

>> > > Agricultural Photo

**Honorable Mention**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*An exceptional birth*  
Michael Vosburg

**Third Place**
Bismarck Tribune  
*Combine*  
Tom Stromme

**Second Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Colors of the setting sun*  
David Samson

**First Place**
Grand Forks Herald  
*Cattle drive*  
Eric Hylden

**Outdoor Recreation Photo**

**Weekly: Small**

>> > > Outdoor Recreation Photo

**Third Place**
Elgin, Grant County News  
*Getting down & dirty - Mud Volleyball*  
Jill Friesz

**Second Place**
New Town News  
*Indian Relays*  
Jerry W. Kram

**First Place**
Park River, Walsh County Press  
*Recreational waters*  
Larry Biri
**Weekly: Mid-Size**  
> > > Outdoor Recreation Photo

**Honorable Mention**  
Washburn, The Leader-News  
*Storm blankets area in snow*  
Alyssa Meier

**Third Place**  
Hillsboro Banner  
*Hillsboro Horse Pull*  
Cory Erickson

**Second Place**  
Hillsboro Banner  
*Having An Ice Day*  
Cole Short

**First Place**  
Tioga Tribune  
*Schools out*  
Dave Tengesdal

**Weekly: Large**  
> > > Outdoor Recreation Photo

**Third Place**  
Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Jones Kjelland-Walsh County Fair*  
Morgan Hovde

**Second Place**  
Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*Snow Fun*  
Neal A. Shipman

**First Place**  
Crosby, The Journal  
*Hang time*  
Brad Nygaard

**Daily: Small**  
> > > Outdoor Recreation Photo

**Third Place**  
Dickinson Press  
*High Pointing: A Journey to the Summit*  
James Miller

**Second Place**  
Wahpeton, The Daily News  
*Rock On*  
Frank Stanko

**First Place**  
Jamestown Sun  
*Sunday Sledding*  
Chris Olson
Daily: Large

> > > Outdoor Recreation Photo

Third Place
Bismarck Tribune
Speeding away
Mike McCleary

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Giving sis a push
Michael Vosburg

First Place
Grand Forks Herald
Wild Hog Marathon
Eric Hylden

Photo of the Year - Daily Division

Daily: Large

> > > Photo of the Year - Daily Division

First Place
Grand Forks Herald
Cattle Drive
Eric Hylden

Winner Comments: The cattle, the horsemen, the modern machinery and the snow fog combine to make this a unique interesting and well-framed photo.

Photo of the Year - Weekly Division

Weekly: Small

> > > Photo of the Year - Weekly Division

First Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
Recreational Waters
Larry Biri

Winner Comments: The excitement on the faces of frolicking young folk make this photo rise to the top in a very competitive race for the photo of the year.
Special Awards

NIE Newspaper of the Year

Overall Winner  > > > NIE Newspaper of the Year

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Allison Molstre

Winner Comments: The Forum’s NIE program is both creative and comprehensive, on line, in print and in the community. It easily is among the most developed and successful NIE programs in the country. You are to be commended for your dedication to developing young readers.

High School Reporter of the Year

Overall Winner  > > > High School Reporter of the Year

First Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Morgan Hovde

Winner Comments: From heartfelt human interest features to thoughtful columns to insightful sports writing, Morgan Hovde does it all.

Rookie Reporter of the Year

Overall Winner  > > > Rookie Reporter of the Year

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
John Miller

Winner Comments: Excellent story structure, each layer buttressed with fact/data support, engaging beginning to end.

Public Notice Journalism

Overall Winner  > > > Public Notice Journalism

First Place
Grand Forks Herald
Roosevelt, Minn., City Council charges
Staff

Winner Comments: Clear, laser focus on public meeting notice deficiency as element among several helping illustrate a dysfunctional governmental unit.

Community Service

Overall Winner  > > > Community Service

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Left out in the cold
Forum staff

Winner Comments: Excellent use of persistent, complete reporting of identifying a public enjoyment deficiency and advancing and helping achieve a solution.
First Amendment

Overall Winner  >  >  > First Amendment

First Place
Crosby, The Journal

*Attorney's letter questions candidate's credibility*
Brad Nygaard

**Winner Comments:** Open records request led to careful, complete report based on complex legal and law enforcement perspectives.