2023 News, Photography, & Special Awards
NDNA Better Newspaper Contest Award Winners (for work done in 2022)

News Awards

Reporting

Weekly: Small  > > > Reporting

Third Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
Hungry for a Cure: PR youth bringing awareness to Type 1 Diabetes
WILDCARD- Allison Olimb

Second Place
Elgin, Grant County News
Historic spring blizzard takes its toll
Luann Dart

First Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
Discrimination investigation continues
Levi Jones

Weekly: Mid-Size  > > > Reporting

Honorable Mention
Tioga Tribune
Former teacher faces state scrutiny, potential license loss
Jacob Orledge

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
Fostering hope
Cory Erickson

Second Place
Harvey, The Herald Press
High climber grounded
WILDCARD- Neil O. Nelson

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
In the right place at the write-in time
Cole Short
Weekly: Large

**Honorable Mention**
Garrison, McLean County Independent
*Meanwhile, back at the ranch*
James C. Falcon

**Third Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*Cases top 100 in January*
Journal Staff

**Second Place**
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Buntrock Retires*
Angela Kolden

**First Place**
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Flood Fight*
Jan Russell

Multi-Day: Small

**Honorable Mention**
Dickinson Press
*Breaking the Cycle*
Jason O'Day

**Third Place**
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Workplace gender equality improving, but still not great*
Colton Rasanen-Fryar

**Second Place**
Jamestown Sun
*Honoring sacrifice*
Kathy Steiner

**First Place**
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Black youth’s parents say they're done ignoring offensive problem*
Frank Stanko
Honorable Mention
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Unintended consequences*
April Baumgarten

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Demand for K-12 teachers in North Dakota outstrips supply*
Joe Bowen

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*The nukes next door*
Adam Willis

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Living with gunfire*
C.S. Hagen, April Baumgarten

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**Reporting Series**

Weekly: Small

Third Place
Elgin, Grant County News
*The Rancher, The Processor, The School*
Luann Dart

Second Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
*Schools co-op and related discrimination complaint*
Levi Jones

First Place
Bowbells, Burke County Tribune
*Blizzard*
Lisa Thomas
Weekly: Mid-Size

Third Place
New Rockford Transcript
Child care center opens in Brown Memorial
Amy Wobbema

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
Day care licensing coverage
Cole Short

First Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
Cayler Ellingson homicide case
Nathan Price

Weekly: Large

Honorable Mention
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Chris Thompson
WILDCARD- Todd Morgan

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Garza Brothers
Todd Morgan

Second Place
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
Cat Scam
Jan Russell

First Place
Crosby, The Journal
Where have the workers gone?
Cecile Wehrman
Multi-Day: Small  > > > Reporting Series

Honorable Mention
Dickinson Press
*Missing Beulah boy*
Jason O'Day

Third Place
Dickinson Press
*Halloween on the Western Edge*
Ashley Koffler

Second Place
Jamestown Sun
*Mayor: Sex assault claim is false*
Masaki Ova

First Place
Williston Herald
*Explosives in Williston*
Maddie Davis

Multi-Day: Large  > > > Reporting Series

Honorable Mention
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Virginia Piper kidnapping*
Tracy Briggs

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Motive in teen's killing takes spotlight*
April Baumgarten

Second Place
Bismarck Tribune
*Beyond the Streets*
Mike McCleary

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Ray Holmberg series*
April Baumgarten, Jeremy Turley
**Feature Reporting**

**Weekly: Small**

Honorable Mention
Bowbells, Burke County Tribune
Hannah’s Hats
Lisa Thomas

Third Place
Elgin, Grant County News
Sheriff Foss takes final patrol
Luann Dart

Second Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
Not just a job, a career: Seim to be celebrated on Nurses Week
WILDCARD- Allison Olimb

First Place
Finley, Steele County Press
One year later: How is Brady Munroe?
Lisa Saxberg

**Weekly: Mid-Size**

Honorable Mention
Hillsboro Banner
A Focus on the Arts
Cory Erickson

Third Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
A special delivery
Erik Gjovik

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
In it for the long haul
Cole Short

First Place
Rugby, Pierce County Tribune
With help from Rugby residents, Vietnam vet says goodbye to friend
Sue Sitter
Weekly: Large

**Feature Reporting**

**Honorable Mention**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Dominguez faces hardest battle yet*
Chelsea Wysocki

**Third Place**
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Retired Major General Macdonald*
Jan Russell

**Second Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Buzzer-beater Bjornson*
WILDCARD- Chelsea Wysocki

**First Place**
Beulah, The Beacon
*He's bats about bats*
Bill Schmalfeldt

Multi-Day: Small

**Feature Reporting**

**Honorable Mention**
Dickinson Press
*Stranded by war: A Ukrainian foreign exchange student's story*
Ashley Koffler

**Third Place**
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Metal Nana*
Carrie McDermott

**Second Place**
Wahpeton, Daily News
*22-year-old funeral director dedicated to families in toughest times*
Colton Rasanen-Fryar

**First Place**
Dickinson Press
*The taxi driver murders*
James B. Miller, Jr.
Multi-Day: Large  >  >  > Feature Reporting

Honorable Mention
Grand Forks Herald
As Russians advance through Ukraine, schools teach history
Joe Bowen

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Marge's Diner brings 1970s vibe to downtown Fargo
Helmut Schmidt

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Bond of brothers
Jeremy Turley

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
'Their spirits are still here'
Jeremy Turley, Adam Willis

Feature Series

Weekly: Small  >  >  > Feature Series

First Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
Point of View series - changes
Colton Rasanen-Fryar, Frank Stanko, Robert Wanek Jr., Levi Jones

Weekly: Mid-Size  >  >  > Feature Series

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
Hillsboro Days coverage
WILDCARD- Cole Short, Cory Erickson

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
New teachers in Traill County
Cole Short, Cory Erickson

First Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
Twin City
Erik Gjovik
**Weekly: Large**

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**Feature Series**

**Honorable Mention**
Beulah, The Beacon
*Giving Back Series*
Staff

**Third Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*Cancer survivors*
Brad Nygaard, Cecile Wehrman

**Second Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*Conversations with Ukrainian refugees*
Cecile Wehrman

**First Place**
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Equal Opportunities*
Angela Kolden

**Multi-Day: Small**

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**Feature Series**

**Honorable Mention**
Wahpeton, Daily News
*POV series examines great outdoors in Southern Red River Valley*
Colton Rasanen-Fryar, Levi Jones, Robert Wanek Jr., Frank Stanko

**Third Place**
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Family Footprints (4 part series)*
Frank Stanko

**Second Place**
Jamestown Sun
*The most rewarding time of my life*
Kathy Steiner

**First Place**
Dickinson Press
*Ukrainian Heritage/Culture*
Jason O'Day
Multi-Day: Large  >  >  > Feature Series

Honorable Mention
Bismarck Tribune
Western North Dakota Honor Flight
Travis Svihovec

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Kid Boss series
Tammy Swift

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Buried wounds series
Jeremy Turley, C.S. Hagen, Michelle Griffith

First Place
Bismarck Tribune
Immigrants and refugees
Jack Dura

Government Reporting

Weekly: Small  >  >  > Government Reporting

Third Place
Elgin, Grant County News
E/NL top open bus bids August 22 - PAGE 2
Luann Dart

Second Place
Finley, Steele County Press
Census population count leads to redistricting
Lisa Saxberg

First Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
License suspended: Dug Out once again on the outs in PR
Allison Olimb
Weekly: Mid-Size

Honorable Mention
Carrington, Foster County Independent
_CPS commits to full-day Pre-K program_
Amy Wobbema

Third Place
New Rockford Transcript
_Full house at special assessment hearing_
Amy Wobbema

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
Former, current city leaders trade barbs in heated exchange
Cole Short

First Place
New Rockford Transcript
_Oberon voters officially contest city election_
Nathan Price

Weekly: Large

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
_Commission appoints Barta_
Todd Morgan

Second Place
Garrison, McLean County Independent
_Meanwhile, back at the ranch_
James C. Falcon

First Place
Crosby, The Journal
_Summer runway closing has sprayers looking at options_
Brad Nygaard

Multi-Day: Small

Third Place
Jamestown Sun
_Service to continue_
Kathy Steiner

Second Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
_Abortion will remain legal in MN after fed protections overturned_
Colton Rasanen-Fryar

First Place
Dickinson Press
_Stark County sheriff race turns ugly_
James B. Miller, Jr.
Multi-Day: Large

Honorable Mention
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Why ND can't stop hiring dubious guardianship company*
Dave Olson

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Stonewalled and slighted*
WILDCARD- Jeremy Turley

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Fargo man refuses to leave century-old home slated for demolition*
Melissa Van Der Stad

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Communication breakdown*
April Baumgarten

Government Series

Weekly: Small

Second Place
Elgin, Grant County News
*Candidate for Sheriff, Meet Candidates, Meet Elgin City Council*
Luann Dart

First Place
Finley, Steele County Press
*Concerned resident demands commission's response*
Lisa Saxberg
Weekly: Mid-Size  >  Government Series

**Honorable Mention**
Tioga Tribune
*Community center prepares to lift off*
Jacob Orledge

**Third Place**
New Rockford Transcript
*New Rockford street project*
Amy Wobbema, Nathan Price

**Second Place**
Hillsboro Banner
*City budget review*
Cole Short

**First Place**
New Rockford Transcript
*New Rockford water plant upgrades*
Nathan Price

Weekly: Large  >  Government Series

**Honorable Mention**
Crosby, The Journal
*Park board leadership saga*
Jody Michael

**Third Place**
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Soybean Processing Plant*
Angela Kolden

**Second Place**
Linton, Emmons County Record
*County makes eminent domain 'more difficult'*
Kelli Ameling

**First Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*Ambulance resignations leave financial mess*
Brad Nygaard
Multi-Day: Small

Third Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Carbon Capture*
Frank Stanko

Second Place
Dickinson Press
*Library board and controversial books*
Jason O'Day

First Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Election coverage*
Colton Rasane-Fryar

Multi-Day: Large

Honorable Mention
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Cass County sheriff’s race*
April Baumgarten

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Easter reporting, Fufeng corn milling plant, concerns with China*
Sam Easter

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*North Dakota sexual assault series*
WILDCARD- April Baumgarten

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*AG cost overrun series*
Jeremy Turley

Spot News

Weekly: Small

Second Place
Finley, Steele County Press
*Emergency responders rescue man from grain entrapment*
Jill Larson

First Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
*Fairmount man surrenders after five-hour standoff*
Levi Jones
Honorable Mention
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*Electrical system failure causes student evacuation*
Erik Gjovik

Third Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*Memorial Day deluge*
WILDCARD- Erik Gjovik

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Goose River busts through Mayville dam*
Cole Short

First Place
Tioga Tribune
*Daily life grinds to a halt in face of spring blizzard*
Jacob Orledge

Weekly: Large

Third Place
Crosby, The Journal
*Teen recovering after collapse at football game*
Jody Michael

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
*High winds wallop Wildrose area*
Brad Nygaard

First Place
Crosby, The Journal
*Unprecedented damage*
Journal Staff
Multi-Day: Small  >  >  >  Spot News

Honorable Mention
Wahpeton, Daily News
Moorhead homicide victim's vehicle located in Wahpeton
Frank Stanko

Third Place
Dickinson Press
Dickinson man arrested following pursuit
Jason O'Day

Second Place
Dickinson Press
Dickinson family 'very lucky'
Ashley Koffler

First Place
Jamestown Sun
Schools lockdown
Masaki Ova

Multi-Day: Large  >  >  >  Spot News

Honorable Mention
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
After 21 years on the run, man accused of sexual assault arrested
Dave Olson, April Baumgarten

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
Rivers on the rise, Gov. activates MN Nat'l Guard for Crookston
Ingrid Harbo

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Mother, baby recovering after being shot by baby's father
Robin Huebner

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Relationship may impact murder case
April Baumgarten
Weekly: Small

Honorable Mention
Elgin, Grant County News
South 40 Beef awarded grants for expansion
Luann Dart

Third Place
Bowbells, Burke County Tribune
Cafe Opens
Lisa Thomas

Second Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
Long-term toll
Levi Jones

First Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
The Doc is In: Golden Valley Vet Clinic makes move to town
Allison Olimb

Weekly: Mid-Size

Honorable Mention
Carrington, Foster County Independent
Everyone is welcome at our table
Amy Wobbema

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
Downtown turnaround
Cole Short, Cory Erickson

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
Donut seem brand new?
Cole Short

First Place
Tioga Tribune
Dollar General under OSHA investigations, chronically understaffed
Jacob Orledge
Weekly: Large

**Third Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*RRC Incubator project*
Todd Morgan

**Second Place**
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Proposed Carbon Pipeline*
Jan Russell

**First Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*NCA is doubling capacity at its Noonan grain terminal*
Brad Nygaard

Multi-Day: Small

**Third Place**
Dickinson Press
*Selling like WILDFIRE!*
Ashley Koffler

**Second Place**
Jamestown Sun
*Bold flavors at the heart of Buffalo City Popcorn*
Kathy Steiner

**First Place**
Dickinson Press
*Sanford to close Mott nursing home*
Jason O'Day

Multi-Day: Large

**Honorable Mention**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Speak Easy closing 'devastating' to longtime employees*
Mike McFeely

**Third Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Food cart operators fear possible restrictions*
Barry Amundson

**Second Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Dedicated DJ*
April Baumgarten

**First Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Questions linger as Moorhead Center Mall tenants ponder futures*
Thomas Evanella
Weekly: Small

Third Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Walsh County Press - Sports Page*
Allison Olimb & staff

Second Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
*Sports Pages*
Levi Jones

First Place
Elgin, Grant County News
*Sports Pages*
Jill Friesz & staff

Weekly: Mid-Size

Honorable Mention
Tioga Tribune
Jan. 12, June 1, Sept. 21
Jody Michael

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Hillsboro Banner Sports Pages*
Banner Staff

Second Place
New Rockford Transcript
*Transcript sports pages*
Nathan Price, Kyrie Dauenhauer

First Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*Independent Sports Section*
Erik Gjovik, Kyrie Dauenhauer, Nathan Price, Lane Moellenkamp
**Weekly: Large**

**Honorable Mention**
Crosby, The Journal  
*March 9, May 25, Sept. 21*  
Jody Michael

**Third Place**
Garrison, McLean County Independent  
*McLean County Independent sports pages*  
Jackie Kohler, James C. Falcon

**Second Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*May 18, September 21, December 7*  
Chelsea Wysocki

**First Place**
Bottineau Courant  
*Bottineau Courant Sports*  
Matthew Semisch

**Multi-Day: Small**

**Third Place**
Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Daily News Sports page*  
Robert Wanek Jr.

**Second Place**
Dickinson Press  
*Sports covers for the Dickinson Press*  
Meghan Dowhaniuk

**First Place**
Jamestown Sun  
*Sports covers for the Jamestown Sun*  
Alex Kallmeyer, Paula Pandey Chhetri, Becca Larson
**Sports Page**

**Honorable Mention**
Bismarck Tribune
*Bismarck Tribune Sports*
Staff

**Third Place**
Grand Forks Herald
*Sports page/section, Jan. 31, Aug. 11, Aug. 23*
Tanner Larson, Danielle Verhey, Joey Good

**Second Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Forum sports sections*
Forum staff

**First Place**
Grand Forks Herald
*Sports page/section, Feb. 24, Feb. 27, Oct. 23*
Wayne Nelson, Staff

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**Sports Reporting**

**Weekly: Small**

**Honorable Mention**
Cooperstown, Griggs County Courier
*Thunder rain on the Titans' hopes of a Homecoming game win*
Preslet Paintner

**Third Place**
Elgin, Grant County News
*Storm celebrate victory*
Joey Richter

**Second Place**
Bowbells, Burke County Tribune
*Fredrickson's 1000th*
Lisa Thomas

**First Place**
Hankinson, News Monitor
*Biggest Game of the Season, So Far*
Levi Jones
Weekly: Mid-Size  > > > Sports Reporting

**Honorable Mention**
Hillsboro Banner  
10 and Counting  
Cole Short

**Third Place**
Hillsboro Banner  
Patriots drop five-set thriller  
Rian Richards

**Second Place**
Hillsboro Banner  
Chomping at the bit  
Pace Maier

**First Place**
Tioga Tribune  
Dolan steps down as Ray volleyball coach  
Jody Michael

Weekly: Large  > > > Sports Reporting

**Honorable Mention**
Garrison, McLean County Independent  
Spring sports thwarted by storms  
James C. Falcon

**Third Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record  
Spoilers seeing double  
Chelsea Wysocki

**Second Place**
Linton, Emmons County Record  
NDHSAA proposes three-class system for basketball  
WILDCARD- Mark Weber

**First Place**
Bottineau Courant  
Keep on keeping on  
Matthew Semisch
Multi-Day: Small  >  >  > Sports Reporting

Third Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
Ring season
Robert Wanek Jr.

Second Place
Dickinson Press
Really meaningful to me
Race Archibald

First Place
Dickinson Press
Dickinson players mark crowning achievement, continue careers
James B. Miller, Jr.

Multi-Day: Large  >  >  > Sports Reporting

Honorable Mention
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Faith and football
Jeff Kolpack

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Postgame pandemonium
Mike McFeely

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
West Fargo Sheyenne earns 1st state volleyball title with wild win
Ryan Spitza

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
A surreal week
Eric Peterson
Sports Series

Weekly: Small

Honorable Mention
Finley, Steele County Press
*Raiders top Colts 36-6 in opening round of playoffs*
Mark Frost

Third Place
Elgin, Grant County News
*Storm warning for playoff game, Storm bring the thunder*
Riley Dahl

Second Place
Bowbells, Burke County Tribune
*Ranchers Post Season*
WILDCARD—Lyann Olson

First Place
Bowbells, Burke County Tribune
*Honkers Shine in Tournaments*
Lyann Olson

Weekly: Mid-Size

Honorable Mention
Hillsboro Banner
*MPCG volleyball coverage*
Rian Richards

Third Place
Tioga Tribune
*Tioga High School girls' basketball*
Jody Michael

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
*HCV football playoff coverage*
Pace Maier

First Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*2022 CHS Football*
Erik Gjovik
Weekly: Large

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Spoilers GBB State*
Chelsea Wysocki

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
*Divide County High School football*
Jody Michael

First Place
Bottineau Courant
*Bottineau-Rugby vs Minot High boys hockey rivalry history*
Matthew Semisch

Multi-Day: Small

Second Place
Dickinson Press
*Dickinson Midgets' failed state run*
Josiah C. Cuellar

First Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Athlete of the Year*
Robert Wanek Jr.

Multi-Day: Large

Honorable Mention
Grand Forks Herald
*UND-Minnesota rivalry*
Brad E. Schlossman

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Christian Watson draft*
Eric Peterson, Mike McFeely

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Four Winds-Minnewaukan perfect season series*
Wayne Nelson

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*After more than 50 yrs, sons of former Bison great finally united*
Jeff Kolpack
**Weekly: Small**

**Third Place**
Cooperstown, Griggs County Courier
*Who's on first?*
Jill Larson

**Second Place**
Bowbells, Burke County Tribune
*Gold for Hinds*
Lisa Thomas

**First Place**
Finley, Steele County Press
*Goals & determination earn Cigelske chance at Boston Marathon*
Lisa Saxberg

**Weekly: Mid-Size**

**Honorable Mention**
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*Their spirit lives on*
Erik Gjovik

**Third Place**
Tioga Tribune
*Rose defies damaged eye, leads Pirates as 8th-grader*
Jody Michael

**Second Place**
Hillsboro Banner
*Two very real tall tales*
Pace Maier

**First Place**
Tioga Tribune
*Local rodeo star heads to nationals*
Jacob Orledge
**Weekly: Large**

**Sports Feature**

**Honorable Mention**
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Bulls, Barrels & Boxing*
Angela Kolden

**Third Place**
Garrison, McLean County Independent
*Cedar gets signed*
James C. Falcon

**Second Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*Comet players savor experience in national hockey showcase*
Jody Michael

**First Place**
Bottineau Courant
*Back in the saddle*
Matthew Semisch

**Multi-Day: Small**

**Sports Feature**

**Honorable Mention**
Dickinson Press
*Kovash retiring from coaching track and field*
Race Archibald

**Third Place**
Dickinson Press
*Half-court shot of a dream*
Jason O'Day

**Second Place**
Wahpeton, Daily News
*NDSCS nose guard Ray Ruschel cures football fever at 49 yrs old*
Robert Wanek Jr.

**First Place**
Dickinson Press
*Half Century Later: New Eng. St. Mary's '70s state champs reunite*
Josiah C. Cuellar
Multi-Day: Large  > > > Sports Feature

Honorable Mention
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Family man
Jeff Kolpack

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Bison OL Jensen playing for memory of father in final season
Eric Peterson

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Duhamel helps family honor local golfer who dared to stand out
Tracy Briggs

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
It takes a village
Mike McFeely

Sports Column

Weekly: Small  > > > Sports Column

First Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
Bombers Wrap Up Football Season
Mike Alan Steinfeldt

Weekly: Mid-Size  > > > Sports Column

Honorable Mention
Carrington, Foster County Independent
Archery: where everyone gets the same shot
Amy Wobbema

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
Lights, Cameras, Action
Cory Erickson

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
Jake Hutter column
Cole Short

First Place
New Rockford Transcript
Mom pride at courtside
Amy Wobbema
Weekly: Large  > > > Sports Column

Honorable Mention
Garrison, McLean County Independent
*Hanging up his cleats a champion*
Ethyn Williams-Calvert

Third Place
Garrison, McLean County Independent
*What Garrison girls are made of*
James C. Falcon

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
*District tourney will feel small, but it's been smaller before*
Jody Michael

First Place
Bottineau Courant
*’Shark Tank,’ school board meeting edition*
Matthew Semisch

Multi-Day: Small  > > > Sports Column

Second Place
Williston Herald
*Will Erickson*
Maddie Davis

First Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
*One man covering 30 teams*
Robert Wanek Jr.

Multi-Day: Large  > > > Sports Column

Honorable Mention
Bismarck Tribune
*Is 10 in 12 inevitable?*
Dave Selvig

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Setback after setback*
Brad E. Schlossman

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Kindness of strangers helped young baseball fan*
Tom Miller

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Coach Joe had the gift of making everybody feel important*
Jeff Kolpack
First Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
*Valley News & Views Editorial*
Lesa Van Camp

Second Place
Harvey, The Herald Press
*Newspapers have been in a state of transformation forever*
Neil O. Nelson

First Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*Protecting the public’s right to know*
Amy Wobbema

Second Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Support is a two way street*
Todd Morgan

First Place
Garrison, McLean County Independent
*Don’t be a party pooper*
James C. Falcon

Third Place
Williston Herald
*Giving Tuesday*
Eric Gill

Second Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
*We can do better*
Carrie McDermott, Tara Klostreich, Frank Stanko

First Place
Jamestown Sun
*Small businesses are key to Jamestown*
Kathy Steiner
Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
_Fargo's refusal to allow Romantix to move downtown location silly_
Forum staff

Second Place
Bismarck Tribune
_Competitive parties good for the state_
Bismarck Tribune Editorial Board

First Place
Grand Forks Herald
_Child care crisis in Dakota and Minnesota is bad for business_
Korrie Wenzel

Editorial Page

Second Place
Elgin, Grant County News
_Grant County News Editorial Pages_
Jill Friesz

First Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
_Opinion page_
Carrie McDermott

Honorable Mention
New Rockford Transcript
_Transcript editorial pages_
Transcript staff

Third Place
Harvey, The Herald Press
_Editorial Pages x3_
Anne Ehni, Neil O. Nelson

Second Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
_Independent Editorial Pages_
Amy Wobbema, Allen Stock, Lori Buchholtz

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
_Hillsboro Banner Editorial Page_
Cole Short
Weekly: Large

First Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Editorial Pages*
Staff

Multi-Day: Small

Second Place
Jamestown Sun
*Jamestown Sun*
Kathy Steiner

First Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Editorial page*
Carrie McDermott

Multi-Day: Large

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Editorial pages: April 2, April 23, May 18*
Korrie Wenzel

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Forum editorial pages*
Forum staff

First Place
Bismarck Tribune
*Bismarck Tribune Editorial Page*
Staff

**Standing News Front**

Multi-Day: Small

Second Place
Jamestown Sun
*Business (Buffalo city popcorn story page)*
Kathy Steiner

First Place
Dickinson Press
*Flowers and vegetables*
Marcy Nickel
Multi-Day: Large

Standing News Front

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Business page*
Becca Larson

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Standing news front: Feb. 6, Possibilities are endless*
Meghan Dowhaniuk

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Gone for good*
Forum staff

Agricultural Coverage

Weekly: Small

Agricultural Coverage

Honorable Mention
Drayton, Valley News & Views
*Drayton Factory District Sets Record for Tonnage*
Mike Alan Steinfeldt

Third Place
Finley, Steele County Press
*High winds lead to dirty conditions and talk about conservation*
Lisa Saxberg

Second Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
*Sweet harvest*
Levi Jones

First Place
Elgin, Grant County News
*Farmers, ranchers reap benefits of rain*
Luann Dart
Weekly: Mid-Size  >  >  >  Agricultural Coverage

Third Place
New Rockford Transcript
National Ag Week
Transcript staff

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
Near-record small-grain yields expected
Cory Erickson

First Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
Lending a helping hand
Erik Gjovik

Weekly: Large  >  >  >  Agricultural Coverage

Honorable Mention
Crosby, The Journal
A year of 'extreme' everything
Brad Nygaard

Third Place
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
Sustainable Farm Practices
Jan Russell

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
Late harvest
Eric Standing

First Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
County's last dairy farm
Todd Morgan
Honorable Mention
Jamestown Sun
Youth safety is the focus at Tractor Safety Camps
Kathy Steiner

Third Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
Red River Valley leaders applaud Cargill, Golden Growers pact
Frank Stanko

Second Place
Dickinson Press
Moo-ving through the decades
Jason O’Day

First Place
Dickinson Press
A HARD ROW TO HOE: Dickinson man still farming at 92
Ashley Koffler

Honorable Mention
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Young blood
Jeremy Turley

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Minnesota hops farmer is just a hop, skip and jump from Fargo
Tammy Swift

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
Faith, irrigation and innovation
Ingrid Harbo

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
As farming eats Dakotas’ grasslands, landowner aims for restoration
Adam Willis
Third Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
*I stand with Rebecca*
Allison Olimb

Second Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
*I almost wasn’t able to vote*
Levi Jones

First Place
McClusky Gazette
*Edge of Chaos, Bad bad words*
Allan Tinker

Honorable Mention
Harvey, The Herald Press
*Neil O. Nelson column*
Neil O. Nelson

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Painting a picture of the county paper race*
Cole Short

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Lights, Cameras, Action*
Cory Erickson

First Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*I’ll never forget this assignment*
Allen Stock
**Weekly: Large**

**Third Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*M. Feltman*  
Todd Morgan

**Second Place**
Crosby, The Journal  
*Rulings are interesting juxtaposition*  
Cecile Wehrman

**First Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Ruffling feathers*  
Chelsea Wysocki

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**Multi-Day: Small**

**Honorable Mention**
Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Stop killing us, please*  
Colton Rasanen-Fryar

**Third Place**
Wahpeton, Daily News  
*F is for the many fantastic things about my father*  
WILDCARD- Colton Rasanen-Fryar

**Second Place**
Wahpeton, Daily News  
*And the insult goes to &#8230;*  
Frank Stanko

**First Place**
Dickinson Press  
*Ye, Kyrie and their Jewish question*  
Jason O'Day
Multi-Day: Large

Honorable Mention
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Fargo teen wins 'SNL' essay lottery, takes family to taping in NY
Troy Becker

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
Earl Strinden left the pile a little higher
Mike Jacobs

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
Day on big Lake Winnipeg
Brad Dokken

First Place
Bismarck Tribune
A journey with my ancestor
Amy R. Sisk

Personal Column - Humorous

Weekly: Small

Third Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
Good soup
Levi Jones

Second Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
Pitching Bundles
Allison Olimb

First Place
Elgin, Grant County News
Lake front property
Jill Friesz

Weekly: Mid-Size

Second Place
Harvey, The Herald Press
Neil O. Nelson

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
So you want a hippopotamus for Christmas?
Cole Short
Honorable Mention
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Unwrapped*
Steph Cronje

Third Place
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Oh, my John Deere 8330, how I missed you*
Jan Russell

Second Place
Bottineau Courant
*Don't try this at home, kids*
Matthew Semisch

First Place
Crosby, The Journal
*Wondering where all of the Garys have gone*
Eric Standing

Multi-Day: Small

Third Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Cold weather cocktails*
Colton Rasanen-Fryar

Second Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Christmas cheer? Piece of cake for Stanko*
Frank Stanko

First Place
Dickinson Press
*Why I am quitting Twitter*
Jason O'Day

Multi-Day: Large

Third Place
Bismarck Tribune
*How about ND for next winter Olympics*
Travis Svihovec

Second Place
Bismarck Tribune
*On the trail of a mystery stench*
Blake Nicholson

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*At reception, guests may have caught bouquet but I got the boot*
Tammy Swift
Special News Section

Weekly: Small  > > > Special News Section

Third Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
Walsh County Press - Catch you at the Fair
Allison Olimb, Larry Biri

Second Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
Valley Voices - spring edition
Levi Jones, Frank Stanko, Audra Anderson

First Place
Central McLean News-Journal
Honoring First Responders
Staff

Weekly: Mid-Size  > > > Special News Section

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
Christmas Section
Banner Staff

Second Place
New Rockford Transcript
Rockets State Volleyball Commemorative Edition
Kyrie Dauenhauer, Amy Wobbema, Nathan Price

First Place
Washburn, The Leader-News
Honoring First Responders
Staff

Weekly: Large  > > > Special News Section

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Ag Section
Staff

Second Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Fall Sports Preview
Chelsea Wysocki

First Place
Crosby, The Journal
All over the map
Journal Staff
Multi-Day: Small  >  >  >  Special News Section
Second Place
Jamestown Sun
Jamestown Has It // annual Progress Edition
Jamestown Sun Staff
First Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
Southern Valley Living - Fall
Candace Engstrom, Carrie McDermott, Frank Stanko, Levi Jones, Robert Wanek Jr, Colton Rasanen-Fryar, Tara Klostreich

Multi-Day: Large  >  >  >  Special News Section
Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Bison Rewind
Forum staff
Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
UND hockey: Target, Tampa
Brad E. Schlossman
First Place
Bismarck Tribune
Bismarck looks back
Staff

Section/Feature Front Design

Weekly: Small  >  >  >  Section/Feature Front Design
Second Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
Celebrate the Seasons
Candace Engstrom
First Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
Weathering Our Senior Year . . .
Allison Olimb, Larry Biri

Weekly: Mid-Size  >  >  >  Section/Feature Front Design
First Place
Hillsboro Banner
Banner Aug. 12 Sports Front
Banner Staff
Weekly: Large

Third Place
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
Dandie Debut
Megan Nicklay

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
All over the map
Cecile Wehrman

First Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Veterans Day
WILDCARD- Jackie Thompson

Multi-Day: Small

Third Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
Wilkin County Fair
Candace Engstrom

Second Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
Women in Business
Candace Engstrom, Carrie McDermott

First Place
Dickinson Press
Make salmon a staple
Marcy Nickel

Multi-Day: Large

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
Section/Feature Front: March 19
Becca Clemens

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Spring stunner
Forum staff

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Called to clay
Marcy Nickel
Weekly: Small

Third Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
*Good News Edition - News Monitor*
Carrie McDermott

Second Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Walsh County Press - Front Page Design*
Allison Olimb

First Place
Elgin, Grant County News
*Front page design*
Jill Friesz

Weekly: Mid-Size

Third Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*Independent Front Pages*
Erik Gjovik, Amy Wobbema

Second Place
New Rockford Transcript
*Transcript front page entries*
Amy Wobbema

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Hillsboro Banner FPD*
Cory Erickson, Cole Short

Weekly: Large

Third Place
Linton, Emmons County Record
*Emmons County Front Page Design*
Kelli Ameling, Kelsey Majeski

Second Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*April 20, June 29, November 2*
Jackie Thompson

First Place
Crosby, The Journal
*Journal front pages*
Cecile Wehrman
**Multi-Day: Small**

**Third Place**
Jamestown Sun
*AJ covers for the Jamestown Sun*
Paula Pandey Chhetri, Erin Crommett, Cindy Gilster

**Second Place**
Dickinson Press
*Front pages of the Dickinson Press*
Meghan Dowhaniuk

**First Place**
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Daily News front page*
Carrie McDermott

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**Multi-Day: Large**

**Third Place**
Bismarck Tribune
*Bismarck Tribune front page design*
Diane Newberry

**Second Place**
Grand Forks Herald
*Front page design: Aug. 11, Sept. 19, Nov. 26*
Alex Kallmeyer, Danielle Verhey, Mark Merck

**First Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Forum front page design entry*
Forum staff
Weekly: Small

**Second Place**
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Stop the Pop: FCCLA project advocates for aneurysm awareness*
Allison Olimb

**First Place**
Hankinson, News Monitor
*Good things come to those who bait*
Colton Rasen-Fryar

Weekly: Mid-Size

**Honorable Mention**
Hillsboro Banner
*In it for the long haul*
Alyssa Short

**Third Place**
Hillsboro Banner
*New leash on life*
Cole Short

**Second Place**
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*From coursework to course work*
Erik Gjovik

**First Place**
Hillsboro Banner
*Life fries at you fast*
WILDCARD- Cole Short
Honorable Mention
Crosby, The Journal
*Olsen reunion is crowded -- relatively speaking*
Brad Nygaard

Third Place
Garrison, McLean County Independent
*A supplies party*
WILDCARD- James C. Falcon

Second Place
Garrison, McLean County Independent
*Eyes on the pies*
Ethyn Williams-Calvert

First Place
Garrison, McLean County Independent
*Bobbin and weaving*
James C. Falcon

Multi-Day: Small

Third Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Let's talk about Bruno*
Frank Stanko

Second Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Hello Ollie*
Colton Rasanen-Fryar

First Place
Dickinson Press
*This company is too hot to candle*
Jason O'Day
Honorable Mention
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
It’s no yolk: High wholesale egg prices makes it an unhappy Easter
Helmut Schmidt

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
Buoy or buoy, that’s a hike!
Brad Dokken

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Worries over furries: Furries in F-M schools? Yes, but no litter boxes
Archie Ingersoll

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Navel bombardment
Dave Olson

Informational Graphics

Weekly: Small

Second Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
Bye, Bye Butterfly?
Levi Jones

First Place
Elgin, Grant County News
JMHCC COVID cases
Jill Friesz

Weekly: Mid-Size

Second Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
Foster County commission redistricting
Erik Gjovik

First Place
New Rockford Transcript
North Dakota Leads: Ag Production Statistics
Amy Wobbema
**Weekly: Large**

**Informational Graphics**

**Honorable Mention**
Crosby, The Journal
*Crop Acreage Report 2022*
Cecile Wehrman

**Third Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*What’s growing in North Dakota*
Jackie Thompson

**Second Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Police stats*
Todd Morgan

**First Place**
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Home Improvement Guide*
Megan Nicklay

**Multi-Day: Small**

**Informational Graphics**

**First Place**
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Election Day Coverage*
Colton Rasanen-Fryar

**Multi-Day: Large**

**Informational Graphics**

**First Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Beijing 2022*
Troy Becker
Best Web Site

Weekly: Small  > > > Best Web Site

First Place
Elgin, Grant County News
gspublishing.net
Staff

Weekly: Mid-Size  > > > Best Web Site

Third Place
New Rockford Transcript
newrockfordtranscript.com
Transcript Staff

Second Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
fosterconews.com
Staff

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
hillsborobanner.com
Banner Staff

Weekly: Large  > > > Best Web Site

First Place
Crosby, The Journal
JournalTrib.com
Cecile Wehrman

Multi-Day: Small  > > > Best Web Site

Second Place
Jamestown Sun
jamestownsun.com
Jamestown Sun

First Place
Dickinson Press
dickinsonpress.com
Dickinson Press Staff
Multi-Day: Large

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Online Coverage of Breaking News

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**Best Use of Social Media**

**Weekly Division:**  

**Second Place**  
Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Urban Cottage*  
Caylee Tibert

**First Place**  
Park River, Walsh County Press  
*Meet the Maker - a Super Santa Saturday feature*  
Allison Olimb

**Multi-Day Division:**

**Third Place**  
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Fate uncertain for Theodore Roosevelt National Park horses*  
Chris Flynn, Kate Almquist

**Second Place**  
Dickinson Press  
*Dickinson Press Facebook Page*  
Jenn Binstock

**First Place**  
Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Athlete of the Year*  
Robert Wanek Jr.
Overall Design Excellence

Weekly: Small

Third Place
Finley, Steele County Press
*Overall Design Excellence entry*
Staff

Second Place
Cooperstown, Griggs County Courier
*Overall Design Excellence entry*
Staff

First Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
*Overall Design Excellence entry*
News Monitor Staff

Weekly: Mid-Size

Honorable Mention
New Rockford Transcript
*Overall Design Excellence entry*
Transcript staff

Third Place
Harvey, The Herald Press
*Overall Design Excellence entry*
Anne Ehni, Neil O. Nelson, Edie Schell

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Overall Design Excellence entry*
Cole Short, Cory Erickson

First Place
Tioga Tribune
*Overall Design Excellence entry*
Tioga Tribune Staff
Weekly: Large  > > > Overall Design Excellence

Honorable Mention
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Overall Design Excellence entry*
Staff

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

Second Place
Garrison, McLean County Independent
*Overall Design Excellence entry*
Staff

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

Multi-Day: Small  > > > Overall Design Excellence

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

Second Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Overall Design Excellence entry*
Daily News staff

First Place
Dickinson Press
*Overall Design Excellence entry*
Joy Schoch, James Miller, Jennifer Binstock, Jason O'Day, Ashley Koffler, Josiah Cuellar, Cindi Wallner

Multi-Day: Large  > > > Overall Design Excellence

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

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

First Place
Bismarck Tribune
*Overall Design Excellence entry*
Staff
"NEW THIS YEAR!" "Headliner Award" - Overall Best Headline

All Circulation Divisions  > > >  Headliner- Overall Best Headline

Hillsboro Banner
*Life fries at you fast*
WILDCARD- Cole Short

*Judge comments:* You clever headline, I only had "fries" for you as the overall headline winner!
Photography Awards

News Photo

Weekly: Small  > > > News Photo

Honorable Mention
Elgin, Grant County News
Into the fire
Riley Dahl

Third Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
2 votes determine D25 Republicans’ endorsement for ND House
Frank Stanko

Second Place
Bowbells, Burke County Tribune
Park Flooding
Lyann Olson

First Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
Hazardous Conditions
Larry Biri

Weekly: Mid-Size  > > > News Photo

Honorable Mention
Tioga Tribune
D2 GOP 'historic' moment
Brad Nygaard

Third Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
Farewell to a fallen hero
Erik Gjovik

Second Place
New Rockford Transcript
Paving the way
Nathan Price

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
Central Valley graduation
Cory Erickson
Weekly: Large

Third Place
Bottineau Courant
Wind storm brings damage
Scott Wagar

Second Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
2nd Street Flooding
Chelsea Wysocki

First Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
Helicopter - Cavalier flood
Larry Biri

Multi-Day: Small

Third Place
Dickinson Press
Southwest Narcotics Task Force addresses New England Council
Josiah C. Cuellar

Second Place
Jamestown Sun
She had a lot of fight
John Steiner

First Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
Wahpeton man in custody after Tuesday warrant arrest
Frank Stanko

Multi-Day: Large

Honorable Mention
Bismarck Tribune
Abortion rights protests
Tom Stromme

Third Place
Grand Forks Herald
Hanukkah
Eric Hylden

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Perez family funeral
David Samson

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
Nighttime tradition
Michael Vosburg
Weekly: Small

Third Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
*Fire started in grain leg at Barney elevator*
Levi Jones

Second Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Rising Waters*
Larry Biri

First Place
Elgin, Grant County News
*Into the blizzard*
Jill Friesz

Weekly: Mid-Size

Third Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*Dryer fire at Central City Grain*
Erik Gjovik

Second Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*Road washout*
Nathan Price

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Fire destroys home in Hillsboro*
Cory Erickson
Weekly: Large

**Honorable Mention**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Garza brothers*
Larry Biri

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

**Second Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*Wind packs a wallop*
Brad Nygaard

**First Place**
Bottineau Courant
*Hospital floods in August rainstorm*
Scott Wagar

Multi-Day: Small

**Third Place**
Dickinson Press
*Dickinson family is 'very lucky'*
Ashley Koffler

**Second Place**
Williston Herald
*Crews battle blaze north of Williston*
Mitch Melberg

**First Place**
Jamestown Sun
*Man in custody*
John Steiner
Multi-Day: Large  >  >  >  Spot News Photo

Honorable Mention
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Death granny*
Michael Vosburg

Third Place
Bismarck Tribune
*Blizzard headstones*
Tom Stromme

Second Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Nash fire, It’s a tough one*
Eric Hylden

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Crash sends 2 vehicles into Fargo home*
Chris Flynn

Feature Photo

Weekly: Small  >  >  >  Feature Photo

Honorable Mention
Elgin, Grant County News
*A picturesque evening - PAGE 7*
Riley Dahl

Third Place
Drayton, Valley News & Views
*Another Successful Old Fashioned Christmas*
Lyle Van Camp

Second Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Little Sluggers*
Larry Biri

First Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
*Heritage at home*
Levi Jones
Weekly: Mid-Size  >  >  > Feature Photo

Honorable Mention
Harvey, The Herald Press
*It was all hands on deck*
Neil O. Nelson

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
*Hats off, seniors*
Cory Erickson

Second Place
Washburn, The Leader-News
*Frying up Riverboat Days fun*
Alyssa Meier

First Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*Rolling out the welcome mats*
Erik Gjovik

Weekly: Large  >  >  > Feature Photo

Honorable Mention
Crosby, The Journal
*Freya sings National Anthem*
Brad Nygaard

Third Place
Bottineau Courant
*Fun times at the ballpark*
Scott Wagar

Second Place
Bottineau Courant
*Fans at LandoLive Festival*
Matthew Semisch

First Place
Linton, Emmons County Record
*A hair-standing event*
Kelli Ameling
Multi-Day: Small  > > > Feature Photo

Third Place
Williston Herald
*Lion Kent Reierson grilling up some brats for the first responders*
Maddie Davis

Second Place
Dickinson Press
*BENESH*
Jason O'Day

First Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
*On the Wings of Mentorship*
Frank Stanko

Multi-Day: Large  > > > Feature Photo

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Snow Angel*
David Samson

Second Place
Bismarck Tribune
*First Day*
Tom Stromme

First Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Pow Wow*
Eric Hylden
Sports Photo

Weekly: Small

Honorable Mention
Elgin, Grant County News
Javin Friesz intercepts the ball
Jill Friesz

Third Place
Center Republican
Wildcats roar to state title
Bill Schmalfeldt

Second Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
Pushing On
Larry Biri

First Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
147 drops game to EGF
WILDCARD- Larry Biri

Weekly: Mid-Size

Honorable Mention
Hillsboro Banner
Marshall Judisch dives into first
WILDCARD- Cory Erickson

Third Place
Hillsboro Banner
Beliles tagged out
Cole Short

Second Place
Hillsboro Banner
Tommies scratch out a win
Nashton Wimer

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
Nothing but net
Alyssa Short
Honorable Mention
Crosby, The Journal
*Bears win 9-2, fall 13-6 against Ray*
Jody Michael

Third Place
Linton, Emmons County Record
*Strasburg Bull bash*
Kelli Ameling

Second Place
Crosby, The Journal
*DC football survives late Westhope rally, 52-46*
Don Anderson

First Place
Bottineau Courant
*Injured relay opponent assisted at state track*
Matthew Semisch

Multi-Day: Small

Third Place
Dickinson Sun
*Big Sticks host special needs softball game*
Jason O'Day

Second Place
Jamestown Sun
*Three VSCU baseball players react*
John Steiner

First Place
Dickinson Press
*Bowman Co. swarm Hazen, capture first Region 7 title since '09*
Race Archibald

Multi-Day: Large

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Agony of defeat*
David Samson

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
'It takes a village'*
Alyssa Goelzer

First Place
Grand Forks Herald
*Mahnomen Red Lake County football, player's helmet flies off*
Eric Hylden
**Picture Story**

**Weekly: Small**

> > > Picture Story

**Third Place**
Elgin, Grant County News
*Into the blizzard*
Jill Friesz & staff

**Second Place**
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Patriotic in PR*
Larry Biri

**First Place**
Hankinson, News Monitor
*Let’s go muddin’*
Levi Jones

**Weekly: Mid-Size**

> > > Picture Story

**Honorable Mention**
New Rockford Transcript
*4th of July*
Transcript staff

**Third Place**
Carrington, Foster County Independent
*National Night Out*
WILDCARD- Erik Gjovik

**Second Place**
Hillsboro Banner
*Hillsboro Days*
Cory Erickson, Cole Short

**First Place**
Hillsboro Banner
*Banner Year in Sports*
Cory Erickson, Cole Short, Nashton Wimer
**Weekly: Large**

**Honorable Mention**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Grafton Class of 2022*
Chelsea Wysocki

**Third Place**
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Leonard Fall Festival*
Jan Russell

**Second Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Minto Museum Alive*
Todd Morgan, Chelsea Wysocki

**First Place**
Linton, Emmons County Record
*Ropin’ Rodeo*
Kelli Ameling

**Multi-Day: Small**

**Third Place**
Wahpeton, Daily News
*A masterpiece of fun*
Frank Stanko

**Second Place**
Jamestown Sun
*Birds eye view of clouds*
John Steiner

**First Place**
Dickinson Press
*Making History*
Race Archibald

**Multi-Day: Large**

**Third Place**
Grand Forks Herald
*Forest River Colony Hutterites, online gallery of photos*
Eric Hylden

**Second Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Scenes from championship night at ND Class A b-ball tourney*
David Samson

**First Place**
Bismarck Tribune
*Blizzard moves out*
Tom Stromme
Weekly: Small

**Honorable Mention**
Elgin, Grant County News
*Grant County sunset*
Riley Dahl

**Third Place**
McClusky Gazette
*Scenes from the McClusky Winter Formal, February 12*
Allan Tinker

**Second Place**
Hankingston, News Monitor
*Home grown prairie*
Levi Jones

**First Place**
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Life in the Vast Lane*
Larry Biri

Weekly: Mid-Size

**Honorable Mention**
Tioga Tribune
*Summer in full blooms*
Jacob Orledge

**Third Place**
Tioga Tribune
*Pump jack sunset*
Brad Nygaard

**Second Place**
Washburn, The Leader-News
*Rainbow*
Kelli Ameling

**First Place**
Hillsboro Banner
*Treated to a dome dog*
Cory Erickson
Honorable Mention
Bottineau Courant
*Waxwing feeding*
Scott Wagar

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Sunshine state of mind*
Chelsea Wysocki

Second Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Pumpkin Patch*
Vicki Foss

First Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Good Monday Morning Sundogs*
Jackie Thompson

Third Place
Dickinson Press
*A thousand words: Highlighting southwest North Dakota in Photos*
Josiah C. Cuellar

Second Place
Wahpeton, Daily News
*There’s nothing canine about this phenomenon*
Carrie McDermott

First Place
Dickinson Press
*RIDE OR DIE: 406 Freestyle stuns crowds during intermission*
Amber Neate

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Harsh winds*
Michael Vosburg

Second Place
Bismarck Tribune
*Safe Haven*
Travis Svihovec

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Fairly busy*
David Samson
**Portrait Photo**

**Weekly: Small**

> > > Portrait Photo

**Honorable Mention**
Hankinson, News Monitor
*Class of 2022*
Levi Jones

**Third Place**
Elgin, Grant County News
*Roth closes the book as head librarian*
Luann Dart

**Second Place**
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Wild About History*
Larry Biri

**First Place**
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Seim to be Celebrated on Nurses Week*
Allison Olimb

**Weekly: Mid-Size**

> > > Portrait Photo

**Honorable Mention**
Hillsboro Banner
*Running in the hall*
Andy Blenkush

**Third Place**
New Rockford Transcript
*Bowling alley's new proprietor*
Nathan Price

**Second Place**
Washburn, The Leader-News
*Frying up Riverboat Days fun*
Alyssa Meier

**First Place**
Hillsboro Banner
*Treyvion Johnson portrait*
Cory Erickson
Weekly: Large

**Honorable Mention**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Adèle Hankey*
Todd Morgan

**Third Place**
Crosby, The Journal
*Splash pad girl*
Brad Nygaard

**Second Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Girl holding duck*
Larry Biri

**First Place**
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Skating*
Chelsea Wysocki

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Multi-Day: Small

**Third Place**
Dickinson Press
*Selling like WILDFIRE!*
Ashley Koffler

**Second Place**
Jamestown Sun
*It's not about the ribbons*
John Steiner

**First Place**
Wahpeton, Daily News
*Honor Flight veterans welcomed back Tuesday*
Frank Stanko

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Multi-Day: Large

**Third Place**
Bismarck Tribune
*Windy day*
Tom Stromme

**Second Place**
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Nash Jensen*
David Samson

**First Place**
Grand Forks Herald
*Easy as pie*
Eric Hylden
**Agricultural Photo**

**Weekly: Small**

> > > Agricultural Photo

**Second Place**
Park River, Walsh County Press
*Whatever it takes*
Larry Biri

**First Place**
Elgin, Grant County News
*Historic spring blizzard takes its toll*
Jill Friesz

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**Weekly: Mid-Size**

> > > Agricultural Photo

**Honorable Mention**
Hillsboro Banner
*Eddy Mueller and calf*
Cole Short

**Third Place**
Tioga Tribune
*Harvest activity*
Brad Nygaard

**Second Place**
Tioga Tribune
*Soil health tour*
Jacob Orledge

**First Place**
Hillsboro Banner
*Digging the past, digging the dirt*
Cory Erickson
Weekly: Large

Honorable Mention
Bottineau Courant
*Pushing tractors*
Scott Wagor

Third Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
**Pumpkin Patch**
Vicki Foss

Second Place
Linton, Emmons County Record
*A field of sunshine*
Kelli Ameling

First Place
Grafton, Walsh County Record
*Charle Delgado - Gudajtes Farm*
Larry Biri

Multi-Day: Small

Third Place
Jamestown Sun
*Rising input costs*
John Steiner

Second Place
Dickinson Press
*Moo-ving through the decades*
Jason O’Day

First Place
Dickinson Press
*A thousand words: Highlighting southwest North Dakota in Photos*
Josiah C. Cuellar

Multi-Day: Large

Third Place
Bismarck Tribune
*Tractor Trek*
Tom Stromme

Second Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Tree planting*
David Samson

First Place
Bismarck Tribune
*Longhorn cattle graze*
Jack Dura
Outdoor Recreation Photo

Weekly: Small

Third Place
Park River, Walsh County Press
The battle to the summit
Larry Biri

Second Place
Elgin, Grant County News
Storm bring the Thunder
Jill Friesz

First Place
Hankinson, News Monitor
Let's go muddin'
Levi Jones

Weekly: Mid-Size

Honorable Mention
New Rockford Transcript
Roping longhorns - Wolf Creek Cattle Co at Sheyenne Stampede
Nathan Price

Third Place
Tioga Tribune
Fun on a hot summer day
Jacob Orledge

Second Place
Carrington, Foster County Independent
Everyone into the pool!
Erik Gjovik

First Place
Hillsboro Banner
Easy sledding
Cory Erickson
Weekly: Large

Honorable Mention
Casselton, Cass County Reporter
*Tractor Stampede*
Jan Russell

Third Place
Crosby, The Journal
*A carnival atmosphere*
Brad Nygaard

Second Place
Garrison, McLean County Independent
*Fun at the Fort*
Ethyn Williams-Calvert

First Place
Crosby, The Journal
*Snow dog*
WILDCARD- Brad Nygaard

Multi-Day: Small

Third Place
Dickinson Press
*Let's talk CHALK*
Jason O’Day

Second Place
Jamestown Sun
*Summer track*
John Steiner

First Place
Dickinson Press
*A thousand words: Highlighting southwest North Dakota in Photos*
Josiah C. Cuellar

Multi-Day: Large

Third Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Late winter walk*
Alyssa Goelzer

Second Place
Bismarck Tribune
*Dad and his game cart*
Jack Dura

First Place
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead
*Outdoor sledding*
David Samson
Photo of the Year - Multi-Day Division

Multi-Day Division: > > > Photo of the Year - Multi-Day Division

Grand Forks Herald
Pow Wow
Eric Hylde

Judge comments: Love how you caught all the movement so perfectly, not easy to do. Good work!

Photo of the Year - Weekly Division

Weekly Division: > > > Photo of the Year - Weekly Division

Linton, Emmons County Record
A "hair-standing" event
Kelli Ameling

Judge comments: Spectacular capture of that hair-raising moment!
Special Awards

**Rookie Reporter of the Year**

All Circulation Divisions:  
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Rookie Reporter entry*  
Melissa Van Der Stad  
*Judge comments:* Outstanding work!

**Public Notice Journalism**

All Circulation Divisions:  
Washburn, The Leader-News  
*Wilton Election Notice*  
Alyssa Meier  
*Judge comments:* Great coverage on this important issue.

**Community Service**

All Circulation Divisions:  
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*ND’s legal guardianship program is a disgrace that demands action*  
Dave Olson  
*Judge comments:* Very thorough and complete coverage; a clear winner in this category.

**First Amendment**

All Circulation Divisions:  
Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Forum FOI entry*  
April Baumgarten, Jeremy Turley  
*Judge comments:* This was the best story of the year, in my opinion. Baumgarten's investigative reporting exposed a once-revered man and the state's longest-serving lawmaker as, at the very least, someone with a few skeletons in his closet.