

# 2019 SDNA/NDNA Final Awards

## Better Newspaper Contest Award Winners (*for work done in 2018*)

### Final Awards

#### General Excellence

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

**Third Place**

New Town News  
*General Excellence*  
Staff

**Second Place**

Parshall, Mountrail County Record  
*General Excellence*  
Staff

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press  
*General Excellence*  
Staff

**Winner Comments:** The best of the division. Good news coverage and good use of resources.

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

**Third Place**

Washburn, The Leader-News  
*General Excellence*  
Staff

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*General Excellence*  
Staff

**First Place**

Hankinson, News-Monitor  
*General Excellence*  
Staff

**Winner Comments:** The New Monitor is the clear winner in this category. It excels in news reporting, photography and local opinion and is impressive for a newspaper of its size.

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

**Honorable Mention**

Bottineau Courant

*General Excellence*

Staff

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*General Excellence*

Staff

**Second Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*General Excellence*

Staff

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*General Excellence*

Staff

**Winner Comments:** Very good paper on its way to being excellent. Strongest points were diverse content, the fact you had locally written editorials, and school and sports sections. Recommendations would be to improve leads, tighten up writing, and branch into more in-depth reporting.

**Daily: Small** >>> **General Excellence**

**Honorable Mention**

Williston Herald

*General Excellence*

Staff

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun

*General Excellence*

Staff

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, The Daily News

*General Excellence*

Staff

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*General Excellence*

Staff

**Winner Comments:** Great newspaper!

**Daily: Large** >>> **General Excellence**

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*General Excellence*  
Staff

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*General Excellence*  
Staff

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*General Excellence*  
Staff

**Winner Comments:** Beautiful newspaper with great writing, coverage and production.

**Sweepstakes**

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Sweepstakes**

**Winner!**

Park River, Walsh County Press

**Score:** 2550: 15 first places, 10 second places, 6 third places & 0 honorable mentions

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Sweepstakes**

**Winner!**

Hillsboro Banner

**Score:** 3800: 20 first places, 16 second places, 12 third places & 1 honorable mentions

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Sweepstakes**

**Winner!**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

**Score:** 4075: 16 first places, 22 second places, 15 third places & 3 honorable mentions

**Daily: Small** >>> **Sweepstakes**

**Winner!**

Wahpeton, The Daily News

**Score:** 4450: 21 first places, 19 second places, 16 third places & 6 honorable mentions

**Daily: Large** >>> **Sweepstakes**

**Winner!**

Grand Forks Herald

**Score:** 5550: 25 first places, 28 second places, 17 third places & 6 honorable mentions