

# 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** >>> **Reporting**

**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** >>> **Reporting**

**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

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Reporting**

**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

**Reporting Series**

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Reporting Series**

**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** >>> **Reporting Series**

**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** >>> **Reporting Series**

**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 >>> Feature Reporting

#### **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 >>> Feature Reporting

#### **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**

> > > **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**

> > > **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

**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**

**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** >>> **Government Reporting**

**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** >>> **Government Reporting**

**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** >>> **Government Reporting**

**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** >>> **Government Reporting**

**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** >>> **Government Series**

**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** >>> **Government Series**

**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 Rasanen-Fryar

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Government Series**

**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** >>> **Spot News**

**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

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Spot News**

**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** >>> **Spot News**

**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



## Business News Reporting

### **Weekly: Small** > > > **Business News Reporting**

#### **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** > > > **Business News Reporting**

#### **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** >>> **Business News Reporting**

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*RRRC 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** >>> **Business News Reporting**

**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** >>> **Business News Reporting**

**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

## Sports Page

**Weekly: Small** >>> [Sports Page](#)

### **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** >>> [Sports Page](#)

### **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** >>> [Sports Page](#)

**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** >>> [Sports Page](#)

**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

**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

**Sports Reporting**

**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 Spitz

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*A surreal week*

Eric Peterson

## Sports Series

**Weekly: Small** >>> [Sports Series](#)

### **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** >>> [Sports Series](#)

### **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** >>> **Sports Series**

**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** >>> **Sports Series**

**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** >>> **Sports Series**

**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

## Sports Feature

### **Weekly: Small** >>> **Sports Feature**

#### **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** >>> **Sports Feature**

#### **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

## Editorial

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Editorial**

**First Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views  
*Valley News & Views Editorial*  
Lesa Van Camp

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Editorial**

**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

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Editorial**

**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

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Editorial**

**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

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Editorial**

**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**

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Editorial Page**

**Second Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Grant County News Editorial Pages*

Jill Friesz

**First Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Opinion page*

Carrie McDermott

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Editorial Page**

**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** >>> [Editorial Page](#)

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Editorial Pages*

Staff

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> [Editorial Page](#)

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Jamestown Sun*

Kathy Steiner

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Editorial page*

Carrie McDermott

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> [Editorial Page](#)

**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** >>> [Standing News Front](#)

**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

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Agricultural Coverage**

**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

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Agricultural Coverage**

**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

## Personal Column - Serious

**Weekly: Small** >>> [Personal Column - Serious](#)

### **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

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> [Personal Column - Serious](#)

### **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**

>>> **Personal Column - Serious**

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Mr. Feltman*

Todd Morgan

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Rulings are interesting juxtaposition*

Cecile Wehrman

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Ruffling feathers*

Chelsea Wysocki

**Multi-Day: Small**

>>> **Personal Column - Serious**

**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** >>> **Personal Column - Serious**

**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** >>> **Personal Column - Humorous**

**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** >>> **Personal Column - Humorous**

**Second Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press

*Neil O. Nelson*

Neil O. Nelson

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*So you want a hippopotamus for Christmas?*

Cole Short

**Weekly: Large**

> > > **Personal Column - Humorous**

**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**

> > > **Personal Column - Humorous**

**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**

> > > **Personal Column - Humorous**

**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** >>> [Section/Feature Front Design](#)

**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** >>> [Section/Feature Front Design](#)

**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** >>> [Section/Feature Front Design](#)

**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

## Front Page Design

### **Weekly: Small** >>> [Front Page Design](#)

#### **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** >>> [Front Page Design](#)

#### **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** >>> [Front Page Design](#)

#### **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** >>> **Front Page Design**

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun

*A1 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

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Front Page Design**

**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

## Headline

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Headline**

### **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 Rasanen-Fryar

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Headline**

### **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

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Headline**

**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** >>> **Headline**

**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

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Headline**

**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 furrries: Furrries 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** >>> **Informational Graphics**

**Second Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Bye, Bye Butterfly?*

Levi Jones

**First Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*JMHCC COVID cases*

Jill Friesz

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Informational Graphics**

**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** >>> [Best Web Site](#)

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*grandforksherald.com*  
Staff

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Inforum.com*  
Forum staff

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*bismarcktribune.com*  
Staff

**Online Coverage of Breaking News**

**Weekly Division:** >>> [Online Coverage of Breaking News](#)

**Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*Burglary at Hanson's Bar and Eagles Club*  
Nathan Price, Amy Wobbema

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal  
*Widespread power outages*  
Cecile Wehrman

**First Place**

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

**Multi-Day Division:** >>> [Online Coverage of Breaking News](#)

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*'Everyone is safe,' active shooter hoax at Red River HS in GF*  
Ingrid Harbo, Sav Kelley, Korrie Wenzel, Eric Hylden

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Suspect found dead after shooting mother, baby at Fargo restaurant*  
Barry Amundson, Nick Broadway

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Standoff: Man arrested in standoff in northwest Jamestown*  
John Steiner, Kathy Steiner, Masaki Ova

## Best Use of Social Media

### **Weekly Division:** >>> **Best Use of Social Media**

#### **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:** >>> **Best Use of Social Media**

#### **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** >>> Overall Design Excellence

#### **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** >>> Overall Design Excellence

#### **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** >>> [News Photo](#)

**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** >>> [News Photo](#)

**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** >>> [News Photo](#)

**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



## Spot News Photo

### **Weekly: Small** >>> [Spot News Photo](#)

#### **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** >>> [Spot News Photo](#)

#### **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**

> > > **Spot News Photo**

**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**

> > > **Spot News Photo**

**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 Reiersen 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** >>> [Sports Photo](#)

### **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** >>> [Sports Photo](#)

### **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

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Sports Photo**

**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** >>> **Sports Photo**

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press

*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** >>> **Sports Photo**

**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** >>> [Picture Story](#)

**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** >>> [Picture Story](#)

**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** >>> [Picture Story](#)

**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

## Pictorial Photo

**Weekly: Small** >>> [Pictorial Photo](#)

### **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**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Home grown prairie*

Levi Jones

### **First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Life in the Vast Lane*

Larry Biri

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> [Pictorial Photo](#)

### **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

**Weekly: Large** >>> [Pictorial Photo](#)

**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

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> [Pictorial Photo](#)

**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

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> [Pictorial Photo](#)

**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** >>> [Portrait Photo](#)

**Honorable Mention**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Adele 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

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> [Portrait Photo](#)

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press

*Selling like WILDFIRE!*

Ashley Koffler

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Its not about the ribbons*

John Steiner

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Honor Flight veterans welcomed back Tuesday*

Frank Stanko

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> [Portrait Photo](#)

**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

**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** >>> **Agricultural Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Bottineau Courant

*Pushing tractors*

Scott Wagar

**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** >>> **Agricultural Photo**

**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** >>> **Agricultural Photo**

**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 >>> Outdoor Recreation Photo

#### **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 >>> Outdoor Recreation Photo

#### **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** >>> [Outdoor Recreation Photo](#)

**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** >>> [Outdoor Recreation Photo](#)

**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** >>> [Outdoor Recreation Photo](#)

**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 Hylden

**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:** >>> **Rookie Reporter of the Year**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Rookie Reporter entry*

Melissa Van Der Stad

**Judge comments:** Outstanding work!

## Public Notice Journalism

**All Circulation Divisions:** >>> **Public Notice Journalism**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Wilton Election Notice*

Alyssa Meier

**Judge comments:** Great coverage on this important issue.

## Community Service

**All Circulation Divisions:** >>> **Community Service**

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:** >>> **First Amendment**

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.