

# 2021 News and Photography Awards

## **NDNA Better Newspaper Contest Award Winners (for work done in 2020)**

### News

#### Reporting

##### **Weekly: Small** >>> **Reporting**

###### **Honorable Mention**

New Rockford Transcript

*Accepting the Unexpected: COVID-19*

Amy Wobbema, Rachel Brazil

###### **Third Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*With a signature & a Tweet: tobacco age jumps from 18 to 21*

Allison Olimb

###### **Second Place**

McClusky Gazette

*Fire razes home*

Allan Tinker

###### **First Place**

New England, Hettinger County Herald

*Hettinger County impacted by COVID-19*

Luann Dart

##### **Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Reporting**

###### **Honorable Mention**

Hillsboro Banner

*City commissioner to auditor: Step down or be fired*

Cole Short

###### **Third Place**

Tioga Tribune

*COVID-19 info raises concerns about developer's dual roles*

Jacob Orledge

###### **Second Place**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Surmounting the drought*

Ralph Mancini

###### **First Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Coronavirus shears sheep industry*

Karen Speidel

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Reporting**

**Honorable Mention**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Grain Terminal Accident*

Jan Russell

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Federal judge orders shutdown of Dakota Access pipeline*

Neal Shipman

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Family saves couple lives at Drayton Dam*

Larry Biri

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*County's first COVID case isolated herself early*

Cecile Wehrman

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Reporting**

**Honorable Mention**

Jamestown Sun

*Pastor of St. James Basilica dies of COVID-19 complications*

Kathy Steiner

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Wahpeton School Board votes 5-4 against mask mandate*

Frank Stanko

**Second Place**

Williston Herald

*Time capsule discovered in Good Samaritan cornerstone*

Mitch Melberg

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*String of theft, vandalism of political signs in Breckenridge*

Audra Anderson

**Honorable Mention**

Grand Forks Herald

*Uncomfortable and on the move*

Hannah Shirley

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Why they march*

April Baumgarten

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*True cost of ND's strained hospitals*

Jeremy Turley

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*A tour of duty*

Patrick Springer

**Reporting Series**

**Third Place**

McClusky Gazette

*New businesses in town*

Allan Tinker

**Second Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Former resident arrested for murder*

Amy Wobbema

**First Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*New Rockford water infrastructure project*

Transcript staff

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Reporting Series**

**Honorable Mention**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Lt. Gov optimistic on sale of Coal Creek Station*

Ralph Mancini, Alyssa Meier

**Third Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*COVID-19 pandemic*

Erik Gjovik

**Second Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Mystery group turns out to be Dollar General*

Jacob Orledge

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Matt Mutzenberger dismissal*

Cole Short

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Reporting Series**

**Honorable Mention**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Murder in Casselton - Dittmer will not face criminal charges*

Angela Kolden

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Angel's Wish*

Ashleigh Plemper

**Second Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Oil Production*

Neal Shipman

**First Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Covid Series*

Jan Russell

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Reporting Series**

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Defendant in Petermann case expected to stand trial*

Frank Stanko

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Widening gap in accessible dental services in Wilkin County*

Audra Anderson

**First Place**

Williston Herald

*COVID-19 in western North Dakota*

Renée Jean

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

**Honorable Mention**

Grand Forks Herald

*Two die in shooting at Grand Forks Air Force Base*

Hannah Shirley, Korrie Wenzel

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Pandemic affect on Northwest Minnesota border towns*

Brad Dokken, Ann Bailey, Sydney Mook, Eric Hylden, Kim Wynn, Korrie Wenzel

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Pipeline shutdown fallout*

Amy Sisk, Blake Nicholson

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*COVID Capital*

Adam Willis

## Feature Reporting

### **Weekly: Small** >>> **Feature Reporting**

#### **Honorable Mention**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Fire & Steel Jensen forges exquisite knives*

Luann Dart

#### **Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Lights of Hope event remembers those lost to suicide*

Rachel Brazil

#### **Second Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Making History: COVID-19 vaccine hits PR*

Allison Olimb

#### **First Place**

New England, Hettinger County Herald

*Regent hunter targets coyotes*

Luann Dart

### **Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Feature Reporting**

#### **Honorable Mention**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Call of the wild*

Ralph Mancini

#### **Third Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press

*Time goes so fast*

Neil Nelson

#### **Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*70 and Counting*

Cory Erickson

#### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Hunting for memories*

Cole Short

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Feature Reporting**

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*COVID-19 snapshots*

Cecile Wehrman

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*On the wings of a blue bird*

Chelsea Wysocki

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Answering a call to civic duty*

Todd Morgan

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Feature Reporting**

**Honorable Mention**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*For better, for worse, and for the whole family*

Carrie McDermott

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press

*Angels playing in the dirt*

James B. Miller, Jr.

**Second Place**

Williston Herald

*Strongman win a miracle moment*

Renée Jean

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*44 Days at the Epicenter*

Matthew Curry

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*'Bill would have made many good things happen in the world'*

Jim Shaw

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*'Shop dogs' are four-legged ambassadors in F-M*

Helmut Schmidt

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Finding a friend*

C.S. Hagen

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*A life changed forever*

Mike McCleary

**Feature Series**

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Feature Series**

**Honorable Mention**

New Rockford Transcript

*What it takes*

Oakley Brazil

**Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Lily's Hope Ministry and Memorial*

Rachel Brazil

**Second Place**

McClusky Gazette

*Health Stories*

Allan Tinker

**First Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Honoring our soldiers*

Luann Dart



**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Feature Series**

**Second Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*It's all about the people (3 parts)*

Karen Speidel

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Church COVID-19 coverage*

Cory Erickson

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Feature Series**

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Faces of the Patch*

Ashleigh Plemper

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Touched by COVID*

Cecile Wehrman

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Heeding the call to help at Ground Zero*

Sydney Glasoe Caraballo

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Feature Series**

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Bison mural brightens downtown building wall*

Kathy Steiner

**Honorable Mention**

Grand Forks Herald

*Faith during the pandemic*

Ann Bailey

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*The Final Countdown*

Amy Sisk, Jack Dura, Sam Nelson

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Cruz Nights in Grand Forks*

Adam Kurtz, Pamela Knudson, Ann Bailey

**First Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*How pandemic has affected Cavalier, N.D.*

Hannah Shirley

**Government Reporting**

**Honorable Mention**

McClusky Gazette

*Welcome to election 2020*

Allan Tinker

**Third Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Future Water System*

Lesla Van Camp

**Second Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*City Council discusses ward vs. at-large election systems*

Allison Olimb

**First Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Lake Region LEC faces shortfall*

Rachel Brazil

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Government Reporting**

**Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*City commissioner to auditor: Step down or be fired*

Cory Erickson

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Sando, Reese trade salvos*

Michelle McLean

**First Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Century code causes election confusion in Ray*

Jacob Orledge

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Government Reporting**

**Honorable Mention**

Crosby, The Journal

*Connecting the dots on Dollar General projects*

Brad Nygaard

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Plans in the works for new daycare in Watford*

Ashleigh Plemper

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Dollar General hearing set*

Cecile Wehrman

**First Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Sheriff taken to task over patrol vehicle accidents*

Neal Shipman

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Government Reporting**

**Honorable Mention**

Jamestown Sun

*Mayor issues emergency order*

Kathy Steiner

**Third Place**

Williston Herald

*City Commission holds first meeting in new chamber*

Mitch Melberg

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Richland-Wilkin JPA, FM Diversion Authority reach agreement*

Frank Stanko

**First Place**

Williston Herald

*COVID-19 in western North Dakota*

Renée Jean

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

**Honorable Mention**

Grand Forks Herald

*Who's to blame for illnesses at LM Wind?*

Sydney Mook, Sam Easter

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*'ND Coin' It's not as crazy as it sounds, says one ND legislator*

Thomas Evanella

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*The road to ND's mask mandate*

Adam Willis

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Aid proposal would create fracking grants*

Amy Sisk

## Government Series

### **Weekly: Small** > > > **Government Series**

#### **Second Place**

McClusky Gazette

*McClusky Job Development Authority*

Allan Tinker

#### **First Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Patrolling Lake Tschida*

Luann Dart

### **Weekly: Mid-Size** > > > **Government Series**

#### **Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Matt Mutzenberger dismissal*

Cole Short

#### **Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Hillsboro city commission coverage*

Michelle McLean

#### **First Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Tioga schools won't enforce mask mandate*

Jacob Orledge

### **Weekly: Large** > > > **Government Series**

#### **Second Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Meeting housing demand*

Neal Shipman

#### **First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*City versus county*

Todd Morgan

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

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Wahpeton city council - 3 parts*

Frank Stanko

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Minnesota's political candidate races - 5 parts*

Audra Anderson

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*Human Resources Issues in Stark County*

James B. Miller, Jr.

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

**Honorable Mention**

Grand Forks Herald

*East Grand Forks schools during pandemic*

Hannah Shirley

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Jail visitation*

Joe Bowen, Hannah Shirley

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*North Dakota gas royalties*

Jeremy Turley

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Deceased candidate election victory*

Jack Dura

## Spot News

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Spot News**

### **Honorable Mention**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*House Fire*

Lesa Van Camp

### **Third Place**

Hettinger, Adams County Record

*Lightning strike destroys historic barn*

Frank Turner

### **Second Place**

Bowbells, Burke County Tribune

*Coteau Fire*

Lisa Thomas

### **First Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Eddy County has its first recorded case of COVID-19*

Amy Wobbema

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

### **Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Nelson house fire*

Cole Short

### **Second Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press

*Fire destroys Harvey landmark*

Neil Nelson

### **First Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Derailment near 52-200 overpass*

Erik Gjovik

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Spot News**

**Honorable Mention**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Fargo woman injured in accident with law enforcement vehicle*

Neal Shipman

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Fire destroys home of single mother, four children*

Ashleigh Plemper

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Police officer shot Friday night in Grafton*

Todd Morgan

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Divide County see acceleration of COVID-19 impacts*

Cecile Wehrman

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Spot News**

**Honorable Mention**

Dickinson Press

*Dueling the Elements*

Josiah C. Cuellar

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Minnesotans voting grace period has just been eliminated*

Audra Anderson

**Second Place**

Williston Herald

*Bakken faces another round of global oil price chicken*

Renée Jean

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Help at a crucial time*

Kathy Steiner



**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Spot News**

**Honorable Mention**

Grand Forks Herald

*UND, community shocked by DiLorenzo's death*

Sydney Mook

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Peaceful protests take a turn*

Forum staff

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*'Confession of sins'*

April Baumgarten

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Dakota Access Pipeline ordered to be shut down*

Amy Sisk

**Business News Reporting**

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

**Honorable Mention**

New Rockford Transcript

*Lende brings fair to town*

Rachel Brazil

**Third Place**

New England, Hettinger County Herald

*Roswech family plans processing facility near Mott*

Luann Dart

**Second Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Prairie Learning Center aims for new horizon*

Luann Dart

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Prairie Centre Architecture makes a home in Park River*

Allison Olimb

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

**Honorable Mention**

Tioga Tribune

*The unlikely mailing address of an international enterprise*

Jacob Orledge

**Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Getting Back to Business*

Cory Erickson

**Second Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*30 Under 30*

Erik Gjovik

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*1881 Extraction*

Cole Short

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

**Honorable Mention**

Crosby, The Journal

*New generation of leaders in Grenora*

Brad Nygaard

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Restaurant, bar owners rejoice over return to normal hours*

Ashleigh Plemper

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Business is hardly usual in Crosby*

Cecile Wehrman

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Coronavirus grinds shipping industry to halt*

Todd Morgan

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Business News Reporting**

**Honorable Mention**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Former GIANTS official accused of nearly \$1.7 million theft*

Frank Stanko

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Theaters will come back*

Kathy Steiner

**Second Place**

Williston Herald

*Local woman pursues her beekeeping passion*

Mitch Melberg

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*Belfield Rancher Opens Retail Meat Business*

Jackie Jahfetson

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Craft beer standout Drekker brews up \$20 million expansion*

Helmut Schmidt

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Please, stay home*

Hannah Shirley

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*A spark to light fire of innovation*

Andrew Weeks

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Surviving the bust*

Adam Willis

## Sports Page

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

#### **Honorable Mention**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Sports Page*

Lesa Van Camp, Lyle Van Camp

#### **Third Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Sports Page - Walsh County Press*

Allison Olimb, Larry Biri

#### **Second Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*New Rockford Transcript sports*

Transcript staff

#### **First Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Sports page*

Jill Friesz

### **Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> [Sports Page](#)

#### **Honorable Mention**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Basketball coverage*

Staff

#### **Third Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Sports Section*

Erik Gjovik, Lane Moellenkamp

#### **Second Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Tioga Tribune*

Jody Michael

#### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Hillsboro Banner Sports Pages*

Kayla Morton

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

**Honorable Mention**

Bottineau Courant

*Bottineau Courant sports*

Matthew Semisch

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Feb 12, Oct 14 and Dec 16*

Chelsea Wysocki

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*The Journal, Crosby, ND*

Jody Michael

**First Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Feb. 19, March 4, March 11*

Neal Shipman

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

**Honorable Mention**

Dickinson Press

*Sports Pages*

Matthew Curry

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Sports pages*

Turner Blaufuss

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Jamestown Sun Sports*

Jamestown Sun Sports Staff

**First Place**

Devils Lake Journal

*DL Firebirds compete at State Wrestling for Individuals & Duals*

Joey Good

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

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*The Bismarck Tribune*

Staff

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Forum sports sections*

Forum staff

**First Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Grand Forks Herald sports sections*

Staff

**Sports Reporting**

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

**Honorable Mention**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Bulldogs place second at Region 5 Tournament*

Jill Friesz

**Third Place**

Bowbells, Burke County Tribune

*Homecoming Football*

Lisa Thomas

**Second Place**

McClusky Gazette

*Hoops, hoops*

Tim Hanson

**First Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Stepping up to the plate: Summer rec amid COVID-19*

Amy Wobbema

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Sports Reporting**

**Honorable Mention**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Friday night D-lights*  
Kayla Morton

**Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*So Dawg-gone close*  
Cory Erickson

**Second Place**

Tioga Tribune  
*Pirates' region berth ends 8-year drought*  
Jody Michael

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*HCV boys advance to state*  
Cole Short, Cory Erickson

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Sports Reporting**

**Second Place**

Bottineau Courant  
*BHS moving to nine-man ball; WNG stays put*  
Matthew Semisch

**First Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*Maah Daah Hey 100 becomes a family affair*  
Ashleigh Plemper

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Sports Reporting**

**Honorable Mention**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Huskies hang their first 'W' in Wahpeton*  
Justin Pierce

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press  
*State Class A Tournament*  
Matthew Curry

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Braun's Best: Blue Jay senior wins 152-pound state title*  
Katie Gerber

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Great Day: Victory bells welcome UJ coach Nienhaus home*  
Michael Savaloja

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Losing home football games to the pandemic*  
Jeff Kolpack

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Sheyenne running back Kpeenu playing for former classmate*  
Carissa Wigginton

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*'I'm still in disbelief'*  
Eric Peterson

**First Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*UND hockey players demonstrate against racial injustice*  
Brad E. Schlossman

**Sports Series**

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Sports Series**

**Second Place**

Bowbells, Burke County Tribune  
*Ranchers Post Season*  
Lyann Olson

**First Place**

Elgin, Grant County News  
*Bulldogs take second in District 9 Tournament*  
Jill Friesz



**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Sports Series**

**Honorable Mention**

Hillsboro Banner

*MayPort-CG Football Coverage*

Cole Short

**Third Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Outlaws football season*

Jody Michael

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*H-CV football coverage*

Kayla Morton

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Ice Dawgs Hockey Coverage*

Cory Erickson

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Sports Series**

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Maroons limit fans at home games*

Jody Michael

**First Place**

Bottineau Courant

*Spring prep sports: The lost seasons*

Matthew Semisch

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Sports Series**

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Lions roar to Class B state volleyball championship*

Katie Gerber

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Remembering Jamestown's Speedway's Don Gumke*

Michael Savaloja

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

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Inside the bubble: Life in the Pod at NCHC, UND hockey*

Brad E. Schlossman

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Concordia Cobbers series*

Eric Peterson

**First Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*UND FB player Pinke's journey after debilitating skiing accident*

Tom Miller

**Sports Feature**

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

**Honorable Mention**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Thompson honored at 40th Anniversary Homecoming Game*

Lesa Van Camp

**Third Place**

Bowbells, Burke County Tribune

*Klitzke 1000*

Lisa Thomas

**Second Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Region 4 CHAMPIONS*

Jill Friesz

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Coaching in global pandemic: Park River/Fordville-Lankin VB*

Jaden Rose

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Sports Feature**

**Honorable Mention**

Tioga Tribune

*Former Outlaws at Minot State cope with canceled season*

Jody Michael

**Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Mount Burromore*

Cole Short

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Making his mark*

Kayla Morton

**First Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Wonser perseveres on road to Tioga's first state title in 37 yrs*

Jacob Orledge

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Sports Feature**

**Honorable Mention**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Watford City hockey player is a scoring machine*

Neal Shipman

**Third Place**

Garrison, McLean County Independent

*Huesers can do it all*

Tyson Smedstad

**Second Place**

Bottineau Courant

*Back in action*

Matthew Semisch

**First Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Girls wrestling rising*

Angela Kolden

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Sports Feature**

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Mr. Jimmie: FB player and fan, Volsch defines Jimmie pride*

Michael Savaloja

**Second Place**

Dickinson Press

*For my mom*

Matthew Curry

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*'Finish in Fargo': Hegerles ready for state tournament*

Katie Gerber

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Sports Feature**

**Honorable Mention**

Bismarck Tribune

*Mandan man still hopes for taste of big leagues*

Travis Svihovec

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*UND's Jasper Weatherby: Seeking racial injustice*

Brad E. Schlossman

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Hunter Pinke: 'Glad I've got a glass'*

Tom Miller

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Journey of Fargo South's Sibomana to Bison began in camp*

Carissa Wigginton

## Sports Column

### Weekly: Mid-Size >>> Sports Column

#### **Third Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press

*Four-Winds only unbeaten team in Class B*

Neil Nelson

#### **Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Memorable moments piling up*

Cole Short

#### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Resuming high school sports*

Kayla Morton

### Weekly: Large >>> Sports Column

#### **Honorable Mention**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Don't be an L7 weenie*

Chelsea Wysocki

#### **Third Place**

Bottineau Courant

*Oak Creek Owls emerge from ashes of lost spring*

Riley Biberdorf

#### **Second Place**

Bottineau Courant

*Do your part to allow spectators back into games*

Matthew Semisch

#### **First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*From this angle -- Jody Michael*

Jody Michael

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> [Sports Column](#)

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Saying goodbye to the Daily News*

Turner Blaufuss

**Second Place**

Dickinson Press

*My farewell to Kobe Bryant*

Matthew Curry

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Why women in sports is important to our future*

Justin Pierce

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> [Sports Column](#)

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Many thanks for allowing me to tell your stories*

Kevin Schnepf

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Many Bison players take a knee during national anthem*

Mike McFeely

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*It was an entertaining night at old Ralph for Virgil Hill fight*

Wayne Nelson

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*With Pete, every day was a Field of Dreams*

Jeff Kolpack

## Editorial

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

### **Third Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Editorial*

Jill Friesz

### **Second Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Hello, how are you? Yes, I've had the Covid.*

Rachel Brazil

### **First Place**

Ellendale, Dickey County Leader

*"You Could Learn That" (March 2020)*

Ken Smith

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

### **Honorable Mention**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*A new frontier*

Staff

### **Third Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Will we exhibit the best of humankind?*

News Monitor Staff

### **Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Vote yes on half-cent sales tax measure*

Cole Short

### **First Place**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Ballot wording a failure in transparency*

Alyssa Meier

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

**Third Place**

Bottineau Courant

*Pandemic Thanksgiving*

Scott Wagar

**Second Place**

Garrison, McLean County Independent

*Winter sports a welcomed reprieve*

Alyssa Meier

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Secrecy takes advantage of ignorance, process, public*

Cecile Wehrman

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

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*"Many go 'above and beyond'"*

The Jamestown Sun staff

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Need your help to ensure critical news gets to community fast*

Carrie McDermott

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

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*State lacking necessary tough action*

Staff

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Ease out of the landlord business*

Korie Wenzel

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Some of NDs sheriffs are sending the wrong message*

Forum staff



## Editorial Page

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

#### **Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*Transcript editorial page*  
Amy Wobbema, Rachel Brazil

#### **Second Place**

Elgin, Grant County News  
*Editorial Page*  
Jill Friesz

#### **First Place**

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

### **Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> [Editorial Page](#)

#### **Third Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor  
*Jan. 28, 2020*  
Karen Speidel

#### **Second Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press  
*Herald-Press Editorial*  
Neil Nelson

#### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Banner Editorial Page*  
Cole Short

### **Weekly: Large** >>> [Editorial Page](#)

#### **Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal  
*The Journal, March 18, April 15, Dec. 16*  
Cecile Wehrman

#### **First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Feb 12, Aug 12 and Oct 28*  
Staff

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

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Daily News - Opinion page*  
Daily News staff

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Editorial page*  
Kathy Steiner

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

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*The Bismarck Tribune*  
Staff

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*Editorial pages: 7/11/20, 7/22/20, 7/25/20*  
Korie Wenzel

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Forum editorial pages*  
Angie Wieck

**Standing News Front**

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> [Standing News Front](#)

**Honorable Mention**

Jamestown Sun  
*Nov. 23, 2020*  
Paula Chhetri

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press  
*The Joy and the Pain*  
Mary Cairns

**Second Place**

Dickinson Press  
*Faith, Family, & Friends*  
Marcy Nickel

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Goodlife page*  
Daily News staff

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Standing News Front**

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*The Bismarck Tribune*

Staff

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Vodka to hand sanitizer*

Becca Clemens

**First Place**

Minot Daily News

*Lake Audubon Delivers*

Mandy Taniguchi, Kim Fundingsland

**Agricultural Coverage**

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Agricultural Coverage**

**Honorable Mention**

McClusky Gazette

*Co-op Elevator provides crop report*

Allan Tinker

**Third Place**

Hettinger, Adams County Record

*NDSU Extension Agent releases new agriculture podcast*

Frank Turner

**Second Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Equity Co-op joins Fessenden Co-op Assn's*

Amy Wobbema

**First Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Pheasant business takes flight*

Luann Dart

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Agricultural Coverage**

**Third Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Farmer for life*

Tris Anderson

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*1881 Extraction*

Cole Short

**First Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*2019 in ag- 'It's stupid to even consider farming again'*

Karen Speidel

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Agricultural Coverage**

**Honorable Mention**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Former Ag Commissioner Roger Johnson*

Todd Morgan

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*4- H to use online auction for livestock sale*

Ashleigh Plemper

**Second Place**

Lisbon, Ransom County Gazette

*Ranching in Ransom County and COVID-19*

Mattie Richardson-Schmitz

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Neighbors answer the call to combine*

Brad Nygaard

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

**Honorable Mention**

Dickinson Press  
*A long row to hoe*  
Matthew Curry

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press  
*Cowgirling Up*  
Jackie Jahfetson

**Second Place**

Williston Herald  
*MT & ND hemp plans still in progress after USDA rejects plan*  
Ren e Jean

**First Place**

Dickinson Press  
*Farmers holding steady amid coronavirus spread*  
Josiah C. Cuellar

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*A Golden Legend*  
April Baumgarten

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*Crystal Chippers' 2020 potato harvest rolls along*  
Ann Bailey

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Super weed palmer amaranth gaining a foothold in ND*  
Blake Nicholson

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Agriculture*  
Jack Dura

## Personal Column - Serious

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

### **Honorable Mention**

Elgin, Grant County News  
*Editorial/Personal Column*  
Jill Friesz

### **Third Place**

McClusky Gazette  
*Reading is a yes*  
Allan Tinker

### **Second Place**

Hettinger, Adams County Record  
*A Year of Gratitude*  
Cassidy Blade

### **First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press  
*From the Editor's Desk - Dec. 30, 2020*  
Allison Olimb

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

### **Honorable Mention**

Washburn, The Leader-News  
*Impact*  
Alyssa Meier

### **Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Supporting a kindred spirit on Twitter*  
Cole Short

### **Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Lessons from youth activities are priceless*  
Cory Erickson

### **First Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press  
*I'm not a beekeeper*  
Anne Ehni

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Personal Column - Serious**

**Honorable Mention**

Garrison, McLean County Independent  
*Empowering what powers small towns*  
Alyssa Meier

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal  
*Who will advocate for you when newspapers fail?*  
Cecile Wehrman

**Second Place**

Lisbon, Ransom County Gazette  
*History Matters*  
Mattie Richardson-Schmitz

**First Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter  
*It's not too late to start doing the right thing*  
Angela Kolden

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Personal Column - Serious**

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*The Meryl Hansey I (and others) knew*  
Frank Stanko

**First Place**

Dickinson Press  
*Justice for George Floyd*  
Matthew Curry

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Personal Column - Serious**

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Fargo family caught in social media's dark side*  
Mike McFeely

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Happy birthday, Grandpa*  
Jack Dura

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Stopping for prayer with strangers in chaos of 2020*  
Amy Sisk

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*The mask mandate saved my life*  
Rob Port

## Personal Column - Humorous

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

### **Second Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Hey Sears, bring back the Wish Book*

Lyle Van Camp

### **First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*From the Editor's Desk - Dec. 23, 2020*

Allison Olimb

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

### **Honorable Mention**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Shallow Pool*

Alyssa Meier

### **Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Chewing on a grilled-cheese scamwich*

Cole Short

### **Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Adjusting to life in ND*

Kayla Morton

### **First Place**

Minnewaukan, Benson County Farmers Press

*What the heck is a dry socket?*

Sue Klemetsrud



**Weekly: Large** >>> **Personal Column - Humorous**

**Honorable Mention**

Garrison, McLean County Independent

*Fish on!*

Tyson Smedstad

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Who's to say Seeing double on the run*

Todd Morgan

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Weekend adventure*

Chelsea Wysocki

**First Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Beet Cart Driver*

Jan Russell

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Personal Column - Humorous**

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*A Turner-style approach to social distancing*

Turner Blaufuss

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Me, Martha and a Meatloaf*

Frank Stanko

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Personal Column - Humorous**

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*"Who's suitable for a Bismarck mural? I have some ideas"*

Mike McFeely

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Enduring life during gumbo soup shortage*

Chuck Haga

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*COVID-19 cuts can be hair-raising for both recipient and stylist*

Tammy Swift

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Baking with your kids in 10 easy steps*

Jessie Veeder

## Special News Section

**Weekly: Small** > > > [Special News Section](#)

### **Second Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Christmas Section*

Lesa Van Camp

### **First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*2020 Post Achievement Days Supplement*

Allison Olimb, Brook Dahlgren, Larry Biri

**Weekly: Mid-Size** > > > [Special News Section](#)

### **Honorable Mention**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Our Champions*

Staff

### **Third Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Celebrate the Seasons*

Candace Engstrom, Carrie McDermott, Staff

### **Second Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Shop Local tab*

Tioga Tribune Staff

### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Hillsboro Banner Christmas Tab*

Banner Staff

**Weekly: Large**

>>> **Special News Section**

**Honorable Mention**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Veteran's Day*

Jackie Thompson, Caylee Tibert

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment*

Cecile Wehrman

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Ag Section*

Staff

**First Place**

Garrison, McLean County Independent

*Our champions*

Staff

**Multi-Day: Small**

>>> **Special News Section**

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Southern Valley Living*

Candace Engstrom, Staff

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Winter Sports Preview*

Justin Pierce, Candace Engstrom, Diana Hermes, Ashleigh Hubrig

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Above and Beyond*

The Jamestown Sun Staff

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> [Special News Section](#)

**Honorable Mention**

Minot Daily News

*Celebrating 65 Years: Minot Air Force Base 1955-2020*

Eloise Ogden, Mandy Taniguchi, Jill Schramm, Kent Olson

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Dakota Adventures*

Staff

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*UND Fighting Hawks hockey season preview*

Brad E. Schlossman

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*The 2020 Project*

Forum staff

**Section/Feature Front Design**

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

**Second Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Christmas Section Front*

Lesa Van Camp

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Graduation Keepsake Edition: 2020*

Allison Olimb, Larry Biri

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Section/Feature Front Design**

**Honorable Mention**

Hankinson, News Monitor  
*Sports page- March 10, 2020*  
Karen Speidel

**Third Place**

Tioga Tribune  
*Shop Local tab*  
Tia LaCombe

**Second Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor  
*Goodlife page - Higher Ground*  
Carrie McDermott

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Sept. 4 Sports Section*  
Cole Short, Cory Erickson

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Section/Feature Front Design**

**Honorable Mention**

Crosby, The Journal  
*Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment*  
Cecile Wehrman

**Third Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter  
*Ag Focus*  
Megan Nicklay

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Veteran's Day*  
Jackie Thompson

**First Place**

Garrison, McLean County Independent  
*Best of McLean County*  
Staff

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Section/Feature Front Design**

**Honorable Mention**

Dickinson Press  
*Share Your Bounty*  
Emma Santee

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press  
*Smooth Spread*  
Marcy Nickel

**Second Place**

Dickinson Press  
*America's Heartland*  
Becca Clemens

**First Place**

Dickinson Press  
*1918 Influenza Pandemic*  
Cindy Duffee

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Section/Feature Front Design**

**Honorable Mention**

Grand Forks Herald  
*Americana at its best*  
Becca Clemens

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Coming (Back) Soon*  
Jason Magstadt

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Baking For a Cause*  
Becca Clemens

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*The Bismarck Tribune*  
Staff

## Front Page Design

### **Weekly: Small** >>> **Front Page Design**

#### **Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*New Rockford Transcript front page design*

Transcript staff

#### **Second Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Front page design*

Jill Friesz

#### **First Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*VNV Front Page Design*

Lesa Van Camp

### **Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Front Page Design**

#### **Honorable Mention**

Hillsboro Banner

*Banner Front Pages*

Cole Short, Cory Erickson

#### **Third Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Tioga Tribune front page design*

Cecile Wehrman

#### **Second Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Independent Front Pages*

Erik Gjovik

#### **First Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press

*Front page design*

Neil Nelson, Anne Ehni

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Front Page Design**

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Front page design*

Neal Shipman

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Front page design*

Jackie Thompson

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*The Journal front page design*

Cecile Wehrman

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

**Honorable Mention**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Daily News front page design*

Daily News staff

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Front page design by Ashelin Rose Harbinger*

Ashelin Rose Harbinger

**Second Place**

Dickinson Press

*Dickinson Press front pages*

Thayer Tessar

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Front page design by Thayer Tessar*

Thayer Tessar

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

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Forum Front Pages group 2*

Angela Ecklund

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Front page design*

Mindy Wertfeld

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*BT front page design*

Staff



## Headline

**Weekly: Small** >>> [Headline](#)

### **Honorable Mention**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Pandemic Panic or Just Good Sense*

Lesa Van Camp

### **Third Place**

Hettinger, Adams County Record

*Styled to Stay, Solar Flair Hair Studio purchases building*

Cassidy Blade, Frank Turner

### **Second Place**

McClusky Gazette

*Telling it on the level*

Allan Tinker

### **First Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Pheasant business takes flight*

Luann Dart

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

### **Honorable Mention**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Biden: His time*

Erik Gjovik

### **Third Place**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Drumming up positivity*

Alyssa Meier

### **Second Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Pomp and Circumstances*

Allen Stock

### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Delchar Theater reopening to plenty of oohs and 'Oz'*

Cole Short

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

**Honorable Mention**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*The last mission revisited*

Todd Morgan

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Moving to Watford was love at first bite*

Ashleigh Plemper

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*On the wings of a blue bird*

Chelsea Wysocki

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*We're #2, Walsh County among top in state*

Jackie Thompson

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Headline**

**Second Place**

Dickinson Press

*The Root of Happiness*

Matthew Curry

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*Porch Pirates*

Jackie Jahfetson

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

**Honorable Mention**

Grand Forks Herald

*Rats! No more chickens in my future*

Ann Bailey

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*A scramble for eggs*

Amy Sisk

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*ND attorney general pulls plug on pull tab company*

Travis Svihovec

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*ND businesses join hands for sanitizer*

Jack Dura

## Informational Graphics

### **Weekly: Small** >>> [Informational Graphics](#)

#### **Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*Youth Risk Behavior Survey results*  
Amy Wobbema, Rachel Brazil

#### **Second Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*Ag Week North Dakota production graphic/chart*  
Amy Wobbema

#### **First Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*COVID-19 case trends in Eddy County*  
Rachel Brazil

### **Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> [Informational Graphics](#)

#### **Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Election 2020*  
Cole Short

#### **First Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor  
*Reopening America*  
Karen Speidel

### **Weekly: Large** >>> [Informational Graphics](#)

#### **Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*School enrollment*  
Neal Shipman

#### **Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Grafton Police Dept. stats*  
Staff

#### **First Place**

Crosby, The Journal  
*Oil and Gas Production Income*  
Cecile Wehrman

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Informational Graphics**

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*It's Pheasant Season*

Troy Becker

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Informational Graphics**

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*This summer is Grand Forks' buggiest in years*

Joe Bowen

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Coronavirus cases*

Jason Heupel

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Do you believe in Miracles?*

Troy Becker

## **Best Web Site**

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Best Web Site**

**Second Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*newrockfordtranscript.com*

Transcript staff

**First Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*gspublishing.net*

Staff

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Best Web Site**

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*hillsborobanner.com*

Banner Staff

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Best Web Site**

**Second Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*watfordcitynd.com*  
McKenzie County Farmer Staff

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal  
*www.JournalTrib.com*  
Cecile Wehrman

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Best Web Site**

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*jamestownsun.com*  
The Jamestown Sun Staff

**First Place**

Dickinson Press  
*www.thedickinsonpress.com*  
Jenn Binstock

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Best Web Site**

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*grandforksherald.com*  
Staff

**Second Place**

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

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*bismarcktribune.com*  
Staff

## Online Coverage of Breaking News - Weekly Division

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

### **Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Burros reach state*  
Banner Staff

### **Second Place**

Washburn, The Leader-News  
*GRE announcement over Coal Creek Station closure*  
Alyssa Meier

### **First Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*Water woes in City of New Rockford*  
Amy Wobbema

## Online Coverage of Breaking News - Multi-Day Division

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

### **Third Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Jamestown Police searching for dangerous individual after fire*  
Kathy Steiner

### **Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*George Floyd rally in Bismarck*  
Staff

### **First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Fargo riot coverage*  
Alex Derosier, Paula Quam, Forum staff

## Best Use of Social Media - Weekly Division

**Weekly Division:** >>> [Best Use of Social Media](#)

### **First Place**

Washburn, The Leader-News  
*Best of McLean County promotions*  
Staff

## **Best Use of Social Media – Multi-Day Division**

**Multi-Day Division:** >>> [Best Use of Social Media](#)

### **Third Place**

Dickinson Press

*Today's Dickinson Press*

Jenn Binstock

### **Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Community prayer vigil for George Floyd and Officer Holt*

Sydney Mook

### **First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Coverage of Fargo riots*

Forum staff

## **Overall Design Excellence**

**Weekly: Small** >>> [Overall Design Excellence](#)

### **Third Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Overall Design Excellence*

Jill Friesz

### **Second Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Overall Design Excellence*

Allison Olimb, Brook Dahlgren, Larry Biri

### **First Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Overall Design Excellence*

Transcript staff

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> [Overall Design Excellence](#)

### **Third Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Overall Design Excellence*

News Monitor staff

### **Second Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Overall Design Excellence*

Tioga Tribune

### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Overall Design Excellence*

Banner Staff

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Overall Design Excellence**

**Honorable Mention**

Garrison, McLean County Independent

*Overall Design Excellence*

Staff

**Third Place**

Bottineau Courant

*Overall Design Excellence*

Bottineau Courant Staff

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Overall Design Excellence*

The Journal

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Overall Design Excellence*

Staff

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Overall Design Excellence**

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Overall Design Excellence*

The Jamestown Sun Staff

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Overall Design Excellence*

Daily News Staff

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*Overall Design Excellence*

Joy Schoch

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Overall Design Excellence**

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Overall Design Excellence*

Staff

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Overall Design Excellence*

Staff

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Overall Design Excellence*

Forum staff



# Photography

## News Photo

### Weekly: Small >>> News Photo

#### **Third Place**

Hettinger, Adams County Record  
*Former Cenex gas station demolished in Reeder*  
Frank Turner

#### **Second Place**

Elgin, Grant County News  
*Doug Rivinius sanitizing surfaces*  
Luann Dart

#### **First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press  
*Unforgettable 'fair'*  
Larry Biri

### Weekly: Mid-Size >>> News Photo

#### **Third Place**

Tioga Tribune  
*Ray graduation*  
Jacob Orledge

#### **Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Capping it all off*  
Cory Erickson

#### **First Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent  
*COVID-19 drive-up testing*  
Erik Gjovik

**Weekly: Large**

> > > [News Photo](#)

**Honorable Mention**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Punching more holes in the Bakken*

Neal Shipman

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Nursing home visits require creativity*

Cecile Wehrman

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Central High School with basketball*

Jackie Thompson

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Oslo flooding*

Larry Biri

**Multi-Day: Small**

> > > [News Photo](#)

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Finally together*

John Steiner

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Vandalism*

Audra Anderson

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Armory walls come tumbling down*

Frank Stanko

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

**Honorable Mention**

Grand Forks Herald

*Armacost inaugurated as UND's 13th president*

Nick Nelson

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*An unfamiliar landscape*

David Samson

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*March on City Hall*

Alyssa Goelzer

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*A whole new challenge*

Mike McCleary

**Spot News Photo**

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

**Second Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Hail damages area*

Jill Friesz

**First Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*House Fire*

Lesa Van Camp

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

**Second Place**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Storm rips up area*

Alyssa Meier

**First Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Train derailment*

Jacob Orledge

**Weekly: Large**

>>> **Spot News Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*First Care Health Center - COVID 19 vaccine*

Tim Martin

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Tumbleweed*

Brad Nygaard

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Melting snow on windshield*

Larry Biri

**First Place**

Bottineau Courant

*Tank battery fire north of Landa*

Matthew Semisch

**Multi-Day: Small**

>>> **Spot News Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Williston Herald

*Fire departments respond to large grass fire*

Mitch Melberg

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Combine hung up on gas pump*

Audra Anderson

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Firefighters respond to strawbale blaze/ Masonite Primeboard*

Carrie McDermott

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Accident halts traffic*

John Steiner

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Spot News Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Swimmer pulled from the Sheyenne River*  
David Samson

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Apartment Fire*  
Tom Stromme

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*A protester raises an arm*  
Dave Olson

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Semitrailer crash*  
Mike McCleary

**Feature Photo**

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Feature Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Drayton, Valley News & Views  
*Corricks shovel*  
Lyle Van Camp

**Third Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press  
*Prom with a twist- Thompson escorted down main street PR*  
Larry Biri

**Second Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*NR-S Blue Ribbon Celebration*  
Sarah Smith Warren

**First Place**

Bowbells, Burke County Tribune  
*Comforting embrace*  
Joann Ellis

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Feature Photo**

**Third Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Parade held honoring St. Gerards staff & residents*

Diana Hermes

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Redefining home work*

Cory Erickson

**First Place**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Tic Tac Toe*

Tyson Smedstad

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Feature Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Crosby, The Journal

*Reverse parade*

Brad Nygaard

**Third Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Spooky Season*

Megan Nicklay

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Grandma D with great-great-granddaughter*

Larry Biri

**First Place**

Bottineau Courant

*Donkey basketball at BHS*

Matthew Semisch

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Feature Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Jamestown Sun

*Outdoor hockey fans*

John Steiner

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*ZooBoo*

Audra Anderson

**Second Place**

Williston Herald

*Ashley Oyloe stitches pieces together for her first yarn bomb*

Mitch Melberg

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*A parade in town*

Frank Stanko

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Feature Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Having a ball*

David Samson

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*A Big Musical Hug*

Alyssa Goelzer

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Dog days of summer*

Mike McCleary

**First Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Democracy at play, voting booths in the Alerus Center*

Eric Hylden

## Sports Photo

### Weekly: Small >>> Sports Photo

#### **Honorable Mention**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Gage Pollestad*

Lyle Van Camp

#### **Third Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Cayden Quibell*

Lesa Van Camp

#### **Second Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Aggies Nelson has ball knocked away by Thunders Snyder*

Larry Biri

#### **First Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Three on the ball*

Jenna Weisenburger

### Weekly: Mid-Size >>> Sports Photo

#### **Honorable Mention**

Hillsboro Banner

*Limke TD catch*

Cory Erickson

#### **Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Collision at home*

Kayla Morton

#### **Second Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Firestorm qualifies 9 for state*

Dave Tengesdal

#### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Christian Cantore hurdling*

Cole Short



**Weekly: Large**

>>> **Sports Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Spoilers earn first trip to the 'ship'*  
Chelsea Wysocki

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal  
*19-U hockey championship loss*  
Don Anderson

**Second Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*Tough angle*  
Cathleen Naeb

**First Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*Avoiding the block*  
Neal Shipman

**Multi-Day: Small**

>>> **Sports Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Jamestown Sun  
*Don Gumke Racers' Memorial*  
Michael Savaloja

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press  
*Heart River football*  
Josiah C. Cuellar

**Second Place**

Dickinson Press  
*Photo of the Week w/extended cutline*  
Matthew Curry

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Heading West to state gymnastics*  
John Steiner

**Honorable Mention**

Bismarck Tribune

*Cyclocross*

Tom Stromme

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Saints take series finale over RedHawks*

Alyssa Goelzer

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*State Girls BB tourney suspended due to pandemic*

Eric Hylden

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Overtime Winner*

David Samson

**Picture Story**

**Honorable Mention**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Christmas spirit alive and well in Drayton*

Lesa Van Camp, Lyle Van Camp

**Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*How did they do that? Directional drilling*

Amy Wobbema

**Second Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Summer Fun*

Rachel Brazil, Amy Wobbema

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*We're all in the together: Even if we're six feet apart*

Larry Biri

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> [Picture Story](#)

**Honorable Mention**

Tioga Tribune

*Ray celebration*

Jacob Orledge, Dave Tengesdal

**Third Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Dance, dance, dance!*

Allen Stock

**Second Place**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Peewee and Tee ball photos*

Staff

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Banner Year in Sports*

Cory Erickson, Cole Short, Kayla Morton

**Weekly: Large** >>> [Picture Story](#)

**Honorable Mention**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Harvest 2020*

Larry Biri

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Thresher's Reunion & Car Show*

Brad Nygaard

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Fourth of July*

Chelsea Wysocki

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Grafton Spoilers GBB State*

Chelsea Wysocki, Larry Biri

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Picture Story**

**Honorable Mention**

Dickinson Press

*Husky and Firefighters*

Jackie Jahfetson

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Summer colors*

John Steiner

**Second Place**

Williston Herald

*Schools Out!*

Mitch Melberg

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*90 years old, still combining*

Tris Anderson

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Picture Story**

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Turning our backs on hate*

Alyssa Goelzer

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*19 hours in Minnesota, Digi-Key, Thief River Falls*

Nick Nelson

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*A life changed forever*

Mike McCleary

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Grasping an immense loss*

Michael Vosburg

## Pictorial Photo

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

### **Honorable Mention**

McClusky Gazette

*Birds of a feather*

Allan Tinker

### **Third Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Pretty Small Truck for Such a Big Job*

Lyle Van Camp

### **Second Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Rustic Restoration has a unique sign*

Luann Dart

### **First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Under a painted sky*

Larry Biri

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

### **Honorable Mention**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Memorial Day*

Staff

### **Third Place**

Tioga Tribune

*It was a dark and stormy night*

Jacob Orledge

### **Second Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Street lights and sky lights*

Erik Gjovik

### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*H-CV Football Homecoming Celebration*

Cory Erickson

**Weekly: Large**

> > > **Pictorial Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Crosby, The Journal

*Chock full of gold*

Brad Nygaard

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Frosty morning*

Patrice Bumstead

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Colors of Heaven*

Morgan Thompson

**First Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Spring returns to the Badlands*

Ashleigh Plemper

**Multi-Day: Small**

> > > **Pictorial Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Williston Herald

*Williston HS joined other schools; turned on stadium lights 4/3*

Mitch Melberg

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*More to come with new mural*

Frank Stanko

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Enjoying the great outdoors*

Carrie McDermott

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Canada Geese family*

John Steiner

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Pictorial Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Snack for the road*  
Will Kincaid

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Smoky sunrise*  
Mike McCleary

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Heavenly Sight*  
David Samson

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Hazy days*  
Michael Vosburg

**Portrait Photo**

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Portrait Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Drayton, Valley News & Views  
*Ruthie and Homecoming Court*  
Lesa Van Camp

**Third Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press  
*For years of service*  
Larry Biri

**Second Place**

McClusky Gazette  
*Champion of kids playing chess*  
Allan Tinker

**First Place**

Elgin, Grant County News  
*Bookin' It*  
Luann Dart

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Portrait Photo**

**Third Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Dancer*

Jacob Orledge

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Pastor Allen Kramp*

Cory Erickson

**First Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Old person day*

Dave Tengesdal

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Portrait Photo**

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Perfect pitching day*

Brad Nygaard

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Selliken rings in 100 trips around the world*

Larry Biri

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*On the wings of a blue bird - Sara Martinez*

Chelsea Wysocki

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Portrait Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Jamestown Sun

*Altringer playing Taps*

John Steiner

**Third Place**

Williston Herald

*Mayor Howard Klug strikes gavel that was custom-made*

Mitch Melberg

**Second Place**

Dickinson Press

*Giving the gift of life*

Josiah C. Cuellar

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Wahpeton Korean War veteran receives Quilt of Valor*

Audra Anderson



**Multi-Day: Large** >>> **Portrait Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Bismarck Tribune

*LaDonna Allard*

Mike McCleary

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Spectra Health moves forward with nod to past ties*

Nick Nelson

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Lone voice dies, Walhalla loses local newspaper*

Eric Hylden

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Grant Warkenthien*

David Samson

**Agricultural Photo**

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Agricultural Photo**

**Third Place**

McClusky Gazette

*Former home of the late Glenn Heitzmann*

Allan Tinker

**Second Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Keep on, digging on*

Larry Biri

**First Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Harvest season wrapping up*

Andrea Muggli

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> **Agricultural Photo**

**Third Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Farmer for life*

Tris Anderson

**Second Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Ag and wind*

Brad Nygaard

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Critters & Clover*

Cole Short

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Agricultural Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Lisbon, Ransom County Gazette

*Six teams vie for prizes at Englevale Ranch Rodeo*

Mattie Richardson-Schmitz

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Spring seeding underway in county*

Neal Shipman

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Hall of Fame cattle drive*

Brad Nygaard

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Six combines*

Larry Biri

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

**Honorable Mention**

Dickinson Press  
*For the best bull*  
Jackie Jahfetson

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press  
*Angels playing in the dirt*  
Josiah C. Cuellar

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Winter harvest*  
John Steiner

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Valley Voices - large cover photo*  
Frank Stanko

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Gardening group*  
Michael Vosburg

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*Rural funeral procession of well known farmer*  
Eric Hylden

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Sunflower supper*  
Amy Sisk

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Late corn harvest*  
David Samson

## Outdoor Recreation Photo

**Weekly: Small** >>> [Outdoor Recreation Photo](#)

### **Honorable Mention**

McClusky Gazette

*Goodbye Cloudburst*

Allan Tinker

### **Third Place**

McClusky Gazette

*American Bank Center Splash Bash*

Staff

### **Second Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Sun setting on summer*

Jill Friesz

### **First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Throwing Stones*

Larry Biri

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

### **Third Place**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Pee Wee*

Alyssa Meier

### **Second Place**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Sliding by*

Staff

### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Easy Sledding*

Cory Erickson

**Weekly: Large** >>> [Outdoor Recreation Photo](#)

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Sleeders speed through Oslo*  
Larry Biri

**Second Place**

Bottineau Courant  
*Adaptive water sports event*  
Matthew Semisch

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Can't touch this*  
Chelsea Wysocki

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

**Third Place**

Williston Herald  
*Rylee Larson, 12, catches some air at Harmon skate park*  
Mitch Melberg

**Second Place**

Dickinson Press  
*Spurring ambition*  
Jackie Jahfetson

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Shore fishing*  
John Steiner

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Racing at the Horse Park*  
Alyssa Goelzer

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Folksy fishing*  
Tom Stromme

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Falling toward the finish line*  
David Samson

**First Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*Dog celebrates snow shoveling*  
Eric Hylden

## Photo of the Year - Multi-Day Division

**Multi-Day Division:** >>> [Photo of the Year](#)

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*A whole new challenge*

Mike McCleary

## Photo of the Year - Weekly Division

**Weekly Division:** >>> [Photo of the Year](#)

**First Place**

Washburn, The Leader-News

*Tic-Tac-Toe*

Tyson Smedstad