

# 2022 News and Photography Awards

## **NDNA Better Newspaper Contest Award Winners (for work done in 2021)**

### News

#### Reporting

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

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

Central McLean News-Journal

*Staying home instead*

Staff

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

Hettinger, Adams County Record

*Multi-county grass fire burns 19,400 acres*

Frank Turner

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

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Making RAD changes to rural grocery shopping*

Allison Olimb

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

New England, Hettinger County Herald

*Wind whips area, local firefighters help with blaze*

Luann Dart

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

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

Harvey, The Herald Press

*Firestorm*

Anne Ehni

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

Tioga Tribune

*Affordable units in jeopardy*

Jacob Orledge

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

Rugby, Pierce County Tribune

*Rugby Livestock Auction sees flood of cattle from drought*

Sue Sitter

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

**Honorable Mention**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Alexander grad plays role in cloning of black-footed ferret*

Neal A. Shipman

**Third Place**

Garrison, McLean County Independent

*This is only a test*

James C. Falcon

**Second Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Battling back from near fatal accident*

Ashleigh Plemper

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Closure announcement stuns*

Cecile Wehrman

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

**Honorable Mention**

Jamestown Sun

*Reward offered for information about large-scale cattle death case*

Masaki Ova

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Memorial dedicated to Cody Holte*

Kathy Steiner

**Second Place**

Dickinson Press

*Woman drops excessive force claim, pleads guilty*

Jackie Jahfetson

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Red River Basin grapples with phosphorus flux*

Audra Anderson

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

**Honorable Mention**

Bismarck Tribune

*ND faces record drug deaths*

Jack Dura

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Employees, surveys question Mayville State University culture*

Sam Easter

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Questionable business plans*

Patrick Springer

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Not a mistake you're allowed to make*

April Baumgarten

**Reporting Series**

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

**First Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Infrastructure series*

Robert Wanek Jr., Frank Stanko, Tris Anderson, Audra Anderson

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

**Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*NR-S vs. East Central Special Education*

Nathan Price

**Second Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Sons of Liberty activists organize to shake up ND status quo*

Jacob Orledge

**First Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Genre fire*

Amy Wobbema

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

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Nursing home closure and reaction*

Cecile Wehrman, Brad Nygaard

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Divide County vaccine coverage*

Cecile Wehrman

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Documenting the COVID waves in Divide County*

Journal Publishing Staff

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

**Honorable Mention**

Jamestown Sun

*Mining cryptocurrency*

Masaki Ova

**Third Place**

Williston Herald

*Salt cavern propane storage opens up opportunity*

Renee Jean

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Early and long: Series on the rural fire department*

Keith Norman

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*And then came September*

Kathy Steiner

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Great resignation series*

Tammy Swift, Laura Butterbrodt, Sam Easter, Mark Wasson, Jeff Kiger, Alex Derosier, Matthew Stolle

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*On the border: Northwest Angle struggles*

Ann Bailey, Brad Dokken, Korrie Wenzel, Ingrid Harbo

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*System under stress*

Patrick Springer

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Hunger in Plain Sight*

Mike McCleary

**Feature Reporting**

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

**Honorable Mention**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Dancing with bulls*

Luann Dart

**Third Place**

Central McLean News-Journal

*Brightening up downtown*

Alyssa Meier

**Second Place**

Central McLean News-Journal

*Tapping into nature*

Staff

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Park River photographer shares his story after years of sharing others*

Allison Olimb

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

**Honorable Mention**

Napoleon Homestead

*Abandoned Cemetery Spikes Interest*

Jessica F Wald

**Third Place**

Minnewaukan, Benson County Farmers Press

*Deb Bertsch milestone*

Sue Klemetsrud

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Small-town salute*

Cory Erickson

**First Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press

*Chasing Sophie*

Neil O. Nelson

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

**Third Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Bringing Images to life*

Jan Russell

**Second Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*A dream comes true*

Neal A. Shipman

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*'You got it, Chief'*

Chelsea Wysocki

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

**Honorable Mention**

Dickinson Press

*Dickinson teen saves a life*

James B. Miller, Jr.

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Suicide survivors share their stories of love, remembrance*

Frank Stanko

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Vietnam pilot reunited with former aircraft*

Audra Anderson

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*Couple's love story tied to classic car collection*

Jackie Jahfetson

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Ole hangs up the overalls*

Eric Peterson

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*It's about softballs*

C.S. Hagen

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*'The last place on earth'*

Adam Willis

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Baby's nearly fatal fight with COVID-19 signals new risk*

Jeremy Turley, Adam Willis

## Feature Series

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

#### **Honorable Mention**

Hettinger, Adams County Record

*122 Years of Service*

Frank Turner

#### **Third Place**

New Town News

*Powwows return to Fort Berthold*

Jerry Kram

#### **Second Place**

New England, Hettinger County Herald

*Young farmers and ranchers series*

Luann Dart

#### **First Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Agriculture series*

Frank Stanko, Audra Anderson, Tris Anderson, Justin Pierce

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

#### **Third Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Holiday Spotlight*

Jacob Orledge

#### **Second Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Twin City*

Erik Gjovik

#### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Where are they now?*

Cole Short, Cory Erickson



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

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Giving Hearts*

Shaunte Ramos

**Second Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Covid Series*

Jan Russell

**First Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Faces of the Patch - Feb. 24, April 14, June 16, Aug. 18*

Ashleigh Plemper

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

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Special topics class / Cryptocurrency and blockchain*

Masaki Ova

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Where are they now?*

Tracy Briggs

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Ambassador Motel deemed unsafe, residents pushed out*

Joe Bowen, Adam Kurtz, Hannah Shirley, Matt Henson

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Redefining women's work*

Tammy Swift

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Theodore Roosevelt National Park*

Jack Dura

## Government Reporting

### Weekly: Small >>> Government Reporting

#### **Honorable Mention**

New England, Hettinger County Herald  
*Mott shares infrastructure needs with public*  
Luann Dart

#### **Third Place**

Hettinger, Adams County Record  
*Bond referendum passes with 83 percent approval*  
Frank Turner

#### **Second Place**

Elgin, Grant County News  
*Impasse hearing to bring commission recommendation*  
Luann Dart

#### **First Place**

Bowbells, Burke County Tribune  
*Hoeven Visits*  
Lisa Thomas

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

#### **Honorable Mention**

Hillsboro Banner  
*City leaders holding firm*  
Michelle McLean

#### **Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*Two bright ideas burn out*  
Amy Wobbema

#### **Second Place**

Tioga Tribune  
*City compromises to renew developer contract for \$70,000*  
Jacob Orledge

#### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Not another penny*  
Cole Short

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

**Honorable Mention**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Two Sides to Every Law*

Angela Kolden

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*High claims rate means higher premiums for county*

Neal A. Shipman

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Council members promise to address records storage*

Cecile Wehrman

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Law may need a look if court won't clarify rules*

Brad Nygaard

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

**Third Place**

Williston Herald

*Klug announces re-election bid during State of City Address*

Mitch Melberg

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*New State Hospital project*

Keith Norman

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Wilkin County Jail full, inmates struggling with mental health*

Audra Anderson

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

**Honorable Mention**

Grand Forks Herald

*After ticket, GF legislator moved to restrict UND Police jurisdiction*

Joe Bowen, Sydney Mook

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*AG was told Texas election suit likely to fail*

Jack Dura

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*As crowded jail & juvie age, Grand Forks county plans sales tax push*

Sam Easter

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Lawmakers, observers say Peace Garden politics becoming toxic*

Jeremy Turley

**Government Series**

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

**Third Place**

New Town News

*Tribal government plans greenhouse*

Jerry Kram

**Second Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Concern over Police Station*

Allison Olimb

**First Place**

New England, Hettinger County Herald

*Answering the call... series on Sheriff's Department*

Luann Dart

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

**Third Place**

Tioga Tribune

*City-Parks dysfunction boils over*

Jacob Orledge

**Second Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Klemetsrud files lawsuit against NR-S School*

Amy Wobbema

**First Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Redistricting and Senator Heckaman*

Nathan Price

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

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*County Planning & Zoning - Feb. 24, March 10*

Neal A. Shipman

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Masks Mandate*

Todd Morgan

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*City building inspections bring earful from owners*

Brad Nygaard

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

**Honorable Mention**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Wilkin Co. may be next 'Dedicated Second Amendment County'*

Audra Anderson

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press

*Stark County longevity payments*

James B. Miller, Jr.

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*What to do with the libraries*

Masaki Ova

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*North Dakota investment/Bison World*

Keith Norman

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*ND jails refuse to offer COVID-19 shots to inmates*  
Jeremy Turley

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*Mayville State seeks restitution of overpayment to employees*  
Sam Easter

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Watchdog coverage of ND's newly formed Energy Authority*  
Adam Willis

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Rep. Luke Simons' expulsion and aftermath*  
Jack Dura

**Spot News**

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

**Third Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press  
*Neighbors helping neighbors*  
Allison Olimb

**Second Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor  
*'A total loss'*  
Tris Anderson

**First Place**

New Town News  
*Outpouring of support for fire victims*  
Jerry Kram

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

**Second Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent  
*Fire destroys barns at Bordulac farm*  
Erik Gjovik

**First Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press  
*Transformer failure leaves Harvey without power*  
Neil O. Nelson

**Weekly: Large**

>>> **Spot News**

**Honorable Mention**

Crosby, The Journal

*Wind packs a wallop*

Brad Nygaard

**Third Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Passerby recounts accident rescue*

Jan Russell

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Bil-Vi-Dor Fire*

Todd Morgan

**First Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Badlands go up in flames*

Ashleigh Plemper

**Multi-Day: Small**

>>> **Spot News**

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press

*School shooting was self-inflicted*

Jackie Jahfetson

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*'There was truth to what was brought to our attention'*

Frank Stanko

**First Place**

Williston Herald

*'Red slurry' helps quell wildfire*

Renee Jean

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Mosque vandalized with hate speech*  
C.S. Hagen

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Lutheran Social Services of ND to close its doors*  
Helmut Schmidt

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Photo studio's closure has clients scrambling*  
Amy Sisk

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Simons expelled*  
Jack Dura

**Business News Reporting**

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

**Third Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press  
*Closed due to coronavirus: barber Moen makes retirement official*  
Allison Olimb

**Second Place**

New England, Hettinger County Herald  
*She's the 'jelly lady' of Hettinger County*  
Luann Dart

**First Place**

Finley, Steele County Press  
*Finley Lumber able to supply customers despite industry shortages*  
Jill Larson



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

**Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Construction commences at North American Bison*

Amy Wobbema

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Putting the petal to the mettle*

Cory Erickson

**First Place**

Tioga Tribune

*ND could lead breakthrough in hydrogen landscape*

Jacob Orledge

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

**Honorable Mention**

Crosby, The Journal

*Local businesses embracing online sales*

Brad Nygaard

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Meeting the needs for trained welders*

Neal A. Shipman

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Remote sales more than triple in 2020*

Cecile Wehrman

**First Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*History Preserved: West Funeral Home*

Angela Kolden

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

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Open for visitors*

Kathy Steiner

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Dakota Coffee Co. reopening under new ownership*

Audra Anderson

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*'We make food that we enjoy'*

Josiah C. Cuellar

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

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*SeaQuest, which seeks \$1 million from GF's, has issues elsewhere*

Joe Bowen

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*A 'mini-Walmart' with a heart*

Tammy Swift

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Bakken rides out a bad year*

Amy Sisk

**Sports Page**

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

**Third Place**

New Town News

*Sports Page*

Jerry Kram

**Second Place**

Finley, Steele County Press

*Steele County Press*

Staff

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Sports Page*

Allison Olimb, Larry Biri

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

**Third Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Tioga Tribune sports pages*

Jody Michael

**Second Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Independent Sports Section*

Erik Gjovik, Lane Moellenkamp

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Hillsboro Banner Sports Pages*

Banner Staff

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

**Honorable Mention**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*Sports Pages - Feb. 24, March 3, March 10*  
Neal A. Shipman

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal  
*Journal sports pages*  
Jody Michael

**Second Place**

Bottineau Courant  
*Bottineau Courant Sports*  
Matthew Semisch

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Feb 24, May 12, Dec 15*  
Chelsea Wysocki

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

**First Place**

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

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

**Third Place**

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

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*Sports Page/section, March 27, June 9 and Nov. 11*  
Staff

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Bismarck Tribune Sports*  
Staff

# Sports Reporting

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

### **Third Place**

New Town News

*Eagles make surprise appearance in Region 8*

Jerry Kram

### **Second Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Storm wreaking havoc*

Jill Friesz

### **First Place**

Bowbells, Burke County Tribune

*Basketball Milestone*

Lisa Thomas

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

### **Third Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Tioga joins high school baseball*

Jody Michael

### **Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Back with the Bs*

Cory Erickson

### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Punching their ticket to state*

Cole Short

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

### **Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*A goal made*

Neal A. Shipman

### **Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Maroons top Outlaws*

Jody Michael

### **First Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*W.C.H.S. cheerleaders bring home state title*

Ashleigh Plemper

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

**Third Place**

Williston Herald

*Heartbreaker! Tetons hockey ties UMary after unexpected twist*

Analicia Haynes

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Headed to state: Blue Jays best Mandan in state play-in*

Katie (Gerber) Ringer

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Faces of victory*

Robert Wanek Jr.

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*'Night I'll never forget'*

Jeff Kolpack

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Hockey, like life, goes on in Warroad, Minn.*

Ann Bailey

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*The crazy college hockey off season of 2021*

Brad E. Schlossman

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*'He was the best kid anybody could ask for'*

Carissa Wigginton

## Sports Series

### Weekly: Small >>> Sports Series

#### **Second Place**

Bowbells, Burke County Tribune

*Ranchers Success*

Lyann Olson

#### **First Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Storm football playoff coverage*

Jill Friesz

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

#### **Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Ice Dawgs hockey coverage*

Cory Erickson

#### **Second Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*CHS girls' basketball postseason*

Erik Gjovik

#### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Patriots football coverage*

Cole Short

### Weekly: Large >>> Sports Series

#### **Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Grafton GBB state tournament*

Chelsea Wysocki

#### **Second Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Paddlefish snagging season - April 28, May 5, May 19*

Ashleigh Plemper

#### **First Place**

Bottineau Courant

*Indigenous hockey players at DCB*

Matthew Semisch

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

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Breckenridge volleyball goes to state tourney*

Robert Wanek Jr.

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*On the way to the Dakota Bowl*

Katie (Gerber) Ringer

**First Place**

Williston Herald

*Rex Causey out as WHS girls basketball head coach*

Analicia Haynes

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

**First Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*UND hockey*

Brad E. Schlossman

**Sports Feature**

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

**Third Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Underdogs do it again*

Jill Friesz

**Second Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Making Her Mark on the World Stage*

Jaden Rose

**First Place**

New England, Hettinger County Herald

*Kathrein tackles two fall sports*

Luann Dart

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

**Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Looking back on greatness*

Kayla Morton

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*The Comeback Kids*

Cole Short

**First Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Blind, in pain and isolated, a local athlete's struggle*

Jacob Orledge

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

**Honorable Mention**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Watford City's scoring machines*

Neal A. Shipman

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*To fight is to win for young boxer*

Ashleigh Plemper

**Second Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Local Man's Podcast Goes Viral - CC Treehouse*

Angela Kolden

**First Place**

Bottineau Courant

*Beaudrie back after surgery for heart defect found in sports physical*

Matthew Semisch

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

**Third Place**

Williston Herald

*Mikaela Rehak to be inducted in Alaska Hockey Hall of Fame*

Analicia Haynes

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Wahpeton's secret superstar*

Robert Wanek Jr.

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Ford's finale: A storied career ends for JHS track star*

Katie (Gerber) Ringer



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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Former Fargo elite skater reflects on loss of '61 skating team*

Tracy Briggs

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Defying norms on field, making an impact off it*

Ingrid Harbo

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Amy's army*

Jeff Kolpack

**First Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*65 years after winning Olympic silver, Bennett still enjoys the Games*

Tom Miller

**Sports Column**

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

**Honorable Mention**

Harvey, The Herald Press

*HWC in Week 7 by Neil O. Nelson*

Neil O. Nelson

**Third Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Once more, hard work does the job*

Allen Stock

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Have questions on next week's region tourney?*

Kayla Morton

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Hope springs eternal*

Cole Short

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Sports Column**

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Kudos to us*

Chelsea Wysocki

**Second Place**

Bottineau Courant

*DCB owes Getzloff for his loyalty*

Matthew Semisch

**First Place**

Bottineau Courant

*State run is one to remember*

Riley Biberdorf

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

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Sun sets on 13-year sports writing career*

Michael Savaloja

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Clipping the culture vultures*

Robert Wanek Jr.

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

**Honorable Mention**

Bismarck Tribune

*Quite a weekend for local athletes*

Dave Selvig

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*The Hawks needed to make NDSU QB beat them, but they didn't*

Brad E. Schlossman

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*At least for a day, UND is out of NDSU's shadow*

Wayne Nelson

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Gopher state great*

Mike McFeely

## Editorial

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

### **Honorable Mention**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*...he just keeps ticking*

Lyle Van Camp

### **Third Place**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Editorial*

Jill Friesz

### **Second Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*What is best for the students*

Lesa Van Camp

### **First Place**

New Town News

*C'mon man, get the shot*

Jerry Kram

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

### **Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*A year into the pandemic, I'm still stressed*

Rachel Brazil

### **Second Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*At what price do we take care of ourselves?*

Allen Stock

### **First Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Charting new territory*

Amy Wobbema

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

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Americans prepare to tighten their belts*  
Todd Morgan

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal  
*Transparency lacking in city process*  
Cecile Wehrman

**First Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*Why should American taxpayers pay \$450,000 to illegal immigrants*  
Neal A. Shipman

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

**Honorable Mention**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Once we cover a crime, it lives online forever; but does it need to?*  
Carrie McDermott

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Consequences exist; First Amendment is not a blank check*  
Frank Stanko

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Thank you, essential workers, for what you do*  
The Jamestown Sun Staff

**First Place**

Williston Herald  
*We all bear the responsibility to come together*  
Renee Jean

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

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Don't forget 7 who gave all in Afghanistan*  
Bismarck Tribune editorial board

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Jupiter Paulson died because the criminal justice system failed*  
Forum staff

**First Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*Plant today for shade later*  
Korrie Wenzel

## Editorial Page

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

#### **Honorable Mention**

New Town News

*Editorial page*

Jerry Kram

#### **Third Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Opinion*

News Monitor staff

#### **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**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Independent Opinion Page*

Allen Stock, Lori Buchholtz

#### **Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Banner Editorial Page*

Cole Short

#### **First Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press

*Editorial Pages x3*

Anne Ehni, Neil O. Nelson

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

#### **First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Feb. 10, May 12, Nov. 3*

Staff

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

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Opinion page*  
Daily News staff

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Editorial page*  
Kathy Steiner

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

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*Editorial pages: Oct. 23, Oct. 30 and Nov. 3*  
Korrie Wenzel

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Bismarck Tribune Editorial Page*  
Staff

**First Place**

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

**Standing News Front**

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

**Honorable Mention**

Dickinson Press  
*Well-Being in the Workplace*  
Meghan Dowhaniuk

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Oil Deal Goes Sour*  
Emma Santee

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Jamestown Rural Fire*  
Angela Ecklund

**First Place**

Dickinson Press  
*Medora Wildfire*  
Tanner Larson

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*We The People*

Michael Smith

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Standing news front: Friday fire at Ambassador Motel*

Lauren Wilson

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Little Book. Big Ideas.*

Becca Clemens

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Celebrate Summer Food*

Marcy Nickel

**Agricultural Coverage**

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

**Third Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Beware of blister beetles*

Tris Anderson

**Second Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Floating Farm*

Allison Olimb

**First Place**

Cooperstown, Griggs County Courier

*Praying for rain*

Jill Larson

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

**Honorable Mention**

Harvey, The Herald Press

*Drought takes its toll*

Anne Ehni

**Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Hung out too dry*

Cory Erickson

**Second Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Farmers divided over cloud seeding*

Jacob Orledge

**First Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*It's heart-wrenching: Farmers & ranchers deal with effects of drought*

Amy Wobbema

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

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Planting in the dust*

Neal A. Shipman

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Drought doesn't dampen plans*

Sydney Glasoe Caraballo

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Intercropping can be a key to soil health*

Brad Nygaard



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

**Honorable Mention**

Williston Herald

*Grenora-based farmer talks about growing organic*

Renee Jean

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Risks and rewards*

Audra Anderson

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Ag innovation fund ...*

Keith Norman

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*A rodeo veteran's journey to breeding*

Jackie Jahfetson

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

**Honorable Mention**

Grand Forks Herald

*American Crystal VP says there have been more difficult harvests*

Sam Easter

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Moorhead couple leaps at chance to raise crickets to make flour*

Tammy Swift

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Midwest pipeline: test for ND's carbon capture goals hits snags*

Adam Willis

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Parched Plains*

Amy R. Sisk, Sam Nelson, Travis Svihovec, Blake Nicholson, Jack Dura

## Personal Column - Serious

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

### **Honorable Mention**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Life's Court*

Clint Van Camp

### **Third Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*A rare gift...*

Lesa Van Camp

### **Second Place**

Hettinger, Adams County Record

*Making the world go 'round*

Cassidy Blade

### **First Place**

New Town News

*The traitor's rag*

Jerry Kram

**Weekly: Mid-Size** > > > **Personal Column - Serious**

### **Honorable Mention**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Some photos lost in flooded basement*

Allen Stock

### **Third Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press

*There's more to it*

Anne Ehni

### **Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Jerry Olsen column*

Cole Short

### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Raising a glass to a friend gone too soon*

Kayla Morton

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

**Honorable Mention**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*The Medora Musical*

Neal A. Shipman

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Hurry up and wait*

Steph Cronje

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Stranger Danger*

Shaunte Ramos

**First Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Writers Block*

Angela Kolden

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

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Warning: Your computer may be compromised*

Carrie McDermott

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Six stories from Stanko*

Frank Stanko

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

**Honorable Mention**

Bismarck Tribune

*Finding meaning in a rural Jewish cemetery*

Amy Sisk

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Tracy Briggs columns*

Tracy Briggs

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Tammy Swift columns*

Tammy Swift

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Reflections on a mass murder*

Blake Nicholson

## Personal Column - Humorous

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

### **Honorable Mention**

Elgin, Grant County News  
*Personal Column, Humorous*  
Jill Friesz

### **Third Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views  
*A sure sign of Spring, they are back*  
Lyle Van Camp

### **Second Place**

Hettinger, Adams County Record  
*Times Are A-Changin'*  
Frank Turner

### **First Place**

New Town News  
*The kids are all right*  
Jerry Kram

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

### **Honorable Mention**

Minnewaukan, Benson County Farmers Press  
*Me vs. Nature*  
Sue Klemetsrud

### **Third Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press  
*Neil O. Nelson*  
Neil O. Nelson

### **Second Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent  
*What do they do with those yellow plants?*  
Allen Stock

### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Looking back on 10 years at the paper*  
Cole Short

**Weekly: Large**

> > > **Personal Column - Humorous**

**Honorable Mention**

Lisbon, Ransom County Gazette

*Off The Top: Should take the week off*

Lynn Kaspari

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Tuck's take*

Chelsea Wysocki

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Who we are*

Steph Cronje

**First Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Out of my Mind: The Bull*

Angela Kolden

**Multi-Day: Small**

> > > **Personal Column - Humorous**

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press

*Meet Jason*

Jason O'Day

**Second Place**

Dickinson Press

*Dating: connections vanishing with technology*

Jackie Jahfetson

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*'Godzilla vs. Kong' a good time at the movies*

Frank Stanko

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Tammy Swift columns*

Tammy Swift

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Allowing chickens may be an issue on Hagaland*

Chuck Haga

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Skunks under the porch, now what?*

Brad Dokken

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Plumb never try to break up a cat fight*

Travis Svihovec

**Special News Section**

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

**Second Place**

Central McLean News-Journal

*Planning for the future*

Staff

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Walsh County Fair - Return to the Arena*

Allison Olimb, Larry Biri, Brook Dahlgren

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

**Honorable Mention**

New Rockford Transcript  
*Collegiate Congratulations*  
Staff

**Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Hillsboro Banner Christmas section*  
Banner Staff

**Second Place**

Tioga Tribune  
*Holiday Spotlight*  
Tioga Tribune Staff

**First Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent  
*2021-22 Winter Sports Preview*  
Erik Gjovik, Lane Moellenkamp, Linda Duursma

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

**Honorable Mention**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Ag Section*  
Staff

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal  
*A Change in Climate*  
Journal Publishing Staff

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Unity Medical Center*  
Jackie Thompson, Todd Morgan

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Winter Sports*  
Chelsea Wysocki

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> **Special News Section**

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Southern Valley Living*  
Candace Engstrom, Staff

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Profile magazine*  
Candace Engstrom, Carrie McDermott, Audra Anderson, Frank Stanko, Tris Anderson, Justin Pierce

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

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Impact magazine*  
Forum staff

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Nurses*  
Staff

**First Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*UND hockey special section*  
Brad E. Schlossman

**Section/Feature Front Design**

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

**Third Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor  
*Celebrate the Seasons*  
Candace Engstrom

**Second Place**

Elgin, Grant County News  
*Friesz leads the Storm to victory*  
Jill Friesz

**First Place**

Central McLean News-Journal  
*McLean County Ag Show*  
Staff

**Weekly: Mid-Size** >>> [Section/Feature Front Design](#)

**Second Place**

Tioga Tribune  
*Holiday Spotlight*  
Tia LaCombe

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Aww nuts!*  
Cory Erickson, Cole Short



**Weekly: Large**

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

**Honorable Mention**

Garrison, McLean County Independent

*Best of McLean County*

Jackie Kohler, Staff

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Ag Section*

Jackie Thompson

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Girls basketball preview*

Chelsea Wysocki

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Holiday Spotlight*

Cecile Wehrman

**Multi-Day: Small**

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

**Honorable Mention**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Countdown to Christmas*

Candace Engstrom

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press

*Not Going to Let This Happen Again*

Emily Beaman

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Goodlife*

Audra Anderson

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*Pretty Penne*

Marcy Nickel

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Pixar's Soul*

Jason Magstadt

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Dishing Out Drag*

Cindy Gilster

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Flowers, Skulls & Landscapes*

Becca Clemens

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Art For Everyone*

Marcy Nickel

**Front Page Design**

**Honorable Mention**

Elgin, Grant County News

*Front page design*

Jill Friesz

**Third Place**

Finley, Steele County Press

*Steele County Press*

Staff

**Second Place**

Cooperstown, Griggs County Courier

*Griggs County Courier*

Staff

**First Place**

Central McLean News-Journal

*Central McLean News-Journal*

Staff

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

**Third Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press  
*Front Page Design x3*  
Anne Ehni, Neil O. Nelson

**Second Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*Transcript front page entries*  
Amy Wobbema

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Hillsboro Banner front pages*  
Cole Short, Cory Erickson

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

**Honorable Mention**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*Front Page Design - March 3, May 5, May 19*  
Neal A. Shipman

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal  
*Journal front pages*  
Journal Publishing Staff

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*June 2, Aug 18, Sept 1*  
Jackie Thompson

**First Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter  
*Weeks of Jan. 13, Dec. 15, Dec. 22*  
Megan Nicklay

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

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Front Page Group 2*  
Alex Kallmeyer

**Second Place**

Dickinson Press  
*Dickinson Press Front Page Design*  
Angela Ecklund

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Front pages*  
Daily News staff

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Forum Front Pages group 3*

Paula Chhetri, Jessica Gaden, Mark Merck

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Front page design: June 11, Aug. 16 and Dec. 20*

Tanner Larson

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Forum Front Pages group 1*

Thayer Tessar

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Forum Front Pages group 2*

Emily Beaman

**Headline**

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

**Honorable Mention**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Water, water nowhere in Drayton*

Lesla Van Camp

**Third Place**

New Town News

*Bound for the pound*

Jerry Kram

**Second Place**

Central McLean News-Journal

*Goats and good books*

Alyssa Meier

**First Place**

Central McLean News-Journal

*Tapping into nature*

Staff

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

**Third Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Why not Minot?*

Erik Gjovik

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Goblin up candy*

Cole Short

**First Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*No time to spare*

Amy Wobbema

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

**Honorable Mention**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Splish Splash a community blast*

Jackie Thompson

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Growing in the garden of recovery*

Ashleigh Plemper

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*George Walstad - Ye Olde Medicine*

Todd Morgan

**First Place**

Garrison, McLean County Independent

*Eye'll be seeing you*

James C. Falcon

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

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press

*Running from Runnings*

Jackie Jahfetson

**Second Place**

Dickinson Press

*True grit young man drove to hospital right after losing arm*

Josiah C. Cuellar

**First Place**

Williston Herald

*Battle plans for Fourth*

Renee Jean

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Having a ruff day?*  
Helmut Schmidt

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Lawmakers in the weeds on pot bills*  
Jack Dura

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*No gripes about grapes*  
Kaity Young, Dave Olson

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Burying the bayonet, Zip to Zap participant forgives soldier*  
Archie Ingersoll

**Informational Graphics**

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

**First Place**

Central McLean News-Journal  
*COVID 19 stats*  
Kennon Kirwan

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

**Second Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*Agriculture statistics for Ag Week*  
Staff

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Baseball preview*  
Cory Erickson, Cole Short

**Weekly: Large** >>> **Informational Graphics**

**Honorable Mention**

Crosby, The Journal  
*Remote sales graphic*  
Cecile Wehrman

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Mental Health Month*  
Jackie Thompson, Tim Martin

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*What's growing in North Dakota*  
Jackie Thompson

**First Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter  
*Summer Home Improvement Guide*  
Megan Nicklay

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

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead  
*Tokyo 2020*  
Troy Becker

**Best Web Site**

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

**First Place**

Elgin, Grant County News  
*gspublishing.net*  
Jill Friesz

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

**Second Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*newrockfordtranscript.com*  
Transcript staff

**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

*JournalTrib.com*

Cecile Wehrman

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

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*jamestownsun.com*

The Jamestown Sun 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**

**First Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*NR-S proposes alternatives to East Central Special Education*

Nathan Price, Amy Wobbema



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

**Honorable Mention**

Grand Forks Herald

*UND Plane crash*

Staff, Adam Kurtz, Matt Henson

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Police say 7 dead in incident at south Moorhead home*

Matt Henson, Tracy Briggs

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*14-year-old girl stabbed more than 20 times during attack*

Forum staff

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Wildfire threatens Medora*

Staff

**Best Use of Social Media**

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

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Westside*

Caylee Tibert

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

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*NFL draft*

Eric Peterson, Mike McFeely

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*See what you've been missing*

Jenn Binstock

## Overall Design Excellence

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

### **Third Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views  
*Overall Design Excellence entry*

Lesa Van Camp

### **Second Place**

Bowbells, Burke County Tribune  
*Overall Design Excellence entry*

Lyann Olson

### **First Place**

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

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

### **Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*Overall Design Excellence entry*  
Transcript staff

### **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**

Crosby, The Journal  
*Overall Design Excellence entry*  
Journal Publishing Staff

**Second Place**

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

**First Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*Overall Design Excellence entry*  
McKenzie County Farmer Staff

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

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Overall Design Excellence entry*  
The Jamestown Sun Staff

**First Place**

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

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

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald  
*Overall Design Excellence entry*  
Staff

**Second Place**

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

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune  
*Overall Design Excellence entry*  
Staff

# Photography

## News Photo

### Weekly: Small >>> News Photo

#### **Third Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*'A total loss'*

Tris Anderson

#### **Second Place**

New Town News

*Apartment Fire*

Jerry Kram

#### **First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Young Heroes*

Larry Biri

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

#### **Honorable Mention**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Vaccinations begin*

Erik Gjovik

#### **Third Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Sons of Liberty vaccine protest*

Jacob Orledge

#### **Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Dakota Natural Gas ribbon cutting*

Cole Short

#### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Small-town salute*

Cory Erickson

**Weekly: Large** >>> **News Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Crosby, The Journal

*Tuftedal lot cleaned up*

Cecile Wehrman

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Canadian truckers getting vaccinated*

Larry Biri

**Second Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Badlands fire contained*

Neal A. Shipman

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Bo Carrier - jail escapee*

Chelsea Wysocki

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

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Adding up grass fire*

John Steiner

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Jamestown Rural Fire seeing record number of calls*

Kathy Steiner

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*Brush ignites equipment on Dickinson property during dry spell*

Jackie Jahfetson

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

**Honorable Mention**

Grand Forks Herald

*Veterans Park wall*

Eric Hylden

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*"We the People" rally*

Mike McCleary

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Bidding farewell to a friend*

David Samson

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Larry Evans sentencing*

Michael Vosburg

**Spot News Photo**

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

**Third Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Freezing fishing on Lake Elsie*

Tris Anderson

**Second Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Smashed Potatoes*

Larry Biri

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Off Track*

Allison Olimb

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

**Third Place**

Tioga Tribune

*Big fire south of Beaver Bay*

Jacob Orledge

**Second Place**

New Rockford Transcript

*Bale blaze*

Amy Wobbema

**First Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Fire destroys barns at Bordulac farm*

Erik Gjovik

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

**Honorable Mention**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Badlands ablaze*

Danielle Brothers

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Fatal accident*

Neal A. Shipman

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Rick Beyer holding ceiling tile*

Larry Biri

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Hosing the line*

Brad Nygaard

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

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Rollover accident*

Audra Anderson

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Dumpster fire*

John Steiner

**First Place**

Williston Herald

*Firefighters battle house fire along 9th Ave West in Williston*

Mitch Melberg

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Man drives burning van*

Michael Vosburg

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Officers take aim*

David Samson

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Cattle rollover*

Mike McCleary

**First Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*UND plane crash*

Eric Hylden

**Feature Photo**

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

**Third Place**

Central McLean News-Journal

*Brightening up downtown*

Alyssa Meier

**Second Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Return of County Fair: Stella bubbles with excitement*

Larry Biri

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*HS Principal Laxdal good sport in dunk tank*

Allison Olimb



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

**Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*First day of school*

Alyssa Short

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Jeremy Billings in 5K*

Cole Short

**First Place**

Harvey, The Herald Press

*The work was worth it*

Neil O. Nelson

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

**Honorable Mention**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*George Walstad*

Larry Biri

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*County Fair draws record crowd*

Neal A. Shipman

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Grandma D - ND oldest resident*

Chelsea Wysocki

**First Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter

*Round 'Em Up*

Lisa Plath

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

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Best birds*

John Steiner

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Jazz concert held for Marshall, late musician and bandleader*

Frank Stanko

**First Place**

Dickinson Press

*Spider-Man*

Jackie Jahfetson

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

**Honorable Mention**

Bismarck Tribune

*Porcupine munching*

Jack Dura

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Ice-cold beats*

Michael Vosburg

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Paying homage to the fallen*

David Samson

**First Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Weather wins*

Nick Nelson

## Sports Photo

### Weekly: Small >>> Sports Photo

#### **Third Place**

Bowbells, Burke County Tribune

*Fired Up Fredrickson*

Roberta Helseth

#### **Second Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Tigers takedown Colts 82-65*

Tris Anderson

#### **First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*PR Pirates Spoonland catches throw behind plate*

Larry Biri

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

#### **Honorable Mention**

Tioga Tribune

*Region baseball*

Jody Michael

#### **Third Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*Pushed over*

Erik Gjovik

#### **Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Preston and Gallagher handoff*

Jack Short

#### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Ice Dawgs goalie photo*

Kayla Morton

**Weekly: Large**

> > > **Sports Photo**

**Honorable Mention**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*PR-F-L junior Owen Zikmund*

Larry Biri

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Young boxer with a dream*

Ashleigh Plemper

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*DC Football*

Don Anderson

**First Place**

Bottineau Courant

*DCB Men's Basketball*

Matthew Semisch

**Multi-Day: Small**

> > > **Sports Photo**

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Huskies bulldoze Braves in 69-34 win*

Robert Wanek Jr.

**Second Place**

Williston Herald

*Coyotes lose to Bismarck Century*

Analicia Haynes

**First Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Flying high*

John Steiner

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Carter Zink*

Michael Vosburg

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Cup claimed*

Alyssa Goelzer

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Cherished win, Brandon Palm crawls out of wreckage*

Nick Nelson

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Birrenkott cuts the final strand of net*

David Samson

**Picture Story**

**Weekly: Small** >>> **Picture Story**

**Third Place**

Central McLean News-Journal

*Easter*

Staff

**Second Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Riverfest*

Lesa Van Camp, Lyle Van Camp

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Getting Narly in Pisek*

Larry Biri, Allison Olimb

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

**Honorable Mention**

Tioga Tribune

*Freedom Fest*

Dave Tengesdal, Jacob Orledge

**Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Buxton Fun Day*

Cole Short

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Banner Year in Sports*

Cory Erickson, Cole Short, Kayla Morton

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Hillsboro Days*

Cory Erickson, Cole Short

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

**Honorable Mention**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Homefest fun*

Neal A. Shipman

**Third Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Splish Splash a community blast*

Jayce Schumacher

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*St. Thomas Daze*

Todd Morgan

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*Divide County Fair*

Brad Nygaard

**Multi-Day: Small** >>> [Picture Story](#)

**Third Place**

Dickinson Press

*Sold: Nearly 50 bulls auctioned*

Jackie Jahfetson

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Class of 2021*

John Steiner

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Wahpeton woman wins Fan Favorite at Borderline Chalkfest*

Frank Stanko

**Multi-Day: Large** >>> [Picture Story](#)

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*End of an era*

Michael Vosburg

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Another field of dreams*

Nick Nelson

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*FM Pride wraps up with a loud and proud parade*

Alyssa Goelzer

## Pictorial Photo

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

**Third Place**

Central McLean News-Journal

*Brightening up downtown*

Alyssa Meier

**Second Place**

Central McLean News-Journal

*Memorial Day*

Staff

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*'Knocking Down' Hunger*

Larry Biri

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

**Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*Fireworks over New Rockford*  
Amy Wobbema

**Second Place**

Tioga Tribune  
*Sun sets on Signal Road*  
Jacob Orledge

**First Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent  
*Legends of the Fall*  
Erik Gjovik

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

**Honorable Mention**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter  
*Frosty Friday*  
Megan Nicklay

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer  
*Scratching an itch*  
Neal A. Shipman

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Seeing triple*  
Chelsea Wysocki

**First Place**

Crosby, The Journal  
*Some areas now high and dry*  
Brad Nygaard

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

**Third Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Snow flurries and geese*  
John Steiner

**Second Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Wilkin County Fair-A pink moon rises behind the ferris wheel*  
Audra Anderson

**First Place**

Dickinson Press  
*What you should know about ND hunter safety courses*  
Josiah C. Cuellar



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

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Smoky haze from Canadian fires*

Brad Dokken

**Second Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Rainy reprieve*

David Samson

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Frost*

Mike McCleary

**Portrait Photo**

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

**Honorable Mention**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Young and restless*

Robert Wanek Jr.

**Third Place**

Central McLean News-Journal

*Brightening up downtown*

Alyssa Meier

**Second Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views

*Jason and Berklee Melland*

Lesa Van Camp

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Rev. Lefor force behind Nepomuk Narly Gravel Grinder*

Larry Biri

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

**Third Place**

Tioga Tribune  
*Student scientist*  
Jacob Orledge

**Second Place**

Tioga Tribune  
*Little girls with a candy cane*  
Dave Tengesdal

**First Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Aubree Nelson and flowers*  
Cory Erickson

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

**Third Place**

Crosby, The Journal  
*New pioneers*  
Brad Nygaard

**Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Reflections Sunset Home*  
Larry Biri

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*In loving memory*  
Chelsea Wysocki

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

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Brittney Neumann*  
Audra Anderson

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun  
*Birds fly*  
John Steiner

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News  
*Surprise anniversary caravan Sunday for Wahpeton couple*  
Frank Stanko

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

**Third Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*Combat Cardio*

Nick Nelson

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Raymond Voegele*

Mike McCleary

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Monarch mama*

David Samson

**Agricultural Photo**

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

**Third Place**

Central McLean News-Journal

*Goats and good books*

Alyssa Meier

**Second Place**

Hankinson, News Monitor

*Sugar beet harvest: Tradition endures*

Robert Wanek Jr.

**First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*May showers bring relief*

Larry Biri

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

**Third Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Plowing into the past*

Cole Short

**Second Place**

Hillsboro Banner

*Hung out too dry*

Cory Erickson

**First Place**

Carrington, Foster County Independent

*LegenDairy IV*

Erik Gjovik

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

**Third Place**

Watford City, McKenzie County Farmer

*Planting in drought conditions*

Neal A. Shipman

**Second Place**

Crosby, The Journal

*No pictures, please*

Brad Nygaard

**First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record

*Brad Brummond looks at dying roots*

Larry Biri

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

**Honorable Mention**

Dickinson Press

*Celebrating independence with 50th Roughrider Days*

Jackie Jahfetson

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Keeping the faith out in the fields*

Frank Stanko

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Cold snap (top)*

John Steiner

**First Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Risks and rewards*

Audra Anderson

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

**Third Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*How to start flower and vegetable seeds indoors*

Alyssa Goelzer

**Second Place**

Grand Forks Herald

*The sky was full of grasshoppers, photo of man in grain bin*

Eric Hylden

**First Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Drought*

Mike McCleary

## Outdoor Recreation Photo

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

#### **Third Place**

Drayton, Valley News & Views  
*Family time at the pool*  
Caity Ryan

#### **Second Place**

New Town News  
*Saddle Bronc*  
Jerry Kram

#### **First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press  
*Summer Vibes: Some love to fish*  
Larry Biri

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

#### **Third Place**

New Rockford Transcript  
*Diving into summer*  
Amy Wobbema

#### **Second Place**

Tioga Tribune  
*Making 5K's gnarly again*  
Jacob Orledge

#### **First Place**

Hillsboro Banner  
*Jeremy Billings in 5K*  
Cole Short

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

#### **Third Place**

Casselton, Cass County Reporter  
*Change is in the Air*  
Angela Kolden

#### **Second Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Putting green celebration*  
Chelsea Wysocki

#### **First Place**

Grafton, Walsh County Record  
*Macy Jelinek - Fordville Hill Climb*  
Larry Biri

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

**Honorable Mention**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*These runners weren't bothered by the rain.*

Audra Anderson

**Third Place**

Wahpeton, Daily News

*Abercrombie Fire and Rescue supported by Aber Day rodeo*

Frank Stanko

**Second Place**

Jamestown Sun

*Frosty walk*

John Steiner

**First Place**

Williston Herald

*Play Ball*

Analicia Haynes

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

**Honorable Mention**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*A cross country skier*

David Samson

**Third Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Mule deer and hunter*

Jack Dura

**Second Place**

Bismarck Tribune

*Disc golf*

Mike McCleary

**First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Dancing in the fountain*

Michael Vosburg

## Photo of the Year - Multi-Day Division

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

### **First Place**

Fargo, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead

*Birrenkott cuts the final strand of net*

David Samson

**Judge comments:** *This shot is a just a fraction of a second that can't be repeated, showing the joy and pride and raw emotion of the players and their clear victory. The expressions are priceless – it's so difficult to snap a moment when every single face is lit with such energy. It's hard not to feel like you're right there at the game with an image like this one. Well done.*

## Photo of the Year - Weekly Division

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

### **First Place**

Park River, Walsh County Press

*Young Heroes*

Larry Biri

**Judge comments:** *A clear winner and captivating photo. The image itself tells a story, the composition is incredibly dynamic, and the light and contrast make it sing. This is fantastic work.*