



**Saskatchewan Weekly
Newspapers Association
Better Newspapers Competition**

**Premier and
General Excellence Awards**

2017 Finalists

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General Excellence

Class A Best Editorial Page - Circulation under 1,200

Melfort Journal
Foam Lake Review
Whitewood Herald

Class A Best Front Page – Circulation under 1,200

Melfort Journal
Canora Courier
Whitewood Herald

Class A Best Overall Paper – Circulation under 1,200

Whitewood Herald
Melfort Journal
Foam Lake Review

Class B Best Editorial Page – Circulation 1,200 – 1,999

Davidson Leader
Maple Creek & Southwest Advance Times
Kamsack Times

Class B Best Front Page – Circulation 1,200 – 1,999

Kindersley Clarion
Melville Advance
Creighton/Flin Flon Reminder

Class B Best Overall Paper – Circulation 1,200 – 1,999

Creighton/Flin Flon Reminder
Melville Advance
Kindersley Clarion

Class C Best Editorial Page – Circulation 2,000 – 3,499

Carlyle Observer

Weyburn Review
Humboldt Journal

Class C Best Front Page - Circulation 2,000 – 3,499

Yorkton This Week
Spiritwood Herald
Weyburn Review

Class C Best Overall Paper - Circulation 2,000 – 3,499

Battlefords News-Optimist
Yorkton This Week
Rosthern Saskatchewan Valley News

Class D Best Editorial Page – Circulation 3,500 – 6,499

White City Star
Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Weyburn This Week

Class D Best Front Page – Circulation 3,500 – 6,499

Estevan Mercury
East Central Trader
Meadow Lake Northern Pride

Class D Best Overall Paper - Circulation 3,500 – 6,499

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Moosomin World Spectator
Estevan Mercury

Class E Best Editorial Page – Circulation Over 6,500

NWT News North
Swift Current Prairie Post
Battlefords Regional Optimist

Class E Best Front Page – Circulation Over 6,500

Estevan Southeast Lifestyles
Gull Lake Advance Southwest
Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

Class E Best Overall Paper – Circulation Over 6,500

Estevan Southeast Lifestyles

NWT News North
Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

Premier Awards

1A - Best Advertisement

Gull Lake Advance Southwest

- Max Gilchuk

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Jenson

Tisdale Recorder

- Devan C. Tasa

1B - Best Series of Advertisements

Melville Advance

- Julie Anne McRae

Meadow Lake Northern Pride

- Lisa Manley & Lucas Walters

West Central Crossroads

- Laurie Kelly & Joan Janzen

2 - Best Special Section

Meadow Lake Northern Pride

- Staff

Gull Lake Advance

- Staff

Creighton/Flin Flon Reminder

- Staff

3 - Salute to Veterans

Gull Lake Advance Southwest

- Staff

Maple Creek & Southwest Advance Times

- Dominique Liboiron, Megan Roth & Megan Chamney

Melville Advance

- Jason G. Antonie & Grasslands News Team

4A - Best Agriculture Coverage Single Story or Feature

Tisdale Parkland Review

- Devan C. Tasa

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Pugh

Melville Advance

- Jason G. Antonio

4B - Best Agriculture Coverage Series of Stories

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Hillary Klassen

Melville Advance

- Jason G. Antonio

Kindersley Clarion

- Kenneth Brown

5 - Editorial Writing Excellence

NWT News North

- James O'Connor

Meadow Lake Northern Pride

- Phil Ambroziak & Derek Cornet

Melville Advance

- George Brown

6 - Columnist of the Year

Shellbrook Chronicle

- Jordan Twiss

NWT News North

- James O'Connor

Maple Creek & Southwest Advance Times

- Madonna Hamel

7 - Best Sports Story or Series of Stories

Davidson Leader

- Joel van der Veen

Creighton/Flin Flon Reminder

- Jonathon Naylor

Battlefords News-Optimist

- Dustin Saracini

8A - Best Saskatchewan Arts or Cultural Story Article or Column

Vibank Quad Town Forum

- Michelle Nicholson

The Outlook

- Shelley Luedtke

Nipawin Journal

- Jenny Tan

8B - Best Saskatchewan Arts or Cultural Series of Stories

Battlefords Regional Optimist

- Richard Hiebert

Radville Star

- Delila Jahn-Thue

Shellbrook Chronicle

- Jordan Twiss

9 - Best Saskatchewan Recreational Story or Series of Stories

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Pugh

Davidson Leader

- Joel van der Veen

Meadow Lake Northern Pride

- Phil Ambroziak

10A - Best Educational Coverage K-12 Single Story or Feature

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Pugh

Swift Current Prairie Post

- Matthew Liebenberg

Battlefords News-Optimist

- Jayne Foster

10B - Best Educational Coverage K-12 Series of Stories

Melville Advance

- Jason G. Antonio, Darcy Gross & George Brown

Weyburn Review

- Greg Nikkel & Sabrina Kraft

Swift Current Prairie Post

- Matthew Liebenberg

11 - Best Educational Coverage Post Secondary Education

Meadow Lake Northern Pride

- Derek Cornet

Tisdale Parkland Review

- Devan C. Tasa

Swift Current Prairie Post

- Matthew Liebenberg

12 - Best Tourism Story or Series of Stories

NWT News North

- Kassina Ryder

Radville Star

- Delila Jahn-Thue

Watrous Manitou

- Daniel Bushman

13 - Best Business Writing

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Pugh

Unity/Wilkie Press Herald

- Helena Long

Kindersley Clarion

- Kenneth Brown

14 - Best First Nations Coverage

Battlefords News-Optimist

- Shannon Kovalsky

Fort Qu'Appelle Times

- Samantha Magee

Battlefords News-Optimist

- John Cairns

Shellbrook Chronicle

- Jordan Twiss

15 - Best News Story of the Year

Meadow Lake Northern Pride

- Derek Cornet & Phil Ambroziak

Lloydminster Meridian Booster

- Tyler Marr

Creighton/Flin Flon Reminder

- Jonathon Naylor

16 - Best Feature Story

NWT News North

- Kassina Ryder

Carlyle Observer

- Lynne Bell

Melfort Journal

- Greg Wiseman

17A - Best Health/Healthcare Coverage Single Story or Feature

Tisdale Recorder

- Emma Meldrum

Shellbrook Chronicle

- Jordan Twiss

Kipling Citizen

- Connie Schwalm, Tracey Whittaker & Laura Kish

17B - Best Health/Healthcare Coverage Series of Stories

The Outlook

- Shelley Luedtke

Davidson Leader

- Joel van der Veen

Unity/Wilkie Press Herald

- Helena Long

18 - Best Research Story or Series of Stories

Shellbrook Chronicle

- Jordan Twiss

Gull Lake Advance Southwest

- Donny White & Max Gilchuk

Swift Current Prairie Post

- Matthew Liebenberg

19 - Best Habitat Conservation Writing

Maple Creek & Southwest Advance Times

- Dominique Liboiron

Fort Qu'Appelle Times

- Samantha Magee

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Pugh

20 - Best Photo Essay of the Year

Weyburn Review

- Greg Nikkel

Maple Creek & Southwest Advance Times

- Megan Roth & Taylor MacPharson

Fort Qu'Appelle Times

- George Brown

21 - Best People Photo

Fort Qu'Appelle Times

- Samantha Magee

Davidson Leader

- Joel van der Veen

Battlefords Regional Optimist

- Averil Hall

22 - Best Wildlife Photo

Lanigan Advisor

- Daniel Bushman

Unity/Wilkie Press Herald

- James Herrick

Gull Lake Advance Southwest

- Kate Winquist

23 - Best Colour Photo

West Central Crossroads

- Andrew Crump

Creighton/Flin Flon Reminder

- Jonathon Naylor

Battlefords News-Optimist

- Averil Hall

24 - Best Black & White Photo

Watrous Manitou

- Daniel Bushman

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Pugh

Tisdale Recorder

- Emma Meldrum

25 - Best Sports Photo

Weyburn Review

- Greg Nikkel

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Wayne Shiels

Melville Advance

- Darcy Gross

26 - Best Hard News Photo

Whitewood Herald

- Chris Ashfield

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Jenson

Gull Lake Advance Southwest

- Kate Winqvist

27 - Best Feature Photo

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Wayne Shiels

Gull Lake Advance Southwest

- Kate Winqvist

Melville Advance

- George Brown

28 - Photographer of the Year

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Wayne Sheils

Gull Lake Advance Southwest

- Kate Winqvist

West Central Crossroads

- Andrew Crump

Congratulations to all the finalists!

NOTE: Please let me know of any spelling errors in the above names, as these are how they will appear on all plaques and certificates.

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