



**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

3rd Melfort Journal
2nd Foam Lake Review
1st Whitewood Herald

Class A Best Front Page – Circulation under 1,200

2nd Melfort Journal
3rd Canora Courier
1st Whitewood Herald

Class A Best Overall Paper – Circulation under 1,200

1st Whitewood Herald
2nd Melfort Journal
3rd Foam Lake Review

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

1st Davidson Leader
3rd Maple Creek & Southwest Advance Times
2nd Kamsack Times

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

3rd Kindersley Clarion
1st Melville Advance
2nd Creighton/Flin Flon Reminder

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

3rd Creighton/Flin Flon Reminder
1st Melville Advance
2nd Kindersley Clarion

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

2nd Carlyle Observer

1st Weyburn Review
3rd Humboldt Journal

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

1st Yorkton This Week
3rd Spiritwood Herald
2nd Weyburn Review

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

3rd Battlefords News-Optimist
1st Yorkton This Week
2nd Rosthern Saskatchewan Valley News

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

1st White City Star
2nd Meadow Lake Northern Pride
3rd Weyburn This Week

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

3rd Estevan Mercury
1st East Central Trader
2nd Meadow Lake Northern Pride

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

1st Meadow Lake Northern Pride
3rd Moosomin World Spectator
2nd Estevan Mercury

Class E Best Editorial Page – Circulation Over 6,500

1st NWT News North
2nd Swift Current Prairie Post
3rd Battlefords Regional Optimist

Class E Best Front Page – Circulation Over 6,500

2nd Estevan Southeast Lifestyles
1st Gull Lake Advance Southwest
3rd Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

Class E Best Overall Paper – Circulation Over 6,500

3rd Estevan Southeast Lifestyles

1st NWT News North
2nd Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

Premier Awards

1A - Best Advertisement

2nd Gull Lake Advance Southwest
• Max Gilchuk

1st Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette
• Terry Jenson

3rd Tisdale Recorder
• Devan C. Tasa

1B - Best Series of Advertisements

1st Melville Advance
• Julie Anne McRae

3rd Meadow Lake Northern Pride
• Lisa Manley & Lucas Walters

2nd West Central Crossroads
• Laurie Kelly & Joan Janzen

2 - Best Special Section

3rd Meadow Lake Northern Pride
• Staff

1st Gull Lake Advance
• Staff

2nd Creighton/Flin Flon Reminder
• Staff

3 - Salute to Veterans

1st Gull Lake Advance Southwest
• Staff

3rd Maple Creek & Southwest Advance Times
• Dominique Liboiron, Megan Roth & Megan Chamney

2nd Melville Advance

- Jason G. Antonie & Grasslands News Team

4A - Best Agriculture Coverage Single Story or Feature

1st Tisdale Parkland Review

- Devan C. Tasa

3rd Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Pugh

2nd Melville Advance

- Jason G. Antonio

4B - Best Agriculture Coverage Series of Stories

3rd Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Hillary Klassen

2nd Melville Advance

- Jason G. Antonio

1st Kindersley Clarion

- Kenneth Brown

5 - Editorial Writing Excellence

3rd NWT News North

- James O'Connor

1st Meadow Lake Northern Pride

- Phil Ambroziak & Derek Cornet

2nd Melville Advance

- George Brown

6 - Columnist of the Year

2nd Shellbrook Chronicle

- Jordan Twiss

1st NWT News North

- James O'Connor

3rd Maple Creek & Southwest Advance Times

- Madonna Hamel

7 - Best Sports Story or Series of Stories

2nd Davidson Leader

- Joel van der Veen

1st Creighton/Flin Flon Reminder

- Jonathon Naylor

3rd Battlefords News-Optimist

- Dustin Saracini

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

1st Vibank Quad Town Forum

- Michelle Nicholson

2nd The Outlook

- Shelley Luedtke

3rd Nipawin Journal

- Jenny Tan

8B - Best Saskatchewan Arts or Cultural Series of Stories

3rd Battlefords Regional Optimist

- Richard W. Hiebert

2nd Radville Star

- Delila Jahn-Thue

1st Shellbrook Chronicle

- Jordan Twiss

9 - Best Saskatchewan Recreational Story or Series of Stories

2nd Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Pugh

1st Davidson Leader

- Joel van der Veen

3rd Meadow Lake Northern Pride

- Phil Ambroziak

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

2nd Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Pugh

3rd Swift Current Prairie Post

- Matthew Liebenberg

1st Battlefords News-Optimist

- Jayne Foster

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

1st Melville Advance

- Jason G. Antonio, Darcy Gross & George Brown

3rd Weyburn Review

- Greg Nikkel & Sabrina Kraft

2nd Swift Current Prairie Post

- Matthew Liebenberg

11 - Best Educational Coverage Post Secondary Education

1st Meadow Lake Northern Pride

- Derek Cornet

3rd Tisdale Parkland Review

- Devan C. Tasa

2nd Swift Current Prairie Post

- Matthew Liebenberg

12 - Best Tourism Story or Series of Stories

3rd NWT News North

- Kassina Ryder

1st Radville Star

- Delila Jahn-Thue

2nd Watrous Manitou

- Daniel Bushman

13 - Best Business Writing

3rd Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Pugh

2nd Unity/Wilkie Press Herald

- Helena Long

- 1st Kindersley Clarion
- Kenneth Brown

14 - Best First Nations Coverage

- 3rd Battlefords News-Optimist
- Shannon Kovalsky

- 1st Fort Qu'Appelle Times
- Samantha Magee

- 2nd Battlefords News-Optimist
- John Cairns

- 3rd Shellbrook Chronicle
- Jordan Twiss

15 - Best News Story of the Year

- 2nd Meadow Lake Northern Pride
- Derek Cornet & Phil Ambroziak

- 1st Lloydminster Meridian Booster
- Tyler Marr

- 3rd Creighton/Flin Flon Reminder
- Jonathon Naylor

16 - Best Feature Story

- 1st NWT News North
- Kassina Ryder

- 2nd Carlyle Observer
- Lynne Bell

- 3rd Melfort Journal
- Greg Wiseman

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

- 3rd Tisdale Recorder
- Emma Meldrum

- 2nd Shellbrook Chronicle
- Jordan Twiss

1st Kipling Citizen

- Connie Schwalm, Tracey Whittaker & Laura Kish

17B - Best Health/Healthcare Coverage Series of Stories

1st The Outlook

- Shelley Luedtke

3rd Davidson Leader

- Joel van der Veen

2nd Unity/Wilkie Press Herald

- Helena Long

18 - Best Research Story or Series of Stories

1st Shellbrook Chronicle

- Jordan Twiss

2nd Gull Lake Advance Southwest

- Donny White & Max Gilchuk

3rd Swift Current Prairie Post

- Matthew Liebenberg

19 - Best Habitat Conservation Writing

3rd Maple Creek & Southwest Advance Times

- Dominique Liboiron

1st Fort Qu'Appelle Times

- Samantha Magee

2nd Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Pugh

20 - Best Photo Essay of the Year

2nd Weyburn Review

- Greg Nikkel

1st Maple Creek & Southwest Advance Times

- Megan Roth & Taylor MacPherson

3rd Fort Qu'Appelle Times

- George Brown

21 - Best People Photo

1st Fort Qu'Appelle Times

- Samantha Magee

3rd Davidson Leader

- Joel van der Veen

2nd Battlefords Regional Optimist

- Averil Hall

22 - Best Wildlife Photo

3rd Lanigan Advisor

- Daniel Bushman

2nd Unity/Wilkie Press Herald

- James Herrick

1st Gull Lake Advance Southwest

- Kate Winquist

23 - Best Colour Photo

1st West Central Crossroads

- Andrew Crump

2nd Creighton/Flin Flon Reminder

- Jonathon Naylor

3rd Battlefords News-Optimist

- Averil Hall

24 - Best Black & White Photo

3rd Watrous Manitou

- Daniel Bushman

1st Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Pugh

2nd Tisdale Recorder

- Emma Meldrum

25 - Best Sports Photo

2nd Weyburn Review

- Greg Nikkel

1st Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Wayne Shiels

3rd Melville Advance

- Darcy Gross

26 - Best Hard News Photo

2nd Whitewood Herald

- Chris Ashfield

1st Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Terry Jenson

3rd Gull Lake Advance Southwest

- Kate Winquist

27 - Best Feature Photo

1st Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Wayne Shiels

3rd Gull Lake Advance Southwest

- Kate Winquist

2nd Melville Advance

- George Brown

28 - Photographer of the Year

1st Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

- Wayne Sheils

2nd Gull Lake Advance Southwest

- Kate Winquist

3rd West Central Crossroads

- Andrew Crump