



SASKATCHEWAN WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS ASSOCIATION 2025 BETTER NEWSPAPERS COMPETITION FINALISTS

PREMIER AWARDS

BEST ADVERTISEMENT

SPONSORED BY: METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

Lloydminster Meridian Source
Brent Michalenko
- Local News Meridian Source house ad

Lloydminster Meridian Source
Brent Michalenko
- Get your motor running

Lloydminster Meridian Source
Brent Michalenko
- 5000 + Meridian Source house ad

BEST SERIES OF ADVERTISEMENTS

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Lisa Manley
- Martodam's

Lloydminster Meridian Source
Yujin Chae
- Source It Meridian Source house ad

Watrous Manitou
Karlee J Bedard
- Centennial Ford

BEST SPECIAL SECTION

Unity-Wilkie Press-Herald
Tim Holtorf & Azure McGonigle
- Pink Shirt Day

The Outlook
Shelley Luedtke & Delwyn Luedtke
- Fire Prevention Week

Kindersley, Your West Central Voice
Your West Central Voice Staff
- Kindersley Indoor Rodeo

SALUTE TO VETERANS

The Outlook
Derek Ruttle
- I'm absolutely proud of my brother: Outlook man killed in Ukraine/Russia conflict

Kindersley, Your West Central Voice
Your West Central Voice Staff
- Age shall not weary them

Indian Head-Wolseley News
Sarah Pacio
- Banners honour Indian Head Veterans for Remembrance Day

BEST PAGE DESIGN

Kindersley, Your West Central Voice
Patti Moran
- Kindersley Indoor Rodeo

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Lisa Manley
- Sask Expo

Biggar Independent
Fallon Neugebauer
- We will remember

BEST AGRICULTURAL COVERAGE

- Single Story or Feature

Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald
Jordan Twiss
- Cool, wet season poses challenge for beekeepers

Kindersley, your West Central Voice
Joan Janzen
- Incubating chicks is all it's cracked up to be

Ituna News
Heidi Spilchuk
- Advise from a Sunflower:

BEST HEADLINE WRITING

Kindersley, Your West Central Voice
Kate Winquist
- Double, double trouble

Davidson Leader
Cam Hutchinson
- Trout Pond opens for reel

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Phil Ambroziak
- Library hosts cat café to roaring success

EDITORIAL WRITING EXCELLENCE

Creighton/Flin Flon The Reminder
Eric Westhaver

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Phil Ambroziak

Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald
Jordan Twiss

COLUMNIST OF THE YEAR

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Phil Ambroziak

The Outlook
Shelley Luedtke

Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald
Jordan Twiss

BEST SPORTS STORY OR SERIES OF STORIES SPONSORED BY: SASK SPORT INC.

Lloydminster Meridian Source
Taylor Weaver
- Rustlers win national gold at home

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Phil Ambroziak
- Mitsuing to be inducted into Sask. Sports Hall of Fame

Melville Advance
Jacob Miller
- MMBA looks to revitalize baseball in the community

BEST SASKATCHEWAN ARTS OR CULTURAL STORY - Article or Column SPONSORED BY: SASKCULTURE INC.

Watrous Manitou
Daniel Bushman
- Passion for music earns multiple SCMA nominations for local resident

Moosomin World-Spectator
Ashely Bochek
- Teagan Littlechief SCMA Female Artist of the Year

Creighton/Flin Flon The Reminder
Eric Westhaver
- Puppets, hoop dance, knowledge: how Granny Willow shapes the future



BEST SASKATCHEWAN ARTS OR CULTURAL SERIES of Stories

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Indian Head-Wolseley News
Sarah Pacio
- Drive-In opens for 70th season

Watrous Manitou
Daniel Bushman
- Passion for music earns multiple SCMA nominations for local resident

Kindersley, Your West Central Voice
Joan Janzen
- Glen Sitter calls the Museum his "Happy Place"

BEST SASKATCHEWAN RECREATIONAL STORY or Series of stories

Kipling Clipper
Connie Schwalm
- Cowboys find different ways to chase their rodeo dream

Watrous Manitou
Daniel Bushman
- Rider fan's unique memorabilia a sign of team's history

Indian Head-Wolseley News
Sarah Pacio
- Volunteers work to revive summer camp facility

BEST EDUCATIONAL COVERAGE K-12 - Single Story or Feature

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Vibank Quad Town Forum
Brad Brown
- Beck pledges new high school for White City area

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Phil Ambroziak
- Mother, son earn high school diploma

Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald
Jordan Twiss
- Sask. Teachers bring job action to Shellbrook

BEST TOURISM STORY or Series of Stories

Wynyard Advance Gazette
Paddy Meredith
- Seen Walking and Driving in Wynyard

Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald
Bevra Fee
- Thickwood Hills showcases artistry, scenery

Kerrobert Chronicle
Joan Janzen
- Hoosier farmer donates his collection to Kindersley Museum

BEST BUSINESS WRITING

Watrous Manitou
Daniel Bushman
- Thrift on Main opens in Watrous

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Phil Ambroziak
- Groundbreaking ceremony held for FDFN commercial development

The Outlook
Shelley Luedtke
- Taking a look at the history of The Outlook

BEST FIRST NATIONS COVERAGE

Fort Qu'Appelle Times
Alan Hustak
- 17-year boil water advisory lifted by gov't

Shellbrook Chronicle and Spiritwood Herald
Jordan Twiss
- Renz returns artifacts to Cote First Nation

Fort Qu'Appelle Times
Alan Hustak
- History welded in steel

BEST NEWS STORY OF THE YEAR

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The Outlook
Derek Ruttie
- I'm absolutely proud of my brother. Outlook man killed in Ukraine/Russia conflict

Whitewood/Grenfell Herald Sun
Chris Ashfield and Elaine Ashfield
- High speed chase ends in shooting death

Lloydminster Meridian Source
Taylor Weaver
- Forfeits? Investigations ruins Rustler's Impeccable record

BEST FEATURE STORY

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The Outlook
Derek Ruttie
- I'm absolutely proud of my brother. Outlook man killed in Ukraine/Russia conflict

Creighton/Flin Flon The Reminder
Eric Westhaver
- Stage four cancer not enough to keep athlete down

Moosomin World-Spectator
Ashley Bochek
- September 28, a day in honour of the British Home Children

BEST HEALTH/HEALTHCARE COVERAGE - Single Story or Feature

The Outlook
Shelley Luedtke
- "I saw a whole new world in front of me"

Kamsack Times
Cleo Ding
- Duck Mountain Ambulance bought by Aspen Paramedic Services

The Outlook
Shelley Luedtke
- Two RMs and Town come together to recognize Health Centre Staff

BEST HEALTH/HEALTHCARE COVERAGE - Series of Stories

Lanigan Advisor
Daniel Bushman
- Local hospitals add help while recruitment for physicians underway

Fort Qu'Appelle Times
Allan Hustak
- Fort Qu'Appelle loses five doctors

BEST GOVERNMENT COVERAGE

Vibank Quad Town Forum
Brad Brown
- Ombudsman critiques town and councilor alike in code of ethics

Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald
Jordan Twiss
- Debden residents voice opposition to cannabis store

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette
Terry Pugh
- Pedestrian safety focus of overpass pathway talks

BEST HABITAT CONSERVATION WRITING

Creighton/Flin Flon The Reminder
Eric Westhaver
- "It felt like an apocalypse"

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Phil Ambroziak
- Ongoing study looks at potential threat of mountain pine beetle

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BEST PHOTO ESSAY OF THE YEAR

Kindersley, Your West Central Voice
Kate Winquist
- Kindersley Indoor Rodeo

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Kate Winquist
- 2024 Kindersley Goose Festival

Moosomin World-Spectator
Kara Kinna
- Harvest of Hope

BEST PEOPLE PHOTO

Whitewood/Grenfell Herald Sun
Chris Ashfield

Fort Qu'Appelle Times
Alan Hustak

Kindersley, Your West Central Voice
Helenka Bernard

BEST WILDLIFE PHOTO

Biggar Independent
Kevin Brautigam

Lloydminster Meridian Source
Taylor Weaver

Davidson Leader
Kevin Gilby

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

BEST FRONT PAGE

Class A - Circulation Under 800

Indian Head-Wolseley News
Whitewood/Grenfell Herald Sun
Shaunavon Standard

BEST FRONT PAGE

Class B - Circulation 800 - 1,199

Yorkton This Week
Unity-Wilkie Press Herald
Weyburn Review

BEST FRONT PAGE

Class C - Circulation 1,200 - 6,499

Moosomin World-Spectator
Weyburn This Week
The Prairie Post

BEST FRONT PAGE

Class D - Circulation Over 6,500

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette
Swift Current Southwest Booster
Prince Albert Rural Roots

BEST COLOUR PHOTO

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Moosomin World-Spectator
Ashley Bochek

Lanigan Advisor
Daniel Bushman

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Phil Ambroziak

BEST BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Phil Ambroziak
- Football play

Biggar Independent
Kevin Brautigam

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Phil Ambroziak
- Baseball play

BEST SPORTS PHOTO

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Moosomin World-Spectator
Kevin Weedmark

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Kevin Brautigam

PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

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Kevin Brautigam

Creighton/Flin Flon The Reminder
Eric Westhaver

Lloydminster Meridian Source
Taylor Weaver

BEST OVERALL PAPER

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Creighton/Flin Flon The Reminder
Kipling Clipper

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