

FINALISTS



PREMIER AWARDS

BEST ADVERTISEMENT

SPONSORED BY: METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

Moosomin World-Spectator
Neethu Thomas
- Burger Week

Rosetown Eagle
Kate Winquist
- Rosetown Eagle House Ad

Moosomin World-Spectator
Denshaneen Difuntorum
- Trens Mercantile

BEST SERIES OF ADVERTISEMENTS

Prince Albert Rural Roots
Rural Roots Staff
- Maltilda the Musical

Foam Lake Reivew
Astra Engstrom
- Willy's Liquor Store

Prince Albert Rural Roots
Rural Roots Staff
- Grease the Musical

BEST SPECIAL SECTION

Ituna News
Ituna News & A2 Printing Company
- Celebrate Agriculture Appreciation Week 2025

The Outlook
Shelley Luedtke & Delwyn Luedtke
- Fire Prevention Week

Rosetown Eagle
Rosetown Eagle Staff
- Agriculture Creating Growth

SALUTE TO VETERANS

Indian Head-Wolseley News
Sarah Pacio
- Brothers remembered for service in the RCAF

Kindersley, Your West Central Voice
Your West Central Voice Staff
- Remembrance Day Feature

Unity-Wilkie Press-Herald
Azure McGonigle
- The soldiers Canada almost forgot. A spotlight on Indigenous war heroes

BEST PAGE DESIGN

Moosomin World-Spectator
Kara Kinna and Olha Volokh
- Moosomin Skating Club

Battlefords Regional News-Optimist
Averil Hall & Ryan Lynds
- Medieval Faire and Artisan Market

Moosomin World-Spectator
Denshaneen Difuntorum
- Santa Day in Moosomin

BEST AGRICULTURAL COVERAGE

- *Single Story or Feature*

SPONSORED BY: WARMAN CLARK'S CROSSING
GAZETTE

Battlefords Regional News-Optimist
Angela Brown
- Battlefords farmer urges more options to control gopher problem

Preeceville Progress
Liz Jacobsen
- Time-saving harvest innovation introduced by Sturgis agricultural producer

Unity-Wilkie Press-Herald
Azure McGonigle
- Ag Safety Week: the unheard crisis on today's farms

BEST HEADLINE WRITING

Davidson Leader
Cam Hutchinson
- Booker rink rocks in bonspiel

Fort Qu'Appelle Times
Brad Brown
- Fort Knox strikes "Gold"

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Phil Ambroziak
- Mayor Seymour brings the sausage

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

Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald
Jordan Twiss

Kindersley, Your West Central Voice
Kate Winquist

Prince Albert Rural Roots
Fred Payton

BEST SPORTS STORY or Series of Stories

SPONSORED BY: SASK LOTTERIES

Lloydminster Meridian Source
John MacNeil
- Tripp to Prince Albert in store for talented Fischer

Whitewood/Grenfell Herald Sun
Ryan Kiedrowski
- Mexican player says "hola" to the steelhawks

Lloydminster Meridian Source
John MacNeil
- Hall of Fame calls Payne

BEST SASKATCHEWAN ARTS OR CULTURAL STORY - Article or Column

SPONSORED BY: SASKCULTURE INC.

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Phil Ambroziak
- WLFN filmmaker completes dream project

Indian Head-Wolseley News
Sarah Pacio
- Rockets former pitcher donates to museum

Prince Albert Rural Roots
Michael Oleksyn
- Lieutenant Governor pays tribute to history in visit to Doukhobor Dugout House

BEST SASKATCHEWAN ARTS OR CULTURAL SERIES of Stories
SPONSORED BY: SASKCULTURE INC.

Battlefords Regional News-Optimist
Averil Hall
- Tipi Teachings: What is a moss bag?

Watrous Manitou
Daniel Bushman
- Local music producer earns Sask. Music nomination

Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald
Jordan Twiss
- 12-40 & Beyond Tour opens door into art

BEST SASKATCHEWAN RECREATIONAL STORY or Series of Stories

Creighton/Flin Flon The Reminder
Eric Westhaver
- Evacuees find inspiration in the chaos

Unity-Wilkie Press-Herald
Azure McGongile
- Hands that help, hearts that care through
Wilkie Community Club

Lloydminster Meridian Source
John MacNeil
- Sunderland's volleyball excellence takes her to Canada Summer Games

BEST EDUCATIONAL COVERAGE K-12
- Single Story or Feature

Whitewood/Grenfell Herald Sun
Sarah Pacio
- Band teacher honoured at final concert

Kipling Clipper
Connie Schwalm
- Helping kids choose to write themselves a better story

Indian Head-Wolseley News
Sarah Pacio
- Historical figures return to life at Haunted History

BEST TOURISM STORY or Series of Stories

Watrous Manitou
Daniel Bushman
- Drive-in at Manitou Beach marks milestone

Whitewood/Grenfell Herald Sun
Chris Ashfield
- World's largest curling broom greets visitors

The Outlook
Shelley Luedtke
- Spudtacular Festival takes over Outlook

BEST BUSINESS WRITING
SPONSORED BY: ASSINIBOIA TIMES

Moosomin World-Spectator
Kara Kinna
- Local businesses weigh in on what they need to see from the next federal government

Battlefords Regional News-Optimist
Angela Brown
- Casino Showdown? Two groups unveil separate plans for the Battlefords

Watrous Manitou
Daniel Bushman
- Drive-in at Manitou Beach marks milestone

BEST FIRST NATIONS COVERAGE
SPONSORED BY: BATTLEFORDS REGIONAL NEWS-OPTIMIST

Unity-Wilkie Press-Herald
Azure McGonigle
- The soldiers Canada almost forgot. A spotlight on Indigenous war heroes

Shellbrook Chronicle and Spiritwood Herald
Jordan Twiss
- Locals fight to protect Holbein, Crutwell forests

Prince Albert Rural Roots
Sheila Bautz
- Saskatchewan First Nations National Resource Centre of Excellence holds inaugural Energy and Naural Resource Forum

BEST NEWS STORY OF THE YEAR
SPONSORED BY: A SQUARED PRINTING COMPANY

Indian Head-Wolseley News
Sarah Pacio
- Quadruple homicide shocks local First Nation

Creighton/Flin Flon The Reminder
Eric Westhaver
- The disaster, the dark - and the hope

Moosomin World-Spectator
Nicole Taylor
- Family, friend of woman shot on highway 39 says she was a wonderful person

BEST FEATURE STORY
SPONSORED BY: GRASSLANDS NEWS GROUP

Moosomin World-Spectator
Ashley Bocek
- Christmas light display south of McLean making a difference for mental health

The Outlook
Shelley Luedtke
- Huck Fin-inspired river adventure opens up world for Outlook man

Prince Albert Rural Roots
Sheila Bautz
- The Blind Trapper Holistic Foods: The Vision of Mark Monsebroten

BEST HEALTH/HEALTHCARE COVERAGE - Single Story or Feature

Vibank Quad Town Forum
Brad Brown
- 'Our love will have a place to go'

Kipling Clipper
Ryan Kiedrowski
- Kipling mayor concerned over rural ER closures

Whitewood/Grenfell Herald Sun
Elaine Ashfield
- Incident highlights ongoing paramedic staffing crisis

BEST HEALTH/HEALTHCARE COVERAGE - Series of Stories

Moosomin World-Spectator
Ashely Bocek
- Lemoine shares breast cancer story to spread awareness

Watrous Manitou
Daniel Bushman
- Reduced emergency department hours due to staffing shortage

Whitewood/Grenfell Herald Sun
Elaine Ashfield & Ryan Kiedrowski
- Sask. on brink as EMS staffing crisis deepens

BEST GOVERNMENT COVERAGE
SPONSORED BY: WEYBURN REVIEW

Creighton/Flin Flon The Reminder
Eric Westhaver
- Flin Flon prepares for re-entry, but isn't ready for everyone yet: leaders

Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald
Jordan Twiss
- Shellbrook residents voice frustration over 1st Ave project

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette
Kevin Berger
- Blumenheim residents call on RM to fix 'worst road' in Corman Park

BEST HABITAT CONSERVATION WRITING

SPONSORED BY: THE OUTLOOK

Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald
Jordan Twiss
- Locals fight to protect Holbein, Crutwell forests

Prince Albert Rural Roots
Arjun Pillai
- Young planters, big lessons in conservation

Indian Head-Wolseley News
Sarah Pacio
- Project restores prairie grassland near Indian Head

BEST PHOTO ESSAY OF THE YEAR

Battlefords Regional News-Optimist
Averil Hall
- CCA Finals Rodeo held at Access
Communications Centre

Lloydminster Meridian Source
Taylor Weaver
- Belting, Bald, Beautiful

Moosomin World-Spectator
Kara Kinna, Kevin Weedmark and Jenna Anlie
- Kahkewistahaw Powwow

BEST PEOPLE PHOTO

The Biggar Independent
Kevin Brautigam
- When you got rhythm

Battlefords Regional News-Optimist
Averil Hall
- Running for Emory

The Outlook
Sheri Lovrod
- Watoto choir

BEST WILDLIFE PHOTO

Lloydminster Meridian Source
Taylor Weaver
- Spring has sprung!

Biggar Independent
Kevin Brautigam
- Whatcha looking' at

Watrous Manitou
Daniel Bushman
- Keeping a watchful eye

BEST COLOUR PHOTO

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Moosomin World-Spectator
Kevin Weedmark
- Kahkewistahaw powwow

Watrous Manitou
Daniel Bushman
- Making a splash

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Phil Ambroziak
- Come, lets dance

BEST BLACK AND WHITE PHOTO

Battlefords Regional News-Optimist
Averil Hall
- Zombie Bride

Lloydminster Meridian Source
Taylor Weaver
- Fun at the fair

Creighton/Flin Flon The Reminder
Eric Westhaver
- Cruel irony

BEST SPORTS PHOTO

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Unity-Wilkie Press-Herald
Helena Long
- 42nd annual Unity Western Days

Watrous Manitou
Daniel Bushman
- Making a splash

Battlefords Regional News-Optimist
Averil Hall
- Four corner boxing

BEST HARD NEWS PHOTO

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MEDIA GROUP**

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette
Terry Pugh
- Column of black and grey smoke

Melville Advance
Jacob Miller
- Late night fire

Davidson Leader
Kevin Gilby
- Aylesbury Fire

BEST FEATURE PHOTO

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Lanigan Advisor
Daniel Bushman
- Fired up

Moosomin World-Spectator
Ashley Bochek
- Pool open for the season

Biggar Independent
Kevin Brautigam
- When you got rhythm

PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

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Battlefords Regional News-Optimist
Averil Hall

Creighton/Flin Flon The Reminder
Eric Westhaver

Biggar Independent
Kevin Brautigam

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

BEST FRONT PAGE

Class A - Circulation Under 800

Fort Qu'Appelle Times
Kamsack Times
Vibank Quad Town Forum

BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

Class A - Circulation Under 800

Kamsack Times
Lanigan Advisor
Wynyard Advance Gazette

BEST OVERALL PAPER

Class A - Circulation Under 800

SPONSORED BY: NEWS MEDIA CANADA
Fort Qu'Appelle Times
Wynyard Advance Gazette
Kamsack Times

BEST FRONT PAGE

Class B - Circulation 800 - 1,199

Davidson Leader
Watrous Manitou
The Outlook

BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

Class B - Circulation 800 - 1,199

Melville Advance
Yorkton This Week
Kerrobert Chronicle

BEST OVERALL PAPER

Class B - Circulation 800 - 1,199

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Yorkton This Week
Watrous Manitou
Melville Advance

BEST FRONT PAGE

Class C - Circulation 1,200 - 6,499

Moosomin World-Spectator
Weyburn This Week
Meadow Lake Northern Pride

BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

Class C - Circulation 1,200 - 6,499

Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald
Moosomin World-Spectator
Meadow Lake Northern Pride

BEST OVERALL PAPER

Class C - Circulation 1,200 - 6,499

Meadow Lake Northern Pride
Moosomin World-Spectator
Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald

BEST FRONT PAGE

Class D - Circulation Over 6,500

Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette
Lloydminster Meridian Source
Swift Current Southwest Booster

BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

Class D - Circulation Over 6,500

Melfort/Nipawin The Journal
Prince Albert Rural Roots
Lloydminster Meridian Source

BEST OVERALL PAPER

Class D - Circulation Over 6,500

Lloydminster Meridian Source
Swift Current Southwest Booster
Warman Clark's Crossing Gazette

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