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1st place

2nd place

3rd place

2017 Better Newspapers Competition

Best All Round Newspaper

Newspaper	Front Page	Editorial Page	Community News	Pictorial/ Photo	Advertising Content	Presenta-tion	Local Features	Sport	Ad Design	Classified Ads	Production Quality	Total
	150 pts	100pts	150 pts	100 pts	100pts	100pts	50pts	50pts	100pts	50 pts	50 pts	1000 pts
Flin Flon The Reminder - Circ 0- 1,399	130	90	120	70	60	90	40	37.5	85	42.5	40	805
Swan Valley (River) Star & Times - Circ 1,400-3,599	100	80	115	60	65	70	32.5	42.5	75	40	37.5	717.5
The Dauphin Herald - Circ 3,600-9,999	82.5	70	110	45	90	65	35	45	65	47.5	35	690
The Selkirk Record - Circ 10,000+	100	50	110	45	65	75	32.5	42.5	80	42.5	50	692.5

BEST IN CLASS

MCNA

Circulation 0 – 1,399

- 1st Flin Flon Reminder
- 2nd Opasquia Times
- 3rd Boissevain Recorder

Circulation 1,400 – 3,599

- 1st Swan Valley Star & Times
- 2nd Virden Empire Advance
- 3rd Crossroads This Week

Circulation 3,600 – 9,999

- 1st Dauphin Herald
- 2nd Steinbach Carillon
- 3rd Neepawa Banner

Circulation 10,000 & Over

- 1st Selkirk Record
- 2nd Winkler Morden Voice
- 3rd Selkirk Journal

BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

News Media Canada

Circulation 0 – 1,399

- 1st Flin Flon Reminder
- 2nd Opasquia Times
- 3rd Boissevain Recorder

Circulation 1,400 – 3,599

- 1st Roblin Review
- 2nd Rivers Banner
- 3rd Swan Valley Star & Times

Circulation 3,600 – 9,999

- 1st Neepawa Banner
- 2nd Steinbach Carillon
- 3rd Dauphin Herald

Circulation 10,000 & Over

- 1st Interlake Spectator
- 2nd Selkirk Journal
- 3rd Clipper Weekly

BEST LAYOUT & DESIGN

MCNA

Circulation 0 – 1,399

- 1st Flin Flon Reminder
- 2nd Boissevain Recorder
- 3rd Opasquia times

Circulation 1,400 – 3,599

- 1st Kivalliq News
- 2nd Virden Empire-Advance
- 3rd Swan Valley Star & Times

Circulation 3,600 – 9,999

- 1st Neepawa Banner
- 2nd Steinbach Carillon
- 3rd Stonewall Teulon Tribune

Circulation 10,000 & Over

- 1st Selkirk Record
- 2nd Interlake Spectator
- 3rd Selkirk Journal

BEST FRONT PAGE

MCNA

Circulation 0 – 1,399

- 1st Flin Flon Reminder
- 2nd Boissevain Recorder
- 3rd Opasquia Times

Circulation 1,400 – 3,599

- 1st Kivalliq News
- 2nd Swan Valley Star & Times
- 3rd Minnedosa Tribune

Circulation 3,600 – 9,999

- 1st The Headliner
- 2nd Stonewall Teulon Tribune
- 3rd Dauphin Herald

Circulation 10,000 & Over

- 1st Selkirk Record
- 2nd The Times
- 3rd Winkler Morden Voice

General Excellence – Best in Class 0-1,399

Newspaper	Front Page	Editorial Page	Community News	Pictorial/ Photo	Advertising Content	Presenta-tion	Local Features	Sport	Ad Design	Classified Ads	Production Quality	Total
	150 pts	100pts	150 pts	100 pts	100pts	100pts	50pts	50pts	100pts	50 pts	50 pts	1000 pts
Boissevain Recorder	122.5	75	115	75	65	85	27.5	40	77.5	40	45	767.5
Carberry News-Express	97.5	52.5	100	60	70	57.5	32.5	27.5	72.5	35	27.5	632.5
Cartwright Southern Manitoba Review	97.5	57.5	100	55	57.5	67.5	27.5	20	60	30	30	602.5
Deloraine Times & Star	102.5	47.5	82.5	70	55	62.5	30	35	57.5	35	30	607.5
Flin Flon Reminder	127.5	92.5	142.5	85	85	95	30	35	85	45	50	872.5
Manitou Western Canadian	92.5	52.5	95	60	70	70	27.5	30	67.5	40	40	645
Melita New Era	92.5	52.5	95	67.5	62.5	70	30	25	75	35	32.5	637.5
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier	80	62.5	90	67.5	62.5	60	25	25	62.5	35	27.5	597.5
Reston Recorder	90	57.5	82.5	65	70	67.5	25	20	65	32.5	35	610
Russell Banner	82.5	65	97.5	65	67.5	60	30	25	70	45	42.5	650
Souris Plaindealer	107.5	42.5	97.5	72.5	62.5	72.5	32.5	20	72.5	30	37.5	647.5
The Pas Opasquia Times	110	80	135	85	70	80	35	40	62.5	42.5	42.5	782.5

General Excellence – Best in Class 1,400-3,599

Newspaper	Front Page	Editorial Page	Community News	Pictorial/ Photo	Advertising Content	Presenta-tion	Local Features	Sport	Ad Design	Classified Ads	Production Quality	Total
	150 pts	100pts	150 pts	100 pts	100pts	100pts	50pts	50pts	100pts	50 pts	50 pts	1000 pts
Baldur Gazette	98.5	74	116	63.5	72.5	69	34.5	27.5	55	41	36.5	688
Emerson Southeast Journal	110	0	120.5	56.5	66.5	63	33	13	51	37.5	35	586
Erickson South Mountain Press	120.5	0	95	77.5	74.5	69	37	22	65	38.5	37.5	636.5
Killarney Guide	124.5	68	119.5	78	82.5	72	40.5	15	66.5	41	39.5	747
Kivalliq News (NU)	141	0	136.5	90	75	80	43.5	45.5	55	36	41	743.5
Minnedosa Tribune	131	32.5	124	73.5	75	73.5	39	25	61.5	41	37	713
Neepawa Press	126.5	54	116.5	77	74.5	72.5	39	41	55	39.5	39	734.5
Rivers Banner	120	78.5	90	65.5	70.5	51	30	20	63	36.5	36	661
Roblin Review	129	83	100	73	74	72	31	20.5	60.5	43.5	40	726.5
Shioal Lake Crossroads This Week	115	75	128.5	72.5	72	73	35	44	60	41.5	40	756.5
Swan Valley (River) Star & Times	138.5	78	132	82.5	87	75	41	48.5	77.5	44.5	40.5	845
Treherne Times	109.5	71	109	74	73	72	40	17.5	58	39	38.5	701.5
Virden Empire - Advance	110	71	138.5	88	87	78.5	47	48.5	79	38.5	40.5	826.5

General Excellence – Best in Class 3,600-9,999

Newspaper	Front Page	Editorial Page	Community News	Pictorial/ Photo	Advertising Content	Presenta-tion	Local Features	Sport	Ad Design	Classified Ads	Production Quality	Total
	150 pts	100pts	150 pts	100 pts	100pts	100pts	50pts	50pts	100pts	50 pts	50 pts	1000 pts
Altona Red River Valley Echo	102.5	50	100	57.5	60	60	25	17.5	60	35	30	597.5
Carmen Valley Leader	115	55	102.5	67.5	60	62.5	27.5	22.5	60	35	30	637.5
Dauphin Herald	117.5	75	137.5	77.5	72.5	65	37.5	40	85	45	35	787.5
the Headliner	127.5	45	85	65	62.5	27.5	32.5	25	60	20	45	595
Interlake Enterprise	70	25	55	60	60	10	32.5	10	60	30	40	452.5
Morden Times	82.5	62.5	117.5	67.5	60	57.5	35	17.5	65	32.5	32.5	630
Neepawa Banner	102.5	95	102.5	70	75	77.5	40	37.5	70	45	40	755
Portage Central Plains Herald Leader	87.5	47.5	95	40	62.5	55	35	35	57.5	30	30	575
Steinbach Carillon	95	87.5	137.5	70	77.5	75.5	42.5	40	70	35	35	765.5
Stonewall Argus & Teulon Times	107.5	70	95	52.5	65	60	30	35	67.5	35	37.5	655
Stonewall Teulon Tribune	125	17.5	107.5	87.5	70	75	40	40	67.5	30	45	705
Winkler Times	107.5	37.5	100	72.5	72.5	70	35	27.5	70	32.5	35	660

General Excellence – Best in Class 10,000+

Newspaper	Front Page	Editorial Page	Community News	Pictorial/ Photo	Advertising Content	Presenta-tion	Local Features	Sport	Ad Design	Classified Ads	Production Quality	Total
	150 pts	100pts	150 pts	100 pts	100pts	100pts	50pts	50pts	100pts	50 pts	50 pts	1000 pts
Beausejour Clipper Weekly	128	70	95	47.5	60	65	22.5	21.5	57.5	33.5	44	644.5
Brandon Westman Journal	107	60	87.5	32.5	60	54.5	27.5	33.5	62.5	20	41.5	586.5
Gimli Express Weekly News	119.5	27.5	115	60	41	70	17.5	38	76.5	30.5	42.5	638
Interlake Spectator	126	90	77.5	37.5	50	74.5	31	26.5	36	19.5	42.5	611
Selkirk Journal	130	87.5	92.5	71.5	50	72.5	32	39.5	35	20	44.5	675
Selkirk Record	140.5	27.5	132.5	90	70.5	89.5	40	46.5	70	42.5	49	798.5
the Herald	121	25	74	60	75.5	50	25	34.5	76.5	26	33.5	601
the Lance	122	26	76.5	58.5	74	52.5	25	27.5	75.5	26	28.5	592
the Metro	124	27	72	56.5	74	50	30.5	20	74.5	25	28.5	582
the Sou'wester	118	27.5	69.5	42.5	74	50	25	21.5	74	28	25	555
the Times	134.5	25.5	77.5	63	71.5	55	25.5	23.5	74	26	30.5	606.5
Winkler Morden Voice	131.5	66.5	122.5	71.5	40.5	70	31.5	42.5	40	40	47.5	704

Best Advertisement

Newspaper	Advertising Design	Layout Design	Idea	Impact	Total	Comments
	25pts	25pts	25pts	25pts	100 pts	
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Loyal to Local - Kim MacAulay	18	18	19	19	74	Effective use of white space. Too bad we couldn't talk our customers into using it.
Boissevain Recorder- 17 reasons to visit us, International Peace Garden - Christie Paskewitz-Smith	17	15	19	17	68	
Carberry News Express - Happy Thanksgiving, Robins Nest Motel & Café - Kathy Carr	15	15	15	15	60	
Dauphin Herald - Twin Motors Dauphin, Midnight Madness Paulina Snyder & Samantha Gallaway	18	15	19	16	68	
Erickson South Mountain Press - Sandy Lake Hotel - Connie Kay	16	15	18	15	64	
Flin Flon Reminder - Third Annual Northern Connections Job Fair Danita Stallard	16	16	16	17	65	
Gimli Express Weekly News - Home Hardware Customer Appreciation Sandra Barnes	18	19	19	19	75	Catchy idea! Well executed.
Headingley Headliner - K Bosch & Sons Greenhouses - Debbie Wilson	17	16	16	16	65	
Killarney Guide - Grand Opening Maurice's Home Furnishings Wendy Johnston	15	17	17	15	64	
Minnedosa Tribune - Heritage Day - Heather Horner	15	15	15	15	60	
Neepawa Banner - Brandon Dodge Ad - Diane Warner	15	15	18	16	64	
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Clearwater Junction Restaurant Katie McInnes	16	16	16	16	64	
Portage Herald Leader - Black Friday Deals, Keystone Sports Lisa Sylvester	15	15	15	16	61	
Roblin Review - Northstar Insurance & Real Estate - Jeff Gilroy	15	15	15	15	60	
Russell Banner - Woodworth Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Ltd Paulina Snyder	17	15	15	16	63	
Selkirk Record - Spooktacular Stuff, Big Dollar Selkirk - Lucy Kowalchuk	17	17	16	16	66	
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Erickson Dental Clinic - Ryan Nesbitt	15	16	15	15	61	
Steinbach Carillon - Now Open Diner on Highway 52 Janet Begalke-Smith	18	16	18	17	69	
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Quarry Pets - Nicole Kapusta	16	15	18	16	65	
Swan Valley Star and Times - Northern Leisure & Power Products Tammela Bobick	15	15	16	15	61	
Virden Empire-Advance - Westwood Ranch Garden Centre Candice McLaughlan	18	16	17	17	68	
Winkler Morden Voice - Penner Waste Inc - Tara Gionet	15	15	15	15	60	
Winnipeg The Herald - Ivy Trails Apartments - Debbie Wilson	16	15	16	16	63	
Winnipeg The Lance - Clarity Vision - Debbie Wilson	15	15	15	16	61	
Winnipeg The Metro - Morris Insurance Brokers - Debbie Wilson	17	17	16	18	68	
Winnipeg The Sou'wester - Transcona Trailer Sales - Debbie Wilson	15	15	15	15	60	
Winnipeg The Times - Magicuts - Debbie Wilson	18	18	16	19	71	Effective use of colour. This background sets it off.

Best Agriculture Section

Newspaper	Quality of Written Content	Layout/ Design	Originality/ Creativity	Quality of Photo Content	Local Advertising content	Total	Comments
	25 pts	25 pts	20 pts	15 pts	15 pts	100 pts	
Boissevain Recorder	16	15	17	10	12	70	A strong front page with excellent use of space and a catchy headline that stand's out. Excellent lead photos that are cropped beautifully to create a very strong section front. Unfortunately deeper in the section there are some photos with uninspired framing emphasized by how large they run in print. While informative, stories tend to feel like they run too long. The layout employs a lot of turns.
Carberry News Express	10	13	10	8	10	51	The first few stories read like government press releases, and the stories in the section don't include interviews. While informative, where's the reportage? The submitted story is long winded. The section primarily uses stock photos, and there are areas with a lot of grey space. The layout is a basic newspaper design. The entire section feels like an afterthought brought together to bundle around ads.
Dauphin Herald	19	13	8	9	14	63	This section has a healthy selection of local advertising. The front, while busy, provides a fun pun that helps set the theme for the section. The stories provide interesting information, although many of the leads are buried and there is repetition from one story to the next. The quality of photos is mixed and there's a lot of grey space in the layout.
Roblin Review	17	15	14	10	13	69	This section has a newsier feel, however, some of the stories read like press releases while the lead story reads like an ad for Insure. Others are more newsy. The beaver story, for example, provides background, updates and quotes. Unfortunately it is not accompanied by a photo. While there is some significant grey space, there is also some good use of photos. The front page is strong section front and uses inset photos creatively.
Selkirk Record	5	23	18	10	11	67	This section stands out when it comes to layout and creativity. The graphics team clearly put effort into this section, using different fonts that work together and creating a map that doesn't feel flat. Well framed and interesting photos are used in a scrapbook style to add a splash of fun. Information is provided in list form, an important and often overlooked means of providing content to readers; however, these lists of events are the extent of the content available. If the creativity employed in this section could be married with the content of a more traditional article-based section it would definitely stand well above the crowd.
Steinbach Carillon	20	18	15	12	12	77	The articles are well written and pull the reader into the personal stories of those being profiled. Well framed photos are prominently placed throughout the publication - although a couple feel like they are running too large to simply fill space. It was refreshing to see the use of an infographic to provide additional information, unfortunately at the bottom of the story instead of being featured prominently as an additional entry point into the article. The front page photo is beautifully framed, grabs the attention of the reader, and is relevant to the content inside. The section also includes a healthy mix of local advertising. The difference between first and second place involved splitting hairs, and this is a strong entry.
Stonewall Teulon Tribune	18	20	15	12	8	73	Stories are well-written and interesting. The first story really pulls the reader in, but it becomes long winded and, as a result, has multiple jumps. The photos are generally quite good, with tight crops and creative angles. Photos are used prominently, breaking up the grey space. A photo header ties the section together in a fun and colourful way, which is a nice touch.
Swan Valley Star and Times	21	18	15	11	13	78	Section provides well-written stories with a mix of news and opinion. The leads are generally interesting and not buried. The section has a strong front page that brings relevant images together and sets the tone. Strong local ads round out the section. While on balance a strong entry, this section could be greatly improved with use of infographics to help tell the story (ex. story on exports cries out for an infographic), and being more aggressive with placement of photos, which seem to rest at the bottom of some stories, getting lost alongside advertisements. Some small changes and attention to detail could make this section really stand out.
Virden Empire-Advance	10	10	5	5	5	35	Was this submitted to the wrong category? It's a single story that's a rehash of a public meeting. While informative, it is less reporting and more transcription. The photos are basic straight on shots of those at a meeting. This entry is also not part of a section, so it is difficult to compare to the other entries.

Best Agriculture Story

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total	Comments
	15pts	15pts	10pts	10pts	50 pts	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Supporting the 'stache Lori Penner	8	8	6	7	29	Inside photo is very pixelated; either lo res or the link was broken in layout. Decent presentation of a community business and non-profit coming together.
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Plan B for Tyndall elevator? Mel Stefaniuk	12	13	8	8	41	Lede is a mouthful, could be punchier, but all together a nice exploration of the pros and cons of a community initiative, as well as the hurdles its up against.
Boissevain Recorder- A growing hoppers opportunity - Paul Rayner	13	12	7	7	39	Good lede, hed. Nice explanation of why hops is a good crop for a farm wanting flexibility, and how it ties in to the bigger picture historically and for the future.
Carmen Valley Leader - Rosebank scientist earns international award - Emily Stobbe-Wiebe	9	10	6	5	30	Decent profile, but missing some action/colour.
Dauphin Herald - Research efforts to answer emerging questions - Allison Moss	7	8	5	5	25	Too stiff. Loses the reader quickly. Very long and quote heavy.
Deloraine Times & Star - Pay It Forward - Judy Wells	8	8	6	5	27	Leads into a quote a bit too quickly. Needs to set the stage more.
Erickson South Mountain Press - Farm widows deliver important message - Candy Irwin	12	11	8	8	39	Some awkward seques and cliches, but overall well presented. Liked how the writer found real world women who could make the issue relevant.
Gimli Express Weekly News - Balmoral elk whisperers at the top of their game - Patricia Barrett	7	8	5	5	25	The writer is attempting a tone that doesn't quite work. The lede itself doesn't land and the following graph is a bit too out there.
Headingley - The Headliner - Canola pioneer reflects on crop's history - Andrea Geary	5	6	4	4	19	Lacks substance and is a bit repetitive. Would have been well served by quotes from the subject himself.
Killarney Guide - Cool season crops see excellent yields, corn and beans rolling in fast and dry - Kim Langen	9	10	8	6	33	Textbook report, although not groundbreaking in content or presentation. Nice effort to place the reader at the scene of the interviews and add some interest.
Minnedosa Tribune - A Weekend On The Farm - Hillary Miller	6	6	5	5	22	Some continuity issues with names. A story of interest to the local community.
Neepawa Banner - Two area groups join efforts to attract soy processing facility - Kate Jackman-Atkinson	9	9	6	6	30	Repetitive lede, repetitive copy. Don't start with the acronym. Good context. Cut line too long
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Quicker fill, saves time and \$\$ - Nancy Holman	8	9	6	5	28	Dry lede. Needs more show, less tell. A bit salesy
Roblin Review - Neonics can devastate bees - Larry Powell	9	9	6	5	29	Dry lede. Gets mired in the minutiae of the study without balance.
Russell Banner - New plant based Omega source Jessica Fouillard	8	7	6	5	26	Typo. Not enough about the family to generate emotional interest.
Selkirk Record - Local farmer fears for future generations of growers - Maggie Wysocki	11	11	8	7	37	Short and punchy. Would have benefitted from a second source. Good presentation of the issue
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Hamiota Ag. Society bucking the trend - Marcie Harrison	8	9	7	5	29	Minor grammatical errors. Very quote heavy. Dense layout.
Steinbach Carillon - Zhoda rancher devastated by loss of cattle - Jordan Ross	13	13	8	8	42	Draws you in right away. Great quotes. Sets the scene for how this could change a family's life. Could use some variation in photos
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Diners enjoy delicious meal at pop-up restaurant - Jennifer McFee	9	9	7	6	31	A lot of inches dedicated to the menu. Would have liked to know more about the farm. Some nice background about the recipes.
Swan Valley Star and Times - Making their Mark (Ryan Hofford) - Jessica Bergen	8	9	8	6	31	Nice layout. Some awkward phrasing between quotes.
The Pas Opasquia Times - Flooding impacts The Pas Horse Associations' building - Trent Wright	9	8	6	6	29	Needs some finesse.. Very matter of fact.
Winkler Times - Farm Family of Year - Greg Vandermeulen	8	8	7	6	29	Needs better lede. The award is about the family but focuses too much on dad.
Winnipeg - The Lance - Riel House gardens pride of place on tour - Simon Fuller	8	8	8	7	31	Minor typo. Nice portrait of the gardeners. Doesn't go very deep though.
Winnipeg - The Metro - Getting to the root of Dutch Elm Alana Trachenko	11	12	9	8	40	Tight and concise. Well written, speaks to the issue. Good 2nd quote.
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Poultry predicament Danielle Da Silva	13	13	9	9	44	Nicely balanced, tightly written. Presents a good overview as well as stakeholder perspectives.

Best Arts & Culture Story

Newspapery	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total
(Aggregate 3 judges)	15pts x 3	15pts x 3	10pts x 3	10pts x 3	50 pts x 3
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Celebrating creativity on the road to recovery - Mel Stefaniuk	33	34	19	17	103
Boissevain Recorder- Arts Council new tenants at old Town Hall - Paul Rayner	28	27	15	16	86
Carmen Calley Leader - Riverview Legion art group offers creativity and companionship - Emily Distefano	40	39	23	22	124
Dauphin Herald - Culture Days boasts a full list of fun activities - M.A. Nyquist	37	38	22	20	117
Deloraine Times & Star - Luke McMaster performs at Southwest Showcase - Judy Wells	31	35	20	16	102
Erickson South Mountain Press - Rossburn artists create piece for Jimmy Carter - Darrell Nesbitt	42	43	25	25	135
Flin Flon Reminder - A man of music...and hocky - Eric Westhaver	34	34	21	22	111
Gimli Express Weekly News - Arborg's Reechka dancers draw sell-out crowd to Malanka - Patricia Barrett	31	32	19	19	101
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Noel Coward comedy launches A-Spire season - Roger Newman	30	31	18	18	97
Headingley - The Headliner - saving a piece of Portage la Prairie's history - Andrea Geary	38	39	22	21	120
Killarney Guide - Alumni band gathers to celebrate Canada Day with music - Jay Struth	41	39	24	22	126
Minnedosa Tribune - Artist Profile: Weiming Zhao - Hillary Miller	43	43	26	27	139
Morden Times - Fun & music for the whole family - Lauren MacGill	34	35	21	20	110
Neepawa Banner & Press - From the prairies to the podium - Eoin Devereux	38	36	16	22	112
Neepawa Press - Local idea takes flight - Kate Jackman-Atkinson	41	40	24.5	26	131.5
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - United Community Arts Opens its Doors - Katie McInnes	35	33	21	20	109
Roblin Review - Concert going to be a treat says Ostafie - Ed Doering	34	33	21	19	107
Russell Banner - Local performer to join this year's Fringe Festival - Racheal Scratch	35	36	23	22	116
Selkirk Journal - Flooding with music - Brook Jones	32	34	19	22	107
Selkirk Record - Taking the stage - Lindsey Enns	37	38	22	23	120
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Picking up where they left off - Marcie Harrison	38	40	24	25	127
Souris Plaindealer - Souris Plaindealer marks 125 years - Judy Wells	35	37	20	21	113
Steinbach Carillon - Francophone house concert series kicks off in St Pierre - Jordan Ross	38	41	24	24	127
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - The art of healing - Jennifer McFee	43	43	27	28	141
Swan Valley Star and Times - Valley- raised digital artist helping to make your friendly neighbourhood Spider-Man look good - Jeremy Bergen	41	42	24	26	133
The Pas Opasquia Times - Art project isn't hard to put your finger on and that's a good thing - Trent Allen	36	37	21	23	117
Winkler Morden Voice - 'Faces of Winkler' shares local stories - Ashleigh Viveiros	41	42	25	25	133
Winkler Times - Caplan returns - Greg Vandermeulen	32	33	21	20	106
Winnipeg - The Herald - Reconnecting with his art - Sheldon Bruce	36	33	22	21	112
Winnipeg - The Lance - Revisiting an old story through new eyes this Christmas - Simon Fuller	34	35	22	21	112
Winnipeg - The Metro - Synonym paints the town - Alana Trachenko	42	42	27	26	137
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Passion for car culture feulling community - Danielle Da Silva	28	31	20	18	97
Winnipeg - The Times - Artistic installation to celebrate Canada 150 - Ligia Braidotti	35	38	24	21	118

Best Christmas Edition

Newspaper	Quality of Written Content	Layout/Design	Originality/Creativity	Quality of Photo Content	Local Advertising content	Total
	25 pts	25 pts	20 pts	15 pts	15 pts	100 pts
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Dec 21, 2017	20	20	20	14	13	87
Boissevain Recorder- Dec 22, 2017	21	20	18	14	12	85
Carberry News Express - Dec 18, 2017	23	21	18	13	14	89
Dauphin Herald - Dec 19 2017	24	22	19	14	14	93
Flin Flon Reminder - Dec 20, 2017	25	24	20	15	14	98
Gimli Express Weekly News - Dec 21, 2017	21	19	15	13	12	80
Gimli interlake Enterprse - Dec 20, 2017	22	19	17	12	11	81
Gimli Interlake Spectator - Dec 14 2017	21	18	18	13	14	84
Killarney Guide - Dec 15, 2017	24	24	18	13	12	91
Manitou The Western Canadian - Dec 15., 2017	24	23	19	14	14	94
Minnedosa Tribune - Dec 22, 2017	22	21	17	13	11	84
Neepawa Banner & Press - Dec 15, 2017	21	20	16	14	12	83
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Dec 19, 2017	23	22	18	14	13	90
Portage Herald Leader - Dec 21, 2017	24	24	19	14	14	95
Roblin Review - Dec 19, 2017	23	21	17	13	11	85
Russell Banner - December 19, 2017	21	19	15	12	12	79
Selkirk Journal - Dec 21, 2017	22	23	18	12	12	87
Selkirk Record - Dec 21, 2017	24	24	19	14	14	95
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Dec 22, 2017	25	25	19	15	14	98
Souris Plaindealer - Dec 22 2017	25	25	20	14	14	98
Steinbach Carillon - Dec 21, 2017	25	25	20	15	14	99
Stonewall Argus & Teulon Times - Dec 14,2017	21	19	15	13	12	80
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Dec 21, 2017	20	20	20	14	13	87
Swan Valley Star and Times - Dec 19, 2017	22	23	18	12	12	87
Virden Empire-Advance - Dec 22, 2017	25	25	20	14.5	14	98.5

Best Column or Feature Article on a Business Topic

Newspaper	Insight	Originality	Quality of Writing	Relevance to local economy, and/or demonstrates that a national issue has an impact on the local economy	Total	Comments
	15 pts	15 pts	10 pts	10 pts	50 pts	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Proposed tax changes confuse even the experts - Lori Penner	10	10	8	8	36	
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - The Hobby Farm Chronicals - Country Currency - Phil Picton	9	10	8	7	34	
Dauphin Herald - Artist blacksmith having a blast with Ste. Rose business - M.A. Nyquist	10	8	8	7	33	
Deloraine Times & Star - Maguire hosts townhall about marijuana legalization - Judy Wells	5	6	7	5	23	
Flin Flon Reminder - Narrow phosphorous vast prospect - Jonathon Naylor	10	8	7	4	29	
Gimli Express Weekly News - Peguis brothers ingenuity prevents homes from flooding Patricia Barrett	9	8	6	8	31	
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - New store revitalizes Hnusa community - Roger Newman	10	7	6	10	33	
Headingley - The Headliner - Peak of the Market is reaching new heights - Andrea Geary	10	6	7	7	30	
Killarney Guide -Hylife aiming to invest millions of dollars in Killarnry feed mill plant Kim Langen	11	9	8	9	37	The winner did the best to offer insight and connect the story to the local economy.
Neepawa Banner - Uncertainty, lack of consultation surround proposed tax changes Kate Jackman-Atkinson	8	8	6	6	28	
Neepawa Press - Hylife earns national recognition - Kate Jackman-Atkinson	8	7	6	8	29	
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Soybean Treatment Facility to Open at Pilot Mound Nancy Holman	7	7	5	6	25	
Roblin Review - New services coming - Ed Doering	5	5	4	4	18	
Selkirk Record - Local business owners help refugees enter workforce - Lindsay Enns	10	8	6	5	29	
Souris Plaindealer - Chamber members concerned over Crescent Ave. upgrades Darci Semeschuk	4	4	4	4	16	
Steinbach Carillon - Restaurants get onboard with gluten-wise options - Adriana Mingo	8	9	7	5	29	
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Loaf and Honey continues with cheese-making tradition Jennifer McFee	11	9	8	7	35	
Swan Valley Star and Times - SPL Plans ahead for tariffs - Danielle Gordon-Broome	9	8	6	6	29	
The Pas Opasquia Times -Locally owned Rocky Lake Birchworks is now featured on online at Canadiancoolfoods.com - Trevor Wright	8	5	4	4	21	
Winkler Morden Voice - Apples for sale, shiny apples - Peter Cantelon	9	11	7	7	34	
Winnipeg - The Lance - Striving for successful synergy - Simon Fuller	7	7	7	6	27	
Winnipeg - The Metro - Wolseley's pop-up Christmas tree shop - Alana Trachenko	7	7	5	4	23	
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Seasons signal a shift in retail - Danielle Da Silva	10	8	8	8	34	
Winnipeg - The Times - Publishers amplifying local voices - Ligia Braidotti	10	7	7	5	29	

Best Columnist

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total	Comments
	15 pts	15 pts	10 pts	10 pts	50 pts	
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - The Hobby Farm Chronicals - Phil Picton	12	11	7	8	38	
Dauphin Herald - Opinion - Shawn Bailey	13	11	8	7	39	
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Editorial Comment - Roger Newman	13	12	8	7	40	
Gimli Interlake Spectator - The Fishing Journal - David Obirek	12	13	7	7	39	
Neepawa Banner - My perspective Kate Jackman-Atkinson	11	12	7	7	37	
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Political Commentator - Bill Tiessen	12	11	7	7	37	
Rivers Banner - Right in the centre Ken Waddell	14	13	8	8	43	Waddell is thoughtful and unafraid to call things as he sees them – be it our responsibility to create peace or the truth behind the Speech from the Throne. I'm sure his columns start many a conversation in town.
Selkirk Journal - Keeping up with the Jones - Brook Jones	12	12	7	7	38	
Selkirk Record - Get fishing - Arnie Weidl	12	13	9	8	42	Weidl tells great stories and offers vivid descriptions of the characters he interviews. However, his columns could benefit from either a transition between unrelated anecdotes or subheads to separate them.
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Opinion - Darrell Nesbitt	12	12	7	7	38	
Souris Plaindealer - Filly Health and Fitness - Jonathan Filewich	7	7	6	5	25	
Steinbach Carillon - Think Again Michael Zwaagstra	12	13	7	7	39	
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Get a taste of our region, by eating someplace new Stephanie Duncan	10	10	7	7	34	
Swan Valley Star and Times - As I See It Brian Gilroy	12	12	8	7	39	
The Pas Opasquia Times - Editorial - Trent Allen	13	14	8.5	8	43.5	Allen's columns were smoothly written and give the reader a useful insight into the work we do as journalists. They also showed the proper amount of emotion for the subjects covered (a trapper turned poet and the loss of a local landmark) while still maintaining the proper journalistic distance.
Winkler Morden Voice - Get heard - Peter Cantelon	14	14	8	8	44	Cantelon's personal reflection on the #MeToo movement was brave and well written, but when paired with his thoughtful column on merging the Morden and Winkler police services it really showcases his range and talent as a columnist.

Best Editorial

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total
	15 pts	15 pts	10 pts	10 pts	50 pts
Dauphin Herald - Food and Education - Shawn Bailey	12	12	8	8	40
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Grace period after release of commercial fisheries regulations needed Jim Mosher	13	13	7	9	42
Neepawa Banner - A tale of two Canadas - Kate Jackman-Atkinson	11	11	8	7	37
Rivers Banner - Hope amidst the grief - Ken Waddell	13	10	8	6	37
Roblin Review - Perhaps it is time - Ed Doering	8	8	4	5	25
Russell Banner - Facebook doesn't care about you - Jessica Ludwig	5	5	5	2	17
Souris Plaindealer - Country life not so idyllic now - Darci Semeschuk	15	13	8	7	43
Steinbach Carillon - Sparking respectful conversations - Grant Burr	10	12	8	7	37
Swan Valley Star and Times - At what cost to our province/ - Danielle Gordon-Broome	10	10	8	6	34
The Pas Opasquia Times - Things are this way for a reason - Trevor Allen	12	10	6	6	34
Virden Empire-Advance - Virden's inadequate snow clearing - Heather Reimer	10	13	7	5	35

Best Education Story

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total
	15pts	15pts	10pts	10pts	50 pts
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Wishart celebrates "I Love to Read Month" - Lori Penner	4	6	6	4	20
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Central address proposed for the trade school - Mark T. Buss	4	8	5	4	21
Boissevain Recorder- Boissevain graduate completes journey to become rural physician Paul Rayner	4	9	6	5	24
Carberry News Express - Roots of Empathy - Gladwyn Scott	5	7	5	4	21
Dauphin Herald - Apprenticeship program report a highlight for MVSD	4	7	5	4	20
Deloraine Times & Star - Donna Moore retires after 37 years - Judy Wells	4	8	5	4	21
Erickson South Mountain Press - Children explore the great outdoors - Candy Irwin	7	8	6	5	26
Flin Flon Reminder - Virtual reality a first in the province - Cynthia Bigrigg	8	10	8	8	34
Gimli Express Weekly News - Fisher Branch students build escape rooms to challenge the brain - Jeff Ward	7	10	6	5	28
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Evergreen school board needs more public scrutiny - Roger Newman	8	5	5	4	22
Killarney Guide - Apples and oranges - and the English language - Kim Langen	8	8	7	8	31
Morden Times -Student enrollment increases pose space issue - Lauren MacGill	9	8	7	8	32
Neepawa Banner - Four Rs: Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic and Rotary - Kate Jackman-Atkinson	7	9	7	7	30
Neepawa Press - Students share a recipe for HOPE - Kate Jackman-Atkinson	5	7	5	3	20
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Passing on a passion for farming - Katie McInnes	5	5	5	4	19
Roblin Review - Efforts pay off for 'mama bear' - Ed Doering	8	8	6	6	28
Selkirk Journal - Twenty nine students travel throughout Europe - Dave Baxter	10	9	8	6	33
Selkirk Record - 'A bold step' towards a brighter future - Lindsay Enns	7	8	6	5	26
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week -Nature studies vocational program a hit - Darrell Nesbitt	5	10	7	5	27
Souris Plaindealer - Students settle into routine after first week - Darci Semeschuk	3	4	5	2	14
Steinbach Carillon - Grunthal teacher on mission for world religion instruction - Grant Burr	12	10	7	7	36
Stonewall Argus & Teulon Times - Stonewall Centennial students' experiment to ISS - Adam Peleshaty	6	6	7	5	24
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Students learn valuable lessons at mock disaster - Jo-Anne Procter	4	8	2	5	19
Swan Valley Star and Times - School Division tackles tough times - Danielle Gordon-Broome	5	8	2	5	20
The Pas Opasquia Times - Pax education system proving effective for the north - Trent Allen	5	6	6	7	24
Winkler Morden Voice - Future of RRC dental assisting program up in the air - Ashleigh Viveiros	10	7	6	7	30
Winkler Times - GVSD hosts budget exhibition - Greg Vandermeulen	4	4	6	2	16
Winnipeg - The Herald - More than music - Sheldon Bruce	5	6	8	4	23
Winnipeg - The Lance - A scientific way of thinking - Simon Fuller	5	9	8	4	26
Winnipeg - The Metro - Literacy centre loses funding, relying on community - Alana Trachenko	7	9	7	4	27
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Kelvin brings gym riot to legislature - Danielle Da Silva	9	10	8	4	31
Winnipeg - The Times - A spark of hope in the heart of the North End - Ligia Braidotti	8	9	6	5	28

Best Environmental Story

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total	Comments
	15pts	15pts	10pts	10pts	50 pts	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Blue Sky celebrates a new plant and a new era of service Lori Penner	10	11	8	7	36	
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Questions raised over burying WR-1 - Mark T. Buss	9	10	9	8	36	
Boissevain Recorder- Harsh winter could affect deer population - Paul Rayner	10	11	9	7	37	
Carmen Valley Leader - Delegations make their case for the trees - Emily Distefano	9	10	7	6	32	
Dauphin Herald - ACC students to build first net-zero energy home in Dauphin - M.A. Nyquist	10	12	7	8	37	
Deloraine Times & Star - Sun Country Eco-Store Ltd. - Judy Wells	11	10	8	7	36	
Erickson South Mountain Press - Waste management going regional - Candy Irwin	9	11	6	7	33	
Flin Flon Reminder - Recycling program marks 25 years - Cynthia Bigrigg	13	11	8	8	40	An east-to-read story saluting committed volunteers.
Gimli Express Weekly News - Loosening hog and manure legislation could put water at risk Patricia Barrett	12	11	8	8	39	
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Priority of algal neurotoxin research on Lake Winnipeg goes to U of W toxicologist - Jim Mosher	9	11	8	7	35	
Headingley - The Headliner - Creating sustainable income and food - Andrea Geary	12	12	7	8	39	
Killarney Guide - Breathing life back into Pelican Lake - Kim Langen	14	13	9	8	44	A wonderful photo introduces the reader to a story where residents use their know-how to clean up a lake for the enjoyment of all.
Minnedosa Tribune - Evergreen Soil Farm Making A Difference - Hillary Miller	9	10	7	6	32	
Neepawa Banner & Press - "Saying no is not an option" - Pallister - Kate Jackman-Atkinson	10	12	9	8	39	
Rivers Banner - Five-year project officially opened by Filmon - Sheila Runions	9	11	7	6	33	
Roblin Review - We have a right says MRC - Ed Doering	8	11	8	7	34	
Selkirk Record - 'It's too late' - Maggie Wysocki	10	12	9	8	39	
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Caldwell family recycles in a big way - Robin Wark	11	11	9	8	39	
Souris Plaindealer - Shingles and other trash dumped in Souris-Glenwood - Darci Semeschuk	9	8	6	6	29	
Steinbach Carillon - The beet goes on - Jordan Ross	13	12	8	10	43	A fun headline and good read.
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Savings for family soar with solar energy - Jennifer McFee	12	11	8	8	39	
Swan Valley Star and Times - Zebra mussels a concern in local lake - Danielle Gordon-Broome	11	10	7	6	34	
The Pas Opasquia Times - Cranberry Portage earns community clean up award - Trent Allen	9	8	8	6	31	
Virden Empire-Advance -Tornado devastates rural residents - Anne Davison	8	7	6	6	27	
Winkler Morden Voice - Local author leaving 'Footprints of Hope' - Ashleigh Viveiros	8	8	7	8	31	
Winkler Times - Students dig in for nature sanctuary cleanup - Greg Vandermeulen	11	8	9	6	34	
Winnipeg - The Lance - St. Boniface residents concerned about soil - Simon Fuller	12	11	8	7	38	
Winnipeg - The Metro - Getting to the root of Dutch Elm - Alana Trachenko	10	11	8	8	37	
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Protesters preparing for hard battle - Danielle Da Silva	11	10	8	7	36	
Winnipeg -The Times - School celebrates the environment - Ligia Braidotti	12	11	7	6	36	

Best Feature Photo

Newspaper	Quality of Content	News and Feature Value	Impact	Originality	Total	Comments
	20 pts	15 pts	10 pts	5 pts	50 pts	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Lest we forget - Lori Penner	16	13	7	3	39	Good framing
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - What's for breakfast? - Stu Iverson	18	12	8	3	41	Excellent close-up
Boissevain Recorder- Southwest Manitoba blessed with bountiful harvest - Anna Latimer	17	12	8	3	40	Good use of aperture and brighter light in background
Carberry News Express - The pool was the place to be Saturday, July 1st, as everyone came down to cool off and celebrate Canada Day - Kathy Carr	15	10	6	2	33	Good timing catching the diver, but could focus on a specific part of the pool
Dauphin Herald - Beating the heat - Angie Bailey	18	10	8	3	39	A good photo that isn't the obvious "heat" photo, drops of water in the air look great
Deloraine Times & Star - Swimming Lesson Group - Judy Wells	10	7	5	2	24	Would have been better if all 4 students were caught in air at same time
Erickson South Mountain Press -Tender Moment - Matthew Henry	19	13	9	3	44	Excellent photo that sticks out from the others
Flin Flon Reminder - Nice moves - Eric Westhaver	17	12	8	3	40	Captures a great moment
Gimli Express Weekly News - Dyno-mite find - Patricia Barrett	15	12	7	2	36	Good exposure and expression on left child's face
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Ready for Takeoff - Jim Mosher	15	13	7	3	38	Good photo, but the bird could be more in focus
Gimli Interlake Spectator - Mirror Image - Brook Jones	17	13	8	4	42	Interesting way of taking a person's photo which relates to their profession
Headingley - The Headliner - Dancing the night away - Andrea Geary	16	12	6	3	37	Good photo, captures what the story is about
Killarney Guide - New sculpture on changing corner - Kim Langen	15	10	5	2	32	Photos looks nice, but could be better with a person visiting the garden
Minnedosa Tribune - A Colourful Afternoon Outing - Hillary Campbell	17	12	7	3	39	Framed perfectly with the two main subjects between the flowers on top and bottom
Morden Times - Up on Cripple Creek - Greg Vandermeulen	16	12	7	2	37	Good photo of a singer
Neepawa Banner - Sweet surprise - Diane Warner	17	13	8	3	41	Great photo, captures a nice moment from the event
Neepawa Press - Power and speed - Diane Warner	16	13	6	3	38	Nicely shot photo, but lacks impact
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Oh Wow! O'Canada! - Katie McInnes	17	13	8	3	41	Very nice fireworks shot
Roblin Review - This week on the Mercer Report - Ed Doering	16	14	7	3	40	Nicely constructed photo, catches a great moment
Selkirk Journal - Mr. Muscles - Brook Jones	15	13	8	3	39	Doesn't take the obvious route
Selkirk Record - Ready to run - Lindsay Enns	15	12	6	2	35	Catches some good expressions on the faces in the front row
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Wet & Wild - Darrell Nesbitt	16	13	7	3	39	Nicely composed shot
Souris Plaindealer - Keeping their memories alive for all to know - Darci Semeschuk	14	12	7	3	36	Nice photo, could have tried to block out the car in the background
Steinbach Carillon - Call to arms - Adriana Mingo	16	12	6	4	38	Good idea to include the faces of the people in the crowd
Stonewall Argus - Regional Soccer Festival (4 girls) - Adam Peleshaty	12	7	4	2	25	Good exposure, but was there a more interesting moment from the event?
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Li'l green thumbs - Jo Anne Proctor	18	12	8	3	41	A visually great photo
Swan Valley Star and Times - Twist and Turn - Danielle Gordon-Broome	18	12	9	4	43	Visually stunning photo, looks like a painting, captures situation of river
The Pas Opasquia Times - All out effort - Trent Allen	17	12	8	4	41	Very good photo, captures a great expression on his face
Virden Empire-Advance - Elkhorn Western Weekend (Chuck wagon racing) Ed Jones	15	13	7	3	38	Nice action shot
Winkler Morden Voice - Slip-sleddin' away - Rick Hiebert	14	12	7	3	36	Catches a good moment, good tight aperture
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Spring flooding in Fort Richmond - Danielle Da Silva	15	10	6	3	34	Good composition, but could have incorporated the video production mentioned
Winnipeg - The Lance - Hey, Mr. Prime Minister - Simon Fuller	13	13	5	2	33	Good editorial value and photo

Best Feature Story

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total	Comments
	15pts	15pts	10pts	10pts	50 pts	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Do you wanna build a snowman? - Lori Penner	14	8	7	6	35	
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Syrians settling in - Mel Stefaniuk	8	9	5	4	26	
Boissevain Recorder- Granddaughter tells singing farmer story - Paul Rayner	9	10	7	7	33	
Carberry News Express - Carberry Collegiate students go to work - Kathy Carr	7	7	4	4	22	
Carmen Valley Leader - Private sponsorship makes a difference for refugees - Emily Distefano	7	8	4	5	24	
Cartwright Southern Manitoba Review - Joyous occasion for new Canadians - Vicki Wallace	8	9	4	4	25	
Dauphin Herald - Culture an important pillar for Houle - Shawn Bailey	12	11	8	8	39	Excellent job in finding a local dancer to relay the Aboriginal culture. Very informative.
Deloraine Times & Star - Stewarts choose alternate energy source - Judy Wells	10	11	7	5	33	
Erickson South Mountain Press -Turning tragedy into transformation - Maggie Ross	11	8	6	9	34	
Flin Flon Reminder - Priest toes line between saint, sinner - Eric Westhaver	13	11	7	10	41	I commend the writer for getting someone like Bringleston
Gimli Express Weekly News - Real chocolate / Cross to the dark side - Patricia Barrett	10	9	6	5	30	
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Family loses everything to fire but gains something - Jim Mosher	9	7	5	4	25	
Headingley - The Headliner - Turning ideas into profits - Andrea Geary	10	10	5	5	30	
Killarney Guide - One heck of a farm equipment auction - Kim Langen	8	7	4	5	24	
Manitou The Western Canadian - A Soldier's Paybook - George Adams	10	11	6	10	37	
Minnedosa Tribune - Mother and Daughter Novelist Duo - Hillary Campbell	10	10	6	6	32	
Morden Times - Art Program helps cancer patients connect - Lauren MacGill	7	11	6	7	31	
Neepawa Banner - From small town Manitoba to "Hollywood North" - Eoin Devereux	11	11	6	7	35	
Neepawa Press - Local idea takes flight - Kate Jackman-Atkinson	10	8	6	9	33	
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Sheep Calls and Sap Pails - Katie McInnes	11	7	4	5	27	
Roblin Review - Film features father in new doc - Ed Doering	12	8	5	7	32	
Russell Banner - Following in her footsteps - Racheal Scratch	12	9	5	5	31	
Selkirk Journal - Gimli Glider captain touches down in Gimli again - Brook Jones	8	8	5	7	28	
Selkirk Record - Group launches needle cleanup effort in Selkirk - Lindsay Enns	10	8	5	5	28	
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - The story lies within the story - Marcie Harrison	11	7	7	6	31	
Souris Plaindealer - Hillcrest memorialized in historical fiction - Darci Semeschuk	8	8	6	6	28	
Steinbach Carillon - Truth is out there near Falcon Lake - Adriana Mingo	12	10	7	6	35	
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Save the elephants - Jennifer McFee	9	8	6	6	29	
Swan Valley Star and Times - A Day in the Life - Danielle Gordon-Broome	12	10	6	5	33	
The Pas - Opasquia Times - Gentleman Jim Lindsay proved an inspiration to all - Trent Allen	10	8	6	5	29	
Virden Empire-Advance - Fishing up evidence - Anne Davison	7	7	4	8	26	
Winkler Morden Voice - Morden couple share their passion for model trains - Lorne Stelmach	10	8	5	6	29	
Winkler Times - Charlie Red Star remembered - Greg Vandermeulen	10	8	5	6	29	
Winnipeg - The Herald - A journey through Transcona's past - Sheldon Bruce	9	9	5	5	28	
Winnipeg - The Lance - 'Peter lied for the day' - Simon Fuller	10	8	5	4	27	
Winnipeg - The Metro - A Wolseley cornerstone - Alana Trachenko	13	14	7	10	44	Very unique topic and beautifully written. Nice to have the detailed history and a variety of sources quoted.
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Room for improvement in Fort Richmond - Danielle Da Silva	7	10	5	5	27	

Best First Nation Coverage

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total	Comments
	15pts	15pts	10pts	10pts	50 pts	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Learning to "live different" - Lori Penner	13	12	6	8	39	
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - A walk through history - Arlene Davidson	14	13	7	7	41	
Boissevain Recorder- Author brings forgotten history back to forefront Paul Rayner	11	10	5	7	33	
Dauphin Herald - Culture and important pillar for Houle - Shawn Bailey	14	14	10	9	47	Striking layout at first glance - story draws you in with nice balance of narrative and quotes. Reporter did well getting beyond the surface story to give a full profile of this man finding his way through connecting with his culture and community via traditional dance.
Flin Flon Reminder - Survivor wants accountability - Cynthia Bigrigg	13	13	7	8	41	
Gimli Express Weekly News - Preventing violence against women starts at home - Patricia Barrett	13	13	8	9	43	This story did well in covering a discussion on violence against women, particularly in the First Nations community. While the story covers the issue, it wasn't just "bad news" and brought in the voices of those working to effect positive change in the field. Well done on a multi-faceted look at the story.
Morden Times -Series on reconciliation launched - Greg Vandermeulen	11	12	6	7	36	
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Respect for the song - Katie McInnes	13	13	9	7	42	Captivating narrative style with interesting photos to support the story
Russell Banner -Traditional governance needed in FNEA - Racheal Scratch	14	14	7	9	44	This fascinating story covered election results, but was definitely First Nation coverage, as in-depth coverage of an unlikely event exposed issues with the newly-minted FNEA.
Selkirk Journal -Hudson returns to familiar position as Peguis chief - Brook Jones	8	10	6	4	28	
Selkirk Record - Housing initiative helps family's dream come true - Maggie Wysocki	13	12	9	8	42	Great look at all angles of a story, from direct involvement of a family and zooming out to the housing program, with its goods and bads
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Unity Ride leaves a trail of healing - Marcie Harrison	13	11	8	7	31	
Steinbach Carillon - Alexander elected as new Roseau chief - Jordan Ross	12	12	6	6	36	
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Warren Elementary students celebrate indigenous culture - Natasha Tersigni	11	9	7	5	32	
Swan Valley Star and Times - Sharing culture through music - Danielle Gordon-Broome	10	10	7	6	33	
The Pas Opasquia Times - Walk of hope brings out tears; painful memories, hope Trevor Wright	11	8	7	6	32	
Virden Empire-Advance - Pow Wow to the Max - Carrie Williams	11	6	10	6	33	
Winkler Times - Sharing Ojibwa history in Winkler - Greg Vandermeulen	12	11	7	6	36	
Winnipeg - The Herald - Hoping the message sticks - Sheldon Bruce	12	12	7	6	37	
Winnipeg - The Lance - Windsor Park Collegiate holds day of reconciliation Simon Fuller	9	10	6	6	31	
Winnipeg - The Metro - On Motherhood and MMIW - Alana Trachenko	12	11	8	7	38	
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Bonds and spirits that will never break Danielle Da Silva	13	12	7	7	39	
Winnipeg - The Times - Using art to talk about '60s Scoop - Ligia Braidotti	11	11	6	6	34	

Best Habitat Conservation Story

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total	Comments
	15pts	15pts	10pts	10pts	50 pts	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - A new CEO, new era for PVWC - Lori Penner	9	8	7	6	30	
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Province larvicide funding evaporates Mark T. Buss	6	10	7	7	30	
Boissevain Recorder - 60 years ago, August 1957 torrential downpour, havoc to crops, roads and homes - Paul Rayner	13	14	8	9	44	Excellent research into a flooding issue affecting residents, especially farmers. Along with providing excellent background to a current issue, Paul Rayner's reporting shows just how important storm planning is as well as what a well-researched story can bring to readers. The time and effort put into this story, as well as the historical story from the same newspaper earns it a very close second place.
Carmen Valley Leader - Boyne-Morris Watershed project well into second phase: create the plan - Emily Stobbe-Wiebe	9	8	6	6	29	
Dauphin Herald - Intermountain Conservation District celebrates two decades - M.A. Nyquist	6	6	5	4	21	
Erickson South Mountain Press -Support growing in battle against Zebra Mussels - Candy Irwin	11	11	8	7	37	
Gimli Express Weekly News - Nature conservancy of Canada purchases land in RM of Gimli - Patricia Barrett	10	9	8	7	34	
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Lake Winnipeg advocacy group moving on many fronts - Jim Mosher	12	12	6	7	37	
Killarney Guide - Breathing life back into Pelican Lake - Kim Langen	14	14	8	9	45	We sure love our water don't we? And yet lakeside communities across the country are facing this challenging issue of algae blooms in the lakes we love so much. This story shows there actually is something that can be done to fix the problem, created by humans, and it just takes some creative thinking. Hopefully readers of this story will take a more proactive measure to ensure they can continue to use their lake, which is starting to get some life back thanks to a couple of "mavericks." Kudos to Kim Langen.
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Goudney Reservoir Re-purposed - Susan Peterson	9	14	7	6	36	
Rivers Banner - Five-year project officially opened - Sheila Runions	9	11	5	5	30	
Selkirk Record - Tour sheds light on 'tragic' state of Netley-Libau March Justin Luschinski	13	12	5	7	37	
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - UARCD awarded \$229,000 grant Marcie Harrison	9	10	7	5	31	
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Producing luscious gardens - Natasha Tersigni	9	9	8	6	32	
Swan Valley Star and Times - The eagle has landed - Jeremy Bergen	13	13	7	8	41	
Winkler Morden Voice - Students lend a hand cleaning up - Lorne Stelmach	13	11	7	6	37	
Winnipeg - The Lance - Visions of a teaching garden growing on the greenway - Simon Fuller	10	11	6	7	34	
Winnipeg - The Metro - Beer tastes better at the lake - Alana Trachenko	12	9	5	6	32	
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Grants fund water research - Danielle Da Silva	9	9	7	6	31	
Winnipeg - The Times - West St. Paul approaches potable water goal - Ligia Braidotti	13	13	8	9	43	Water. It's going to become even more important of an issue as the years progress, so it's no surprise that the top two stories in this category are water-related. This potable water story shows how much a population can affect water quality and availability. This concise story shows the costs, benefits, need for clean water.

Best Health Story

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total
	15pts	15pts	10pts	10pts	50 pts
Altona Red River Valley Echo - The path to forgiveness and recovery - Lori Penner	14	13	7	9	43
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Lac Du Bonnet PCH off the table - Mark T. Buss	10	12	7	6	35
Boissevain Recorder- Boissevain fights to prevent closure of EMS station - Paul Rayner	11	12	6	7	36
Dauphin Herald - Grandview residents organizing to fight EMS plans - Shawn Bailey	9	10	5	6	30
Deloraine Times & Star - Provincial healthcare delivery undergoing major change - Judy Wells	7	8	5	4	24
Erickson South Mountain Press - Facing fight of his life - Candy Irwin	11	11	8	8	38
Gimli Express Weekly News - Riverton ambulance station closure due to low volume - Patricia Barrett	10	11	9	6	36
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Modern new hospital a boon to a growing Selkirk and region - Jim Mosher	7	10	6	5	28
Gimli Interlake Spectator - Blue Circle campaign supports Diabetes Canada, kicks off in Gimli - Juliet Kadzviti	6	7	8	3	24
Headingley - The Headliner - Providing treatment care through the years - Andrea Geary	9	10	6	6	31
Killarney Guide - Heart attack victim saved by friends - Kim Langen	13	12	8	8	41
Minnedosa Tribune - Clinic Groundbreaking - Hillary Miller	9	9	7	7	32
Neepawa Banner - Gladstone worried about health care future - Eoin Devereux	8	8	6	6	28
Roblin Review - Clinic needs more patients - Ed Doering	7	9	6	6	28
Russell Banner - Protect yourself and others from the flu - Jessica Fouillard	6	6	7	4	23
Selkirk Journal - Bringing awareness to mental health - Brook Jones	7	8	5	6	26
Selkirk Record - Finding healing in nature - Lindsay Enns	11	10	8	10	39
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week -Getting down to the delivery of health care - Marcie Harrison	12	11	8	9	40
Steinbach Carillon - Southeast participants make impact on island - Dave Baxter	8	8	5	5	26
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Advocating for equitable access to disability tax credit - Jennifer McFee	12	11	8	9	40
Swan Valley Star and Times - Harnessing the healing power of song - Danielle Gordon-Broome	13	12	7	10	42
The Pas Opasquia Times - Bringing family health and continuity of care to OCN - trevor Wright	9	9	6	6	30
Virden Empire-Advance - Public consultation on wait times - Anne Davison	10	11	7	6	34
Winkler Morden Voice - Free hearing aids change the lives of Winkler-Morden recipients - Ashleigh Viveiros	11	10	8	9	38
Winkler Times - Sledge hockey for Spina Bifida - Greg Vandermeulen	12	11	7	9	39
Winnipeg - The Herald - Residents fight to save ER's life - Sheldon Bruce	9	7	8	6	30
Winnipeg - The Lance - Walk keeping hope alive step by step - Simon Fuller	12	12	8	8	40
Winnipeg - The Metro - Reconnecting after caregiving - Alana Trachenko	12	11	9	8	40
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Clinic closure causing worry for clients - Danielle Da Silva	9	10	7	7	33

Best Historical Story

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total	Comments
	15pts	15pts	10pts	10pts	50 pts	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - The Flood of the Century ... us - Lori Penner	10	11	8	8	37	
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - History comes alive in Elma - Arlene Davidson	10	10	7	9	36	
Boissevain Recorder- 150 Facts about Boissevain - Paul Rayner	10	10	8	7	35	
Carmen Valley Leader - Boyne Lodge looks back ... - Emily Distefano	6	8	6	5	25	
Dauphin Herald - Prayer stick a Fort Dauphin treasure - M.A. Nyquist	13	12	8	9	42	Really enjoyed how the writer took a single museum piece and really made it come to life with the story of the people behind it. Also nicely done were the connections to the broader story of what was happening to the people on the historical and political front. Anchored the story in its place in history. Well done.
Deloraine Times & Star - Local War brides share their story - Judy Wells	8	8	7	5	28	
Erickson South Mountain Press - Bringing valour back home - Maggie Ross	11	11	8	8	38	
Flin Flon Reminder - When Flin Flon's skyline stopped smoking - Jonathon Naylor	11	10	8	9	38	
Gimli Express Weekly News - 200th Anniversary of Peguis Selkirk Treaty - Patricia Barrett	10	11	8	9	38	
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Gimli celebrates opening of 'Glider' exhibit - Roger Newman	7	9	6	8	30	
Headingley - The Headliner - 25 years of community reporting - Andrea Geary	6	7	7	2	22	
Killarney Guide - Perfect day to lay down historic elevator - Kim Langen	6	7	5	3	21	
Manitou The Western Canadian - A soldier's Pay Book - George Adams	12	12	8	8	40	Illuminates a small piece of history that many Canadians are likely unaware of. I didn't know anything about paybooks. Really liked how such a small item was able to completely resurrect one soldier's story.
Minnedosa Tribune - 1987:Downtown Fire Leaves Residents Homeless - Darryl Holyk	6	7	4	4	21	
Morden Times -McClung houses move to new home - Lauren MacGill	6	6	5	4	21	
Neepawa Banner & Press - Most essential military action - Kate Jackman-Atkinson	11	10	8	5	34	
Neepawa Press - A senior's story: Merv Drayson - Wayne Hildebrand	5	5	5	5	20	
Rivers Banner - Canada's first North American Started in rivers - Sheila Runions	8	7	6	5	26	
Selkirk Record - Lockport dig unearths new clues - Lindsey Enns	8	10	8	8	34	
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week -Not your average watering hole - Darrell Nesbitt	8	10	6	7	31	
Souris Plaindealer - Breathing new life into old church ... - Darci Semeschuk	7	8	6	7	28	
Steinbach Carillon - Midwinter School centennial celebrated - Jordan Ross	6	7	5	5	23	
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Sharing history of the Hungarian partridge - Jennifer McFee	6	6	5	7	24	
Swan Valley Star and Times - Back on the road again - Jakki Lumax	8	9	5	7	29	
The Pas Opasquia Times -Hotel was a landmark and customers were family - Trent Allen	9	9	8	7	33	
Virden Empire-Advance - A Virden Story of Forgiveness - Heather Reimer	11	11	8	9	39	Liked the contrast of this small piece of local history that's almost eclipsed by the bigger, more flamboyant police story. It was nicely handled and made you realize that for the people involved, this story is, in it's own way, was just as big.
Winkler Morden Voice - PTM putting finishing touches on Braun House - Lorne Stelmach	7	8	5	5	25	
Winkler Times - A Rocha explores history of Pembina Valley - Lauren MacGill	9	10	7	8	34	
Winnipeg - The Herald - The Herald celebrates 100 years - Sheldon Bruce	7	8	5	2	22	
Winnipeg - The Lance - Twin heroes' story coming to light - Simon Fuller	10	10	5	8	33	
Winnipeg - The Metro - Celebrating 60 seasons at the Downs - Alana Trachenko	7	7	7	6	27	
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - End of an era - Danielle Da Silva	9	9	7	7	32	
Winnipeg - The Times - Flora Place honours David Sanders - Ligia Braidotti	6	8	6	6	26	

Best In-House Ad

Newspaper	Advertising Design	Layout	Idea	Impact	Total	Comments
	25 pts	25 pts	25 pts	25 pts	100 pts	
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Custom Printing & Design by the Clipper - Kim MacAulay	20	20	20	20	80	Ad is busy, yellow in background is too much.
Boissevain Recorder- Give gift of News - Christie Paskewitz-Smith	20	21	18	23	82	Great way to remind people to buy a subscription.
Carberry News Express - Catch a BIG audience REEL quick Kathy Carr	16	16	18	20	70	Word placement makes it hard to figure the sentence out easily, so the message gets lost.
Dauphin Herald - This is one way to advertise your business. We have a better way - Jeff Gilroy	22	20	24	23	89	Love this! My only critique is that it's a bit busy, the bottom almost competes with the top, and it may be more effective as two ads.
Flin Flon Reminder - Got a business? - Valerie Durnin	20	20	20	16	76	Stats in the banner, and newspaper name & contact at the bottom would create a better flow. Contact info is missing from the ad.
Headingley Headliner - The prime times for people in the prime of their lives - Debbie Wilson	23	21	18	18	80	A top border to separate from the above items would make it easier to read and make a visual separation.
Killarney Guide - Commercial Printing - Wendy Johnston	18	18	18	20	74	The addition of a horizontal bar of sample photos would be great. Photos speak louder than words.
Neepawa Banner & Press - Do you have a Large print job? - Diane Warner	20	20	18	18	76	The white outline on the text can make it hard to read if the printing is out of registration.
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Shop Local - Katie McInnes	22	20	18	20	80	Good idea, text on photos is too small to read. Would be good to add the business and person's names.
Portage Herald Leader - Put digital marketing to work for your business - Lisa Sylvester	21	18	18	20	77	The border around contact info makes it feel like a separate ad. Try putting "Get started today" into an arrow or banner instead.
Russell Banner - They are running into burning buildings while you are running out - Pauline Snyder	20	17	19	18	74	The sample could be moved to the bottom left corner to allow for larger/better spaced text.
Selkirk Record - Pets of the Year showdown - Lucy Kowalchuk	21	21	20	21	83	Great way to get readers involved in two ways, with entries and then again with voting. Good work!
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - To our valued readers Ryan Nesbitt	15	20	20	20	75	Needed a bit more creativity as an ad, even the addition of the logo and an newspaper in the background.
Steinbach Carillon - Thinking about finding a new home Janet Begalke-Smith	23	23	20	22	88	Nice clean, modern design. Very nice. It's simple, but effective. Great work.
Swan Valley Star and Times - They grow up so fast Danielle Gordon-Broome	23	22	20	18	83	Not crazy about the choice of wording. I suggest "piece of home" or "link to home" or "stay connected to home". Love the photo, and concept.
The Pas Opasquia Times - Print: the original social media Keith Paquette	20	20	18	18	76	Cool idea! Border is cut off on right side. Might use this in my paper too!
Virden Empire-Advance - Act now, save BIG - Candice McLaughlan	23	21	22	21	87	Nice clean ad. Very easy to read, not too busy. Very eye catching.
Winnipeg The Herald - Did you know? - Debbie Wilson	20	21	16	16	73	The words "Did you know" could be smaller, and the "We also offer" bigger. That's the main reason for the ad.
Winnipeg The Lance - Canstar Ad, Did you know the community papers reach 202,300 homes every Wednesday? - Debbie Wilson	20	21	20	16	77	A family reading the paper would be a better compliment to the ad, making it more impactful.
Winnipeg The Metro - Winnipeg's Metro newspaper since 1973! Debbie Wilson	23	20	20	18	81	Contact info in the ad would be helpful.
Winnipeg The Sou'wester - Canstar Community Newspapers wish all ... a safe holiday season - Debbie Wilson	17	20	20	18	75	Wording should be "who" instead of "that", thoughts should be kept together on the same line.
Winnipeg The Times - Canstar Day at the Races, Join us for Canada Day - Debbie Wilson	22	22	18	18	80	Is CanStar Day just a day sponsored by Canstar? Wording should say join us as we sponsor the races or something. As an outsider I didn't get it. Add the Canstar logo. Nice looking ad.

Best Local Editorial on a Business Topic

Newspaper	Insight	Originality	Quality of Writing	Relevance to local economy, and/or demonstrates that a national issue has an impact on the local economy	Total	Comments
	15 pts	15 pts	10 pts	10 pts	50 pts	
Dauphin Herald - Local support - Shawn Bailey	10	8	8	8	34	
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Gimli must implement inventive ideas Roger Newman	14	14	8	10	46	Many different ideas weaved together in a very enjoyable read.
Neepawa Banner - Inequity needs a solution - Kate Jackman-Atkinson	13	12	8	9	42	Ties different levels of government together well in an engaging opinion piece.
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - TD Canada Trust to Close in Pilot Mound Susan Peterson	12	11	7	9	39	
Rivers Banner - Garbage and recycling has to see new approaches Ken Waddell	12	11	8	8	39	
Roblin Review - Pipe Dreams - Ed Doering	10	9	7	7	33	
Selkirk Record - Filming in Selkirk 'a wonderful experience' for TV producer Lindsay Enns	0	0	0	0	0	Not an editorial
Steinbach Carillon - Bell MTS puts damper on hope - Grant Burr	13	12	10	9	44	Strong writing in a concise, clear and effective editorial.
Swan Valley Star and Times - Minimum wage; Minimum impact Daneielle Gordon-Broome	10	11	7	7	35	
The Pas Opasquia Times -Print is where it is at - Trevor Allen	10	12	8	7	37	

Best News Story

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total	Comments
	15 pts	15 pts	10 pts	10 pts	50 pts	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Gretna to open shelter ... - Lori Penner	12	13	7	7	39	
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - BBDC questions Town of Beausejour's tactics ... Mark T. Buss	9	7	5	8	29	
Boissevain Recorder- Budget constraints make flooding relief difficult - Paul Rayner	12	9	5	7	33	
Carmen Valley Leader - ... worst emergency in decades - Emily Distefano	14	10	6	5	35	
Dauphin Herald - Mayor dies suddenly ... - M.A. Nyquist and Shawn Bailey	14	9	5	6	34	
Deloraine Times & Star - Municipal Public Hearing draws large crowd - Judy Wells	11	10	1	5	27	
Erickson South Mountain Press - Ready for rollout - Vern May	8	9	8	8	33	
Flin Flon Reminder - Dog beating reflects broader problem - Jonathon Naylor	15	13	9	9	46	Impactful and well-written. The main subject of the story is thorough with lots of detail, and the reporter shows initiative to investigate other angles and provide other useful information.
Gimli Express Weekly News - Gimli Coast Guard rescues children - Patricia Barrett	13	13	9	8	43	
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Poorly constructed resolution on Coast Guard building dumped by Gimli council - Jim Mosher	12	8	5	4	29	
Gimli interlake Spectator - Gimli says 'not yet' to cannabis retailers - Twyla Siple	6	7	6	3	22	
Headingley - The Headliner - River watch continues ... - Andrea Geary	13	12	7	8	40	
Killarney Guide - Local farmer rescues stranded blizzard victims - twice! Kim Langen	14	14	7	10	45	Enjoyable read. The reporter gathered interesting pieces of detail to really create a good story out of what could have been just a straight news article.
Minnedosa Tribune -Town Paying \$700,000.00 Back to Husky	12	10	4	4	30	
Morden Times -Officer honoured for tactical team creation - Greg Vandermeulen	10	11	5	3	29	
Neepawa Banner - This is what Neepawa is about - Eoin Devereux	14	11	6	6	37	
Neepawa Press - Budz 'n Blook looking to grow - Eoin Devereux	7	12	5	5	29	
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - ... Open? Closed? - Susan Peterson	12	5	5	8	30	
Roblin Review - Ratepayers association forms - Ed Doering	11	10	6	7	34	
Russell Banner - Boryskavich wins three Olympic medals! - Racheal Scratch	13	8	2	7	30	
Selkirk Journal - Three dead in shooting near East Selkirk home - Adam Peleshaty	12	7	8	3	30	
Selkirk Record - 'We will miss them tremendously,' neighbour says - Scott Billeck	13	12	7	6	38	
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - All hands on deck on Birtle - Marcie Harrison	12	9	5	5	31	
Souris Plaindealer - Committing to Kids Cancer Ride is an epic challenge	10	9	3	4	26	
Steinbach Carillon - Emerson responds to refugee influx - Jordan Ross	14	14	6	9	43	
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Local heros - Jennifer McFee	13	11	8	7	39	
Swan Valley Star and Times - Ice jam causes river to rise - Danielle Gordon-Broome	13	8	6	6	33	
The Pas Opasquia Times - Chase the Chill chased ... - Trent Allen	10	13	5	8	36	
Virten Empire-Advance - Smoke and sorrow in the air - Anne Davison	14	11	6	5	36	
Winkler Morden Voice - Loss as adult day care end - Lorne Stelmach	11	10	8	6	35	
Winkler Times - Cities object to rural development plan - Greg Vandermeulen	10	13	9	5	37	
Winnipeg - The Herald - Keeping the 'park' in the Park City - Sheldon Bruce	11	10	7	8	36	
Winnipeg - The Lance - St. Boniface residents concerned about soil - Simon Fuller	10	11	6	6	33	
Winnipeg - The Metro - Art City sees massive support - Alana Trachenko	10	7	6	5	28	
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Operation Ezra welcomes more Yazidi newcomers - Danielle Da Silva	13	13	9	9	44	Strong writing, several voices in the story and a good balance between telling the local story and placing it into the bigger picture.
Winnipeg - The Times - Opposed to new police station site - Ligia Braidotti	12	13	7	6	38	

Best Photo Essay

Newspaper	Quality of Content	Layout and Design	Impact	Originality and Forethought	Total
	20 pts	10 pts	10 pts	10 pts	50 pts
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Pro Rodeo makes annual Morris Stop - Cassidy Dankochik	15	6	7	7	35
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - 55th Canadian Power Toboggan Championships - Darryl Gershman	15	6	7	7	35
Boissevain Recorder- Celebrating 150 years of Canada - Anna Latimer	15	7	8	7	37
Carberry News Express - Carberry's 134th Fair and Races, Manitoba's Largest Small Town Fair! - Kathy Carr	15	8	7	6	36
Carmen Valley Leader - Roland Pumpkin Fair celebrates Fall - Emily Distefano	14	7	7	6	34
Dauphin Herald - Chamber of Commerce celebrates Taking it to the streets - Shawn Bailey	16	8	7	6	37
Deloraine Times & Star - Deloraine Colts softball team - Judy Wells	15	6	7	6	34
Gimli Express Weekly News - Gimli celebrates Canada 150 festivities on the harbour - Emily Caumartin	16	6	8	6	36
Killarney Guide - A few great moments in Killarney at Canada 150 - Jay Struth & Garry Struth	15	6	7	6	34
Morden Times - Corn & Apple Festival Parade - Joel Nickel & Lauren MacGill	14	6	7	6	33
Neepawa Banner - Gladstone's Bullmania thrills the crowd - Diane Warner	16	7	8	7	38
Neepawa Press - Provincials a home run for Neepawa - Eoin Devereux	14	5	6	6	31
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Clearwater \$-H Beef Club Achievement - Nancy Holman	15	7	7	6	35
Roblin Review - Show Day at the KPM - Ed Doering	14	6	7	6	33
Selkirk Journal - Christmas wishes - Brook Jones	12	5	5	5	27
Selkirk Record - Lambing season underway - Lindsay Enns	15	7	7	7	36
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week -Welcome to the Fair - Darrell Nesbitt & Ryan Nesbitt	15	8	7	6	36
Souris Plaindealer - Ice, flooding, roads washed out - Debbie Butler	13	5	5	5	28
Steinbach Carillon - Southeast remembers - Dave Baxter, Grant Burr, Jordan Ross	11	6	7	6	30
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Sip, savour and socialize - Jo-Anne Procter	15	7	7	7	36
Swan Valley Star and Times - Solar Eclipse - Danielle Gordon-Broome and Jeremy Bergen	15	7	7	8	37
The Pas Opasquia Times - Opaskwayak Indian Days 2017 - Trevor Wright	14	6	8	7	35
Virden Empire-Advance - Canupawakpa Pow Wow - Carrie Williams & Candice McLaughlan	17	9	7	8	41
Winkler Morden Voice - Spending a day in the trenches - Ashleigh Viveiros	16	8	7	6	37
Winkler Times - Winkler Harvest Festival - Lauren MacGill & Greg Vandermeulen	14	6	7	6	33
Winnipeg - The Herald - Feeding the neighbourhood - Sheldon Bruce	13	6	7	6	32
Winnipeg - The Lance - Prime Minister visits the Y on Fermor - Simon Fuller	15	6	6	6	33
Winnipeg - The Metro - Tamil Pavillion - Alana Trachenko	18	8	8	8	42
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Pride Winnipeg marks 30 years - Danielle Da Silva	15	6	7	6	34
Winnipeg - The Times - Fort Garry Horse march in St. John's - Ligia Braidotti	15	7	7	7	36

Best Special Section

Newspaper	Quality of Written Content	Layout/ Design	Originality/ Creativity	Quality of Photo Content	Local Advertising content	Total	Comments
	25 pts	25 pts	20 pts	15 pts	15 pts	100 pts	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Blue Sky Opportunities - Grand Opening	17	18	17	13	15	80	Great section. Nice way to create some revenue and welcome a new business to the community.
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Celebrating 100 years	19	20	18	12	15	84	Great job making it look like an old paper! Love the theme.
Boissevain Record - Canada 150	17	17	17	11	15	77	Love the now and then photos & 150 facts.
Dauphin Herald - National Aboriginal Day	22.5	19	18	12	15	86.5	Love the cover! Love the cut out photo on page 2. Adding a page header would make the pages more creative in design and layout.
Flin Flon Reminder - G2S 2017 - Homecoming section	18	17	17	12	15	79	I love involving the kids and inclusion of a contest. Layout could be more creative, use a background image or colour to make pages more dynamic.
Gimli Express - Grad 2017	21	15	15	15	15	81	Best photos out of all entries for "Special section". Great keepsake.
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Remembrance Day	17	23	18	14	15	87	Great section! Love the use of images in the background, great stories, and creative placement of the photos. And it's all supported by a good amount of advertising. Great job!
Headingley Headliner - Prime Times - Retirement section	19	21	17	12	15	84	Good stories! I like the use of the colour in the background.
Neepawa Banner - Celebrating National Trucking Week	22	20	17	12	15	86	Great section! Good stories with lots of ads. Nice photos too! Love the page headers.
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Small Business Week	21	17	10	12	15	75	Cover is great, but then isn't carried through the rest of the section.
Rivers Banner - Visit of Lt. Gov. Janice Filmon	23	16	10	14	0	63	Using imagery in the background as a watermark/at the tops/sides of the page would add dynamics and create interest.
Roblin Review - Winter is Wonderful	21	16	16	15	15	83	Great way to celebrate & embrace our long winter season. No one should have anything to complain about with so many things to do.
Russell Banner - Remembrance Day section	17	17	15	12	15	76	Great idea! Our veterans are heroes! Nice section.
Selkirk Record - Grad	20	17	16	15	15	83	Love the large photos & glossy paper. Nice profiles of some students too. Nice keepsake!
Steinback Carillion - Wedding anniversary album 2017	12	12	12	12	15	63	Some creativity with the layout would add more dynamic to the page.
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Canada 150	0	18	18	12	15	63	No explanation is included about the photos. Are they just a random 150 people? People who have moved to the community, people who have made significant contributions for the community?
Swan Valley Star & Times - From the Ground up	17	19	17	12	15	80	Good business profiles, but there's no explanation as to how those businesses were chosen to profile. Some didn't have ads in the section, while others did.
The Pas Opasquia Times - From the Ground up	16	16	16	10	15	73	Too bad your header and front cover images printed low res! Great section.
Virden Empire-Advance - Rodeo & Wild West Daze	17	18	16	13	15	79	Great stories and ads. Layout is very boxed - Have fun with the layout!
Winkler Morden Voice - National Female Hockey Championship	19	18	16	12	15	80	Good stories to explain the event to your readers! Nice big photos, but more freedom with the layout would make the pages more interesting.
Winnipeg The Herald - Community Homes	18	17	16	10	15	76	Good mix of local and "canned" copy. No local photos?
Winnipeg The Lance - Prime Times - Retirement	21	20	16	13	15	85	Great local stories, with nice local photos to support. Good ad designs, nice layout. Great section!
Winnipeg The Metro - Happy 150 Canada	19	18	17	10	15	79	Great stories, but watch page numbering with continuing stories. Missing photo credits or captions.
Winnipeg the Sou'wester - Education	21	18	16	8	15	78	No local photos. Good messages in ads. Good local angle on stories.
Winnipeg The Times - Holiday wishes and songs 2017	15	23	18	0	15	71	Love your layout in this section. The addition of a local Christmas concert photo, or letters to Santa, would increase the marks. No local story content.

Best Sports Photo

Newspaper	Quality of Content	News and Feature Value	Impact	Originality	Total
	20 pts	15 pts	10 pts	5 pts	50 pts
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Sunshine and good times at 2017 MSF (bike and person flying through air) - Lori Penner	17	11	7	3	38
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Beausejour's Jordan Sobetski falls off his sled in the junior competition (#24) Darryl Gershman	16	11	7	3	37
Boissevain Recorder- Levi Nadlersmith leads visually impaired skier Jesse Bachinsky around the track - Anna Latimer	16	11	5	3	35
Carberry News Express - Keanan McLaren tries to tag the runner out at third base during the game in Carberry on Friday, August 18 - Kathy Carr	17	12	10	4	43
Carmen Valley Leader - Pro Rodeo makes Morris stop - Cassidy Dankochik	16	11	7	3	37
Dauphin Herald - A bull rider is in for a hard landing after getting bucked off during the bull riding event at the Gilbert Plains rodeo, Saturday - Doug Zywina	16	11	7	3	37
Deloraine Times & Star - Lucas Maddess winds up to deliver a pitch - Judy Wells	14	10	6	3	33
Erickson South Mountain Press - No guts, no glory - Darrell Nesbitt	16	10	7	3	36
Gimli Express Weekly News - Interlake Blue Jays' catcher Bennan Cheasley tags out a Sultan's player - Lana Meier	16	13	7	3	39
Killarney Guide - Top flight - Curt Struth	17	12	7	3	39
Morden Times - Track Stars compete - Lauren MacGill	17	12	8	3	40
Neepawa Banner - A need for speed - Diane Warner	18	10	8	4	40
Neepawa Press - Scoring a place in the playoffs - Martin Warner	16	13	8	4	41
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Play Ball - Susan Peterson	18	13	10	5	46
Roblin Review - Mighty Blast - Ed Doering	15	10	6	3	34
Selkirk Journal - Dear attack - Brook Jones	16	12	7	4	39
Selkirk Record - 2017 Rodeo was jam packed with fun and excitement (flying off of a bull) - Robert E Wilson	19	14	10	5	48
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - No Easy Feat - Darrell Nesbitt	18	13	9	4	44
Souris Plaindealer - Souris Sabres High School hockey - Debbie Butler	10	9	4	2	25
Steinbach Carillon - Sultans' season comes to an end - Terry Frey	16	11	8	4	39
Stonewall Argus & Teulon Times - Human Strength - Brook Jones	14	10	7	3	34
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Blue Jays to battle Carillon in MJBL playoffs - Lana Meier	16	12	8	4	40
Swan Valley Star and Times - Rugby Action - Danielle Gordon-Broome	16	11	8	4	39
The Pas Opasquia Times - Celebrate the good times - Trevor Wright	14	10	7	3	34
Winkler Morden Voice - Ride 'em, cowboy - Rick Hiebert	18	14	10	5	47
Winkler Times - Taking that leap - Lauren MacGill	15	10	6	3	34
Winnipeg - The Lance - Jeanne-Sauve wins provincial volleyball title - Simon Fuller	15	13	5	2	35

Best Sports Story

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total
	15 pts	15 pts	10 pts	10 pts	50 pts
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Training centre officially re-opened in Morris - Braedon Thiessen	10	10	7	4	31
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - New Queens crowned - Mark T. Buss	11	11	8	5	35
Carberry News Express - Calvert Helps Koreans Prepare for Olympics - Gladwyn Scott	8	8	6	4	26
Carmen Valley Leader - A banner year for Carmen Collegiate athletes - Emily Distefano	12	12	8	8	40
Dauphin Herald - Long-time scout has seen it all with the Kings - Doug Zywina	14	14	9	9	46
Deloraine Times & Star - Morrison inducted into Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame - Judy Wells	10	9	6	6	31
Erickson South Mountain Press - Onanole man inducted in Judo Hall of Fame - Candy Irwin	10	10	7	6	33
Flin Flon Reminder - A boy and his need for speed - Eric Westhaver	12	11	7	7	37
Gimli Express Weekly News - Female players skating to Boston Shamrocks' program - Brian Bowman	10	11	7	7	35
Gimli interlake Enterprise - Hans Wuthrich heading to third Olympic games - Roger Newman	11	12	8	7	38
Headingley - The Headliner - Sweet science added to the curriculum - Andrea Geary	10	10	7	6	33
Killarney Guide - Magwood and Team Canada take silver in Kazakhstan - Kim Langen	11	11	7	7	36
Neepawa Banner - Welcome to the Hall of Fame - Soin Devereux	9	10	7	6	32
Neepawa Press - Helping kids to hit the ice - Eoin Devereux	9	11	8	6	34
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Charlie and the Lefty's Glove - Nancy Holman	12	11	8	8	39
Roblin Review - Habs pick Josh - Ed Doering	8	10	6	6	30
Russell Banner - Fun, fitness and fundamentals - Racheal Scratch	10	10	7	6	33
Selkirk Record - Playing junior hockey? Better get dental insurance - Brian Bowman	12	12	8	8	40
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Nuir named Hockey Canada Ambassador - Robin Wark	12	14	9	9	44
Souris Plaindealer - Remembering Number "9" - Darci Semeschuk	11	12	8	8	39
Steinbach Carillon - Concussions end Koga's hockey career - Terry Frey	12	12	7	8	39
Stonewall Argus & Teulon Times - Blue Jays slay Giants, fly to WSBL championship - Adam Peleshaty	10	10	7	7	34
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Junior Thunder knock off Nomads in league final - Brian Bowman	9	10	7	7	33
Swan Valley Star and Times - Born with a heart for running - Jeremy Bergen	13	13	8	9	43
The Pas Opasquia Times -One of the greatest seasons of all - Trent Allen	10	10	6	8	34
Virden Empire-Advance - Robin's Review - Robin Wark	11	11	7	7	36
Winkler Morden Voice - Curling Across the Nation makes a stop in Winkler - Ashleigh Viveiros	11	10	7	8	36
Winkler Times - GVC player makes Team Manitoba - Greg Van	10	11	7	7	35
Winnipeg - The Herald - KEC Reivers gaining ground - Sheldon Bruce	9	11	7	8	35
Winnipeg - The Lance - Ahead of the game - Simon Fuller	11	12	8	8	39
Winnipeg - The Metro - Raiders girls upset varsity basketball championship - Alana Trachenko	10	10	7	7	34
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Compelling performance - Danielle Da Silva	11	11	7	7	36
Winnipeg - The Times - Frostbitten refugee named WASPS captain - Ligia Braidotti	12	11	7	8	38

Best Spot News Photo

Newspaper	Quality of Content	News and Feature Value	Impact	Originality	Total	Comments
	20 pts	15 pts	10 pts	5 pts	50 pts	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Century of history goes up in smoke Cassidy Dankochik	15	12	8	4	39	
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Schreyer Barn finds new home Mel Stefaniuk	15	10	7	3	35	
Boissevain Recorder- Cemetery tour - Anna Latimer	16	10	7	4	37	
Carberry News Express - Carberry Cat Rescue - Kathy Carr	15	10	7	4	36	
Deloraine Times & Star - Danny Cameron's track hoe in the Medora Creek - Judy Wells	18	13	8	4	43	Very good capture of track hoe falling through the ice
Erickson South Mountain Press - Dancing to the Top - Cindy Murray	17	11	8	4	40	
Killarney Guide - Annex demolition a spectator event - Jay Struth	15	12	7	4	38	
Manitou The Western Canadian - Accident Closes Highway Between La Riviere & Manitou - Grant Howatt	14	11	7	4	36	
Morden Times - STARS called to highway crash - Joel Nickel	14	10	8	4	36	
Neepawa Banner - Roof collapses in Kelwood - John Drinkwater	15	12	8	4	39	
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - I'm Gonna Buy a Harley!" Susan Peterson	10	11	7	4	32	
Roblin Review - Could have been worse - Ed Doering	16	12	8	4	40	
Selkirk Journal - Fatal plane crash in RM of St. Andrews - Brook Jones	14	11	7	4	36	
Selkirk Record - Crew battle downtown blaze - Brett Mitchell	14	12	6	4	36	
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Ice chunks were broken up by man and machine as they jammed the Centre Street bridge in Birtle Darrell Nesbitt	16	11	7	4	38	
Souris Plaindealer - Hartney residents are saddened by the news that five of their historic buildings on East Railway Street suffered collapse due to heavy snowfall - Debbie Butler	14	11	7	4	36	
Steinbach Carillon - Every precious moment - Grant Burr	16	12	6	4	38	
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Flying free - Jo Anne Proctor	18	11	8	5	42	Great capture of bird in flight
Swan Valley Star and Times - Charred Remains - Jeremy Bergen	14	11	6	4	35	
The Pas Opasquia Times - A major setback, feeling the heat - Trent Allen	16	11	7	4	38	
Winkler Times - Stars responds to serious crash - Greg Vandermeulen	17	12	8	4	41	
Winnipeg - The Lance - Collision shuts down busy intersection in St. Vital - Simon Fuller	16	11	7	4	38	
Winnipeg - The Times - Cody Severight's friends and family gathered at the place of collision to pay homage for his life - Ligia Braidotti	18	13	8	5	44	Good capture of the anger & frustration of the aboriginal community

Best Tourism Story

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Scope & Excellence of Content	Style	Detail	Total	Comments
	15 pts	15 pts	10 pts	10 pts	50 pts	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Vincent would have been proud - Lori Penner	11	10	7	8	36	Interesting story - lede could have used the quote "I think Van Gogh would have loved it" similar to headline.
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Groups prepare for Great Trail celebration - Arlene Davidson	6	6	4	5	21	
Boissevain Recorder- Don Vitko's cacti collection - a fantastic tale - Paul Rayner	8	7	5	6	26	
Carmen Valley Leader - Town of Carmen happy to host film shoot - Emily Distefano	12	10	7	8	37	Thank you for looking at a tourism issue - economic development and tourism - the lede could have been stronger using one of the business people who were happy to see the film crew.
Dauphin Herald - RMNP, City of Dauphin formalize relationship with MOU - Shawn Bailey	6	6	4	6	22	
Erickson South Mountain Press -Phenomenal turnout at Western Days - Candy Irwin	6	6	5	5	22	
Flin Flon Reminder - CEO envisions northern success - Cynthia Bigrigg	10	9	8	7	34	
Gimli Express Weekly News - Couple brings dance hall back to life - Ligia Braidotti	10	9	7	7	33	Nice accompanying photo!
Gimli interlake Enterprise - Viking Lagacy park formally opened - Jim Mosher	7	6	5	6	24	
Headingley - The Headliner - Exhibit explores endangered species - Andrea Geary	10	8	7	7	32	
Killarney Guide - Vintage vehicles for a classic Broadway show - Kim Langen	8	6	6	6	26	
Manitou The Western Canadian - Nellie's Homes: The Official Opening - Kim Howatt	7	5	5	5	22	
Minnedosa Tribune - An Amazing Rockin' Weekend - Hillary Miller	7	5	5	5	22	
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Young bald eagle released at La Riviere's 6th Raptor Festival - Susan Peterson	7	6	5	6	24	
Roblin Review - Nothing but praise for event - Ed Doering	7	6	5	6	24	
Selkirk Record - Community comes together to create art on ice - Maggie Wysocki	9	7	7	7	30	
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Word is spreading about Kenworth Dam Darrell Nesbitt	10	8	6	7	31	
Steinbach Carillon - Poutine Trail seen as path to tourism growth - Dave Baxter	12	12	7	7	38	Great tourism idea - fun concept but the story could have been written in a lighter tone with more colourful language and quotes from people who love poutine to make it better.
Stonewall Argus & Teulon Times - Amy wins volunteer of the year award - Brook Jones	8	7	6	7	28	
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - I Am Festival aims for transformative experiences Jennifer McFee	9	7	6	6	28	
Swan Valley Star and Times - Rolling back up the hill - Danielle Gordon-Broome	6	6	4	6	22	
The Pas Opasquia Times - Artist; local students combine for vibrant mural - Trent Allen	11	10	7	7	35	
Winkler Morden Voice - CFDC app provides a new interactive experience Lorne Stelmach	13	10	8	8	39	A good story about tourism adapting, could have been better with comments from visitors - a little kid getting excited about it.
Winnipeg - The Lance - Prepare for a great gathering at Whittier Park - Simon Fuller	7	6	6	5	24	
Winnipeg - The Metro - The wonders of Manitoba - Alana Trachenko	8	6	6	7	27	
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Shoppers flock to mall for grand opening - Danielle Da Silva	7	5	6	5	23	
Winnipeg - The Times - Country connected by nature - Ligia Braidotti	9	6	6	7	28	

Better Communities

Newspaper	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total	Comments
	15 pts	15 pts	10 pts	10 pts	50 pts	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Ready to entertain kids - Lori Penner	9	11	7	6	33	
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Syrians settling in - Mel Stefaniuk	13	12	6	8	39	
Boissevain Recorder - Tour brings local history to life - Paul Rayner	12	13	6	6	37	
Carmen Valley Leader - StopGap ramps - Emily Distefano	12	9	7	7	35	
Dauphin Herald - Barber supporting Wounded Warriors - M.A. Nyquist	9	9	7	7	32	
Deloraine Times & Star - Auction raises over \$21,000 - Judy Wells	12	9	6	7	34	
Erickson South Mountain Press - Minnedosa Men's Shed - Vern May	8	9	7	6	30	
Flin Flon Reminder - Low rental vacancy challenge - Cynthia Bigrigg	13	13	7	7	40	
Gimli Express Weekly News - Syrian homecoming - Patricia Barrett	13	14	7	8	42	
Gimli Interlake Enterprise - Relay for Life fundraising - Jim Mosher	12	12	8	7	39	
Headingley - The Headliner - Rural firefighters play vital role - Andrea Geary	14	14	8	9	45	What's great about this piece is it highlights each fire department in a regional area and completes the information with statistics, comments, etc.
Killarney Guide - Foodgrains fervour overwhelms organizers - Kim Langen	14	13	9	7	43	
Minnedosa Tribune - Honouring Our Fire Brigade - Darryl Holyk	12	9	7	6	34	
Morden Times - Dr. Menzies named citizen of distinction - Lauren MacGill	9	9	6	7	31	
Neepawa Banner - This is what Neepawa is about - Eoin Devereux	13	14	8	8	43	
Neepawa Press - Students share a recipe for HOPE - Kate Jackman-Atkinson	12	11	7	6	36	
Rivers Banner - Rivers is a "great memory" - Sheila Runions	11	12	8	7	38	
Roblin Review - Big news for elevator row - Ed Doering	14	13	8	8	43	
Russell Banner - Even in small community, youth in need - Racheal Scratch	12	9	7	6	34	
Selkirk Journal - Citizens for a Safer Selkirk - Dave Baxter	12	13	8	8	41	
Selkirk Record - Helping Selkirk earn another 5 blooms - Lindsey Enns	11	11	8	6	36	
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - The tender gardener of Rosburn Marcie Harrison	14	14	9	9	46	It was extremely challenging to come up with a top three in this category but in the end the stories that outshined the others are ones that took that extra step in bringing a story together. A wonderful community piece with creative writing. Well done.
Souris Plaindealer - Ball diamond expansion on track - Darci Semeschuk	9	9	6	6	30	
Steinbach Carillon - Fundraising success - Adriana Mingo	13	14	9	7	43	
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Faraway friends - Jennifer McFee	13	13	8	8	42	
Swan Valley Star and Times - Walking in their shoes - Danielle Gordon-Broome	13	11	8	9	41	
The Pas Opasquia Times - Preserving local history - Trevor Wright	12	11	8	8	39	
Winkler Morden Voice - Local biz lend a hand - Ashleigh Viveiros	11	11	7	7	36	
Winkler Times - George Klassen named Citizen of the Year - Lauren MacGill	9	8	7	6	30	
Winnipeg - The Herald - Keeping up with popular fiction - Sheldon Bruce	11	10	7	7	35	
Winnipeg - The Lance - Dakota Field advocates refuse to give up Simon Fuller	14	13	8	9	44	It shows the challenge a community faces with a government shift and what a community, and a community newspaper can do to fix that. Quality reporting helped highlight a need and the community responded.
Winnipeg - The Metro - Youth stack the building blocks - Alana Trachenko	11	10	7	6	34	
Winnipeg - The Sou'wester - Providing rest for the weary - Danielle Da Silva	10	11	8	7	36	
Winnipeg - The Times - More engagement with community - Ligia Braidotti	9	9	8	6	32	

Photographer of the Year

Newspaper	Quality of Content	Layout and Design	Impact	Originality and Forethought	Total	Comments
	20 pts	15 pts	15 pts	10 pts	60 pts	
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Darryl Gershman	12	9	8	5	34	
Carberry News Express - Kathy Carr	6	3	2	2	13	
Carmen Valley Leader - Emily Distefano	18	15	13	10	56	Amazing rodeo shot - image is composed beautifully. Emily's work tells the story in impactful and original ways.
Dauphin Herald - Shawn Bailey	14	10	11.5	6	41.5	
Erickson South Mountain Press - Matthew Henry	8	3	3	3	17	
Gimli Express Weekly News - Patricia Barrett	13	9	9	5	36	
Killarney Guide - Jay Struth	12	8	7	5	32	
Morden Times - Lauren MacGill	8	4	3	3	18	
Neepawa Banner - John Drinkwater	11	6	7	6	30	
Neepawa Press - Diane Warner	9	5	5	3	22	
Pilot Mound Sentinel Courier - Susan Peterson	15	11	11	7	44	
Roblin Review - Ed Doering	14	10	12	6	42	
Selkirk Journal - Brook Jones	12	7	7.5	5	31.5	
Selkirk Record - Lindsey Enns	11	7	7	5	30	
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Darrell Nesbitt	10	5	5	5	25	
Souris Plaindealer - Debbie Butler	9	5	4	3	21	
Steinbach Carillon - Terry Frey	9	5	6	5	25	
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Natasha Tersigni	16	11	12	7	46	
Swan Valley Star and Times - Danielle Gordon-Broome	18	13	13	8.5	52.5	Danielle's photos are colourful and reveal this shutterbug's creativity behind the lens.
The Pas Opasquia - Trent Allen	12	8	8	5	33	
Winkler Morden Voice - Rick Hiebert	17	14	12	9	52	Nice variety! Rick captured the moment in each of his shots – the thrill of going down the hill, the excitement of having just said 'I do' and that moment when the rider realizes he's going to hit the ground.
Winkler Times - Greg Vandermeulen	13	9	10	6	38	
Winnipeg Sou'Wester - Danielle Da Silva	15	12	11	7	45	