

MCNA Best Columnist	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total	Rank	Comments
	15 pts	15 pts	10 pts	10 pts	50 pts	1, 2, 3	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Canned Peaches - Toby Penner	10	12	6	7	35		A folksy examination of daily life.
Boissevain Recorder - Out of my head	11	11	6	8	36		An unique examination of an issue that might not be on people's minds - wine and the European Union's rather famous labelling rules.
Dauphin Herald - Slice of the Parkland - Ed Stozek	10	12	6	8	36		History is important, especially local history. It's good to see somebody dig into the archives and interpret history for contemporary audiences.
Erikson South Mountain Press - Sunnyside Up - Marcie Harrison	12	12	7	7	38		Ageing and death are subjects that aren't easy to talk about, especially in terms in how it relates to the writer.
Flin Flon Reminder - In our words - Eric Westhaver	14	13	8	8	43	1	Really liked the Father's Day piece detailing the relationship between the writer and his father in his elder years. Also liked the other article, which goes to show the fact checking done by journalists is important.
Neepawa Banner & Press - My perspective - Kate Jackman-Atkinson	12	12	7	7	38		I can relate to dealing with provincial spokespeople that don't want to be quoted with their names nor provide the actual expert. It's important that our readers know this challenge we face.
Pilot Mound - The Sentinel Courier - Political commentator - Bill Tiessen	11	12	8	7	38		Liked the examination of how tax changes could affect your readers.
Rivers Banner - Right in the Centre - Ken Waddell	12	12	8	7	39		Two solid opinion pieces about national politics.
Selkirk Journal - Viewpoints - Brook Jones	11	11	7	7	36		I liked how the writer used his expertise in a sport to craft a opinion about a news article that attracted some discussion.
Selkirk Record - Get Fishing - Arnie Weidl	12	11	6	9	38		I like the narrative style of this column. It's in very much the style of the fisher talking about the one that they got or got away.
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Around Town - Darrell Nesbitt	11	13	7	7	38		Making a call to action is an important part of a community paper, and this column does make a solid case for action.
Steinbach Carillon - Viewpoint - Mary Lou Driedger	11	12	6	7	36		Interesting to learn more about public figures like Diefenbaker and Bianca Andreescu.
Stonewall Argus & Teulon Times - Viewpoints - Adam Peleshaty	13	13	8	7	41	2	An important function of a column is to point out what's wrong in the community. Calling on Teulon council to work together and on international media to check facts before running with a story are great examples of doing just that.
Stonewall Teulon Tribune - Get Heard - Evan Matthews	12	13	7	7	39		Liked that one column focuses on a possible direction that public figures don't seem to be thinking about. Also liked the local interpretation of provincial events.
Swan Valley Star and Times - Weekly commentary - Brian Gilroy	11	12	8	8	39		A creative look into the writer's daily life within his community.
The Pas - Opasquia Times - Tren Allen	12	12	7	7	38		Being a reporter in a small community means that you're going to be impacted by some of the stories you write. This column shows that to the reader.
Viriden Empire - Advance - Connecting the Dots - Anne Davison	10	11	6	7	34		Columns can be used to warn readers of something that's not quite a news story and they can be used to show the writer's journey through life.
Winkler Morden Voice - Get heard - Peter Cantelon	12	13	7	8	40	3	I like that's there's a lack of fear to discuss a rather hot topic that has many strong opinions connected to it. Also like the humour connected with dealing with an annual ritual.