



## 2022-23 Better Newspaper Contest Winners

### College Contest

#### Website

First: TommieMedia, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul  
Second: Century Times, Century College, White Bear Lake  
Third: MSU Reporter, Mankato State University

#### Local Breaking News Coverage

First: Remi Foust & Seth Roeser, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth  
Second: Julia Lin, MSU Reporter, Mankato State University  
Third: Jacob Gathje, The Record, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph/Collegeville

#### Hard News

First: John Emmons, Charlotte Smith & Kenzie Nguyen, The Olaf Messenger, St. Olaf College, Northfield  
Second: Gabriel Hathaway, The Winonan, Winona State University  
Third: John Emmons & Charlotte Smith, The Olaf Messenger, St. Olaf College, Northfield

#### Government/Public Affairs

##### Reporting

First: Anya Capistrant-Kinney, Brenda Cabral Limon, Tommie Media, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul  
Second: Joe Ramlet, The Echo, Augsburg University, Minneapolis  
Third: Hunter Riley, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth

##### Investigative Reporting

First: Kate Fenske, The Record, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph/Collegeville  
Second: Luis Escobar, Zully Sosa & Mina Himlie, The Echo, Augsburg University, Minneapolis  
Third: Amalia Sharaf, MSU Reporter, Mankato State University

##### Human Interest Story

First: Rachel Blood & Makenzi Johnson, The Clarion, Bethel University, Arden Hills  
Second: Hailey Johnson & Caitlin Salfer, The Record, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph/Collegeville

Third: Isabelle Hopewell, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth

#### Business Story

First: Jacob Gathje, The Record, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph/Collegeville  
Second: Kelly Kieser, The Record, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph/Collegeville  
Third: Seth Roeser, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth

#### Social Issues Story

First: Jack Underwood, Century Times, Century College, White Bear Lake  
Second: Emma Johnson, MSU Reporter, Mankato State University  
Third: Lucy Donar, Century Times, Century College, White Bear Lake

#### Arts & Entertainment Story

First: Amelia Kahlhamer, The Record, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph/Collegeville  
Second: Noah Beardslee, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth,  
Third: Lauren Viska, MSU Reporter, Mankato State University

#### Sports Story

First: Ella Roberts, The Clarion, Bethel University, Arden Hills  
Second: Cam Kauffman & Sam Larson, Tommie Media, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul  
Third: Karson Buelow, MSU Reporter, Mankato State University

#### Sports Feature Story

First: Kaden Lamb, The Clarion, Bethel University, Arden Hills  
Second: Kole Buelow, MSU Reporter, Mankato State University  
Third: Ali Reed, MSU Reporter, Mankato State University

#### Use of Infographics & Illustrations

First: Diana Zaharia, TommieMedia, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul  
Second: Alyvia Taylor, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth



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Third: Alyvia Taylor & Quentin Goldknopf, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth

### Best Use of Multimedia

First: Seth Roeser, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth

Second: Lukas Lorenz, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth

Third: Lukas Lorenz, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth

### News Photo

First: Dylan Engel, MSU Reporter, Mankato State University

Second: Kate Fenske, The Record, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph/Collegeville

Third: Capri Potter, The Record, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph/Collegeville

### Feature Photo

First: Dylan Engel, MSU Reporter, Mankato State University

Second: Lilly Anderson, MSU Reporter, Mankato State University

Third: Alyvia Taylor, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth

### Sports Photo

First: Capri Potter, The Record, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph/Collegeville

Second: Dylan Engel, MSU Reporter, Mankato State University

Third: Capri Potter, The Record, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph/Collegeville

### Photo Story

First: Lukas Lorenz, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth

Second: Eileen Otto, Kelly Kieser, Capri Potter & Molly Pults, The Record, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

Third: Lukas Lorenz, Alyvia Taylor & Izabella Zadra, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth

### Columnist

First: Yasmin Abdurahman, ThreeSixty Journalism, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul

Second: Ugbad Abdi, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph/Collegeville

Third: Macy Berendsen, Tommie Media, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul

### Editorial

First: Julia Lin, Emma Johnson, Joey Erickson, Ali Reed & Dylan Engel, MSU Reporter, Mankato State University

Second: Julia Lin, Emma Johnson, Ali Reed, Joey Erickson & Dylan Engel, MSU Reporter, Mankato State University

Third: Peyton Haug, The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth

### General Excellence

First: The Record, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, St. Joseph/Collegeville

Second: MSU Reporter, Mankato State University

Third: The Bark, University of Minnesota-Duluth



## 2022-23 Better Newspaper Contest Winners

### Professional Contest

#### Typography & Design

##### Non-Multi Day up to 1,000 circulation

First: The Observer Advocate, Mountain Lake  
Second: Citizen's Advocate, Henning  
Third: New York Mills Dispatch

##### Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500

First: Benton County News, Foley  
Second: Forest Lake Times  
Third: Frazee Vergas Forum

##### Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000

First: Cottonwood County Citizen, Windom  
Second: Pope County Tribune, Glenwood/Starbuck  
Third: Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes

##### Non-Multi Day 3,001-7,000

First: Lakes Area Review, New London/Spicer  
Second: Sauk Rapids Herald  
Third: The Globe, Worthington

##### Non-Multi Day over 7,000

First: Blaine/Spring Lake Park/Columbia Heights/Fridley Life  
Second: The Park Bugle, St. Paul

##### Multi-Day up to 5,000

First: The Bemidji Pioneer  
Second: Austin Daily Herald  
Third: The Journal, New Ulm

##### Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000

First: Alexandria Echo Press  
Second: Brainerd Dispatch

##### Multi-Day over 10,000

First: Duluth News Tribune  
Second: The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead  
Third: The Free Press, Mankato

#### Editorial Page as a Whole

##### Non-Multi Day up to 1,500

First: Jackson County Pilot  
Second: Tracy Area Headlight Herald  
Third: Citizen's Advocate, Henning

##### Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000

First: Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie  
Second: Cottonwood County Citizen, Windom  
Third: The Timberjay, Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr

##### Non-Multi Day over 3,000

First: The Globe, Worthington  
Second: Morrison County Record, Little Falls  
Third: Blaine/Spring Lake Park/Columbia Heights/Fridley Life

##### Multi-Day up to 10,000

First: Austin Daily Herald  
Second: Alexandria Echo Press  
Third: The Bemidji Pioneer

##### Multi-Day over 10,000

First: The Free Press, Mankato  
Second: Post Bulletin, Rochester  
Third: Duluth News Tribune

#### General Reporting

##### Non-Multi Day up to 1,000

First: The Observer Advocate, Mountain Lake  
Second: Waseca County Pioneer  
Third: LeSueur County News, Le Center

##### Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500

First: Tracy Area Headlight Herald  
Second: Jackson County Pilot  
Third: County News Review, Cambridge/North Branch

##### Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000

First: Waconia Patriot  
Second: Stillwater Gazette  
Third: Pine Knot News, Cloquet

##### Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000

First: Ely Echo  
Second: Sauk Rapids Herald  
Third: The Laker Pioneer, Mound/Long Lake

##### Non-Multi Day over 7,000

First: Winona Post  
Second: Morrison County Record, Little Falls  
Third: Fillmore County Journal, Preston

##### Multi-Day up to 5,000

First: Detroit Lakes Tribune  
Second: Albert Lea Tribune  
Third: Austin Daily Herald

##### Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000

First: Brainerd Dispatch  
Second: West Central Tribune, Willmar  
Third: Alexandria Echo Press

##### Multi-Day over 10,000

First: Duluth News Tribune  
Second: Post Bulletin, Rochester  
Third: The Free Press, Mankato

#### Sports Reporting

##### Non-Multi Day up to 1,000

First: Observer Advocate, Mountain Lake  
Second: Citizen's Advocate, Henning  
Third: Waseca County Pioneer

##### Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500



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First: Jackson County Pilot

Second: Forest Lake Times

Third: Tracy Area Headlight Herald

**Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Stillwater Gazette

Second: The Timberjay, Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr

Third: Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie

**Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Plymouth/Wayzata Sun Sailor

Second: Sauk Rapids Herald

Third: The Globe, Worthington

**Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Bloomington/Richfield Sun Current

Second: St. Louis Park/Hopkins Sun Sailor

Third: Blaine/Spring Lake Park/Columbia Heights/Fridley Life

**Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: The Bemidji Pioneer

Second: Marshall Independent

Third: Detroit Lakes Tribune

**Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Alexandria Echo Press

Second: West Central Tribune, Willmar

Third: Brainerd Dispatch

**Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Grand Forks Herald

Second: The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

Third: Post Bulletin, Rochester

### Use of Photography as a Whole

**Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: LeSueur County News, Le Center

Second: New York Mills Dispatch

Third: Citizen's Advocate, Henning

**Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: Frazee Vergas Forum

Second: Pine Journal, Cloquet

Third: Jackson County Pilot

**Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Annandale Advocate

Second: Pineandlakes Echo Journal

Third: The Timberjay, Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr

**Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Lakes Area Review, New London/Spicer

Second: The Globe, Worthington

Third: Plymouth/Wayzata Sun Sailor

**Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: North News, Minneapolis

Second: Minnetonka/Excelsior/Eden Prairie

Sun Sailor

Third: Minnesota Women's Press, Minneapolis

**Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Detroit Lakes Tribune

Second: The Bemidji Pioneer

Third: Marshall Independent

**Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Brainerd Dispatch

Second: West Central Tribune, Willmar

Third: Alexandria Echo Press

**Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Duluth News Tribune

Second: The Free Press, Mankato

Third: Grand Forks Herald

### Headline Writing

**Non-Multi Day up to 1,500**

First: Jackson County Pilot

Second: Tracy Area Headlight Herald

Third: Henderson Independent

**Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Pine Knot News, Cloquet

Second: Wadena Pioneer Journal

Third: Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie

**Non-Multi Day over 3,000**

First: The Globe, Worthington

Second: The Laker Pioneer, Mound/Long Lake

Third: Blaine/Spring Lake Park/Columbia Heights/Fridley Life

**All multi-Day**

First: The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

Second: West Central Tribune, Willmar

Third: Austin Daily Herald

### Advertising Excellence

**Non-Multi Day up to 1,500**

First: Jackson County Pilot

Second: Tri-County News, Kimball

Third: Kittson County Enterprise, Hallock

**Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: The Timberjay, Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr

Second: Pope County Tribune, Glenwood/Starbuck

Third: Pine Knot News, Cloquet

**Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: The Globe, Worthington

Second: Lakes Area Review, New London/Spicer

**Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: The Park Bugle, St. Paul

Second: Winona Post

Third: Northeaster, Minneapolis



## 2022-23 Better Newspaper Contest Winners

### **Multi-Day up to 10,000**

First: The Bemidji Pioneer  
Second: Austin Daily Herald  
Third: Albert Lea Tribune

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Post Bulletin, Rochester  
Second: The Free Press, Mankato  
Third: Duluth News Tribune

## **Classified Advertising Section**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,500**

First: The Observer Advocate, Mountain Lake  
Second: Montgomery Messenger  
Third: Pine Journal, Cloquet

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Walker Pilot-Independent  
Second: Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes  
Third: Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie

### **Non-Multi Day over 3,000**

First: The Globe, Worthington  
Second: Northeaster, Minneapolis  
Third: Fillmore County Journal, Preston

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Albert Lea Tribune  
Second: Austin Daily Herald  
Third: The Bemidji Pioneer

### **Multi-Day over 5,000**

First: Brainerd Dispatch  
Second: Grand Forks Herald  
Third: The Free Press, Mankato

## **Website**

### **Non-Multi Day**

First: Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes  
Second: Fillmore County Journal, Preston  
Third: Pine Knot News, Cloquet

### **Multi-Day**

First: Brainerd Dispatch  
Second: The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead  
Third: Duluth News Tribune

## **Advertising Campaign**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,500**

First: Linda Forseide, The Exponent, East Grand Forks  
Second: Ali Carlson, Pine Journal, Cloquet  
Third: Scott Blatchford, Pine Journal, Cloquet

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 7,000**

First: Brooke Eischens, Jon Hunter & Theodore Spangler,  
Lakes Area Review, New London/Spicer  
Second: Scarlet Stone, The Timberjay, Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr  
Third: Krista Wynn & Lori LaBorde, Ironton Courier, Crosby

### **Multi-Day up to 10,000**

First: Kami Schefers, Sara Slaby, Rebekah Ness & Mollie  
Burlingame, Alexandria Echo Press  
Second: Kate Henderson, Tasha Kenyon & Katie Hastings,  
Alexandria Echo Press  
Third: Amy Skarka, Mindy Wirtzfeld & Tasha Kenyon,  
Alexandria Echo Press

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Scott Blatchford, Duluth News Tribune  
Second: Korrie Wenzel, Grand Forks Herald  
Third: Jessie Andren & Sara Slaby, The Forum,  
Fargo/Moorhead

## **Institutional Advertisement**

### **Non-Multi Day**

First: Ivan Hohnstadt, Pine Knot News, Cloquet  
Second: Kristin Woodwick, Faribault County Register, Blue  
Earth

Third: Linda Forseide, The Exponent, East Grand Forks

### **Multi Day**

First: Staff, Grand Forks Herald  
Second: Staff, Post Bulletin, Rochester  
Third: Jordan Greer-Friesz, The Free Press, Mankato

## **Self-Promotion or House Ad**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 3,000**

First: Pam True, Faribault County Register, Blue Earth  
Second: Nicole WK, Pelican Rapids Press  
Third: Mike Creger, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

### **Non-Multi Day over 3,000**

First: Jennifer Leff, The New Prague Times  
Second: Wendy Holdman, Eddie Hofmeister & Scott  
Carlson, The Park Bugle, St. Paul  
Third: Jason Sethre, Ellen Whalen, Jeff Kale, Taylor Smith &  
Michelle Quanrud, Fillmore County Journal, Preston

### **Multi-Day**

First: Tasha Kenyon, Kristy Helmbrecht, Viola Anderson &  
Julie Lake, Detroit Lakes Tribune  
Second: Christina Sanke & Justin Niles, The Free Press,  
Mankato  
Third: Lynn Mounsdon & Tasha Kenyon, Alexandria Echo  
Press

## **Use of Color in Advertising**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,500**



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First: Don Dittberner, Maple Lake Messenger  
Second: Sue Hughes, Tri-County News, Kimball  
Third: Jennifer Leff, LifeEnterprise, Waterville

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Nikki Eystad, Grant County Herald, Elbow Lake/Herman/Hoffman  
Second: Nicole WK, Pelican Rapids Press  
Third: Maddy Peterson, Sauk Centre Herald

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Alisha Clausen & Rebekah Ness, The Globe, Worthington  
Second: Kayla Carlson, Alisha Clausen & Katie Hastings, The Globe, Worthington  
Third: Brooke Eischens, Jon Hunter & Theodore Spangler, Lakes Area Review, New London/Spicer

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Monica Veraguth, Winona Post  
Second: Jana Brinkman, Winona Post  
Third: Jana Brinkman, Winona Post  
**Multi-Day**  
First: Staff, Grand Forks Herald  
Second: Karen Beebout, Marshall Independent  
Third: Kami Schefers and Jamie Holte, Alexandria Echo Press

## **Best Advertisement**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,500**

First: Scott Blatchford & Greg Beltz, Pine Journal, Cloquet  
Second: Scott Blatchford & Brenda Lawrence, Pine Journal, Cloquet  
Third: Rachel Miller, Henderson Independent

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Julie Lake & Jen Phillips, Wadena Pioneer Journal  
Second: Julie Lake & Katie Hastings, Perham Focus  
Third: Christine Jacobson, Grant County Herald, Elbow Lake/Herman/Hoffman

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Jennifer Leff, The New Prague Times  
Second: Alisha Clausen & Mollie Burlingame, The Globe, Worthington  
Third: Brooke Eischens, Jon Hunter & Theodore Spangler, Lakes Area Review, New London/Spicer

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Jana Brinkman, Winona Post  
Second: Eddie Hofmeister & Sonia Ellis, The Park Bugle, St. Paul  
Third: Vince Brown & Margo Ashmore, Northeaster, Minneapolis

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Kelly Hoeke, Park Rapids Enterprise

Second: Jordyn Bement & Tasha Kenyon, Detroit Lakes Tribune

Third: Heather Kantrud, The Daily Journal, Fergus Falls

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Charlie Marczak & Russell Zinke, Alexandria Echo Press  
Second: Kate Henderson & Tasha Kenyon, Alexandria Echo Press

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Carli Greninger, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead  
Second: Scott Blatchford & Jen Phillips, Duluth News Tribune  
Third: Keith Harriger & Russ Zinke, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

## **Online Advertising**

### **Non-Multi Day**

First: Ali Carlson, Pine Journal, Cloquet  
Second: Michelle Quanrud, Fillmore County Journal, Preston  
Third: Scott Blatchford, Pine Journal, Cloquet

### **All Multi-Day**

First: Charlie Marczak & Dan Young, Alexandria Echo Press  
Second: Ali Carlson, Duluth News Tribune  
Third: Amy Skarka, Alexandria Echo Press

## **Human Interest Story**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: Carson Hughes, Le Sueur County News, Le Center.  
Second: Violet Nelson, Hendricks Pioneer  
Third: Ted Almen, Kerkhoven Banner

### **Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: Justin Lessman, Jackson County Pilot  
Second: Jeffrey Hage, Monticello Times  
Third: John Wagner, County News Review, Cambridge/North Branch

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Jan LeFebvre, Sauk Centre Herald  
Second: Louis Hoglund, Pelican Rapids Press  
Third: Hope Murray, Kanabec County Times, Mora

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Alaina Rooker, Crystal/Robbinsdale/New Hope/Golden Valley Sun Post  
Second: Helena Gunderson, Chanhassen Villager  
Third: Nick Wognum & Karl Scheuer, Ely Echo

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Jason Sethre, Jeff Kale & Ellen Whalen, Fillmore County Journal, Preston  
Second: Karen Kraco, Northeaster, Minneapolis



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Third: Alexandra Retter, Winona Post

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Sarah Stultz, Albert Lea Tribune

Second: Dennis Doeden, The Bemidji Pioneer

Third: Colton Kemp, Faribault Daily News

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Linda Vandenwerf, West Central Tribune, Willmar

Second: Theresa Bourke, Brainerd Dispatch

Third: Linda Tyssen, Mesabi Tribune, Hibbing/Virginia

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: John Molseed, Post Bulletin, Rochester

Second: Matthew Stolle, Post Bulletin, Rochester

Third: Edie Schmierbach, The Free Press, Mankato

## **Human Interest: Personality/Profile**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: Emily Rotthaler, Kerkhoven Banner

Second: Carson Hughes, Le Sueur County News, Le Center

Third: Deb Bently, Waseca County Pioneer

### **Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: Robert Williams, Frazee Vergas Forum

Second: Hannah Davis, Forest Lake Times

Third: Jake Przytarski, Pine Journal, Cloquet

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Sarah Kingen, Pine City Pioneer

Second: Kay Fate, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie

Third: Rick Bussler, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Parker Loew, Ely Echo

Second: Brett Blocker, Lakes Area Review, New London/Spicer

Third: Hans Lammeman, Sauk Rapids Herald

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Mark Peterson, Northeaster, Minneapolis

Second: Stacy Verdick Case, Isanti-Chisago County Star, Cambridge

Third: Azhae'la Hanson, North News, Minneapolis

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Eric Johnson, Austin Daily Herald

Second: Alex Guerrero, Albert Lea Tribune

Third: Nicole Ronchetti, The Bemidji Pioneer

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Theresa Bourke, Brainerd Dispatch

Second: Shelby Lindrud, West Central Tribune, Willmar

Third: Theresa Bourke, Brainerd Dispatch

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Melinda Lavine, Duluth News Tribune

Second: Tracy Briggs, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

Third: Matthew Stolle, Post Bulletin, Rochester

## **Human Interest: News Feature**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: Carson Hughes, LeSueur County News, Le Center

Second: Cormac Dodd, Kerkhoven Banner

Third: Kristina Hernandez, Lake Benton County Journal

### **Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: Hannah Davis, Forest Lake Times

Second: Robert Williams, Frazee Vergas Forum

Third: Carson Hughes, St. Peter Herald

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Jeffrey Hage, Union Times, Princeton/Milaca

Second: Mike Creger, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

Third: Jana Peterson & Dan Reed, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Jim Boyle, Elk River Star News

Second: Brent Schacherer, Hutchinson Leader

Third: Noelle Olson, Shoreview Press

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: David Pierini, North News, Minneapolis

Second: Noelle Olson, White Bear Press

Third: Karen Kraco, Northeaster, Minneapolis

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Sarah Stultz, Albert Lea Tribune

Second: Eric Johnson, Austin Daily Herald

Third: Heather Kantrud, Daily Journal, Fergus Falls

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Tom Cherveney, West Central Tribune, Willmar

Second: Tom Cherveney, West Central Tribune, Willmar

Third: Matt Erickson, Brainerd Dispatch

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Jay Gabler, Duluth News Tribune

Second: Jordan Shearer, Post Bulletin, Rochester

Third: Tom Olsen, Duluth News Tribune

## **Social Issues Story**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: Elijah Lutgens, Waseca County Pioneer

Second: Ryan Bergeron, The Tribune, Greenbush

Third: Katya Gordon & Kristina Rafn, Lake County Press, Two Harbors

### **Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: Hannah Davis, Forest Lake Times

Second: Nikki Hallman, County News Review, Cambridge/North Branch

Third: Justin Lessman, Jackson County Pilot

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Kay Fate, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie

Second: Kat Robb, Aitkin Independent Age

Third: Joni Hubred, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie



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### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Alex Malm, Savage Pacer  
Second: Emma McNamee, The Globe, Worthington  
Third: Mary-Anne Olmsted-Kohls, Hutchinson Leader

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Sheila Bergren, Morrison County Record, Little Falls  
Second: Karen Kraco, Northeaster, Minneapolis  
Third: Al Zdon, Northeaster, Minneapolis

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Annie Harman, Owatonna People's Press  
Second: Lorie Skarpness, Park Rapids Enterprise  
Third: Clay Schuldt, The Journal, New Ulm

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Linda Tyssen, Mesabi Tribune, Hibbing/Virginia  
Second: Theresa Bourke, Brainerd Dispatch  
Third: Karen Tolkkinen, Alexandria Echo Press

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Mike Fischenich & Brian Arola, The Free Press, Mankato  
Second: Mark Wasson, Post Bulletin, Rochester  
Third: Jim Shaw, The Forum, Fargo-Moorhead

## **Sports Story**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: Ryan Bergeron, The Tribune, Greenbush  
Second: Bruce Brierley, The Exponent, East Grand Forks  
Third: Bruce Brierley, The Exponent, East Grand Forks

### **Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: Dan Condon, Jackson County Pilot  
Second: Rachel Miller, Henderson Independent  
Third: Dan Condon, Jackson County Pilot

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Patrick Slack, Anoka County Union Herald  
Second: Alec Hamilton, Cannon Falls Beacon  
Third: Patrick Slack, Anoka County Union Herald

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Kendall Larson, Hutchinson Leader  
Second: Robert LaPlante, Wright County Journal Press, Buffalo  
Third: John Sherman, Edina Sun Current

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Patrick Slack, Blaine/Spring Lake Park/Columbia Heights/Fridley Life  
Second: Mark Peterson, Northeaster, Minneapolis  
Third: Jason Olson, Bloomington/Richfield Sun Current

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Micah Friez, The Bemidji Pioneer  
Second: Micah Friez, The Bemidji Pioneer  
Third: Jake McNeill, Marshall Independent

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Joe Brown, West Central Tribune, Willmar  
Second: Ben Romsaas, Mesabi Tribune, Hibbing/Virginia  
Third: Conrad Engstrom, Brainerd Dispatch

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Jeff Kolpack, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead  
Second: Alex VandenHouten, Post Bulletin, Rochester  
Third: Tom Miller, Grand Forks Herald

## **Sports Feature Story**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: Jim Lutgens & Elijah Lutgens, Waseca County Pioneer  
Second: Chad Koenen, Citizen's Advocate, Henning  
Third: Emily Rotthaler, Kerkhoven Banner

### **Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: John Wagner, County News Review, Cambridge  
Second: Rachel Miller, Henderson Independent  
Third: Rachel Miller, Henderson Independent

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Brent Schacherer, Litchfield Independent Review  
Second: Brady Slater, Pine Knot News, Cloquet  
Third: Nick Hoffman & Hope Murray, Kanabec County Times, Mora

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Martin Schlagel, Red Wing Republican Eagle  
Second: Robert LaPlante, Wright County Journal Press, Buffalo  
Third: Brendan O'Brien, Chanhassen Villager

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: John Sherman, Minnetonka/Excelsior/Eden Prairie Sun Sailor  
Second: Bill Stickels III, Isanti-Chisago County Star, Cambridge  
Third: Blake Bartels, Morrison County Record, Little Falls

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Second: Bill Stickels III, Isanti-Chisago County Star, Cambridge  
Third: Blake Bartels, Morrison County Record, Little Falls

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Christian Babcock, The Bemidji Pioneer  
Second: Christian Babcock, The Bemidji Pioneer  
Third: Vance Carlson, Park Rapids Enterprise

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Joe Brown, West Central Tribune, Willmar  
Second: Jeremy Millsop, Brainerd Dispatch  
Third: Joe Brown, West Central Tribune, Willmar

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Brad E. Schlossman, Grand Forks Herald  
Second: Eric Peterson, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead  
Third: Jay Gabler, Duluth News Tribune

## **Business Story**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: Carson Hughes, Le Sueur County News, Le Center





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Second: Chad Koenen, Citizen's Advocate, Henning

Third: Emily Rotthaler, The Kerkhoven Banner

### **Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: Carson Hughes, St. Peter Herald

Second: Hannah Davis, Forest Lake Times

Third: Lisa Ingebrand, LifeEnterprise, Waterville

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Brady Slater, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

Second: Marshall Helmberger, The Timberjay,

Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr

Third: Jana Peterson, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Tom Fenton, Sauk Rapids Herald

Second: Janean Sorrell, Hutchinson Leader

Third: Anja Wuolu, Crystal/Robbinsdale/New Hope/Golden Valley Sun Post

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Cynthia Sowden, Northeaster, Minneapolis

Second: Mike Hanks, Bloomington/Richfield Sun Current

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Annie Harmon, Owatonna People's Press

Second: Dennis Doeden, The Bemidji Pioneer

Third: Sarah Stultz, Albert Lea Tribune

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Al Edenloff, Alexandria Echo Press

Second: Shelby Lindrud, West Central Tribune, Willmar

Third: Al Edenloff, Alexandria Echo Press

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Jeff Kiger, Post Bulletin, Rochester

Second: Peter Passi, Duluth News Tribune

Third: Renee Berg, The Free Press Mankato

## **Business Profile**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: Chad Koenen, Citizen's Advocate, Henning

Second: Chad Koenen, Citizen's Advocate, Henning

Third: Elijah Lutgens, Waseca County Pioneer

### **Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: Carson Hughes, St. Peter Herald

Second: Deb Bently, NRHEG Star Eagle, New Richland

Third: Anna Jauhola, Kittson County Enterprise, Hallock

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Brady Slater, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

Second: Brady Slater, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

Third: Marshall Helmberger, The Timberjay,

Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Jason Jenkins, Plymouth/Wayzata Sun Sailor

Second: Melissa Thorud, Red Wing Republican Eagle

Third: Kaitlin McCoskey, Plymouth/Wayzata Sun Sailor

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Cynthia Sowden, Northeaster, Minneapolis

Second: Cynthia Sowden, Northeaster, Minneapolis

Third: Alex Schlee, Northeaster, Minneapolis

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Barbie Porter, Detroit Lakes Tribune

Second: Nathan Bowe, Detroit Lakes Tribune

Third: Kristine Goodrich, Faribault Daily News

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Hannah Ward, Brainerd Dispatch

Second: Renee Richardson, Brainerd Dispatch

Third: Shelby Lindrud, West Central Tribune, Willmar

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Thomas Evanella, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

Second: Melinda Lavine, Duluth News Tribune

Third: Sara Guymon, Post Bulletin, Rochester

## **Arts & Entertainment Story**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: Chad Koenen, Citizen's Advocate, Henning

Second: Deb Bently, Waseca County Pioneer

Third: Marley Schumacher, Lake County Press, Two Harbors

### **Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: Jeffrey Hage, Monticello Times

Second: Jean Matua, Tri-County News, Kimball

Third: Carson Hughes, St. Peter Herald

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Rick Bussler, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie

Second: Fiona Green, Faribault County Register, Blue Earth

Third: Tiffany Klaphake, Sauk Centre Herald

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Brett Blocker, Lakes Area Review, New London/Spicer

Second: Melissa Thorud, Red Wing Republican Eagle

Third: Alyssa Malyon, Red Wing Republican Eagle

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Mike Hanks, Bloomington/Richfield Sun Current

Second: Stacy Verdick Case, Isanti-Chisago County Star, Cambridge

Third: Gabriel Hathaway & Chris Rogers, Winona Post

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Dennis Doeden, The Bemidji Pioneer

Second: Josh LaFollette, Owatonna People's Press

Third: Josh LaFollette, Owatonna People's Press

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Frank Lee, Brainerd Dispatch

Second: Celeste Edenloff, Alexandria Echo Press

Third: Shelby Lindrud, West Central Tribune, Willmar

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**



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First: Jay Gabler, Duluth News Tribune  
Second: Dan Greenwood, The Free Press, Mankato  
Third: Tracy Briggs, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

### Local Breaking News Coverage

#### Non-Multi Day up to 1,000

First: Ryan Bergeron, The Tribune, Greenbush  
Second: Terry Gydesen & Kitty Mayo, Lake County Press, Two Harbors

Third: Trinity Gruenberg, Verndale Sun

#### Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500

First: Jen Zettel-Vandenhouten, Pine Journal, Cloquet  
Second: Jeffrey Hage, Monticello Times  
Third: Natalie Ryder, Forest Lake Times

#### Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000

First: Kay Fate & Rick Bussler, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie  
Second: Jana Peterson, Pine Knot News, Cloquet  
Third: Jana Peterson & Brady Slater, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

#### Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000

First: Ralph Dickerson & Brett Blocker, Lakes Area Review, New London/Spicer  
Second: Julie Buntjer, The Globe, Worthington  
Third: Brett Blocker, Ralph Dickerson & Billie Jo Rassat, Lakes Area Review, New London/Spicer

#### Non-Multi Day over 7,000

First: Mark Peterson, Cynthia Sowden & Al Zdon, Northeaster, Minneapolis  
Second: Jason Sethre & Michelle Quanrud, Fillmore County Journal, Preston  
Third: Cynthia Sowden, Northeaster, Minneapolis

#### Multi-Day up to 5,000

First: Nicole Ronchetti, The Bemidji Pioneer  
Second: Michael Achterling, Detroit Lakes Tribune  
Third: Kristine Goodrich, Faribault Daily News

#### Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000

First: Tom Cherveney, Jennifer Kotila, Macy Moore, Linda Vanderwerf & Shelby Lindrud, West Central Tribune, Willmar  
Second: Celeste Edenloff & Thalen Zimmerman, Alexandria Echo Press

Third: Travis Gulbrandson, Lowell Anderson, Al Edenloff & Celeste Edenloff, Alexandria Echo Press

#### Multi-Day over 10,000

First: April Baumgarten, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead  
Second: Teri Cadeau, Dan Williamson, Jimmy Lovrien & Tom Olsen, Duluth News Tribune  
Third: Staff, Brian Arola & Pat Christman, The Free Press, Mankato

### Hard News Reporting

#### Non-Multi Day up to 1,000

First: Ted Almen, Kerkhoven Banner  
Second: Carson Hughes, Le Sueur County News, Le Center  
Third: Emily Rotthaler, Kerkhoven Banner

#### Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500

First: Anna Jauhola, Kittson County Enterprise, Hallock  
Second: Hannah Davis, Forest Lake Times  
Third: Beth Cornish, Henderson Independent

#### Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000

First: Rick Bussler, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie  
Second: Joni Hubred, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie  
Third: Ian Wreisner & Paige Kieffer, Anoka County Union Herald

#### Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000

First: Alaina Rooker, Crystal/Robbinsdale/ New Hope/Golden Valley Sun Post  
Second: Ralph Dickerson, Lakes Area Review, New London/Spicer  
Third: Kari Lucin, The Globe, Worthington

#### Non-Multi Day over 7,000

First: David Pierini, North News, Minneapolis  
Second: Cynthia Sowden, Northeaster, Minneapolis  
Third: Alex Schlee, Northeaster, Minneapolis

#### Multi-Day up to 5,000

First: Annie Harman, Owatonna People's Press  
Second: Nichole Ronchetti, The Bemidji Pioneer  
Third: Eric Johnson, Austin Daily Herald

#### Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000

First: Renee Richardson, Brainerd Dispatch  
Second: Celeste Edenloff & Al Edenloff, Alexandria Echo Press

Third: Tom Cherveney, West Central Tribune, Willmar

#### Multi-Day over 10,000

First: Tim Krohn, The Free Press, Mankato  
Second: Jordan Shearer, Post Bulletin, Rochester  
Third: April Baumgarten, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

### Hard News: Courts/Crime Coverage

#### Non-Multi Day up to 1,500

First: Ted Almen, Kerkhoven Banner  
Second: Dylan Sherman, Pine Journal, Cloquet  
Third: Justin Lessman, Jackson County Pilot

#### Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000

First: Kay Fate & Rick Bussler, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie  
Second: Mike Creger, Pine Knot News, Cloquet



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Third: Ryan Larson, Cottonwood County Citizen, Windom

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Brett Blocker, Lakes Area Review, New

London/Spicer

Second: Ralph Dickerson, Lakes Area Review, New

London/Spicer

Third: Emma McNamee, The Globe, Worthington

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Alex Malm, Shakopee Valley News

Second: Gustav Demars & Scott Carlson, The Park Bugle,  
St. Paul

Third: Michelle Quanrud & Jason Sethre, Fillmore County  
Journal, Preston

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Nathan Bowe, Detroit Lakes Tribune

Second: Sarah Stultz, Albert Lea Tribune

Third: Annie Harman, Owatonna People's Press

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Tom Cherveney, West Central Tribune, Willmar

Second: Dale Morin, West Central Tribune, Willmar

Third: Linda Vanderwerf, West Central Tribune, Willmar

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Mark Wasson, Post Bulletin, Rochester

Second: Tom Olsen, Duluth News Tribune

Third: Mark Wasson, Post Bulletin, Rochester

## Investigative Reporting

### **Non-Multi Day**

First: David Colburn & Marshall Helmsberger, The  
Timberjay, Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr

Second: Jason Sethre, Fillmore County Journal, Preston

Third: Traci Lebrun & Bill Stickels III, Pine City Pioneer

### **Multi-Day**

First: Jeremy Turley, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

Second: April Baumgarten, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

Third: Karen Tolkkinen, Alexandria Echo Press

## Columnist

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: Gordon Hommes, Lake County Press, Two Harbors

Second: Chad Koenen, Citizen's Advocate, Henning

Third: Kristina Hernandez, Lake Benton Valley Journal

### **Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: Nikki Hallman, County News Review,  
Cambridge/North Branch

Second: Robert Williams, Frazee Vergas Forum

Third: Elijah Lutgens, NRHEG Star Eagle, New Richland

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Lori Sorenson, Rock County Star Herald, Luverne

Second: Ann Markusen, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

Third: Bob Statz, Mille Lacs Messenger

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Emma McNamee, The Globe, Worthington

Second: Doug Luthanen, Ely Echo

Third: Tim Hennagir, Sauk Rapids Herald

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Dennis Dalman, Sartell-St. Stephen Newsleader

Second: Lee Epps, Fillmore County Journal, Preston

Third: Janagan Ramanathan, Sartell-St. Stephen  
Newsleader

### **Multi-Day**

First: Lowell Anderson, Alexandria Echo Press

Second: Tammy Swift, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

Third: Linda Tyssen, Mesabi Tribune, Hibbing/Virginia

## News Photo

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: Bruce Brierly, The Exponent, East Grand Forks

Second: Ted Almen, The Kerkhoven Banner

Third: Chad Koenen, Citizen's Advocate, Henning

### **Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: Natasha Barber, Benton County News, Foley

Second: Robert Williams, Frazee Vergas Forum

Third: Justin Lessman, Jackson County Pilot

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Rick Bussler, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie

Second: Lori Sorenson, Rock County Star Herald, Luverne

Third: AJ Miller, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Emily Vojtech, Wright County Journal Press, Buffalo

Second: John Sherman, Plymouth/Wayzata Sun Sailor

Third: Natalie Cierzan, St. Louis Park/Hopkins Sun Sailor

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: David Pierini, North News, Minneapolis

Second: Paige Kieffer, Blaine/Spring Lake Park/Columbia  
Heights/Fridley Life

Third: Paige Kieffer, Blaine/Spring Lake Park/Columbia  
Heights/Fridley Life

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Madelyn Haasken, The Bemidji Pioneer

Second: Michael Achterling, Detroit Lakes Tribune

Third: Colton Kemp, Faribault Daily News

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Steve Kohls, Brainerd Dispatch

Second: Steve Kohls, Brainerd Dispatch

Third: Macy Moore, West Central Tribune, Willmar

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Jed Carlson, Duluth News Tribune

Second: David Samson, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead



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Third: Joe Ahlquist, Post Bulletin, Rochester

### Sports Photo

#### Non-Multi Day up to 1,000

First: Bruce Brierley, The Exponent, East Grand Forks

Second: Chad Koenen, Citizen's Advocate, Henning

Third: Ted Almen, Kerkoven Banner

#### Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500

First: Per Peterson, Tracy Area Headlight Herald

Second: Rachel Miller, Henderson Independent

Third: Dan Condon, Jackson County Pilot

#### Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000

First: Amber Nichols, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

Second: Mike Drahosh, North Pine County News, Hinckley/Sandstone

Third: Kevin Mertens, Faribault County Register, Blue Earth

#### Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000

First: John Sherman, Plymouth/Wayzata Sun Sailor

Second: Robert LePlante, Wright County Journal Press, Buffalo

Third: Tim Middagh, The Globe, Worthington

#### Non-Multi Day over 7,000

First: John Sherman, Minnetonka/Excelsior/Eden Prairie Sun Sailor

Second: Dee Ann Sibley, Isanti-Chisago County Star, Cambridge

Third: Blake Bartels, Morrison County Record, Little Falls

#### Multi-Day up to 5,000

First: Vance Carlson, Park Rapids Enterprise

Second: Madelyn Haasken, The Bemidji Pioneer

Third: Eric Johnson, Austin Daily Herald

#### Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000

First: Joe Brown, West Central Tribune, Willmar

Second: Kelly Humphrey, Brainerd Dispatch

Third: Sam Stuve, Alexandria Echo Press

#### Multi-Day over 10,000

First: Daniel Jacobi, Post Bulletin, Rochester

Second: Daniel Jacobi, Post Bulletin, Rochester

Third: Jed Carlson, Duluth News Tribune

### Feature Photo

#### Non-Multi Day up to 1,000

First: Kristina Hernandez, Lake Benton Valley Journal

Second: Bruce Brierley, The Exponent, East Grand Forks

Third: Trinity Gruenberg, Verndale Sun

#### Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500

First: John Wagner, County News Review, Cambridge/North Branch

Second: Dan Condon, Jackson County Pilot

Third: Billie Jo Rassat, Clara City Herald

#### Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000

First: Amber Nichols, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

Second: Jamie Lund, Moose Lake Star Gazette

Third: Tim Douglass, Pope County Tribune, Glenwood/Starbuck

#### Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000

First: Jason Jenkins, Plymouth/Wayzata Sun Sailor

Second: Jason Jenkins, Plymouth/Wayzata Sun Sailor

Third: Paul Dols, The Hugo Citizen

#### Non-Multi Day over 7,000

First: Karen Kraco, Northeaster, Minneapolis

Second: Azhae'la Hanson, North News, Minneapolis

Third: Jacqueline Devine, Prior Lake American

#### Multi-Day up to 5,000

First: Annalise Braught, The Bemidji Pioneer

Second: Maggi Fellerman, The Bemidji Pioneer

Third: Annalise Braught, The Bemidji Pioneer

#### Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000

First: Steve Kohls, Brainerd Dispatch

Second: Kelly Humphrey, Brainerd Dispatch

Third: Steve Kohls, Brainerd Dispatch

#### Multi-Day over 10,000

First: Jed Carlson, Duluth News Tribune

Second: David Samson, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

Third: Pat Christman, The Free Press, Mankato

### Photo Story

#### Non-Multi Day up to 1,000

First: Ted Almen, The Kerkhoven Banner

Second: Ryan Bergeron & Linda Forseide, The Tribune, Greenbush

Third: Ted Almen, The Kerkhoven Banner

#### Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500

First: John Wagner, County News Review, Cambridge/North Branch

Second: Dan Condon, Jackson County Pilot

Third: Nikki Hallman, County News Review, Cambridge/North Branch

#### Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000

First: Marshall Helmberger, Jodi Summit & Victoria Ranua, The Timberjay, Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr

Second: David Colburn, The Timberjay, Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr

Third: Mike Drahosh, Pine City Pioneer

#### Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000

First: Brett Blocker, Linda Fostervold, Terri Robichon & Karen Kaufenberg, Lakes Area Review, New London/Spicer

Second: Emily Vojtech & Tom McDonnell, Wright County Journal Press, Buffalo



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Third: John Sherman, Edina Sun Current

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Bill Stickels III, Isanti-Chisago County Star, Cambridge

Second: Dee Ann Sibley, Isanti-Chisago County Star, Cambridge

Third: Bill Stickels III, Isanti-Chisago County Star, Cambridge

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Heather Kantrud, The Daily Journal, Fergus Falls

Second: Heather Kantrud, The Daily Journal, Fergus Falls

Third: Paige Gifford, Detroit Lakes Tribune

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Kelly Humphrey, Brainerd Dispatch

Second: Steve Kohls, Brainerd Dispatch

Third: Macy Moore, West Central Tribune, Willmar

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Alyssa Goelzer, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

Second: Eric Hylden, Grand Forks Herald

Third: Eric Hylden, Grand Forks Herald

## Portrait & Personality Photography

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: Chad Koenen, Citizen's Advocate, Henning

Second: Sierra Wagner, Verndale Sun

Third: Ray Benning, Verndale Sun

### **Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: George Matua, Tri-County News, Kimball

Second: Jen Tewes, Jackson County Pilot

Third: Jeffrey Hage, Monticello Times

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Trinity Gruenberg, Independent News Herald, Clarissa

Second: Chuck Hunt, Faribault County Register, Blue Earth

Third: Jana Peterson, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: Jason Jenkins, Plymouth/Wayzata Sun Sailor

Second: Jason Jenkins, Plymouth/Wayzata Sun Sailor

Third: Jason Jenkins, Plymouth/Wayzata Sun Sailor

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Sarah Whiting, Minnesota Women's Press, Minneapolis

Second: Mark Peterson, Northeaster, Minneapolis

Third: Paige Kieffer, Blaine/Spring Lake Park/Columbia Heights/Fridley Life

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: Annalisa Braught, The Bemidji Pioneer

Second: Madelyn Haasken, The Bemidji Pioneer

Third: Eric Johnson, Austin Daily Herald

### **Multi-Day 5,001-10,000**

First: Kelly Humphrey, Brainerd Dispatch

Second: Kelly Humphrey, Brainerd Dispatch

Third: Steve Kohls, Brainerd Dispatch

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Traci Westcott, Post Bulletin, Rochester

Second: David Samson, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

Third: Joe Ahlquist, Post Bulletin, Rochester

## Press Photographer's Portfolio

### **Non-Multi Day**

First: Amy Arntson, Pine Journal, Cloquet

Second: David Colburn, The Timberjay, Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr

Third: Johnnie Phillips, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie

### **Multi-Day**

First: David Samson, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

Second: Joe Ahlquist, Post Bulletin, Rochester

Third: Eric Hylden, Grand Forks Herald

## Use of Infographics/Illustrations

### **Non-Multi Day**

First: Rick Bussler, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie

Second: Gary Meader, Pine Journal, Cloquet

Third: Mike Creger, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

### **Multi-Day**

First: Kelly Humphrey, Becca Larson & Jeremy Millsop, Brainerd Dispatch

Second: Troy Becker, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

Third: Marcy Nickel, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

## Editorial Portfolio

### **Non-Multi Day**

First: Reed Anfinson, Swift County Monitor-News, Benson

Second: Bill Stickels III, Isanti-Chisago County Star News, Cambridge

Third: Marshall Helmberger, The Timberjay, Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr

### **Multi-Day**

First: Staff, The Free Press, Mankato

Second: Chuck Frederick, Duluth News Tribune

Third: Al Edenloff, Alexandria Echo Press

## Design Portfolio

### **Non-Multi Day**

First: Taylor Smith, Fillmore County Journal, Preston

Second: Mike Creger, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

Third: Heather Johnson, Rock County Star Herald, Luverne

### **Multi-Day**



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First: Marcy Nickel, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead  
Second: Becca Larson, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead  
Third: Ashelin Harbinger, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

### Special Section

#### Non-Multi Day up to 1,000

First: The Kerkhoven Banner  
Second: Linda Forseide, The Tribune, Greenbush

#### Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500

First: Brenda Erdahl, Don Dittberner, Nick Pawlenty & Michele Pawlenty, Maple Lake Messenger  
Second: Jackson County Pilot  
Third: Don Dittberner, Brenda Erdahl, Nick Pawlenty & Michele Pawlenty, Maple Lake Messenger

#### Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000

First: Louis Hogle, Kim Pederson, Paul Gubrud and staff, Pelican Rapids Press  
Second: Northern Light Region, Baudette  
Third: Kat Robb & staff, Aitken Independent Age

#### Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000

First: Nick Wognum, Tom Coombe, Lisa Vidal, Parker Loew & Terri Pylka, Ely Echo  
Second: The Globe, Worthington  
Third: Tom Fenton & Amanda Thooft, Sauk Rapids Herald

#### Non-Multi Day over 7,000

First: Jeff Kale, Taylor Smith, Taylor Fishwild, Ellen Whalen & Michelle Quanrud, Fillmore County Journal, Preston  
Second: Tessia Wangsness, Sara Mensink, Taylor Smith, Jeff Kale & Ellen Whalen, Fillmore County Journal, Preston  
Third: Tessia Wangsness, Sara Mensink, Taylor Smith, Jeff Kale & Ellen Whalen, Fillmore County Journal, Preston

#### Multi-Day up to 5,000

First: Eric Johnson, Rocky Hulne, Crystal Miller, Heather Biwer & Tabatha Sanchez, Austin Daily Herald  
Second: Karen Beebout, Bette Zinnel, Mike Lamb & Jim Muchlinski, Marshall Independent  
Third: The Bemidji Pioneer

#### Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000

First: Brainerd Dispatch  
Second: West Central Tribune, Willmar  
Third: Brainerd Dispatch

#### Multi-Day over 10,000

First: Post Bulletin, Rochester  
Second: Grand Forks Herald  
Third: Post Bulletin, Rochester

### Best Magazine

#### Non-Multi Day

First: Faribault County Register, Blue Earth

Second: Fillmore County Journal, Preston, Taylor Smith, Jeff Kale, Ellen Whalen, Michelle Quanrud & Jason Sethre  
Third: Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes

#### Multi Day

First: Brainerd Dispatch  
Second: Grand Forks Herald  
Third: The Free Press, Mankato, Mankato Magazine staff

### Best Magazine Design

#### Non-Multi Day

First: Pope County Tribune, Glenwood/Starbuck, Erica Carlson, Erika Andreas, Mel Stegner & Tim Douglass  
Second: Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes  
Third: Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes

#### Multi Day

First: The Bemidji Pioneer  
Second: Albert Lea Tribune  
Third: Detroit Lakes Tribune

### Best Magazine Cover

First: Pope County Tribune, Glenwood/Starbuck, Erica Carlson, Erika Andreas, Mel Stegner & Tim Douglass  
Second: Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes  
Third: Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes

#### Multi Day

First: Brainerd Dispatch  
Second: The Free Press, Mankato, Christina Sankey  
Third: Austin Daily Herald, Eric Johnson

### Best Magazine Article

#### Non-Multi Day

First: Minnesota Women's Press, Minneapolis, Mikki Morissette  
Second: Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes, Nancy Vogt  
Third: Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes, Nancy Vogt

#### Multi Day

First: Post Bulletin, Rochester, Steve Lange  
Second: West Central Tribune, Willmar, Shelby Lindrud  
Third: Albert Lea Tribune, Sarah Stultz

### Best Magazine Photography

#### Non-Multi Day

First: Fillmore County Journal, Preston, staff and readers  
Second: Minnesota Women's Press, Minneapolis, Sarah Whiting  
Third: Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes



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### Multi Day

First: Post Bulletin, Rochester, Joe Ahlquist  
Second: Post Bulletin, Rochester, Joe Ahlquist  
Third: Brainerd Dispatch, Joey Halvorson

### Magazine Use of Photography as a Whole

#### Non-Multi Day

First: The Timberjay, Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr  
Second: Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes  
Third: Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes

#### Multi Day

First: Brainerd Dispatch  
Second: Brainerd Dispatch  
Third: West Central Tribune, Willmar

### Magazine General Reporting

#### Non-Multi Day

First: Pope County Tribune, Glenwood/Starbuck, Erica Carlson, Erika Andreas, Mel Stegner & Tim Douglass  
Second: Pope County Tribune, Glenwood/Starbuck, Erica Carlson, Erika Andreas, Mel Stegner & Tim Douglass  
Third: Faribault County Register, Blue Earth

#### Multi Day

First: Albert Lea Tribune  
Second: Post Bulletin, Rochester, Steve Lange, Jennifer Haugen Koski, Abby Ashbacher & Hadley Lange  
Third: Albert Lea Tribune

### Best Use of Video

#### Non-Multi Day

First: Wyatt Buckner, Pine Journal, Cloquet  
Second: The Globe, Worthington  
Third: Stacy Verdick Case, Isanti-Chisago County Star, Cambridge

#### Multi-Day

First: Wyatt Buckner, Duluth News Tribune  
Second: Chris Flynn, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead  
Third: Steve Kohls, Brainerd Dispatch

### Best Use of Multimedia

#### Non-Multi Day

First: Dan Williamson, Pine Journal, Cloquet  
Second: Advertising team & Sara Leitheiser, Pineandlakes Echo Journal, Pequot Lakes

#### Multi-Day

First: Maxwell Marko, Grand Forks Herald  
Second: Brainerd Dispatch

Third: Thomas Evanela, Kris Kerzman, Chris Flynn & Alyssa Goelzer, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

### Best Use of Social Media

#### Non-Multi Day up to 3,000

First: Ivan Hohnstadt, Pine Knot News, Cloquet  
Second: Karen Hale & Rick Bussler, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie  
Third: Jackson County Pilot

#### Non-Multi Day over 3,000

First: Amber Lynum, Ember Berg, Sarah Whiting & Mikki Morrisette, Minnesota Women's Press, Minneapolis  
Second: Anna Rogers, The Globe, Worthington  
Third: Annika Gunderson, Sauk Rapids Herald

#### Multi-Day

First: Conrad Engstrom & Staff, Brainerd Dispatch  
Second: Andrew Link, Post Bulletin, Rochester  
Third: Maxwell Marko, Grand Forks Herald

### Government/Public Affairs Reporting

#### Non-Multi Day up to 1,500

First: Jean Matua & George Matua, Tri-County News, Kimball  
Second: John Wagner, County News Review, Cambridge/North Branch  
Third: Hannah Davis, Forest Lake Times

#### Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 3,000

First: Jodi Summit, The Timberjay, Tower/Ely/Cook/Orr  
Second: Howard Lestrud & Rick Bussler, Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie  
Third: Brady Slater, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

#### Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000

First: Anja Wuolu, Crystal/Robbinsdale/New Hope/Golden Valley Sun Post  
Second: The Globe, Worthington

#### Non-Multi Day over 7,000

First: Al Zdon, Northeaster, Minneapolis  
Second: Bill Stickels III, Isanti-Chisago County Star, Cambridge

Third: Cynthia Sowden, Northeaster, Minneapolis

#### Multi-Day up to 5,000

First: Nathan Bowe, Detroit Lakes Tribune  
Second: Heather Kantrud, The Daily Journal, Fergus Falls  
Third: Heather Kantrud, The Daily Journal, Fergus Falls

#### Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000

First: Renee Richardson, Brainerd Dispatch  
Second: Renee Richardson, Brainerd Dispatch



## 2022-23 Better Newspaper Contest Winners

Third: Theresa Bourke, Brainerd Dispatch

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Wendy Reuer, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

Second: Jeff Kiger, Dene Dryden & Matthew Stolle

Post Bulletin, Rochester

Third: April Baumgarten, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

## **Freedom of Information Award**

### **All publications**

First: Jana Peterson, Brady Slater & Mike Creger, Pine Knot News, Cloquet

Second: Joe Spear, The Free Press, Mankato

Third: Jeremy Turley & Meghan Arbegast, Grand Forks Herald

## **Explanation of Newspaper**

### **Operations or Ethics**

#### **All publications**

First: Jeff Pieters, Post Bulletin, Rochester

Second: Reed Anfinson, Swift County Monitor News, Benson

Third: Heather Kantrud, The Daily Journal, Fergus Falls

## **Category X: Coverage of school boards**

### **Non-Multi Day**

First: Brady Slater, Jana Peterson, Ted Lammi, Rebekah King & Mike Creger,

Pine Knot News, Cloquet

Second: Anja Wuolu & Alaina Rooker, Crystal/Robbinsdale/New Hope/Golden Valley Sun Post

Third: The Globe, Worthington

### **Multi-Day**

First: Theresa Bourke, Brainerd Dispatch

Second: Linda Vanderwerf, West Central Tribune, Willmar

Third: Andrew Deziel, Kristine Goodrich & Philip Weyhe, Faribault Daily News

## **General Excellence**

### **Non-Multi Day up to 1,000**

First: Citizen's Advocate, Henning

Second: Waseca County Pioneer

Third: The Observer Advocate, Mountain Lake

### **Non-Multi Day 1,001 - 1,500**

First: Jackson County Pilot

Second: Tracy Area Headlight Herald

Third: Pine Journal, Cloquet

### **Non-Multi Day 1,501 - 3,000**

First: Steele County Times, Blooming Prairie

Second: Pope County Tribune, Glenwood/Starbuck

Third: Pine Knot News, Cloquet

### **Non-Multi Day 3,001 - 7,000**

First: The Globe, Worthington

Second: Ely Echo

Third: Elk River Star News

### **Non-Multi Day over 7,000**

First: Northeaster, Minneapolis

Second: The Park Bugle, St. Paul

Third: Fillmore County Journal, Preston

### **Multi-Day up to 5,000**

First: The Bemidji Pioneer

Second: Detroit Lakes Tribune

Third: Park Rapids Enterprise

### **Multi-Day 5,001 to 10,000**

First: Brainerd Dispatch

Second: West Central Tribune, Willmar

Third: Alexandria Echo Press

### **Multi-Day over 10,000**

First: Post Bulletin, Rochester

Second: Duluth News Tribune

Third: Grand Forks Herald

## **Dave Pyle New Journalist Award**

### **Non-Multi Day**

First: Taryn Lessman, Jackson County Pilot

Second: Ian Wreisner, Anoka County Union Herald

Third: Jessica Charpentier, Crow River News, St.

Michael/Albertville

### **Multi-Day**

First: Colton Kemp, Faribault Daily News

Second: Dene Dryden, Post Bulletin, Rochester

Third: Melissa Van Der Stad, The Forum, Fargo/Moorhead

## **Herman Roe Editorial Writing Award**

First: Joe Spear, The Free Press, Mankato

Second: Chuck Frederick, Duluth News Tribune

Third: Lori Sorenson, Rock County Star Herald, Luverne

## **Lynn Smith Community Leadership Award**

First: The Free Press, Mankato

Second: Fillmore County Journal, Preston, Jason Sethre,

Michelle Quanrud, Jeff Kale, Taylor Smith & Ellen Whalen

Third: Minnesota Women's Press, Minneapolis, Mikki

Morrisette, Lydia Moran & Sarah Whiting