

MCNA Best First Nations Coverage	Overall Impact	Quality of Content	Style	Originality	Total	Rank	Comments
	15pts	15pts	10pts	10pts	50 pts	1,2,3	
Altona Red River Valley Echo - Because every child matters - Lori Penner	12	12	9	6	39		Dynamic coverage of a school event. Penner did well to make a moving school talk more than just that, incorporating historical data and photos. Excellent pictures to accompany the story.
Beausejour Clipper Weekly - Treaty Days honours missing women, men - Arlene Davidson	10	12	7	6	35		Good coverage of community events, does a decent job of covering all bases but could have gone a bit deeper with an interview or profile of performer/participant.
Boissevain Recorder - Remembrance part of class focus, honouring missing and murdered Indigenous women - Paul Rayner	11	12	8	7	38		The colourful, active shots of the children participating look great, draw the reader in.
Dauphin Herald - Order of Manitoba to former Pine Creek and Ebb and Flow residents	13	13	7	7	40		This profile on honoured citizens does a great job. More than the standard list of achievements, the interview is in-depth and informs the reader of the honourees as First Nations and how that shaped and guided the direction of their community contributions.
Erickson South Mountain Press - Communities find common ground - Candy Irwin	10	11	6	7	34		An interesting read overall, but with an odd mix of editorial comment being inserted into news coverage. Best to keep them separate, even in human interest pieces. Confusing with different headers b/t front and carry page.
Flin Flon Reminder - Missing Indigenous are 'forgotten people' - Cassidy Dankochik	12	12	6	7	37		A well-written piece that ties in national action on MMIWG to a local level.
Gimli Express Weekly News - Indigenous studies student is a man with a mission - Roger Newman	13	11	7	8	39		Language preservation is an important aspect of keeping strong, connected Indigenous communities. This story does well to cover that matter. Could have been built out a bit more - some sample words/phrases translated for readers? The switch from one last name to another from start to finish is unnecessarily confusing and the editor should have chosen his current name.
Gimli Interlake Spectator - Reggie Leach to be awarded the Order of Canada - Adam Pelshaty	8	8	7	4	27		An interesting read, but its relevance to the category is secondary. The story is mostly a profile of a hockey player receiving an award, and while First Nations heritage is mentioned, it isn't the focus of the story.
Headingley Headliner - Stitching up new relationships / Ribbon Skirt Project bringing women together to learn - Andrea Geary	12	13	9	8	42	3	Really wonderful piece. The writing style and structure is very inviting as a reader and does justice to a valuable community project. Photos and pull quote help make layout catch the attention of readers.
Killamey Guide - Hip Hop Hoop dancing opens windows to the world - Kim Langen	14	13	9	8	44	1	A great example of bringing a school presentation to the page in a way that extends both the information and the spirit of the event to readers. Wonderful photos catch your eye right away and draw you into the story on Hip Hop Hoop dancing. Some stylistic issues with some odd phrases and incorrect words. Details matter!
Neepawa Banner & Press - Bajoosh Run passes through Neepawa - Eoin Devereux	11	12	7	7	37		Covering runner with a mission. Nice story but could dig deeper into the diabetes issue. Would help to have a local perspective on why they were supporting the event.
Russell Banner - We must never forget what happened to Sue Madeleine - Chantell Senchuk	11	11	6	6	34		This piece had all the elements, including good detailed writing but could use some polish - eg. no headline on beginning of story. Good job for covering community event - listed the purpose/background most of interest to readers first, followed by rundown of events, which may be worth detailing but likely not too valuable to reader after the event. Crop into the action/content on photos so you can run larger
Selkirk Journal - Aboriginal student success celebrated at Selkirk Comp - Samantha Prokopich	13	12	8	8	41		Coverage is related to celebrating First Nations' success, and effectively does just that. Good work on incorporating more than one voice, with comments from several community members.
Selkirk Record - Red ribbons tied to Lockport Bridge to remember MMIWG2S - Katelyn Boulanger	14	13	8	8	43	2	Ms. Boulanger did well with writing and photographs on this piece. Getting several interviews that bring the nationwide MMIWG2S inquiry to the community level. A couple slip-ups with spelling and grammar should be addressed but don't take away from the important message of those speaking.
Shoal Lake Crossroads This Week - Economic development on the rise / Waywayseecappo First Nation moving forward with a variety of projects, including Gas Bar near Brandon - Darrell Nesbitt	11	12	7	6	36		This is a good piece, but the focus is more on business and development than First Nation. If more focus was brought to the reason for growth as it related to Indigenous peoples, that may have brought more depth to the story.
Steinbach Carillon - Unity dance presses for First Nations awareness - Jordan Ross	12	12	8	8	40		Nice, colourful photos to accompany the story. The interview was decent and the speaker addressed a broad range of First Nations issues (which was the point of the Unity Dances) which would be relevant and informative to readers as well.
Stonewall Teulon Times - Celebrating Metis culture during centennial festivities - Gabrielle Piche	11	12	7	7	37		This article covers a community event that had many facets, and the accompanying photos help illustrate that. The writer includes plenty of detail, but could work on phrasing to make it read more as a narrative than as a list of separate items. The quotes at the end about culture/tradition have the most impact and would have best served the article if used as lede (instead of freebie tote bags).
Swan Valley Star and Times - Youth come together through culture and traditional song - Jakki Lumax	12	12	8	7	39		Well done on this lovely profile of local female youth drum group. The contributed photo is beautiful and draws the reader in.
The Pas - Opasquia Times - Saving our sisters, MMIWG honoured during provincial day of recognition - Trent Allen	12	12	6	7	37		This piece does well to balance the local events with the related national inquiry. Work could be done on framing and composition of photography.
Winkler Morden Voice - Talking satire and the Indigenous experience - Lorne Stelmach	13	12	7	5	37		Well-presented coverage of a speaking event, which can be a challenge to do well. The content is very interesting and useful to the reader, but since it was a public presentation, originality and scoring the interview can't be credited to the news story alone.
Winnipeg - The Lance - Sharing ideas, building relationships - Simon Fuller	13	13	8	7	41		Short and sweet, this article gets in the basic information on the event, has interesting quotes, a nice photo and reads well. The message is direct and highlights an important reconciliation effort that is directed towards youth - with kids themselves reacting to the event.
Winnipeg - The Herald - Permanent Indigenous learning space at KEC - Sheldon Birnie	11	12	8	7	38		I think the reporter was really closer to a meatier story here - covered the conference and school board perspective on its importance. While this was interesting as a reader, I wish the writer would have interviewed the three students behind the idea, and not just the school board staff. Well written, looks good.
<p><b>Judges Notes Overall:</b> The category was once again filled with excellent entries that made judging and selecting top entries quite challenging. Those that rose to the top are written to draw in the reader, leading with the strongest information and offering in-depth information about local First Nations - whether that be fore an event, issue or profile. Strong photographs and smart layout enhanced the experience as a reader. It was so informative and rewarding to read about Manitoba First Nations communities and how they are navigating everyday life, preserving their culture, looking to the future and addressing the past.</p>							