

# Grand Forks Herald

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**To:** MNA judges  
**From:** Korrie Wenzel  
**Re:** Category X: "On the border"  
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Judges for the MNA Category X award,

Please allow me a moment to explain the reporting procedures associated with the Grand Forks Herald's "On the border" entry into the Category X.

This entry is so much more than just a basic news series. The print component (the stories you will read) are just a portion of the sum effort that went into this project.

Foremost, the Herald put together a three-part documentary video that ran in conjunction with the stories you will read. The documentary comes to about 40 minutes, with each chapter running approximately 13 minutes. Great effort went into the video portion of this project, with a team of reporters and photographers each spending multiple days in the area seeking all angles that helped tell this unique story. The project took six weeks to complete. There were multiple columns about the project and even an editorial.

I invite you to view the documentary segments at:

<https://www.grandforksherald.com/news/6807940-Three-part-Herald-video-documentary-On-the-border-captures-snapshot-of-life-on-the-border-in-northwest-Minnesota>

I apologize for the lengthy web address, but the videos have now moved into the archives and are not actively placed on the website. If you'd like that link sent directly to you, please reach out to me at [kwenzel@gfherald.com](mailto:kwenzel@gfherald.com) or my assistant, Marsha, at [marshajohnson@gfherald.com](mailto:marshajohnson@gfherald.com).

I realize there is no video component actually included in this category, but I do believe it helps show the depth of this project and the work that went into it.

Thank you for considering it.

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