

BEST PHOTO ESSAY

Too many entries had too many photos that either showed who participated or what events there were, but didn't take the time to really tell the story, the fun had or the reason, or emotions involved in the event, or a conclusion. Most often photos were all the same size and packed into a page or pages that wasn't enticing to look at. A photo essay needs one strong photo and then it can have as many small ones as necessary to tell the story but not to overdo it by feeling the need to have, for example, every single activity or person shown who participated.



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RODNEY LORICA and SABREENA MOHAMED

Your Local Journal

This jumped out immediately to this judge as a strong photo essay. It told the story at a glance and then filled in the rest of my interest with the smaller photos. Excellent photos and outstanding layout. Congratulations.

TREVOR GREENWAY

The Low Down to Hull & Back News

The emotions in the larger photo jumped out and made you want to look deeper into the story that was told with the remaining photos, cutlines and story. Awesome job!

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From Page 14 Musicians, friends flock to Sheep for tribute



Greg Stone belts out a solo on the guitar during the party for Louis Rompre. Trevor Greenway photos. Louis Rompre gets emotional, as friend Ian Tamblyn croons a tune on stage.



Louis Rompre (left) and La Pêche Mayor Robert Bustiere.

Items up for bid included a Rompre-inspired Halloween costume complete with a Wakefield T-shirt and nose and moustache. La Confiiserie chocolate bars with his mustachioed face on the packaging, a canoe (two canoes connected by a platform, with a motor), and a safety kit, including a lifejacket and whistle were also up for bidding. The party was undoubtedly a morale boost.

All of Rompre's Wakefield friends, who have supported him with homemade suppers, car rides to appointments, and visits were at The Sheep wearing Rompre-inspired moustaches and ponytails. A video from Rompre's son, Chris, who is in Cambodia, was an emotional start to the show, but open mic night favourites like Pat Maher and Phil Jenkins had the dance floor going, with a group of mostly women dancing around Rompre, who sat front and centre.

"You take my breath away," Rompre later told the crowd, after his performance with his band, Riverbend.

Rompre's other son, Shawn, played a set with his Toronto-based funk band, The Digs. Fighting back tears, he thanked everyone for their support. "It's too soon for you to go," Shawn said, looking at his dad.

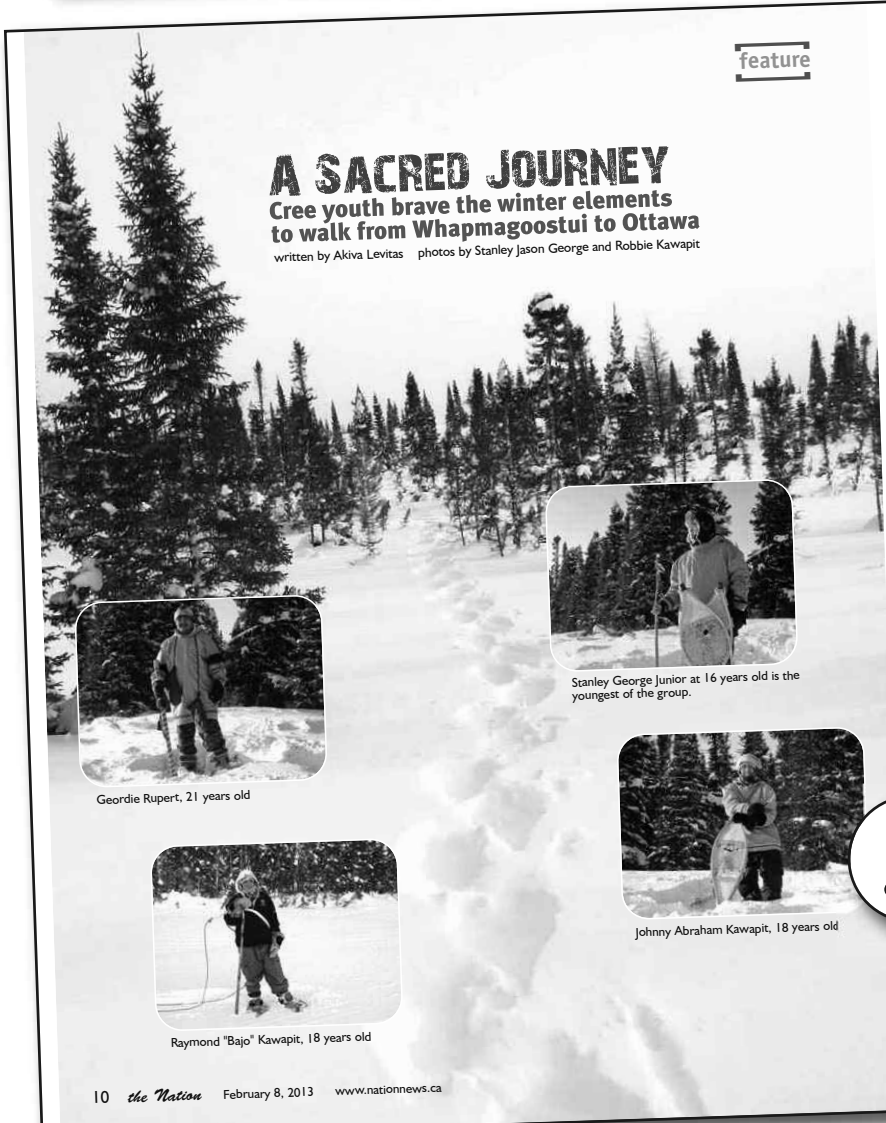
The crowd was at a teary-eyed standstill, but only momentarily. The Digs ripped out a final song and everyone danced in the name of Rompre.



A packed Sheep crowd applauds organizer Mark Michaud for organizing the party for Louis Rompre. The two later embraced in a long, warm hug.

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A SACRED JOURNEY Cree youth brave the winter elements to walk from Whapmagoostui to Ottawa

written by Akiva Levitas photos by Stanley Jason George and Robbie Kawapit



Stanley George Junior at 16 years old is the youngest of the group.



Geordie Rupert, 21 years old



Raymond "Bajo" Kawapit, 18 years old



Johnny Abraham Kawapit, 18 years old

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STANLEY JASON GEORGE and ROBBIE KAWAPIT

the Nation

Awesome first page layout, the remainder was a bit weaker as the photos really told who was involved but although good, I placed it 3rd because I think the photos could have maybe told a better story of each individual rather than just of them posing for a snapshot.

Judge: Joyce Webster, Publisher, East Central Alberta Review, Coronation, AB • Number of entries in the Best Photo Essay category: 17