

1995 KPA Better Newspaper Contest

Who's Flyin' Higher?

What Kentucky newspapers and staffs saw their hard work rewarded at the Awards Banquet during the Kentucky Press Association Winter Convention?

Who's taking home wooden plaques with their names engraved for winning First Place in a category?

Who's taking home second, third, honorable mentions and certificates of merit for their work?

And which newspapers are taking home the coveted General Excellence Awards?

Turn the page to find out!



To the right, Bob Pitchford of the Scottsville Citizen Times took First Place in the Best Feature Picture category for Weekly 3.



WEEKLY CLASS I

Weekly Class 1

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place — Kelley Warnick, **Gallatin County News**
"Zoning" takes on a hot topic in rural areas and talks sensibly about it.
Second Place — Mark Cooper, **Spencer Magnet**
"Shining Light" defuses an emotional local issue by making a common-sense argument. It deals with the issues one by one and contributes to the public's understanding.
Third Place — Clay Warnick, **Gallatin County News**
I don't know that I agree with the writer, but he makes his point so stylishly and vigorously that I have to admire the work.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place — John O'Neal Jones, **Hickman Courier**
Second Place — Rita Mitchell, **Fulton Leader**
Third Place — Richard L. Deavers, **Central City Times Argus**

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place — Rita Mitchell, **Fulton Leader**
Second Place — Rita Mitchell, **Fulton Leader**
Third Place — Kelley Warnick, **Gallatin County News**
Honorable Mention — Mark Chandler, **McLean County News**

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place — Mark Cooper, **Spencer Magnet**
Second Place — Kelley Warnick, **Gallatin County News**
Third Place — Chris Jones, **Trimble Banner Democrat**
Honorable Mention — E.L. Gold, **Fulton Leader**

Category 5 - Best Column (One Subject)

First Place — Neva Martin, **Kenton County Recorder**
Second Place — Jeff Wilder, **Cumberland Tri City News**
Third Place — Mark Cooper, **Spencer Magnet**

Category 6 - Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place — A.R. Reis, **Cumberland Tri-City News**
Second Place — Chris Jones, **Trimble Banner Democrat**
Third Place — Neva Martin, **Kenton County Recorder**

Category 7 - Best Sports Column

First Place — Mark Chandler, **McLean County News**
Second Place — Chris Gramke, **Kenton County Recorder**

Category 8 - Best Sports Story

First Place — Jamie Bumpus, **Fulton Leader**
Great use of lyrics to describe game action.
Second Place — Mark Chandler, **McLean County News**
I like the way the story was personalized.
Third Place — Richard Deavers, **Central City Times Argus**
Good metaphor.
Honorable Mention — Mark Cooper, **Spencer Magnet**
Solid story.

Category 9 - Best Sports Feature

First Place — Chris Gramke, **Kenton County Recorder**
The writer has done a fine job of going back to a news story and developing a feature that holds the reader's interest. More features like this would improve any newspaper.
Second Place — Jamie Bumpus, **Fulton Leader**
It is easy to report what an athlete is going to do. It takes skill to do it with a most interesting feature. Use of quotes made the feature.
Third Place — Kelley Warnick, **Gallatin County News**
Too many times we think baseball, basketball, football when we say sports. Tractor pulling is something else and most interesting, particularly when it shows years of dedication with little publicity.
Honorable Mention — Jennifer Scroggins, **Kenton County Recorder**
It deserves an award.

Category 10 - Best Investigative or Analytical Story

First Place — Chris Burns, **Kenton County Recorder**
A very good analysis of a very misunderstood process. It was presented in a clear and direct manner.
Second Place — Staff, **Kenton County Recorder**
A worthy subject but a little too tied down by figures.

Category 11 - Best Story Series (NO ENTRIES)

Category 12 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Stories

First Place — Mark Cooper, **Spencer Magnet**
A blizzard doesn't occur every day. Once you have reported snow depth, damage injuries, etc., it's a matter of waiting for the thaw. Instead, this entry continued creative coverage with crisp writing and an almost feature approach. Great!
Second Place — John O'Neal Jones, **Hickman Courier**

It's easy to cover one meeting each week or so on the same subject. It's the weeks in between that take effort and skill. This entry showed a knack for developing news.
Third Place — Rita Mitchell, **Fulton Leader**
With not the most interesting topic, this reporter has developed a solid continuing story. The writer did a fine job of reporting what was going to happen.

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place — Mark Cooper, **Spencer Magnet**
Someone came up with a better mousetrap and this writer found a way to explain a new operation in a manner which is, I believe, as interesting to non farmers as it is farmers.
Second Place — Kelley Warnick, **Gallatin County News**
A very good local angle on what first developed as a national story.
Third Place — Rita Mitchell, **Fulton Leader**
With all the talk about health-care, it is good to see something developing on a local or regional level. This is a well-written report on a most important subject.

Category 14 - Best General News Picture

First Place — Rita Mitchell, **Fulton Leader**
Good layout shows the extent of flooding, and shows human scale. Good work!
Second Place — Kelley Warnick, **Gallatin County News**
Good composition, good focus — an engaging seasonal news photo.
Third Place — Mark Cooper, **Spencer Magnet**
Cooper caught the incumbent at the right moment. Good shot!

Category 15 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place — Kelley Warnick, **Gallatin County News**
Good angle and focus captures the aftermath of a chopper accident.
Second Place — Kelley Warnick, **Gallatin County News**
Backing off the scene works well here. These three firefighters have a BIG job on their hands.
Third Place — David Dixon, **Tri-City News**
Good fire shot.

Category 16 - Best News Picture Essay (Spot or General News)

First Place — Kelley Warnick, **Gallatin County News**
Well done! Photographer knows his camera and his county. A clear picture of a very cold day.
Second Place — Eric Krosnes, **Kenton County Recorder**
Krosnes does a good job of following youngsters around high school. Good photo selection.
Third Place — Mark Cooper, **Spencer Magnet**
Good action. Sets up the story by including the fire's ignition.

Category 17 - Best Feature Picture

First Place — Eric Krosnes, **Kenton County Recorder**
Good action shot! Sharp focus and good timing yield great results.
Second Place — Kelley Warnick, **Gallatin County News**
Good mood, good sense of place.
Third Place — Eric Krosnes, **Kenton County Recorder**
Good sense of composition!

Category 18 - Best Feature Picture Essay

First Place — Kelley Warnick, **Gallatin County News**
Good photo selection depicting a day at the fair. Love the main photo!!
Second Place — Eric Krosnes, **Kenton County Recorder**
Another day at the fair, picture selection is good, but layout could use some work. Make photo of kids on ride the main focal point.
Third Place — John O'Neal Jones, **Hickman Courier**
The main photo anchors this package. Good work.

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture

First Place — Mark Chandler, **McLean County News**
Good basketball action!
Second Place — Mark Chandler, **McLean County News**
Good timing on the decisive instant at second base.
Third Place — Eric Krosnes, **Kenton County Recorder**
Good timing to catch a swimmer between strokes. This photo should have run larger.

Category 20 - Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place — Kelley Warnick, **Gallatin County News**
Action, exhortation, jubilation. Warnick's photos capture the event.
Second Place — Mark Cooper, **Spencer Magnet**
Cooper captures a humorous side of the old father-son bond. Works well.
Third Place — Eric Krosnes, **Kenton County Recorder**
Good action shot coupled with celebration tells the story well.



WEEKLY CLASS II

Weekly Class 2

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Springfield Sun**
 Editorial is about as strong a statement as an editor can make in favor of a highway project. Ninie Glasscock tells her story skillfully with strong words, fast-moving sentences, dramatic presentation of fact and opinion. A compelling piece of work.
Second Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Springfield Sun**
 "Say No Bobby" is a splendid example of how thorough reporting can build a powerful editorial. Ninie Glasscock is a superb story-teller.
Third Place — Dave Cazalet, **Russell Springs Times Journal**
 "Secret Contracts" is an excellent explanation of the need for open records laws, and for judges with the guts and vision to treat violators seriously.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place — Chris Evans, **Crittenden Press**
 This story went a long way to explain not only a murder happened, but what effect it had on a community.
Second Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Springfield Sun**
 The writer had an interesting lead and this story was easy to read, in fact, you didn't want to quit reading it.
Third Place — H.B. Elkins, **Irvine Citizen Voice and Times**
 A complicated story to write by sheer volume of arrests. Well organized.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Springfield Sun**
 Outstanding reporting combined with lively writing to make this the clear first place winner.
Second Place — Chris Evans, **Crittenden Press**
 Interesting topic, evocative writing on a subject that effects many citizens.
Third Place — Ron Daley, **Troublesome Creek Times**
 Good coverage of a trend that has serious, far-reaching impact on the community. Translation of enrollment drops into funding losses is strong and explicitly defines the story's gravity.
 Honorable Mention — Travis Flora, **Berea Citizen**
 Vivid depiction of long-time community activist.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place — Robin Stevens, **Cadiz Record**
 Fresh, bright and full of images.
Second Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Springfield Sun**
 Probably the best written, in terms of flow, pace and rhythm, from more than 45 entries. Well above the crowd.
Third Place — Ken Metz, **Bath County News Outlook**
 This story is unpolished, but from the heart.

Category 5 - Best Column (One Subject)

First Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Springfield Sun**
 Among many good entries, her "Act of Kindness" column topped the list. Good writer.
Second Place — Mike French, **Berea Citizen**
 His strength is that each of his columns about personal matters also make you think. There's something special about expanding your horizons.
Third Place — H.B. Elkins, **Irvine Citizen Voice & Times**
 One of the only entries to write about issues in community, not just personal anecdotes. Columnist has leadership power every bit as much as editorials, and H.B. used it.
 Honorable Mention — Ralph B. Davis, **Jackson County Sun**
 Hilarious column on birth of his son was close to contender for third place.

Category 6 - Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place — Ralph B. Davis, **Jackson County Sun**
 Good mix of serious, humorous and personal at an easy to read length with a folksy tone.
Second Place — Russ Metz, **Bath County News Outlook**
 Interesting subjects and good sense of humor. Columns are too long.
Third Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Springfield Sun**
 Good mix of subjects, light but personal style.

Category 7 - Best Sports Column

First Place — Chris Gramke, **Campbell County Recorder**
 Without a doubt, Mr. Gramke is the top writer in this category. His columns appeal to all readers, because his subjects are people and not just athletes. You don't have to be sports-minded to enjoy his work.
Second Place — Tom Bystrek, **Springfield Sun**
 Tom tackles a wide range of topics in his columns, mixing criticism with humor and in the case of the "Fit Five," a chance for others to tell their story. Good job!
Third Place — Scott Brown, **Cadiz Record**
 Scott is in tune in Trigg County sports, and with his past, as demonstrated with his columns. "Smells like school spirit" shows it's good for reporters not to always be critical. Good job!!

Category 8 - Best Sports Story

First Place — Chris Browning, **Crittenden Press**
 This represents a thorough job of localizing a state issue and demonstrates when a sports writer should possess good reporting skills. Chris did his readers a tremendous service with this article. Good job!
Second Place — Ed Cahill, **Russell Springs Times Journal**
 Ed is to be commended for making a track meet story readable, personal but informative. Good sports writers have the talent to do that. A fine job of capturing more than just results.
Third Place — James Cook, **Clay City Times**
 Good job of reporting perhaps one of the biggest sports stories in 17 years. You unfold what happened, but would like to have heard more from the players in this case.
 Honorable Mention — George Ferrell, **Jackson County Sun**
 Enjoyed the lead to this story and your description of how a team could lose a 20-point lead in five minutes. The "Fat Lady" approach works well for this report.

Category 9 - Best Sports Feature

First Place — TIE - Chris Gramke, **Campbell County Recorder**
 Good personality profile, strong use of quotes, stats are woven unobtrusively into the story.
First Place — TIE - Chris Browning, **Crittenden Press**
 Interesting sports feature, good lead that draws you into story. Changes sentence structure. Story is easy to read from beginning to end.
Second Place — Scott Brown, **Cadiz Record**
 Clever lead, concise writing, nice variation in paragraph structure. Appealing juxtaposition of siblings' personalities and rivalries.
Third Place — Travis Flora, **Berea Citizen**
 Well-written story with good use of quotes. Cute question paragraph for fourth paragraph foreshadows part on Trina Goodrich. This was a good story.

Category 10 - Best Investigative or Analytical Story

First Place — Chris Evans, **Crittenden Press**
 Thorough reporting about an error that left a county being owed \$68,000 in back taxes by railroad company. Chart was helpful to readers understanding too. Good work.
Second Place — Steve Olding/Joe Stone, **Campbell County Recorder**
 Concise yet informative two-part piece about Northern Kentucky's need for a regional detention center. Liked leads on each story.
Third Place — Travis Flora, **Berea Citizen**
 Every now and then officials need a "Jack-em-up" story. This one is short, sweet and to the point, and they can't argue with the record!! Bet attendance improved! Good job!!

Category 11 - Best Story Series

First Place — Beth Curlin, **Irvine Citizen Voice & Times**
 Good comprehensive look at nuts and bolts of Kentucky Education Reform Act after four years as it is impacting locally. Great quotes from West Irvine Elementary teacher.
Second Place — Ken Simon, **Clay City Times**
 Intriguing story, apparently still on-going. Industrious reporting. Nice job of trying to explain convoluted situation.
Third Place — Mike French, **Berea Citizen**
 Another series on KERA. Fine representation of educator's opinions, but doesn't show me how KERA is working in classroom, which is a strength of first place. Well-written nonetheless.
 Honorable Mention — Karen Calhoun, **Troublesome Creek Times**
 Series on trees in Knott County where timber is important business. Remarkable for sheer volume!

Category 12 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Stories

First Place — Ed Cahill/David Cazalet, **Russell Springs Times Journal**
 This story on open records dispute was a public service as well as bulldog tenacious in pursuing issue. Good job!
Second Place — Travis Flora, **Berea Citizen**
 Series on nerve gas exposed community to real dangers and kept heat on government to clean up its act. Once again, thorough coverage also performs a public service.
Third Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Springfield Sun**
 Public exposure certainly didn't help this nudist colony, but the twists and turns of its saga made for good reading and reporting.

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place — Jon Paul McKinney, **Grant County News**
 Threat of ASCS office closing would be important story for any agricultural community. This story captures sense of that importance as felt in Grant County. Enticing lead. Good flavor of setting and mood. Nice job!!
Second Place — Travis Flora, **Berea Citizen**
 Catchy lead. Good job of presenting both sides of confrontation. Its a pity owners didn't choose to comment and thereby help bring about a better understanding. Of course this incident is symptomatic of bigger problem. Bet everyone in town read this story completely through.
Third Place — Steve Olding, **Campbell County Recorder**
 This story lacks the importance and immediacy of top two, but it probably is the best crafted of the lot. Tightly written, yet chock full of facts about the Tri-State harvest program. While the topic isn't sexy, this is just simply a well-written piece.

WEEKLY CLASS 2

Category 14 - Best General News Picture

First Place — Beth Curlin, **Irvine Citizen Voice & Times**
Curlin's sharp eye saw the color possibilities of rainbows in sprinkler mist. She turned a routine assignment into something special.

Second Place — Tim Webb, **Clay City Times**
Good graduation shot!

Third Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Springfield Sun**
Nice character study in town marketplace

Category 15 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place — Mike French, **Berea Citizen**
Photographer's choice of angle shows how close accident came to home. Good news perspective.

Second Place — H.B. Elkins, **Irvine Citizen Voice & Times**
Good news shot to accompany the weeks lead story.

Third Place — Russ Metz, **Bath County News Outlook**
Good fire photo. Strong composition.

Category 16 - Best News Picture Essay (Spot or General News)

First Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Springfield Sun**
Strong photos matched with good layout! Unusual subject matter made even more interesting by photographer's eye.

Second Place — Tim Webb, **Clay City Times**
Good photo collection captures a frozen day locals will remember for a long time.

Third Place — Jon Paul McKinney, **Grant County News**
Local faces bring life to the debate over tobacco taxes.

Category 17 - Best Feature Picture

First Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Springfield Sun**
Good composition, good personality studies on all the kids.

Category 18 - Best Feature Picture Essay

First Place — Tim Webb, **Clay City Times**
Good camera technique, selection of shutter speed allows just right amount of blur.

Second Place — Beth Curlin, **Irvine Citizen Voice & Times**
Good job, capturing kids' joy.

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture

First Place — Eric Krosnes, **Campbell County Recorder**
Good timing and focus!

Second Place — Shorty Lassiter, **Springfield Sun**
Not all the news is on the court. Good work by photographer.

Third Place — Ed Cahill, **Russell Springs Times Journal**
Again, good timing and focus make this a working sports shot.

Category 20 - Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place — Ed Cahill, **Russell Springs Times Journal**
Good selection of players' photos gives sense of being at the park. In future, though, try varying the size of the pictures.

Second Place — Ed Cahill, **Russell Springs Times Journal**
Collection of photos creates excitement about upcoming season.

Third Place — Shorty Lassiter, **Springfield Sun**
Good action shots.

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Citizens pack courthouse to protest ASCS c

By Jon Paul McKinney
Staff Writer

The 400 people that lined up in Grant County Courthouse Feb. 8 in a noisy, clamorous protest against the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service's (ASCS) proposed cuts in farm income support.

The protesters, many of whom were local farmers, gathered in the hall of the courthouse to voice their concerns. They were there for one reason: to support Grant County's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office in its fight against the proposed cuts.

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EXCE on SPORTS

By Chris Gramke, Staff Writer

NCC's Wiggins a special athlete

Scott Wiggins was named to the National Football Foundation's (NFF) list of the nation's top 100 high school athletes. Wiggins was named to the list for his performance in football and basketball.

MY VIEWS

Act of kindness highlights annual senior banquet

The governors at the annual folding chairs on the side of the room. The governors at the annual folding chairs on the side of the room. The governors at the annual folding chairs on the side of the room.

A few girls rose up together and for an instant there is hope that their hand movement might just prevent the whole bunch of them from being the man's hand between the rows of chairs. But like a wave crashing from the sea and the girls who were sitting there, they were hit by the wave of the man's hand.

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Top left, Jon Paul McKinney of the Grant County News won First Place for Best Business/Agribusiness Story, while, above, Ninie Glasscock of the Springfield Sun won First Place for Best Column (one subject.) To the left, Chris Gramke of the Campbell County Recorder won First Place for Best Sports Column.



WEEKLY CLASS III

Weekly Class 3

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Lebanon Enterprise**

"Board should be listening..." is a compelling statement of protest against a school board action that seems intended to discourage public participation in public affairs. The editorial explains the problem fully and forcefully, and suggests how to solve it. A good, clear, strong piece of work.

Second Place — Patti Clark, **Jessamine Journal**

This is a strong piece of explanatory journalism that reflects first-hand knowledge of the present situation and history behind it. The situation is serious, the opinion is straightforward and forceful.

Third Place — Maleena Streeval, **Casey County News**

This is a heartfelt plea to correct a bad situation for the good of the community, the writing is strong and clear, the recommendation for action is sound.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place — Tony Fyffe, **Paintsville Herald**

This story wins top honors because the reporter didn't just pick up the phone to get the latest on this missing boy, he went to where the action was, and he got a great story by sticking around and watching.

Second Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Lebanon Enterprise**

This reporter's skills as an interviewer shine through in this story about a pilot who flew off course and had to crash land in the gulf. Good writing and flow kept her long story interesting to the end.

Third Place — Kit Millay, **Oldham Era**

I read a lot of weather stories and this was by far the best. Good coordination and writing under deadline pressure. A snappy lead.

Honorable Mention — Patti Clark, **Jessamine Journal**

An exhaustive look at a gas explosion and how it set off the town. This reporter really worked hard to pull this package off, and it shows.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place — Tony Fyffe, **Paintsville Herald**

Story is well written and gives a full account of the events leading up to the hearing, even if that's the only story reader has seen. Opening paragraph seems actually irrelevant.

Second Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Lebanon Enterprise**

Good story on meeting which was probably difficult to cover. Does include enough background to make story easy to follow. Needs to pay more attention to correct quotes.

Third Place — Dwain Harris, **Anderson News**

Maybe this is more of a feature story, but reader gets the impression it needed to be written. Weekly papers do not cover enough of these good side stories.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place — Dwain Harris, **Anderson News**

Harris does a marvelous job of capturing the love, pain and uncertainty of 26 years of a loved one's simply not knowing. He helps readers remember the sadness of the Viet Nam years, and yet he establishes for them the happiness of the relationships Ashby shared. Harris' writing style is dynamic, yet comfortable. He launches his story effectively, and also succeeds with a tightly wound ending much like the closure Ashby's family must feel after finally burying their lost soldier. Excellent job!!

Second Place — Craig Henderson, **Mt. Sterling Advocate**

Delightful and refreshing! Henderson brings a fresh approach to a holiday newspapers often overlook. Everyone has a story and a feature writer's challenge is to uncover the story in people that they don't even know they have. Henderson zeroes in on the story of this couple's love and sweet spirit that comes through in his writing. A more concise lead paragraph would have been more effective, but the photo and headline beckons readers to read on.

Third Place — Donna Carman, **Casey County News**

Carman's communication of this young girl's story is smooth, clear and concise. She carries readers through the battle for life and basic skills, mastering story transitions the way Emily masters smiling. Carman doesn't leave readers hanging at the end of her story, nor does she abandon the tactic of her lead paragraph. Well-written, but unfortunately not an original story idea. Nonetheless, a story definitely worth writing when written this well.

Category 5 - Best Column (One Subject)

First Place — Ninie Glasscock, **Lebanon Enterprise**

Glasscock's columns are extremely well-written and interesting. Her column on press freedom was very touching.

Second Place — Charles Pearl, **Lebanon Enterprise**

Pearl speaks from the heart. Readers get a sense of who he is from his columns.

Third Place — Clyde Pack, **Paintsville Herald**

Pack writes well and his sense of humor pervades his columns.

Honorable Mention — Dwain Harris, **Anderson News**

Harris's columns are personal, creative and funny.

Category 6 - Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place — Don Estep, **Corbin News Journal**

Folks in Williamsburg probably look for Don Estep's column every week if the ones we read are good examples. They are newsy, down-to-earth and interesting even if you aren't from Kentucky.

Second Place — Clyde Pack, **Paintsville Herald**

Clyde Pack's columns are entertaining and interesting. They cover several subjects with a sense of humor that leaves the reader feeling good.

Third Place — Tony Fyffe, **Paintsville Herald**

Tony Fyffe's column keeps readers informed on local politics. That can be tough on an editor, but it makes interesting reading.

Category 7 - Best Sports Column

First Place — Chris Hamilton, **Lebanon Enterprise**

Hamilton is a good writer who has fun with his columns and gives insight into sports.

Second Place — Jim Easterwood, **Jessamine Journal**

Good, local oriented columns that probably have an impact. One recommendation, get rid of the one-word leads.

Third Place — Gary Moyers, **Harrodsburg Herald**

Moyers obviously likes sports yet he's open enough to show how his young daughter put golf into perspective. Enjoyable reading.

Category 8 - Best Sports Story

First Place — John Wright, **Benton Tribune Courier**

Kentucky is a sports state and it shows in the articles submitted in this category. Fishing is one of the sports we rarely write news stories about, but John Wright did and he did it well.

Second Place — Jim Easterwood, **Jessamine Journal**

Sports isn't always a fun topic. Jim shows that in his story about financial woes at the local high school athletic department. An eye-opening story. I hope he follows up.

Third Place — Gary Moyers, **Harrodsburg Herald**

Super lead!! I enjoyed reading the play-by-play stuff because I knew the importance of the game. Gary Moyers showed me in the lead!

Honorable Mention — Mickey Patterson, **Oldham Era**

A close call for the top three. This story shows an understanding of the basketball teams, not just a particular game.

Honorable Mention — Chris Hamilton, **Lebanon Enterprise**

This is the type of story community newspapers do each season. This one is a good example of how they should be done.

Category 9 - Best Sports Feature

First Place — Dwain Harris, **Anderson News**

Overall, the stories submitted in this category were solid entries, but Dwain Harris' story takes top prize for having the biggest punch. It's a captivating story, which takes a good subject and a good writer.

Second Place — Mickey Patterson, **Oldham Era**

With ten words, none of which is longer than two syllables, Mickey Patterson hooks me. His first sentence is a perfect lead, that is developed well.

Third Place — Chris Hamilton, **Lebanon Enterprise**

Isn't community journalism great? Chris Hamilton does a good job introducing the new high school coach. Now that I know the coach and his goals for the team. I want to know how he's done the past year.

Honorable Mention — Gary Moyers, **Harrodsburg Herald**

An interesting story about a local celebrity. Well-written.

Category 10 - Best Investigative or Analytical Story

First Place — Tony Fyffe, **Paintsville Herald**

It would be easy for a reporter to let this man just sit in jail awaiting trial, but Fyffe effectively analyzes the system and use of the tax money. The story is well-written with every penny accounted for. This story demonstrates extra initiative on Fyffe's part, and he succeeds in executing his mission. Good job!

Second Place — Maleena D. Streeval, **Casey County News**

This story demonstrates deep-reaching query on the part of Streeval to accurately depict Liberty's chief protector. A comprehensive and revealing story!

Third Place — Tony Fyffe, **Paintsville Herald**

An interesting budgeting dilemma is well depicted here and Fyffe is comprehensive in contrasting the two budgets. Overall, a strong story.

Honorable Mention — Maleena D. Streeval, **Casey County News**

Wonderful story idea.

Category 11 - Best Story Series

First Place — Lisa Hurt Patterson, **Meade County Messenger**

Riverboat gambling was obviously a hot subject for the Meade County Messenger and the writer. The story explores all sides.

Second Place — Susie Hart, **Corbin News Journal**

Nice job at localizing a statewide issue. Good example of a community newspaper taking time to explain a complicated issue so it can be easily understood.

Third Place — Terry Ward, **Lebanon Enterprise**

Good job of making potentially dull subjects interesting reading.

Category 12 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Stories

First Place — Maleena D. Streeval, **Casey County News**

This is some story! From death threats to widespread resignations, Streeval stayed on top of a rapidly evolving story. Excellent job!!

Second Place — Tony Fyffe, **Paintsville Herald**

The writer did a nice job of not only covering the angle of the official involved, but also how the controversy affected the community.

Third Place — Philip Todd, **Corbin News Journal**

I liked the way the reporter covered the story before the arrests began. Extensive work.

WEEKLY CLASS 3

Honorable Mention — Steve Whitaker, Pulaski Week
Good reporting on an issue, illegal dumping that I'm sure the whole community followed closely.

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story
First Place — Becky Barnes, *Cynthiana Democrat*
Brings to light an important development affecting a key crop. Good photos. Clear writing.
Second Place — Terry Ward, *Lebanon Enterprise*
Good feature. Nice job of explaining why the pharmacy closed and family frustration over health care reform.
Third Place — Lisa Hurt-Patterson, *Meade County Messenger*
Excellent inside look at the company.

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Interesting overview.
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In mid-season form...

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Black shank takes toll on tobacco

By BECKY BARNES

The year's growing season started with a threat of black shank, a disease that has devastated tobacco crops in the past. It was a relief when the weather turned cool and the plants started to grow again. But the black shank problem didn't go away. In fact, it's now a major concern for tobacco growers in the area. The disease is caused by a fungus that enters the plant through the roots. It spreads through the soil and can be very difficult to control. Growers are now using various methods to try and prevent the disease from spreading. Some are using fungicides, while others are using more natural methods. The disease has caused a significant loss in tobacco production in the area, and growers are now looking for ways to recover from the damage. The black shank problem is a serious one, and it's important for growers to take action now to prevent further damage.



Working in tobacco fields, Agnes Carter, left, and Al Stoop saw the black shank problem that was bad for the crop will be attracted before it can be treated.

Local governments begin new year

Goode calls meeting and later cancels it

By MALEENA D. STREEVAL
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 A thorough job of reporting a sticky, perennial controversy. The newspaper's keeping the story alive apparently produced justice in the end.
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 Clean, crisp writing makes this entry a winner.
Third Place — Susan Allen/Scott Perry, *Floyd County Times*
 Steer volume of coverage of a complicated legal and political story stands out here.

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First Place — Stan McKinney, *Central Kentucky News Journal*
 Story exposes Garb monopoly as wasteful. Shows need for privatization. Story could have benefited from a greater comparison with other towns.
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 Good consumer focus. Story needed more background as well as anecdotes about folks that have short changed people.
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 Good writing, need to be more concise. Needed clearer analysis of financial aspects of hydroponics.

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 Action is obvious.

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Fewer words and more action needed in Frankfort and state courthouses. Excellent editorial about an important issue.
Second Place — Jeff Drummond, **Harlan Daily Enterprise**
Good editorial about the abuse of the Kentucky's Open Meetings Law. Focuses on the public's right to know.
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Citizens entitled to court system that works better. An insightful editorial on a current and growing problem.
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Very creative and insightful.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place — Mary Ann Kearns, **Maysville Ledger Independent**
A sharp comprehensive report on a heart-stopping story.
Second Place — Joan Brock, **Middlesboro Daily News**
A complicated story told in an understandable fashion.
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Weather stories are a newspaper's bread and butter. This one is a model, the "bungee" jump lead says it all.
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Sold work on a sad tale.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place — Julie Agnew-Thomas, **Mayfield Messenger**
A frightening tale of neglect, missed chances and bad luck.
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Comprehensive review of police forces; the paperwork tells the story.
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An excellent read, told with over-sentimentalizing the subject.

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Lovingly told, nicely constructed.
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Cleverly composed, with a structure that leads the reader through the story.
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Excellent, witty, book reviews, handsomely displayed.

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Nice, goofy twist of an old subject.
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A brave commentary on a painful topic.
Third Place — Bob Hendrickson, **Maysville Ledger Independent**

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Most humorous and entertaining of the entries, which are two of qualities described on the category sheet. Funny stuff.
Second Place — Amy Wilson, **Murray Ledger & Times**
Columns were about important issues made simpler through humor.
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It's obvious that a reporter's and newspaper's dedication can make a difference.

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Great coverage of a potentially explosive situation. Everyone's viewpoint was well-represented.

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Timely topic.

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Second Place — Eric Walker, **Mayfield Messenger**

Good attempt to localize a hot national issue. Walker does a good job of explaining the Pine Lake concept.

Third Place — Jeff Kerr, **Winchester Sun**

It's not easy to make a story about a piece of farm equipment interesting, but Kerr manages to do so.

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Dramatic and startling photo.

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Beautiful color work.

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Great shot of a not-very-happy hawk.

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Whose agenda is Woodward following? An insightful editorial that illustrates a problem relevant to every citizen in that county.

Second Place — Herb Brock, **Danville Advocate Messenger**
An editorial that shares some concerns that affect all children in the educational system.

Third Place — Ron Jenkins, **Henderson Gleaner**
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Honorable Mention — Todd Duvall, **Frankfort State Journal**
Points to drawbacks to KERA - very insightful.

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Excellent first-person description.

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Good lead and detail.

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Category 3 - Best General News Story

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Well assembled and timely package on flooding. It's obvious Sharon Wright spent a great deal of time on this story.

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Sam takes a general problem and brings it down to one man's perspective.

Third Place — Garth Gamblin, **Madisonville Messenger**
All the inner-workings and emotions of city council laid out for the reader. Excellent description.

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The lead draws one into the story.

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Reporter does an excellent job of allowing Do Hai Minh relate his own story.

Third Place — Emily Morse Toadvine, **Danville Advocate Messenger**
Great lead and photos. After reading this, one feels like Stephanie VanArsdall is a friend.

Honorable Mention — Sharon Wright, **Henderson Gleaner**
Excellent description.

Category 5 - Best Column (One Subject)

First Place — Chuck Stinnett, **Henderson Gleaner**
Excellent descriptive style, very insightful.

Second Place — Tom Stephens, **Elizabethtown News Enterprise**
A good analysis of the problems scandals and retaliation create in government today.

Third Place — Rob Dollar, **Hopkinsville Kentucky New Era**
Exceptionally good narrative style. Very entertaining.

Honorable Mention — Herb Brock, **Danville Advocate Messenger**
Very insightful and witty.

Category 6 - Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place — Judy Jenkins, **Henderson Gleaner**
The ship story was a hoot! Every woman's worst nightmare and the lady handled it with aplomb!

Second Place — Judy Jenkins, **Henderson Gleaner**
Great rooster story!

Third Place — David Greer, **Elizabethtown News Enterprise**
I hated "The Firm" movie too. Totally unrealistic.

Category 7 - Best Sports Column

First Place — Darrell Bird, **Elizabethtown News Enterprise**

Second Place — Herb Brock, **Danville Advocate Messenger**

Third Place — Ray Duckworth, **Hopkinsville Kentucky New Era**

Category 8 - Best Sports Story

First Place — David Ruehling, **Elizabethtown News Enterprise**

Second Place — Martin Hepner, **Elizabethtown News Enterprise**

Third Place — Darrell Bird, **Elizabethtown News Enterprise**

Category 9 - Best Sports Feature

First Place — Sharon Wright, **Henderson Gleaner**
Sharon Wright covers all the bases.

Second Place — LaMar Bryan, **Kentucky New Era**

Third Place — David Blackburn, **Kentucky New Era**

Honorable Mention — Chuck Stinnett, **Henderson Gleaner**

Category 10 - Best Investigative or Analytical Story

First Place — Dave Baker, **Frankfort State Journal**
This package was well-written and well reported. It left the city with no recourse but to get rid of this sweetheart deal.

Second Place — Chuck Stinnett, **Henderson Gleaner**

A well researched trip through the modern chicken business, that gave readers a lot of information. Some of the writing could have been a little sharper.

Third Place — Herb Brock, **Danville Advocate Messenger**
A comprehensive look at a topic most people deal with but know little about. Plenty of details and broad reporting.

Category 11 - Best Story Series

First Place — Herb Brock, **Danville Advocate Messenger**
An admirable undertaking which has resulted in remarkable success.

Second Place — J.C. Newton, **Elizabethtown News Enterprise**
A very timely, well done series.

Third Place — Staff, **Danville Advocate Messenger**

Category 12 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Stories

First Place — Staff, **Elizabethtown News Enterprise**
Several papers entered their coverage of the winter storm, the News Enterprise's was clearly the best. Use of multiple stories, great photos and graphics served readers well.

Second Place — Ronald D. Hawkins, **Elizabethtown News Enterprise**
Thorough, well-written coverage of the race to fill Rep. Natcher's seat in Congress. Post-election stories were just as strong as the campaign stories. A little more focus on issues would have made this first place.

Third Place — TIE - Chuck Stinnett, **Henderson Gleaner**
The Gleaner stayed on top of the Big Rivers Electric Corporation saga. An eye-opening story. Strong points included use of the document Eddie Brown entered with his guilty plea, and Stinnett's analysis piece.

Third Place — TIE - Staff, **Kentucky New Era**
The New Era Gave thorough, compassionate, but not sappy coverage to a community's grief after losing seven young men in an auto accident. Hard to put down.

Honorable Mention — Brenda S. Edwards/Todd Kleffman, **Danville Advocate Messenger**
The rift between Liberty's mayor and its city council was more than your usual power struggle, it nearly resulted in anarchy. The Advocate Messenger covered this scrape blow-by-blow. The "WHY" question is not always answered, but in this case it may never be.

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place — Dave Baker, **Frankfort State Journal**
The telling is in the details, and Dave Baker's story about Burce Quarles' love of farming is rich on them. He also has an eye for pictures. Nice photo of Quarles freeing a horse's hoof from a fence.

Second Place — Jayme Burden, **Elizabethtown News Enterprise**
Jayme's story on why the Japanese Beetle population was so high in '93 is interesting. He uses history and science to make this story an inviting read.

Third Place — LaMar Bryan - **Hopkinsville Kentucky New Era**
Superb farming story profiling a born builder was relegated to the farm page. Shame on the editors, for not putting this excellent feature on page 1.

Honorable Mention — Tonya Smith, **Kentucky New Era**

Honorable Mention — Mike Heronemus, **Madisonville Messenger**

Honorable Mention — Mary Branham, **Frankfort State Journal**

Category 14 - Best General News Picture

First Place — Cathy Clarke, **Henderson Gleaner**
Determination is etched in the photo.

Second Place — Mike Lawrence, **Henderson Gleaner**

Third Place — Lowell Mendyk, **Madisonville Messenger**
Nice overview.

Category 15 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place — John Sommers, **Frankfort State Journal**
Spot news shooting at its best.

Second Place — Jayme Burden, **Elizabethtown News Enterprise**
Tremendous emotion.

Third Place — Ron Jenkins, **Henderson Gleaner**
What a shot!

Honorable Mention — Shoun Hill, **Henderson Gleaner**
Interesting angle.

Category 16 - Best News Picture Essay (Spot or General News)

First Place — Mike Lawrence, **Henderson Gleaner**
Good assortment of shots.

Second Place — Jayme Burden, **Elizabethtown News Enterprise**

Third Place — Cathy Clarke, **Henderson Gleaner**
Good composition.

Category 17 - Best Feature Picture

First Place — Lowell Mendyk, **Madisonville Messenger**
What a shot! One in a lifetime!!

Second Place — Cathy Clarke, **Henderson Gleaner**
Sums up the fair in one take.

Third Place — Rob Carr, **Frankfort State Journal**
Cool picture.

Honorable Mention — Herb Brock, **Danville Advocate Messenger**
Good control of action.

DAILY CLASS 2

Category 18 - Best Feature Picture Essay

First Place — Jayme Burden, *Elizabethtown News Enterprise*
A variety of shots makes a mundane event fascinating.
Second Place — Cathy Clarke, *Henderson Gleaner*
A picture tells it all.
Third Place — Shoun Hill, *Henderson Gleaner*
A day's worth of activities is captured in five shots.
Honorable Mention — Jonathan Roberts, *Elizabethtown News Enterprise*
A good action shot and nice overview of people on their way to the festival. More white space and angles would have made the pictures stronger.

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture

First Place — Lowell Mendyk, *Madisonville Messenger*
Great take on familiar crowd scene.
Second Place — John Sommers, *Frankfort State Journal*
Unique perspective.
Third Place — Kent Brown, *Danville Advocate Messenger*
Powerful!

Category 20 - Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place — Rob Carr, *Frankfort State Journal*
Nice layout and photo composition.
Second Place — Cathy Clarke, *Henderson Gleaner*
Pictures pull the reader into the story.
Third Place — Shawn Hill, *Henderson Gleaner*
Interesting visuals.

Whose agenda is Woodward following?

The issue: Judge Executive Danny Woodward's continuing disagreement with virtually everyone in county government.

Despite his repeated claiming otherwise, County Judge Executive Danny Woodward demonstrated clearly again, that he sees only one acceptable agenda for conducting county business. His agenda is to keep the county government from doing anything that would be in the best interest of the county. At a fiscal court meeting called Tuesday to examine his budget proposal for the coming fiscal year, magistrates refused to go into an illegal closed-door session for a general discussion of personnel.

Even when advised by County Attorney Logan Calvert that closing the public out of such a session would violate the state's open meetings law, son would violate the state's open meetings law, Woodward seemed to feel his disagreement with the law was sufficient reason to close the meeting.

Unable to get the square to become public business behind closed doors, Woodward declared the meeting adjourned, again without a motion or agreement from anyone on the court, including his political allies. When the magistrates declared they wanted to examine the budget, line for line, in full view of the public, Woodward left the meeting.

The magistrates stayed for over five hours, hammering out a budget proposal which, as then-senator Glenda Fuller agreed, is tight but workable.

When Judge Woodward sought to oust former Judge Executive Melvin Hinkin from the office in the past election, our editorial board went out on a limb and supported him, believing he had the most potential for leading the county through troubled times. We have tried to give Danny Woodward supporters to give him the time. But frankly, Woodward has given the patience of virtually everyone he needs to make county government work effectively for the people.

Blaming the people's representatives on the fiscal court for his problems is hardly the kind of cooperative effort necessary in government. Calling for a state investigation of those with whom he disagrees politically is not part of his job description, especially since the legal system has already investigated his trash allegations and ruled them either unfounded or unprovable. It sets a dangerous course for the county's chief executive, who has caused beyond mere criticism to the point of

Murder suspect

By Vicki Story Stevens
Staff Writer

LANCASTER — When Beverly Land looked out her kitchen window Tuesday morning and noticed a man in the back of a nearby barn, it seemed like a routine. "We have little baby calves in there and there was no room for him to be in there," she said. Land, whose call to the sheriff's office led to the capture of a man suspected of murdering a woman, said she was in the barn on Tuesday night when she saw the man. "I figured with all the media coverage that he would be long gone out of here," she said.

Land's report, which led to the arrest of a man suspected of murdering his mother and four other relatives Aug. 24 at a farm outside Hope, Indiana, led to the arrest of a man in Lancaster County, less than two miles from the barn where he was apprehended Tuesday.

Lancaster County Sheriff Keith Rogers said police now believe Hardeck had been killing in the area since Oct. 16, the date when the Ford County case was first reported.

"He has been in that area for three weeks and he probably saw me," Rogers said. "I saw him in the woods right after he had been there for a while."

Land said she got cold chills when authorities told her that the man arrested in the barn last night was Hardeck. "I was in the barn Tuesday night and he had been there at 8 o'clock before."

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State battles weather for control

Accidents, closings paralyze most of state

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky's winter stormhordes turned into full scale war Monday as snow blizzards across the state with ice and drifts that caused hundreds of accidents, closed roads and prompted pleas for help.

Gov. Biserot Jones declared an emergency Monday morning to mobilize National Guard troops and equipment to help overwhelmed local officials.

National Guard armories across the state opened and responded to calls for assistance from the Kentucky State Police at the Elizabethtown, Dry Ridge, Morehead and Richmond posts.

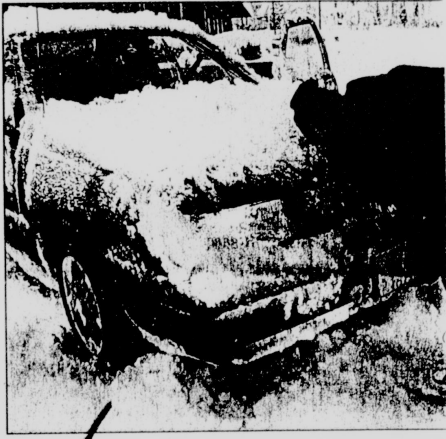
Don Armstrong, a spokesman for the Division of Disaster and Emergency Services, said emergencies were declared in Hickman, Nicholas, McLean, Breckinridge, Mason, Johnson, Magoffin, Carter and Greenup counties. The Red Cross opened shelters in Livingston, Marshall, Macon, Bullitt and Jefferson counties.

Sleet and freezing rain combined with what the National Weather Service in Louisville said was record snowfall to bring parts of the state to a shivery stop. Key interstate highway links shut down.

Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson declared a state of emergency after a 15-inch snowfall, largest in the city's history over 24 hours.

About 16,000 Louisville Gas & Electric Co. customers were reported without power, officials said. Schools and armories were opened for people needing emergency shelter.

Armstrong said there was a break in a water main that left about 60 customers without water in the Parkville Water District in



Kenny Flower pushes as hard as he can to help get his car — driven by Scott Nichols — out of a 6-foot snowdrift in Elizabethtown. The almost 1 foot of snow made traveling difficult throughout the county.

School administrators hesitate in estimating dates for reopenings

By LAURIE OGLE
Staff Writer

School in the Elizabethtown and Hardin County school districts has been canceled for today, but a decision on Wednesday has not been made.

"We'll just do it one day at a time," said Bobby Storton, transportation director for Hardin County Schools.

"We'll just wait until late Tuesday afternoon to see what's going to happen," said Bill Teyman, pupil personnel and transportation director for Elizabethtown schools.

School already was closed Monday because of an in-service training for teachers, which was canceled, or in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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Snow totals

Snow totals in Hardin County ranged from 17 inches in the northern part of the county to 8 inches in the southern area. A map detailing snowfall totals for Hardin County appears on page 3A.

Woman who found him got cold chills when police told her who man was

Police don't believe that Hardeck had been in the barn long, though. He had a plastic bag containing clothes and police also found a man and kitchen knife.

The farm where the barn is located is owned by a Florida man, who is the father-in-law of Lancaster dentist Dr. Felix Johnson.

Police Church Road Inter. search, state Trooper Ralph Carter used his German shepherd dog, to track Hardeck's scent from the barn.

State police flew over the area Sunday looking for evidence — including the gun and clothes that might have blood spots.

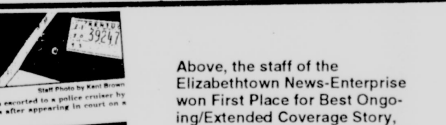
Hardeck told the police he had been in the barn on Tuesday night.

In addition to the sexual murder, state Trooper Ralph Carter used his German shepherd dog, to track Hardeck's scent from the barn.

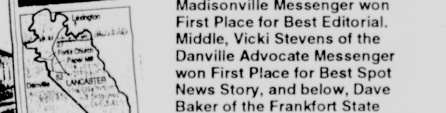
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Suspected mass murderer George Hardeck, center, is escorted to a police cruiser by state Trooper Matthew Ashby and Lt. McKinley Mayes after appearing in court on a fugitive warrant Tuesday afternoon in Lancaster.



The suspect was found on Forks Church Road. The car was abandoned on Page 4A.

Golf course losing average of \$52,000 annually

By DAVE BAKER
State Journal Staff Writer

WEEKEND golf at the Jumper Hill course is like dining at an exclusive restaurant. If you don't have a reservation, you might not get in. So why did the popular city-owned course lose nearly \$100,000 last year? And an average of \$52,000 a year for the past five years?

"The cost of equipment has gone up," said city Parks and Recreation Director Steve Brooks. "Chemicals have gone out of sight."

"And the revenues are flat," added City Manager Ken Thompson.

But there is another answer: City officials collect no fees from golf cart rentals, one of a golf course's biggest moneymakers. Rental carts grossed an estimated \$127,000 in 1993. None of it went into city coffers.

The reason is Jumper Hill Golf Pro Gene Hilen is a long-standing contract with the city. It is a contract unique among other professionals employed by publicly-owned courses, according to a survey of officials of 20 community-owned courses conducted by The State Journal.

Franklin's golf pro receives 10 percent of golf cart rentals, concessions, club rentals, private golf cart

Here's what golf pros at other public courses receive

City	Salary	Benefits	Other
State Journal Staff Report	Here's what the other golf pros at Kentucky's publicly-owned courses are making:		
HOPKINSVILLE	Salary of \$25,800; receives fees of 10 percent, provided place to live with all utilities paid, valued at \$600 a month. Receives no city retirement benefits.		
BOWLING GREEN	Salary of \$31,900; 50 percent of net profits from sale of soft goods and clubs; receives full city employee benefits.		
SHELBYVILLE	Salary of \$23,300; full city benefits; 50 percent of lessons.		
BOONE COUNTY	Salary of \$41,000; fees from lessons; full benefits as a county employee.		
KENTON COUNTY	Salary of \$44,304; 20 percent of net pro shop sales.		
CAMPBELL COUNTY	Salary of \$30,000; full benefits; sale of all merchandise in pro shop.		
LEXINGTON	Three golf pros with salaries ranging from \$31,890 to \$39,400; each leases pro shop from city; receive profits from pro shop. Receive no city benefits other than vacation time and sick time.		
FRANKFORT	Salary of \$18,216; fees from lessons, concessions and food service; pro shop sales; club rental; golf cart rental; shed rental for private golf carts; and profits from beer sales.		
STATE	Six pros employed with salaries ranging from \$19,600 to \$26,800. Considered regular state employees.		
LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY	Did not respond to several requests. In 1991, Louisville's Board of Aldermen dropped pro shop from the list of gross receipts on golf cart rentals and 1 percent of gross receipts.		

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DAILY CLASS III

Daily Class 3

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place — Paul Gottbrath, **Ashland Daily Independent**
This editorial clearly spells out the politics behind the school board's decision. It takes a firm stand on the issue and is easy to read and understand.

Second Place — Don Gordon, **Paducah Sun**
Governmental interference in private lives is a major concern among U.S. Citizens. This editorial tackles one specific instance of this, but does a good job of going beyond that instance to the broader issue.

Third Place — Paul Raupp, **Owensboro Messenger Inquirer**
The death of Bill Natcher was no doubt of interest to all of Kentucky and therefore an excellent topic. Raupp sums up highlights of his career and offers a glimpse of Natcher himself.

Honorable Mention — Mark Neikirk, **Covington Kentucky Post**
Neikirk's editorial does a good job of putting a face on a hot-button issue. He presents his case well.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place — Eric Gregory, Brian Bennett, Bill Estep, **Lexington Herald Leader**
A comprehensive account of murders that shocked a nation. The story is detailed and easy to read and paints a good picture of Clay Shroud.

Second Place — Keith Lawrence, **Owensboro Messenger Inquirer**
Lawrence's research and writing make what could be a dull topic, interesting. The sidebar adds perspective to the piece.

Third Place — George Wolford, **Ashland Daily Independent**
Wolford's account of the council meeting altercation was detailed and fascinating. He pulls a lot of action and information together. I wish he'd told us why the mayor was supposed to resign earlier.

Honorable Mention — Monica Dias, **The Kentucky Post**
This story has a good picture of who Clay Shroud is.

Honorable Mention — Debra Ann Vance, **The Kentucky Post**
Very touching story with lots of good quotes from family and friends.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place — Joseph Stroud, **Lexington Herald Leader**
Crisp, detailed writing, vivid descriptions and more fairness than is found in most stories about labor/management disputes.

Second Place — Roger Alford, **Ashland Daily Independent**
Breezy writing and informal style made an important, but often boring, subject an interesting and fun read.

Third Place — Greg Kocher, **Owensboro Messenger Inquirer**
A well-written and definitive obit of Congressman Natcher. It had light touches woven with more serious matters that highlighted Natcher's years in Congress.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place — Chris Poore, **Lexington Herald Leader**
An appealing way to approach a story, supported by good, solid story-telling. Good flow, good use of facts and restraint in over-dramatization help move the reader along.

Second Place — Keith Lawrence, **Owensboro Messenger Inquirer**
Obviously somewhat of a coup just getting the interview Keith proceeded to piece together the story seamlessly. Good writing. Good contrast of Blandford's two lives without coming off as overly sympathetic.

Third Place — Lori Eckenberger, **Owensboro Messenger Inquirer**
Interesting topic, compelling story, but suffers some from being told in pieces. Completely separating Angela's story from other important elements about adoption, the scope of the problem and support services weakened it. There was plenty of information, taking a bit of the sidebars and inserting into the main story would've helped tightened it up.

Category 5 - Best Column (One Subject)

First Place — Paul Prather, **Lexington Herald Leader**
This work exhibits the two essential elements found in excellent personal narrative write. The stories are worth telling and they are well told. In a stack of chatty essays, these leap out and move the reader.

Second Place — Lora Wimsatt, **Owensboro Messenger Inquirer**
"Meanest mom in the world..." is a column that could live forever. It shows a lively mind at work cataloguing the delicious ups and downs of parenthood.

Third Place — Kevin Osbourn, **Lexington Herald Leader**
Aha! A columnist who tells readers something they need to know, and does it clearly and simply. One of journalism's most important duties is to cut through the fluff and say important things clearly. These columns do it.

Category 6 - Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place — Don Gordon, **Paducah Sun**
Interesting and well-written.

Second Place — John Cannon, **Ashland Daily Independent**
Very creative!!

Third Place — Susan Warren, **Ashland Daily Independent**
A costly business.

Category 7 - Best Sports Column

First Place — Rich Suwanski, **Owensboro Messenger Inquirer**
Deft and light touch on his subjects; a consistently good read.

Second Place — Jake Jennings, **Owensboro Messenger Inquirer**

Third Place — Rocky Stanley, **Ashland Daily Independent**

Category 8 - Best Sports Story

First Place — Mark Story and John Clay, **Lexington Herald Leader**
No doubt a controversial project, pulled off with finesse.

Second Place — Mary Maynard, **Ashland Daily Independent**
Sharp, crisp. A well told game story.

Third Place — Jim Pickens, **Owensboro Messenger Inquirer**
Beautifully written story.

Category 9 - Best Sports Feature

First Place — Jim Pickens, **Owensboro Messenger Inquirer**
A nicely written story that proves that good sports writing isn't just about balls and scores. Good quotes describe the anguish of a family feud with the death of one of its own.

Second Place — Mark Story, **Lexington Herald Leader**
The travails of a young tennis star are vividly portrayed in this well-written piece.

Third Place — Chris Poore, **Lexington Herald Leader**
A quirky sights and sounds story takes us into the grandstand at Churchill Downs. Poore elevates the routine with crisp details and irreverent view of race fans.

Honorable Mention — Stewart Jennison, **Owensboro Messenger Inquirer**
Well-written, but leaves the reader begging for more. Here's an instance where brevity hurt. More details would have put this one in the money.

Category 10 - Best Investigative or Analytical Story

First Place — Kit Wagar, Bill Estep, Lee Mueller, Chris Poore, Karen Samples, Bob Geiger, Scott Learn, **Lexington Herald Leader**
Exhaustive, comprehensive, conclusive. Readers are well-served by this brand of journalism.

Second Place — Kit Wagar, **Lexington Herald Leader**
Jaw-dropping. A reporter who doesn't let numbers overwhelm the story.

Third Place — Sam Adams, **Ashland Daily Independent**
A solid examination of a broken promise.

Category 11 - Best Story Series

First Place — Valarie Honeycutt, **Lexington Herald Leader**
Heads and shoulders above the rest in this category. Clear, concise writing and a multitude of revealing graphics shed light on a usually shadowy subject. Wonderful job!!!

Second Place — Mark Story, **Lexington Herald Leader**
It is an eye-opening account of a disturbing trend in high school sports.

Third Place — Bruce Gardner/ Kevin Simpson, **Paducah Sun**
More balanced reporting would have earned this a second place. The topic "Risk Analysis" is an important one that reporters need to understand. Unfortunately, this was too slanted toward one side.

Honorable Mention Peggy Kreimer, **Kentucky Post**
Imaginative, colorful prose reveals the heartbreak of a destructive flood.

Category 12 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Stories

First Place — Monica Dias, **Kentucky Post**
Monica covered the issue in a balanced manner, in concise, tight stories. She took what potentially could have been boring and turned it into something readers could identify with. She told of motorist's frustrations with the bungled project. She used boxes and even a question-answer format in one story to bring the problem to a level readers easily could understand. The problem affected a great number of people. I was impressed with the scope of this coverage.

Second Place — Donna Groves Haynes/Robin Devine, **Paducah Sun**
The writers did an excellent job of capturing the impact of the tragic death of Shane Pearson on the community. The facts were presented with balance and fairness, seasoned with sensitivity. This one would win most contests.

Third Place — Donna Groves Haynes/Bruce Garner, **Paducah Sun**
This coverage provided clear writing and reporting of a controversy between management and labor. Reporters had to dig for some of the information, and they talked to many people involved. One disappointment was the use of anonymous sources.

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place — Kit Wagar, **Lexington Herald Leader**
Excellent presentation of a lot of material. Readers benefited from having a must-read story that is easy to read.

Second Place — Todd Pack, **Lexington Herald Leader**
Thorough presentation of an information-age issue made this entry a winner. The main story made your readers care; sidebars provided resources to do something.

Third Place — Joseph S. Stroud, **Lexington Herald Leader**
Stroud's profile of a whistle-blower in the coal-making industry gets the nod here. Well told story from Danny shepherd's perspective, though I wondered some about what the mining companies were thinking.

Honorable Mention — Bruce Gardner, **Paducah Sun**

Honorable Mention — Roger Alford, **Ashland Daily Independent**

Honorable Mention — Kevin Osbourn, **Lexington Herald Leader**

DAILY CLASS 3

Category 14 - Best General News Picture

First Place — Tom Marks, Lexington Herald Leader
Compelling, not to mention highly unusual photo capturing both the inmate's grief and medical condition.

Second Place — David DeNoma, Kentucky Post
Best shot from a slew of courtroom and funeral scene submissions. Shooter was on the ball to capture defendant's reaction to acquittal.

Third Place — Cathy Clarke, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
Beautiful color, excellent lighting and strong sense of composition which gives human scale to the window. The shooter worked for this shot.

Honorable Mention — John Flavell, Ashland Daily Independent
Man's best friend is his cat. This picture really brings home how it is to operate on the most local level of politics.

Category 15 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place — John Flavell, Ashland Daily Independent
This photo captures the flavor of local politics, and makes the reader want to read the story. Good work!

Second Place — Charles Bertram, Lexington Herald Leader
Adequately shows storm's destructive force, but dark sky and lightning stroke add to sense of foreboding. Good composition.

Third Place — Charles Bertram, Lexington Herald Leader
Best by far of many submissions showing victims' reaction to fire or traffic accident. Compelling. Captures and conveys a family's grief.

Category 16 - Best News Picture Essay (Spot or General News)

First Place — Robert Bruck, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
Both the photographer and his newspaper deserve credit for time and money put in this. Photos range from the direct and informative to the sublime.

Second Place — Cathy Clarke, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
Clarke's photos tell a story. Layout allows the eye to follow the sad process of a kennel, resolving with the children selecting a new pet.

Third Place — Charles Bertram, Lexington Herald Leader
Engaging photos, showing the initial dilemma, the procedure and the rescue. Readers probably liked this one.

Category 17 - Best Feature Picture

First Place — Janet Worme, Lexington Herald Leader
Worme was on the ball to capture this tender moment between mother and son.

Second Place — Bruce Hager, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
Great character study! Photographer managed to convey the personality of his subject so well, I'd like to get to know him.

Third Place — Gary Emord-Netzley, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
The five most dreaded words "Get me a weather shot". The photographer here delivers with a moody, well composed shot.

Category 18 - Best Feature Picture Essay

First Place — Janet Worme, Lexington Herald Leader
Worme's use of black and white film and a ground out negative carrier add to the stark, sad quality of these pictures. The main photo is both simple and riveting.

Second Place — Jason Nuttle, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
Again, the progression of photos tells a story. The photos are very strong by themselves, but in combination tell me who he is, what he does and where he lives.

Third Place — Gary Emord-Netzley, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
Good look inside a prison.

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture

First Place — Mark Cornelison, Lexington Herald Leader
Good timing, lots of drama and action. An all-around crowd pleaser of a shot.

Second Place — Janet Worme, Lexington Herald Leader
A player's down, his teammates come to face the attacker and his teammates. Good sports and news shot.

Third Place — Cathy Clarke, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
A high school stars career ends in disappointment. Good work by the photographer to capture all the elements in one photo.

Honorable Mention — Bob Bruck, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
Good action photo!

Category 20 - Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place — Charles Bertram, Lexington Herald Leader
Bertram didn't miss a beat in capturing a major league baseball rookie's debut. The main photo is visually striking. This is a place where a young man can feel very small.

Second Place — Robert Bruck, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
Bruck seems to be everywhere at the Derby. Top-notch coverage of the excitement and action in Louisville.

Third Place — Robert Bruck, Owensboro Messenger Inquirer
An otherwise good look behind the scenes in NASCAR could have been helped by some actual racing pictures.

Teen charged with killing family



Boone County coroner (clockwise) inspected the body of one of four slaying victims from the house outside of Elizabethtown.



Richard Brown, and David Lupton and their cousin David, Clay Street, after the slaying of his family, at 17, talked about what happened.

Boone youth held after taking class hostage

By Eric Gregory, Brian Bennett and Bill Estep

ELIZABETHTOWN — A 17-year-old student was held after taking a class hostage at Boone County High School.

Without incident or hesitation, he demanded that the teacher, Mrs. [Name], take him to the school's main office.

Richard Brown, 17, took the class hostage at 10:30 a.m. Monday. He demanded that the teacher, Mrs. [Name], take him to the school's main office.

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GENERAL EXCELLENCE



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Second Place--Kenton County Recorder
Third Place--Fulton Leader



WEEKLY CLASS 2



First Place--Springfield Sun
Second Place--Campbell County Recorder
Third Place--The Crittenden Press



WEEKLY CLASS 3



First Place--Lebanon Enterprise
Second Place--Casey County News
Third Place--Paintsville Herald



MULTI-WEEKLY

First Place--The Kentucky Standard, Bardstow
Second Place--Appalachian News-Express, Pikeville
Third Place--Floyd County Times

DAILY CLASS 1



First Place--The Ledger-Independent, Maysville
Second Place--Harlan Daily Enterprise
Third Place--The Winchester Sun



DAILY CLASS 2

First Place--The Gleaner, Henderson
Second Place--The News-Enterprise, Elizabethtown
Third Place--The State Journal, Frankfort



DAILY CLASS 3



First Place--The Herald-Leader, Lexington
Second Place--The Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro
Third Place--The Daily Independent, Ashland

