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and the winners are . . .

Kentucky Press Association 1990 Fall Newspaper Contest

Spent days early last fall poring over bound copies of the newspaper to pick out the very best examples of your work.

You remembered making mental notes throughout the year of potential award winners. You cursed yourself for not committing those notes to something more tangible than fleeting thoughts that disappeared with a new deadline. You vowed to do better next time around.

Then, you had to make decisions -- painful decisions some-

times -- on which stories or columns or pictures to enter.

Once chosen, you carefully labeled each entry, bundled them up, with a check to KPA, mailed them and waited.

Meantime, dozens, maybe hundreds, more editions have gone to print. And by now, you probably don't even remember what you entered.

FINALLY, it's time to let you in on the outcome. This edition of *The Kentucky Press* is devoted to the

winners of the 1990 KPA Fall Newspaper Contest.

Whether you won a host of awards or not, give yourself a pat on the back. The contest judges, from the Michigan Press Association, declared this batch of entries among the top newspaper work they've ever seen. Deciding the best of the best was a difficult job, they said.

That says a lot about the quality of Kentucky journalism. Keep up the excellent work.

Best of the Best

1990 Awards for General Excellence, based on total number of first, second and third place designations, go to:

Weekly Class 1

Gallatin County News
Central City Times-Argus
Bath County News Outlook

Weekly Class 2

Bourbon Times
Springfield Sun
Troublesome Creek Times

Weekly Class 3

McCreary County Record
Lebanon Enterprise (Tie)
Anderson News (Tie)
Paintsville Herald

Multi-Weekly

Kentucky Standard (Tie)
Floyd County Times (Tie)
Pioneer News (Tie 2)
Sentinel-News (Tie 2)
Central KY News-Journal

Daily Class 1

Richmond Register
Corbin Times-Tribune
Harlan Daily Enterprise

Daily Class 2

Henderson Gleaner
Advocate-Messenger
State Journal

Daily Class 3

Lexington Herald-Leader
Messenger-Inquirer
Kentucky Post



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For all the people of the Bluegrass

Top winners at a glance

Kentucky Press Association 1990 Fall Newspaper Contest

BEST EDITORIAL

Weekly 1: Rita Mitchell, *Fulton Leader*
 Weekly 2: Staff, *Bourbon Times*
 Weekly 3: John Bramel, *Lebanon Enterprise*
 Multi-weekly: Barbara Justice, *Appalachian News-Express*
 Daily 1: Mark Bell, *Harlan Daily Enterprise*
 Daily 2: Herb Brock, *Danville Advocate-Messenger*
 Daily 3: Judy Clabes, *Kentucky Post*

BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

Weekly 1: Wade Daffron, *Russell County News*
 Weekly 2: Andy Ivers, *Henry County Local*
 Weekly 3: Paula Vann, *McCreary County Record*
 Multi-weekly: DuAnne Puckett, *Shelbyville Sentinel-News*
 Daily 1: Mike Marsee, *Corbin Times-Tribune*
 Daily 2: Annabel Girard, *Danville Advocate-Messenger*
 Daily 3: Kenneth Hart, *Ashland Daily Independent*

BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

Weekly 1: Kelley Warnick, *Gallatin County News*
 Weekly 2: Ninie Glasscock, *Springfield Sun*
 Weekly 3: Wade Daffron, *Russell Springs Times-Journal*
 Multi-weekly: Victoria Schreiner, *Shelbyville Sentinel-News*
 Daily 1: Deborah Campbell, *Corbin Times-Tribune*
 Daily 2: Karen Herzog, *Frankfort State Journal*
 Daily 3: Andy Mead, *Lexington Herald-Leader*

BEST FEATURE STORY

Weekly 1: Theresa Sapp, *Cumberland County News*
 Weekly 2: Ninie Glasscock, *Springfield Sun*
 Weekly 3: Ninie Glasscock, *Lebanon Enterprise*
 Multi-weekly: Amy Taylor, *Kentucky Standard*
 Daily 1: Susan Phelps, *Corbin Times-Tribune*
 Daily 2: Judy Jenkins, *Henderson Gleaner*
 Daily 3: Kevin Nance, *Lexington Herald-Leader*

BEST COLUMN (ONE SUBJECT)

Weekly 1: Pamela Stearns, *Edmonton Herald-News*
 Weekly 2: David Dick, *Bourbon Times*
 Weekly 3: Ilona Burdette, *Lebanon Enterprise*
 Multi-weekly: Steve Lowery, *Kentucky Standard*
 Daily 1: Connie Alexander, *Murray Ledger & Times*
 Daily 2: Judy Jenkins, *Henderson Gleaner*
 Daily 3: Lora Ann Wimsatt, *Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer*

BEST COLUMN (VARIETY OF SUBJECTS)

Weekly 1: Russ Metz, *Bath County News-Outlook*
 Weekly 2: Michelle Howard, *Campbell County Recorder*
 Weekly 3: Scott Perry, *Paintsville Herald*
 Multi-weekly: Tim Ballard, *Kentucky Standard*
 Daily 1: Mark Bell, *Harlan Daily Enterprise*
 Daily 2: Herb Brock, *Danville Advocate-Messenger*
 Daily 3: Pat Brockenborough, *Paducah Sun*

BEST SPORTS COLUMN (REGULAR HEADING)

Weekly 1: Mike Banks, *McLean County News*
 Weekly 2: Ron Horn, *Citizen Voice & Times*
 Weekly 3: Kenn Johnson, *Mt. Sterling Advocate*
 Multi-weekly: Mike Farner, *Pioneer News*
 Daily 1: Mitch Howard, *Corbin Times-Tribune*
 Daily 2: Darrell Bird, *Elizabethtown News-Enterprise*
 Daily 3: Mark C. Mathis, *Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer*

BEST SPORTS STORY

Weekly 1: Hank Bond, *Carlisle Mercury*
 Weekly 2: Tom Bystrek, *Springfield Sun*
 Weekly 3: Jim Turner, *Russellville News-Democrat/Logan Leader*
 Multi-weekly: Ed Taylor, *Floyd County Times*
 Daily 1: David Ramey, *Murray Ledger & Times*
 Daily 2: Jim Pickens, *Madisonville Messenger*
 Daily 3: Maryjean Wall/Christy McIntyre, *Lexington Herald-Leader*

BEST SPORTS FEATURE

Weekly 1: Kelley Warnick, *Gallatin County News*
 Weekly 2: Tom Bystrek, *Springfield Sun*
 Weekly 3: Scott Perry, *Paintsville Herald*
 Multi-weekly: Bobby Brockman, *Central Kentucky News-Journal*
 Daily 1: Jeff Kerr, *Winchester Sun*
 Daily 2: Brad Schneider, *Henderson Gleaner*
 Daily 3: Rob Kaiser, *Lexington Herald-Leader*

BEST INVESTIGATIVE/ANALYTICAL STORY

Weekly 1: Ken Metz, *Bath County News-Outlook*
 Weekly 2: Celia McDonald, *LaRue County Herald-News*
 Weekly 3: Scott Perry, *Paintsville Herald*
 Multi-weekly: DuAnne Puckett, *Shelbyville Sentinel-News*
 Daily 1: Mary Branham, *Corbin Times-Tribune*
 Daily 2: Ted Sloan/Amy Carman, *Frankfort State Journal*
 Daily 3: Staff, *Lexington Herald-Leader*

BEST STORY SERIES

Weekly 1: Kelley Warnick, *Gallatin County News*
 Weekly 2: Ninie Glasscock, *Springfield Sun*
 Weekly 3: Teresa Hill, *Whitley Republican*
 Multi-weekly: Amy Taylor, *Kentucky Standard*
 Daily 1: Mark Bell, *Harlan Daily Enterprise*
 Daily 2: Annabel Girard, *Danville Advocate-Messenger*
 Daily 3: Valarie Honeycutt, *Lexington Herald-Leader*

BEST BUSINESS/AGRI-BUSINESS STORY

Weekly 1: Hank Bond, *Carlisle Mercury*
 Weekly 2: Kim Saylor, *Bourbon Times*
 Weekly 3: Steve Whitaker, *Pulaski Week*
 Multi-weekly: Pam Shingler, *Floyd County Times*
 Daily 1: Ruthie Maslin, *Richmond Register*
 Daily 2: Herb Brock, *Danville Advocate-Messenger*
 Daily 3: Jim Robinson, *Ashland Daily Independent*

GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

Weekly 1: Theresa Sapp, *Cumberland County News*
 Weekly 2: Ron Daley, *Troublesome Creek Times*
 Weekly 3: Herman J. Adams, *Whitley Republican*
 Multi-weekly: Frank Clark, *Floyd County Times*
 Daily 1: Bob Bell, *Mayfield Messenger*
 Daily 2: Rob Carr, *Frankfort State Journal*
 Daily 3: Richard Pridemore, *Kentucky Post*

BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

Weekly 1: Kelley Warnick, *Gallatin County News*
 Weekly 2: Jodie Watkins, *Bourbon Times*
 Weekly 3: Paula Vann, *McCreary County Record*
 Multi-weekly: Pete Mio, *Pioneer News*
 Daily 1: James Morris, *Richmond Register*
 Daily 2: James Morris, *Danville Advocate-Messenger*
 Daily 3: Charles Bertram, *Lexington Herald-Leader*

BEST FEATURE PICTURE

Weekly 1: Ken Metz, *Bath County News-Outlook*
 Weekly 2: Chris Poynter, *Bourbon Times*
 Weekly 3: Ken Shmidheiser, *McCreary County Record*
 Multi-weekly: Kevin Eigelbach, *Shelbyville Sentinel-News*
 Daily 1: Ray Mobley, *Somerset Commonwealth-Journal*
 Daily 2: Randy Greenwell, *Henderson Gleaner*
 Daily 3: Terry Duennes, *Kentucky Post*

BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

Weekly 1: Bud Dorsey, *Louisville Defender*
 Weekly 2: Debbie Watts, *Troublesome Creek Times*
 Weekly 3: Don White, *Anderson News*
 Multi-weekly: Stan McKinney, *Central Kentucky News-Journal*
 Daily 1: Rodney Margison, *Corbin Times-Tribune*
 Daily 2: Rob Carr, *Frankfort State Journal*
 Daily 3: Janet Worme, *Lexington Herald-Leader*

BEST SPORTS PICTURE

Weekly 1: Mark Stone, *Central City Times-Argus*
 Weekly 2: David Blackburn, *Cadiz Record*
 Weekly 3: Brent Risner, *Pulaski Week*
 Multi-weekly: Terry Spears, *Appalachian News-Express*
 Daily 1: Mark Cornelison, *Richmond Register*
 Daily 2: Mike Lawrence, *Henderson Gleaner*
 Daily 3: Jim Osborn, *Kentucky Post*

BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

Weekly 1: Kelley Warnick, *Gallatin County News*
 Weekly 2: Tammy Blades, *Greensburg Record-Herald*
 Weekly 3: Micky Patterson, *Oldham Era*
 Multi-weekly: Richard RoBards, *Central Kentucky News-Journal*
 Daily 1: Chris Jones, *Harlan Daily Enterprise*
 Daily 2: Rob Carr, *Frankfort State Journal*
 Daily 3: Ron Garrison, *Lexington Herald-Leader*

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Weekly Class 1

Best Editorial

- First Place — **Rita Mitchell, Fulton Leader**
Good opening statement, strong factual information. Especially liked the closing graph which tied it all together.
- Second Place — **William Mitchell, Fulton Leader**
Lead is right to the point and ties in both local and state facts to support opinion.
- Third Place — **Russ Metz, Bath County News-Outlook**
Good stand and explanation of policy.
- Honorable Mention — **Theresa Sapp, Cumberland County News**
Good local editorial.

Best Spot News Story

- First Place — **Wade Daffron, Russell County News**
The clear winner. Strong, tight lead encapsulating the arrest of a possible terrorist is bolstered by a well organized chronology of bomb threats made to a local school.
- Second Place — **Becky Jackson, Trimble Banner-Democrat**
A grave event captured by strong writing. Lead sets up story well, while the description of the tornado gives impact of the event a real life quality.
- Third Place — **Yvonne Coleman, Louisville Defender**
A touching story done under tight deadline pressure. Not only was the event itself interesting, but the point of neighbors lending a hand to strangers shows true community spirit.
- Honorable Mention — **Theresa Sapp, Cumberland County News**
A freak explosion makes for an interesting story, but why is the lead sentence identical to the headline? Good detail of cause of explosion and the damage it caused.

Best General News Story

- First Place — **Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News**
A story that kept the community interest for over six months is handled deftly by the writer. Clear, concise sentences shed light on why a man who initially confessed to the crime was freed.
- Second Place — **Mike Banks, McLean County News**
Good lead, tight writing give impact to an issue that touched many in the community. Quotes placed perfectly to flush out points of contention.
- Third Place — **Yvonne Coleman, Louisville Defender**
Excellent coverage to follow up a heart wrenching story on the death of six children. Issue is played fairly between utility company and social services advocate. A tough call — easily could win a higher honor.
- Honorable Mention — **Rita Mitchell, Fulton Leader**
This writer handles an explosive issue with no-nonsense style, giving the reader a clear picture of the issue. Perhaps the story is too detailed, but it certainly deserves recognition.

Best Feature Story

- First Place (Tie) — **Theresa Sapp, Cumberland County News**
Good lead, first three paragraphs. Good use of quotes from multiple sources. Good ending.
- First Place (Tie) — **Becky Jackson, Trimble Banner-Democrat**
Good lead. Good transition and description. How about other sources?
- Second Place — **Mike Banks, McLean County News**
Good lead, but we need the headline to get us to the eighth paragraph, the "suspended interest" lead should be a bit shorter.
- Third Place — **Becky Jackson, Trimble Banner-Democrat**
Good transition from paragraph to paragraph. Quotes from students would strength the story. So would quotes from parents.
- Honorable Mention (Tie) — **Amy Lorton, Fulton Leader**
Good, tight piece but get the local name higher in the story. Some good transitions. Forget Janet Jackson. How about more detail on how she helps her husband?
- Honorable Mention (Tie) — **Ken Metz, Bath County News Outlook**
He did get some support; he was not convicted; only one source interviewed. Was 9-3 vote 9 for conviction or 9 for acquittal? Story bogs down early in recitation of his resume (career). How about a sidebar to break that out?

Best Story Series

- First Place — **Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News**
Nice series, found different angles to take when presenting stories.
- Second Place — **Tracy Whirls, Louisville Defender**

Best Column (One Subject)

- First Place — **Pamela Stearns, Edmonton Herald-News**
Crisp ideas. Makes the reader draw on own experiences as one reads. Witty writing that starts full-throttle. Better than some wire columns I've read.
- Second Place — **Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News**
Informative and thought-provoking columns. Writer has quite a range.
- Third Place — **Mark Chandler, McLean County News**
Writes excellent in style that sets the mood. Excellent subjects.
- Honorable Mention — **Theresa Sapp, Cumberland County News**
Interesting subject material combined with crisp writing. Doesn't stray from point.

Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

- First Place — **Russ Metz, Bath County News-Outlook**
Columns have a pleasant "storytelling" style, although some leads take awhile to get to the heart of the subject. Good mix of news-related topics and personal observations.
- Second Place — **Larry Stone, Central City Times-Argus**
The byline with "middle names" is a nice hook. Good mix of topics, although the opening quotes and puns could get tedious. Good use of items from local readers.

Best Sports Column (Under Regular Heading)

- First Place — **Mike Banks, McLean County News**
Short but descriptive. He needs to get to the point a little sooner.
- Second Place — **Mark Chandler, McLean County News**
Long rambling writer. He needs to be briefer, more to the point.

Best Sports Story

- First Place — **Hank Bond, Carlisle Mercury**
Could almost hear the hush as the little girl eagerly sank the winning shot. Good description, but also put all the facts in early.
- Second Place — **Russ Metz, Bath County News-Outlook**
Good, solid writing, which gets more descriptive as it goes on. But you can't always count on a reader reaching the fourth or fifth paragraph for the good stuff.
- Third Place — **Hank Bond, Carlisle Mercury**
Again, good descriptive writing. But readers shouldn't have to (1) guess the sport or (2) reach the sixth paragraph to find the final score.

Best Sports Feature

- First Place — **Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News**
Now here's a fan's story, but one that shows style and piques interest. Even though I didn't recognize the local names, I enjoyed every word.
- Second Place — **Richard L. Deavers, Central City Times-Argus**
Great lead, good comments from the Cub diehards. Next time, get the local angle up higher in the piece.
- Third Place — **Mark Chandler, McLean County News**
Good piece, solid lead. But some better description, more insight on the two players would make it better. Also, seems padded near the end with team info, background.

Best Investigative/Analytical Story

- First Place — **Ken Metz, Bath County News-Outlook**
Good in-depth story. Attribution (essential in this kind of story) was clear, and variety of quoted sources established the impact of the situation on the community. Concluding paragraph was a nice touch.
- Second Place — **Staff, Tri-City News, Cumberland**
The strength of this entry was in the continual coverage at each stage of the story. Nice mix of news reporting combined with photo coverage and opinion pieces.
- Third Place — **Becky Jackson, Trimble Banner-Democrat**
The initiative in tackling this story is commendable. First person observations are good, but tend to dominate the story (would have been better with more quotes from others). Follow-up gave credit for positive action.

Winners!
Want a duplicate plaque or certificate?
Call KPA for details.

Weekly Class 1

Best Business or Agribusiness Story

- First Place — **Hank Bond, Carlisle Mercury**
Nice strong lead that catches the reader's attention. Story is written to make the reader follow it all the way through. Good job.
- Second Place — **Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News**
Creative lead, nice local story, good information.
- Third Place — **Hank Bond, Carlisle Mercury**
A good "no fluff" story that provides all the facts.

Best General News Picture

- First Place — **Theresa Sapp, Cumberland County News**
A nice moment for a political picture, much better than a handshake.
- Second Place — **Mark Stone, Central City Times-Argus**
A good shot from a boring assignment, adds the festive feel to the lottery story.
- Third Place — **Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News**
Courtroom pictures are difficult to make. This is a good clear photo of the defendant.
- Honorable Mention — **Doreen Dennis, Central City Times-Argus**
This picture was very close to the others. Good storytelling shot.

Best Spot News Picture

- First Place — **Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News**
This was a very good category! The child's face from a routine accident was quite memorable. Good photo, good play!
- Second Place — **Doreen Dennis, Central City Times-Argus**
This photo was especially good because the photographer DID NOT use a flash.
- Third Place — **Bud Dorsey, Louisville Defender**
This picture leaves a few questions for the reader. Nice job.
- Honorable Mention — **Becky Jackson, Trimble Banner-Democrat**
Very nice composition. A real scary situation portrayed with lots of extra information on the photo.

Best Sports Picture Essay

- First Place — **Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News**
Great variety, good action and good emotion. Good editing, good layout. Any questions?
- Second Place — **Mark Stone/Doreen Dennis, Central City Times-Argus**
Nice post-game treatment here. Nic tight cropping helps them to focus on the faces.

Best Sports Picture

- First Place — **Mark Stone, Central City Times-Argus**
Nice emotional photos. Very good to see feature type treatment of a sports event rather than just action shots.
- Second Place — **Bruce Henson, Cumberland County News**
This action is right at the telling moment.
- Third Place — **Pam Bowles, Carlisle Mercury**
Even the ball is in the picture! Too bad it couldn't have been a column wider.
- Honorable Mention — **Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News**
Action just right at the right moment. The little boy's expression and dress add to the picture.

Best Feature Picture

- First Place — **Ken Metz, Bath County News-Outlook**
This is a delightful picture, unique to the rural area it is from. A classic shot that is rarely seen by most people. (If we ran this we would get lots of letters.)
- Second Place — **Eric West, Russell County News**
A beautiful moment. Great short of traditional high school event. Very well composed.
- Third Place — **Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News**
Unusually nice nature photo. Nice thing to share with readers.
- Honorable Mention — **Mark Stone, Central City Times-Argus**
Good contrasts make this work well. Good composition of light subjects.

Best Feature Picture Essay

- First Place — **Bud Dorsey, Louisville Defender**
A good job by an obviously motivated photographer. The photos work very well to tell a sad but important story.
- Second Place — **Morris A. Grubbs, Cumberland County News**
Good action shots, well composed and well edited. Nice mix of photos run well.
- Third Place — **Bruce Henson, Cumberland County News**
Good job of a situation that could have come up less well. The variety of photos speaks well for a job well done.
- Honorable Mention — **Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News**
Great moments in these photos. Good variety, good thinking went into the way these were shot.

Turning losing into winning

David Blackburn of *The Cadiz Record* earned the top award for Best Sports Picture, Weekly Class 2, for this sad scene. "The photographer truly captures the players' dejection after a tough loss," said one judge. The photographs submitted by KPA members were the best pictures they'd ever seen, claimed the Michigan judges.



Weekly Class 2

Best Editorial

- First Place — **Staff, Bourbon Times**
Concise, to the point, good job
- Second Place — **Ron Daley, Troublesome Creek Times**
- Third Place — **Michelle B. Howard/Terry O'Connor, Campbell County Recorder**
- Honorable Mention — **Byron Brewer, Georgetown Graphic**

Best Spot News Story

- First Place — **Andy Ivers, Henry County Local**
Headline contains all essential elements of story. Narrative lead builds reader interest. Good documentation of damage and reaction of store owner. It's a balanced, thorough story.
- Second Place — **Kathy Driver/Bob McDonald, LaRue County Herald-News**
Headline grabs attention. Excellent in-depth reporting on a story where facts might be difficult to sort out. Sidebars support lead story well.
- Third Place — **Buddy Brown, Greensburg Record-Herald**
Good coverage during a normally "slow news" period. Headline, subhead and lead flow well. Good summary of the various events during the crisis.
- Honorable Mention — **Celia McDonald/Barry Minton, LaRue County Herald-News**
Reporters approached story from several different angles, providing more in-depth "news" as well as human interest perspectives.

Best General News Story

- First Place — **Ninie Glasscock, Springfield Sun**
Eye catching lead with a good story that combines all the facts. Nice style.
- Second Place — **Janet F. James, Cadiz Record**
Good news leader with nice quotes. Story flows well.
- Third Place — **Byron Brewer, Georgetown Graphic**
Creative lead for the story that combines information well. Story is nicely put together.
- Honorable Mention — **Kathy Driver, LaRue County Herald-News**
Good lead (creative and interesting). Story gives all the facts.

Best Feature Story

- First Place — **Ninie Glasscock, Springfield Sun**
Insightful look into the man behind the fire department. Good description, especially the phrase "his mind crawls back over 22 years." The best of a good, quality class.
- Second Place — **Andy Ivers, Henry County Local**
Great look at a good ol' gal. About the only thing separating it from the winner was a little description and a better ending.
- Third Place — **David Dick, Bourbon Times**
Memorable tribute to an inspiring teacher. Something about "Miss Sudie" should touch every reader. Liked the line, "She owned the sixth grade." Needed better ending.
- Honorable Mention — **Andy Ivers, Henry County Local**
A man and his hamburgers prove to be a good story. It just took a little too long to get to the focus of the piece.

Best Column (One Subject)

- First Place — **David Dick, Bourbon Times**
Smooth-flowing writing, good dialogue. Especially liked "In a dusty library upstairs, life goes on." Column captures an entire scene very well.
- Second Place — **Ninie Glasscock, Springfield Sun**
Lively writing, personable. Column comes from a different perspective and is filled with humor.
- Third Place — **James Mulcahy, Clay City Times**
Etcetera sticks to one topic in a concise, humorous fashion. Especially liked "The feeding's not bad but how do you burp 'em?"

Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

- First Place — **Michelle B. Howard, Campbell County Recorder**
The first column in the series is, by far, more superior than the rest. All three, though, take little things in life and expand on them. Great headline on the first column.
- Second Place — **Jamie Baker-Nantz, Grant County News**
Another good writer, although she starts off stronger than she finishes. Most of the columns are interesting and entertaining.
- Third Place — **Cory Calhoun, Clay City Times**
The idea of a youngster's editorial perspective is creative and refreshing. The head shot of him leaves a lot to be desired, but as a future writer, he's got a good head start.

Best Sports Column (Regular Heading)

- First Place — **Ron Horn, Citizen Voice & Times**
The author is very descriptive, thorough and depicts a reporter's life accurately. The lead could be stronger and the paragraphs need to be broken down.
- Second Place — **Tom Bystrek, Springfield Sun**
A nice perspective on a sport as traditional as grandma and apple pie. Its strengths are that it's short and to the point, although it does get a little repetitious.

Best Sports Story

- First Place — **Tom Bystrek, Springfield Sun**
An excellent story that looks at a different side of fall football-mania. This story adds a nice twist to both football and eating. It was very well written.
- Second Place — **James Mulcahy, Clay City Times**
It's nice seeing a sports reporter use a little history (and very well I might add) to help tell a present story. The story is very strong, although some of the paragraphs could be cut down in wording.
- Third Place — **Charlie Campbell, Bourbon Times**
This story takes a horse race and makes it both interesting and compelling. It also features an excellent, creative angle that shows that the reporter did his homework on the subject.
- Honorable Mention — **Jim Rector, Georgetown Graphic**
This is a good story, but kind of "falls off" toward the middle. Another case of taking a sports subject not covered weekly and making it interesting. Very thorough.

Best Sports Feature

- First Place — **Tom Bystrek, Springfield Sun**
A good story on the grueling aspects of a possible professional football career. The story is both interesting and thorough.
- Second Place — **Ron Daley, Troublesome Creek Times**
Another good feature on a man recalling his past accomplishments. The story is interesting and entertaining. The layout of the story really detracts the reader.
- Third Place — **Barry Minton, LaRue County Herald-News**
The story shows how girls have really emerged from the shadows to take part in America's favorite pastime. The first two paragraphs were the best, but they should have been broken down into smaller ones.
- Honorable Mention — **Charlie Campbell, Bourbon Times**
This story almost got tossed, but its compelling storyline kept staring at me. A truly good piece in a tough category.
- Honorable Mention — **Tina Hatfield, Citizen Voice & Times**
The writer seems to know quite a bit about a sport not really popular. She does a good job depicting the challenges facing this 10-year-old in the future. A real tough category with many good entries.
- Honorable Mention — **Celia McDonald, LaRue County Herald-News**
What an excellent idea for a feature story! It's very interesting and strongly written. The "jump" is what hurt this story because it's hard to find. Congratulations on a fine story!

Best Investigative/Analytical Story

- First Place — **Celia McDonald, LaRue County Herald-News**
A thorough report; appears efforts were made to be objective and give readers all sides.
- Second Place — **George Lewis, Bourbon Times**
While being factual, this story manages to convey the feelings of a group in a way that might have opened some eyes.
- Third Place — **James Mulcahy, Clay City Times**
A gutsy story for any small newspaper. Perhaps some quotes from other county officials concerning the propriety of such alleged actions would have been good.

Weekly Class 2

Best Story Series

First Place — **Ninie Glasscock, Springfield Sun**

Wonderful idea to write about Washington County's industries. Good structure, labeling, layout. Nice in-action photos, strong writing. Leads, while effective, could use more variety.

Second Place — **Jim Rector, Georgetown Graphic**

Interesting series on Civil War reenactment activities. Stories identified well, especially first in the series. Photo reproduction could be better.

Third Place — **Greg Nichols/George Lewis, Bourbon Times**

Good coverage of Lexington Road ordeal. Stories were informative and interesting. Nice touch in last story to include that the high school band prematurely ended governor's speech. Good layout, headlines, photos.

Honorable Mention — **Ron Daley, Troublesome Creek Times**

Informative, thorough coverage of Claworn Jacobs murder verdict.

Best Business or Agribusiness Story

First Place — **Kim Saylor, Bourbon Times**

Instructive, clear, offers new ideas.

Second Place — **Ninie Glasscock, Springfield Sun**

Explicit information (good pictures) make a helpful idea.

Third Place — **Byron Brewer, Georgetown Graphic**

It's refreshing to read a family farm story.

Honorable Mention — **Janet F. James, Cadiz Record**

This entry deals delicately with a somewhat sad situation. Nostalgia touches many readers.

Best Feature Picture

First Place — **Chris Poynter, Bourbon Times**

Emotional time and technical excellence make this a winner.

Second Place — **James Mulcahy, Clay City Times**

The expression and composition give fine feelings of this important time in life.

Third Place — **Tom Smith, Henry County Local**

Spontaneousness of this shot has appeal.

Honorable Mention — **Buddy Brown, Greensburg Record-Herald**

Love and fun are so apparent, you get a good feeling.

Honorable Mention — **Debbie Dennie, Falmouth Outlook**

Funny and interesting. Too bad contrast with background wasn't better.



Medal material

Switching from news editor to sports photographer for a brief period merited Brent Risner of *Pulaski Week* a first place in Best Sports Picture, Weekly Class 3. Judges said the picture has "wide appeal."

Best General News Picture

First Place — **Ron Daley, Troublesome Creek Times**

The shutter captured the new Miss Centralian exactly on the split second and in sharp focus. A compelling "human" photo.

Second Place — **Jackie Latimer, Bourbon Times**

Good photo composition, emotions are rampant at anti-abortion rally.

Third Place — **Debbie Dennie, Falmouth Outlook**

A tough photo timing-wise — a skydiver's descent.

Best Spot News Picture

First Place — **Jodie Watkins, Bourbon Times**

This is just an outstanding picture that completely tells the story. The photographer definitely knows where to be when spot picture opportunities arise. The only thing I would have done is crop the picture better.

Second Place — **David Hill, Carrollton News-Democrat**

The crash in the background with the person up front makes this picture a true winner. It's always nice to see a good story made even better with an excellent picture.

Third Place — **Jayme Burden, LaRue County Herald-News**

Although many fire shots were submitted in this category, this one was, by far, the best. It's cropped perfectly and taken at the best angle. Super job.

Honorable Mention — **Tom Egan, Falmouth Outlook**

This picture tells the story, but the firefighter in it adds a nice touch. This shot should have been above the fold because only one of the other three on the page is actually as good as this one.

Honorable Mention — **Andy Ivers, Henry County Local**

With a picture and well written cutline like this, a story is not required. Too bad the picture is a week old and doesn't have people in the foreground.

Best Feature Picture Essay

First Place — **Debbie Watts, Troublesome Creek Times**

What could have been a dull photo package was made interesting via angles, variety of photo sizes and use of background and shadows. Photographer has a good eye.

Second Place — **Buddy Brown, Greensburg Record-Herald**

The variety of photo contest was excellent. Sharp pictures. Size variety added to its attractiveness. Overhead angle was eye-catching.

Third Place — **Jim Rector, Georgetown Graphic**

Each photo frame was filled with subject matter. The photo-overlap layout was interesting.

Honorable Mention — **Tom Smith/Andy Ivers, Henry County Local**

The feature on the barns was eye-catching, very original and informative.

Best Sports Picture

First Place — **David Blackburn, Cadiz Record**

The photographer truly captures the player's dejection after a tough loss. This is one of the best photographs I've ever seen.

Second Place — **Charlie Campbell, Bourbon Times**

What a shot! This picture tells the story as well as an actual article could. It was definitely hard to choose the top one.

Third Place — **James Mulcahy, Clay City Times**

Football is definitely a tough sport and this photographer did an excellent job on catching the action. The shot is in focus and shows how hard it is to be a running back.

Honorable Mention — **Jim Rector, Georgetown Graphic**

The key to any good basketball contest is good defense. This shot captures the true essence of what high school basketball is all about.

Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place — **Tammy Blades, Greensburg Record-Herald**

These pictures capture basketball at its best. The theme of using one sport (instead of a hodge-podge) works real well in this case. A definite first in my book.

Second Place — **Jim Rector, Georgetown Graphic**

If the first place finisher had done one thing differently, this entry would have been tops. Nice design and page layout, although the ball was barely visible in a couple of shots. Great page.

Third Place — **David Hill, Carrollton News-Democrat**

Track can be a difficult sport to shoot because the action is so quick. The photographer does it well and proves that "variety is the spice of life."

Honorable Mention — **James Mulcahy, Clay City Times**

These pictures are both cute and compelling. They do an excellent job depicting how some of us with handicaps face the world bravely. A good idea for a picture page.

Weekly Class 3

Best Editorial

First Place — **John Bramel, Lebanon Enterprise**

A good point-by-point analysis and response, leaving the door open (and pushing for) a positive response. An editorial about an individual's actions can be tricky and risky. This one seems to be handled well.

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

A concise, bold statement which could offend some people, but for the right reasons. A good flow from the facts of the situation to the effect it had on the community.

Third Place — **Stephen Peterson, Georgetown News & Times**

Good use of metaphor to make a point. Logical explanation of why the fiscal court's argument was invalid. Conclusion suggested positive action.

Best Spot News Story

First Place — **Paula Vann, McCreary County Record**

Gripping and to the point.

Second Place — **Ken Schmidheiser, McCreary County Record**

Close contender, along with your "Grave Concern" story.

Third Place — **Becky Barnes, Cynthiana Democrat**

You set the scene well but need to give us more information early in the story.

Honorable Mention — **Don White, Anderson News**

Good succinct story could have used a little more color.

Best General News Story

First Place — **Wade Daffron, Russell Springs Times Journal**

Good story on surprising trial outcome. Thorough, interesting and good subheads.

Second Place — **Ray Schaefer, Kenton County Recorder**

Good lead in "airport neighbors..." clean, concise writing with good quotation choice. Good headline.

Third Place — **John Bramel, Lebanon Enterprise**

Strong story. Ground water contamination is a serious problem and was well covered and clearly explained in this story.

Honorable Mention — **Tom Stephens, New Voice**

Good story on railroad noise dispute. Headline could be catchier.

Honorable Mention — **Ray Schaefer, Kenton County Recorder**

Good story on storm sewers; puns make a potentially boring story fun to read (and meaningful).

Best Feature Story

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

This is a moving piece; you capture the readers' interest with good description and even demonstrate how a topic so sensitive can be handled well and positively.

Second Place — **Kenny Barkley, Union County Advocate**

Thanks to vivid description, the reader can for a moment experience the military.

Third Place — **Ken Schmidheiser, McCreary County Record**

This is a crisp, witty style. I like how the story flows; the topic is one I think everyone at one time or another is curious about.

Best Column (One Subject)

First Place — **Ilna Burdette, Lebanon Enterprise**

These three columns show Ms. Burdette's ability to think on a wide range of subjects and to treat them all with a bite. I especially enjoyed the piece on Leo and Tony.

Second Place — **Ron Bridgeman, Jessamine Journal**

Why shouldn't a columnist take on subjects that are sensitive nowadays? Mr. Bridgeman has a good intellect and channels it well.

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

These are easy to read, funny and timely. Mr. Pack is a quintessential columnist; he seems to be speaking directly to the reader.

Honorable Mention — **Sara W. Hopson, Paintsville Herald**

There are so many women columnists who relate charming anecdotes about their family. Ms. Hopson's are distinguished because she never stoops to the level of exasperated housewife.

Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place — **Scott Perry, Paintsville Herald**

No mincing of words here. Both colorful and informative.

Second Place — **Don White, Anderson News**

Would have liked to see more of your perspective in newsy portions. Overall, a good approach.

Third Place — **Ron Bridgeman, Jessamine Journal**

Your personality shines through. Trying to cover a few less topics per column might strengthen the entries.

Best Sports Column (Regular Heading)

First Place — **Kenn Johnson, Mt. Sterling Advocate**

A story of Christmas is an excellent column. Normally, sports writers' recollections of bygone days tend to be one-sided. Johnson's wit, however, kept the story rolling and fun to read.

Second Place — **Todd Probus, Cynthiana Democrat**

The impact of sports on America is extreme and Probus' perspective clearly reiterates the point that we should definitely play for the sake of playing.

Third Place — **Michael W. Feedback, Georgetown News & Times**

Feedback's column on deaf player Jimmy Beckett is a good story and a real inspiration. And although the space should be reserved for opinion writing, Feedback should be commended for recognizing the accomplishments of a truly dedicated athlete.

Best Sports Story

First Place — **Jim Turner, Russellville News-Democrat/Logan Leader**

Turner's lead is good and flows nicely into the story. Background of the previous contests between the two teams is a nice touch.

Second Place — **Todd Probus, Cynthiana Democrat**

Probus really captures the jubilation and feeling of shock and disbelief in his lead. The rest of the story moves as quickly and intensely as the game itself.

Third Place — **John Sellards, Paintsville Herald**

The headline is complemented well by the kicker "city slickers settle for second." A real smoothly moving story which is both interesting and easily read.

Honorable Mention — **Jim Turner, Russellville News-Democrat/Logan Leader**

Lady Cougars capture region... tells the tale of tournament play quite well. Turner's story evokes a tense, jittery feeling for the reader, as does the game for a spectator. Good article.

Best Sports Feature

First Place — **Scott Perry, Paintsville Herald**

Great lead! And great description throughout, from the "exclamation point at the end of a long sentence" to the inclusion of the fans. Wonderful post-game piece.

Second Place — **Nick Walker, New Voice**

"The New York Yankees in Speedos" make great copy for this writer. An inside look at what it takes to win... and stay there.

Third Place — **Don White, Anderson News**

Cute, descriptive piece on the "low" end of auto racing. It may be cheaper, but no less exciting or harrowing when this writer tackles it. A close battle for second.

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

Unusual topic, cheerleader's education pact with her parents. Livelier writing needed in the middle of it, though.

Best Investigative/Analytical Story

First Place — **Scott Perry, Paintsville Herald**

Insightful approach to a generally dull subject that affects us all.

Second Place — **David M. Sweet, Whitley Republican**

Tighter writing would strengthen the entry.

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

Good coverage of what was likely an emotional issue.

Honorable Mention — **Ken Schmidheiser, McCreary County Record**

Weekly Class 3

Best Story Series

- First Place — **Teresa Hill, Whitley Republican**
A well written presentation of a sensitive topic; factual sidebars accompanying strong emotional, personal stories make this a winner. The subject is always timely and interesting.
- Second Place — **Ken Shmidheiser, McCreary County Record**
Well written, definitely of interest to the readers. Fewer editorial comments, even though slight, would have made it even stronger.
- Third Place — **Kenny Barkley/Paul Monsoor, Union County Advocate**
A very thorough series; might have been stronger if you had found a local person who had experienced a loss, etc. . . which might have been less severe or prevented with a 911 system; or a story from a neighboring community documenting advantages of 911.

Best Business or Agribusiness Story

- First Place — **Steve Whitaker, Pulaski Week**
Good lead, presents facts in a very interesting manner, good overall package.
- Second Place — **Ken Shmidheiser, McCreary County Record**
Reflects a lot of work and planning, with balanced company-union coverage; would like to have seen profile of a worker and an individual presentation of his/her views.
- Third Place — **Don White, Anderson News**
If there was a separate category for business features, this piece would have won hands down.
- Honorable Mention — **Brent Risner, Pulaski Week**
Good presentation and package. Would like to see people play a more important role in telling the facts.

Best General News Picture

- First Place — **Herman J. Adams, Whitley Republican**
This picture catches the eye with emotional scene.
- Second Place — **Ken Shmidheiser, McCreary County Record**
Depth of focus is great and contrasts give finality of death with weirdo reaction to it.
- Third Place — **Don White, Anderson News**
Interesting shot which dramatizes serious current problem.

Best Sports Feature Essay

- First Place — **Mickey Patterson, Oldham Era**
- Second Place — **Don White, Anderson News**
- Third Place — **Kenn Johnson, Mt. Sterling Advocate**
Would suggest presentation improvement with more white space and "coaches" in larger type.
- Honorable Mention — **Grace Moore, Harrodsburg Herald**
Excellent subject, if treated more dramatically, would have rated higher.

Best Feature Picture

- First Place — **Ken Shmidheiser, McCreary County Record**
Posing, photo quality made up for any lack of originality.
- Second Place — **Bill Wittig, New Voice**
Irresistible, clear shot.
- Third Place — **Janie Buntain, Anderson News**
- Honorable Mention — **Tammie Holt, Cynthiana Democrat**
Good thing you included the original, as much was lost in printing process. Would have liked a cleaner view of face. Good originality.

Best Feature Picture Essay

- First Place — **Don White, Anderson News**
High impact photos, well printed, with good visual elements. Good use of space in layout of page.
- Second Place — **John Bramel, Lebanon Enterprise**
Heartwarming photos, well packaged in a small space; lead photo could be a little stronger.
- Third Place — **Herman J. Adams, Whitley Republican**
Strong packaging. Smaller photos are weaker than main. Keylining could be crisper.
- Honorable Mention — **Kenny Barkley, Union County Advocate**
Creative layout and package draws reader. Could use sharper focus and better photo sizing. Would like to see individual photos hairlined.

Best Sports Picture

- First Place — **Brent Risner, Pulaski Week**
Wide appeal, unusual subject.
- Second Place — **Janie Buntain, Anderson News**
- Third Place — **Bill Wittig, New Voice**

Best Spot News Picture

- First Place — **Paula Vann, McCreary County Record**
This picture grabs you. Simplicity is very dramatic.
- Second Place — **Ken Shmidheiser, McCreary County Record**
Vastness is the idea of this well composed shot.
- Third Place — **Randall Vaught, Casey County News**
Unusual detail of leaves, etc., and sheriff working so hard, too.
- Honorable Mention — **Brent Risner, Pulaski Week**
Sharpness and drama make fine shot.

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'Worth a thousand words'
 Kevin Eigelbach of the *Shelbyville Sentinel-Echo* chalked up a first place for Best Feature Picture, Multi-weekly, with this one. Judges said it's "a graphic story dramatized by the camera."

Multi-Weekly

Best Editorial

First Place — **Barbara Justice, Appalachian News-Express**

It takes an unusually strong newspaper to say, "Read my lips — the business tax is needed." This editorial convinced even me to support it.

Second Place — **Tim Ballard, Kentucky Standard**

Don't let the Nelson County Board of Education close its doors on public discussion toward filling a vacancy! The editorial was "write" on.

Third Place — **Tim Ballard, Kentucky Standard**

There were no wasted words in this editorial on Sen. Mitch McConnell's wasteful rhetoric.

Honorable Mention — **Thomas Barr, Shepherdsville Pioneer News**

Bullitt County needs law enforcement and that cause has a friend in the Pioneer News.

Best Spot News Story

First Place — **DuAnne B. Puckett, Shelbyville Sentinel-News**

Combines the first person impact with summary of the overall destruction.

Second Place — **Kathleen Carroll, Floyd County Times**

Good storytelling and writing. Made the most of limited drama of the incident.

Third Place — **Teresa Bragg, Kentucky Standard**

Great first person danger story; needed some facts and figures of overall damage and/or injury caused by storm.

Honorable Mention — **Cindy Camper, Benton Tribune-Courier**

Best General News Story

First Place — **Victoria Schreiner, Shelbyville Sentinel-News**

Clean, tightly written explanation of a complex subject.

Second Place — **Thomas Barr, Pioneer News**

Tightly written. Good transition (paragraphs and clauses). Needs crowd estimate.

Third Place (Tie) — **DuAnne Puckett, Shelbyville Sentinel-News**

Good background information. Lead should give day Forum was held. What is

EMS?

Third Place (Tie) — **Tess Whitner, Floyd County Times**

Good lead, but reader must search to learn what action was taken on demands.

(Solve with one paragraph and by moving sidebar up.)

Third Place (Tie) — **Teresa Bragg, Kentucky Standard**

Good lead! Story flows well. Compelling story.

Best Feature Story

First Place — **Amy Taylor, Kentucky Standard**

Captures feelings of parishioners and feeling of situation.

Second Place — **Tim B. Preston, Floyd County Times**

Third Place — **Pam Shingler, Floyd County Times**

Topic interesting and informative.

Honorable Mention — **Frank Clark, Floyd County Times**

Writing seems to run on at times. Shorter sentences would have read better.

Best Column (One Subject)

First Place — **Steve Lowery, Kentucky Standard**

No doubt Kentucky government is better because of Steve's efforts. His columns champion open government and fair politics. Kentuckians, take heed!

Second Place — **Pam Shingler, Floyd County Times**

It's unusual to find such a strong supporter of "family" in today's newspapers. Pam has a great flair of touting individuals and families with warmth.

Third Place — **Victoria Schreiner, Shelbyville Sentinel-News**

Victoria's columns courageously tackle lottery drawbacks, gun crazies and prejudices. She's dragging readers kicking and screaming into the 1990s.

Honorable Mention — **Teresa Bragg, Kentucky Standard**

No word mincing here! Lay the problem at the feet of the jiving politicians responsible. I'll bet the local pols dread Teresa's column... but read it every Wednesday.

Best Business or Agribusiness Story

First Place — **Pam Shingler, Floyd County Times**

This was a very "Eggciting" story, "Eggsactly" what I was looking for. Good local color, well written.

Second Place — **Missy Baxter, Pioneer News**

Third Place — **Carrol Roberts, Benton Tribune-Courier**

Honorable Mention — **Terry May, Appalachian News-Express**

Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place — **Tim Ballard, Kentucky Standard**

Loved the column on the signs done under the hire-the-handicapped principle.

Second Place — **Larry Webster, Appalachian News-Express**

A refreshing change, instead of trite rehashes. I laughed aloud about the impossibility of getting sweetener; have you pointed out that only stupid people would pass a test that meant they'd get executed?

Third Place — **Stan McKinney, Central Kentucky News-Journal**

Solid content.

Best Sports Column (Regular Heading)

First Place — **Mike Farner, Pioneer News**

In "Athletes will endure," Farner effectively puts into words, which for an athlete is truly the most painful of pains. A great, thought-provoking column.

Second Place — **Ron Greenwell, Kentucky Standard**

The banning of exchange students from competition is shameful and Greenwell's column effectively hammers that point home.

Third Place — **Chris Aldridge, Shelbyville Sentinel-News**

Aldridge's account of dove hunting was humorous and enjoyable reading. He seems to have a very likable style.

Best Sports Story

First Place — **Ed Taylor, Floyd County Times**

This is an inspiration to fatties everywhere.

Second Place — **Bobby Brockman, Central Kentucky News-Journal**

Clear, fine writing.

Third Place — **Kirby Easterling, Appalachian News-Express**

Good lead, clear writing.



From 'ouch' to 'ah'

"An amusing photo made interesting by the expression on the pet owner's face," the judge said. It earned a first place for Best General News Picture, Daily Class 1, for Bob Bell of *The Mayfield Messenger*.

Multi-Weekly

Best Sports Feature

- First Place — Bobby Brockman, *Central Kentucky News-Journal*
- Second Place — Ed Taylor, *Floyd County Times*
- Third Place — Ron Greenwell, *Kentucky Standard*
- Honorable Mention — Chris Aldridge, *Shelbyville Sentinel-News*

Best Investigative/Analytical Story

- First Place — DuAnne B. Puckett, *Shelbyville Sentinel-News*
Puts state law proposals in focus with the problems they were designed to address, very energetic project hitting among different segments of readership.
- Second Place — Terry Boyd, *Kentucky Standard*
A lot of work, with good reader interest.
- Third Place — Tess Whitmer, *Floyd County Times*
Contacted many sources, presenting an important issue; could have had a better lead.

Best Story Series

- First Place — Amy Taylor, *Kentucky Standard*
You brought out the qualities of these individuals with sensible writing. Great stories.
- Second Place — Terry May, *Appalachian News-Express*
Compelling drama compellingly presented.
- Third Place — Stan McKinney, *Central Kentucky News-Journal*
Fantastic photos!



It's the law

Ken Shmidheiser of *The McCreary County Record* scored points with both the sheriff and the judges with this photo, which took the award for Best Feature Picture, Weekly 3.

Best General News Picture

- First Place — Frank Clark, *Floyd County Times*
Extremely original. Pure art. Photo contrast with angle shot guaranteed it First Place. A dull photo assignment turned interesting.
- Second Place — Kevin Eigelbach, *Shelbyville Sentinel-News*
Photographer has a good eye for news within a news story. Photo made one want to read story.
- Third Place — Cindy Camper, *Benton Tribune-Courier*
I don't know if picture made the cuteness or the cuteness made the photo, but it worked.
- Honorable Mention — Stan McKinney, *Central Kentucky News-Journal*
Excellent use of design. No wasted space.

Best Spot News Picture

- First Place — Pete Mio, *Pioneer News*
Not every day do you get an arrest shot opportunity like this. Well done.
- Second Place — Missy Baxter, *Pioneer News*
Right on the scene aspect and sharp focus make this a fine shot.
- Third Place — Rick Bentley, *Appalachian News-Express*
Truck and school bus make a grim attraction.
- Honorable Mention(Tie) — John Roberts, *Pioneer News*
A truck which looks balanced makes a reader stop and wonder.
- Honorable Mention(Tie) — Steve Parker, *Benton Tribune-Courier*
Maybe this should be a feature photo, but it does attract attention and tell a story.

Best Feature Picture

- First Place — Kevin Eigelbach, *Shelbyville Sentinel-News*
The trash discarded near the "No Dumping" sign tells a graphic story dramatized by the camera.
- Second Place — Ed Taylor, *Floyd County Times*
Humor here attracts attention, good selection of topic matter.
- Third Place — Missy Baxter, *Pioneer News*
Snakes and young ladies make for eye-catching feature.
- Honorable Mention — Tim Ballard, *Kentucky Standard*
Who can pass a picture of kids and a pony cart?

Best Feature Picture Essay

- First Place — Stan McKinney, *Central Kentucky News-Journal*
The pictures told the story. They were played well. The large one grabbed my attention and pulled me into the package.
- Second Place — Richard RoBards, *Central Kentucky News-Journal*
Display and contrast make this a winner. Readers can enjoy the fun without even being there. Photos are sharp, have good detail and are well cropped.
- Third Place — Kevin Eigelbach, *Shelbyville Sentinel-News*
Action photos kept my interest. Could have used more contrasts; grays blended together, losing detail. Display good, but no picture grabs attention.
- Honorable Mention — Chris Aldridge, *Shelbyville Sentinel-News*
Photos are sharp, have good contrast and give a balanced story of the event. Display is good. I think what bothered me most was crop on Christmas tree.

Best Sports Picture

- First Place — Terry Spears, *Appalachian News-Express*
Well composed shot of a tense moment with attention called by action.
- Second Place — John Roberts, *Pioneer News*
Action, concentrating players make you feel "you are there."
- Third Place — Mike Farmer, *Pioneer News*
Good composition (maybe some luck) and sharp focus.

Best Sports Picture Essay

- First Place — Richard RoBards, *Central Kentucky News-Journal*
Clean, clear, concise pictures.
- Second Place — John Roberts, *Pioneer News*
Good work up of a theme.
- Third Place — Stan McKinney, *Central Kentucky News-Journal*
Lots of emotion.
- Honorable Mention — Staff, *Appalachian News-Express*
Wow! A double truck of sports shots. Some pictures are not that sharp, but there is sure a big bunch of them.

Daily Class 1

Best Editorial

First Place — **Mark Bell, Harlan Daily Enterprise**

Thorough, thoughtful opening on the Clover Fork water project puts Enterprise readers in the "well informed" category.

Second Place — **Bill Mardis, Somerset Commonwealth Journal**

This editorial should have caused Louise Simpson to review her years as treasurer... and her repayment of \$12,000. (Why hadn't this been exposed earlier?)

Third Place — **Bob Hendrickson, Maysville Ledger-Independent**

A complete, well-written editorial that suggests a rational solution to the Mason County Library feud.

Honorable Mention — **Jerry Wallace, Richmond Register**

Who says editorials have to be somber to be effective? One question: Can Joe Hacker's parking ticket hotline fix our tickets in Michigan, too?

Best Spot News Story

First Place — **Mike Marsee, Corbin Times-Tribune**

Good, solid fact gathering for spot news coverage.

Second Place — **Scott Mandl, Richmond Register**

Good lead, well balanced reporting in story of teen who took hostages in school.

Third Place — **Lisa Fee Carnahan, Harlan Daily Enterprise**

Perfect example of what spot news reporting is about. Follow through shows in story, but lead lacks intensity which you apparently put into fact gathering.

Best General News Story

First Place — **Deborah Campbell, Corbin Times-Tribune**

Corbin racism story displayed a fine-tuned understanding of balanced reporting.

Lead strong, followed by opposing view; quotes weren't redundant; very thorough reporting exhibited.

Second Place — **Madelynn Coldiron, Somerset Commonwealth Journal**

Good, hard-news reporting which showed a good grasp of the issue in "Tax money for industry used to pay county bills."

Third Place — **Lea Schultz, Richmond Register**

Interesting, compelling lead for an often-written about topic (Gibson workers vote to end strike); good, balanced reporting puts reader in a position to grasp ramifications, etc., of vote to end the strike.

Honorable Mention — **Lea Schultz, Richmond Register**

Good lead to Senior Citizen Center entry; story follows center workers' frustration of working in ill-equipped conditions in an organized manner. Headline needs help, though!

Best Feature Story

First Place — **Susan Phelps, Corbin Times-Tribune**

Excellent — proves point by leaving in the "impairments" of writing; well written.

Second Place — **David Baker, Somerset Commonwealth Journal**

Cute — style of writing good for topic.

Third Place — **Loy Milam, Glasgow Daily Times**

Best Column (One Subject)

First Place — **Connie Alexander, Murray Ledger & Times**

Second Place — **William S. Blakeman, Winchester Sun**

Third Place — **Randy Patrick, Richmond Register**

Honorable Mention — **David Baker, Somerset Commonwealth Journal**

Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place — **Mark Bell, Harlan Daily Enterprise**

Mark has fun with his columns. He uses a variety of styles from conversations to opinion to humor.

Second Place — **William S. Blakeman, Winchester Sun**

Bill has a great way of tying unrelated "heard around town" items together. It seems like a well-read, human interest column.

Third Place — **Ewell Balltrip, Harlan Daily Enterprise**

Ewell lets readers know the story behind a current story. His columns tell readers why it's important to them.

Best Sports Column (Regular Heading)

First Place — **Mitch Howard, Corbin Times-Tribune**

Second Place — **Steve McClain, Maysville Ledger-Independent**

Third Place — **Brett Hait, Richmond Register**

Honorable Mention — **David Ramey, Murray Ledger & Times**

Best Sports Story

First Place — **David Ramey, Murray Ledger & Times**

Gifted writing! A magnificent story that's a fitting tribute to a team that came on strong at the end of the season. Details, considering the deadline, are astounding! The lead is explosive!

Second Place — **Daniel T. Parker, Murray Ledger & Times**

Hard to call this entry second place, but considering the competition, a required pick. This paper has first rate sports writers who almost make the story more fun than the game.

Third Place — **Mike Marsee, Corbin Times-Tribune**

Tough competition, but this story really shines as an example of superior writing ability. The game obviously meant a lot to the community.

Honorable Mention — **Mitch Howard, Corbin Times-Tribune**

Worthy of note primarily due to the impact Coach Broughton had on the community.



The right angle

"Pure art," one judge declared, in giving a first place award for Best General News Picture, Multi-weekly, to this photo by Frank Clark of *The Floyd County Times*. Judges termed the late reporter's shot "a dull photo assignment turned interesting." The award was given posthumously; Clark died of brain cancer in September.

Daily Class 1

Best Sports Feature

- First Place — **Jeff Kerr, Winchester Sun**
An interesting lead and well organized feature story of a spectacular event.
- Second Place — **Loy Milam, Glasgow Daily Times**
- Third Place — **David Ramey, Murray Ledger & Times**
- Honorable Mention — **Richard Skinner, Maysville Ledger-Independent**
- Honorable Mention — **Brett Hait, Richmond Register**

Best Investigative/Analytical Story

- First Place — **Mary Branham, Corbin Times-Tribune**
Good job on a good story! Had to be a tough story to get in a small town. Good sourcing, good follow up; you covered all the bases. What was the result?
- Second Place — **Madelynn Coldiron, Somerset Commonwealth Journal**
Just what a good reporter is supposed to do. Break a story, follow up and have an effect on the outcome for the good of the people.
- Third Place — **Madelynn Coldiron, Somerset Commonwealth Journal**
Another solid job of digging to get a good story. I didn't realize the second and third place winner was the same person 'til now! Keep it up!
- Honorable Mention — **Lisa Fee Carnahan, Harlan Daily Enterprise**
Incredible amount of persistence in following this important story. Good work!

Best Story Series

- First Place — **Mark Bell, Harlan Daily Enterprise**
Takes a local story and shows all sides to it.
- Second Place — **David Baker, Somerset Commonwealth Journal**
Put together nicely.
- Third Place — **Donna Wills, Maysville Ledger-Independent**
Takes a look at the issue from all sides.

Best Business or Agribusiness Story

- First Place — **Ruthie Maslin, Richmond Register**
Interesting and well written piece on a unique local business.
- Second Place — **Bob Hendrickson, Maysville Ledger-Independent**
- Third Place — **Susan Stone, Richmond Register**
- Honorable Mention — **Madelynn Coldiron, Commonwealth Journal**
- Honorable Mention — **Lynn Carlisle, Winchester Sun**

Best General News Picture

- First Place — **Bob Bell, Mayfield Messenger**
An amusing photo made interesting by the expression on the pet owner's face.
- Second Place — **James Morris, Richmond Register**
Science really does look fun here. Nice balance of expressions and strong composition. I like the use of the blackboard both as a background and scene-setter.
- Third Place — **Scott Mandl, Richmond Register**
Bold composition, striking texture and great subject. Looks like a fine way to pass an afternoon.
- Honorable Mention — **Joan Brock, Middlesboro Daily News**
A classic portrait of men staying calm in the face of a storm, both grasping something in an attempt to ward off trouble. A good story, too.

Best Spot News Picture

- First Place — **James Morris, Richmond Register**
Photos capture the human drama of the event.
- Second Place — **Scott Mandl, Richmond Register**
Nice contrast between the perplexed mother and the baby taking its bottle.
- Third Place — **James Mann, Winchester Sun**
- Honorable Mention — **Scott Mandl, Richmond Register**

Best Feature Picture

- First Place — **Roy Mobley, Somerset Commonwealth Journal**
- Second Place — **Bob Bell, Mayfield Messenger**
- Third Place — **James Mann, Winchester Sun**
- Honorable Mention — **Rodney Margison, Corbin Times-Tribune**
The boy in the back has the better expression of the two; would have liked to have seen him a little more in focus.

Best Feature Picture Essay

- First Place — **Rodney Margison, Corbin Times-Tribune**
Good stuff here, buy why are large sections of seating vacant?
- Second Place — **Rodney Margison, Corbin Times-Tribune**
A good story is told in this series.
- Third Place — **James Morris, Richmond Register**
Various angles of this news topic are nicely depicted.
- Honorable Mention — **Roy Mobley, Somerset Commonwealth Journal**
Unusual and well done.
- Honorable Mention — **Bob Warner, Maysville Ledger-Independent**
Variation in topics gives a festive idea.

Best Sports Picture

- First Place — **Mark Cornelison, Richmond Register**
Determination makes this shot.
- Second Place — **Eric Shindelbower, Richmond Register**
Mud makes this different and interesting.
- Third Place — **Russell Burkhart, Harlan Daily Enterprise**
Unusual angle of subject shot at just right instant.
- Honorable Mention — **Jeff Kerr, Winchester Sun**
Sharp focus and the distance between the ball and bat hold attention.

Best Sports Picture Essay

- First Place — **Chris Jones, Harlan Daily Enterprise**
- Second Place — **Daniel T. Parker, Murray Ledger & Times**
- Third Place — **Daniel T. Parker, Murray Ledger & Times**



'Winning is everything'

Judges said Ron Daley's camera "shutter captured the new Miss Centralian on the split second and in sharp focus." They were impressed enough to designate *The Troublesome Creek Times* for Best General News Picture among entries from Weekly Class 2.

Daily Class 2

Best Editorial

- First Place — **Herb Brock, Danville Advocate-Messenger**
Well written. Logically advances separate points to a real conclusion.
- Second Place — **Frank Boyett, Henderson Gleaner**
- Third Place — **Tom Clinton, Madisonville Messenger**
- Honorable Mention — **Todd Duvall, Frankfort State Journal**

Best Spot News Story

- First Place — **Annabel Girard, Danville Advocate-Messenger**
Good on the scene reporting of the L&N fire. All bases covered . . . from the cool to nearby businessfolk and witness. Story played well.
- Second Place (Tie) — **Herb Brock, Danville Advocate-Messenger**
Coverage of the Waynesburg School shooting was complete in all details — from the first shot to public-student reactions.
- Second Place (Tie) — **Vicki S. Stevens, Danville Advocate-Messenger**
A sad tale, but well done.
- Third Place (Tie) — **Tom Taylor, Henderson Gleaner**
- Third Place (Tie) — **Chuck Stinnett, Henderson Gleaner**
The Webster mine disaster was quite thoroughly handled by The Gleaner staff. (Photo play was good, as well.)
- Honorable Mention — **Tom Taylor, Henderson Gleaner**
Fire coverage was all there. The breaking story included the fire department problems.

Best General News Story

- First Place — **Karen Herzog, Frankfort State Journal**
I tried very hard to look at the writing and not go with this story just because of its tremendous news interest. You gave me the history I wanted on the sheriff, the facts on which prosecution was based. I want to know how this was resolved.
- Second Place — **David S. Jennings, Kentucky New Era**
It's a long story . . . I read every word and so did your readers. It's good to see you are not slaves to some formula of how long a front page story should be. Of course, it takes good content and writing to support a story this long. You did it!
- Third Place — **Steve Esser, Elizabethtown News-Enterprise**
This is the kind of story everyone's talking about and you played one of the fine roles journalists can play, you put an end to the rumors.
- Honorable Mention — **Chuck Stinnett, Henderson Gleaner**
This gets honorable mention because you got me to read about a subject that was potentially really boring. Good job!

Best Feature Story

- First Place — **Judy Jenkins, Henderson Gleaner**
An inspiring story that leaves readers feeling they know Julia. Well written, thorough, leaves you smiling.
- Second Place — **Herb Brock, Danville Advocate-Messenger**
Another human case; Herb weaves Leannette's life story into an interesting feature.
- Third Place — **Greg Kocher, Elizabethtown News-Enterprise**
Spending a day in a landfill isn't a glamorous assignment, but Greg's writing and observations make the landfill real.
- Honorable Mention — **Steven J. Paul, Elizabethtown News-Enterprise**
Stories were well written and kept my attention, but I think tightening to two stories would have been better.

Best Column (One Subject)

- First Place — **Judy Jenkins, Henderson Gleaner**
Writing poignant yet not overwhelming; writing style consistent in each entry whether topic humorous or serious.
- Second Place — **Tom Clinton, Madisonville Messenger**
Delightful columns; entertaining, particularly "Raindrops Keep Falling . . ." Comments thoughtful for serious subject yet refreshingly upbeat for less serious subjects.
- Third Place — **Stephen Vest, Frankfort State Journal**
Steve's got the gift of gab and pulls off dialogue in columns where most others sink too deep trying too hard. A day in the life of Stephen Vest seems too funny for words!
- Honorable Mention — **Amy Hogg, Danville Advocate-Messenger**
Amy's flowing manner of writing easily allows readers to enjoy while at the same time identify similar incidents in their own lives. "Couple's daily mail check . . ." is delightful.

Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

- First Place — **Herb Brock, Danville Advocate-Messenger**
Good selection of topics for the column. Fun to read, yet also carrying valuable information and comment. Nice job!
- Second Place — **Donna Stinnett, Henderson Gleaner**
Neat idea for a column and is well executed. I found the information to be useful and presented very well.
- Third Place — **Judy Jenkins, Henderson Gleaner**
Fun to read about the various people in town. What could be trite is interesting. Judy must have sources all over the area!

Best Sports Column (Regular Heading)

- First Place — **Darrell Bird, Elizabethtown News-Enterprise**
Excellent writing, good subjects. Can tell Darrell loves to write and loves his job. Article on Nofsinger one of the very best.
- Second Place — **Don Bradley, Elizabethtown News-Enterprise**
Elizabethtown is incredibly lucky to have Bird and Bradley. Bradley brings a special feeling of concern and caring to his writing.
- Third Place — **Stephen Vest, Frankfort State Journal**
Fun to read. Writes lively and brings out his personality. Fun column on Johnny Bench.

Best Sports Story

- First Place — **Jim Pickens, Madisonville Messenger**
A solid piece on the role of booster clubs in high school sports. Good reporting.
- Second Place — **Scott Wilson, Henderson Gleaner**
A descriptive lead hooked me. A very readable, well constructed game story.
- Third Place — **Jeff D'Alessio, Elizabethtown News-Enterprise**
Many writers wouldn't put this kind of writing effort into a Little League game. The author did and it showed.
- Honorable Mention — **Stephen Vest, Frankfort State Journal**

Best Sports Feature

- First Place — **Brad Schneider, Henderson Gleaner**
Good headline, excellent community interest, well written.
- Second Place — **Don Bradley, Elizabethtown News-Enterprise**
Photo and story well coordinated with good headline.
- Third Place — **Larry Vaught, Danville Advocate-Messenger**
Excellent presentation that grabs reader.

Best Investigative/Analytical Story

- First Place — **Ted Sloan and Amy Carman, Frankfort State Journal**
Four-part series on abuses of state's compensatory time pay to employees, well substantiated. Series showed initiative. Clearly written, graphics helpful.
- Second Place — **Karen Herzog, Frankfort State Journal**
Story on campaign solicitations by elected official Ward "Butch" Burnette. Again, well established, shows initiative.
- Third Place — **Ted Sloan, Frankfort State Journal**

Best Story Series

- First Place — **Annabel Girard, Danville Advocate-Messenger**
There has been so much written about recycling that it's very hard to make it interesting. Writer and editor made this an attractive package. Amusing leads, good graphics, spritely writing.
- Second Place — **Ron Dollar, Lowell Athley, David Jennings, Kentucky New Era**
Lots to keep track of with this story and you kept us up-to-date on many different aspects.
- Third Place — **Bob Villanueva, Elizabethtown News-Enterprise**
Very attractive package; good color and theme of teddy bear photo tied it together well. Heart tugging quote "My grandmother hasn't written me . . ."
- Honorable Mention — **Herb Brock, Danville Advocate-Messenger**
Complete coverage; I certainly was surprised by the vote, but I still think the coverage was fair.

Daily Class 2

Best Business or Agribusiness Story

- First Place — Herb Brock, *Danville Advocate-Messenger*
Excellent style, does a good job in telling a story.
 Second Place — Steven J. Paul, *Elizabethtown News-Enterprise*
 Third Place — Greg Kocher, *Elizabethtown News-Enterprise*
 Honorable Mention — Donna Stinnett, *Henderson Gleaner*

Best General News Picture

- First Place — Rob Carr, *Frankfort State Journal*
Could have won on pure content alone. If standard photo of speaker was used, there would have been no story. It caught my eye and made me read story which I was not judging.
 Second Place — Cathy Clarke, *Henderson Gleaner*
Originality made the photo, combined with interesting angle. Also no wasted space in frame.
 Third Place — Lowell Mendyk, *Madisonville Messenger*
Picture was sharp, good contrast, and dual subjects were prominent. Eye-catching.
 Honorable Mention — James Morris, *Danville Advocate-Messenger*
Good human interest feature with wide range of emotions. Good use of photo size and layout.

Best Feature Picture Essay

- First Place — Rob Carr, *Frankfort State Journal*
The variety of angles and images from what could've been a dull feature was astounding. Good use of layout design and size variety. The angle from below the subject clinched it.
 Second Place — Mike Lawrence, *Henderson Gleaner*
Pictures were sharp. Good contrast. The variety of sizes and use of content to tell story earned its place.
 Third Place — Rob Carr, *Frankfort State Journal*
Excellent use of size. Photos are clear and interesting. Space is not wasted.
 Honorable Mention — Cathy Clarke, *Henderson Gleaner*
The range of emotion of subject caught by photographer was excellent. Good use of size variety and layout.

Best Sports Picture Essay

- First Place — Rob Carr, *Frankfort State Journal*
Not usual sports photo series, but something more compelling.
 Second Place — Larry Vaught, *Danville Advocate-Messenger*
Captures the emotion of the moment.
 Third Place — Larry Vaught, *Danville Advocate-Messenger*
Captures the emotion.
 Honorable Mention — Mike Lawrence, *Henderson Gleaner*

Best Spot News Picture

- First Place — James Morris, *Danville Advocate-Messenger*
Excellent presentation of the biggest story of the day in the area.
 Second Place — Mike Lawrence, *Henderson Gleaner*
Quality coverage of the disaster.
 Third Place — Rob Carr, *Frankfort State Journal*
Fine work under deadline.
 Honorable Mention — Cathy Clarke, *Henderson Gleaner*
Color enhanced this excellent photograph.

Best Feature Picture

- First Place — Randy Greenwell, *Henderson Gleaner*
 Second Place — Lowell Mendyk, *Madisonville Messenger*
 Third Place — Rob Carr, *Frankfort State Journal*
 Honorable Mention — Mike Lawrence, *Henderson Gleaner*

Best Sports Picture

- First Place — Mike Lawrence, *Henderson Gleaner*
Captures the moment.
 Second Place — Cathy Clarke, *Henderson Gleaner*
Photo turns an ordinary swimming race into a human drama.
 Third Place — Rob Carr, *Frankfort State Journal*
 Honorable Mention (Tie) — Darrell Bird, *Elizabethtown News-Enterprise*
 Honorable Mention (Tie) — Larry Vaught, *Danville Advocate-Messenger*

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Daily Class 3

Best Editorial

- First Place — **Judy Clabes, Kentucky Post**
Excellent handling of a sensitive subject.
 Second Place — **Don Gordon, Paducah Sun**
 Third Place — **Mark Neikirk, Kentucky Post**
 Honorable Mention — **Paul Morsey, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**

Best Spot News Story

- First Place — **Kenneth A. Hart, Ashland Daily Independent**
Nice straight lead with a good amount of local comment that adds color. Story flows smoothly.
 Second Place — **Thomas T. Ross, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**
Adds enough local comment to make the story leap off the page. Story flows well. Nice reaction stuff to an important issue.
 Third Place — **George Wolford, Ashland Daily Independent**
Nice mix of facts, flow of the story is good. Story in general is well written.
 Honorable Mention — **Kenneth A. Hart, Ashland Daily Independent**
Nice lead, story has all the important facts up front.

Best General News Story

- First Place — **Andy Mead, Lexington Herald-Leader**
Solid reporting, writing of an issue of major importance to state residents. There isn't a reader who wouldn't finish this. A great enterprise piece.
 Second Place — **Dan Heckel, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**
Exceptional writing, descriptive, colorful. A riveting jailhouse interview.
 Third Place — **Crystal Harden, Kentucky Post**
Newspapers often forget the past. A very readable look back at a major news event.
 Honorable Mention — **Chad Carlton, Lexington Herald-Leader**

Best Feature Story

- First Place — **Kevin Nance, Lexington Herald-Leader**
Of all the AIDS stories submitted in this category, Nance's feature illuminated best the stigma attached to victims of the disease.
 Second Place — **Keith Lawrence, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**
A fascinating historical account of how attitudes change, including the judge's. A good study in relativity.
 Third Place — **Pat Brockenborough, Paducah Sun**
A fine "inside" story that sheds light on people most remote and often repugnant to us. Would have still been compelling even without the "romance" angle.
 Honorable Mention — **Barbara Isaacs, Lexington Herald-Leader**
Very touching, a nice treatment of the subject of adoption.

Best Column (One Subject)

- First Place — **Lora Anne Wimsatt, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**
This excellent and reflective column came from an observation on the way to work. Well crafted!
 Second Place — **Cathie Shaffer, Ashland Daily Independent**
Many folks do parenting columns. This one was funny, interesting and kept me reading.
 Third Place — **Mark Neikirk, Kentucky Post**
A reflective look at the controversial abortion issue. Well organized and researched.
 Honorable Mention — **Judy Clabes, Kentucky Post**

Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

- First Place — **Pat Brockenborough, Paducah Sun**
A slice-of-life column that showed lots of cleverness and variety.
 Second Place — **Stewart Jennison, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**
A thoughtful column on business. Solid reporting, commentary on local subjects.

Best Sports Column (Regular Heading)

- First Place — **Mark C. Mathis, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**
Very readable column that often took the sports fan behind the scenes.
 Second Place — **Mark Maynard, Ashland Daily Independent**
Maynard's columns showed versatility. He did more than just comment on the games. His piece on taking his son to the ballpark was a delight.
 Third Place — **Maryjean Wall, Lexington Herald-Leader**
Horse racing is big stuff in your state and Wall provides plenty of insight and information.
 Honorable Mention — **Rocky Stanley, Ashland Daily Independent**

Best Sports Story

- First Place — **Maryjean Wall/Christy McIntyre, Lexington Herald-Leader**
A behind-the-scenes lead approach makes this Derby story shine.
 Second Place — **Mark C. Mathis, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**
A well documented story on what parents don't want to think about — death on a youth baseball diamond.
 Third Place — **John Donovan, Kentucky Post**
Clever word play in the lead got my attention, good writing kept me reading.
 Honorable Mention — **Rocky Stanley, Ashland Daily Independent**

Best Sports Feature

- First Place — **Rob Kaiser, Lexington Herald-Leader**
A well crafted piece that demonstrates creative writing techniques.
 Second Place — **Mark C. Mathis, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**
Story provides a behind-the-scenes look at a very colorful coach.
 Third Place — **Maryjean Wall, Lexington Herald-Leader**
I don't even care about horse racing, but good writing drew me into the story.
 Honorable Mention — **Mark Maloney, Lexington Herald-Leader**

Best Investigative/Analytical Story

- First Place — **Staff, Lexington Herald-Leader**
A quantum leap ahead of the competition. The paper managed to turn a complicated story about property taxes into fascinating reading. The cost of the corruption and waste was brought compellingly home to readers. Tight, fast-paced writing, outstanding graphics.
 Second Place — **Roger Alford, Ashland Daily Independent**
Roger showed initiative in detecting a statewide trend by going over school accreditation reports and did a thorough job in documenting some of the worst cases.
 Third Place — **Kevin Nance, Lexington Herald-Leader**
Excellent enterprise reporting of an issue probably no one bothered to examine before; well documented.

Best Story Series

- First Place — **Valarie Honeycutt, Lexington Herald-Leader**
A comprehensive package that not only had community importance but had all the elements of a good novel. Super writing gave the package a can't-put-it-down appeal.
 Second Place — **Steve Thomas, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**
School consolidation issues are always emotional. This series of stories covered the controversy in an informative calm way. Very complete . . . all angles covered.
 Third Place — **Staff, Paducah Sun**
An informative series on a subject that impacts us all, growing old. A complete, well planned package.
 Honorable Mention — **Joe Walker, Paducah Sun**

Best Business or Agribusiness Story

- First Place — **Jim Robinson, Ashland Daily Independent**
Excellent question lead, crisp style, good effort at making a rather dull subject interesting.
 Second Place — **Stewart Jennison, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**
Well done article.
 Third Place — **Steve Thomas, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**
Good readable article.
 Honorable Mention — **Benita Heath, Ashland Daily Independent**

Daily Class 3

Best General News Picture

First Place — **Richard Pridemore, Kentucky Post**

Wonderful job on this courtroom drama... couldn't have been done any better.

Nice moment, good composition.

Second Place — **Kevin L. Goldy, Ashland Daily Independent**

This unusual campaign photo works well and took some time to make. Good job!

Could have been a "grip & grin."

Third Place — **Allen Lake, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**

Nice pictorial treatment for a news photo that tells the story, too.

Honorable Mention — **Gary Emord-Netzley, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**

Ash Wednesday rarely provides the quiet beauty this little girl adds to the photo.

Nice job!

Best Spot News Picture

First Place — **Charles Bertram, Lexington Herald-Leader**

A dramatic but simple photo supported by two informational pictures, works well for this winner.

Second Place — **Allen Lake, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**

This picture we have seen before, but it is so clean, simple and story telling that it works very well.

Third Place — **Charles Bertram, Lexington Herald-Leader**

This good emotion-filled photo could have been printed with more care... good job otherwise.

Honorable Mention — **Terry Duennes, Kentucky Post**

If this was cropped even tighter and run better, it would be better... but the photo was dramatic and well done.

Best Feature Picture

First Place — **Terry Duennes, Kentucky Post**

A great Father's Day feature. Well exposed and composed. A memorable moment done well.

Second Place — **Richard Pridemore, Kentucky Post**

A very nice portrait of childhood; especially strong composition helps make this standup even against multi-color.

Third Place — **Richard Pridemore, Kentucky Post**

Funny feature, real nice feature done well. Weather features are rarely this funny.

Honorable Mention — **Allen Lake, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**

An excellent illustration.

Best Feature Picture Essay

First Place — **Janet Worne, Lexington Herald-Leader**

Nice moments and supporting pictures carry through the pages. Good job!

Second Place — **Mike Teegarden, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**

The moments of solitude are well conveyed in the life of this nun. Nice treatment of a simple subject.

Third Place — **Ron Garrison, Lexington Herald-Leader**

Terrific job of the overall pumpkin illustration. A perfect job of lighting and creative treatment.

Honorable Mention — **Craig Bell, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**

Good job of shooting, but neither judge liked the choice for the lead picture. Would have placed it higher.

Best Sports Picture

First Place — **Jim Osborn, Kentucky Post**

One of the best photos in the entire contest. Good shot from a swim meet. Usually not a favorite assignment.

Second Place — **Ron Garrison, Lexington Herald-Leader**

Good job and color, at the right place at the right time is so important.

Third Place — **Frank Anderson, Lexington Herald-Leader**

All the arms in the air make this photo work quite well — great technically, too!

Honorable Mention — **Jim Osborn, Kentucky Post**

Pretty nice moment for a kids' golf tourney, obviously this photographer is willing to wait!

Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place — **Ron Garrison, Lexington Herald-Leader**

Nice series of photos that were laid out well and told a complete story.

Second Place — **Allen Lake, Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer**

Really nice breaking sports photos. Photographer might have done better by switching lead photos in back.



EMT with TLC

Kelley Warnick of *The Gallatin County News* picked up the top award in Best Spot News Picture, Weekly Class 1, for this touching picture of a frightened child after an accident. "...quite memorable," the judge said.