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# EXCELLENCE IN KENTUCKY NEWSPAPERS

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING  
WRITING, PHOTOGRAPHY AND DESIGN

- Best Editorial
- Best Spot News Coverage
- Best General News Story
- Best Feature Story
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# WEEKLY CLASS 1

## Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - FULTON LEADER, John O'Neal Jones

Straight to the point. No dancing around.

Second Place - GREENUP COUNTY NEWS TIMES, Cathie Shaffer

Really good editorial. Had it been "tightened up" it would have been stronger. But it's still very forceful.

Third Place - LEITCHFIELD RECORD, Stephanie Hornback

Very sound reasoning and writing.

## Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS COVERAGE

First Place - FULTON LEADER, John O'Neal Jones

Excellent description, nice lead, great job on big story.

Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jonna D. Spelbring

Attention to detail separated this entry from others. Reader was placed at scene of fire.

Third Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Charles Mattox

Reader got to know victim in this entry. Nice job.

Honorable Mention - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jonna D. Spelbring

## Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - GREENUP COUNTY NEWS TIMES, Mason Branham

A very unusual story. Well written, facts on the law were well documented and well explained.

Second Place - FULTON LEADER, Glen Ivey

Attention to detail very nice. Story is feature but lets you know the facts in a unique way.

Third Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jonna D. Spelbring

Nice story! A very memorable experience for these youth, along with historical background, told in a wonderful way.

Honorable Mention - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Charles Mattox

A sad story. Nice attention to details and emotions. A bit long.

Honorable Mention - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Clint Hadden

Beautifully written. Nice thorough coverage of a difficult situation.

## Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Clint Hadden

Savvy is a great idea for paying tribute to seniors. Story on Jerry Abney is well-written. Good quotes. Might rethink quote leads in future unless there's a powerful, attention-grabbing quote.

Second Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Charles Mattox

Interesting story on an interesting sport. Well-written.

Third Place - LEITCHFIELD RECORD, Stephanie Hornback

Good story. Especially liked way it begins with anecdote of Coca-Cola trucker. More quotes would have made it better, always!

Honorable Mention - BOONE COUNTY RECORDER, Liz Carey

Fun story. Vivid work. Pictures made me feel I was traveling the county roads right alongside writer. More quotes can only make a story better.

Honorable Mention - GREENUP COUNTY NEWS TIMES, Cathie Shaffer

Nice story. Good quotes.

## Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - BOONE COUNTY RECORDER, James Weber

Head and shoulders above the other entries. Lead and second graph are excellent. Really good job mixing in quotes to propel the story. Fine job. A-Plus.

Second Place - FULTON LEADER, Chad Coffman

This one had people talking, I'm sure. Candid quotes throughout. Nice look at behind the scenes decision making. Good work.

Third Place - OLIVE HILL TIMES, Denver Brown

Moving the final scene up to second or third graph would have improved this. But the strange weather scenario is intriguing, and though it's not a photo competition, you can't beat that picture.

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

First Place - FULTON LEADER, Chad Coffman

Very well-written story about a remarkable man. Quotes throughout story really pull it together. Nice job.

Second Place - FULTON LEADER, Chad Coffman

The flashback/time travel was very well constructed. Good, interesting story.

Third Place - GRAYSON JOURNAL ENQUIRER, Denver Brown

Very inspiring, detailed and cute story.

Honorable Mention - HERALD NEWS, EDMONTON, Craig Duncan

What an unusual bunch of "large football players!" Great story idea.

Honorable Mention - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Carolyn Schwartz

Nice to see girls getting some much needed sports coverage. Good story. Nice photos too.

Third Place - TRIMBLE BANNER DEMOCRAT, Darren Pike

## Category 11 - BEST ONGOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - FULTON LEADER, Glen Ivey

Good pursuit, good quotes, good explanations of legal matters.

Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jonna D. Spelbring

First stories were best. Lead paragraphs almost lost my interest. Punch up and cut down leads.

Third Place - FULTON LEADER, Glen Ivey

Way to let the public sound off.

## Category 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - FULTON LEADER, John O'Neal Jones

It's just good, solid reporting. Very little emotion in what could have been too emotional.

Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jessica Bratcher

A very breezy, but informative treatment of something different in a business. Not overdone.

Third Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jessica Bratcher

Bratcher has a light hand with prose. This could have been a "kiss-off" length story, but she expanded and you like this Craig Howard. The lead paragraph dragged.

Honorable Mention - HERALD NEWS, EDMONTON, Shirley Mayrand

A lighthearted look at worms. What was the B&B disaster, never assume the reader knows everything you know, if he did, he wouldn't need you.



... KOLEX ...

Photographer Denver Brown captured scenes from last month's Rolex Three-Day Event. The international pre-Olympic competition was held at The Kentucky Horse Park

Category: Sports  
 Subcategory: Equestrian/Photography  
 Title: ... KOLEX ...  
 Author: John O'Neal Jones  
 Editor: [Name illegible]

# Floodwaters soak the twin cities

**Deluge damages businesses, homes**

By John O'Neal Jones  
Editor

David Turner swiped a mop on the wet, slicked-out floor of The Keg restaurant last Saturday. It didn't seem like a big deal.

It had been a busy morning for Turner and other employees of the landmark eatery. The business was one of several on Lake Street damaged by flooding when some five inches of water fell overnight Friday.

Owner Gary Bates said he was awakened about 3 a.m. with a call from police. He arrived to find what Turner a week described as "a muddy swimming pool."

Bates pointed to a water mark left on one of the legs of a booth. It measured nearly a foot from the floor.

The Keg, Bates' Center restaurant, had the most water inside their business.

Turner said he had to mop the floor for the next 24 hours. He had to mop the floor for the next 24 hours. He had to mop the floor for the next 24 hours.

At right, David Howell wades through some inches of water last Saturday morning in the South Fulton Police Department on the bottom floor of City Hall. At top, Graham Street residents walk through floodwaters. Through carpet and other debris, Monday after floodwaters here returned to normal. Above, David Turner mops up muddy water from The Keg restaurant. And at right, Mike, general manager of the Keg, stands in the flooded parking lot Saturday at Fulton, Kentucky. (Photos by John O'Neal Jones)

# McLEAN COUNTY SPORTS

## Cougars trounce Rebels, 55-7

McLean County's boys' football team (left) won the first game of the season Saturday night at the home of the Rebels in the second quarter.

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The Cougars scored again in the fourth quarter on a 10-play drive that ended with a touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Mike Taylor. McLean led 55-7 at the end of the game.

Coach Jason Rickard (right) talks to the team after the game.

**Team faces Muhlenberg South Friday**

BY BETH E. BRATCHER

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Top, left: In Weekly Class 1, Denver Brown, of Menifee County News, took top honors in the Best Sports Picture Essay with this entry. Top, right: This entry by John O'Neal Jones, of the Fulton Leader, captured first place honors in the Spot News Coverage category. Right: McLean County News' Jessica and Keith Bratcher were the winning combo for their Sports Page/Section entry. McLean County also picked up first place general excellence in Weekly Class 1.

### Coach: Team is improving Sports Calendar

Varsity volleyball team earns its first win ever

BY BETH E. BRATCHER

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Sacramento Blue Jays  
 Sacramento, California



# WEEKLY CLASS 2

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL  
 First Place - HERALD NEWS, OWENTON, Patti Clark  
 Explains a difficult topic very clearly. Makes several good points, then clearly states the paper's position. Well done!  
 Second Place - NEWS HERALD, OWENTON, Patti Clark  
 A very sound reminder that laws are for citizens, not special interest groups. Well-written!  
 Third Place - JACKSON COUNTY SUN, Connie Esh/Tammy Spurlock  
 Forceful reminder to public officials of what their jobs are.  
 Honorable Mention - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, Phyllis A. Codling  
 Nice upbeat piece on a serious subject.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS COVERAGE  
 First Place - NEWS HERALD, OWENTON, Patti Clark  
 Wow! Drama played out nicely for reader with tragic end. Readers know Danny New as a result of this story.  
 Second Place - BEREA CITIZEN, Scott Powell  
 Good job, unique story separated this one from other entries. Nice descriptions.  
 Third Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Tom McDonald  
 Good reporting, plus some issues addressed following the spot news.  
 Honorable Mention - SPRINGFIELD SUN, James Roberts  
 Writer turned a routine fatal wreck story into one everyone will want to read. Excellent lead!  
 Honorable Mention - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Rhonda Smyth  
 Good job under deadline on huge story.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY  
 First Place - NEWS HERALD, OWENTON, Lorie Love  
 Very important story. Informative and very interesting. Well written.  
 Second Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Tom McDonald  
 A good story about zoning was to the point and fair. Showed both sides and had good points.  
 Third Place - SPENCER MAGNET,

John Shindlebower  
 Very detailed and informative.  
 Honorable Mention - NEWS HERALD, OWENTON, Chanda Veno  
 Well-written.  
 Honorable Mention - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, John Palmer  
 Gregg  
 Informative. Something that needs to be addressed.

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY  
 First Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Melissa Blankenship  
 The portrait you painted with this is beautiful. It's a touching piece about beating the odds and you illustrated that well. Excellent!  
 Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Ronica Brandenburg  
 You can almost taste what Weaver's is cooking. You've served up a good story!  
 Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Ron Benningfield  
 Interesting subject matter and great detail. You can easily picture Phelps creating his masterpieces. Good work.

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN  
 First Place - HARDIN COUNTY INDEPENDENT, Chuck Spataro  
 Great read, like a conversation. Would like for you to write for me?  
 Second Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Mike Smith  
 Good job of drawing reader into story. Your emotions are easy to read through. Your writing, easy to relate to topics.  
 Third Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Jessica Griffin  
 Passion for your job, tell people how you feel. Nice columns.  
 Honorable Mention - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Heather Randolph  
 A lot of planning and thought go into your work!  
 Honorable Mention - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker  
 Good job of expressing emotions.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN  
 First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon  
 Excellent writing, draws reader in. Very good sports column.  
 Second Place - CADIZ RECORD, Scott Brown  
 A very close second. Good job.  
 Third Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Mike Smith

Nice column, easy to read. Loved the Derby column.  
 Honorable Mention - HARDIN COUNTY INDEPENDENT, Martin Hepner  
 Great local columnist.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY  
 First Place - HARDIN COUNTY INDEPENDENT, Martin Hepner  
 Just a beautiful piece of work here, he even went above the call of duty to illustrate this young man's emotions. I can see the runner's "effortless stride" as I read. Terrific story - A-Plus.  
 Second Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Ron Benningfield  
 I love those quotes! Although I don't play, I learned a lot about golf, and what golfers are thinking as they play, by reading this. Nice work!  
 Third Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon  
 This nearly won the competition. The top three entries are all so good. You can't do a more thorough job of reporting and, gosh, what a photo! Be proud of this one, Les.  
 Honorable Mention - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Charles Hust  
 You pulled some great quotes out of this kid, and the page of the story is excellent. Good job!

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY  
 First Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Diane McDaniel  
 Second Place - NEWS HERALD, OWENTON, Chanda Veno  
 Third Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Sam Fletcher  
 Honorable Mention - NEWS HERALD, OWENTON, Chanda Veno  
 Honorable Mention - TOMP-KINSVILLE NEWS, Ronda Jordan-Elam

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY  
 First Place - SPENCER MAGNET, John Shindlebower/Mallory Bowman/Kara Kuczynski  
 Great series, good graphics.  
 Second Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Gwen Bolin  
 Provided reader with good information. Great photo.  
 Third Place - NEWS HERALD, OWENTON, Chanda Veno  
 Story that touches every home. Good graphic.  
 Honorable Mention - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Brooke Melville

Good story but long. Would have been great series.

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES  
 First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower  
 Good old fashioned watchdog journalism puts an end to driveway paving patronage.  
 Second Place - JACKSON COUNTY SUN, Connie Esh/John Butwell  
 Coverage of local guard unit was problem that had apparently been ignored, and offers some solutions.  
 Third Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Brooke Melville  
 Well written and puts a human face on the issue.

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY  
 First Place - TOMPKINSVILLE NEWS, Ronda Jordan-Elam  
 Coverage of local guard unit was superb. You followed troops from announcement through training with supplementals such as how to offer support.  
 Second Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Brooke Melville  
 Great, comprehensive look at one of the most burdensome economic drains facing counties and municipalities.  
 Third Place - CLAY CITY TIMES, Dave Poole  
 Honorable Mention - SPRINGFIELD SUN, James Roberts

Category 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY  
 First Place - HARDIN COUNTY INDEPENDENT, Shannon Boone  
 This was a tough category to judge. Boone did a good job providing dispassionate though upbeat coverage of a very timely, very important story.  
 Second Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, James Roberts  
 Out of all the "alternative crop" stories this led the pack. Better detail than any. Good attribution.  
 Third Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Melissa Blankenship  
 A business/ag piece with a homey touch.  
 Honorable Mention - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Brooke Melville  
 Loved the lead paragraph.  
 Honorable Mention - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker



# An all-star's story

## Cody Baker overcoming leukemia to play ball

By Diane McDaniel  
Springfield Sun

If you've followed the Washington County 9-D year old all-star, no doubt you've seen young Cody Baker playing first base or playing. He's been on the field since his T-ball days at Williamsburg.

He can hit, run, catch and keep up with the best of players but, on his way to the baseball diamond, he had to overcome a big obstacle.

In August 1993 Cody Baker was diagnosed with lymphocytic leukemia (ALL) a quickly progressing disease in which too many immature white blood cells are found in the blood and bone marrow.

The disease was discovered during a routine checkup. Cody appeared anemic and the doctor told his mother to take him by the hospital on her way home for some blood work.

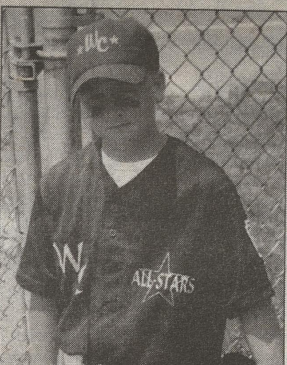
"I will never forget the phone call I received the next morning," Denise Baker said. "Cody's doctor's exact words to me were, 'Cody has acute lymphocytic leukemia. You need to get him to the UK Children's Hospital as soon as you can.'"

With her husband at work and her parents away on vacation, she hurried to her son's house, who drove them to the hospital.

On the way to Lexington, the three made a quick stop in Versailles to pick up Cody's father. Cody's room was waiting and the staff was ready to begin treatment at once.

They quickly inserted an IV, drew blood and began a transfusion. Cody's platelet count was very low.

The doctor explained that the



Cody Baker waits for one of the all-star games to begin.

quick trips home to spend time with her 9-year-old daughter and get fresh clothes. Grandparents Danny and Shirley Satterly hurried home from their vacation the minute she called about Cody's illness.

### ON THE PRAYER LIST

Different types of chemotherapy were tried, which often caused nausea and vomiting, and his blood counts would fluctuate.

"It was very difficult," said Mrs. Baker. "At the end of the month, Cody was released from the hospital and sent home with his Hickman line."

"I expected the chemo would continue for awhile but then I was told he would need treatment for 3 1/2 years because he was a boy," Mrs. Baker said. "For some reason, a boy is more likely to relapse than a girl. We also got told that because he was under a year old, odds were that he would not stay in remission."

Mrs. Baker would now have to become a full-time nurse. The Hickman line book special care. It had to be irrigated twice a day with Heparin Saline and cleaned weekly. For months Cody must not pull it out.

"He wasn't OK," Mrs. Baker said. "But before we were released from the hospital, everything I needed to know was taught to me."

"One time the Hickman had to be replaced due to an infection but

we were able to get it fixed."

By Cody  
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# For the Love of Larry

By Melissa Blankenship  
Henry County Local

The doctors said that little Larry Mackey's life was over.

They were wrong.

When Larry was a baby he had a heart condition that would have killed him if not for the love of his mother, Denise Mackey.

There's just a special someone between me and Larry.

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# BUSINESS

## FRF makes a full-time business of handcrafting

"It comes in as a stick and goes out as a piece of furniture"

By Connie Esh  
Jackson Sun

The Rick Furniture had already been creating handcrafted furniture for more than 12 years in the factory moved to Tye in 1998.

Industrial workers converted to the Employment Zone converted FRF owner Van McClure that Jackson County would be a good location for the expanding business.

"We found a good quality workforce training the job," says Clarence Walk, chair of the board. "We've only had 1 percent turnover in the zone."

FRF owner Van McClure said that he would not stay in remission.

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Top, left: Winning in the Best Sports Feature Story category was this story by Diana McDaniel of the Springfield Sun. Bottom, left: Melissa Blankenship, of the Henry County Local, won first place in Feature Story. Bottom, right: Connie Esh and John Butwell were responsible for this winning entry from the Jackson County Sun in the Business/Agribusiness Page.



# WEEKLY CLASS 3

**Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL**  
**First Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Mark B. Hundley**  
 This one took guts, the Enterprise is to be applauded. Well written, thoroughly thought through, presented masterfully.  
**Second Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman**  
 Straight to the point, no-nonsense editorial. Good job.  
**Third Place - GREENVILLE LEADER NEWS, Rita Dukes**  
 Long but effective. Makes several good points. Rethink no headline style.  
**Honorable Mention - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Stevie Lowery**  
 Very good job with controversial subject.

**Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS COVERAGE**  
**First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mark White/Eddie Arnold/Jessica Griffins**  
 First class on huge story. Congratulations!  
**Second Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Stevie Lowery**  
 Wonderful job.  
**Third Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Lisa King**  
 Nice use of quotes.  
**Honorable Mention - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jason Feldman**  
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**Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY**  
**First Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jason Feldman**  
**Second Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Stevie Lowery**  
**Third Place - OLDHAM ERA, Christopher Carpenter**  
**Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, Jay Cason**

**Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY**  
**First Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Linda Carmicle**  
 Carmicle's words helped me finally understand, and appreciate what a surveyor actually does. Nice story.  
**Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Zoya Tereskova**  
 Great story! Now I want to meet Janice Sevre-Duszynska, makes me

feel better to know there are folks like her in the world.  
**Third Place - SOMERSET NEWS JOURNAL, Lisa Rowell**  
 Good story!  
**Honorable Mention - SOMERSET NEWS JOURNAL, Lisa Rowell/Dennis Bolton**  
 Nice way with words, great quotes.  
**Honorable Mention - OLDHAM ERA, Nathaniel Kissel**  
 Fun story! Bueno!

**Category 5 - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Henry Riekert**  
 Riekert tells it like ti is!  
**Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick**  
 Well-written columns.  
**Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Jay Cason**  
 Very descriptive.  
**Honorable Mention - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jamie Baker-Nantz**

**Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN**  
**First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, John Herndon**  
 Herndon does a fabulous job! A clear winner.  
**Second Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Doug Thomas**  
 What a creative way to recap year in sports!  
**Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Trent Knuckles**  
 Knuckles tells problem and offers solutions. Good job!

**Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY**  
**First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Trent Knuckles**  
**Second Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Trent Knuckles**  
**Third Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Jesse Osbourne**

**Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY**  
**First Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Chris Hamilton**  
 Not your typical sports feature, but an issue likely faced by many families. Great storytelling.  
**Second Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman**  
 Lead brings the reader into the chill of an early morning warm-up, drawing them into the story.  
**Third Place - BENTON TRIBUNE COURIER, Amanda Lee**  
 Good story about two young sisters training, and competing together. Bringing young athletes into the sports page is something more news-

papers should do.  
**Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, John Herndon**  
 Good story from the green. Golf stories too often focus on competition (high school, pro), but many of the best are those doing it just for fun.

**Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY**  
**First Place - SOMERSET NEWS JOURNAL, Sharon Dodson**  
 With the rise of meth use, this will put a stumbling block in the war on drugs. Well written piece on an important topic. Clearly explained easy to read.  
**Second Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman**  
 Good research into public official salaries. More analysis would be good, (could have put it in first place) impact on job performance, then schools, etc.  
**Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White**  
 In this fast food culture, good topic for consideration for parents.  
**Honorable Mention - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Stevie Lowery**  
 Important topic facing many communities.  
**Honorable Mention - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Nathan Hutchinson**

**Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES**  
**First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick**  
 Lots of detail, good effort at fairness, plenty of quotes, strong effort.  
**Second Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Linda Carmicle**  
 Did a good job of putting a face(s) on the problem. Could have used side bars with stats.  
**Third Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman**  
 Very tightly written.

**Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY**  
**First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Eddie Arnold/Mark White**  
 Thorough, extensive, continuing coverage of a major news story brought this entry to the forefront in a very competitive category.  
**Second Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Eddie Arnold**  
 Great on-going, extensive coverage of the wet/dry alcohol vote, including plenty of quotes and facts that cover the issue thoroughly.  
**Third Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL,**

**Randy Patrick/Zoya Tereskova**  
 A very compelling compilation of stories on the call up of local troops for service in Iraq.  
**Honorable Mention - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman/Linda Carmicle**  
 Nice extended coverage of an on-going legal case.

**Category 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY**  
**First Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Stevie Lowery**  
 Business thrives on trends and this well-written story of the economic logic of worm farming captured my attention. The quotes really contribute and move the story along.  
**Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Jay Cason**  
 Solid research helps this story chronicle the growth of the local farmer's market. The quote about cutting out the middleman is illustrative, as is the story's lede about a work in progress.  
**Third Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Linda Carmicle**  
**Honorable Mention - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jamie Baker-Nantz**  
 Good depiction of what happens to employees when a plant closes.

**Category 13 - BEST HEADLINE**  
**First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mark White**  
 All classics!  
**Second Place - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Becky Barnes**  
 Catchy.  
**Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, John Herndon**  
 Creative.  
**Honorable Mention - BARBOURVILLE MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, Jamie Gaddis**  
**Honorable Mention - BARBOURVILLE MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, Melissa Newman**

**Category 14 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE**  
**First Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Rebecca Russo**  
 Nice timing by the photographer on catching the emotions.  
**Second Place - SOMERSET NEWS JOURNAL, Dennis Bolton**  
**Third Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Randall Vaught**  
**Honorable Mention - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick**



### Cause of blaze remains a mystery, officials say

By MARK WHITE, EDDIE ARNOLD and JESSICA GRIFFINS

Local officials say they don't know what caused a massive explosion at the CTA... The explosion, which occurred Thursday morning, destroyed the building and caused significant damage to the surrounding area.

#### MAJOR POINTS

- 12 people injured in blast
- Cause of the blast is unknown
- 21 employees injured
- 100 people evacuated
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...who treated many of the victims brought into the emergency room... The explosion occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Thursday.



Firefighters from three local and state departments responded to the explosion at CTA Thursday morning. The two blasts took a moment's time to take to other offices.

#### CHRONICLE OF EVENTS

7:30 a.m. Fire begins in parking garage	9:45 a.m. Blast kills 12, injures 21	10:00 a.m. Evacuation begins	10:30 a.m. 92% of day is overcast	1:00 p.m. Emergency declaration is signed by Governor	9:00 p.m. Evacuation ends
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### Legislators give lip service to decentralization while stripping local governments of control

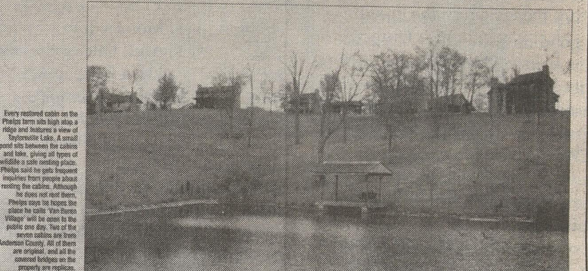
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Columnist

Some politicians who publicly preach that local government is best because it is closest to the people often are the ones quickest to revoke, or preempt, local government's authority to regulate. They do this as soon as a favorite industry or individual becomes the target of local regulation.

Letcher County Fiscal Court developing an ordinance that would have regulated oil and gas drills in that county. The fiscal court was acting upon citizen complaints that drills were damaging property, including the county's...

have at one time or another expressed their support for local control, which is, after all, a conservative notion. How often have you heard legislators rail against the usurpation by Washington of state power, only to have the same state legislators usurp local government control?

# CABIN FEVER



A typical view of Daytonville, Ky. is reflected from the porch of the Corbin Hotel. The historic structure from western Jefferson County was the first of several others placed on the Jerry Phelan farm about 13 years ago. It was listed to be torn down when Phelan passed.



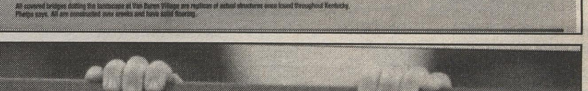
Every restored cabin on the Phelan farm sits high atop a ridge and features in some of the best views of the area. It is a perfect spot for anyone who likes to enjoy the quiet of a cabin in the woods. Phelan said he got the idea to restore the cabins from people about restoring the cabins. Although he didn't rest them, Phelan says he hopes the cabins he calls "Van Dornie Whigs" will be open to the public one day. Two of the seven cabins are from Anderson County. All of them are original and all the covered porches on the property are replicas.



The current is still pulling the building toward the river. The new Van Dornie Whigs are still under construction. Steve that sits near the house.



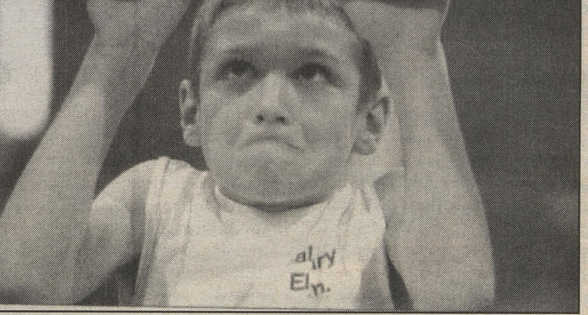
The modern home shared by Phelan and his wife sits down a lane just before the cabins. It has been home to the couple for more than 20 years.



I had no idea I'd end up with this many cabins, but my whole dream is to restore a village. Phelan said. I want to build a town where everyone is like governments is enjoy.

Photos by Don White

Top, left: This story on an explosion at a local plant by Mark White, Eddie Arnold and Jessica Griffins, of the Corbin News Journal, received first place in the Spot News Package category. Judges noted that this was "First class on huge story. Congratulations!" Bottom, left: Henry Riekert received first place honors for his column that appeared in the Jessamine Journal. Top, right: Don White's photos took home first place honors for the Anderson News in the Best Picture Essay (Spot, General or Feature). Bottom, right: Chris Hamilton, of the Lebanon Enterprise, captured first place for this feature photo.





# MULTI-WEEKLY

**Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL**  
**First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, David Gross**  
 As good an editorial as has ever been written. Wow!! Clever, colorful writing gives emphasis to sound reasoning.  
**Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, David Gross**  
 Another excellent editorial.  
**Third Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Scott Perry**  
 More than a few folks are squirming after this one. Excellent job.  
**Honorable Mention - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Ralph Davis**  
 A very sound and well-written editorial.

**Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS COVERAGE**  
**First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Staff**  
 Publisher's comment "About today's paper" says it all: "Thanks to the fine people who work here." That should include these excellent writers in the newsroom!  
**Second Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Sheldon Compton**  
 Glad to see this writer didn't "drown" with this tough assignment.  
**Third Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, BARDSTOWN, Stacey S. Manning**  
 Good reporting.  
**Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Russ Cassidy**  
**Honorable Mention - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Allison McCowan**  
 This newspaper had several good stories at the top of all entries despite no placement. Keep up the good work!

**Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY**  
**First Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Allison McCowan**  
 Well written, interesting.  
**Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Chas Hartman**  
 Good topic, good story.  
**Third Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Carol Mills**  
**Honorable Mention - LONDON**

**SENTINEL ECHO, Carl Keith Greene**  
**Honorable Mention - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Kevin Hall**

**Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY**  
**First Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Monica Tate**  
 Udderly wonderful! One of the best stories I've read in a long, long time. Tate is truly a wordsmith.  
**Second Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, BARDSTOWN, Stacey Manning**  
 Heart gripping story. Thanks.  
**Third Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Walt Reichert**  
 Excellent!  
**Honorable Mention - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Shannon Covington**  
 Great story. That Breeana! What an inspiration!  
**Honorable Mention - MOREHEAD NEWS, Kim Hamilton**  
 Good story! Wonderful lead!

**Category 5 - BEST COLUMN**  
**First Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Dale G. Morton**  
 Great writing, felt as though I was there with you when these events happened!  
**Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Rick Bentley**  
 Tremendous writing skills, might have won first place if not so long-winded.  
**Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Kevin Hall**  
 You have a lighthearted, humorous approach, that's always good.  
**Honorable Mention - MOREHEAD NEWS, Kim Hamilton**  
 You tackled the tough issues with a realistic, light-hearted approach. good job!

**Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN**  
**First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Kevin Hall**  
 Lighthearted columns takes sports just seriously enough to have fun with it, as one should. Good, down-to-earth writing.  
**Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Rick Bentley**  
 Nice slant on sports issues. Good writing.  
**Third Place - KENTUCKY STAN-**

**DARD, BARDSTOWN, Jason Nelson**  
 Good job of column writing.  
**Honorable Mention - RUSSELLSVILLE NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Jim Turner**  
 Good job.

**Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY**  
**First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Josh Underwood**  
 Great job! Other entries in this category could learn something from the winner.  
**Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Tom Kopacz**  
 Good writing, but layout could have been better.  
**Third Place - MOREHEAD NEWS, Denver Brown**  
 Lead could have been divided into at least two paragraphs.

**Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY**  
**First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Bobby Maggard**  
 A good sports feature about a sports official. These men and women are so often overlooked that it was interesting to read about one. Well written.  
**Second Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, BARDSTOWN, Jason Nelson**  
 Great lead, captures your attention.  
**Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Josh Underwood**  
 Well written. After reading the article, I felt like I knew George Baker.  
**Honorable Mention - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Josh Underwood**

**Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY**  
**First Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Rebecca Dial**  
 Well done, shows how bureaucratic policies hurt real people.  
**Second Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Staff**  
 Really great sense of place series.  
**Third Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Scott Perry/Susan Allen**  
 Looks like reporters put lots of hard work into tracking records and sources.  
**Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Dena Potter**  
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**Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES**  
**First Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Staff**  
 Wow! This is newspapering at its best.  
**Second Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Scott Perry**  
 A good job of getting this issue before the readers. I hope this series generated lots of editions.  
**Third Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Walt Reichert**  
 Good effort. More comments from immigrants would have made it better.

**Category 11 - BEST ONGOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY**  
**First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, BARDSTOWN, Holly Cecil**  
 Extensive and professional handling of difficult subject matter.  
**Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Heather Harris/Kathy Logsdon**  
 Very well written, good attention to detail, a compelling read.  
**Third Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, BARDSTOWN, Mark Boxley**  
 Complete coverage of case.  
**Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Russ Cassidy/Loretta Blackburn**  
 Merits mention, descriptive, follows through to end of story.

**Category 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY**  
**First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, BARDSTOWN, Stacey S. Manning**  
 Good job of showing problems faced by dairy farmers with a "personal feel."  
**Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Kevin Hall**  
 Thoroughly done!  
**Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Dena Potter**

**Category 13 - BEST HEADLINE**  
**First Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Dale G. Morton**  
 Attention getters!  
**Second Place - KENTUCKY STAN-**



Right: The London Sentinel Echo's Lifestyle Page by Sue Minton and Dale G. Morton picked up first place honors. The judge found the page "very creative." Below: Stacey S. Manning, of the Kentucky Standard, took home top honors in the Business/Agribusiness category. The Kentucky Standard won Third Place General Excellence in the Multi-Weekly division. Bottom: Chip Hutcheson, of the Princeton Times Leader won first place for this wrestling picture.

### Dairy farmers try to keep family farms operational

Low milk prices forces family to look at income alternatives

By STACEY S. MANNING

Like his father before him, Warren Check, of Cox's Creek, spends his days on the family dairy farm.

It's a job that keeps him busy seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

But Check's familiar way of life — a job he's been doing since he was 10 — may become a thing of the past as the family struggles to keep the farm operating while coping with low milk prices.

"This is our sole income," his wife, Donna Check, a homemaker, said.

Although consumers have seen increases in milk prices over the years, the Checks say dairy farmers are not seeing increases in what they are getting paid to produce milk.

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ABOVE — Kyle Oriskany, son of dairy farmers Warren and Donna Check, Cox's Creek, bottle feeds a calf on the family dairy farm. His parents hope to one day pass the farm on to their children.

BELOW — Looking for alternative income sources, the family has started a worm-growing venture.



BELOW — Donna Check said she and Warren are determined to hang on as long as they can.

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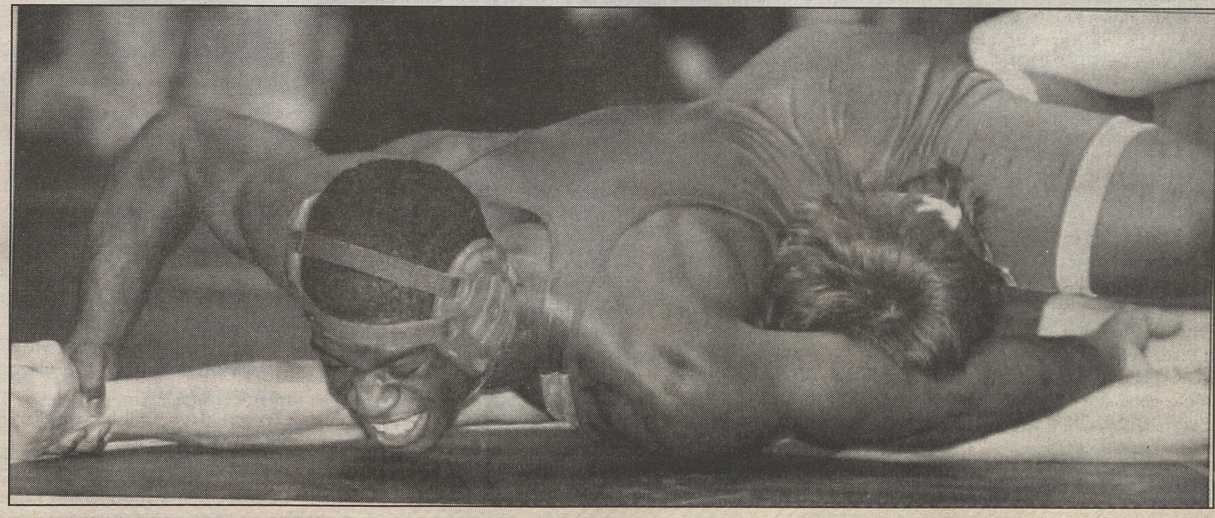
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## DAILY CLASS 1

### Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Kellee Edwards

A good editorial challenges its readers and, in turn, the broader community. This one confronts the hard questions of race, and challenges the community to do the same. Courageous writing.

Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Whitlock

On the emotional issue of liquor sales in a previously dry southern town, the editorial writer challenges the community leaders to abide by the voters' wishes and to act in the community's best economic interest. The editorial fulfills a community newspaper's obligation to lead on important issues.

Third Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Todd Duvall

Witty but pointed. Fun reading. Honorable Mention - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Layne Bruce

### Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS COVERAGE

First Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Staff

Irony, drama, luck and lots of good questions made this story the best of the bunch. Well written pieces with very solid sidebar.

Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Vince Tweddell

Main story and sidebar written by single reporter. Workhorse! Unsentimental yet touching story of tragedy. Handled complex story well and importantly, found useful information for the reader.

Third Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jamie Vinson

Reporter provided important public service by explaining to readers that a two-gallon oil spill is important news. Solid work.

Honorable Mention - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, J. Griffiths Powers

Honorable Mention - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Stacy Neitzel

### Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Josh Givens

The reporter obviously enjoyed this assignment and it showed in the writing and presentation. Well presented!

Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Scott Wartman

Well sourced. Sidebar on cold case files adds depth and scope.

Third Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Warren Parish

Nice reader on a community's plight. Plus, the reporting apparently prompted some action by authorities.

Honorable Mention - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Fred Lucas

### Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lori Harrison

Outstanding idea for storytelling a tale from the beginning of such a terrible time in our history from the perspective of one who lived it.

Great quotes, great writing.

Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Betty Coutant

What a great way to write about a senior citizen, letting her tell her story through some fabulous quotes. Excellent!!

Third Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Jamie Taylor

Stories like this seem to happen more often, but Taylor has written the story in a wonderful way. I had fun reading the very final word.

Honorable Mention - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Vince Tweddell

Fun story.

Honorable Mention - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Andrew Tangel

Nice way with words. Fun story.

### Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Ronnie Ellis

Message was direct and percise.

Good piece on the underdog.

Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Kellee Edwards

Related well to all readers, way to open up.

Third Place - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Constance Alexander

Nice personal side to writing. Great

job of conveying sometimes difficult info.

Honorable Mention - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Joel Wilson

Fun read, great appeal to readers.

Honorable Mention - CORBIN

TIMES TRIBUNE, Bill Hanson

Nice and personal.

### Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Don Perryman

He ledes like a thoroughbred at the Derby. Strong, crisp, concise writing from someone who clearly understands both sports and the language.

Second Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Jerry Boggs

Good writing, good subject matter. What a sports column should be.

Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Matt Mulcahey

"Criminals" column outstanding. Solid work overall. Run this guy's mug with his column.

Third Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Susan Riddell

Clean writing, good insights.

Columns a little too long.

### Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Jayme Price

The Big Blue Nation coach of the year story was very well done, especially the aspect of surprise for the awardee. The writer conveyed that surprise very well and for that she gets first place! Also, the article was error free and in exceptional English.

Second Place - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Scott Nanney

"Gone With the Wind" had an excellent lead for a game story about a 59-20 blowout. The writer obviously needed an angle to introduce a story about a lopsided game in which the home team lost.

Third Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Bryan Marshall

Pirates' soccer story was great and the writer had a lot to say about a 1-0, rather uneventful game. Some grammatical errors were evident.

Honorable Mention - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, John Wright

The writer did a good job telling the story of two exciting basketball

games. The article was somewhat lengthy and has some oversights, such as misused prepositions.

Honorable Mention - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Susan Riddell

Great story about a track meet! The writer covered all the bases in this story, the end however, got confusing.

### Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

First Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Beth Crace

"The Other Track" was very informative and entertaining. It had a great lead and perspective. The article shows that the State Journal is looking for the unique story.

Second Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Keith Taylor

"Spring Break" is a great feature that hits all elements, locality, lead-in, informative and very well written. Seems it was on the short side or ended abruptly. Otherwise, great feature about an overlooked sport - gymnastics.

Third Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Nathan Hutchinson

Great feature on 'Overcoming the Odds' in that it was informative and hit all the points, local interest and great lead. Perhaps one could do a feature on talented athletes injuring themselves playing pickup basketball!?

Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Jayme Price

Error-free and well written, the piece on the Mason County full-back. The lead-in was the best portion, it made me want to read more.

### Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Mary Branham

Thorough research, excellent writing and fine presentation of an emerging trend in education, same sex classes. Story puts the focus on why learning is more important than socialization. Great job explaining a controversial subject in education today.

Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Janie Taylor

This story reveals a "secret" involv-

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EDITORIAL

# Racism has no place in Corbin's garden

**A** woman is accused of paying three Corbin teens to beat her neighbor because he is hispanic.

The Ku Klux Klan is planning to rally if a local judge rules the charge is worthy of being called a hate crime.

A Confederate group is upholding its heritage while denouncing the woman and her alleged actions as racist and as bad for its reputation.

The American Civil Liberties Union is deciding whether to take on the Corbin Police Department over items taken when the woman's house was searched.

But, what's even more absurd is that in such a vocal and opinionated town where we'll draw a crowd to protest alcohol sales, stake hundreds of crosses on a hillside to protest abortion, raise thousands of dollars at Christmastime to buy children presents and where we'll come out in record numbers to rally the Redhounds, there's little more than a murmur in this secret garden.

Sure, there are a few whippers here and there, but letters to the editor, a rally at the football field, signs protesting racism in the median of the overpass and calls offering help to the Price family there are not.

Most of us in this town claim we are not racist. We denounce the 1990 documentary "Trouble Behind" which claims racial undertones still exist in a little town called Corbin, a town where the black residents were loaded on a train and sent out of town in the early 1900s.

Today, most of us aren't racist. We're just silent. We just want it all to go away, swastikas, white sheets and all.

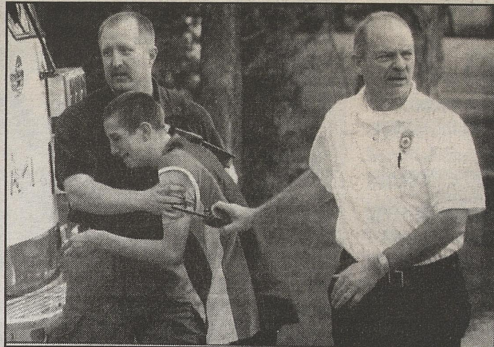
We'd prefer Mario Price didn't live here, not because his skin is a little darker, but because his color brings back all that trouble from behind.

But, in our silence, we are fertilizing the Ku Klux Klan. We are watering our town's reputation. We are allowing the next racially-motivated incident to bloom.

It's time to show our kids the newspaper and say "this is wrong." It's time to voice our opposition. It's time to extend our hands to Mario Price.

It's time to weed this hate from our garden. Otherwise, we'll always know the trouble will never be behind, but lying just ahead in the dirt.

**ISSUE OF THE DAY**  
Will the community fight against racism?



## In Black and White

### Participants look back at Hopkins County school desegregation

BY LORI HARRISON

It was a hot day in the summer of 1957 when the first black students walked into the newly desegregated Hopkins County Schools. The day was marked by a mix of excitement and tension. The students, some as young as 6, were accompanied by their parents and community members. The atmosphere was charged with the significance of the event. The school principal, who had been a vocal opponent of desegregation, was seen in the background, looking on with a somber expression. The students were dressed in their best, and the parents were dressed in formal attire. The day was a landmark moment in the history of the county, marking the beginning of a new era of racial equality in education.

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### Preserving history

BY LORI HARRISON

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### Meeting the enemy

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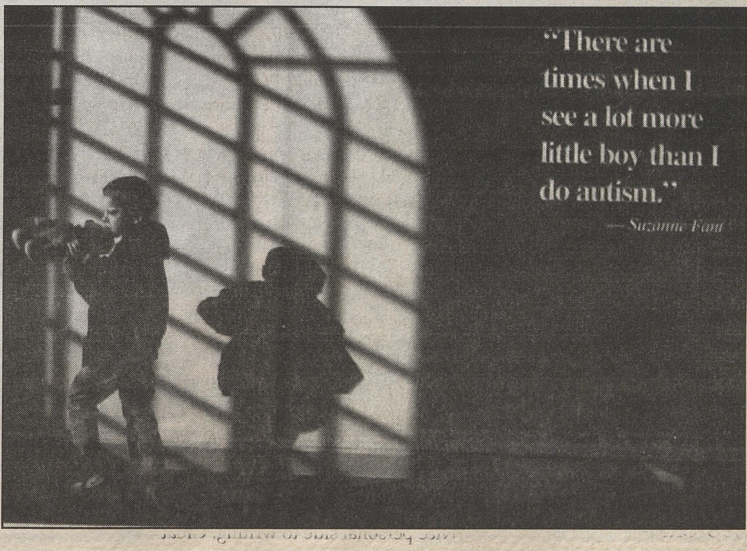
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—Suzanne Fiam

Above: Kellee Edwards, of The Corbin Times Tribune, received first place for this editorial. The Corbin Times Tribune won First Place General Excellence honors in the Daily Class 2 Division. Top, right: Suzanne Feliciano's photo was a first place winner for the State Journal in the Spot News Picture category. Middle, right: Madisonville Messenger staff writer Lori Harrison picked up first place for her feature story. Bottom, right: Glasgow Daily Times' photographer Michael Burch took home top honors in the Best General News Picture category for this photo of a boy suffering from autism. The judge commented that the photo was a "very nice illustration of the subject matter."



# DAILY CLASS 2

**Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL**

First Place - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, John Cannon  
 Concise, logical and persuasive, elements of a winning editorial.  
 Second Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Steve Arel  
 Hard-hitting editorial packs punch, exposing public incompetence. Good work!  
 Third Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Casey Ehmsen  
 Editorial writer revisits a major community decision from two years earlier and reevaluates its effectiveness. A good editorial page contains both reflection and reaction.  
 Honorable Mention - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Warren Wheat

**Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS COVERAGE**

First Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Brian Walker  
 This reporter can flat-out write. Despite reading like a thriller, this story was packed with good journalism. A reporter who writes for readers. Best of the bunch.  
 Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett  
 Great reporting job. Sources, sources, sources. Story lede well written.  
 Third Place - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, Ben Fields  
 Reporter found strong voices to illustrate story and other sources to explain magnitude of story to the community. Good research and reporting.  
 Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett  
 Have looked at more than 100 stories today, Stinnett gets award for best lede. Great story.  
 Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Robyn Minor  
 Solid story. Good use of quotes to provide color and content.

**Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY**

First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Emily Burton  
 Great detail. I felt like I was at the fair. I actually visualized every event.  
 Second Place - HENDERSON

GLENER, Jessica Sasseen  
 Well written. I loved the use of terms from the book. It made the article interesting and fun to read.  
 Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Judy Jenkins  
 Full of information. I felt the dilemma of the school. Great use of quotes and comments.  
 Honorable Mention - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, Amanda Gilmore  
 I loved the lead and how she tied the old with the new!  
 Honorable Mention - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, Alyssa Harvey  
 Informative. Well written.

**Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY**

First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Taylor Loyal  
 An extremely powerful piece on a controversial subject. You did a great job of sharing not only one day in the life of Shantana, but her entire world. Excellent, excellent, excellent!  
 Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Donna Stinnett  
 Wonderful story on unique subject matter. You couldn't have presented it better.  
 Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Allison May  
 This is the side of the story we don't hear very often and you told it well. Great work!  
 Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Emily Toadvine  
 This was an enjoyable read because it's definitely something you can relate to always and wonder about. Good job!  
 Honorable Mention - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Patrick Avery  
 Great subject and great presentation. You can see into Jamie's world throughout. Very well written!

**Category 5 - BEST COLUMN**

First Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, Rob Dollar  
 Witty, creatively written columns on common subjects. Mr. Dollar takes a refreshing, offbeat approach. Excellent concept on "This identity not worth stealing" column.  
 Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Michael Compton  
 Third Place - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, Cathie Shaffer  
 Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Judy Jenkins  
 Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, Ryan Craig

**Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN**

First Place - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, Mark Maynard  
 Second Place - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, Elden May  
 Third Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, George Robinson  
 Honorable Mention - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, Elden May  
 Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, Scott Burnside

**Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY**

First Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Jeff D'Alessio  
 Outstanding writing captures the reader from the very beginning. Story really does a fine job at identifying what motivates a fine player. Holds the reader's interest throughout.  
 Second Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Jeff D'Alessio  
 Takes a tragic subject and treats it with sensitivity. The writer seems to have really connected with the subjects' optimism and conveyed it to the reader. Fine job.  
 Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Mitch Stinson  
 Nothing like a hard-fought triple overtime thriller to capture the essence of sports. Sometimes the game does surpass the hype and this good story reflects it.  
 Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Alicia Carmichael

**Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY**

First Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, Joe Wilson  
 Inspirational story, well written.  
 Second Place - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Jeff Neal  
 Good story, interesting very detailed.  
 Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Mitch Stinson  
 An emotional story, thought it could have been a little more touching.  
 Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Emily Toadvine  
 A good story about bowling, an overlooked sport.

**Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY**

First Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, William Wilczewski  
 Terrific story. You let it tell itself. Effectiveness comes in the voice of

others, simplicity of tone. Excellent job!  
 Second Place - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, Allen Blair  
 Best writer in the group. All of your pieces are vividly told. Library piece best local reader of yours.  
 Third Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Sarah Baker  
 Number of perspectives brings your piece a tremendous voice.  
 Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Gary Moyers  
 Excellent local piece.

**Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES**

First Place - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, Kenneth Hart/Jim Todd/Ben Fields  
 Great storytelling. This well-written and well-researched piece is an eye opener to issues that need to be addressed. Clearly the top in a very competitive category.  
 Second Place - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Elizabeth Dick  
 A growing issue in many communities. Written and researched well.  
 Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Liz Maples  
 Great job in putting a face on a tough issue, job loss. Puts a human face on this growing economic problem.  
 Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Judy Jenkins  
 An issue of concern in almost any community in the country. Tighter editing pares down information or it would have ranked higher.  
 Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett/Jamie Neal  
 Well-written.

**Category 11 - BEST ONGOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY**

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Staff  
 Exceptionally thorough coverage of how the local community was affected and responded with war overseas. Well done!  
 Second Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, William Wilczewski  
 Impressive.  
 Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Robyn Minor  
 Excellent!  
 Honorable Mention - NEWS ENTER-



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**Henderson County: A Picture Story**



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Left: Kathy Meadows, Darrin Phegley and Mike Lawrence were the winning trio from the Henderson Gleaner picking up first place in the Special Sections category. Bottom, left: William Wilczewski picked up the first place prize for The News Enterprise in the Best Enterprise or Analytical Story. Bottom, right: Advocate Messenger photographer, Clay Jackson was the first place winner for this photo in the General News Photo category.

# ✓ SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

## Unanswered questions linger 5 years after guardsman's death on Fort Knox

By WILLIAM WILCZEWSKI  
Staff Writer

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. — The day-to-day duties at Fire Station No. 1 went on as usual. Firemen cleaned gear, worked on trucks and wiped windows.

The fire chief, showing around a reporter, abruptly broke the routine.

"Anyone want to talk to this guy about Gordie?" he asked, his voice echoing through the vast work bay.

Roger Sigular, Gordie's good friend and golfing buddy, turned from polishing duties with a scond on his face.

"I'll be bitter about that until they put me in the ground," Sigular said sternly.

Five years after the Army ruled that Capt. Gordon Hess took his own life while on assignment at Fort Knox, those who knew the New York National Guardsman — whose friends affectionately called him "Gordie" — have no doubts that military investigators got it wrong.

■ HESS See Page 15A



The tombstone of former National Guard Capt. Gordon Hess rests in Lakeview Cemetery in Jamestown, N.Y. The Army ruled his death on Fort Knox nearly five years ago a suicide, but that decision remains controversial for the many who knew him.





# DAILY CLASS 3

## Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Larry Dale Keeling  
Editorial writer traces the state's growing Oxycontin crisis back to its source, the manufacturer, and holds the company responsible for its devious marketing practices. Excellent!!!  
Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, COVINGTON, Dan Hassert  
Nice job of documenting a criminal justice system in crisis.  
Third Place - PADUCAH SUN, Mac Thrower

Call for equality in the dispensing of justice is well-stated and on target.  
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Matthew Francis

## Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS COVERAGE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Linda Blackford/Andy Mead/Scott Sloan  
Solid reporting, excellent writing, reporters demonstrated a strong commitment to readers. Stories were packed with useful and important information for readers. Reporters all earn A's for effort and execution.  
Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Bill Estep/Valarie Spears/Barb Isaacs  
Another excellent example of team reporting and dedication to covering important local news. Excellent stories, rich detail, well written. Congrats to them.  
Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Bill Estep  
Wonderful writing. Competent story teller. Sensitive to subjects. Impressive piece.

## Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Laura Yuen  
Putting a face on an issue like how paying for firefighters draws the reader in, thus bringing this important issue to the forefront.  
Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Laura Yuen  
Readers should know who their public officials are, but rarely do. This story brings the reader into council chambers and gives a face, a personality and a quote in a story.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Linda Blackford  
A hard choice for any school to have to make. This well written piece does a good job of telling the struggle facing the University of Kentucky.  
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Greg Kocher  
Telling the troubled background of this disturbed individual helps highlight the growing need to treat those displaying sexual aggression at an early age.  
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, FT. MITCHELL, Jim Hannah  
Good research work in telling this story. Definitely of interest to your readers.

## Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Laura Yuen  
What a story! I commend writer and newspaper for allowing the story to be published. Written with insight, empathy and a whole lot of heart! Outstanding!!  
Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mary Meehan  
A well written story. Great quotes, word pictures. Good job!  
Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Barbara Isaacs  
A heartbreaking, but uplifting story. Writer clearly shows reader into the hearts of the sisters. Good story!  
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Keith Lawrence  
Love the lead, powerful! Good quotes.  
Honorable Mention - PADUCAH SUN, Shelly Street  
Street through her words, has made the citizens of Paris, Tennessee my heroes for their compassion toward a canine. Rebel is a fortunate dog!

## Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - KENTUCKY POST, David Wecker  
With so many entries this was quite a clash, but Wicker was clearly the first place. All three columns were great! Very well written.  
Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Keith Lawrence  
The column on his parent's house selling was touching.  
Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Bob Ashley  
Lots of facts presented in interesting and informative ways.  
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO

MESSENGER INQUIRER, Steve Vied  
Very well written.

## Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Story  
The leads are great, you want to know the rest of the story.  
Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Jim Pickens  
Comprehensive coverage. Words flow well.  
Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Mark Mathis  
Good use of quotes.  
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Scott Hagerman

## Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Maryjean Wall  
Captivating lead just demands that you read the entire story. Great story structure and content on a racing event of international, not to mention community interest. Engaging explanation of the equine and human sides of the big race.  
Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Rick Bailey  
Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Maloney  
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Jim Pickens

## Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Patton  
This was a beautiful story. It brought tears to my eyes. Holds you right to the bitter end.  
Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, John Stamper  
An interesting career account about an interesting guy. This story captured the true meaning of overcoming adversity.  
Third Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, FT. MITCHELL, Neil Schmidt  
Very interesting story! Loved reading about someone who was "famous" on his own terms.  
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Mark Mathis  
Nicely written.  
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Maryjean Wall  
What an unusual story! Very good, readable, attention to detail is great.

## Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR

## ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Karen Owen  
Excellent stories from conception to completion. Exploring the religious implications of abortion, the writing and reporting bring a measure of clarity and understanding to a very divisive issue. Outstanding work in a very competitive category.  
Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Steve Lannen  
Shows great initiative in getting behind the headlines to analyze the "why." Substantial detail and numerous quoted sources demonstrate terrific enterprise work.  
Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Karen Owen  
Well structured piece that touches your heart.  
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Karla Ward  
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Bill Estep

## Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Linda Johnson/Charles B. Camp/Lee Mueller/Bill Estep/Tom Lasseter  
This is team journalism at its very best. Riveting writing, graphics and photography explore every facet of the human stories at the core of drug abuse. Simply compelling work.  
Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, COVINGTON, David Wecker/Shelly Whitehead  
Thorough and complete reporting, creative photography document another sensitive community issue involving drug abuse. Excellent.  
Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Karla Ward  
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Justin Willis

## Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, John Stamper/Andy Mead/Michelle Ku/John Cheves  
Tough category, but this was a clear winner. Covered all the bases here and really performed a valuable community service by providing all the information. The background and insight was outstanding. Fantastic job!!  
Second Place - KENTUCKY POST,



LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

Belmont just a day's work for Santos

'TRADING SPACES' SOB STORIES



Martha Stewart out at Martha Inc.

Water fight begins to boil

Both sides turn up heat on eve of hearing

THE COUNTEROFFER FLOW's attorney says an envelope was taped to his window early Tuesday. He and others say it contains key points of Kentucky-American's closely-guarded counteroffer to avoid city condemnation. The company disputes the document and will present its offer to the public today. What the document says:

- 1. JACOBSON PARK 100-year lease (two a year) on park, Lakeside Golf Course. 2. PARK IMPROVEMENTS \$500,000 for improvements in parks, plus up to \$500,000 match. 3. BUSINESS RECRUITING Water company would help Lexington recruit businesses worldwide. 4. HYDRANT FEES Lower city's portion of hydrant fees shift face to citizens. 5. WATER SUPPLY City issues bonds for new infrastructure, water company leases it back.

PROPOSAL TAPED TO WINDOW

IF YOU GO Public meeting What the Lexington City Council will do on Tuesday night is the subject of a proposal for a water company to buy the city's water system. The proposal, which was taped to the window of the city's public works director, was discovered by the city's public works director on Tuesday night. The proposal, which was taped to the window of the city's public works director, was discovered by the city's public works director on Tuesday night.

THE LOAN Anonymous citizens decide to go public \$750,000 OFFER COMES FROM RICH INFLUENTIAL

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Analysts felt pressure from Cheney on Iraq

MULTIPLE VISITS TO CIA SEEN AS BID TO MAKE ASSESSMENTS FIT BUSH POLICY

By Walter Pincus and Dana Priest... WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney has had several meetings with the staff of the Central Intelligence Agency in the weeks since he took office. Analysts say the meetings were aimed at ensuring that the CIA's assessments of Iraq's military capabilities fit the administration's policy on the war.

Partial-birth abortion ban one step closer to law

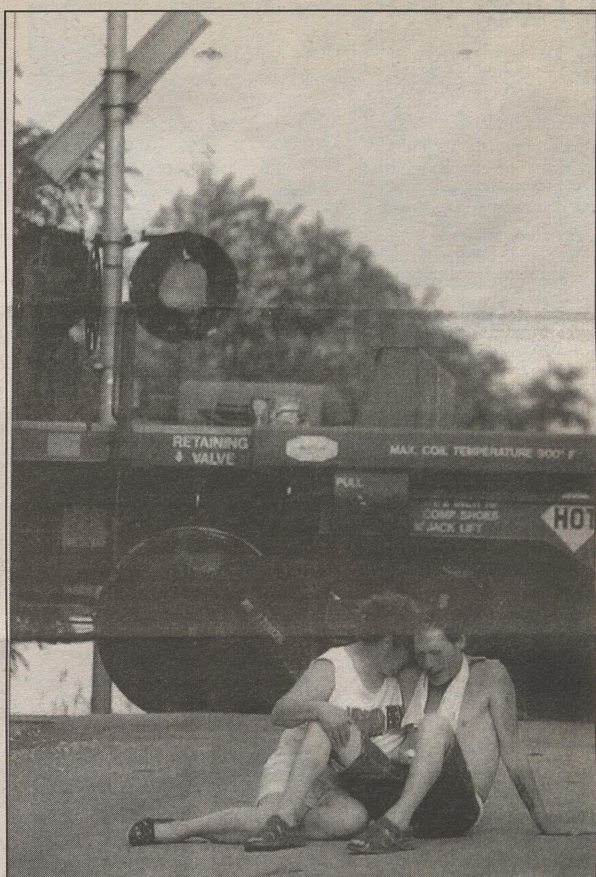
HOUSE PASSES BILL: BUSH EXPECTED TO SIGN FINAL VERSION

By James Kuhse... WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives voted last night to approve a bill that would ban partial-birth abortions. The bill is expected to be signed into law by President George W. Bush.

DirecTV takes aim at Ky. signal pirates

142 SUED FOR ALLEGED ILLEGAL USE OF SERVICE

By Linda Risher... WASHINGTON — DirecTV has filed 142 lawsuits against individuals in Kentucky who are using its satellite service without paying for it. The lawsuits are the first of their kind in the state.



The Cincinnati Enquirer/PATRICK REDDY. A couple grieves for three members of a Walton family who died Tuesday afternoon when their stalled automobile was struck by a train on Maher Road in Boone County. Bystanders said the man and woman are related to the family. Story, C1

MARKET TICKERS: FORTY SUNDAY, INDEY, and other market data.

Top, left: The Lexington Herald-Leader's Alyssa Simms picked up first place in for Best Front Page. The judge commented, "Ice story page was deciding factor. Great coverage! Great photo!! Great stories! Great job!!!" Top, right: Patrick Reddy, of the Kentucky Enquirer, was the winning photographer in the Spot News category. Bottom, right: Karen Owens picked up first place honors for the Owensboro Messenger Inquirer in the Enterprise or Analytical Story category. The judge noted, "Excellent stories from conception to completion."

Some church members on opposite side of abortion issue from their church

By Karen Owens... Many church members are on opposite sides of the abortion issue from their own churches. Some support the church's stance, while others do not. This is particularly true in the case of the United Methodist Church, which has a strong pro-life stance but has many members who are pro-choice.



# ASSOCIATE NEWSPAPERS

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL  
First Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS,  
Severo Avila

A newspaper has no greater duty than to champion the First Amendment and condemn censorship when it occurs. Great job!  
Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Anne Bornschein  
Editorial goes to bat for the university community on an important public safety issue. Persuasive writing.  
Third Place - MCCREARY COUNTY VOICE, Andrew Powell  
Well-written editorial with solid logic, but it's too long. The best editorials make their points in far less space.  
Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Daniel Pike

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS COVERAGE  
First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Rebecca Neal  
Excellent lead, gives the reader an understanding of the person's character right away. Also covered his career well.  
Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Emily Hagedorn  
Good detail and clarity in the writing.  
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Joseph Lord  
Good lead, good use of quotes.  
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Tracy Kershaw  
Good coverage, good use of quotes from officials and students.  
Honorable Mention - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Marci Owen  
Good coverage of an important topic.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY  
First Place - MCCREARY COUNTY VOICE, Carol Coffey / Andrew Powell  
Heart felt story! I felt like I was out there with the families saying goodbye to my loved ones. The mood of the moment was really captured. Great lead.  
Second Place - CHEVY CHASER MAGAZINE, Amber Scott  
Great lead. I love the narrative of drum major. Good background information and the article flows well.  
Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL,

Paul Lightly  
Great informative story. Even if you haven't heard of incident, there was enough recap to feel as though you have been following the story from beginning to end.  
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Steve Ivey  
Informative piece. I like the way he personalized the issue and how it would effect a recipient of the scholarship as well as possibilities of destroying the forest.

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY  
First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Emily Hagedorn  
Gripping story, like a good novel, you can't put it down. Well done.  
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Abbey Brown  
Nicely done, excellent lead, sets the tone well.  
Third Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Jackie Hollenkamp / Tom Watson  
Interesting feature, though it's a lot of history, the writing keeps your interest.  
Honorable Mention - CHEVY CHASER MAGAZINE, Gregg Burgett  
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Emily Burton

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN  
First Place - ADAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY VOICE, Sharon Burton  
Stand up for what you believe!  
Second Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Bill Ellis  
Good current local content.  
Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Steve Ivey  
Good topic for comparison.  
Honorable Mention - CHEVY CHASER MAGAZINE, Amber Scott  
Great read, good question, a little long.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN  
First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Travis Hubbard  
I'm sure you make UK proud! Good job.  
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Kyle Hightower  
Nice style, very good work.  
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, J. Michael Moore  
Little distance between first and third. Very good job.  
Honorable Mention - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Amanda Lee  
Hat's off! Good work.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Alex Williams  
Good interviewing techniques result in good quotes that move a story along, as in this case. Captures the hopes and dreams that drive most players and a team's season. Well done!  
Second Place - MCCREARY COUNTY VOICE, Andrew Powell  
Third Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Chris Jung  
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Tim Wiseman

Category 8 - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Kyle Tucker  
Great job on the lead! Reader has to finish this one.  
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Keith Farnar  
Good job, but length hurts this one. Why not break into two parts.  
Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Emily Burton  
Yes! sports is about the fans, too!!

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY  
First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Abbey Brown  
Great story. Good job at illuminating an issue present on any college campus. Well written.  
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Shawntaye Hopkins  
Well-written and reported. Good job telling the family's side of this tragic and violent event.  
Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Paul Lightly  
A growing trend on college campuses nationwide.  
Honorable Mention - ADAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY VOICE, Sharon Burton  
Honorable Mention - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Marci Owen

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES  
First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Scott Sloan  
Great story, well researched and written. Good topic for any college, but often overlooked. Use of statistics very informative. Accounts of women who have moved up in ranks gives a balanced picture.  
Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Scott Sloan / Rebecca Neal / Andrea Uhde  
Interesting package and topic.  
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Joseph Lord  
Many issues of diversity and race on

campus focus solely on undergraduates. Good way of bringing these issues to the graduate level.  
Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Mai Hoang

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY  
First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff  
Exceptionally good coverage of a campus tragedy with fine writing and detail. Continuing coverage surely played a role in additional security measures. Congratulations to this entire staff for its courageous and sensitive treatment of this major story, just a horrible event well-covered.  
Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Staff  
Thorough reporting on a UK icon. You believe you know the man when you finish reading the coverage.  
Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Staff

Category 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY  
First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Jodi Dickey  
Good story on local businesses, often the lifeblood of every community.  
Second Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Severo Avila  
Nice job telling a story facing many laid-off workers.  
Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Hilly Schiffer  
Honorable Mention - CHEVY CHASER MAGAZINE, Gregory King  
Honorable Mention - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Chris Jungand / Jessica Wade

Category 13 - BEST HEADLINE  
First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Stacie Meihaus  
This one really brings the reader in. Congratulations to all Kernel staffers who made it in this category.  
Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Joe Anderson  
Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Tracy Kershaw  
Honorable Mention - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Kyser Lough

Category 14 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE  
First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Brett Marshall  
Exposure could have been better but



Below: Severo Avila won Best Editorial for The Murray State News with this entry. Bottom, left: Carol Coffey and Andrew Powell won first place for the McCreary County Voice with this General News Story category. Right: Rachael Kerley, of the Kentucky Kernel took top honors for this picture in the General News Picture Category. Bottom, right: Steven King, of the College Heights, won first place for this entry in the Best Picture Essay category.

## School officials censor 'News'

### Our View

Some members of the University's professional staff attempted to censor "The News" by attempting to remove it from campus news racks on campus last week.

### Position

This is a serious offense. We hope those responsible will be reprimanded and dismissed. We will be taking to court this matter, or any like it, does not occur again.

Censorship is a loaded word. It makes one think of the House of Representatives. For those of us in the field of journalism, it is an obscenity.

When a few members of the University's professional staff attempted to censor "The News" by removing it from campus news racks last week, we were shocked. We had thought that censorship by the University's professional staff was a thing of the past.

Last week, the front page of "The News" featured a story about a student who had been suspended from the University. The student's name was not mentioned in the story.

That was censorship. It was an attempt to suppress the truth. We hope University officials will realize that censorship is a thing of the past.



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## WAR WITH IRAQ HAS BEGUN

*"To all the men and women of the United States Armed Forces, now in the Middle East, the peace of a troubled world and the hopes of an oppressed people now depend on you. That trust is well placed," Bush told the nation.*

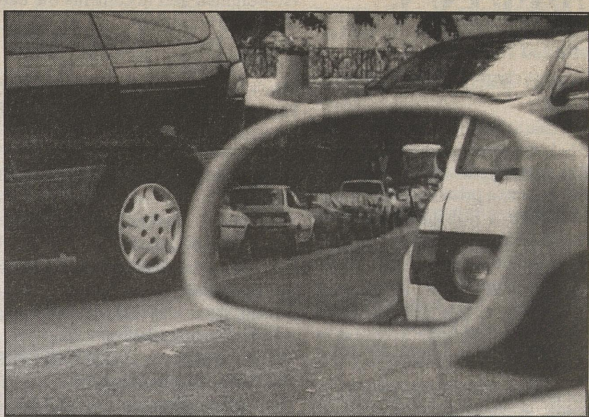


### Local Troops Deployed

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Armstrong's daughter, Tracy Chapman, with daughter Colleen and nephew Clay, prepare to say goodbye to family members as he and 80 of his fellow servicemen set to board the military transport vehicle carrying the unit to Fort Campbell as part of recent mobilization efforts.

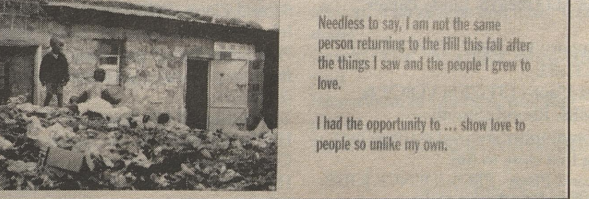


Students at Ruby Primary School race for the finish line during a game of "Red Light, Green Light" taught by the mission team during previous visits to Africa. Right: Jane Morris, the teacher, is seen in the background, while the girls play in the foreground.

My new friend Jane was in her late 20s, a Christian primary school teacher living with an unfaithful husband and raising three children, the eldest of which was 6. Two weeks later, Jane died.



Sarahy Jane, a young girl, is seen in the background, while the girls play in the foreground. Below: Children play in a war-torn area of Africa.



Needless to say, I am not the same person returning to the Hill this fall after the things I saw and the people I grew to love. I had the opportunity to... show love to people so unlike my own.



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#### Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jonna Spelbring

It takes a skilled photographer to turn a DAR tea into a prize winner.

Second Place - FULTON LEADER, John O'Neal Jones

Photo leaves no doubt that this school is ready for demolition.

Third Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Charles Mattox

Nicely framed, but a little on the fuzzy side.

Honorable Mention - LEITCHFIELD RECORD, Jason Simpson

#### Category 16 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jonna Spelbring

Nice silhouette photograph.

Second Place - FULTON LEADER, John O'Neal Jones

Third Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jonna Spelbring

#### Category 17 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (SPOT, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

First Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jonna Spelbring

Photographer captured the moment of soldiers coming home and being greeted by loved ones. The photos made you feel as if you were there.

Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jonna Spelbring

Really nice use of the surrounding

environment and documents the battle as if it were real.

Third Place - LEITCHFIELD RECORD, Staff

Much hard work went into this page. From all involved, but it lacked a true dominant piece of art.

#### Category 18 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - MENIFEE COUNTY NEWS, Denver Brown

Nice facial expression captured by photographer.

Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jonna Spelbring

Third Place - LEITCHFIELD RECORD, Angelia Hawkins

Honorable Mention - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jonna Spelbring

#### Category 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - MENIFEE COUNTY NEWS, Denver Brown

Original photo.

Second Place - FULTON LEADER, Chad Coffman

Third Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Charles Mattox

#### Category 20 - SPECIAL SECTIONS

First Place - OLIVE HILL TIMES, Denver Brown

Great cover, good through and through.

Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jessica Bratcher

Nice packaging, clean nice layout.

Third Place - OLIVE HILL TIMES, Denver Brown

Another good effort in design and

packaging.

Honorable Mention - GREENUP COUNTY NEWS TIMES, Staff

#### Category 21 - BEST GRAPHIC

First Place - FULTON LEADER, William Mitchell

In a time when patriotism is strong, you've found a fitting place for the flag on 1A, nice touch.

Second Place - FULTON LEADER, William Mitchell

#### Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

First Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jessica Bratcher/Keith Bratcher

The color photos were top quality, especially the March 6 edition. Football kickoff edition was good.

Second Place - OLIVE HILL TIMES, Denver Brown

Very good photography and writing by Brown. The boxes of info on rankings, season results, and schedules were informative. Color pictures would help. Also, Brown has a diverse section including all sports taking place throughout the week.

Third Place - EDMONTON HERALD NEWS, Judy Wright

Some pictures are grainy but the "Senior Spotlight" and "Bleacher Babes" sections are great!

Honorable Mention - GRAYSON JOURNAL ENQUIRER, Denver Brown

Honorable Mention - FULTON LEADER, Chad Coffman

#### Category 23 - BEST BUSINESS/

Honorable Mention - TOMPKINSVILLE NEWS, Ronda Jordan-Elam

#### Category 16 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Brooke Melville

Nice photo.

Second Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Charlie Hust

Third Place - BEREA CITIZEN, Scott Powell

Honorable Mention - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Melissa Blankenship

#### Category 17 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (SPOT, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

First Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Debbie Throgmorton

The hands down winner. All of these

#### AGRIBUSINESS PAGE

First Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jessica Bratcher

Second Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Staff

#### Category 24 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

First Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Carolyn Schwartz

Second Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Carolyn Schwartz

#### Category 25 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

NO ENTRIES

#### Category 26 - FRONT PAGE

First Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Jessica Bratcher

Good clean design. Well-played pictures. Tight, informative writing, solid content. Leading between lines of type leaves copy looking cramped. Older readers may find it more difficult to read.

Second Place - FULTON LEADER, William Mitchell

Very close to first place quality, airy layout even with very bold heads. Writing quality is good. Three front pages and three lead paragraphs are questions, plus one head means you're working the novelty to death.

Third Place - MENIFEE COUNTY NEWS, Ron Middleton

Writing that's generally as strong as any in the category kept this paper in running. Leads were bright and to the point. Front page story weren't ran high. Kick some news inside where the advertisers live.

photos show the devastation and the community clean up after the storm.

Second Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Mallory Bowman

The lead photo just shows how children will take full advantage of a bad situation to have a good time, during a flash flood.

Third Place - JACKSON COUNTY SUN, Connie Esh/George Ferrell

Beautiful landscapes, would have placed higher if it had been in color and if just one of the photos would have had a resident in them.

#### Category 18 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Charlie Hust

Nice tight shot, good facial expression.

## WEEKLY 2

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Good prose, nice coverage, needed better organization.

#### Category 13 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - SALYERSVILLE INDEPENDENT, David Prater

Clearly the best.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

Hail yes!

Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

#### Category 14 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Rhonda Smyth

Photographer showed courage getting that close to fire.

Second Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Debbie

Throgmorton

Third Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Melissa Blankenship

Honorable Mention - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Debbie Throgmorton

#### Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

Good black and white photography still has its place in newspapers. This image proves it!

Second Place - SPENCER MAGNET, John Shindlebower

Photo tells the story of daily exodus from Spencer county. Creative. Nice composition.

Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

Cute, but newsy. Nice combination.

Honorable Mention - SPRINGFIELD SUN, James Roberts



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Second Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Richard RoBards

Third Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Debbie Throgmorton

Honorable Mention - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon  
 Honorable Mention - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, John Palmer  
 Gregg

Category 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Charlie Hust  
 Nice layout.

Second Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Staff

Category 20 - SPECIAL SECTIONS  
 First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

The best in all areas: content, design, photos and has a modern look other entries in category lack.

Second Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Staff

Good informative section but hurt by poor quality of cover color.

Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Staff

This had to be a favorite among your readers! Some great stories, told by those who lived them.

Category 21 - BEST GRAPHIC

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

Excellent!! Great idea, neat and clean. A really good job!

Second Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Brooke Melville

Good job of making testing scores easy to understand in a simple graph.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon/Heather Randolph

Nice use of photos and headlines.

Honorable Mention - BERE A CITIZEN, Scott Powell

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

First Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Shorty Lassiter/Diane McDaniel

Overall design is great. The rule lines and boxes seem a little thick, try hairline.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

Rule lines are too thick. Watch picture boxes, make sure photo is filling box. Great pullout quotes. Like the bar. Avoid dotted lines and frames.

Third Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Staff

Boxes and frames are too thick.

Watch where the photos are being cropped.

Category 23 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS PAGE

First Place - JACKSON COUNTY SUN, Connie Esh/John Butwell

Picture frames are too thick. Break

up one column down side without pull out quotes or another graph.

Watch out and make sure you have a predominant lead photo to avoid clustering.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Jessica Griffin

Watch pictures and make sure they fill boxes. Insert graphics into story and let story run around it. Do not box off.

Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Staff

Lighten shaded box on farm news and vertically chart text. Make sure lead photo is predominant.

Honorable Mention - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Kim Hupman

Avoid bolding cutlines, make sure lead photo or lead package photo is predominant.

Category 24 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Heather Randolph

I love the big pictures and cutouts.

The stories were good too. Need to find a different outline font and do it all either bold or plain - don't mix it up. Simplify, other wise great job!

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Ronica Brandenburg

Great colors great cutouts, great headline font.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Cindi Cusick

Put story at top left of page, readers' eye go there first. I like the recipe

section and love the tips section at bottom. Make all graphics boxes smaller, use your space more wisely.

Category 25 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

First Place - BERE A CITIZEN, Scott Powell/Teresa Scenters

Second Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Staff

Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

Category 26 - BEST FRONT PAGE

First Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

This was almost too close to call.

Writing is very professional.

Photography strong. Layout crisp.

Headline style and usage helped carry the day.

Second Place - NEWS HERALD, OWENTON, Patti Clark

Best entries had generally good content; this was among the best.

Layout is strong, clean, organized.

Photography solid.

Third Place - SPENCER MAGNET, John Shindlebower

Layout runs to the cluttered end of busy. John Shindlebower writes well, though lead paragraphs tend to be too long.

Honorable Mention - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Brook Melville

Layout and design tended to be a little more inventive than most, but was a little uneven. Writing ranged from pretty good to mediocre.

The photos told the story.

Second Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon/Eddie Arnold/Don Estep

Third Place - BARBOURVILLE MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, Mitch Fields

Honorable Mention - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Wayne Yeager

Category 18 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

Nice emotion shot.

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Larry Henderson

Third Place - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Kevin Martin

Honorable Mention - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Jesse Osbourne

Category 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Myles Young

Category 20 - SPECIAL SECTIONS  
 First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Staff

Outstanding work on this progress edition. A lot of time and effort well done!

Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Staff

Nice tribute to veterans, well displayed.

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Staff

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Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Zoya Tereskova

Outstanding in every respect. Image is perfectly composed and captures the mood of the moment.

Second Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jason Feldman

Photographer gets creative and makes what could have been a dull shot interesting.

Third Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Wayne Yeager

Should have been lead photo on page rather than buried in corner.

Honorable Mention - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jamie Baker-Nantz

Honorable Mention - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Stevie Lowery

Category 16 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Chris Hamilton

Nice photo.

Second Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Eddie Arnold

Third Place - OLDHAM ERA, Christopher Carpenter

Honorable Mention - SOMERSET NEWS JOURNAL, Lisa Rowell

Category 17 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (SPOT, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White

All the photos are well composed and make use of the available light and surroundings. It shows the love of cabins that this man has and his dedication.

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Zoya Tereskova

An excellent piece of lead art it fits so well with the headline and just grabs your attention.

Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Janie Bowen

Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, Tim Thornberry

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Honorable Mention - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Jesse Osbourne

Category 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Myles Young



## WEEKLY 3

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NAL, Trent Knuckles  
Great sports info, good layout too.  
Honorable Mention - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Staff

Category 21 - BEST GRAPHIC  
First Place - SOMERSET NEWS JOURNAL, Doug Eads/Lisa Rowell/David Rogers  
Outstanding team effort, what a great page!! Great from start to finish!  
Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Julie Satterly  
Eye-catching, very creative idea.  
Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Heather Randolph  
Good effort.  
Honorable Mention - BARBOURVILLE MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, Melissa Newman

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION  
First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Trent Knuckles  
Great content and story selection for a weekly sports page. Design was a little too busy, but wealth of stories, pics and info pulled this selection to the front. Love your coverage of the "little guys!"  
Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Nathan Hutchinson/Julie Satterly/Matt Coy  
Good variety of content and great photos! They really jumped off the page. Good crisp design also.  
Third Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Staff  
Nice mix of stories and design. I was very interested in the different angle this paper took at coverage. Lots of solid features.

Category 23 - BEST BUSINESS / AGRIBUSINESS PAGE  
First Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jamie Baker-Nantz  
Just filled with news, good photos and clean design. I really liked this!  
Second Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Randall Vaught  
Clearly marked as a business page, it had lots of info. Layout lacked. The gray tint block was a little depressing.  
Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Eddie Arnold  
It's clearly a business page.  
Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, Mary Madden  
Nice layouts. Good copy.

Category 24 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE  
First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Matt Coy/Zoya Tereskova  
Good copy, good pictures, great layout.  
Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Matt Coy/Zoya Tereshkova/Julie Satterly  
Just marginally less than first.  
Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Jennifer Benefield  
Very local content kept it in running. Loosen up on design. Experiment.  
Honorable Mention - BARBOURVILLE MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, Melissa Newman/Jamie Gaddis  
Real neat layouts.  
Honorable Mention - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman/Randall Vaught  
They get honorable mention just so I can say how much I enjoyed Donna Carman's story on the kindergarten ... a whole lot!

Category 25 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE  
First Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Staff  
Very, very local. Good strong copy. Design really improved with pictures in tint block. Easy selection for first place.  
Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick/Matt Coy  
Particularly liked editorials on sheriff and mayor elect. Very powerful commentary. Layout is strong.  
Third Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jamie Baker-Nantz  
Layout needs some work. Generally good writing.

Category 26 - BEST FRONT PAGE  
First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Mary Madden  
Great art and graphics mixed with good news content.  
Second Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman  
Good news content. Pictures could be stronger. I really liked the election graphic on Nov. 6.  
Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Mary Madden  
Great paper. Pics are excellent, stores are well written layout great.  
Honorable Mention - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Becky Barnes  
Love the pictures, very colorful.  
News interesting, may be able to use white space better as well as arrangement of design. Watch flow of text around pictures.

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ing swapping food for community service. Solid approach to resource exchange program that responds to a community need.  
Third Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Gayle Coulter  
Highly readable story of a tragic case of domestic violence. Taps into an emotional vein in exploring one of society's most under reported issues. Thoughtful, contemplated.  
Honorable Mention - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, C.J. Harte  
Takes a mundane subject, cough medicine, and illustrates the addictive nature of one ingredient. Good job identifying why parents should be aware of the dangers.  
Honorable Mention - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Michelle Perry  
Good story on an unusual topic, whoever thought mint and day lilies could be threatening plants.

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES  
First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Staff  
Lots of old fashioned shoe leather, hard work by reporters. Helped give readers in-depth view into causes and repercussions of tragedy.  
Second Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Stacy Neitzel  
Well sourced and well written. Stories from addicts put human face on problem.  
Third Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Stacy Neitzel/Ronnie Ellis/Gina Kinslow  
Provides readers with an in-depth balanced report of a complex issue. Might have fared better in another category.  
Honorable Mention - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Jay Compton  
Details of a "Confidential" report give readers insight into a clear and present community health danger.

Category 11 - BEST ONGOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, J. Griffiths Powers  
There are so many good ones in this category it was very hard to pick the best, but this one stood out from the rest. Reporter captured events along with facts.  
Second Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Gayle Coulter  
Coulter continues to follow man who commits crime after crime without the stories being stale!  
Good job!!  
Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Danetta Barker  
Reporter did a great job of following up and covering so many aspects. Very interesting!  
Honorable Mention - WINCHESTER SUN, Duane Baillio  
Very well written!

Category 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY  
First Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Danetta Barker  
Poignant tale of plight of Kentucky's dairy farm industry.  
Second Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Mary Branham  
Interesting "Day Trip" travel force. Nice presentation and packaging.  
Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Marla Toncray  
Good overview of the changes sweeping Kentucky agribusiness.  
Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE MESSENGER, Garth Gamblin  
Honorable Mention - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Beth Crace

Category 13 - BEST HEADLINE  
First Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Susan Riddell  
Your headline summed up the story nicely.  
Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Whitlock  
Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, LaMar Bryan  
Honorable Mention - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Ron Herron

Category 14 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

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DARD, BARDSTOWN, Stacey S. Manning

Just one more "Wiggle" and this one would have been first.

Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Jimmy Raines  
Nice job!

Honorable Mention - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, James Mulcahy

Category 14 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, BARDSTOWN, Stacey S. Manning

The photographer was on the spot catching the magnitude of this fire. Second Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Doug McDavid

Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Adrienne Steinfeldt

Honorable Mention - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Carl Keith Greene

Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, BARDSTOWN, Mark Boxley

Sometimes you've got to be willing to get down and dirty, literally on the ground in this case, to get a prize-winning shot.

Second Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Carl Keith Greene  
Outstanding shot with lots of news value. A strong second-place finisher in a field full of good submissions.

Third Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, John Friedlein  
Friedlein's artistry shines.

Honorable Mention - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Chas Hartman

Category 16 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Carol Mills  
Nice candid moment.

Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Chas Hartman  
Third Place - MOREHEAD NEWS, Kim Hamilton

Category 17 - BEST PICTURE

ESSAY (SPOT, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

First Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Rebecca Dial

Outstanding photos for the soldiers farewell, but the layout won this one!! Great use of white space and not filling up the page with useless photos. This is how it use a dominant piece of art. Job well done. Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Staff  
Well thought out and all photos tell a complete story of how community is hit hard by a ice storm.

Third Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, BARDSTOWN, Holly Cecil  
This page takes you back in time, well laid out. Great job.

Honorable Mention - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Lauren Clifton

Excellent documentary photography of a high school football game. Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY STANDARD, BARDSTOWN, Holly Cecil

This one would have placed higher if it had less photos, sometimes there are just too many.

Category 18 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - PRINCETON TIMES LEADER, Chip Hutcheson  
Nice tight shot.

Second Place - MOREHEAD NEWS, Denver Brown

Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Josh Underwood  
Honorable Mention - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Rebecca Dial

Category 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Rebecca Dial

Good layout, sharp photos. Second Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Jim McAlister  
Third Place - PRINCETON TIMES LEADER, Todd Griffin

Category 20 - SPECIAL SECTIONS

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Staff  
Very creative presentations. Lots of info.

Second Place - PRINCETON TIMES LEADER, Todd Griffin  
A departure from typical football

tab. Excellent work.

Third Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Heath Wiley

Excellent job of presenting colorful history.

Category 21 - BEST GRAPHIC

First Place - RUSSELLVILLE NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Chris Cooper

Graphic is eye-catching and pulls you into the story.

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, David Gross  
Informative graphic.

Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Emily Hendren  
Creative, good use of school name as tie-in.

Honorable Mention - RUSSELLVILLE NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Ryan Craig

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

First Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Heath Wiley

Nice, clean layout. Work on layering.

Second Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Heath Wiley

Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Tom Kopacz  
Good layout with interesting graphics. Work on cropping photos. Be careful with clipping photos. It doesn't always work.

Category 23 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS PAGE

First Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Staff

Love the layout, love the color, love the graphics. You make a business page easy to read and interesting to those who are not especially interested.

Second Place - PRINCETON TIMES LEADER, Staff

Layout is OK, maybe work on horizontal and vertical modular. Use of white space is good. Stories are interesting.

Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Dena Potter  
Color would spice your page up a lot. I love the cutouts and informational boxes. I also like that the stock reports are not an entire page, makes it easier to read. Good job.

Category 24 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

First Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Sue Minton/Dale G. Morton

Great lifestyle pages. Stories are well written. Pictures and graphics are great. Very creative.

Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Staff  
Good job. Font problems on Nov 20? Pics are excellent in all editions.

Third Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Cindy Romey

Good mix of soft news stories, features, local news. Pix could be improved. Always use numeral for page numbers. Check AP. Overall great.

Honorable Mention - MOREHEAD NEWS, Staff

Type is very large on all heads, tighten up space. Overall good.

Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Emma Burchett

Great layout and design. Strong selection. Some pix are fuzzy. Overall great job. Try not to change font size but if you do, do it consistently throughout paper.

Category 25 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Dena Potter

Good pages with nice mix of local editorials, columns and letters. Second Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Richard RoBards

Excellent local column, good mix of features.

Third Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, BARDSTOWN, Staff  
Nice local focus.

Honorable Mention - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Staff

Category 26 - BEST FRONT PAGE

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, David Gross  
Good stories presented to readers in a nice, clean package.

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Dena Potter  
A close second. This paper is stacked with talent!

Third Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Dale G. Morton  
Good coverage of three big news events.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY STANDARD, BARDSTOWN, Stacey S. Manning

Great photo in the Aug. 6 edition.



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First Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Suzanne Feliciano  
The photographer really caught the moment in the priceless photograph.  
Second Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Amy Wallot  
Third Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Samantha Barger  
Honorable Mention - RICHMOND REGISTER, Nancy Taggart

Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE  
First Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Jim Pearson  
Great depth of field.  
Second Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Michael Bunch  
Creative twist on a standard assignment.  
Third Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Bambi Pelham  
Nice perspective and use of light.

Category 16 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE  
First Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Michael Bunch  
Very nice illustration of the subject matter.  
Second Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Michelle Perry  
Third Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Amy Wallot  
Honorable Mention - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Nikki Fox

Category 17 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (SPOT, GENERAL OR FEATURE)  
First Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Michael Bunch  
The photos captured the spirit of the event.  
Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lowell Mendyk  
I felt as if I has visited the store.  
Third Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Michelle Perry  
Great use of lighting.  
Honorable Mention - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Michael Bunch  
Would have rated higher but felt a bit too staged.

Category 18 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE  
First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Mike Lorie

Good action photo. Lots of good entries. Close competition  
Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Nikki Fox  
Tighter cropping would have made these better.  
Third Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Michael Bunch  
Good composure.  
Honorable Mention - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Amy Wallot  
Could have cropped it tighter.

Category 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY  
First Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Jim Pearson  
Good mix of sports action and personality.  
Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Jim Pearson  
Third Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Nikki Fox

Category 20 - SPECIAL SECTIONS  
First Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Staff  
Impressive product from a small community newspaper. Kudos to the staff!  
Second Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Staff  
Devoting four pages with no ads to educate readers about open government. What a noble concept. We should all take our First Amendment duty so seriously.  
Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Staff  
Impressive cover photo entices the reader into a well-written thorough look at a community's changing way of life.  
Honorable Mention - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Staff  
Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, STAFF  
Edition captures a community's pride in its championship hoops team.

Category 21 - BEST GRAPHIC  
First Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Michael Bunch  
Made me think, chuckle and read the article.  
Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, LaMar Bryan  
Clarified the story.  
Third Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Michael Bunch

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION  
First Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Nathan Hutchinson/Erin Parsons  
Nice design. Good layering. Could vary photo size more, include more stories on front. Layout carries through section nicely.  
Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Mike Lorie  
Great local content on front. You take risks with layout. Some work, some don't. Keep giving readers variety. Try more content on front. Also, stay away from cutouts! Too much is too much.  
Third Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Chuck Myron  
Good content. Good, solid design. With pages in black and white stay away from reverse print. Try shaded words as headers for boxes. Also, vary headlines.

Category 23 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS PAGE  
First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Kellee Edwards  
Captures the "iffy" nature of the weather, good writing on the retirement of a local businesswoman with creative use of photos.  
Second Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Donna Greene  
Very good business coverage that gives the reader a snapshot of what's going on in the community.

Category 24 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE  
First Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Tim Kessler  
Nice layout and photos. Good variety of stories.  
Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Kellee Edwards  
Father's Day section is very nice, though, well-thought out. Photos are very eye-catching.  
Third Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Daniel Pike  
Great photos! Stories very interesting and unusual.  
Honorable Mention - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lori Harrison  
Segregation story is outstanding, graphics good. Nice work on a touchy subject.  
Honorable Mention - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Michael Bunch

Photos accompany stories very nicely.

Category 25 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE  
First Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Layne Bruce  
Quality writing by local staff on real-life issues. A visually balanced presentation. One editorial, "The Verdict," very aptly illustrated the residual impact on the community of a local murder case. Overall, solid writing, excellent presentation, dramatization of local topics.  
Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Whitlock  
Thoughtful editorial writing that must certainly have stimulated local debate. Columns by the publisher and managing editor on Sammy Sosa were appealing. Letters run too long to be truly effective, could be used as "in my own words" columns.  
Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Tom Clinton  
Local editorials give solutions that local officials should consider. Taking a position on local issues is clearly a newspaper's role; offering solutions is an even better step. Working more local columns in, as difficult as that usually is, would boost these pages' appeal.

Category 26 - BEST FRONT PAGE  
First Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Julie Satterly/Erin Parsons  
Good mix of news, interesting. I like the local views. Good pictures and strong quality.  
Second Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Layne Bruce  
Good mix of local, state and national news. Most graphics and photos good. Photo credits may be harder to read placed where they are. Keep standing front page items in a standard place.  
Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, LaMar Bryan  
Stories are good quality, well-written. Very heavy on state news, maybe focus some on national. Top banner is very large-takes up a lot of space.  
Honorable Mention - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Tim Kessler  
Heavier headlines should be at top of the page. Good stories, good mix of national and state news.



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**PRIZE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Patrick Avery**  
Sensitive treatment of divisive issue.  
Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Liz Maples/ Allison May  
Insightful.

**Category 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY**  
First Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Jerianne Strange  
Good job!  
Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett  
Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Alyssa Harvey  
Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Donna Stinnett  
Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Emily Toadvine

**Category 13 - BEST HEADLINE**  
First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Brad Schneider  
This newspaper clearly the best in this class. Excellent headlines by all entries.  
Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Steve Thomas  
Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Kathy Meadows  
Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Justin Shepherd  
Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Kate Corcoran

**Category 14 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE**  
First Place - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, Kevin Goldy  
The photographer caught the emotion of the moment in this photograph.  
Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Miranda Pederson  
Third Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, Danny Vowell  
Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel

**Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE**  
First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Clay Jackson  
Good detail, really captured the convicted's mood.  
Second Place - HENDERSON

GLEANER, Mike Lawrence  
If you didn't understand the problem before the picture you sure should afterwards.  
Third Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, Danny Vowell  
The angle and light really demonstrates her feelings.

**Category 16 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE**  
First Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, Danny Vowell  
Nice range of expressions captured in this photo.  
Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Miranda Pederson  
Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley  
Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Clay Jackson

**Category 17 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (SPOT, GENERAL OR FEATURE)**  
First Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Lee Ann Seymour  
The clarity of the close ups and freeze frames of the helicopter blades brought the essay to life.  
Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel  
Good use of light. Made me feel as if I was a part of the struggle to keep the church alive.  
Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley  
Great definition in the pictures and the expressions of the subjects spoke deeply to me.  
Honorable Mention - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Neal Cardin  
The expressions you captured made the essay.

**Category 18 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE**  
First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel  
Awesome!!  
Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley  
Third Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, Danny Vowell  
Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Mike Lawrence

**Category 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY**  
First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Clay Jackson  
Some excellent shots.

Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Clinton Lewis  
Third Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Neal Cardin

**Category 20 - SPECIAL SECTIONS**  
First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Kathy Meadows/Darrin Phegley/Mike Lawrence  
This is how it's done!!!  
Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Staff  
Perfect combination of locally produced copy, art and graphics. Nice.  
Third Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Casey Ehmsen  
This is put together well and covers the topic thoroughly. Very good!  
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, Staff  
Very informative section. (Wish I would have had this for my wedding!)

**Category 21 - BEST GRAPHIC**  
First Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, Ryan Craig  
The soccer graphic was very good and helped explain the basics of the game.  
Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Miranda Pederson  
Third Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Ryan Marx  
The graphic gave a good understanding of the judicial process.  
Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Jane Cox

**Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION**  
First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Larry Vaught/Jane Cox/Staff  
Fantastic sports page! In a category filled with entries this one stood out for its concentration on what's important, the local story. Great mix of game stories, features, columns and eye-catching headlines plus pictures. A real keepsake for your local readers!  
Second Place - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, Mark Maynard  
Hard choice between second and third but your interesting local stories and features won out. Your design could use some pep and pictures are coming out muddy.  
Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, O.J. Stapleton  
Good mix of stories. Had some good features and mixed in a little bit of all sports.  
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, George

Robinson  
Good entry, but design is lacking and way too many wire stories. Photos are strong! Good eye, Danny Vowell.

**Category 23 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS PAGE**  
First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, John Davis/Jane Cox  
Design is clean and really pops. Excellent use of white space and art heads. Overall great work.  
Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Kathy Meadows/Chuck Stinnett/Brad Schneider.  
Nice packaging on Monster Blocks.  
Third Place - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, Lee Ward  
Nice use of photos and white space to make package flow.  
Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Christina Cathcart

**Category 24 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE**  
First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Staff  
Fabulous layout, use of graphics and photos! Stories also are very interesting and well written. Great job.  
Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Donna Stinnett/Staff  
Beautiful, colorful photography, great graphics, use of cartoons and illustrations. Very useful information.  
Third Place - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Ryan Marx  
Love the graphics and illustrations! Stories are localized and very interesting.  
Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Miranda Pederson  
Very nice stories, accompanying photos.  
Honorable Mention - NEWS ENTERPRISE, ELIZABETHTOWN, Ryan Marx  
Interesting illustrations, graphics, very eye-catching. Nice photos as well.

**Category 25 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE**  
First Place - ASHLAND INDEPENDENT, John Cannon  
Tremendous section that undoubtedly generates a lot of reader response. Good solid local editorials. One major complaint: no local columnists! Almost cost you first place.  
Second Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, Kris Adams



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COVINGTON, Staff

Strong entry and a great job at not only keeping the reader up to date, but interested. Just when the story looked to get boring a new wrinkle would give it some pop. Loved the article on the house auction. A great touch.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Staff

Really got the issues out long before any vote was taken and followed it well after. Good variety of stories and really informed the reader from all sides of the issue.

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Lisa Deffendall  
Good job calling those officials on private interviews and keeping public informed. got a kick out of the picture of the candidate hiding under the "Herald Leader" umbrella!

Category 12 - BEST

BUSINESS / AGRIBUSINESS STORY  
First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Laura Yuen

Comparing burley tobacco production and the series of health services is a unique way to tell a new angle of a story that has been in the spotlight a long time.

Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, COVINGTON, Don Baker

Going beyond the standard business story of a plant closure and telling the human story of lives impacted, and resulting economic impact on an entire town, really brings this issue to life for readers.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Michelle Ku

Great idea. The story is something anyone who has ever shopped at those super shopping centers can relate to.

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, John Stamper  
Long-term planning and unity in the business community are essential to maintaining and attracting jobs.

Good job in telling this story.  
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Steve Lannen  
Good storytelling how corporations, not just local governments, are, and should take responsibility in lessening the environmental impacts of waste.

Category 13 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Susan Waggener

Best competition are folks at your newspaper! Good job!

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Scott Shive

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Amy Savona

Category 14 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, FT. MITCHELL, Patrick Reddy  
This is a powerful photograph capturing emotion.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, John Dunham  
Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram

Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Stephenson

In a field full of wartime reunion and departure images, this one was a clear winner. Outstanding!

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Rhonda Simpson

Readers can feel this candidate's joy.  
Third Place - KENTUCKY POST, COVINGTON, Melvin Grier  
Good composition and framing. Photo alone tells the story, dull color hurts.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY POST, COVINGTON, Melvin Grier  
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, John Dunham

Category 16 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Stephenson

Nice timing. Way to capture the moment.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, John Dunham  
Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Patricia Hess  
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram

Category 17 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (SPOT, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

First Place - KENTUCKY POST, Staff  
The reader involvement with the kinoscope was creative and the historical documentation is what news-

papers do best.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Cornelison  
I felt you must have gained the confidence of the subjects very well, it seemed as if you were invisible.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram  
Great composition with the cow and boy.

Honorable Mention - PADUCAH SUN, Stephen Dennee  
The essay took us on a journey no parent hopes to ever take and may help with research family.

Category 18 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Cornelison

Nice angle shot.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne  
Third Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, FT. MITCHELL, Patrick Reddy  
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne

Category 19 - BEST SPOTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram

Wonderful layout of photos that tell the story.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, John Dunham  
Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Stephenson  
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne

Category 20 - SPECIAL SECTIONS

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Brian Simms

One word describes this section, unbelievable!! Nobody had a chance going up against this section.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Brian Simms

A great job of timely reporting and packaging.  
Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Stephanie Stivers, Epha Riche  
A great section for a derby follow up.

Category 21 - BEST GRAPHIC

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Epha Riche/Craig Johnson/Jared Peck/Peter Mathews  
Excellent detail and very informative.  
Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, COVINGTON, Michael Nyerges

A close second, good work.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER ENQUIRER, Robert Bruck  
Clean, simple, and to the point.  
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Robert Bruck

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Sports Staff  
No others in state can compete. Great total package.

Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, COVINGTON, Frank Carini

I really like the packages you put together. Potential is great. Consider facelift. Go with serif font headlines. Scale body to help kill gray.  
Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Harold Martin

Category 23 - BEST

BUSINESS / AGRIBUSINESS PAGE  
First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Meredith Poldrack

Excellent pages. Design and writing flow together. Looks like both worked together to develop something interesting for the readers. Kudos to the designer for such original ideas.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Staff

Entire business section well put together. Package of stories, information and briefs along with nice design, give the readers a nice package.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Risa Brim

Nice design, makes stories come alive. Unique ideas.  
Honorable Mention - PADUCAH SUN, Mark Hartman/Joe Walker  
Good package. Nice design of main stories. Good use of photos.

Category 24 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

First Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Staff

Stories are of local interest and very readable. Interesting subject matter.  
Second Place - PADUCAH SUN, Leigh Landini Wright

Very nice photos! Good use of graphics and nice layout.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Stephanie Gladney  
Interesting stories, maybe localize a bit more.



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Category 25 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Staff

Depth and volume of these Sunday opinion sections is overwhelming the competition. Excellent presentation and content in editorials.

Columns cover a huge range of topics, almost demanding that readers

spend some time with the section. The pages really sing with the message "read me; read me." Outstanding!!

Second Place - PADUCAH SUN, Linda Cocke

This newspaper's willingness to take on the state's traditional institutions, courts, police agencies, is very appealing. The inclusion of national columnists helps balance the page.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MES-

SENGER INQUIRER, Staff

Horizontal layout of opinion page is unusual, but seems to work for this paper. Good columns on variety of issues.

Category 26 - BEST FRONT PAGE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Alyssa Simms

Ice story page was deciding factor. Great coverage! Great photo!! Great stories! Great job!!!

Second Place - LEXINGTON HER-

ALD LEADER, Brian Simms

"Painkiller," election coverage were well done. Would like to have seen a local reaction to toppling of Saddam.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Brian Simms

These pages beg, "Read me!!"

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER, Staff

Good local copy hurt by packaging. Use more white space. Barbecue feature is 10-pounds of pork in a 5-pound bucket.

## UK sex-pert talks birds, bees, STDs

## The defense rests

*Gannon guilty of 5 interceptions as Bucs win first championship*

By RARRY WILLIAMS

## Ready, set ... tow

Left, top: Stacie Meihaus of the Kentucky Kernel was the winner with this headline entry. Left, middle: Susan Riddell won in the Best Headline category with this entry from the State Journal. Left, bottom: Dale G. Morton picked up top honors in this category for the London Sentinel Echo.

## Wheels of Justice Slow to Turn in Magoffin Circuit Court

## THIS GUY'S A REAL ENTRE-MANURE

Right, top: This winning headline was written by David Prater of the Salyersville Independent. Right, bottom: Susan Waggener wrote this winning headline for the Lexington Herald Leader.

## Police promise short fuses on July 4

## 'I'm guilty as sin,' preacher says

Windland

## The truth about cats (Cougars) and dogs (Bulldogs)

Left, top: Brad Schneider was the winner in the Headline category for the Henderson Gleaner. Left, middle: Mark White of the Corbin News Journal took top honors for this headline. Right, bottom: McLean County News' Jessica Bratcher was the winner in the Headline category for this entry.



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the photographer captured the moment.

Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Robbie Clark  
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Josh McCoy

### Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Rachael Kerley  
Creative eye captures the story.  
Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, John Wampler  
Even absent drama and theatrics, a courtroom can produce powerful images. This photographer found one.  
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Aaron Thompson  
Local image of an international event. Nice work.  
Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Justin Fowler  
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Brad Wilder

### Category 16 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Tyler Pelan  
This photo stood out from the rest as a true feature find. Nice composition and reflection in watch.  
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Henrik Edsenius  
Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Chris Reynolds  
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Scott Lashinsky

### Category 17 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (SPOT, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Steven King  
Great job. You can tell by the photographs that the photographer spent a great deal of time on this work and really got to know his subject.  
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS

HERALD, Price Chambers  
Excellent photos. They show the delicate balance of being both a student and a mother.  
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Shannon Guthrie  
Beautiful work.  
Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jenny Sevik  
Photos let the reader look into the life of chemotherapy patient. Lead art was a little weak for such a powerful essay.  
Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Steven King  
A fun assignment, and the photos show it.

### Category 18 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, H. Rick Mach  
Nice sharp action photo.  
Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Kevin Stephenson  
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Justin Fowler

### Category 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff  
Nice double truck.  
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff  
Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Scott Lashinsky

### Category 20 - SPECIAL SECTIONS

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff  
Excellent coverage effort, but stories could have benefitted from "tighter" editing. Overall a great job.  
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff  
Good info, art, design. A "slam dunk" for basketball fans.  
Third Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Staff  
Shows good and bad of area economy. Great job, class!  
Honorable Mention - CHEVY CHAS-

ER MAGAZINE, Staff  
Good community info, I think the breast cancer patient's diary did a better job of telling her story.

### Category 21 - BEST GRAPHIC

First Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Ryan Brooks  
Very creative, out of the ordinary artwork that adds to the story.  
Second Place - CHEVY CHASER MAGAZINE, Amber Scott/Chris Eddie  
Well done. Real estate, homes, the family backyard, great idea, nice reproduction.  
Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Drew Purcell  
Cute idea, very recognizable "bunch."  
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Scott Sloan  
Pull out boxes with photos and info helps break up otherwise long list of facts and figures.

### Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff  
Excellent design! Very clean pages, good use of fonts, stories, photos and design tell the story. Good use of simple color and shading in headlines for double impact. Well-rounded coverage of all sports.  
Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Staff  
Good design elements and use of photos. Well thought out graphics with SEC lineup (carry over into regular design). Blown up photos on front hard to see. Basketball obviously very important at school; what about other sports?  
Third Place - MCCREARY COUNTY VOICE, Staff  
Very informative, good stories. Clean up design, graphics, cutouts overpower the page.

### Category 23 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS PAGE

Great local stories and photos in a pleasing package. Good use of graphics too.  
Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Justin Shepard  
Strong local copy "bumped" this one up. Please consider using bold fonts on heads other than main one. Page gets gray from fold down, also, white space needed between bylines and

Certificate of Merit - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Kyser Lough/Lauren Freskel/Tina Siniard

### Category 24 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff  
Good job! I like the large pics and use of white space, maybe try some cut out pics as well. Leads were good on stories and interesting to college audiences.  
Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Jennifer Mueller  
Good use of white space. I love the cut out pics. Reverse color type is very hard to read watch that. Try color, even spot color can add a lot.  
Third Place - MCCREARY COUNTY VOICE, Andrew Powell

### Category 25 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Daniel Pike  
Good mix of cartoons, editorials, letters and columns. particularly like the "Tops and Bottoms." Well thought out section.  
Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Staff  
Nice combination of columns and editorials.

### Category 26 - BEST FRONT PAGE

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Staff  
Very well written and the reverse font color layout worked well, its hard to do, but you did it well.  
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff  
Photos are great! Stories could be written in a more interesting way, get creative. I liked the DUI story. You did very well with the package.  
Third Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Ryan Brooks  
Color would help a lot in the overall looks of your paper. Stories were good but some ledes were buried. Good job overall.

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I like the mix of views. Good to have staff writers write columns. Not a fan at all of reverse print, reverse masthead. Do not like all sans serif fonts. You need a facelift to go along with content.

Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, David Dixon/Steve Thomas  
Excellent content. Local, national all over. Design is too busy and not uniform enough from day to day. All headlines compete.

### Category 26 - BEST FRONT PAGE

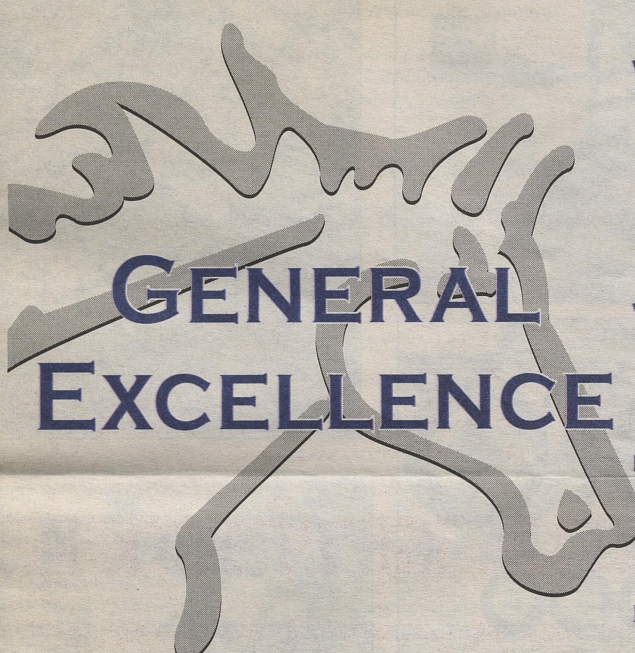
First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Jane Cox/Staff

body copy.  
Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Staff  
Two individuals entered this category, and both were good. Both entries were heavy with local copy and photos, almost too heavy. I suspect the readers have a hard time deciding where to start. Make it easier for them!









# GENERAL EXCELLENCE

**Weekly Class 1**

- First Place McLean County News  
Fulton Leader  
Second Place Flemingsburg Gazette  
Third Place Greentop County News Times  
Leitchfield Record  
Menifee County News  
Olive Hill Times

**Weekly Class 2**

- First Place Henry County Local  
Laurel News Journal  
Second Place Springfield Sun  
Third Place LaRue County Herald News  
Owenton News Herald  
Providence Journal Enterprise

**Weekly Class 3**

- First Place Jessamine Journal  
Second Place Corbin News Journal  
Third Place Lebanon Enterprise

**Multi-Weekly**

- First Place Appalachian News Express  
Second Place Georgetown News Graphic  
Third Place Kentucky Standard

**Daily Class 1**

- First Place Corbin Times Tribune  
Second Place Madisonville Messenger  
Third Place Glasgow Daily Times

**Daily Class 2**

- First Place Henderson Gleaner  
Second Place Elizabethtown News Enterprise  
Third Place Danville Advocate Messenger

**Daily Class 3**

- First Place Lexington Herald Leader  
Second Place Owensboro Messenger Inquirer  
Third Place Kentucky Post

**Associate Newspapers**

- First Place College Heights Herald  
Second Place Kentucky Kernel  
Third Place Murray State News