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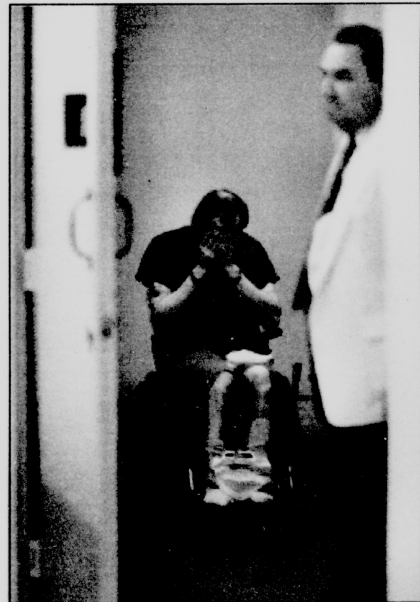
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Appalachian News-Express

Fall Newspaper Contest



Bryan Leazenby
The Henderson Gleaner

*Recognizing the best
in Kentucky journalism
in 1996*



Patrick Reddy
The Kentucky Enquirer

WEEKLY CLASS 1

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
Extremely well-written piece. Good use of facts and solutions. Great intro and analogy!
Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Clay Warnick
Smart editorial! Explains the issue concisely and doesn't overburden reader.
Third Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
Short and to the point. Good way to show public there are problems in local government and local officials need to know they are being watched.
Honorable Mention - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett
Good message, but takes too much time to explain the issue and solution. Try to keep writing tight.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Steve Olding/Dave Ninemets
The best lead of any entry in this category, won my vote for first place. Good writing makes this election story anything but dull.
Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Amy Grewe Drees
The lead on this story could have been tighter, but it does pique the reader's interest.
Third Place - FULTON LEADER, Rita Mitchell
Weak lead, but a good job of thorough reporting. Good use of interviews.
Honorable Mention - FULTON LEADER, Amy Lorton
Lead is too long, this kept story from placing higher, but the story shows how a weekly can overcome a story that is five days old.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Karen Meiman
Second Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
Third Place - BREATHITT COUNTY VOICE, David Strong
Honorable Mention - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - FULTON LEADER, Amy Lorton
Interesting story, well written.
Second Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Neva Martin
Good story, a little short.
Third Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Amy Grewe
Original story, good detail.
Honorable Mention - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
Amusing story, pretty entertaining.

Category 5 - Best Column (One Subject)

First Place - SPENCER MAGNET,

Kim Rich

Newsy, relevant columns clearly looking out for the public interest.
Second Place - BREATHITT COUNTY VOICE, Delores Chandler
The writer brings a slightly skewed perspective to her material, and the result is often humorous.
Third Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Neva Martin
Good use of personal and family experience.

Category 6 - Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place - HICKMAN COUNTY GAZETTE, Gaye Bencini
Well-written and very funny. I laughed out loud at several points.
Second Place - BREATHITT COUNTY VOICE, David Strong

Category 7 - Best Sports Column

First Place - FULTON LEADER, Barry Danowski
Brash, if conceited, column willing to offend just about anybody.
Second Place - FULTON LEADER, Barry Danowski

Category 8 - Best Sports Story

First Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett
Second Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Chris Gramke
Third Place - CENTRAL CITY TIME ARGUS, Richard L. Devers/Mark Stone
Honorable Mention - FULTON LEADER, Barry Danowski

Category 9 - Best Sports Feature

First Place - EDMONTON HERALD NEWS, Clay Scott
Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
Third Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Amy Grewe
Honorable Mention - TIE - BREATHITT COUNTY VOICE, David Strong
Honorable Mention - TIE - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Chris Gramke

Category 10 - Best Investigative/Analytical Story

First Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Lois Sutherland
Good research, very readable story.
Second Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
Good investigation and use of other media for information. Well-written.
Third Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Steve Olding
Nice two-part election series. Try to focus on abilities and not so much on election promises. Good graphic sidebars.
Honorable Mention - BREATHITT COUNTY VOICE, Delores Chandler
Nice local angle on "Smokeout." Use of local experts and people who quit was good.

Category 11 - Best Story Series

Certificate of Merit - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett

Category 12 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - BREATHITT COUNTY VOICE, Delores Chandler/David Strong
Very colorful coverage of a divisive issue. Try not to editorialize with personal comments.
Second Place - FULTON LEADER, Rita Mitchell
Solid coverage on a sensitive issue.
Third Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
Reporter kept up with the story. Nice writing and good sense of detail.
Honorable Mention - BREATHITT COUNTY VOICE, Delores Chandler
Complete coverage of county's budget woes.

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - TRI-CITY NEWS, Jeff Wilder
Story is timely and relevant to readers.
Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
Story takes a national happening and brings out impact on local agribusiness.
Third Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Kim Rich
Good report on conditions that will affect agribusiness in the area.
Honorable Mention - FULTON LEADER, Amy Lorton
Story seems like it would be of interest to readers and is informative.

Category 14 - Best General News Picture

First Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Eric Krosnes
The angle and the character lines in the brick mason's face make this a strong photo. Good shot of an everyday moment.
Second Place - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Paul G. Moore
The "egg-citement" (sorry about the pun) and the anticipation are evident on the competitor's face. Nice story.
Third Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
Good use of lines created by the building shell draw attention to this picture. Nice low-angle shot.
Honorable Mention - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
Nice shot of a spontaneous moment, (just a little soft on focus).

Category 15 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - LOUISVILLE DEFENDER, Bud Dorsey
The emotional impact of the woman watching her home burn is strong. The reader can feel the sense of loss along with the family in the photo. The shot was well played without being overly dramatic. The photographer captured the moment without intruding too much during a private moment.
Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
This shot captures the sense of despair on the migrant workers faces as EMS personnel tend to them in the wake of the storm.

Third Place - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Doreen Dennis

A sense of urgency is well conveyed in this photo of EMS workers tending to an accident victim. Not just another shot of a victim on a gurney.
Honorable Mention - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
Good contrast and good composition using fallen debris make this photo stand out.
Honorable Mention - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Doreen Dennis
Not a run-of-the-mill accident photo. The line of dead pigs brings movement to the picture while at the same time clearly depicting a sizeable loss of animal life.

Category 16 - Best News Picture Essay

First Place - FULTON LEADER, William Mitchell
The whole story from spruce-up to welcome, from speeches to baby-hugging, from praisers to protestors, is told in Mr. Mitchell's photos. Well done!!
Second Place - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Doreen Dennis/Paul G. Moore
Nice work covering all aspects of the band competition. Good shots of auxiliary corps (flags, pom-pom, etc.) performers.
Third Place - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Paul G. Moore
Good overall depiction of a multifaceted event. One criticism, stand alone photo of female rider seemed out of place. Another action shot would have worked better.
Honorable Mention - TRI CITY NEWS, Jeff Wilder
Good initial shot makes the reader want to look farther to see what's going on.
Honorable Mention - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Doreen Dennis/Mark Stone

Category 17 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - LOUISVILLE DEFENDER, Bud Dorsey
The sleeping angel, irresistible!! But a tighter crop would have made the shot even stronger.
Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
The essence of humanity is caught in these little girls' expressions.
Third Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
Strong angle helps simple subject. A little extra effort can payoff, as this shot shows.

Category 18 - Best Feature Picture Essay

First Place - LOUISVILLE DEFENDER, Bud Dorsey/Yvonne Coleman
Excellent photos.
Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
Excellent photos, good subject matter.
Third Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

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Weekly Class 1

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Honorable Mention - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
Honorable Mention - FULTON LEADER, William Mitchell/Rita Mitchell

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Excellent action shot captures players' emotions and intensity as they fight for control of the ball.

Second Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Eric Krosnes

The picture depicts well the emotions that come with a season-ending loss in a championship game.

Third Place - FULTON LEADER, Barry Danowski

Even though its just T-ball, the intensity of the young batter's concentration is quite evident in this photo.

Honorable Mention - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
Emotion is evident in this photo, a good shot. The focus, however appears just a bit soft.

Category 20 - Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

From competitive struggle to celebration to picture of despair, this essay pretty well tells the district tournament story.

Second Place - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Paul G. Moore

A good photo essay on a swim meet. A finish line, or end of race shot, however, would have added a nice closing touch.

Third Place - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Mark Stone

The photos document well the post-game victory celebration, but the addition of some game photos would have made the story complete.

Honorable Mention - LOUISVILLE DEFENDER, Bud Dorsey/Michael Leslie

Lots of pictures tell the story of the Vencor Stakes, but the series lacked dominant photos of struggling competitors necessary to be a winner. Find good, strong action shots and play them big.

Jeff Wilder of *The Tri-City News* took first place in the *Best Business/Agribusiness Story category* in the *Weekly Class 1* division for his story about a hosiery plant coming to town.

The high school basketball district tournament was the stage for the *Gallatin County News* and *Kelley Warnick's* winning entry (right) in the *Best Sports Picture Essay*. Below: *The Louisville Defender's* Bud Dorsey captured first place in the *Best Spot News Picture* category for these shots of a fire in Louisville which left a family homeless.

WEEKLY CLASS 2

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - LAUREL NEWS

LEADER, Willie Sawyers

Fact laden, virtually unassailable argument about important issue of public safety. Powerful lead defies reader not to read on. Great job!!

Second Place - CADIZ RECORD, Robin Stevens

Well-told personal anecdote makes compelling argument. Well done.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers

It can't have been comfortable, tackling a magistrate who's slacking off. But Sawyers' did it well, with fact after fact.

Honorable Mention - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Ed Cahill

Inept jail escape handled with right mixture of seriousness and satire.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Eric Wessel

Excellent lead paragraph to a fire story. Good personal quotes throughout.

Second Place - CRITTENDEN PRESS, Allison Millikan

Great news story on deadly two car accident and community involvement to help farm family after tragedy. Good lead.

Third Place - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, Davette Baxter/Jennifer Mattingly

Well written flood damage story with excellent side bar. Spot news story on one family's survival. Excellent quotes throughout.

Honorable Mention - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers

Unusual spot news story on dove and cemetery tomb. Well written. Good quotes from parents.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington

Thorough treatment of bizarre story. Covered all sides very well, gave police opportunity to squash some silly rumors.

Second Place - CRITTENDEN PRESS, Chris Evans

Article helps readers understand the extent of victims' families suffering. A pull-out quote from Mrs. Tinsley would have been helpful.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Dale Morton

Good job on a "Talk of the town" incident". Facts clearly states in one article; opinions moved to sidebar, nice treatment.

Honorable Mention - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Tim Ballard

There's probably some social issues involved here about putting an 86 year-old man in jail, but including them here would have

diminished the human interest angle.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Kelly Menser

Great writing! I could feel the heat and smell the smoke. You took the readers with the family through their living hell.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers

Tough subject and good writing. You put the readers into the pain and the joy of love. The prodigal son truly touches hearts.

Third Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Tim Ballard

Uplifting story. Good lead and good story. It kept my attention.

Honorable Mention - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Beth Curlin

Good story and writing. I would suggest adding close calls of flight nurse, most touching moment, etc.

Category 5 - Best Column (One Subject)

First Place - CLAY CITY TIMES, Don Perry

Although Perry's columns could use extra editing for grammar, and I didn't always agree with the stands he took, it was easy to select this young journalist for the first place column award. He is unafraid of controversial topics and takes pains to back up his opinions with fact and humor. A very talented young journalist.

Second Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Kelly Menser

Good topics, well written.

Third Place - TIE - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

Very well written, funny and sensitive.

Third Place - TIE - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Steve Olding

Well written, funny and sensitive. Honorable Mention - CLAY CITY TIMES, Carrie Rigsby

This young columnist should be encouraged to continue her often humorous, well written columns.

Category 6 - Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Debbie Polly

Personal, anecdotal style puts us right in the middle of what she's writing about, whether a major accident or a simple bad day.

Second Place - TROUBLESOME CREEK TIMES, Paul Daley

A column by an 11-year-old? Unique and fascinating. A fresh and honest look at life's little oddities. Good reading by a good writer.

Third Place - CRITTENDEN PRESS, Nancy Mick

Light, breezy approach to fun topics.

Honorable Mention - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, Davette Baxter

Nice, insightful column about children earning money. Her warmth toward her parents is palpable.

Category 7 - Best Sports Column

First Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Denis House

A lot of people complain about what sports celebs are doing, but they can't remember all the who's and when's, good research.

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Chris Gramke

I wish more people would explain what the charity is all about when promoting a "charity" event. Your column explains it well.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Kevin Birchfield

Good idea, but you should have expressed the idea of playing a different patriotic song at ball games a little sooner in the column.

Category 8 - Best Sports Story

First Place - TROUBLESOME CREEK TIMES, Ron Daley

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Chris Gramke

Third Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Chris Gramke

Honorable Mention - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Tom Bystrek

Category 9 - Best Sports Feature

First Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Morgan C. McKinley

A sports feature about a little league umpire? Obviously, this man means more than that to the baseball community and you did a great job of pointing that out.

Second Place - TROUBLESOME CREEK TIMES, Ron Daley

Heartwarming story. Good job of blending facts with some obviously personal insights.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Dale G. Morton

Gee, what a "tough" assignment this must have been. You made it fun to read, which is exactly what it should have been.

Honorable Mention - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Morgan C. McKinley

Who says the society page gets to have all the great love stories? Good job.

Category 10 - Best Investigative/Analytical Story

First Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Tim Ballard

Excellent coverage on too common of a problem of getting the state to get things done. Contained good, balanced information.

Second Place - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, Davette Baxter

This also was good coverage of a too common problem. Good interviews and use of quotes.

Third Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Diane Goetz

Voters were given good information on an important issue.

Honorable Mention - FALMOUTH OUTLOOK, Debbie Dennie

These comparisons should have shook up the KSP. There was a

lot of work in this article. Good job!

Category 11 - Best Story Series

First Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Beth Curlin

Great series!! The press too often neglects the stories of the family farm. Curlin's stories are detailed and interesting to read.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Staff

Nice amount of variation while sticking to a common theme. Profile pieces do a good job of introducing the reader to the individuals.

Third Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Lois Sutherland

Sutherland does a thorough job of tracing the development of Campbell County. a little less

extraneous information would have made some articles more interesting.

Category 12 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Allen Blair

a 2-column story certainly led to many more follow-up stories. The prominent display of each follow-up story helped the public keep up.

Second Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington

A tough call from an editorial standpoint. Departing from normal reporting style and language in order to provide details of sensitive and very personal issues. Perhaps a little too graphic however.

Third Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jamie Baker-Nantz

You wrote life into what could have been a very tedious story.

Honorable Mention - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, Davette Baxter

Competent reporting, showing that the retiring school superintendent was not the source of the revenue shortfall was a good point to make early on.

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Eric Wessel

Good short lead. Good overview of a complex story. Great quotes throughout showing plight of local farmers.

Second Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Beth Curlin

Nice well-written story on restaurant and historic building its now located in.

Third Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Tim Ballard

Great lead paragraph. Easy to understand and writing style, filled with good quotes.

Honorable Mention - TROUBLESOME CREEK TIMES, Karen Joy Jones

Good story on a nail salon. Lead paragraph a bit lengthy.

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Weekly Class 2

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Category 14 - Best General News Picture

First Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers
Car giveaway can be extremely dull event, but photo tells and sells the story.

Second Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Beth Curlin

Both photos strong, photographer has great eye. Humanity shines in the senior citizen shot.

Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Terry Sandridge
Disgusting, but attention getting.
Honorable Mention - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, David Hill

Photo a spirited look at a common event - graduation.

Category 15 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers

The photo, in one shot, conveys the serious nature of the fire, and the danger faced by the fire fighter as he works near the edge atop the room of the burning building.

Second Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Beth Curlin

The photo captures the emotion expressed on Mr. Fikes's face, while demonstrating the destructive nature of the storm. Good composition and use of lines created by the fallen debris.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Allen Blair

This photo displays well the team effort of firefighters as they attempt to bring a bad structural fire under control.

Honorable Mention - TROUBLESOME CREEK TIMES, Ron Daley
A "fresh" shot in an all-too-common scene, criminals being led to jail or court. The license plate in the lower left appears to add an editorial comment of its own.

Category 16 - Best News Picture Essay

First Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Dale Morton
Photos are well cropped to give best impact.

Second Place - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, David Hill
These photos tell the story well.

Third Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington

Screening too coarse. Press work really kept this entry from placing higher.

Honorable Mention - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Debbie Polly

Fewer photos at top would have made this entry better.

Category 17 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Eric Krosnes
Photographer has the knack of

catching what is essentially human.

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Eric Krosnes

Cute!

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers

Nice portrait shot with good use of special effect.

Honorable Mention - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, David Hill

Clever set-up for shot.

Category 18 - Best Feature Picture Essay

First Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Eric Krosnes

Eric Krosnes' faces theme, is well executed in these photos taken at the Alexandria Fair.

Second Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Neal Cardin/Linda Parker/Debbie Polly

The three Herald News photographers gave their readers a good feel for what the Lincoln Days festivities were about. A good mix of photo sizes and angles. Good use of color.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Beth Curlin

Good photographs of a pretty docile subject attract the reader's eye. Good detail work.

Honorable Mention - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers

Good series on a marching band competition, but it lacks a good tight shot of a musician on the competition field.

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture

First Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Denis House

Good action. Well cropped. Color separations need work.

Second Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Debbie Polly

Nice action shot. Cropping could have been tighter vertically.

Third Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Eric Krosnes

Action swim shots are a challenge to take. This is a good one. Good press work helped.

Honorable Mention - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, David Hill

Good expressive action-stopping shot. Well cropped.

Category 20 - Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers

A true photo story, with a number of great shots.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Denis House

Two shots tell a strong, straight forward story.

Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

Top right shot makes a great anchor for the page.

Honorable Mention - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Kelly Menser

It's cute, almost too cute.

TOMMIE BUC

No Place Like Home ... Plate For Long-Time Seebree Umpire

A Sports story by Morgan C. McKinley
Pictures by Charlie Hunt

Tommy has a special place in Seebree. He was born and raised there. When he was 10, he was in the 10th grade at Seebree High School. He was a member of the Seebree High School Football Team. He was a member of the Seebree High School Basketball Team. He was a member of the Seebree High School Track and Field Team. He was a member of the Seebree High School Chess Team. He was a member of the Seebree High School Debate Team. He was a member of the Seebree High School Student Body. He was a member of the Seebree High School Glee Club. He was a member of the Seebree High School Honor Society. He was a member of the Seebree High School National Honor Society. He was a member of the Seebree High School Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. He was a member of the Seebree High School Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. He was a member of the Seebree High School Phi Gamma Delta Honor Society. He was a member of the Seebree High School Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. He was a member of the Seebree High School Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. He was a member of the Seebree High School Phi Gamma Delta Honor Society.





Morgan C. McKinley of The Journal-Enterprise (above) captured a first place in the Best Sports Feature category with a full-page spread on a long-time local umpire on the eve of his retirement. Below, one of the Laurel News-Leader's many first places was this spot news photo by Willie Sawyers.

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INSIDE

Get Stupid!
Get Busted!
New program
See Living, 1B



News-Leader/Willie Sawyers

Laurel News

London, Kentucky

Fire destroys landmark

WEEKLY CLASS 3

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick
Well-written, fact-laden, take on an unusual topic, hemp agriculture. Writer is clearly an independent thinker.

Second Place - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Kate Dickson
Taking on the country club set and the Mayor aren't easy things to do, but this writer does them anyway, and does them well.

Third Place - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Ralph B. Davis III
County's dull-witted short-sightedness is well illustrated here.

Honorable Mention - WAYNE COUNTY OUTLOOK, Staff
Nice spotlighting of a smelly situation

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White
Marvelously written. A very shocking and tragic story. White provides excellent background.

Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Dwain Harris
Well constructed. Harris gets to the heart of the story early on, then does a good job of developing it.

Third Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Charles Pearl
Could have used more quotes. In general, good writing.

Honorable Mention - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Travis Flora
Good utilization of sources. Could have used a better lead.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Charles Pearl
A powerful and appalling story was handled sensitively and with utmost respect for the victims. The writer was able to capture the essence of the victim and show her as a real person through incredibly poignant quotes.

Second Place - OLDHAM ERA, Kit Millay
Great lead launches well researched story regarding road and bridge safety issues. Many sources round out the report.

Third Place - BOONE COUNTY RECORDER, Karen Meiman
Balanced, forthright reporting gives readers a "heads up" to question a puzzling government proposal.

Honorable Mention - GRAYSON JOURNAL ENQUIRER, Larry Boblitt
Well explained.

Honorable Mention - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Ralph B. Davis
Notable lead, balanced reporting.

Honorable Mention - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Ralph B. Davis
Story involving the paper was handled in a very balanced fashion.

Honorable Mention - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Glen Greene
Real human interest, great quotes.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - BOONE COUNTY RECORDER, Dorothy Johnson
Great feature story lead. Gets reader involved with story immediately. Great quotes.

Second Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Philip A. Todd
Complicated feature needing good writer to bring together. Nice overview weaved into story.

Third Place - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Becky Barnes
Great feature. Writer took too long to get to punchline, or this would be judged higher.

Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White
Matchmaker story natural winner. Nice quotes.

Category 5 - Best Column (One Subject)

First Place - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Erin Milburn
A marvelous mastery of the language, plus timely subjects makes these columns a joy to read.

Second Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael Banks
Author shows wide range of talent, both humorous and thought provoking in these columns.

Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White
Author not afraid to make fun of himself and share it with his readers.

Honorable Mention - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Rosalind Turner
Interesting concepts.

Category 6 - Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place - MOUNTAIN CITIZEN, INEZ, Eugene Sisko
This writing has a bitter edge, but a very sharp one. A fine talent here. By the way, I once saw a dance performance in which no one moved. Federal grant of course.

Second Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker
Pogs, cookies, diets, the stuff of ordinary life, tackled with a lively, fresh style. The passage about Jane Austin is wonderfully done.

Third Place - GRAYSON JOURNAL ENQUIRER, Larry Boblitt
Nice and personal piece on Vietnam. It's hard to find common ground on this diverse bit of history, but he found it.

Category 7 - Best Sports Column

First Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael Banks
No competition!

Second Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Chris Hamilton
Great column on birth of daughter. Never thought of it in sporting

terms before. Continue creative writing ways.

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mitch Howard
Easy to read. Interesting material.

Honorable Mention - MEADE COUNTY MESSENGER, Toby Chamberlain
Good focus on local sports/athletes. Don't be afraid to be creative.

Category 8 - Best Sports Story

First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mitch Howard
Second Place - OLDHAM ERA, Mickey Patterson
Third Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Charles Pearl
Honorable Mention - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael Banks

Category 9 - Best Sports Feature

First Place - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Glen Greene
Original story idea.

Second Place - OLDHAM ERA, Mickey Patterson
Strong story development.

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mitch Howard
Nice quotes.

Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, John Herndon
Well written.

Category 10 - Best Investigative/Analytical Story

First Place - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Travis Flora
Well written story on secret illegal meeting involving pay raises. Nice sidebar story on wages above state average.

Second Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Philip A. Todd
Great analysis following car-deer accident of county wide problem involving 25 percent increase of deer population.

Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White
Great investigative story using school money for jail bond. My compliments for the sidebar story that superintendent feels he didn't break law. Good quotes from all sides.

Honorable Mention - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mark White
Good analytical story on child support collections. Great deal of factual information given without overwhelming the reader.

Category 11 - Best Story Series

First Place - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Travis Flora
Well planned and researched series takes the reader from the context setting statistics through the legal procedures all the way to the personal pain of child abuse. Thorough and informative. A clear winner in this category.

Second Place - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Erin Milburn
Scholarly and wide ranging treatment of issues relating to generation X. Editorial moment incorporated into articles.

Third Place - MOUNTAIN CITIZEN, Ronnie Hickman/Lisa Stayton
Clear, even-handed coverage of important union issue.

Honorable Mention - OLDHAM ERA, Mickey Patterson
Strong local interest, well done.

Honorable Mention - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, List Hurst
Excellent display, concisely written. Shows that a series doesn't have to be bulky to succeed.

Category 12 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael Banks
Excellent job in presenting the often mind numbing financial facts of a local school district. Quotes, charts aid presentation of information.

Second Place - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Ralph B. Davis
Good job of covering various aspects of trial and its community-wide effect. Sidebars might have enhanced longer stories.

Third Place - PULASKI WEEK, Sherry Price/Stuart Simpson
An interesting read that, at the same time leaves readers doubting and rooting for the subject.

Honorable Mention - MOUNTAIN CITIZEN, Diane Smith
A good effort of covering an extensive, information rich court story.

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Glen Greene
Lead could be sharper, but writer has obviously gone digging for the who's, the what's and especially the why's in a major local business story.

Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Dwain Harris
Everybody's doing ostrich stories these days, but this one wins because of the brisk, colorful writing. A strong talent.

Third Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Charles Pearl
Sensual imagery enhances lead. Old man's simple story is compelling.

Honorable Mention - MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, Bert Scent
Poking fun at your interview subject in your lead is an unusual and effective approach.

Category 14 - Best General News Picture

First Place - PULASKI WEEK, Stuart Simpson
Second Place - MOUNTAIN CITIZEN, Roger Smith
Third Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Maleena D. Streeval
Honorable Mention - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Glen Greene

Category 15 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael Banks
Out of the ordinary.

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Weekly Class 3

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Second Place - CITIZEN TIMES, SCOTTSVILLE, Robert B. Pitchford III

Another "bizarre" image. Third Place - PULASKI WEEK, Stuart Simpson

Inquiring cows made this a curious image. Honorable Mention - OLDHAM ERA, Kit Millay

Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, Dwain Harris

Category 16 - Best News Picture Essay

First Place - PULASKI WEEK, Stuart Simpson

Not only a good exercise for the HazMat team, but a good exercise in planning for news staff. Good thinking.

Second Place - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Spring Ulmer

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Frank Newman

Good overall coverage plus tight shots of victims.

Category 17 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman

Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Dwain Harris

Third Place - BARBOURVILLE MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, Bert Scent

Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, Dwain Harris

Honorable Mention - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick

Honorable Mention - MEADE COUNTY MESSENGER, Glen Williams

Category 18 - Best Feature Picture Essay

First Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael Banks

Nice large lead photo! A clean layout package that told the story.

Second Place - UNION COUNTY

ADVOCATE, Michael Banks Again, a good lead photo.

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Frank Newman

Images were diverse. Quick read. Honorable Mention - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick

Honorable Mention - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Lisa Hurst

Honorable Mention - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Frank Newman

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture

First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Frank Newman

Good peak moment out of all the celebration photos.

Second Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mitch Howard

What really held this photo back from getting first was a loose crop. Outstanding expression on catcher and good peak action is lost with all the other "noise."

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Frank Newman

Good action. Honorable Mention - BENTON TRIBUNE COURIER, John Wright

Honorable Mention - OLDHAM ERA, Kit Millay

Category 20 - Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Frank Newman

Too many photos on the page, lead photo is lost, does give a feel for the event.

Second Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Maleena D. Streeval

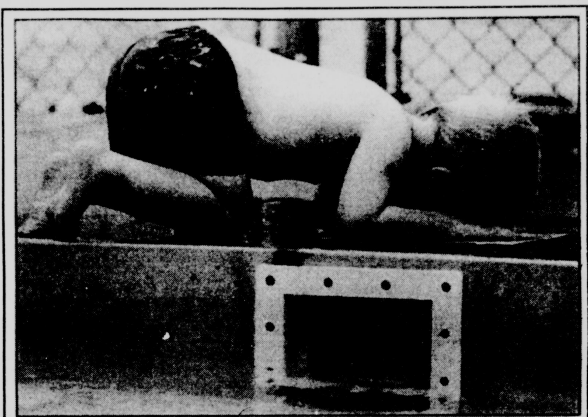
Best expressions tighter design needed.

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Frank Newman

Nick package photographer didn't park himself under the basket.

Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, Tim Thornberry

Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, Dwain Harris



This photo from Donna Carman of the Casey County News garnered a first place award in the Best Feature Picture category in the Weekly Class 3 division.

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Lynchburg, Kentucky, Wednesday, January 3, 1996

House fire kills father and
Long-time farm family
stricken by tragedy

By Don White
A house fire in Lynchburg, Ky., on Monday night killed a father and left a family of six in a state of shock and grief.

The fire, which broke out at about 10:30 p.m., destroyed a two-story brick house on the corner of 10th and 11th streets. The fire department arrived at the scene at 11:15 p.m. and worked for about an hour to contain the fire.

The fire caused about \$100,000 in damage to the house. The fire department is still investigating the cause of the fire.

The fire killed the father, who was 55 years old. The family consists of the mother, 52, and four children, ages 12, 10, 8 and 6.

The family has lived in the house for 25 years. The father was a long-time resident of Lynchburg and was well-known in the community.

The family is now staying in a hotel in Lynchburg. The mother is in a state of shock and is unable to talk about the fire.

The fire department is still investigating the cause of the fire. The fire was caused by a faulty electrical wire, according to the fire department.

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The tragic story of a farming family stricken by tragedy (left) won Best Spot News Story for Don White and the Anderson News.



The Union County Advocate's Michael Banks was the winner in the Best Spot News Picture category. The award helped the newspaper secure second place in the General Excellence competition for Weekly Class 3.

Life As We Know It
by Erin Milburn

Is it just me, or do you miss the days when the initials "o.j." conjured up images in cool and refreshing orange instead of seething black and white? Well, boys and girls, thanks to the Simpson Saga, it looks as though we are destined to accept yet another constitutional altering of our national subconscious.

Of course, the evolution of the American vernacular is a natural process which has been constant throughout time. Remember when gay used to mean carefree and bad used to mean not-good? Today, those who identify themselves as "gay" appear to have more than their share of cares and if anyone under the age of 25 refers to you as "bad," I think you should take that as a compliment.

Overall, I'm pretty flexible about the typical mutation of the English language. (In fact, as a former high school teacher and mother of six, flexible is my middle name.) What concerns me is not the vocabulary muddling which the Simpson trial showcased, but rather, the bitter aftermath the whole experience left in my mouth.

I must admit, I have not been a loyal trial groupie. I have been content to hit the highlights with Ted Koppel and Katie Couric. I tried to watch the play-by-play but found it a little too surreal to digest - I always have trouble with an entree in which the fat, sugar and spices overwhelm the substance of the dish. All that distinguished the trial from "Days of Our Lives" was the lack of commercials for diapers and feminine hygiene products. Yet, it was labeled as the media event of the century and was treated as such. My question is...why?

Commentators and pundits have described the trial as a reflection of modern American society, all of its revelations concerning shady police investigation, sloppy forensic work and bigoted officials illuminating a greater reality of rampant corruption and racism plaguing our streets. Was this news to you? Didn't we all know, before June 12, 1994, that our little corner of the world needs some spit and polish?

I certainly give credit to the lawyers and the media for providing us, in Mark Fuhrman, a new poster child for the "Association of American 'Heasels'" and Marcia Clark's parade through hairstyle purgatory was definitely an exhilarating experience, but where, in this 15 month circus of soundbites and legal posturing was there any new lesson learned?

Do you trust the police or the legal system or the media any more or less today than you did 15 months ago? Can you now pick the "nice card" out of a newly opened deck? Millions of taxpayer dollars were spent and hundreds of hours of time devoted not to the cure for cancer or AIDS, not to the passing of legislation to protect abused wives and kids, not to the reform of an educational system, that on a global scale, ranks somewhere below Greenland's.

Instead, all that money and irreplaceable time went to feed our voracious

Erin Milburn of the Harrodsburg Herald entered her column titled "Life As We Know It" and took top honors in the Best Column (One Subject) category.

MULTI-WEEKLY

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Larry Martin
Strong opening and good argument! Great connection between a very specific example of abuse and a larger issue of governing. Strong closing too.

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Larry Martin
Nice sarcasm!!! You ask some questions that must be asked and ask them well. You are pretty successful at not getting bogged down in background, but in some points your argument gets a little lost in detail.

Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Linda Breed
Another good one!!

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Tammy Gay
This writer took an ugly incident and weaved a sensitive insightful story out of it. Instead of playing up the negative she sought a way to calm a communities fears. Not something that can be always accomplished, but she does it well.

Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Byron Brewer
Covers all the bases, well-written and done appropriately. Reporter hits the street and gathered interesting information.

Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Byron Brewer
Good coverage includes photos, well done sidebar, which helps tell complete story.

Honorable Mention - SHEPHERDSVILLE PIONEER NEWS, Thomas Barr

Most spot news type story would have been helped with more quotes. Headlines shouldn't be in color.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Tammy Gay
Solid coverage of the conviction is greatly enhanced by the sidebar story that gives the victim's mother a voice. Good mix of quotes and facts. Nicely done!

Second Place - PRINCETON TIMES LEADER, Anita Baker
Clear reporting on an interesting story. The article is very thorough, but could have been edited down to avoid some repetition and improve readability.

Third Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Stan McKinney

Interesting story! I admire the courage you demonstrated (along with your publisher) in owning up to an article that told half the story. You handle this dilemma very well.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Janice Shepherd
Riveting story with lots of details. Good read!

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Chris Cochran
Nice descriptive writing. Good luck at family's problem.

Third Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Polly Ward
Good portrayal of man's devotion to his heritage.

Honorable Mention - PRINCETON TIMES LEADER, Anita Baker
Good lead. Nice story.

Category 5 - Best Column (One Subject)

First Place - TIE - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Chris Cochran
First Place - TIE - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, S. J. Ruth

Both of these columnists wrote with humor about subjects that would have seemed dry or maudlin if handled by someone with less talent. This category had several excellent entries, it is a testament to Cochran and Ruth's writing abilities that they were selected as first place winners.

Second Place - TIE - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Larry Martin

He explained complicated subject in interesting, understandable prose.

Second Place - TIE - BARDSTOWN KENTUCKY STANDARD, Amy Taylor

Both winners deserve praise for addressing important public issues.

Third Place - TIE - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Teresa Rice
Third Place - TIE - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Larry Webster

Both columnists write concisely about interesting subjects. They deserve praise.

Honorable Mention - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Scott Perry
Honorable Mention - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Byron Brewer

Honorable Mention - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Richard RoBards

Honorable Mention - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Christi Poole

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Beth Johnson

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Rebecca Ray
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Ron Greenwell

Category 6 - Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, S. J. Ruth
Excellent! Every newspaper should have a columnist like S.J. Ruth. The humor is wonderful, well-written and much needed.

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Marty Backus
Good writing and good variety of subjects. Good strong opinions.

Third Place - FLOYD COUNTY

TIMES, Scott Perry
There's plenty food for thought, good job.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Carolyn Willett
Something for everyone. Nice humor.

Category 7 - Best Sports Column

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Rick Bentley
A variety of topics well done and well written. Column goes the extra distance. Writer does know what he's talking about!

Second Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Chris Aldridge
Columnist was forced to PUT up or shut up and it worked well. Good writing and interesting subjects.

Third Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Bobby Brockman

Nice broad range of well-written subjects. Column on softball league versus city council was especially well done.

Category 8 - Best Sports Story

First Place - RUSSELLVILLE NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Jason Miller

Good quotes punctuate this report on an exciting game. Clear writing, nice work!

Second Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Bobby Brockman

Third Place - NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Jason Miller

Category 9 - Best Sports Feature

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Paul Allen Adkins

Excellent lead draws readers in three ways — and is interesting. Story flows well and contains information in an enjoyable format. Excellent job!!

Second Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Ron Greenwell

Unusual entry considering where it ran. Well written and works well. Good lead and very good ending.

Third Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Chris Aldridge

Excellent use of a local story idea. It's amazing the reporter was able to capture the whole subject so well. Good community journalism!

Honorable Mention - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Ed Taylor

Category 10 - Best Investigative/Analytical Story

First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Rebecca Ray

A thorough look at an issue that takes into account a variety of opinions. Good use of quotes, sidebar and chart to evaluate the impact of the new school calendar.

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Linda Breed

Congratulations on seeking out and obtaining this information! You did a good job explaining the situation and way the newspaper wanted to tell its readers about the settlement.

Third Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Rebecca Ray

Charts accentuate this report on an issue many residents might not be aware of. You offer a balanced look at need for inspections and why departments find it difficult to offer them.

Honorable Mention - NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Jason Miller/Sherri Osborne/Jim Turner/Karla Bilberry
The sheer volume of coverage is impressive.

Category 11 - Best Story Series

First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Rebecca Ray
Great stories on school to work program students and then successes. Excellent quotes.

Second Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Rebecca Ray
Three stories on the Bullitt County tornado and how it affected Lois Bullock. In-depth, great reading.

Third Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Amy Taylor

Multi scenes on health care reform and how it affected local residents. Good statistics.

Honorable Mention - NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Eddie Kolb

Three-part series on religion. Only criticism is that it took seven paragraphs to capture reader's attention.

Category 12 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Tammy Gay

Thorough, factual coverage from start to finish, and the finish of a hometown police problem. Effective use of sidebars.

Second Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Amy Taylor

Excellent real person coverage of tragic event. Stories likely helped change public perception of a problem. Good selection of quotes.

Third Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Patti Clark/Susan Allen

Extensive coverage of an elected official's legal problems and their effect on county operations. Sidebars would have helped presentation of lengthy information.

Honorable Mention - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Stan McKinney

Seldom seen series on one person's quest of a dream. Good writing and continuation of a theme.

Honorable Mention - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Stan McKinney

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Amy Taylor

Excellent conversational style that easily translates business facts into understandable sentences, numbers and all. A superb grasp of writing for — not over or down to — the readers.

Second Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Rebecca Ray

A close second. Excellent use of quotes from strong sources tied to historical economic facts and local

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Taxing Matters

The proposed boundaries for new tax districts have been set to complete the process of engineering a 911 service in Floyd County.

See how they may affect you in this issue.

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GEORGETOWN NEWS-GRAPHIC

Kennedy found guilty

Georgetown man convicted of reckless homicide

By TAMMY GAY



After nearly seven hours of deliberation, a Scott County jury found 22-year-old Chad Kennedy guilty of reckless homicide and leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

The 12-member jury heard the case over a five-day period and came back with their decision about 7 p.m. Friday.

Kennedy was accused of being intoxicated when he hit and killed a woman riding a bicycle with his Ford Bronco in 1994, officials said.

He left the accident on Aug. 6, 1994, on Cherry Blossom Way, which killed Sabrina Gibson, 23, as she was riding her bicycle home from Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Gibson, who suffered multiple injuries, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Kennedy turned himself in to the Scott County Attorney's office on Aug. 8 and was arrested.

A sentence of 30 months for the reckless homicide charge and six months and a \$1,000 fine for leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident charge was agreed on by the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and Kennedy's attorney, Alva Holton Jr., said Mary Kay Holton, his wife.

Kennedy testified Thursday in Scott Circuit Court. He was found guilty of reckless homicide and leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

Family says if Kennedy had stopped it would have made a difference

By TAMMY GAY

"If Chad would have stopped and talked to me, they said because he's a young boy and he has the right to be heard."

Janice Shepherd of the Floyd County Times (above) took top honors in the feature story category in the multi-weekly division with this story about a brother and sister who survived a tornado. At right, Tammy Gay of the Georgetown News-Graphic had the winning general news story for her trial coverage of a young man accused of vehicular homicide.

Multi-Weekly

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projections.

Third Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Patti Clark
Good use of sources and presentation of numbers. Easy to follow writing was understandable for readers of various education levels.
Honorable Mention - **CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL**, Stan McKinney
Good focus on one element of Kentucky journalism. Could use more quotes from story's participants.

Category 14 - Best General News Picture
First Place - **APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS**, Rhonda Simpson
Waiting for the right moment during what was probably a routine meeting the photographer was able to catch the expression which tells the story.
Second Place - **KENTUCKY STANDARD**, Beth Johnson
Tighter cropping would have helped this shot. Technically excellent with lots of emotion!
Third Place - **PRINCETON TIMES LEADER**, Anita Baker
Capturing expression well tips picture. Helps tell a story within a story.
Honorable Mention - **CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL**, Stan McKinney
Good photo that works with story. Needs a little darkroom or computer help.

Category 15 - Best Spot News Picture
First Place - **CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL**, Mike Farmer
Richard RoBards
Technical perfection combined with being in the right spot, puts this on top! A good variety of shots tells whole story.
Second Place - **PRINCETON TIMES LEADER**, Anita Baker
Being on the scene and recording it well this photographer captures rescue well. Excellent press work helps it stand out.
Third Place - **KENTUCKY STANDARD**, Beth Johnson
Photo should have run bigger and cropped tighter on page one. Emotions run high at times like this and photographer did excellent job catching them.

Category 16 - Best News Picture Essay
First place - **APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS**, Rhonda Simpson
From technique to design this essay is a winner! Good use of camera skills, variety of distances to subjects and some time spent shooting helps too!
Second Place - **APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS**, Rhonda Simpson
Strong lay-out helps this package. Photographer uses variety of shots to tell story. Reproduction is excellent!! Good local shots highlight event.
Third Place - **KENTUCKY STANDARD**, Amy Taylor
Strong, solid photos. Well placed on page. good dominant image photos show emotions of days event. Well done!
Honorable Mention - **SHELBYVILLE PIONEER NEWS**, Stan McKinney

Category 17 - Best Feature Picture
First Place - **KENTUCKY STANDARD**, Amy Taylor
Great timing! The expressions on the kids' faces are fabulous. You captured the moment at its peak.
Second Place - **CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL**, Stan McKinney
Great close-up shot that pulls the reader into the photo. The tight, simple shot really stands out.
Third Place - **CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL**, Stan McKinney
Capturing the emotion in a photo is the most important thing. Photo does a good job of illustrating story. Technically speaking, the photo is not a strong.
Honorable Mention - **SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS**, Chris Aldridge
The play really emphasizes the strengths of the photo.

Category 18 - Best Feature Picture Essay
First Place - **APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS**, Rhonda Simpson
Every one of these images is of gallery caliber!! Perhaps alternating full ad and photo pages will help give the great photos even better play. Great portfolio!
Second Place - **APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS**, Rhonda Simpson
A good variety of lenses adds impact to this photo essay.
Third Place - **GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC**, Kristi Lopez
Good dominant image and nice variety of shots. Photos work well in telling a story.
Honorable Mention - **CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL**, Stan McKinney

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture
First Place - **KENTUCKY STANDARD**, Beth Johnson
Timing is everything in this picture. Emotion, composition and cropping all click in this photo. Nice work!
Second Place - **APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS**, Paul Allen Adkins
This photo certainly does the job of "more and better" sports coverage. A great reaction shot from a photographer who was really paying attention.
Third Place - **APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS**, Michael Browning
Again, timing is key here. Tighter cropping would have enhanced this action shot.
Honorable Mention - **SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS**, Chris Aldridge
Glad you had the insight to take this picture and run it this big!

Category 20 - Best Sports Picture Essay
First Place - **APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS**, Rhonda Simpson
Photographer knows all the right techniques and does excellent. Good composition and design. Great emotion.
Second Place - **APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS**, Rhonda Simpson
Wins again! Again, all the right shots in all the right places.
Third Place - **PRINCETON TIMES LEADER**, Todd Griffin
Good action. Internal margins being inconsistent detracts a touch from these fine photos.

DAILY CLASS 1

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Raymond Short
Takes on a subject that strikes closest to the heart: religious freedom. Crisp, concise writing style. Does not indulge in self-righteousness.

Second Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, John Henson
Reminds both the county board of education and readers how important and vital it is to select leaders who know how to lead.

Third Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Bill Blakeman
Admonishes without berating Board of Commissioners for their pay raise. Cut down on sentence length.

Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Matt Stahl
Very thorough.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Jeff Drummond
Great stories emerging day after devastating tornado.

Second Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Jeff Drummond/Keith Taylor
Impact of incident rather than incident itself sets this story above other spot news stories.

Third Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Craig Henderson
Best lede among all the stories, everyone gets a chance to try to explain a bizarre and tragic death.
Honorable Mention - RICHMOND REGISTER, Tammy Gay
Perfect approach to cop story. The witness photo coverage really expands readers' understanding of the scene.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Pat Rigney
Who wouldn't read this story? Combines history documentation and lots of quotes to report very bizarre story of public hanging.

Second Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Craig Henderson
Close to home, a mother protecting her kids. People can do something to help themselves. Story also shows why government can't always do it.

Third Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Rebecca Mullins
Hot button topic loaded with facts and opinions. Very black and white issue covered with attempt to fill in the gray area.
Honorable Mention - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Jeff Farrell
Loaded with quotes, nice narrative style. But it was hard to determine what was factual; mostly he said/she said quotes.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Fred Petke
What most kids imagine doing, Fred showed them how with his first-person account of firefighter training. Story made complete with main bar and photos.

Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Barbara Phillips Long
Photos draw the readers but the story keeps them. Very informational with out being promotional.

Third Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Betty Smith
Pets and kids are the can't lose combination of journalism features, so wayward chickens must be number two.

Honorable Mention - RICHMOND REGISTER, Todd Blevins
Without pondering for pity, Blevins allows lung disease victim to tell her story. Caretakers or patients will be especially gratified by it.

Category 5 - Best Column (One Subject)

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jennifer Hardiman Shearer
Humor is treated well. Subjects are things all parents can identify with and can chuckle along with the columnist. Enjoyable reading.

Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Kellee Edwards
Very personal columns. Fine effort on flashback with "Braving the forbidden" column. All three columns are very readable and keep the reader's interest.

Third Place - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Bill Mardis
Clever style sure to bring a chuckle.

Honorable Mention - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Constance Alexander
Interesting personal comments on three very different subjects.

Category 6 - Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Phyllis Sizemore
Great story-teller, and good command of language not often found among rural contributing staffers.

Second Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Bill Blakeman
Anecdotal style works well, giving impression that this guy ponders over a lot of information behind that desk.

Third Place - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Amy Helm Wilson
More newspapers should encourage young staffers to write columns, it leads to a greater awareness of their role as community journalists.

Category 7 - Best Sports Column

First Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Todd Blevins
Good pace, mixing short and long sentences and paragraphs. Broad appeal by subject selection, not heavy handed or written to fulfill an ego thirst.

Second Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Jeff Drummond
Style is light and informative.

Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Rick Greene
Honorable Mention - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Jeff Neal

Good command of sports knowledge but way to long to sustain reader interest.

Category 8 - Best Sports Story

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr
Great lede; excitement of championship effort effectively captured.

Second Place - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Steve Parker
Compelling story of a student athlete who has triumphed despite the odds. Uses several sources to complete the picture of Vincent Rainey.

Third Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Todd Blevins
Not many people would agree that a bridge composition is sports or that it belongs on page one. No one, that is, except the reader. Nice job.

Honorable Mention - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Jeff Drummond
Best writer in the category, if with an ordinary sports event.

Category 9 - Best Sports Feature

First Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Keith Taylor
Warm personal story of a man who has made a personal comeback.

Better artwork would have lifted this feature even higher.

Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Barbara Phillips Long
You don't have to be a sportswriter to write about something or someone as interesting as these senior athletes. Compelling subject.

Third Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, A.C. Mullins III
Most thorough reporting job in the category.

Honorable Mention - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Jeff Drummond
Blending two talents requires skill for the subject and the writer, who has to weave them together for the reader. Nice job.

Category 10 - Best Investigative/Analytical Story

First Place - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Michele Munz
Series on domestic violence the most thorough of any entry, lots of information, stats and sources. Would have been even better with a gripping personal piece on one case.

Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Kellee Edwards
If anyone in the community wants to know what is wrong or right with local schools, read this report. School officials, however, are not very good at analyzing such info.

Third Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Rebecca Mullins/Julie

Lawson

Street project is obviously important to the community and the newspaper gives it the wide-eyed perspective it needs for community to respond to.

Honorable Mention - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Fred Petke
Not as thorough but certainly timely and important. Graphics greatly aids the report.

Category 11 - Best Story Series

First Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Tammy Gay/Rachel Mantooth/Regina Burns/Rebecca Mullins
Excellent information. Great reading.

Second Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Tammy Gay
Four-part series on crime in Richmond. Short paragraphs. Easy to understand writing skill. Great job.

Third Place - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Jeff Neal
Great series. Great analysis and in-depth reporting.

Honorable Mention - RICHMOND REGISTER, Tammy Gay/Regina Burns/Rachel Mantooth/Jeff Drummond
Employment series, all well written and researched.

Category 12 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Bill Blakeman
Volatile school but strike and subsequent actions required someone who could stay close and keep their head above water at all times. Bill did this well!

Second Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Nikki Lockhart/Beth Minor/Christopher Neal
Excellent effort.

Third Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Craig Henderson/Beth Minor
They covered the story as it unfolded, showing all the twists and turns from beginning to end of the murder trial.

Honorable Mention - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Danna Estridge
Referendums can be dull and dry but hospital election issue obviously was closely followed.

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr
Captures the personality of the business as well as informing the reader about micro-breweries. Well displayed.

Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER-INDEPENDENT, Barbara Phillips Long
Thorough reporting, telling the story and its ramifications from more than one perspective. Solid reporting.

Third Place - HARLAN DAILY

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Daily Class 1

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ENTERPRISE, Jeff Bobo
Concise package of information workers need to hear. Clearly written, good use of quotes.
Honorable Mention - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, William Saunders
Nicely packaged, well written.
Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, William Kelly
Nicely packaged. Zeroed in on real story.
Honorable Mention - RICHMOND REGISTER, Todd Blevins
Not only tells the story, but also the effects. Good lede.

Category 14 - Best General News Picture
First Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Todd Blevins
Great emotion, expression to tell the story.
Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Steve Shaffer
Well thought out. The photographer appears to have wanted to capture a "less obvious moment."
Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner
Great local tie-in to a national story.
Honorable Mention - RICHMOND REGISTER, d'Art Lykins
Honorable Mention - WINCHESTER SUN, James Mann
Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner

Category 15 - Best Spot News Picture
First Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Steve Shaffer
Good composition, clean, very emotional. Ran too small!!
Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner
Quick read of the moment. It showed that something very important was lost by the subject.
Third Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Keith Taylor
Could use tighter crop from left. The child's face really shows the terror of the situation.
Honorable Mention - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Nikki Lockhart
Quiet, non-intrusive moment of fire victims.
Honorable Mention - RICHMOND REGISTER, Phil Poynter
Honorable Mention - RICHMOND REGISTER, d'Art Lykins

Category 16 - Best News Picture Essay
First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, James Mann
Looks like the photographer got drenched. Good story telling of one specific area.
Second Place - MAYSVILLE

LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Steve Shaffer
Looks like time waiting for President to show up was well spent.
Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bernard Kane
Emotions come through without faces.

Category 17 - Best Feature Picture
First Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Phil Poynter
A pure moment.
Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Steve Shaffer
A different point of view blended with style and content.
Third Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Christopher Neal
A fun image. Would have been stronger if the background was cleaner.
Honorable Mention - WINCHESTER SUN, James Mann
Insightful personality shot. Strong use of lighting, color and depth of field made this stand out.
Honorable Mention - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Roy Mobley
Fun slice of life feature.

Category 18 - Best Feature Picture Essay
First Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Pat Rigney
Three very simple photos that tell a story about the kids' day in the woods.
Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Steve Shaffer
An odd "find" on the feature beat.
Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner
Honorable Mention - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Craig Henderson

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture
First Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner
Photographer was on his toes and caught a fleeting moment.
Second Place - WINCHESTER SUN, James Mann
Good expression on faces, not just another action photo.
Third Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, d'Art Lykins
Nice grab in the rain.
Honorable Mention - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr
Tension on faces and body contact kept this one in.

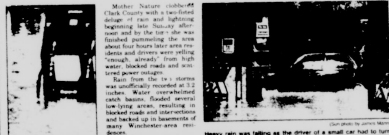
Category 20 - Best Sports Picture Essay
First Place - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Bernard Kane
Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Steve Shaffer
Third Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr

Letter threatens public hangings in Big Laurel

By PAT MANN RIGNEY
A letter has passed since the last one was mailed to Harlan County.
The event, as documented in the Harlan Public History Book, took place in 1907 with several residents witnessing the execution.
Now - 91 years later - another public hanging has been scheduled by a newspaper person who has printed at least five mail-order letters.
The writer mailed letters to "various neighbors," telling them to attend the public hanging scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at 4 p.m.
The first letters were mailed on Feb. 12 and were postmarked "Southwestern, Ky 40374."
Based on the stamp, the letters could have come from anywhere, "said Kim Kelly, State Police Trooper, Maysville, Ky."
The letter stated that 15 individuals will be hanged at the Big Laurel Post Office.
The letter read:
We the concerned citizens of Big Laurel will be conducting a hanging on April 6, 1997, at 4 p.m. This will take place on the steps at the Big Laurel Post Office. The following people will be hanging in order of height and age: 15 names were listed.
We the people feel that these individuals are a menace to our community and society. If you do not join in our fight for freedom and justice, Big Laurel could be the next to go.
The 15 individuals named in the letter did not receive any written notification of their public hanging.
Instead they were informed by person who received the anonymous notification.
The first two individuals listed are Jerry and Bertha Turner, a couple which resided in the Big Laurel Post Office.
"I don't know why my name is on the list, but I don't like it," Jerry Turner said. "It made me mad because it's degrading the family and it's a disgrace."
The Turners were informed about the letter by others within the small community. "I was mad. I was really mad, and I still am," said Bertha Turner.
One recipient said the writer appeared to be an educated person, due to the fact that he or she used correct punctuation and that no mistakes were made in the typed letter.
"In other words, it was not crafted by a teenager person," he said.
The individuals named on the letter apparently have no actual criminal ties.
The youngest individual listed is a 16-year-old high school student who lives only a few feet from the community post office.
Benjamin "Sam" Coates, Jr. was listed sixth on the list. His father, Benny Coates, Sr., did not find the letter amusing.
"I'm glad mad about it. I'm just upset," he said. "If there was going to hang my kid, they are going to have to hang me too."
"You can never tell about something like this. You can't take it as a joke. There's no sense in that and there's no sense to go on over there. I can't take it as a joke myself."
Buckner requested that anyone with information contact Pat 10 at 578-3111.



The Harlan Daily Enterprise's Pat Rigney won first place in the Best General News Story category with this story about threats of a public hanging in a rural community in Harlan County.



Heavy rain was falling as the driver of a small car had to turn around and head back out of flood water that was getting deeper as he drove on the West Main on the bypass early Sunday evening.



Mount Sterling boy drowns; possible tornado hits Meade

Meade, Ky. (AP) - A 10-year-old boy drowned in a Meade Sterling Road Saturday morning, after being swept by a powerful tornado in Meade County as severe weather hammered Kentucky Sunday.
James Carter Walker was playing in the backyard of a family home when a flash flood on a nearby stream swept the boy through a 10-foot culvert, according to Meade Sterling Fire Chief Donnell Smith.
A body recovered by emergency responders was identified as 10-year-old Walker.
Walker's mother, Catherine, 30, wept into the water. She was weeping when she saw the body.
The girl through the culvert hole in the culvert and was swept into the stream. Walker was rescued and taken to Meade County Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.
Walker's body was found near Public Road about 1,000 feet downstream about 10:30 a.m.
"Several children were dispatched to the scene," Smith said.

James Mann of The Winchester Sun garnered a first place in the Best News Picture Essay category in Daily Class 1 for a photo package taken after severe thunderstorms dumped over 3 inches of rain on the area on a Sunday afternoon in May.



Steve Shaffer, Maysville Ledger-Independent, captured two teens comforting each other after a car accident and the scene was a first place winner for Best Spot News Picture.

DAILY CLASS 2

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Frank Boyett
Nice comparison to the sausage factory and the "butcher" job. Very clear position for readers understanding.
Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, David Greer
Very definite point of view. Reader knows the writer's position and he defends it.
Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Ron Jenkins
Well constructed job at retailing giant and how leverage is used against communities always looking for economic development.
Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Ron Jenkins
A few too many questions, readers probably would like to see the Gleaner's answers and positions.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Amy Wolford
Excellent writing. Very solid lead-graph that keep you reading. Solid content throughout story.
Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Amy Wolford
More of Wolford's excellent writing. Her leads are something all writers should take note.
Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Frank Boyett
Good reporting. Story keeps interest going.
Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Jamie Slagle
This also is a fine example of good writing and reporting. Nice job.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jennifer Conn
Excellent writing. Great coverage and quotes.
Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Amy Wolford
More great writing by Wolford. Good lead and content.
Third Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Amy Wolford
Good job. Wolford keeps reader in the story.
Honorable Mention - HOPKINSVILLE KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Tracy Sherrill
Nice job!

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Colleen Steffen
A tough category, lots of good entries. This was the best!
Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Stephanie Broadbent
Very descriptive. Good read.

Third Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, David Blackburn
Interesting story, well written.
Honorable Mention - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Mary Alice Holt
A freshly written "food" page feature.

Category 5 - Best Column (One Subject)

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Mike Anders
Three strong columns, each with a message and in easy-to-understand style.
Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Darrell Bird
Nice handling of different topics, humor evident in all three.
Third Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Leigh Allan
A nice variety of columns, the Papa John's University was cleverly written and makes a point. The hate column was handled well.
Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Evelyn Gander
Many, many fine columns in this category.

Category 6 - Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Tom Clinton
Expresses opinions in an appealing manner with brief covering of subjects. Humor combined with insight.
Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock
Opinions packaged well and each topic is very readable.
Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Judy Jenkins
Interesting people presented in readable style.
Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett
Interesting treatment of business tidbit.

Category 7 - Best Sports Column

First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Mike Marsee
Interesting topics, especially the contrast of the two golfers and the basketball player who lost her memory.
Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Jeff D'Alessio
Profiles of Pitino and Anderson were interesting reading on a topic with great interest - UK basketball!
Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Rick Davis
Variety of topics that gave insight into participants emotions and the mother of one player.
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Ray Duckworth
Good commentary with column on coach of state softball champs, a fine look at how the coach adapted from slow-pitch to fast-pitch.

Category 8 - Best Sports Story

First place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Jeff D'Alessio
It's easy for stories like this to get bogged down as the writer attempts to be profound, this one doesn't. It moves, it clicks, and nothing of real

importance was left out.
Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Rick Davis
Great leads are great only when they draw readers into the beginning of the story as well as to the heart of the story. Yours did!
Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Kevin Patton
The importance of Jacob Todd's pitching performance was not lost in the stir over a girl hitting a homer. You covered both angles well.
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Ray Duckworth
Most of the time it's better not to mention minor's name when it come to drug use and legal matters, but here the boy seemed willing to talk and his story was one the community needed to hear.

Category 9 - Best Sports Feature

First Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Ray Duckworth
Excellent profile piece. Good use of quotes and reflections on Allaway's efforts provide strangers with a sense of what Allaway is all about.
Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jason Frakes
Perfect example that sports today is more than footballs and fouls. another great profile piece.
Third Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Martin Hepper
Good mixture of background observations and assessments by others keeps profile piece from becoming a Crum love-fest. Easy to read, well written feature.
Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett
Great feature of fans, the oft-forgotten element of prep sports. Good use of quotes, energetic writing.

Category 10 - Best Investigative/Analytical Story

First Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Susan Allen
A solid examination of the day-to-day graft in local government, with good follow up.
Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett
It's always good to see reporter going after those who exploit the poor.
Third Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Amy Wolford
Good use of public record law to highlight problems.
Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Shawn Rumsey

Category 11 - Best Story Series

First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock
Real people, real stories and real help make this a winner in a very tough category. Sidebars are wonderful. Tons of easy to read and ready to use information.
Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Staff
Great look at issue that all of the community was discussing. Excellent sidebars, personality pieces, into bites. An overall great

job.
Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock
This is education reporting people want to read, not just rehash board notes. Excellent example well presented about today's teachers and students.
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Cathy Kanaday
Good job of putting real people into data and statistics. Kanaday touched on all aspects of society-wide situation.

Category 12 - Best Ongoing/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Susan Gayle Reed
Epitome of a painfully excellent selection on entrants. Information intensive. Emotionally rich. Well written. Easily read. A fantastic effort for a society-splitting issue.
Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Jamie Slagle
Jamie Slagle's week-long storm coverage was an awesome display of focused reporting on something affecting all readers. Simply great!
Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Staff
Readers rode the emotional roller coaster with the story's subjects, while getting great tips through this excellent group effort.
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Staff
Effective, informative, emotional series of stories that obviously captured readers' attentions. Great effort.

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Sharon Wright
Excellent explanation of "the big picture" of major area economic news and ties to how it affects all readers. Informative, easy to read and written with a positive tone. Simply a great effort.
Second Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, David Blackburn
Good job explaining how economic growth occurred and continues, as well as putting faces to figures and real people to economic abstracts.
Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett
Great effort in sharing with all readers the concerns of farmers. Well written, energetic piece that rises above mere market observations.
Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Annabel Girard
Putting real experiences into practical piece makes for light, informative piece, easy to read. Sidebar makes it easy to put news to use.

Category 14 - Best General News Picture

First Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, John Sommers
Nice lighting, well composed, solid emotion, tells the story.

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DAILY CLASS 3

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - TIE - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Larry Keeling "His Story and History" extends the church-state argument beyond platitudes, evidencing a thorough knowledge of history and religion. Tough job, creative approach, well done.

First Place - TIE - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Larry Keeling "Education Blinders" a great, fun pointed read!

Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, Mark Neikirk

Makes an effective argument by humanizing the topic. Gets people to read an argument on a topic most would think boring.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Jamie Lucke

A powerful case, good example of showing, step-by-step, what went wrong "the thing speaks for itself."

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place - KENTUCKY POST, Peggy Kreimer

Well-written story that combines spot news with elements of an issue story. Reporter used her observations to bring the story alive for readers.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Karen Samples

A close call. A riveting crime scene story that makes the reader feel that he or she is there. Well-sources.

Third Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Gregory A. Hall

Good lead on a thorough, well-written story about a natural disaster that could have been a lot worse. Plenty of human interest anecdotes.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY POST, Frank Main/Jeanne Houck Well-written storm roundup, good human interest.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Bill Estep

Fascinating look at the impact of an historical event on one town. Very nicely written.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Andy Mead

Great lede. Funny, insightful look at plans for a religious museum. Very cleverly written.

Third Place - KENTUCKY POST, Peggy Kreimer/Rosemary Weathers

Good analytical look at the failure of the child protection system. Nicely written.

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Tracy McQueen

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Chris Poore

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON

HERALD LEADER, Gail Gibson
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Jack Brammer

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Darla Carter

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Barbara Ward

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Barbara Isaacs

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Chris Poore

Category 5 - Best Column (One Subject)

First Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Rob Kaiser

Hands-down winner. Superb job in every way!

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Don Edwards

Nicely spun, absorbing tales. Good job of making the extraordinary seem comfortably normal.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Dick Burdette

Moving.

Category 6 - Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Larry Keeling

Meaty subjects, well-reported, well told. Wonderful lines.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Stewart Jennison

Nicely done business column.

Category 7 - Best Sports Column

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Chuck Culpepper

Nice, bright writing which compels the reader forward. "I know you" piece was as good as it gets! What a way to connect to every reader!!

Compelling case for how much fine writing can conquer.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Don Edwards

Yes! There are more sports in Kentucky than football and basketball, but are your sports pages bright with these pieces? Good stories, well-told.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, John Clay

Solid writing.

Category 8 - Best Sports Story

First Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Rich Suwanski

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Story

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Mark Mathis

A compelling human interest story of a coach's comeback from a debilitating stroke. Excellent writing!

The technique of interspersing narrative passages in the story fires it to sense of drama.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HER-

ALD LEADER, Mark Story
Interesting, personality profile, well-written.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Cathy Clarke

Kind of an off-beat sports feature. Plays off the field of dream theme. Well written.

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Cheryl Powell

Category 10 - Best Investigative/Analytical Story

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Angie Muhs

Very important look at a pressing issue for the state. Full of information that was both surprising and pressing. Well organized and researched.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Valarie

Honeycutt/Karen Samples/Lee Mueller/Bill Estep/Bridget Mount/Stephen Trimble

Fascinating series analyzing the failure of a drug program. Well organized, written and researched.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Kit Wagar

Both shocking and perversely interesting to read. Details made this story. Well written.

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Keith Lawrence

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER

Category 11 - Best Story Series

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Valarie

Honeycutt/Chris Poore/Brenda Rios/Darla Carter/Kevin Nance/Andy Mead/Bob Geiger

This ambitious series explores the sensitive topic of race relations from many angles, but what really won me over was the reporting from the streets, in you snapshots of different neighborhoods.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Dan Heckel

The reporter humanizes the story of a serial rapist by reporting the crimes from the victims; the rapist's; and the law enforcement officers' and attorneys' points of view. Sensitive handling and hard to put down.

Third Place - KENTUCKY POST, Frank Main

These stories do a fine job of making a far away war real to readers by focusing on the families of two Bosnian students who attended high school in Kentucky and Ohio and by following a Kentucky National Guard unit in Bosnia.

Nicely written, beautifully photographed.

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Kit Wagar

The reporter analyzed thousands of documents for this terrific expose of Medicaid corruption. This huge amount of information was brought together in a well-edited, clearly written and well explained package.

Category 12 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Dan Heckel
Excellent coverage of the brutal abuse and slaying of a child that outraged the community, as well as coverage of related developments.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Chris Poore

Thorough issue coverage as development plans run up against previously silent rural interest.

Third Place - KENTUCKY POST, Paul Long/Frank Main/Peggy Kremer

On-going coverage gives readers a thorough, well sourced picture of the new bishop.

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Todd Pack

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Jacalyn Carfagno

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Stewart Jennison

Category 14 - Best General News Picture

First Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Patrick Reddy

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Bob Bruck

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Cathy Clarke

Photographer found the subjects behind the story.

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Bob Bruck

Great way around the Grip and Grin.

Category 15 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worme

A nice moment away from all the action. Photographer worked the scene.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Bob Bruck

Complex cropping made this stand out.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Chris Obenchain

Category 16 - Best News Picture Essay

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram

Nice scene setting main photo plus emotional comfort photo.

Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, Jim Osborn

Documentation rather than storytelling.

Third Place - KENTUCKY POST, Melvin Grier

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Gary Emord-Netzley

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Category 17 - Best Feature Picture
First Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Patrick Reddy
 Image captures the character of the veteran.
Second Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Patrick Reddy
 Fun find. A true feature.
Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne
 Photographer made something more than a headshot.
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Robert Bruck
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Teak Phillips
 Reader can almost anticipate the splash.

Category 18 - Best Feature Picture Essay
First Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Robert Bruck
 Outstanding, true photojournalism. The photographer followed the story from beginning to end.
Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne
 Nice slice of life of a community.
Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Greg Perry
 Simple and clean.
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Cornelison
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Chris Obenchain

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture
First Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Robert Bruck
 Coach's face makes this a clear winner.
Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Bob Bruck
 Putting the winners' and losers' in the same frame usually makes a winner. Though we've seen it, it still stood out from all the action.
Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Cornelison
 "Weird" action is always an eye-catcher.

Category 20 Best Sports Picture Essay
First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne
 Took a fresh look at an old subject.
Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram
 Covered all the bases (no pun intended).
Third Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, John Flavell
 Second page could use tighter cropping.
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne
 Nothing out of the ordinary.



Harrison Co. school trip ends in crash

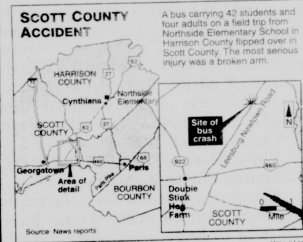
Firefighters carried 10 injured students and two adults from the overturned bus to waiting ambulances. One boy was airlifted out.

Bus carrying 46 flips; most injuries minor

By Cheryl Powell
CENTRAL KENTUCKY BUREAU
 GEORGETOWN — When Vickie Astor's 7-year-old son Eric asked to ride with her on a class field trip yesterday, she insisted he take the bus with his Harrison County schoolmates.
 Now she wishes she hadn't.
 The bus carrying 42 students and four adults from Northside Elementary School swerved off the road and flipped onto its side yesterday afternoon on its way to Ivaule State Hog Farm in Scott County.
 One boy, Lincoln Jacobs, 8, suffered a broken arm when his shoulder was pinned by a window beam, but his one clear wrist seriously injured. Lincoln, airlifted to the University of Kentucky Hospital, was released last night.
 Nine children and two adults were taken by ambulance to Scott County General Hospital, where they were treated for minor injuries and released, according to the hospital. The bus driver, David L. Power, 40, was not seriously injured.
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Students gathered around teachers and parents, hugging and offering comfort, in the tragic area in a field near the crash.



A bus carrying 42 students and four adults on a field trip from Northside Elementary School in Harrison County flipped over in Scott County. The most serious injury was a broken arm.

'These are good young men. They don't drink. They call their mother every two or three weeks. They send money home to support their family.'
 — Fatty Maires, farmer



Gerard Sanchez cuts tobacco in Pendleton County. He sends part of his wages home to his wife and three children in Mexico.

Grief binds two worlds

Funeral casts light on migrant workers' lives in Northern Kentucky
By Peggy Kreimer
PHOTO BY CHARLES BERTRAM
 In the quiet of a funeral home in Paducah, a lone man in a dark suit stands before a casket. He is David Maires, a 40-year-old farmer who has spent the last few years of his life in Mexico. He is surrounded by a group of men, some of whom are his neighbors and some who are strangers. They are all gathered here for the funeral of a young man who died in a car accident in Mexico.
 Migrant workers are so essential to the Northern Kentucky tobacco industry that they are often called "the Mexicans" here in this area. They are the ones who work the fields and pack the cigarettes. They are the ones who support their families back home in Mexico.
 The story of David Maires and his family is a story of two worlds. It is a story of a man who has spent his life in Mexico, but whose heart is still in Kentucky. It is a story of a man who has lost his life in Mexico, but whose family is still in Kentucky.
 The funeral was held in a small, simple church. The men who were gathered there were all of different ages and backgrounds. They were all there to support the family of a young man who had died in a car accident in Mexico.
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Victory celebration

ASSOCIATE NEWSPAPERS

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - KENTUCKY GAZETTE, FRANKFORT, Lowell Reese

Forceful, detailed analysis of an important, complex issue. Use of vivid images, gulls at a shrimp boat, chocolate milk cow, is brilliantly done.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, BOWLING GREEN Sherry Wilson

Nice, satire take on a conflict of interest which certainly demands the spotlight.

Third Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, BERE, John Butwell

Unusual topic, a runaway buffalo and a nicely philosophical approach.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Story

First Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, Beth Myers/John Butwell
You talked to quite a few people to get the story. Though it ran long, you maintained interest throughout.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Kristina Goetz

For overall impact, this was the best, but throwing in information from a 1969 fire in the fourth paragraph disrupted the flow of this story.

Third Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman

You should have established early on that police did not think there was any connection with McNay's disappearance and the fire. Otherwise very competent story.

Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Melissa Gagliardi/Kevin Kelly

Great imagery used to describe owner as he surveyed the damage.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman

Nice lead into story on "excessive" noise ban ordinance.

Second Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, PIKEVILLE, Rosalind Stanley

Good research, good human interest on this news story.

Third Place - KENTUCKY GAZETTE, Christopher Schwarz
Nicely written. Lead paragraph a bit too long.

Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, John Stamper

Excellent story on gunman terrorizing two students. Good quotes from authorities and students.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - KENTUCKY GAZETTE, Christopher Schwarz
Schwarz' talent for writing well

about an intriguing issue made his story an easy pick for first place in this category. He is a gifted writer.

Second Place - TIE - KENTUCKY GAZETTE, Christopher Schwarz
Schwarz once again makes great use of his abilities to tell a great story to readers.

Second Place - TIE - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Chris Hutchins

Hutchins is a talented writer and reporter who can hold readers' interest through his entire stories.

Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Chris Hutchins

A good story by a writer with a lyrical, flowing style. He should have a great career ahead of him.

Honorable Mention - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Rosalind Stanley

Honorable Mention - FLORENCE RECORDER, Dorothy Johnston

Category 5 - Best Column (One Subject)

First Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, Margaret Ricketts

Funny, with enough acid, not too much, though, to erase the memory of one-too-many earnest columnists.

Second Place - FARMER'S PRIDE, COLUMBIA, Sharon Burton

Third Place - COMMUNITY RECORDER, Neva Martin

Category 6 - Best Column (Variety of Subjects)

First Place - WEEKLY PROGRESS, PAINTSVILLE, Tony Fyffe

Well-written overall, with the "revenge on teachers" item especially well done. Writer is good at sprinkling copy with running jokes.

Second Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, Ruth Butwell

Local Ann Landers/Dear Abby is sure to be well-read, and writer is good at dishing out the common sense.

Third Place - WEEKLY PROGRESS, Clyde Pack

Writer has a good eye for those oddball items which always attract readers.

Category 7 - Best Sports Column

First Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Chris Gramke

The sort of incident you wrote about should be dealt with in an uncompromising manner. You did. Good column. Good guts.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Kevin Kelly
Heartwarming story shines through the tragedy.

Third Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Chris Gramke

You added credibility to the column by using candid and frank comments from the football coach.

Category 8 - Best Sports Story

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Aaron Sanderford
Sports writers have a lot of latitude in what they lead with and the

style of their stories. Here you led with a guy who scores two points and make it work well.

Second Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, Beth Myers

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you, for putting some personality into a soccer story. This was the best story I've ever read about a soccer match.

Third Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell

Community sports involves more than just the high school kids. You did a great job of covering a big moment for some young girls.

Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Kevin Kelly

Nice, up-close look at the new basketball player. However, the story did tend to go on and on.

Category 9 - Best Sports Feature

First Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Chris Gramke

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jerry Brewer

Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Nate Sizemore

Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Karen Brown

Category 10 - Best Investigative/Analytical Story

First Place - KENTUCKY GAZETTE, Chris Nolan

Easily the best entry. Thorough, eye-opening and probing. Excellent job!

Second Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Jana Brickett

Your article probably stirred a lot of conversation at the coffee shop.

Good research on short notice.

Third Place - FARMER'S PRIDE, Sharon Burton/April Shepperd

Courageous stand for a farmer's newspaper to take. Would have liked to have seen more details about alternate crops (beans, corn, milo).

Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jim Hannah

Were you the reporter mentioned in the story? It was unclear. Still, a good job of holding a public board accountable to the public.

Category 11 - Best Story Series

First Place - FARMER'S PRIDE, Cheri M. Glass

Although more modest in scope than other entries, the farm safety stories had a sharp focus that clearly distinguished it.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Sherry Wilson/Darryn Simmons/Mary Katherine Holthaus/Jason Hall/Matthew Tungate/Mitchell Quarles

This ambitious month-long series would have benefitted from more planning and focus.

Third Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman

While it's interesting and important that a community be familiar with their public officials, these puffy profiles could have used a more critical eye.

Category 12 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - WEEKLY PROGRESS, Tony Fyffe

Well-written, complete treatment of difficult to understand topic.

Second Place - KENTUCKY GAZETTE, Chris Nolan

Third Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell

Category 13 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman

Excellent use of common folks to explain current business concern.

Numbers and dates flow easily in this well written piece. Great job!

Second Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman

Classic example of finding economic stories in an everyday arena.

Good job, more sources would have made it better.

Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, John Stamper

Good use of facts and folks to examine an evolving story.

Personalities put local spin on big picture.

Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Cara Van Winkle

Good mixture of "real people" economic stories.

Category 14 - Best General News Picture

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jason Clark

Good available light shot of the student studying by flashlight tells the power outage story. A terrific black and white shot!

Second Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Eric Krosnes

The lines of the glass and steel frame work bring a lot of movement and depth to this picture.

Third Place - COMMUNITY RECORDER, Diane Goetz

Though it sounds a bit trite, there seems to be no better adjective to describe this photo than "cute." A tasteful shot of potential messy subject.

Honorable Mention - COMMUNITY RECORDER, Diane Goetz

Kids, flags and parades go well together, and are a natural draw for photographers and readers alike.

Category 15 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Jeffrey Saulton

Good use of lines, the water pouring down the steps and a unique angle combine to make this photo work.

Second Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Michael Ellis

Mr. Ellis had to work to find a vantage point that would allow this story to be told with a single shot.

The snow, the hills and the position of the trucks appear to have made it a tough job.

Third Place - RUSSELL REGIS-

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TER, Micha Lunsford
 Good timing put the photographer on the accident scene before the victim was pulled from the wreckage. Sharper focus, however, is needed.

Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Kurt Fattic
 The embracing fire survivors is a touching photo, but the lighting is a little weak and the focus appears a bit soft.

Category 16 - Best News Picture Essay
First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jason Koski/Patrick Witty/Michael Fortier/Kurt Fattic/Jamal Wilson/Chad Stevens
 The Blood, Sweat and Beers photos gave a good insight of the good, the bad and the ugly that surrounds the Banshee celebration. Good work!!

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Chad Stevens
 With five photographs, the photographer gives the reader a good feel for what it's like to spend the day in a tobacco field.

Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Chad Stevens
 Mr. Stevens gives the reader a good thumbnail look at the destruction caused by Hurricane Fran.

Honorable Mention - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Rosalind Stanley/Jeffrey Saulton
 Good overall view of a ran storm's aftermath.

Category 17 - Best Feature Picture
First Place - WEEKLY PROGRESS, Harold Ratliff
 The composition, the colors and the dozing subject make the photo, and give it a Norman Rockwell flavor.

Second Place - COMMUNITY RECORDER, Eric Krosnes
 The photo of the firefighter polishing the pumper captures a mirror image quite nicely. A good shot that makes a run-of-the-mill event not so ordinary.

Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Chad Stevens
 This nicely done silhouette proves clearly that some photographs are best done in black and white.

Honorable Mention - FLORENCE RECORDER, Eric Krosnes
 The shot of the old man sharpening his how was eye-catching. The angle, the character lines in the mans face, and his expression all worked to make this a good photo.

Category 18 - Best Feature Picture Essay
First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Chad Stevens/Jason Clark/Alyse Preston
 Photos tell a good story of a day

spent playing in the snow. Terminal photo in lower right is strong, says the day is done.

Second Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Eric Krosnes
 Faces tell the story of a festive event. Nice variety of photos.

Third Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Rosalind Stanley
 Two well selected shots capture the stereotypical of the Hillbilly Days Celebration.

Honorable Mention - RUSSELL REGISTER, Wade Daffron
 Nice story about Ruth Popplewell's 1,000th pie, but a picture of Ruth working, (mixing ingredients, etc.) would have made it stronger.

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture
First Place - COMMUNITY RECORDER, Eric Krosnes
 Good shot of a swimmer grabbing some air. Picture captures swimmer's determination, tough shot to get, good low angle.

Second Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell
 Nice celebration shot. The excitement that comes from winning a state title is well stated here.

Third Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Tom Bogar
 This photo captures well virtually all of the elements in one of the most exciting plays in baseball, the run down.

Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jason Clark
 Another nicely done celebration shot captures the joy of a hard-fought double overtime win.


Category 20 - Best Sports Picture Essay
First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Teak Phillips
 Strong photos tell this story well, from the training course to the training table, from desire to disappointment. Excellent work.


Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Patrick Witty
 Lead photograph almost says it all in the "not good enough" story. Supporting shots say well, what is left to be said. Well done story of disappointment.

Third Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell
 Some good diving board shots here, but shots of swimmers actually in the water would have added some nice variety.

Honorable Mention - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell
 Good overall coverage of a golf outing. Action shots of golfers faces, however are usually more interesting than the golfer's behind.

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Gen. Paul Patton spent considerably more than his predecessor on Derby activities

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Managers Eddie Stephens J. Ford stepping down in The Post news

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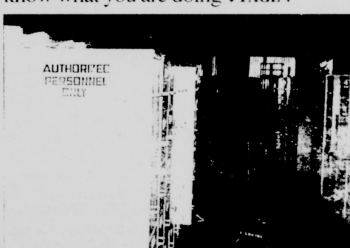
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Insecure about security


Getting into state office buildings after hours is as easy as pretending that you know what you are doing • PAGE 4



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Slippin' and slidin'

Students and residents take advantage of the winter wonderland.



Chris Math of Lorain, Ohio, took advantage of the make-shift ski slopes in front of Van Meter Hall on Saturday.

• Chad Clark Herald



After a few hours of sledding with his father and brother, 11-year-old Seth Cates of Bowling Green pushed his sled up the hill in front of Van Meter Hall.

• Chad Stevens Herald

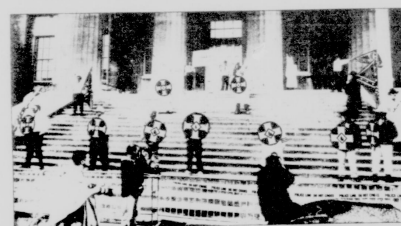
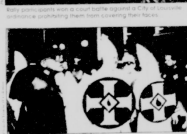
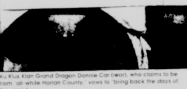
Above: This photo package from Chad Stevens, Jason Clark and Alyse Preston of the College Heights Herald won first place Best Feature Picture Essay in the Associate Newspaper Division. Below: The Kentucky Gazette's Chris Nolan garnered a first place for this piece about security problems in state office buildings in the Best Investigative/Analytical category.



Tony Murphy, who shot the win in the Ku Klux Klan rally, looking up at members of the group prior to the start of the rally in downtown Louisville.



15. Finding the Clang
Louisville, Kentucky
Bud Dorsey
Yvonne D. Coleman
April 15, 1996



Klan Rally

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Above: Bud Dorsey and Yvonne D. Coleman of The Louisville Defender photographed a Ku Klux Klan rally held last year in Louisville. Their package won them and their newspaper a first place in the Best Feature Picture Essay category in the Weekly Class 1 division. Below: Phil Poynter of The Richmond Register took first place honors in the Best Feature Picture category in the Daily Class 1 division with this shot of a five-year-old caroling at his preschool.



Hanging in there



Above: In the Weekly Class 2 division Best Feature Picture category, Eric Krosnes was the 'hands up' winner. The first place helped the newspaper finish second in the General Excellence competition. Below: This photo by John Sommers II of the Frankfort State Journal was judged the top general news picture entry in the Daily Class 2 division.



Opinion

The day the Clampets came to college

This is a story about a family with roots in their heads.
A poor group of welfare recipients who care less about keeping their family together.

One day when shooting the ball, they ended to tank the youngest out of school. Then they loaded up the family and headed to Eastern - Kentucky University, that's Classroom. Dorcas. Young people trying to get degrees.

That would be the theme song to the following "story" of the 90's version of the "Clampets" if it were a sitcom.

The story starts only a couple of days before high school graduation. My friend (I'll call him David) and I were waiting in a short line to pick up our caps and gowns. David was excited, he was the first in a long line of the Clampets to graduate high school.

While David was bright and did well in school he came from a family who didn't place a great deal of emphasis on education, therefore he had no future plans after graduation.

I would stay behind and get a job at one of the local factories and live at home with the aunts.

On the other hand, saw greener pastures on the other side of the fence and hoped at the opportunity to leave tiny Honey Bee for the bright lights and big city of Richmond.

I tried to convince David college was the right choice, but it was no avail. On the rest of the Clampets didn't want

wasn't because she missed him so much. It was because since he left for college her food stamps were cut. The family just couldn't survive.

She needed David to come home, get a job and help pay the bills since the oldest son (Jethro) couldn't find a job because no one was hiring, accused rapists who were blind in one eye from a recent drunken fight over a girl half his age.

The daughter (who would be a skanky version of Ellie Mae who wore laced-up blue jeans seven sizes too small) wasn't able to work because she was pregnant with a second child. But not to worry the unmarried Ellie Mae would be bringing in some cash as soon as the next child was born because her welfare check would increase.

But it wasn't enough. David needed to leave college where he just may get a degree and a good paying job that could help pull the family from the welfare slum they had grown accustomed to.

Problem was the Clampets didn't want to leave their unemployed life. Instead they loaded up the family truck and came chugging up Interstate 75.

Once there, all four unpacked themselves from the tiny cab of the truck and came into the 20-story dorm amazed at just how high they built "them there buildings."

On the elevator to the room, Jed kept announcing to everyone about how worried he was the elevator would break or a tornado would come and blow the building over.

Once safely to the seventh floor the clan of Clampets swarmed into room 704, swept up David's things and took him away.



Don Perry

Editor

Above: Don Perry, editor of the Clay City Times, received the first place award for Best Column (One Subject) in the Weekly Class 2 division. The judges praised Perry, calling him a "talented young journalist." Below: Tammy Gay of the Georgetown News-Graphic garnered a first place for the newspaper with this spot news story about racial tension at a local high school.

GEORGETOWN NEWS-GRAPHIC



Scott County High School students Jessica Mefford, Roy Cornett, Jody Bryson and Nikki Peters discuss ideas of how to alleviate racial tension in the school on Friday.

A time for healing

Students work toward resolution in racial issue

By TAMMY GAY

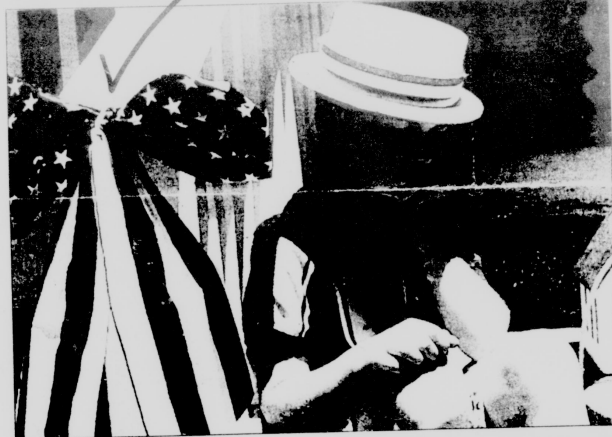
Shock struck families Overstreet as she moved toward the bleachers at Scott County Middle School's gym Monday.

Although the incident started with a few students calling each other names, it extended to students arguing together and shouting, Overstreet said.

Overstreet said she is looking at opinions on both sides and wants something positive to come out of the situation.

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Bored on the 4th of July



This sleeping child proved to be a Kodak moment for Harold Ratliff of The Weekly Progress in Paintsville. The photo won Ratliff a first place in the Best Feature Picture category in the Associate Member Newspaper division. Below: The Lexington Herald-Leader's Todd Pack defeated his competition in the Best Business/Agribusiness category in the Daily Class 3 division with this story about the state's high phoneless rate.

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State's high phoneless rate a roadblock on the information superhighway

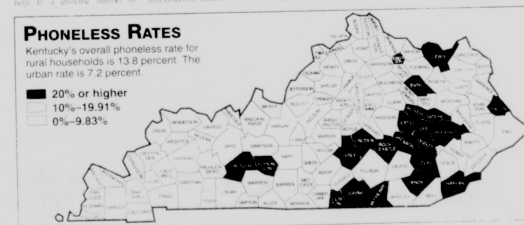
By TODD PACK

LEWISVILLE - Just before the Fourth of July, the state of Kentucky was celebrating its 175th birthday. The state's high phoneless rate is a roadblock on the information superhighway.



State's high phoneless rate is a roadblock on the information superhighway.

The overall state rate is 13.8 percent, but the urban rate is 7.2 percent. The rural rate is 19.91 percent.



Kentucky's overall phoneless rate for rural households is 13.8 percent. The urban rate is 7.2 percent.

General Excellence Winners

1996 KPA Fall Newspaper Contest

• *Weekly Class 1*

Kenton County Recorder — First Place
Gallatin County News — Second Place
Fulton Leader — Third Place

• *Weekly Class 2*

Laurel News-Leader — First Place
Campbell County Recorder — Second Place
Citizen Voice & Times — Third Place

• *Weekly Class 3*

Corbin News Journal — First Place
Union County Advocate — Second Place
Mt. Sterling Advocate — Third Place

• *Multi-Weekly*

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

• *Daily Class 1*

Richmond Register — First Place
Maysville Ledger-Independent — Second Place
Winchester Sun — Third Place

• *Daily Class 2*

Elizabethtown News-Enterprise — First Place
Henderson Gleaner — Second Place
Bowling Green Daily News — Third Place - TIE
Kentucky New Era — Third Place - TIE

• *Daily Class 3*

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

• *Associate Member Newspapers*

College Heights Herald — First Place
Florence Recorder — Second Place
Kentucky Gazette — Third Place