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**Tribute
to a friend**

Weekly Class 1

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Patti M. Clark
 Obvious winner. This editorial stood out for the way it personalized an issue, gave good reasons for a new high school, and defended the tax to pay for it. This is good editorial leadership.
 Second Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Patti M. Clark
 Another standout example of editorial leadership, though not quite as well written as the first place entry.
 Third Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Clay Warnick
 Short-to-the-point editorial uses a personal experience to make a single but fair point. A good reminder that editorials do not have to be long and involved to do some good.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Kim Rich
 Good job of talking to source rather than relying on police accounts.
 Second Place - TRIMBLE BANNER, Mabel Richmond
 Good use of quotes from family.
 Third Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
 Why not more on criticism from parents at meeting? Strong use of quotes from best friend.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Patti M. Clark
 Well-written and structured, a thorough account of the days proceedings in court.
 Second Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
 A little weak in terms of how story is structured. More background and comments from parents and school officials would have helped. Good job on taking initiative to attend session and reactions of students, however, a lot of papers might have stuck with school system's official line and not bothered to attend this.
 Third Place - BERE A CITIZEN, Danna Estridge
 Well-written, good use of quotes. Nicely done account of the event.
 Honorable Mention - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Patti M. Clark
 Thorough and clear, however, this cries out for some community reaction. Comments from parents, students, police and church readers would have made this a winning entry.

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - FULTON LEADER, Amy Lorton
 First two paragraphs really drew me in. Gives enough of Maraugh's history without overdoing it. Good use of quotes.
 Second Place - FULTON LEADER, Mike Ohstrom
 Strong lead, particularly the second paragraph. Flows well. Nice atten-

tion to detail and history.
 Third Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
 Interesting, modern love story with great use of quotes.

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
 Strong writing, interesting subjects, make this entry a winner!
 Second Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Kim Rich
 Good, interesting columns on subject of local interest and importance, a close second.
 Third Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Patti M. Clark
 Good mix of subjects.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - SPENCER MAGNET, Mike Vallanous
 When the police chief returns, hire him as a writer. Great job of humanizing law enforcement.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - BOURBON COUNTY CITIZEN, Kevin Garrison
 Fiery and off the wall, with a serious point or two added for good message.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - BOURBON COUNTY CITIZEN, Tom Leach
 Most original with topics like academic awards.
 Second Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Gary Fowler
 Not very original, but very insightful and I could see the content being read and used by readers.
 Third Place - FULTON LEADER, Mike Ohstrom

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - BOURBON COUNTY CITIZEN, Ivan Rice
 I'm hard to surprise with a lead. The definition setup on this story made us want to read on. Good thought!!
 Second Place - FULTON LEADER, Mike Ohstrom
 Good coverage, but style does not sustain length and reader gets bored.
 Third Place - BEATTYVILLE ENTERPRISE, Matt Watterson
 Interesting, but could have used more periods and less commas.

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
 This feature clearly showed community interest and had a great lead! It is a well-written sports feature.
 Second Place - BERE A CITIZEN, Danna Estridge
 Third Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, J.C. Karsner

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Kim Rich
 This story concerned an original topic and showed extensive research in the sidebars and throughout the story.
 Second Place - BOURBON COUNTY CITIZEN, Jimmy Brannon
 Third Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Clay Warnick
 Story affects local area with fears that beautiful area will be revived by development. Could have done more interviews and digging.
 Second Place - EDMONTON HERALD NEWS, Clay Scott
 Two separate entries should be one—same topic with follow-up. Reactions to the "Bounced Check" would have helped.

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - MARTIN COUNTY SUN, Lilly Adkins
 A great job was done with keeping the public informed and giving updates on the situation.
 Second Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Patti M. Clark
 Third Place - TRIMBLE BANNER, Mabel Richmond
 Honorable Mention - TIE - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Patti M. Clark
 Honorable Mention - TIE - FULTON LEADER, Amy Lorton/Rita Mitchell

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
 Headline grabbed my attention as well as the photo. Both stories were of much interest and were linked well.
 Second Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
 Third Place - FULTON LEADER, Rita Mitchell

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS/ AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - FULTON LEADER, Rita Mitchell
 Thoughtful look at one company's history and its relationship with the town. Thorough and well-researched with an excellent lead!
 Second Place - FULTON LEADER, Rita Mitchell
 Interesting twist on a business story. Flows well. Good use of quotes.
 Third Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Patti M. Clark
 Good job localizing a national story. Lots of research is evident. Could have been made stronger with more local input.

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - MARTIN COUNTY SUN, Mark Grayson
 Great headlines which grab the reader's attention seems to be consistent in this newspaper.
 Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
 Third Place - BERE A CITIZEN, Teresa Mullins

Category 15 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

Certificate of Merit - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Kim Rich

Excellent focus on the subject, with mom and the doctor sufficiently out of focus to not distract from the photograph.

Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
 Simple photo, but with enough other faces to make it interesting.
 Third Place - MARTIN COUNTY SUN, Lilly Adkins
 Memorial Day ceremony that means much to the older citizens and involves the younger generation as well. Good framing.

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - BERE A CITIZEN, Danna Estridge
 To capture the apprehension of someone is a photographer's dream. Good job!!
 Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
 Nice display, as it should, for great shot of smoke and firemen in action.
 Third Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
 Nice capture of the large truck and the small bike.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - SPENCER MAGNET, Kim Rich
 Honorable Mention - TIE - FULTON LEADER, Rita Mitchell

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, J. C. Karsner
 The better of two News-Herald entries. Excellent presentation. Good close-up fire action.
 Second Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, J. C. Karsner
 Worthy subject, but presentation and reproduction doesn't rival first place recipient.

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - EDMONTON HERALD NEWS, Clay Scott
 This woman's expression is priceless! Nice job to capture emotion of moment
 Second Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Kim Rich
 Not only a nice picture, but also a nice job of cropping of photo.
 Third Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
 Nice basketball shot—especially at this angle.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Carrie Bennett

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
 Very good perspective of "Hot Festival Fun". Quality photos—even the tiny ones, represent the variety of entertainment on this occasion.
 Second Place - OWENTON NEWS

Mills still at large

By MARK GRAYSON
SUN Editor



Gary Haven Mills

INEZ — A Martin County man who stands accused of capital murder and arson remains at large after his daring November 7, escape from the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center accompanied by two Magoffin men. Hundreds of sightings of the felons have been reported to police all over the region.

Escapee Gary Haven Mills' mother, Ruth Mills, was on the telephone with Martin County Sun reporter, Lilly Adkins, when the authorities raided her home in search her son last week.

Of the three felons only one has been captured, Benji Manns, 23, of Salyersville was apprehended last week near his home after surrendering to authorities who had managed to corner him on a hillside.

The other two, Jeffery Marshall, 25, also of Salyersville, and Mills, 31, have been able to elude a manhunt involving officers of the Kentucky State Police, Fish & Wildlife Officers and members of the Martin, Magoffin, and Lawrence County Sheriff's offices.

Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young reports that his office alone has received hundreds of calls from concerned

—See FUGITIVES page 18

"We've had hundreds of calls from worried residents who think they've spotted the escapees."

—Sheriff Darriel Young



—Photos by J.C. Karsner
A 1,300 sq-ft. storage building caught fire Tuesday afternoon and could not be saved. The building, built in Lusk's Mill in 1930, has housed three grocery stores and was converted to a home before being used for storage by current owner Ricky Scott. While a number of household goods were saved, a Chevy Blazer Scott had owned for only a week and a number of other items were lost. A pit bull and her new pups were also lost in the blaze.

Top: In the Weekly Class 1 competition, the Martin County Sun took top honors in the On-Going/Extended Coverage Story category. Left: The Owenton News Herald received first place honors for J.C. Karsner's News Picture Essay entry. Bottom: Judges gave the Gallatin County News nothing but praise for this entry from Kelley Warnick which captured first place in the Best Sports Feature category. The award helped the Gallatin County News secure the top spot in the General Excellence competition.

Why we're all cheering for the Wildcats

This & That

By Kelley Warnick
Editor

Painted faces, drums pounding, blood, sweat, tears, raucous highs and abject lows. It wasn't the Super Bowl but it was the most watched game in Gallatin County last Sunday.

For four emotional days, the Gallatin County Wildcats and their hundreds of fans stormed Richmond, Kentucky, in a quest to bring a state basketball title to the smallest county in Kentucky. By now, as everyone knows, the team came tantalizingly close but didn't win the championship game. Just the same, you won't find anyone

around here who says they're losers.

Day after day in Richmond at Eastern Kentucky's cavernous gymnasium, Gallatin County's basketball team looked unbeatable. With each win, the excitement escalated. Those unable to make the nearly two-hour trip south, followed the games on radio and television.

As dawn broke Sunday, with the championship game only hours away, there was only one question on the lips of people still left in town.

"You going to the big game like everyone else or are you going to watch it on television?" the girl at the Carryout asked me after I filled up my truck. I knew she wasn't talking about the Super Bowl.

Sure I was going and from the look of the parking lot at the field house in Richmond so was nearly everyone else in town. Gallatin County vehicles, many decorated for the occasion, filled up the place. Everyone who made the journey had one thing on their mind. Their mission was to cheer on the team and show the players how much

they are appreciated.

Someone who hasn't lived here very long or who is not familiar with our little county may not understand this unbridled enthusiasm.

They may not realize this year's team has been a blessing to all of us who live here. They may know the team had a perfect 20 wins and no losses record but they may not have known why that flawless record couldn't have come at a better time.

Two months ago, no one was cheering, the news coming out of Gallatin County. Big television trucks were in town broadcasting to the world the disturbing news that students in Gallatin County were taking their own lives. The community searched for answers but none were found as a bleak melancholy settled in around us.

Then, seasons changed. Fall turned to winter and Gallatin's students again started making news. This time, however, the news came from an unexpected place. The high school gymnasium.

Like most small counties, Gallatin has had good basketball teams and good players in the past but no one would ever call the school a powerhouse. The Wildcats have never won a state championship and only once won a regional title, 40 years ago. A break even record has always been something to celebrate.

This year, however, something thrilling began to fill the air by late December. The team won its first five games, then ten in a row, then 15 straight and found themselves going into the state title game having won 20 games without a defeat. With each win, the cheers grew louder as the crowds grew larger.

It would have been wonderful if the Wildcats had won the state championship Sunday but they didn't. Their season continues, though, and we hope there will be even greater victories in the weeks to come.

But win or lose, the community owes these marvelous Wildcats a big debt of gratitude. After all, they have given us a reason to cheer once again.

Weekly Class 2

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington
Well-written local editorial with a good point.

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Dave Niinemets
Positive little editorial on a good subject. Pats on the back are just as important at the right time as brickbats.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland
Important subject and strong stand put entry in third place, but it was way too long to place higher. Save the tiny details for the story.

Honorable Mention - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Melissa Blankenship

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland
Well written and concise.

Second Place - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, George Harper
Good lead. All facts are there, in the story. Could have incorporated facts higher up in the story.

Third Place - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, George Harper
Good use of quotes.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Tracy S. Combs
Reporter handles subject matter well.

Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Slone Hutchison
The story presents the residents' concerns well.

Third Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Gina Holt
Sentence structure is a bit awkward in places.

Honorable Mention - TIE - TOMPKINSVILLE NEWS, Blanche Trimble
Should have used more than one source for the story.

Honorable Mention - TIE - CRITTENDEN PRESS, Daryl Tabor

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower
Fascinating story. Strong lead. Great attention to detail and history.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Janie Brock
The lead really personalized this article, brought Cody to life. Flows well, although a little long. More sources would have made this even stronger.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower
Another great lead. Moving article. Lots of strong sources.

Honorable Mention - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Gina Holt
Nice look at "small town" America. Good sources. Could have used a stronger lead.

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Susan Reed Lambert
Entertaining, well-written columns

stand out from a lot of good entries.

Second Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Gwen Bolin
Sharp sense of humor. Enjoyable and personable in print.

Third Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Kristie Daugherty
A bit long.

Honorable Mention - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker
Folksy, moving at times. Almost placed in a tough call.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, James Ellis
I actually chuckled a few times. A column should provoke reactions, and Ellis succeeds. His entries are provocative, occasionally insulting and humorous. Ellis writes like a fan, although it may be overkill at times.

Second Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Tracy S. Combs
Stories about quality of life always ripe for readers. This about a treacherous road, was likely most read story that day.

Third Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Kristie Daugherty
Informative text/art to "get out the vote" on consolidation issue.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon
Great headline, lead, photos and story.

Second Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, James Ellis
Third Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Tom Embrey

Honorable Mention - TIE - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

Honorable Mention - TIE - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland
The lead for this article really separated it from the competition!

Second Place - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, George Harper
Very interesting story which contained all the details and was very thorough.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon
Good structure, thorough and should have been of great interest to the community. Also had a nice lead.

Honorable Mention - TIE - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Janie Buntain
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Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower/Janie Brock/Michelle Cahill
Excellent coverage of just exactly what we're talking about when we say annex. Good set-up piece and nice sidebars. Better art could have helped, but didn't hurt. Nice work.

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Gina Holt
Good coverage to interesting topic. Would have made an excellent centerpiece with art and graphics.

Third Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Kristie Daugherty
Luck or planned? Whichever, having an unusual and interesting article under art of volunteer working in area likely to have spiders, worked for me.

Honorable Mention - TIE - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, John Shindlebower
Honorable Mention - TIE - CAMP-

BELL COUNTY RECORDER, Gina Holt

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Kristie Daugherty
Good detail on use and effect of "crank." Could have fleshed out with impact on community and/or profile of a user.

Second Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Tracy S. Combs
Stories about quality of life always ripe for readers. This about a treacherous road, was likely most read story that day.

Third Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Kristie Daugherty
Informative text/art to "get out the vote" on consolidation issue.

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower/Janie Brock
Not only did these stories follow the news, they delved into the human aspect, the impact this decision would have on the community. And the writing is top notch.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower
Much like the first place entry, this series reported the breaking news while looking at human cost. Also, one story looked into how occupational taxes were spreading across the state-nice touch. Very thorough job!

Third Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington
Thorough coverage from the discovery of a skeleton to the arrest of a murder suspect. Cleanly written.

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland
Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, David Martin

Third Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Janie Buntain
What weekly papers are supposed to do-inform. She explains the complicated Phase II Settlement and tells farmers what they need to know. (P.S. Loved the piece you did on cows, too!)

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS/ AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Slone Hutchison
There is a temptation to say you can't make chicken salad out of chicken... but this is what Hutchison did. Clearly told me about E-grass, what it is, what it does, and why. It's good informative and eye-opening. Good job.

Second Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Tracy S. Combs
Fine overall story on impact of drought on crops. Gave problem and the impact in clear concise story.

Third Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Janie Buntain
Excellent composition of the extrication photograph, with the focus on rescue rather than victim. The complementary copter photo highlights the immediacy of the scene.

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Gwen Bolin
Nice assortment of headlines. Good play on words. Concise and to the point.

Second Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland
Amusing. Really made me want to

read the article.

Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Susan Reed Lambert
Witty, although slightly cliché.

Honorable Mention - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, David Martin
Loved the third headline. "Racing isn't a drag for 15-year-old Freels."

Category 15 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/ PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

First Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland
Dramatic and reflective.

Second Place - CRITTENDEN PRESS, Daryl K. Tabor
Not terribly original, but informative.

Third Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington
Colorful and useful.

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Gwen Bolin
"Remembering Them" is a well-composed illustration of Memorial Day observance. Balance of costumed participants with the crosses and flags is very good.

Second Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Susan Reed Lambert
This first-day-of-school photo, secreted at the bottom of page one, reflects a child's uncertainty and a teacher's encouragement on what is until now the most trying day of a youngster's life. It could have been featured more prominently.

Third Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington

Category 17 - BEST SPORTS NEWS PICTURE

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower
This photo has everything a "close call" could ask for. Rescue workers, a man clearing debris, spectators, puzzled cops. Well framed from a well-chosen angle to reflect all those elements.

Second Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Kristie Daugherty
Not your typical fire shot. There is action—and apparently danger—in this photo. The composition was very good, leaving sufficient burned structure to the left to bring the flames into central focus.

Third Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Chris Fossitt
Excellent composition of the extrication photograph, with the focus on rescue rather than victim. The complementary copter photo highlights the immediacy of the scene.

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland
Good representation of "Tribute to a friend." Photographer chose the right shooting angle, no accident, and used good judgment to best present the main photo. The complementary photo is perfect for the occasion. Good work indeed.

Second Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker
A move to the left, enough to get "Brownfield" out of the scene, would

See WEEKLY 2, page 18

For '86 murder of Irvine Police Chief Bob Walker

Harrison seeks new trial

CV&T By Jeff Moreland Staff Writer

After 13 years in a federal penitentiary, the man convicted of killing former Irvine Police Chief Bob Walker is trying to get a new trial.

James Nick Harrison was convicted of the Feb. 16, 1986 murder of Walker in October, then sentenced in November of the same year to life in prison without the possibility of parole for 25 years.

Rebecca Beckley of the Commonwealth Attorney's office in Richmond said Harrison is seeking a new trial on the grounds that he did not receive proper assistance from his attorneys in the original trial.

"Mr. Harrison is looking for a second trial because he says his attorneys did not investigate all of his defense options, and because he was not allowed to call certain witnesses on his own behalf," Beckley said. Beckley added that a change of venue is being sought by Harrison, who was originally tried in Richmond.

"They are trying to get it moved to

Lexington," Beckley said of the possible new trial.

Both Harrison and the Attorney General's office appeared before Circuit Judge Julia Adams April 28-30 for an evidentiary hearing. Both sides were allowed to present their case and call witnesses. According to a representative from the Attorney General's Office, Harrison called "about 11 witnesses," while the state had two witnesses present. The Attorney General's Office directed further questions about Harrison to his attorney, Hank Eddy, but Eddy could not be reached as of press time.

Judge Adams will review the evidence from the hearing, as well as evidence from Harrison's original trial before making a decision. Both sides are to present in writing their summary briefs to Adams by June 15. Adams said the writings will be similar to closing arguments.

"I've probably reviewed the initial trial and the filings that are currently sitting in my office in a huge box no less than six times, and in the course of writing my final opinion I will review them many times

over," Adams said in a telephone interview Monday afternoon. After reviewing all of the evidence, Adams will make a final decision about a new trial for Harrison.

An evidentiary hearing is not uncommon in similar cases, according to Adams, who added that the process of making a decision could be lengthy.

"Generally in cases where the penalties are severe, I have an extraordinary number of defendants returning to the court and claiming ineffective assistance of trial counsel. There is no way to tell how long it may take to make a decision," Adams said.

As for the possibility of a new trial being granted, Adams said each case stands on its own merit and is unique in each situation.

Harrison could not be reached for comment at Eddyville Prison. Harry Banister, a public information officer with the facility, said Harrison could normally be reached by telephone if he chose to comment, but due to an execution scheduled for Tuesday, all inmates were confined to their quarters for two days.

Enforcement, please

Litter control ordinance is useless if not upheld

So, you want to control litter and illegal dumping in Lawrence County?

The first thing you'll need is an ordinance that sets out a system of rules and punishments for litter bugs. Check.

The second thing you'll need is a solid waste coordinator to help oversee the whole process. Check.

Next, you'll need to actually follow the punishment steps laid out in the ordinance.

Here's where the problem begins.

For over three years, Lawrence County has had a working solid waste ordinance, but has come up on the short end of the stick when trying to enforce the rules.

The ordinance was passed way back in 1995 with some harsh warnings from county officials.

"If someone finds something with a name on it, it will come to my office and a summons will be issued," then County Attorney Bill Jackson said during one fiscal court meeting. "(Illegal dumping) is going to

stop, and this is the way to do it."

That all sounds well and good, but three years later, Lawrence County is still just as trashy now as it was then. We've cleaned up lots of garbage, but every time somebody comes along and dumps more.

With Lawrence County's ordinance, a person's trash is their responsibility. This means if a person's name is found on a piece of garbage in a dump, then that person is responsible and can be fined or forced to clean up the dump.

Since it's passing, we're not aware of a single case in which this has been done.

When it comes right down to it, the only way to keep someone from illegally dumping trash is to hit them where it hurts—their pockets.

We can threaten them with ordinances and write thousands of newspaper articles about "cracking down" on illegal dumping, but until someone steps up to enforce the law it's all being done in vain.

Our view

The county's ordinance has strict enforcement guidelines, and officials should take advantage of these.

Above: The Big Sandy News was the first place finisher in the Best Editorial category for Weekly 2 papers. Top right: The Citizen Voice & Times won top honors in the Spot News Story category. Bottom right: The Laurel News-Journal was the big winner in the Best Feature Story category and the General Excellence competition. The judges wrote about the feature story entry: "Fascinating story. Strong lead. Great attention to detail and history."

News Journal
People
 May 12, 1999
 Lawan Carpenter
 London, England, News Editor

IN DENIAL ABOUT BOMB

It is not all an innocent face in the crowd. In the past few days, some people have been looking for a name on a piece of newspaper. For others, it is the photograph of a woman who was killed. But for James Nick Harrison, the face, name, and photograph are all faces of a woman who died in the explosion. He is the man who was convicted of killing her.

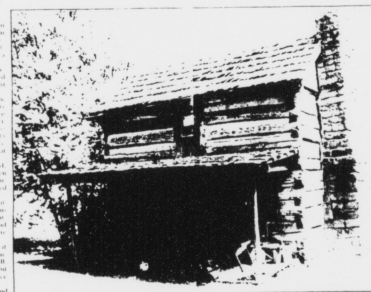


Photo by Peter Walker for News Journal. Harrison was convicted of killing former Irvine Police Chief Bob Walker in October, then sentenced in November of the same year to life in prison without the possibility of parole for 25 years.

She and her husband said that if they could find the man who had killed her, they would give him anything they wanted. When the man who had killed her was found, she said she would not let him go until he had paid for what he had done.

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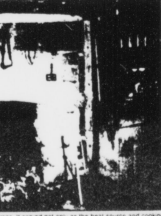


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Weekly Class 3

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Rosalind Turner
 Good leadership.
 Second Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Beth Foster
 Excellent subject, well argued, took a definite stand. The choppy sentimental paragraphs that made it a tad hard to read, kept the entry from being first, otherwise, good job!
 Third Place - BENTON TRIBUNE COURIER, Greg Travis
 Great subject and excellent points. Well-written and easy to read.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick
 Raises important local issue from a little considered perspective.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Teresa Rice
 Choppy style disturbing, but excellent points about magistrates day poor, self-serving job of appointing committees.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - CADIZ RECORD, Brian Rogers
 How this story got buried at the bottom of the page, should be a criminal investigation. I read every word. I bet readers did too!
 Second Place - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Rosalind Turner
 Possibly a bit over played, but probably quite a shock and doubtless the talk of the town. Well covered.
 Third Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Kathleen Rutledge
 Well constructed and written. I would certainly have bought a paper to get below the fold.
 Honorable Mention - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Laetitia Clayton
 Could easily have been third place. Great story. Just not as well constructed. These are the best spot news stories from any state that I've judged.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - BOONE COUNTY RECORDER, Karen Meiman
 Well-written look at an issue of importance to the community. Event organizers appear to possibly have an anti-male bias, but reporter did a good job of presenting information fairly.
 Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White
 Strong writing. Impact would have been considerably greater coupled with statistics on DUI cases etc., but use of related wire story was ok.
 Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mark White
 Thorough. Goes beyond routine coverage, although a little more structure would have helped.

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Missy Rogers
 Story very well structured, strong lead and end, fine use of quotes.
 Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Missy Rogers

Good story-telling. Descriptive with touching end.
 Third Place - BOONE COUNTY RECORDER, Amy Charley
 Strong lead, good quotes and explanations of what rodeo is about.

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - BOONE COUNTY RECORDER, Karen Meiman
 Meiman's writing has a nice touch. They start out smoothly and tell a story worth reading. She lets the characters involved have a voice, and she clearly does her research. I can tell she listens to her column subjects and tries to bring that to the reader.
 Second Place - WOODFORD SUN, Stephen Peterson
 Peterson deserves credit for taking little-noticed mundane tasks and bringing them into stories. Some sentences are a bit long and tend to run-on, but they are slices of life from a true "everyman." Mix of world and national issues with pop culture and small-town life is refreshing. Writer clearly has an original style and perspective.
 Third Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Henry Richert
 National, state and local issues. Solid Columns.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - WOODFORD SUN, Whitney Chandler
 Honorable Mention - TIE - ANDERSON NEWS, John Tuell

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mitch Howard
 A nice blend of local sports news, opinion, personal experience and humor. The use of sarcasm is "You can get whatever you want" really hammered home its point.
 Second Place - BUTLER COUNTY BANNER, Joe K. Morris
 Filled with current news as well as sports history. Extremely humorous. Not afraid to say exactly what he feels.
 Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, John Herndon
 Well-written. His passion for sports shows in his writing, particularly the column on major league baseball.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman
 I'm sure local sports fans will talk about this game for a long time. Good solid sports story.
 Second Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mitch Howard
 Dramatic basketball game story. Held my interest with drama and exciting quotes.
 Third Place - BENTON TRIBUNE COURIER, John T. Wright
 Loved this story on coon-hunting, right down to the cottage cheese and liver!
 Honorable Mention - BENTON TRIBUNE COURIER, John T. Wright
 Quality rodeo story with twist and good quotes.

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Missy Rogers
 Well-written story that puts the reader in the middle of the action.
 Second Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mitch Howard

Nice job on carrying a reader through the life of this young basketball star.
 Third Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Chris Hamilton
 Nice read.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - OLDHAM ERA, Charles Pearl
 Honorable Mention - TIE - BENTON TRIBUNE COURIER, John T. Wright

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Kathleen Rutledge
 This is a very comprehensive package that answers nearly any question a reader would have. It is straightforward with plenty of facts and national and local statistics. The writer has clearly done considerable research to write a complete story. There are no surprises here, but the package is not billed as such--instead it seems to be a very solid guide to an important issue.
 Second Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Linda Carmicle
 Series on drinking water safety gives readers a thorough look behind the scenes of a public utility. It asks some specific questions and then answers them. The ledes to both stores are well-crafted and lets readers know that an additional story is ahead.
 Third Place - OLDHAM ERA, Victoria Dempsey
 Good perspective on an ongoing issue--the drought.

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Bill Gamblin
 Loved the lead--lively story with human interest. Especially highlighted by graphic of arrests/stages of meth high, crash/recovery.
 Second Place - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Lisa Hurst
 Water--we all drink it. This series makes me stop and think before I turn the tap. Informative and timely. Close second.
 Third Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Beth Foster
 People love stories like this--an inmate walks away and no bureaucrat can say why. (At least she had sense to admit it!)
 Honorable Mention - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman
 I'll bet this story was what "everyone is talking about" that day--taxpayers hate to pay overtime, even to a good old boy.

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman
 Solid coverage of topic essential to parents in the community.
 Second Place - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Becky Barnes
 Thorough with attention to detail.
 Third Place - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Tina Pendleton
 Good follow-up to original story.

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Rosalind Turner/Erin Milburn/Kelli Elam
 Great job by reporters. Good use of different sources. Looked at the subject from every angle.
 Second Place - UNION COUNTY

ADVOCATE, Bill Gamblin, Jr./Mike Banks/Ehren Schaffter
 Good package. Some care should be taken when copy is read, to look for insertion of words not needed in story.
 Third Place - BARBOURVILLE MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, Marilyn Brittain
 Should have interviewed other sources, ie. those she gave vegetables away to, etc.

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS/ AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - PULASKI NEWS JOURNAL, M. E. Dickerson
 Solid quality "tree" story enhanced by the character of Joe Ball, a "senior citizen" with the ideas of youth. Great stuff.
 Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick
 What could have stopped as a sentimental piece about an old store closing coupled the demands of environment with the grit of tradition.
 Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Janie Buntain
 An "old friend"--4 Roses--flashes back on the scene. Flavor of story excellent.
 Honorable Mention - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Stephanie Brady
 In a state seeking to diversify from tobacco, this "land-locked industry" of shrimp farming was timely and well written.

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White
 Good selection of entries--some witty, some moving, all concise. They would make me read the stories.
 Second Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mitch Howard
 Great plays on words, particularly "Bourbon spoils party."
 Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Mary Madden
 Good work... while still getting across points of stories.

Category 15 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

First Place - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Lisa Hurst
 The graphic was original and very informative.
 Second Place - HAZARD HERALD, Shannon Johnson
 Third Place - PULASKI NEWS JOURNAL, Don Perry
 Honorable Mention - TIE - PULASKI NEWS JOURNAL, Don Perry
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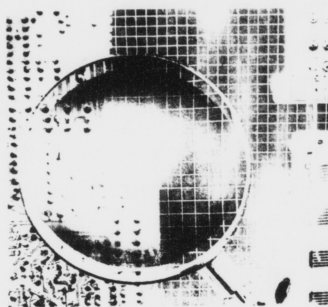
Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Beth Foster
 The best of three wonderful award winners in this category. Attribute the choice of "Secret Garden" in part to the third and fourth-grade actors, (whose production must have been extraordinary) but photographer Beth Foster was in the right place, right time, with excellent lighting. Very, very good work!
 Second Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mark White
 Page A-6? We'd like to see what best it out on the front. A gripping photo of a

See WEEKLY 3, page 18

Y2K in Jessamine County: ARE WE READY?

Officials say problem likely to be no worse than 'winter storm'



YEAR 2000 GLOSSARY

- BUG**
A mistake in the design of a program, computer system, or an equipment part. Diagnostic routines are performed to locate the error, which can often be removed (debugged).
- CHIP**
Also called an integrated circuit or IC, it is a tiny semiconductor that consists of inter-

connected circuitry. It is used to make up a computer system (i.e. CPU, monitor, keyboard, or other mechanical, magnetic, or electronic device).

MISSION CRITICAL SYSTEM
...ware or hardware that is critical to the existence of the institution. The absence or failure of mission-critical systems could have a significant impact on the viability of the financial institution. A system sup-

ports or critical infrastructure, from across County, Kentucky and the United States, have and they do not expect many serious problems during the transition to 2000.

"Mr. Manganer walked a spokesperson for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and we're really not looking at anything more than being prepared for a winter storm. But it's in the middle of a winter storm, it's not a big thing."

"At the national level, we do not expect any significant major disruptions in any of the key infrastructure areas... What could happen, if people don't address some of these problems and start making contingency plans and fixing their systems, there could be localized disruption in services."

— Mr. Morganer, Wickliffe, Kentucky, Management Agent

...and conducting on-site tests.

"We've done a complete inventory of our systems... and we're in the process of testing our facilities," Williams said.

The major test for the facility involves bringing the date to the year 2000 to "make sure the financial reports Williams added.

Ruby, Kentucky's Utilities Company and KVA-Southern Gas Company, has been performing similar tests and expects the Y2K compliance work to be over by the year 2000 by the third quarter of 1999.

The Louisville Gas and Electric Energy Company and Kentucky Utilities, and maintains a Y2K Web site which updates customers on the company's readiness. Although LG&E states on the Web site that "transition costs are 30 percent complete," the statement also includes a disclaimer stating that the company is not making any guarantee.

Williams said that although he is one of the power companies, including Blue Grass Electric, to make guarantees because of the uncertain nature of the utilities industry.

"We are only a distribution system," Warren said. "The power supply comes from a Kentucky Power Corporation in Winchester." Because of the Blue Grass Electric has no control over the generation and transmission of power, "We only distribute the power after we purchase it from them."

Blue Grass Electric is also purchasing on the electric power grid system that it can then access the United States. It said

Top left: The Jessamine Journal's entry in the Best Enterprise or Analytical Story category impressed the judges the most in the Weekly Class 3 Division. Below: Karen Meiman's coverage of a local high school event earned her first place in the General News Story category for the Boone County Recorder. Bottom Right: The Union County Advocate took first place in the best Investigative Story or Series category.

T-shirts air 'dirty laundry'

NKU, police program targets BCHS students

By Karen Meiman
Florence Recorder Editor

The white T-shirt, hanging from a clothesline in the middle of the Boone County High School library, nearly slapped Rovena Moorman in the face Monday.

And that's just what Patricia Knox wanted.

For Rovena, a ninth-grader, and other BCHS students, the hard-hitting message of domestic violence and how it wrecks lives couldn't be ducked.

It sounded from a sea of white, red, yellow and green...T-shirts hung side by side from the clotheslines for all to see.

"We want them to hit you right in the face," said Knox, an assistant professor of social work at NKU.

She and fellow professors joined NKU students and the Florence Police Department in hauling the shirts and their message of awareness to the high school Monday for a daylong education seminar.

And it appears the messages found their target: teens. They are the least likely to report crimes against them, Knox explained.

"I sit in the corner and cower in pain. Just hoping you'll stop. I know I'm to blame," Rovena read. "I'm beyond the pain and you can't hurt me anymore. If only I had the strength, I wouldn't be here dying on the floor."

The shirt represents the pain of a 6-year-old Fort Thomas child. He died in June, 1994.

Another shirt, another message: "Molested at age 12 by Camp Riffery Range Instructor. My voice has been silent too long. I speak today!"

This is the second year the NKU staff has worked with the Florence Police Department to bring the program, part of the International Clothesline Project, to town. Many of the

Meth labs on the rise here

Local police officers say difficulty in locating labs is because of their mobility

By Bill Gambelin Jr.,
Advocate staff writer

Is there a bomb next door to you? Methamphetamine is the new craze in drugs, but what most people don't realize is the volatile nature of the chemicals used to produce it or how mobile a lab is, but most of all how widespread it actually is.

In the last three months, five individuals have been arrested as officers have \$180, a drug dealer can make 3 batches of meth and make around \$3,000.

— Ron Girten
Union County Sheriff

methamphetamine can be manufactured by materials one can purchase at any local store... items such as starter fluid, lithium from batteries, a sulfuric acid (from car batteries), and a can of starter fluid in a week. Now, they can't keep it on the shelves.

Just in the last couple of weeks Morganfield police received a call from a store where a couple of individuals stopped and purchased a large amount of methamphetamine.

A majority of the calls don't end with an arrest," said Carmon.



Morganfield police officer Jimmy Lyons sifts up some discarded evidence that was left behind following a tip from one of the local businesses in Morganfield. Merchants are working with police by asking them to contact police if individuals purchase an unusual amount of anti-inflam... Lyons is shown above sacking the evidence he collected that was discarded when a Missouri man threw out his bag of pills as Lyons was following him with his blue lights on.

It is so portable," said Sergeant Police Chief Wes Brubaker in referring to the labs. "When they feel the pressure on them, they can pick it up and move out."

"What gets me is the people don't understand that manufacturing methamphetamine can be so hazardous material by the Environmental Protection Agency."

The EPA's annual budget for meth cleanup is currently \$1.5 million, according to Pettisville Palmer, but last year's cleanup cost the EPA over \$2.5 million.

"You have to look at the chemicals that they are dealing with and how volatile they are," said Union County Deputy Sheriff Greg Wainmack. "Amphetamines will burn."

Meth Arrest in Kentucky 1994 to 1998



The above graphic depicts the number of arrests made in Kentucky involving methamphetamine. These figures were supplied by the Drug Enforcement Administration in Louisville. These figures do not include the five arrests which have occurred in Union County since August.

photo by Bill Gambelin Jr./The Advocate

— Ron Girten, Union County Sheriff

On Nov. 13, Scott McCallister found out how volatile a lab can be when he suffered third degree burns on his arms, hands, and face as the result of an explosion.

According to Clay, Chief of Police Cindy Cain, McCallister was reportedly manufacturing a crank which is another name for the street drug methamphetamine.

The chemical compounds left over—corrosive acids and flammable liquids—alone are classified as hazardous material by the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Multi-Weekly

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Pam Shingler
 Powerful eloquent editorial on a cultural issue that affects all of us.
 Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Geoff Belcher
 Well-written "outrage" editorial Great use of word play in lead and conclusion.
 Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Mike Scogin
 Strongly worded, clean editorial on important subject.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Ralph Davis
 Honorable Mention - TIE - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Pam Shingler

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Willie Sawyers
 Story does a good job of building tension, keeping readers on the edge of their seats. Lots of drama.
 Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Alicia Carmichael
 A lot of action in this one. The writer handles it all without confusing the reader. Also has some nice quotes.
 Third Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Carol Mills
 Good lead. Clear story telling.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Stan McKinney
 Covers all the bases thoroughly. The reporter talked to the key players.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Willie Sawyers
 Compelling story. Good detail.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Derek Armstrong
 Great job!
 Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Michael Cornett
 Third Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Pam Shingler
 Honorable Mention - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Alice Parsons

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Alicia Carmichael
 This is an excellent account of the life-crushing effects of alcoholism.
 Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Kevin Hall
 Here's an example of a delightful people feature, interesting even to readers who may not appreciate basketball.
 Third Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Sue Minton
 Featured in the "Pride in Progress" section; curiously, is this compassionate exploration of Mennonite life and beliefs. It deftly avoids sentimentality while informing readers about this culture.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - KENTUCKY STANDARD, BARDSTOWN, Lisa Tolliver
 Great lead! It immediately let readers

picture the size-and fragility of this premise. Once hooked, we stay with what could have been a ho-hum story of struggle.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Rob Herbst
 Good job spinning a truly interesting yarn.

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Pam Shingler
 Elegant writer, holds your interest on any subject!
 Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Kevin Hall
 Entertaining columns, great writing style, close to first.
 Third Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Nita Johnson
 Good columns on local subjects of importance, not just personal experiences.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Rick Bentley
 First two columns were strong, the first providing an emotional picture of a bad situation, the second taking a strong stand against the actions of a coach. The third was a little too "me-oriented" for my taste. Columns can be personal without being first person.
 Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Brad Lockard
 Well written columns on topics of local interest.
 Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Rob Herbst
 Columns were interesting "topical" opinions were well supported.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - PRINCETON TIMES LEADER, Todd Griffin
 Second Place - TIE - APPLALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Brad Lockard
 Third Place - TIE - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Ed Taylor
 Third Place - RUSSELLVILLE NEWS DEMOCRAT, Jim Turner
 Honorable Mention - TIE - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Paul Allen Adkins
 Honorable Mention - TIE - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Josh Underwood

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Paul Allen Adkins
 Great lead on first story. Well-researched. Clearly written. Very long, but still my top pick.
 Second Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Denis House
 First few paragraphs really drew me in. Nice job of bringing out the emotion of this story without making it sappy. Could have used more sources.
 Third Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Lisa Tolliver
 Well-written. Strong beginning. Would have been stronger with additional sources.
 Honorable Mention - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Kevin Hall
 Excellent lead, strong writing, but too many typos kept it out of top three.

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Rob Herbst
 Good strong idea.
 Second Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Dale Morton/Willie Sawyers/Nita Johnson
 Interesting behind the scenes look at topic.
 Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Dena Tackett
 Good strong idea on interesting topic.

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Alicia Carmichael
 "Unsolved Murders" infinitely fascinating. Highly readable. I read every word and loved how you brought "modern" folks and comments into stories. People (readers) love these stories and so did I. Outstanding effort. I know you spent much time, well worth the effort.
 Second Place - NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Eddie Kolb
 Kolb went beyond the story with FOI request that revealed bid awarded before opened. Follow-ups excellent and informative, though ponderous with scientific detail which probably put off readers, but was essential, dogged effort and close to first effort. Hard work pays.
 Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Staff
 Many entries in category simply not investigative and this is close. However, details of history, profiles of characters and analysis saved it. Again, ANE put out readable, quality stuff.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Monica Newton Tate
 Honorable Mention - TIE - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Chad Queen

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Willie Sawyers/Alice Parsons
 Willie and Alice appeared to be on top of the story of school superintendent, and gave it balanced coverage.
 Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Staff
 The writers stayed with a long twisting story.
 Third Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Pam Shingler/Willie Elliott
 Pam Shingler and Willie Elliott gave even handed coverage to the story of public official who broke the public trust.
 Honorable Mention - NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Jim Welborn
 Stories on migrant laborers were interesting and probably helpful to the community.

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Staff
 A complete package, clearly presented.
 Second Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Pam Shingler
 Included lots of details behind the numbers and all on a tight deadline.
 Third Place - LONDON SENTINEL

ECHO, Dale G. Morton

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS/ AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Mitchell Douglas
 Interesting and well written story. It benefits from the inclusion of a revenue figure, which tells readers just how big a business this is.
 Second Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Mitchell Douglas
 Solid feature story.
 Third Place - TIE - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Kevin Hall
 Economic professor's comments add validity to story.
 Third Place - TIE - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Dena Tackett
 Useful information readers can use.

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Clyde Pack
 Clever headlines. Nice word play. Headlines entice you to read the story.
 Second Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Pam Shingler
 Well-balanced. Clever and informative.
 Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Josh Underwood
 Honorable Mention - TIE - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Melissa Nipper
 Honorable Mention - TIE - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Jimmy Raines

Category 15 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Josh Clark/John Friedlein
 Great computer generated image. Works well with the article.
 Second Place - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Clyde Pack
 Good illustration.
 Third Place - FLOYD COUNTY TIMES, Heath Wiley

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Stan McKinney
 Wonderful photo. Really captures the spirit of the moment. The elements of the photo are grouped well.
 Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Bruce Justice
 Captures the emotional state of the subject.
 Third Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Dale Morton
 Great aerial shots. Clearly demonstrates construction.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Terry L. May
 Honorable Mention - TIE - KENTUCKY STANDARD, John Friedlein

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Charles Longton
 Nice work, very captivating moment.
 Second Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Stan McKinney

See MULTI-WEEKLY, page 22

Robbery attempt ends in shootout

One suspect killed; second wounded

By WILLIE SAWYERS
Sentinel-Echo Editor

Harold Clontz was doing on his couch about 1:30 a.m. Monday while watching coverage of the war in Kosovo on CNN.

A few minutes later, after answering a knock at the door, Clontz found himself in his own war right in his living room, fighting for his life.

Clontz, 56, lives at the very end of gravelled Hooks Road in secluded western Laurel County. A disabled man living alone in a remote area should be easy prey for a robbery, as three people believed Monday morning.

"I heard the knock at the door and I looked outside and thought it was a boy that works for me," Clontz said Tuesday. "I opened the door and the next thing I knew I had a gun under my chin."

A couple from Lexington and his accomplice from Hazard apparently knew Clontz through family members and decided they'd break in on him, take his money, beat him up and possibly kill him.

But they didn't account for Clontz's friend sleeping in a nearby bedroom.

See SHOOTING Page A-4

Left: In the Multi-Weekly competition, The London Sentinel Echo won first place for Best Spot News story for this story about a robbery that turned into a shootout, leaving one of the robbers dead and another injured. Below: Judges enjoyed Derek Armstrong's coverage of an incident where an open microphone at a council meeting accidentally broadcast a council member's negative remarks about his newly-elected colleagues so much, they awarded him first place in the General News Story category. Bottom: The Appalachian News-Express won first place in the Investigative Story or Series category for this piece on the pay scale of Pike County officials. The win helped the newspaper finish first in the General Excellence competition.

Maurer: New mayor lacks vision

Open mike accidentally broadcasts conversation

By DEREK ARMSTRONG
Georgetown News-Graphic

An operating microphone accidentally captured Georgetown City Councilman Terry Maurer's critical remarks about last week's election and

broadcast them Thursday to a local cable TV audience awaiting the council meeting.

Each council member has a lapel microphone for the cable broadcast which can be switched on and off by the council member.

Maurer's microphone which broadcast his comments was turned on shortly before Thursday's meeting officially began. Maurer and other council members were apparently unaware that the conversation was live.

"... Charlene Poland and Marvin Thompson ... what the



"We've elected people ... who by their own admission don't have any clue."

—City Councilman Terry Maurer, unknowingly speaking over live TV

Maurer ... who ... sion don't ... laurer said ... man mayor ... admission, ... ion, doesn't ... at is going ... is frighten-

deal with ... go on, and the city will run fine. We'll get along." Maurer and Overstreet are two of four council members re-elected. The others are David Lusby and Don Hawkins.

See MAURER, Back Page

Top Pike officials paid more than state counterparts, analysis finds

Administrators in Pikeville get more than in similar towns

By ROB HERBST
STAFF WRITER

Many city employees have the residents of Pikeville to thank. After all, the taxpayers pay the salaries for city employees.

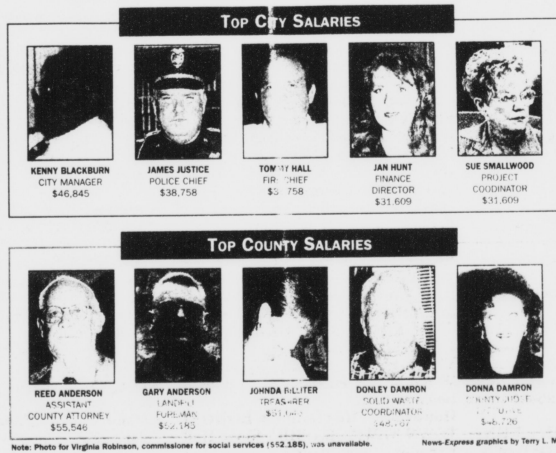
But just how much do city employees really make?

The News-Express studied the salaries of the five highest-paid city employees in Pikeville and compared those to other cities.

Topping the payroll list in Pikeville is City Manager Kenny Blackburn. According to the city's most recent payroll, Blackburn earns \$22,552 an hour. For a 40-hour week and for 52 weeks of the year, Blackburn earns an annual salary of \$46,845.

"Most of our employees work a 40-hour week for 52 weeks of the year," said Pikeville Finance Director Jan Hunt.

That is considerably more than the city managers of Kentucky cities comparable to



Note: Photo for Virginia Robinson, commissioner for social services (\$52,185), job unavailable.

News-Express graphics by Terry L. May

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Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, R. Michael Johnson
A careful, thorough recitation of the facts in the case of the convicted public official who is still drawing a public salary evokes the outrage the writer intended. The editorial also calls for further review of the law to prevent future outrages.

Second Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Gary Moyers

The writer forcefully questions a mysterious and unexpected proposal, listing all the varied issues the proposal seems to ignore. Editorials like this one should prompt public officials to think and deliberate before rushing into new ventures.

Third Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Nikki Lockhart

Open meeting and public records laws are dear to the hearts of all journalists. This editorial explains the law and its importance while giving public officials the benefit of the doubt. Bullheaded items are effective. Honorable Mention - TIE - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Whitlock
This is a strong commentary on open meetings, raising the specter of obligatory if laws are not obeyed. Closing paragraph is a powerful punch.

Honorable Mention - TIE - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, James Mulcahy
Editorial makes a clear distinction between what newspaper believes is right and what is legal. It makes this important point well. A typo (is vs it) in the first paragraph hurts an otherwise strong editorial.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Betty Coutant
Succinct lead, and it's followed by details later that explain exactly what was so "tragic." Every available witness has something to add. I felt like I got the entire story. Well done.

Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Butwell

Good details, from the retired engineer to the woman trying to get a new car, to the weight of the train. Narrative format retells story well. Fact about no injuries, though, should be moved up. You probably boosted the spirits of retired folks everywhere. Solid reporting.

Third Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Michael Cornett

Step-by-step description of school fire. Fires take a long time and many reporters simply write about how it started and when it ended—you told what was happening during it. Nice, look-ahead lead that addresses big problem ahead. Short, concise writing makes for easy reading.

Honorable Mention - TIE - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Butwell
Honorable Mention - TIE - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Debbie Patterson

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Butwell
John Butwell writes cleanly and with restraint, letting the details and quotes bring out the story drama.

Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Mary Ann Kearns
Kearns' writing helps put the reader on the scene, seeing and hearing the event.

Third Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr

Easy style and humorous intro, lift this story above the level of many stories of its kind.

Honorable Mention - TIE - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Sharon Dodson

Story and presentation draw the reader.

Honorable Mention - TIE - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Jennifer McDaniels
Jennifer gets into the story well.

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Judy Hensley

Great lead into the story. It seems a lot of time was invested here and it pays off. Another police officer, such as a supervisor, might have added another perspective however.

Second Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Jennifer Almjed
Good variety of people quoted and very clever language.

Third Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr

Good feature on a local person. Harold's personality as well as his father's come through in the writing. A little too long, though and the story would have benefited from a quote or two from fellow musicians who have played with him.

Honorable Mention - RICHMOND REGISTER, Debra Petkus Perry
Good story idea and talking with mail carriers added their perspective. Some awkward wording and typos, however.

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, R. Michael Johnson

Mr. Johnson is a pleasure to read. He weaves a column so very well, blending subject with humor and personal anecdotes. When you read a columnist who leaves you wanting more, you know you have a good one. Mr. Johnson left me wanting more.

Second Place - STATE JOURNAL, FRANKFORT, Dave Baker

Excellent work! Baker's choice of subjects and his handling of those subjects showed his creativity very well. Obviously, he goes out and gets his topics—something few columnists seem to do today. Writing is clean and flows well.

Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Garth Gamblin

Mr. Gamblin's creativity speaks for itself, is entertaining while expressing an opinion. Many young writers could learn how to "keep the reader to the end" by reading Gamblin's stuff.

Honorable Mention - TIE - MID-

DLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Richard Evans

I like Mr. Evans' style—get in, say it, get out. It is a pleasure to read columns where brevity rates highly. Also, Mr. Evans takes a stand—his own.

Honorable Mention - TIE - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Phyllis Sizemore

Phyllis Sizemore writes from her heart, not to fill this week's space with something as so many writers do nowadays. She tells her story in a short, basic style with regular glimpses of creativity that fits very well.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Mary Ann Kearns
Mary Ann is bright, funny and where appropriate authoritative. You don't have to be a sports fan to enjoy her style.

Second Place - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Jeff Neal
Columns project a personality that readers no doubt trust. Solid readable writing.

Third Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Jeff Drummond
Drummond has a nice easy style.

Honorable Mention - TIE - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Jeff Anderson

Mr. Anderson writes well. Honorable Mention - TIE - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Don Perry
Crisp, clear writing from Don Perry.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr
Catchy lead and a solid story about a team triumph that might ordinarily get little notice.

Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Mary Ann Kearns

Good lead and clear writing, about a sport too often embedded in cliches.

Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Morgan G. McKinley
Dramatic lead that catches the excitement.

Honorable Mention - TIE - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, James Mulcahy
Strong description enlivens this golf story.

Honorable Mention - TIE - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Mary Ann Kearns

Good, clear descriptive writing about a race.

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - STATE JOURNAL, FRANKFORT, Mary Branham

Well written and descriptive story that should captivate the interest of many in a basketball hotbed state. Thorough description of a museum and comments from visitors and museum director, excites one to attend this museum.

Second Place - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Don Perry

Good lead that evokes immediate interest...well written and maintains

interest.

Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Jeff Anderson
Thorough job on story a little different from usual football, basketball, etc.

Honorable Mention - TIE - STATE JOURNAL, Mary Branham
Well-crafted story that maintains interest.

Honorable Mention - TIE - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Mark Young
Good read.

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - STATE JOURNAL, Alex DeGrand

This is a heck of a story, and Alex tells it largely in understatement, letting the reader draw his own conclusions. It seems clear the mayor has some identity or job description issues to resolve. One flaw I find is a lack on any mention of the mayor's occupation and age.

Second Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Judy Hensley

Excellent, spine-chilling anecdotes on the experiences of abused women brings life to this issue.

Third Place - STATE JOURNAL, Dave Baker

Great scene-setting lead pulls the reader into this story, where the writer examines the pedophilia/punishment issue. Good background from court records. Intriguing!

Honorable Mention - TIE - WINCHESTER SUN, Michael Cornett
Good profile that also examines the usual pregnancy issue.

Honorable Mention - TIE - COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Sharon Dodson

Well done descriptions of a tragedy and its aftermath. Leaves the reader with a "there, but for the grace of God..." feeling.

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Michael Cornett

This series about home schooling is a real education. It was clearly the top entry in this category. Mixing statistical information, quotes and descriptions of home schools, Michael Cornett made me feel like I understood this whole issue.

Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Betty Coutant

Betty makes the crime of identity theft real and personal with her accounts of how its done and how it has affected people's lives. She also tells how to avoid identity theft and how to report it—a good public service.

Third Place - COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Ken Milligan

Colonial Care Home had some serious problems, which showed up in state investigative reports. Ken picked up those reports and ran with them to show his readers what happened and how lives were affected.

Honorable Mention - TIE - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Morgan G. McKinley

This series shows why low pay and high turnover hurts small town police departments. Effective use of

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The Wines of Woodford County

At Equus Run Vineyards, the new alternative crop is grapes, mixed with a generous serving of tourism.

Story by Mary Branham/photos by Suzanne Feliciano

A once-lined lane offers you from the bustle and bustle of a traffic-filled roadway to the peace and serenity where folks make magic. Tucked in the hills of tobacco country, Equus Run Vineyard paints a new landscape on Woodford County's Maxwell Mill Road.

Where once stood tobacco, small bunches of tiny green grapes are poking out from the vines. Vidal Blanc, Chardonnay and Norton grapes, in fact, share the land with tobacco.

In this vineyard, like Kentucky crop for its wine. For inside the tasting room that once served as a garage, the vineyard's first efforts - making wine grapes from California and making wine grapes from California - can be compared to a piece of long road to the west.

"I've said it made it for anything in the world," says Cynthia Bell, who "I really love doing this."

Belton and Cynthia Hill celebrated their second year of business with the opening of the retail tasting room in April. Belton's brother, Joseph Belton, serves as vineyard manager.

The success is the realization of a dream. It has had for many years. She started collecting wine in 1981. A neighbor - the president of a lobbying company - taught her about wine.

"It started as a hobby," she says, "then it became a passion and now it's a business."

Belton grew up on a tobacco farm south of Elizabethtown. She's lived in Lexington since 1980, where she's also a client executive with IBM.

"I love farming," she said. "I have agriculture. I think it's the backbone of the world."

But with Kentucky's major crop facing massive changes, grape growing and winemaking offers an alternative.

While winemaking may not seem as natural to Kentucky as tobacco, it actually has a long history in the state. Production within the industry, The Kentucky Vineyard Society, originally established in 1982.

Lamb Kinross, an consultant for the Kentucky Vineyard Society's Program at Middle Tennessee State University, said the interest in growing grapes as a commercial crop to tobacco is on the upswing.

Money was set aside for the program at Murray during the waning days of the last year. This season, he said there are approximately 200 people growing grapes in two Kentucky, 75 of whom

grow them at a commercial level. Chris Nelson, who owns Equus Run Mill vineyard and Nicholasville and is president of the Kentucky Vineyard Society, said there are currently five wineries in the state.

He credits the Kentucky Vineyard Assistance Program with the increased number of grape growers. Other legislation in the most recent session of the General Assembly, eased some rules placed on wineries, he said.

Kentucky supplies 75 percent of American oak barrels to California winemakers.

According to Belton, grapes and tobacco require similar farm equipment, lay of the land and farming knowledge.

But the idea of opening a vineyard and winery in central Kentucky wasn't too far-fetched after all.

But it took years before Equus Run could take over. The partners had to put together a business plan and financial plan, and determine their market.

They visited wineries in California, New York, Indiana, Ohio and Virginia.

"Our goal was to try to replicate what Virginia was doing," Belton said. That's because the weather and soil conditions very closely replicate Kentucky's neighbor to the east.

They attended winemaking and vineyard management classes at UC Davis in California.

Then came the search for the land. It took two years, until "I pulled down this lane and saw that 'For Sale' sign," Belton said.

But even though the land was located, it took time to prepare it for grape growing. They also had to come up with a name, which took months, Belton said. Finally, it clicked: Equus, for the horse country the winery is surrounded by, and Run, also for the area surrounding the farm, known as Elk Horn Run.

Meanwhile, they purchased grapes from California and Indiana for this year's wines, made in a contract winery in Ohio. All the winemaking equipment will be moved to Equus Run's new home this summer.

The winery offers five varieties - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Chardonnay, White Riesling and Blush. Prices range from \$8.99 to \$13.99.

All can be sampled in the tasting room for \$2, and visitors can take the commemorative glass home.

Vineyard managers invite visitors to tour the land, look at the crop and picnic near the gurgling Elk Horn Creek.



After tasting, Cheryl Corbin of Frankfort took home a white Riesling, a Merlot and a blush for a special family dinner.

Worley wins close race over Metcalf

Solid showing in all counties lifts Richmond city manager

by LESLIE DECKARD
Register News Writer

Ed Worley moves from city manager of Richmond to state senator in Frankfort.

In a highly contested race that wasn't decided until late into the night due to late precinct reports from Garrard and Lincoln Counties, Worley, a 13-year veteran of local government, defeated Mark Metcalf, Garrard County Attorney, 16,010 to 15,322 (51 percent to 49 percent) to represent the 34th district in the Kentucky State Senate.

The 34th district includes the counties of Madison, Garrard and Lincoln, as well as



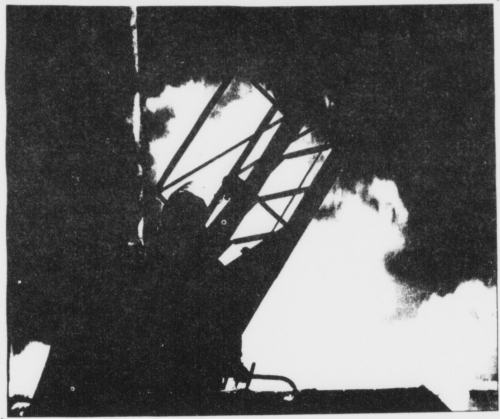
ED WORLEY

the future of tobacco.

Shearer School burns

Alternate locations for classes are being discussed

By MICHAEL CORNETT
Sun Staff Writer



An early morning fire destroyed Shearer Elementary School and left school officials pondering how to house the school's approximately 400 students for the remainder of the school year.

Firefighters from both the Winchester and Clark County fire departments worked from 2:40 a.m. until well past dusk, fighting the blaze which gutted the entire east wing of the school and left only the cafeteria, gymnasium and administrative office areas still standing.

First at the scene was Stanley Rogers, Shearer custodian, who heard the school's alarm sounding and went to the building from his nearby Flanagan Street home.

"I went inside because the alarm was going off and I smelled smoke," said Rogers, who was in the building until 11 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Firefighters arrived shortly after the fire was reported at 2:44 a.m. to find some visible flames which appeared to flare and then die down, filling the building with smoke.

The heaviest concentration of smoke initially appeared to

A huge wall of red and yellow flames lighted the night sky around Shearer Elementary School early this morning, backslighting two Winchester firefighters battling the blaze from an aerial truck. The blaze, reported at 2:44 a.m., destroyed much of the 26-year-old structure. (Sun photo by James Martin)

Top left: In the Daily Class 1 competition, The Frankfort State Journal took first place in the Business/Agribusiness Story category for its piece on Equus Run Vineyards. Above: Michael Cornett won a first place award for the Winchester Sun in the Spot News Picture category with this photo from a devastating school fire. Bottom left: The Richmond Register took first place in the Spot News Package category with its election coverage. Below: Roy Mobley of The Somerset Commonwealth Journal impressed judges with this entry in the Best Feature Picture category. The judges wrote: Terrific capture!! Well framed photo captures woman with her tongue cocked and the horse shoe she's just tossed in mid-flight."



Daily 2

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock
 Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock
 Both uses of anecdotal lead-ins are effective, strong writing.
 Third Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Deedra Lawhead
 Not as strongly written as some other entries, but effectively argued.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, David C.L. Bauer
 The writer caught me with the lead and kept my attention with good detail about this son of a minister, teenager of the year, turned con man. Great detail, well used!
 Second Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, E.L. Gold
 Writing about yourself in your paper is always hard. This story about a reporter met by police was thorough and balanced.
 Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Justin Willis
 A fine job of putting the reader in the story.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Stephanie Broadbent
 Honorable Mention - TIE - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - TIE - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jason Riley
 Excellent example of using state sunshine laws to expose a problem WKU obviously was trying to hide from the public.
 First Place - TIE - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Mike James
 Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jason Riley
 It was refreshing to see a newspaper give serious consideration to this brand of racism, which is generally dismissed by the news media.
 Third Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Karen Setze
 Good detail helps put the reader in the meeting to better understand what happened.
 Honorable Mention - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Beth Hudson

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Libby Keeling
 Keeling drew readers into a story of a horrible tragedy with an uncanny use of witty narrative. "Weeble-wobbling on plump toddler legs" describing any 20-month-old who goes "face-down, diaper-up" in anger is compelling. In this case, it lets readers bypass pity and embrace understanding!
 Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jason Riley
 An excellent, highly detailed but easy to follow review of a shocking abduction. Unusually taut and concise.

Riley seems to let this significant story tell itself. That's a mark of talent.

Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Emily Toadvine
 This is a fun, right-on-the-money description of the lives of hunters' wives. I'm sure thousands of readers' heads were bobbin' in agreement around Danville on Sunday, November 8, 1998! Can "Hunter's Wife Syndrome" be far behind the official diagnosis listed by the America Psychiatric Association?
 Honorable Mention - TIE - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett
 Nice flow to a charming story about two local treasures: Ray Howell and his Homefolks Hardware.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - HENDERSON GLEANER, Libby Keeling
 Honorable Mention - TIE - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Cathie Shaffer
 Honorable Mention - TIE - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kevin Eigelbach

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Deedra Lawhead
 Deedra Lawhead writes a great column. Her writing is smooth, crisp and sparse, the latter being a rare trait in most columnists. She reaches her point and pounds it home with anecdote and fact. Isn't that what a column is supposed to do?
 Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett
 Mr. Stinnett has caused me to do something I have never before done—read a business column to its end! If I had access to this column, I would read it regularly. Mr. Stinnett brings personality/real life to business. Writing is a bit windy, but works well here.
 Third Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, E. L. Gold
 Mr. Gold is my favorite kind of columnist. He gets his point—albeit a bit hidden at times—across in a humorous, borderline sarcastic, way. He's clean, concise and has no problems poking fun at himself. Great stuff!
 Honorable Mention - TIE - HENDERSON GLEANER, Frank Boyett
 What Mr. Boyett does here with history—making it come alive/be entertaining—requires a special skill/talent. Also, this subject demands some hard work. He does an excellent job.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Ryan Craig
 Mr. Craig is perhaps the most creative writer in this group. I enjoy his humor. His flow works well for his style. Writing is clear, I hope to read more of his work in the future.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Martin Hepner
 Good variety of topics. Hepner shows the ability to take on a tough subject and go a step deeper with his writing. His quotes and descriptions are impressive in his storytelling. Focuses on the story behind the story. His style is non-contradictory because he lets his subjects speak for themselves. Good local perspective, but enough

references to national sports to satisfy general sports fans.

Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock
 UK-focused columns are enjoyable because writer's passion comes through. He's not afraid to poke fun at himself. Ledes could be more direct, but colloquial style draws me in. His serious column on his cousin's death showed that sports is no match for life itself—a good note for a sports columnist to make occasionally. Bulleted style works well in Herb's writing. Relaxed tone with plenty of humor.
 Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Larry Vaught
 Serious sports columns are not easy, but Vaught does a good job of drawing out emotions from his subjects. His viewpoints may not be universally accepted, but he makes his case nonetheless. Good collection of topics—one player's battle with cancer, drug testing and team's heart. Local flavor and knowledge comes through. Writer clearly is familiar with the community.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Jeff D'Alessio
 A heart-warming story well told—beginning at the bottom and working up. Good detail. Lead catches reader attention—the billing of the story keeps him/her reading.
 Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Kevin Patton
 Lead captures the drama well, story backs it up.
 Third Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Jeff D'Alessio
 A great profile, easily told. Easy read. D'Alessio helps reader really get to know story subjects.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jason Frakes
 Honorable Mention - TIE - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Rocky Stanley

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jennifer Seigler
 Good read from start to finish.
 Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Larry Vaught
 The David and Goliath story, always a winner in sports, told in a new way. It keeps the reader on the ball.
 Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jason Riley
 A grand mixture of sports and business, something that both describes and explains the college game these days.
 Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock
 Good tale told well. Every reader would love to have such a relationship.

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Libby Keeling
 Substantive, well-rounded and thoroughly researched.
 Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Vicki Stevens
 A close look at an interesting case. Informative.
 Third Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Karen Grigsby

Very well written.

Honorable Mention - TIE - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Risa Brim
 Honorable Mention - TIE - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Karen Setze
 Honorable Mention - TIE - HENDERSON GLEANER, Sara Paff

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Steve Bittenbender/Risa Brim
 The story on school security was well-executed. It is the kind of reporting that focuses attention on important questions, reporting that could make a difference to a community.
 Second Place - TIE - HENDERSON GLEANER, Frank Boyett
 Stories on a troubled nursing home draw attention to serious issues of patients safety.
 Second Place - TIE - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Mark Maynard
 Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Frank Boyett
 This is a story that hits pretty hard—revealing how a public employee was rewarded for lying.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Ann R. Harney
 Honorable Mention - TIE - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kevin Eigelbach

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Tom Lewis
 Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Libby Keeling
 Third Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Staff
 Honorable Mention - TIE - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Karen Setze
 Honorable Mention - TIE - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Ann R. Harney

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett/Beth Smith
 Very complete coverage, including the business angle.
 Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Beth Smith/Jamie Neal
 Thorough coverage of the fire. Report on injuries should be higher in story.
 Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock
 Important story for the community. Tastefully and thoroughly covered.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jason Riley/Clinton Lewis
 Honorable Mention - TIE - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Staff

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS/ AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett
 Good story tackling a complex issue that, nevertheless, is important to business.
 Second Place - TIE - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Linda S. Morris



"You watch him one or two years later, and he laughs. He smiles. He runs and plays. He has the biggest dimples you've ever seen," said family friend Kim Johnson, holding burn survivor Cory Holderfield as his father Ricky tickles him.

Courageous Cory

Burn survivor beats odds to be just another little boy

His eyes crackling with mischief, 2½-year-old Cory Holderfield eagerly grabs the toy frog from the hand of the person who is usually deemed the receiver in his mother's kitchen.

Annette Holderfield takes a moment to smile at Cory's every accomplishment. Whether he's walking, crawling and crawling again from one end of the house or the Madisonville Road to the other, ramping with his mother's hand or pushing around the refrigerator, his parents are more than likely to smile their smiles.

Annette draws the line when little hands start reaching for her special box — a black box she affectionately calls the "candy" covered top that little will never — and sometimes she admits with a grin — "Hogan."

A 19-pound disaster, Ricky and Annette Holderfield's youngest son could have gone with his siblings, Christopher (7) and Chad (5). In fact, when the other children are diagnosed with a rare and fatal disease, Cory is a sure bet.

The little boy, just 12 months old, has already overcome more obstacles than most people face in a lifetime. "I started over the percent of his body in a mobile home fire last year. Cory lost the fingers on his left hand and portions of his right hand digits, nose, eyelids, mouth and ears."

Reaching the odds, he did not lose his strength, his hearing, his intelligence. His voice was accompanied more than ever, "I've dreamed possible for you. He's overcome all physical things up to this moment," Annette said. "Cory's an angel. He just keeps doing it and it's just what I need."

The boy's father, Ricky, is a welder. He has been in the job for 20 years. He has been in the job for 20 years. He has been in the job for 20 years. He has been in the job for 20 years.

It's hard to believe. He's doing a lot more to be back to his normal self, and we try to make sure we are making progress for him," Ricky said. "It's always be Cory."

Part of being Cory is a special gift of understanding.

"If he were a real scientist, he'd give me a hug or do whatever he can. He'll smile right at me to make me smile," Annette explained. "He's beautiful. He's just a beautiful little person."

He also proves to have more than a good bit of ingenuity and determination.

They said he would be able to walk until he was 18. He had to crawl up stairs.

Christopher said, "I'm proud of him to see that he's achieving really fast."

With more than 100 days in an incubator at Shriners Hospital for Children in Cincinnati, Cory has undergone almost 10 operations, including initial treatment and follow-up surgery. Annette said she had her heart at a surprisingly rapid rate.

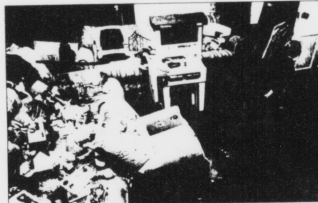
"They can't believe how up there at Shriners! They are all in awe."

He no longer needs the majority of the pressure garments specially designed to reduce swelling on his skin grafts head.

Originally fitted with gloves, pants, a face mask and boots, but with arms, Cory now requires only a glove and at night a wrap for the most recent burn site on his back.

Three-year-old Cory is glad most of the operations are gone. He always wanted to see his baby brother and would receive the opportunity.

Cory is relieved to see what when he's in his mother's, but not when he's wearing his garments. Annette said, "There's a lot of things that we've had to learn. There's a lot of things that we've had to learn. There's a lot of things that we've had to learn."



Above: Cory sits the family boy room that is home to his brother's birthday. Annette Holderfield, Shriners and others. At left, Annette Holderfield has thought out as he has his morning. "I can't hardly stand to be without him, you know," she said. "That few minutes, I like him and wonder what he's doing."

Stars by Lillian L. Keeling — Photographs by Darrin Plogley

Coach goes on in face of brain cancer

■ Helliwell has rare form that will not see remission
By JENNIFER SEIGER
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Greenwood High School girls' soccer coach Amy Helliwell is the picture of health.

"There'll be nights when I just break down and say, 'Is this ever going to be over?' The answer is no."

— Amy Helliwell
Greenwood girls' soccer coach

But the past two years have been anything but healthy for Helliwell. From her sun-kissed skin to the short, brown ringlets framing her face to her quick penchant for smiling and laughing, Helliwell's appearance these days belies the fact that she's been seriously ill.

Shortly after accepting the Lady Gators' head coaching position and just months before her third anniversary with husband and Greenwood boys' soccer coach Sean Helliwell, she was diagnosed with oligodendroma — a rare form of brain cancer that is permanently attached to her nerve endings and could grow back in five to seven years.

Doctors did remove a portion of her brain during surgery.

"If they had taken it all out, they would have had to remove my entire

scheduled to see her doctor again, she had a speech episode during one of her algebra classes in which she was mixing up words. She immediately saw her doctor and had magnetic resonance imaging and electrocardiogram tests done on her brain.

That same day, she got a phone call at school informing her that her brain was bleeding and to go to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

"The doctor saw me and looked at the tests and said it had to be a mass of some sort — my brain was not bleeding," Helliwell recalled.

The next few days were a blur as doctors were only able to conclude that the mass in her brain was one of three things — a pocket-filled fluid of

Top left: In the Daily Class 2 division, judges awarded top honors to the Henderson Gleaner in the Feature Picture Essay category. Above: Jennifer Seiger of the Bowling Green Daily News received first place honors in the Sports Feature category. Below: The Elizabethtown News-Enterprise impressed the judges with this entry that captured first place in the Headline category.

How sweet (16) it is!

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KPA 1999 Fall Newspaper Contest

Category Best Headline

Name of Newspaper The News Enterprise

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Daily 3

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - PADUCAH SUN, Mac Thrower

Ranks high on all three scales, community interest, clarity of thought and style of writing.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Larry Dale Keeling

At first, I thought Oh gee, another cheerleader editorial—but I kept reading because of writer's storytelling skill. I'm glad I did. The edit convinced me.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Jamie Lucke

Slam, bam, thank you Ma'am. Powerful piece of advice for politicians, bureaucrats and most importantly voters. I just wish all Kentucky editorial writers would look a little closer at value or brevity.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Mark Cooper

A great job of telling the story of man who went to the store for milk and became a hero by going into a smoke-filled apartment to save a man. Good detail on how he pulled off the rescue. This was a tough category to judge because there were so many well-done stories. This one won on detail and in the telling.

Second Place - TIE - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Jane Pendergast

All caregivers will feel the father's pain and concern. The writer did a fine job of showing the father's sad way of dealing with that concern.

Second Place - TIE - KENTUCKY POST, Peggy Kreimer

A good hero story, told well. The writer took the reader into the store and let the reader see and feel the drama unfold.

Third Place - KENTUCKY POST, Jeanne Hauck

You can feel the horror as Ross watched the car sink and the joy of seeing Mrs. Watson come up to the surface.

Honorable Mention - TIE - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Ty Tagami

Honorable Mention - TIE - KENTUCKY POST, Crystal Harden

Honorable Mention - TIE - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Bill Estep

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Keith Lawrence

A nice story on the funeral service for a tow truck operator. Good detail: like how the coffin was placed gently on a rollback flatbed truck.

Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, Peggy Kreimer

A warm story about a 20-month-old child receiving a new heart. The writer wove the story from details gathered at the first news conference.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Keith Lawrence

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, LeDatta-Grimes

Well-written. I like the device of taking you through Kristi and Shon's story by way of the pre-marital counseling questions. Sensitive handling of topic.

Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, Peggy Kreimer

This story makes me feel like I've been to the restaurant. It also gives me a glimpse of the town and its residents. One question—what the heck is goetta?

Third Place - KENTUCKY POST, Michael Collins

Football doesn't interest me, but this story did. It's a nice portrait of a little town thrilled by the success of its most famous resident. Solid reporting.

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - PADUCAH SUN, Mac Thrower

Mr. Thrower keeps it simple—quick, clean to the point. No wandering or name dropping here. This style is clear and economic. Readers easily understand what the subject is and what Mr. Thrower feels.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Keith Lawrence

Mr. Lawrence is my kind of writer—proud to be southern with no fear of explaining his opinion in a sometimes-sarcastic, humorous manner while never leaving the reader any doubt where he stands.

Third Place - KENTUCKY POST, Dan Hassert

Mr. Hassert enjoys what he does. His work practically exudes it, and he is very good at it. He took three totally unconnected subjects and stomped his interesting and entertaining style upon them!

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY POST, Jack Hicks

Mr. Hicks is obviously a keen and well-experienced political observer. I truly enjoy his work. I just wish the selections would have been more varied in subject material.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Chuck Culpepper

Great eye for the humanity of sports.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Jim Pickens

I don't like first-person sports columns, but I thought "Going the Distance..." was well handled. I always wondered what kind of a mental deficiency people who ran marathons had, and this was a pretty good explanation.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Mark Mathis

Good column on Kentucky-Tennessee game and the emotions of the day.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Story

Excellent, informative story on an issue that should scare the shorts off every parent of a high school athlete. It's an issue that's gotten lots of national attention. Brought down to a local level. Well done!

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Story

The story idea was interesting, but it could have been done in 25 inches instead of 50.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, John Clay

Decent news story about a subject all Kentucky fans want to read about. Could have chosen stronger quotes to lead off story.

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mary Jean Wall

Well organized and well crafted which had to be difficult with such rich material. Obviously, this is more than just a sports story. But it should be of interest to anyone who cares about the horse-racing industry. It's good to see a newspaper devote such resources to an important story.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Judy Jones

Not an easy story to write, considering the circumstances. But it gives a balanced view on a football player who is surely controversial because of what happened.

Third Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Neil Schmidt

A great subject for a story that was well written. Every whiny teenager filled with a sense of entitlement should have to read it to see what real hardship is.

Honorable Mention - TIE - KENTUCKY POST, Peggy Kreimer

Honorable Mention - TIE - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Jim Pickens

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Bill Estep/Linda J. Johnson

A great new angle on a story about which so much has been written. Presented in a fair, balanced manner.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Patricia Lynch

Kimbro

Just a fascinating story.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Valarie Honeycutt

A good story presented in an appropriately cautionary, but not hysterical manner. Good use of public records.

Honorable Mention - TIE - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Gail Gibson

Honorable Mention - TIE - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Mark Cooper/Steve Vied

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Peter Banik/Linda Johnson/Chad Carlton

Interesting throughout, informative and easy-to-read. I've read two dozen "growth" series the last 20 years, this is the best!

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Keith Lawrence

Wow! Perhaps the most thorough and most informative package of this type I've seen. This series does best what local newspaper should do. Extremely close to being number one.

Third Place - KENTUCKY POST, Bill Straub/Michael Collins/Randy Ludlow

The war on poverty is an outstanding package!

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY POST, Staff

A continuing story told exceptionally well. Plenty of detail and explanation of legalese for readers confusing length with in-depth information. A good read.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Laura Skillman

Good reporting followed by outstanding story.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Peter Baniak/Louise Taylor/Jack Brammer

The best of a strong batch of stories from the Herald Leader. Strong research and solid reporting. Would have been number one in other contests.

Honorable Mention - TIE - KENTUCKY POST, Monica Dais

Honorable Mention - TIE - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Terry Flynn

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Staff

Great team effort.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Staff

I expect your paper took heat from the police over your focus on the problem-plagued cop, but it was definitely the right thing to do. Both sides of this story are well explained.

Third Place - KENTUCKY POST, Paul A. Long/Peggy Kreimer/John C.K. Fisher

Personal tragedy told well. Good use of court documents to break into private lives. Great opening to main story.

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Jim Jordan

A very good, comprehensive look inside the world of Day Traders with its ups and downs.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Dave Dewitte

Nice job of detailing a local shortage: computer programmers.

Third Place - PADUCAH SUN, Joe Walker

Honorable Mention - TIE - KENTUCKY POST, Michael Collins

Honorable Mention - TIE - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Patton

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Brian Throckmorton

Inspired creativity.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Amy Drewer

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Peter Mathews

Category 15 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

First Place - KENTUCKY POST, Mike Burgh

It's a you-just-have-to-stop-and-look graphic. Mixes lots of elements well in something for everybody presentation, without becoming too complicated.

✓CLEAR CONFLICT

Appearance of favoritism taints hiring

Former McCracken County school board Chairman Larry Wilson showed great sensitivity to appearances of propriety when he made his recent resignation from the school board effective immediately, saying that he didn't want to vote on issues before the board when he knew he was leaving office. "I don't feel that would be morally ethical," he explained. But what about the events that preceded his resignation and that led to his hiring for a \$32,000-a-year job with the school district he was elected to oversee?

Wilson apparently thinks it was proper for him to interview for a school district job -- a job he voted to create with a \$40,000 grant from state taxpayers -- while he was still chairman.

He seems to have had no ethical qualms about asking school administrators under his authority, including Superintendent Tim Heller, who was hired while Wilson was on the board, to pass judgment on his qualifications.

Similarly, the administrators and other members of the school board haven't expressed any concerns about a possible conflict of interest in the hiring of Wilson for the post of director of Club Farley, a program to help troubled children at Farley Elementary.

Wilson said he tried "to do things in order." In truth, nothing about this process was in order. The school district has compromised its credibility and created a damaging public perception of rank favoritism in hiring for an important position -- a position that offers higher pay than that available to many teachers in McCracken County.

Astonishingly, the officials who plunged into this ethical swamp don't seem to believe -- or at least lack knowledge -- that anything is amiss. A Reidland resident who questioned the hiring at a board meeting on Thursday was told that it was a "personnel issue." Later,

the appearance of favoritism when the school board chairman -- still serving as chairman -- applies for and later is hired for a job in the district. (Wilson said he has verbally accepted the position, but has not yet signed a contract.) After all, this is the man who participates in the hiring and firing of superintendents. The integrity of the hiring process is compromised when a board member seeks employment from administrators who basically are in a subordinate position. In this situation, job qualifications are rendered irrelevant because the appearance of a conflict of interest is overwhelming.

School district officials insist that Wilson was the best-qualified candidate for the Farley job. Some of the other candidates for the post may beg to differ.

Reportedly, one of the finalists has a bachelor's degree in social work and several years' experience working with troubled youths in the juvenile justice system. Wilson does not have a college degree, and he apparently has no experience in professions that deal with family relationships and at-risk youths. The director's job essentially will serve as a second job for Wilson, a hairdresser who owns his own business.

Heller says the former board chairman "has an interest in kids," but that description probably fits most of the adults in McCracken County. Surely, this \$32,000-a-year job requires some skills and knowledge beyond a commendable but generic wish to help children. The taxpayers have a right to expect that the school district will use their money to hire individuals who have specific qualifications for jobs with specific responsibilities.

Ironically, at the board meeting following Wilson's resignation, new board Chairman Randy Wright talked about the district's need to



WILSON



Kristi Luft and Shawn Newton are happily mixing preparations for their wedding, including finding a dress for Kristi. They met through Special Olympics.

A LOVE STORY

Couple face unique challenges on the way to the altar ~ Pages 9-12

Top left: In the Daily Class 3 competition, the Paducah Sun won first place in the Best Editorial category. Above: The Lexington Herald Leader's feature story on a young couple who met at the Special Olympics and their unique challenges on the way to the altar received first place honors in that category. Below: Mark Cooper's coverage of a local hero who rescued a man from a burning apartment won a first place award in the General News Story category for the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer.

Rescuer braves flames to save a life

Victim listed in critical condition at Louisville hospital

By Mark Cooper

Clinton Fox may owe his life to Gary Rogers and a gallon of milk. Rogers was running an errand to the grocery around 9 a.m. Sunday when a group of people and a burning apartment on Carter Road caught his attention.

Inside his smoke-filled apartment, Fox, 62, lay scorched and dying on his burning bed, unnoticed by the people gathering outside who were busy knocking on doors, spreading word about the fire throughout the apartment complex.

But it was Rogers who, after stopping to help, heard Fox's cries for help from the other side of the only door which hadn't opened for the would-be rescuers -- apartment No. 2 at 2300 Carter Road.

"I told everyone to be quiet," Rogers said, and the noise came again. "He was screaming for help. Somebody had to do something. I knew there was a man in there dying."

Something you can never forget

Rogers, 33, of Maceo was no stranger to flames. Huge scars still cover his legs today after -- as a curious 6-year-old -- he crept too close to a backyard bonfire and caught his pants on fire.

A neighbor who Rogers only remembers now as Mrs. Mattingly was close enough to help him put out the flames, but not before Rogers was scarred -- both physically and mentally. He said "It was a couple of years before I got over

that," Rogers said. "There was a lot of physical therapy. I burned my legs pretty good."

Now, 27 years later in front of a burning apartment, Rogers said the memories of those burns were still fresh in his mind as he thought about what to do next.

But Rogers acted, kicking in the door to Fox's apartment and going in.

"How I was able to go into that apartment,

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Gary Rogers, 33, of Maceo and two unknown passers-by pulled 62-year-old Clinton Fox from his burning Carter Road apartment Sunday. Rogers was on his way to the grocery when he saw the building burning and formed a three-man chain with the others to rescue Fox.

Robert Bruck, Messenger-Inquirer



Associate Newspapers

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman
Well-written and thoughtful.
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Matt Batchelder
Raises an important issue for students and others.
Third Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff
On the spot by staff with interviews and great photo, done on extreme deadline pressure. Great example of team working together.
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Rex Hall, Jr.
Covers all bases of fire and aftermath very impact.
Third Place - COMMUNITY RECORDER, Joe Christofield

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Aaron Sanderford
Wonderful, evocative lead. The writer talked to the key players, made us feel the pain.
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Kristina Goetz
Good story with lots of details. One thing that would have made the story stronger is a quote from someone who attended Hell House.
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Mattias Karen
Solid reporting on a sensitive subject.
Honorable Mention - FLORENCE RECORDER, Juli Hale
An engaging lead. Good writing throughout.

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, FRANKFORT, Bill Straub
Tremendous lead. So many sources. So detailed that I now feel like I know Wendell Ford.
Second Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Bill Straub
Hard choice between first and second because this article also has a strong lead. Great selection of quotes from an obviously very quotable woman.
Third Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Barry A. Royalty
Well written story on a fascinating topic. A stronger lead would have helped, but still a must-read.
Honorable Mention - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman
The lead made this story-witty, concise and snappy.

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Stephen M. Vest
Vest takes Charles Bronson, Mother's Day, the derby and truck stops to fashion with humor. Very readable and not overly cute. Has writer's eye for detail with a readers' eye for what's interesting. Enjoyed

all three entries.
Second Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman
Uses traditional theme of "people" to draw readers into her column. Tender touches with human detail. These columns are the types people clip and save, or pass around.
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Chris Hutchins

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jerry Brewer
Very well done for a student publication. Doesn't get too caught up in "me worship" that is so prominent at college papers. Hope this writer stays in the business when he graduates. Particularly enjoyed "Welcome Home, Beautiful Friend."
Second Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Michael Embry
Entertaining thoughts on sports.
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Travis Mayo
Interesting subjects. Could lose some of the melodrama, but overall well written columns.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Ralph Derickson
Great lead that weaves its way into rest of story, which is well researched and well written. Very informative.
Second Place - COMMUNITY RECORDER, Diane Fossitt
A well done story about a topic that has hit many colleges. Interesting to see that it affects high schools too.
Third Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Jacalin Carfagno/Jacqueline Duke
Enjoyed the story. Topic was strong. Story had good historic perspective.

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - ERLANGER RECORDER, Juli Hale
Loved the lead. Rest of story was interesting and well done. The ending tied the whole story up nicely. Very good, short feature story that was run to read.
Second Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Michael Embry
I enjoyed reading as I'm sure the readers of this magazine did, about an over achieving team. Nicely pegged with publication of book without sounding like an advertisement.
Third Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman
Touching story about a kid who overcame plenty just for the chance to play. Explains how he got into this situation and what he has done to recover. Well-told story.
Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Ryan Clark
Good story. I think the end could have been the lead, as the player tells why he's being called to the ministry. Stories with strong religious ties are hard to write; this one was enjoyable without being preachy.

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - KENTON COMMUNITY RECORDER, Diane Fossitt
Second Place - ERLANGER RECORDER, Juli Hale

Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Ryan Clark

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Shannon Back/Erin Wilkins/Mattias Karen/Molly Harper
Excellent investigative series. Staff peeled the onion and the dirty little secret begs to know what the cop did. Buying silence, the e-mail tipster - reporters bit down and stayed with it, as in all stories of this type, it's a tough call, but I think the accusers should have been named. Serious charges cost a man his job.
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Molly Harper
Molly, don't you just love whistle-blowers? Money is the root of most investigations. Well-written, concise and informative. Good job.
Third Place - KENTON REPORTER, Diane Fossitt
Informative series on gangs in small community. My only gripe is editor's note in part two about "protecting" community by NOT publishing colors, gang names, etc. If I lived here, I'd want to know this information.

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jim Gaines/Molly Harper
Journalism at its best. It looks like there was a lot of perseverance to overcome stonewalling by some college officials. The paper performed a viable service.
Second Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman/Jennifer Mills
Agree or disagree with the paper's position, it combined editorial and news coverage to make a difference in the community.
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff
Thorough and descriptive.

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Mattias Karen/Chris Seuffer/Brian Moore
What set this package apart was the strong writing of Moore and Karen. The sidebar on crosswalk use was history-filled, and the writer is obviously not afraid to question the university-way to go.
Second Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Greg Stark/Jennifer Sacharnoski
Tremendous package, although the number and length of stories was a little overwhelming. Good job catching the emotion of a terrible situation and with the thought-provoking side story on fire coverage.
Third Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, C.D. Bradley/Jennifer Sacharnoski/Denise Higgins
Well-written, straightforward news story with a sidebar filled with varying student opinions. Nice job!

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Tom LaMarra
Extremely well-written look at the ups and downs of harness racing. Great sources. Good use of quotes.
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS

HERALD, Brian Mains/Chris Hamilton
Good lead. An interesting story that would have been even stronger with customer comments.
Third Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Stephen M. Vest
Strong lead. Flows well. Great attention to detail. However, the fact that he's a distiller should have been mentioned before the eighth paragraph.

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman
This one's truly a winner! It brat the appropriate use of puns to a level that forces us to meat out a top prize-no bones about it!
Second Place - ERLANGER RECORDER, Juli Hale
Good night! This was a dream! A head-snapping fit of puns finding a home atop this story without the need for contortions!
Third Place - FORT CAMPBELL COURIER, Dahr H. Fleet
Why not? This captures the story without stealing any lines from it.
Honorable Mention - TIE - ERLANGER RECORDER, Juli Hale
This offered a fresh top for an otherwise straight bread-and-butter election piece.
Honorable Mention - TIE - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Staff
Nothing more needs to be said when a banner like this carries this day the "Cats get the broom out the NCAA doorway."

Category 15 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Kevin Clapp
Simple lines, effective design and timely issues, keen execution and presentation.
Second Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Brian Howell
Good story concept enhanced by Howell's collage creation. Clever presentation brought me into text.
Third Place - FORT CAMPBELL COURIER, Catherine Stinger
Generous layout and impressive photos. I see why you did white text on black starry background, but it was so hard to read. If you do it again, make type larger.

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Lee Ann Scantlin
Exceedingly well-composed photo.
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Marc Hall
Either this kid is sober or he's going to hate himself in the morning when he reads the paper. Good illustration of subject. Good use of lighting-even the harsh lighting from the patrol vehicles.
Third Place - KENTON COMMUNITY RECORDER, Chris Fossitt
Well-framed, fading focus photo. Simpler than some other competitions, but dramatic just the same. Solemn look on soldier's face is complementary to this work.

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS

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Fire guts Kappa Alpha

Early morning blaze leaves KAs homeless, no one hurt

Fourteen were made when the fire began

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Flames and smoke billowed high on College Street in the wee hours Tuesday morning as Kappa Alpha fraternity members struggled to escape from their smoldering three-story house.

Brothers stood openhanded in T-shirts and jeans as they waited for fire fighters to douse the flames.

Fourteen people were in the house when the fire started around 2:15 a.m. No one was hurt, officials said. The fire may have started in the basement and that it is probably an electrical or heating malfunction.

Fire fighters were still trying to put out hot spots at 3 a.m., which the fire was under control but not out.

"We had a major collapse on the rear end of our building. The fire department had to cut the front of the building off," said Kappa Alpha Chapter President Tommie "T" Williams.

Williams said the fire started in the basement. He said he was in the house when the fire started. He said he was in the house when the fire started.

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By: Pam L...

Firefighters battle the fire that gutted the Kappa Alpha house on College Street early this morning. Officials suspect the fire started in the house's basement, but the cause is still unknown.

Correspondent

Photo: Pam L...

Looking inside jail walls

So many prisoners, too little space

By Diane Fossitt
Kenton County Editor

The following is part of a series focusing on the condition and current operations of the Kenton County Jail and what's in store.

Deputy jailers Bill Schilling and Terry Muse gave ample warning upon entering the "cat-walk" of the Kenton County Jail.

"Watch out up here," Schilling said as he approached the corner. "We call this fatman's misery."

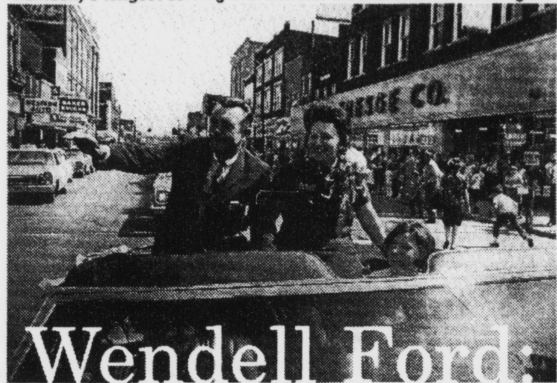
Once around the bend, there is no more than a 2-foot area of walking space around a pole along the pathway of adult jail cells. Schilling said they worry about officers in that area because they have to squeeze right between the pole and a jail cell. Such tight quarters are one reason Kenton County is planning to build a new, larger jail.

For now, new Jailer Terry Carl said he must make do with what he's got. The upper level of the jail was expanded several years ago atop the Kenton County Courthouse in Covington. Need for more space resulted in spreading out to fit in more jail cells and taking out part of that walking space.

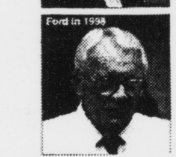


Terry Carl

Kentucky's longest serving U.S. Senator bids farewell to Washington



Wendell Ford: END OF THE ROAD



Wendell Ford was sneaking a smoke. Standing unnoticed in the approaching dusk behind TARC headquarters in downtown Louisville, the old war-horse struck a pose familiar to all who know him—cigarette planted firmly in the middle of his thin lips, hands stuck in jacket pockets, bent slightly, studying the turf. In a few minutes he once again would become the fire-breather. At a rally for this year's Democratic ticket, the rasp of a voice would rise, the fists would shake and old friends and admirers would nudge each other and say, "Ol' Wendell, he's still got it in 'im, doesn't he?"

Top left: In the Associate Newspaper division, The College Heights Herald won first place in the Spot News Package category for its coverage of a fire that gutted the Kappa Alpha fraternity house. Above: Kentucky Monthly won first place in the Feature Story category. Bottom left: Diane Fossitt of The Kenton Community Recorder impressed judges with her entry in the Enterprise or Analytical Story category. Below: Jennifer Mills of the Florence Recorder took top honors in the Best Headline category with this entry.

Butcher shop offers the wurst of Germany

By Jennifer Mills
Staff Writer

"Oh Mama... dat is gut!" That's what is printed on the employees' shirts at the German Cuisine, LLC, butcher shop located at 6417 Dixie Hwy. And it's also what the owner, Detlef Koeppe, hopes his customers will say when they taste his authentic German meats, sweets and breads.

"All the cold cuts are made with German spices that come from Germany," Koeppe said. "You don't find this anywhere else around here."

Koeppe, whose wife, Karen, shares ownership of the store, said the German meats he offers contain a variety of spices that can't be found in American meats.

At his shop he offers jagdwurst, which is similar to bologna but with different spices, beer sausage, a smoked mett type of sausage, schwarzmagen, a cheese type of sausage, as well as kableberwurst, rindersalischinken, steaks, honey-roasted turkey breast and ham and authentic German sausages such as cheese metts and chicken brats. Koeppe said all of the meats are prepared at the shop.

Koeppe said he has rouladen cuts, which are round, thin cuts of meat that are not found anywhere else.



Photo by Jennifer Mills
Detlef Koeppe holds up two types of sausage offered at his authentic German butcher shop located on Dixie Highway.

See Butcher, page A18

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have helped this layout considerably. The quality is good; the smaller photos are appropriate in size and compliment the page well.

Third Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Mel Whitehead
Good presentation of a building demolition event. We would have preferred that all four photos be framed identically. If the camera was hand-held, a tripod would have been in order.

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Joy Tirey

While this photo appeared to be more grainy than others on the page, the expressions of the boy and the pig, the winner and loser, is priceless.

Second Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Melissa Blankenship
Photographer did great job capturing these facial expressions.

Third Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Chris Gramke
Nice timing of shot.

Honorable Mention - TIE - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, David Martin
Beautiful shot!

Honorable Mention - TIE - BIG SANDY NEWS, Amanda Kitchen
Great capture of emotion of moment.

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland
Fantastic use of space, top photo is great.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower/Janie Brock
Fireworks shot makes the package.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower
Very colorful. Nice variety of shots.

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - FLEMINGSBURG

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HERALD, J. C. Karsner

Good presentation of "Relay for Life" event, with good overview, compassion and fun. Layout very good.

Third Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Very good feature page—several of the photos—girl and sheep, boy on tractor—show excellent photographic talent!

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Patti M. Clark

Nice angle through net...many athletes like this young girl, must have felt during competition that is he or she is against all others.

Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

True emotion of success far

GAZETTE, Jeff Moreland

A page-width photo of a girl throwing a softball? Too much, we thought until examining more closely. The hand, the glove, the ball frozen in space, the umpire looking on. Excellent composition! Any thing less wouldn't have been enough.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

And the verdict is...safe! Runner and fielder are both caught with a look of anticipation of the call. The photographer was wise—and knew what he was doing—in not cropping out the ump's left hand.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland

If this photo is a composition of three separate pitches, as the cutline states, it is a remarkable effort. Even if it were taken as a sequence on the same pitch, it is worthy of recognition. Given the first, photographer Jeff Moreland is to be congratulated.

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

The "Many emotions" headline was accurate. Dismay, joy, intensity—even the smiley team shot—told the story of North Laurel's pursuit of a state softball championship. Photographer Les Dixon does an exceptional job as an action photographer, but is aware of off-the-field drama as well.

Second Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Melissa Blankenship

Run left, run right. Not quite that simple, but "The Big Game" page reflects the confrontation between Eminence and Henry County—balancing similar photos from opposite sides of the field, focusing on the action of the game. Reproduction leaves something to be desired, but the story is well told.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland

A simple but effective layout of future "Soccer Stars." The quality and framing of photographer Jeff Moreland's work is very good.

evident...nice to see athlete celebrating with family.

Third Place - BEREA CITIZEN, Marc Reyes

Fine capture of true sportsmanship. Honorable Mention - TIE - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, J. C. Karsner

Honorable Mention - TIE - FULTON LEADER, Mike Ohstrom

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Excellent action and sideline photography by Kelley. Nice layout shows more than "snapshot mentality". The presentation is very good. Lighting is commendable, especially on the cheerleader photograph.

Second Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Kim Rich

Theme well documented. The water skier shot is the best of the three by

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son headed for death row and his emotional father.

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Trent Knuckles

The Kodak moment... and the young lady wants the audience to share it too. The guitar identifies the scene, the sunshades show the spontaneity, the faces show the fun. A first place winner most any other time.

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Janie Buntain

If the Anderson News has enough nerve to run a front page photo of a grieving teenager whose truck just killed two children, then we've got enough to reward photographer Janie Buntain for the effort. Simply composed, teen appears to have something open in his lap. A book? We can only imagine which one.

Second Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Mike Banks

It appears the world has turned to flame, and while it appears the subject is in no danger the photo is well-composed, the silhouette on man and board is well done.

Third Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman

Excellent rescue worker shot—vehicle in background, observer peering in, rescuers attentive to the victim. Good quality work, excellent composition. Honorable Mention - CADIZ RECORD, Tommy Newton

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Kathleen Rutledge

Simple but telling photo essay of school bombing, from arrest of a subject to students returning to school, to a close-up of another bomb in the suspects' arsenal. Photos are clear and sharp, cropped well. The "story" is essentially told in three photos and cutlines.

Second Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Teresa Rice/Beth Foster

Equally telling—and in far greater mass—is the Lebanon Express' four-page essay on "Country Ham Days". All aspects of the celebration are illustrated in photos, many of which demonstrate a photographic talent that gives "personality" to the subjects.

Third Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael Banks/Bill Gambin, Jr.

Excellent photography that could have been enhanced with more white space. The photo of the kid on the hay bale is the single best photo we saw in examining this category.

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Teresa Rice

Kids—and young llamas dominated this category. Teresa Rice's photo of the boy-kissing llama is well composed, good quality work.

Second Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Chris Hamilton

Putting on the tag is something nei-

ther young player seemed to thrilled about, particularly the base runner, whose eyes, hands (and giggle?) make this a wonderful photo.

Third Place - OLDDHAM ERA, Charles Pearl

A "busy" photo for sure, but attention is absolutely focused on the two young boys. Well-framed. Color lends itself well to this photo, but note that color is not criteria for success: the first and second place entries in the category were black-and-white photos.

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Shannon Cundiff

A virtual toss-up for first and second place. Both entries are about the fair. The runner-up is presented slightly better. But the two best photos belong to Shannon Cundiff. Press needs a little help, but Cundiff's work with the girl on horse and mom and daughter on slide is outstanding.

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick/David Wheeler/Suzie Yardy

The quality of work and the layout are unexcelled in the category. Much can be said of the graphics department.

Third Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Kathleen Rutledge

Simple, yet dramatic. Tobacco field photo and farmland photos—just the two of them—compliment the drought article and tell enough that the reader must know more. I'd put it up top on the page.

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Mike Banks

Has a championship been any sweeter? Photographer did a good job in getting this tight shot.

Second Place - BENTON TRIBUNE COURIER, John T. Wright

Photographer was at the right place at the right time. Good work!

Third Place - BARBOURVILLE MOUNTAIN ADVOCATE, Wade Holland

Nice action shot—well framed!

Honorable Mention - TIE - OHIO COUNTY TIMES NEWS, Don Wilkins

Very good, moving photo.

Honorable Mention - TIE - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White

The spirit of competition at its finest.

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Shannon Cundiff

Extraordinary photography by Shannon Cundiff. Large photo layout with clear focus on main subject.

Extremely good use of focal length/depth of field to eliminate background distractions.

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Suzie Yardy/David Gatson

We do not know the subject—football preseason edition, we suspect, but the presentation is clear, well-composed and, therefore, very effective.

Third Place - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Becky Barnes

Mostly action (plus a sharp-and-pen-sive feature) photos but with an excellent variety of angles and faces to make the entire layout enjoyable.

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KEVIN CLERY

The Student Newspaper of the University of Kentucky, Lexington



Buyers move down the line at Eastern Kentucky Tobacco Warehouse in Morehead on Wednesday. Cigarette makers have said they'll buy a third less burley this year.

CLINTON Agenda '99
Tobacco

The Independent begins a seven-part series today on initiatives President Clinton proposed in his State of the Union address last week.

Today: Tobacco proposals — a 55-cent per pack tax hike and a lawsuit to recover federal costs for treating smoking-related illnesses.

Friday: An increase in the minimum wage.

Upset smokers light up Clinton

Farmers fret over expected quota cut

By Tom Lewis
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

MOREHEAD — Dennis Lewis smokes about 40 cigarettes a day.

As the West Liberty resident puffed on one Monday outside a tobacco warehouse here, he had a succinct opinion of the new 55-cent tax that President Clinton wants to put on each pack of cigarettes.

"I say it sucks."

Lewis took another draw, chuckled and observed wryly: "If it keeps going up, I might

ment is preparing against the nation's major tobacco companies.

The president says the tax increase, which would raise an extra \$8 billion annually, and the lawsuit are appropriate ways to recoup money the federal government spends on treatment of smoking-related illnesses.

Bill Ramey, who smokes two packs a day, called the president's plan "a crock of bull."

"It's just another damn tax to put on the working poor people," Ramey said Monday during a break from his custodial job at Morehead State University.

Top left: In the Associates Division, The Kentucky Kernel won first place for this entry in the Best Use of Graphics/Photo Illustrations category. Above: In the Daily Class 2 competition, the Ashland Daily Independent took the first place prize in the General News Story category. Bottom left: In the Weekly Class 1 division, The Spencer Magnet captured the first place award in the General News Picture category. Below: First place honors in the Spot News Story category for Weekly 3 papers went to Brian Rogers of the Cadiz Record.

End of Summer

Rachel Short, 2 1/2, has her teeth examined by Dr. Jeff King of Shelbyville while being held by her mother, Tracy. Dental screenings were part of the annual Health Fair and Readfest, the county's annual back-to-school event.

Photos by Kim Hunt

'I believe he did all he could possibly do'

8-year-old tried to save friend

By Brian Rogers
Local Record Staff Writer

Eight-year-old Jamison Stewart tried his best. When his friend Charlie Taylor, 10, broke away wildly and fell into the creek on April 1, Stewart immediately jumped in the 5-foot deep water. Neither child could swim, however.

Stewart, wearing heavy camouflage clothes, put 11-year-old Charlie on his back to get his friend's head above water. He was too small to do so without being submerged himself, however, so he pulled Charlie to the bank and wrapped his hand around a tree root before scrambling out of the creek to find help.

He began beating on neighbors' doors as he made his way home, where his mother, Vicki Stewart, immediately rushed to the scene, followed by Charlie's parents. Vicki tried to get jamison out of the water with his uncle.

"As soon as I got there, I saw his shirt floating and that his head was below the water. He was just floating there, not really swimming," said Vicki Stewart. She immediately jumped in the water pulled Charlie to the bank, and tried him out.

Neighbor Kintha Ladd was also on the scene, and she and Stewart continued to perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Ladd did the compression and Stewart did the breathing. It was in the creek, however.

"It was so breathing. We never got a pulse," she said, shaking her head sorrowfully. Once the ambulance arrived, she said, she never looked up until it left.

According to Vicki Stewart, Jamison is handling the accident better than she is. "He seems to be getting better already," she said.

"I believe he did all he could possibly do," she said of her son's efforts to save his friend. "This was just a freak thing."

Charlie Taylor, who died last week, was a 10-year-old boy who had been in the creek for about 15 minutes. He died in the hospital after being taken to the hospital. The doctors suggested that Charlie could not be revived.

"We thought that he was such a funny and strong child, and that somehow he would have come out of the creek," said Taylor. There was no child with an immediate need to be saved, they were told, and the Taylor's quickly made their decision.

Although the boy, who normally was the best of the group, would not get out of the creek until the ambulance arrived, and Charlie's heart was not beating for 15 minutes, he was the one who saved his friend.

For the Taylor, the choice was a tough one. He wouldn't have lived another day without it, and Lane

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graphics and good personalization of this issue.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - WINCHESTER SUN, Melissa Elkins
 There's something compelling about this series on quilting. Melissa shows the complexity and variety of the art and the women behind the quilts.

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY
 First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Michael Cornett/Melissa Cornett
 Comprehensive coverage, including first-day discussion of where students would attend school.
 Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Butwell
 This award should probably be shared with the school board and former superintendent.
 Third Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Jennifer McDaniels
 Overall good work, but the entry would have scored higher if the mining company's views had been reported sooner.
 Honorable Mention - STATE JOURNAL, Alex DeGrand
 The reporter and newspaper deserve credit for challenging these examples of government secrecy.

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE
 First Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Staff
 Election day coverage always presents problems—space, fairness, attractiveness. The Register does a nice job with a package of photos and stories that present the results of all the major races. The teaser photos across the top are a good idea, too.
 Second Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Debbie Caldwell
 Good combination of news stories and story-telling photos all boxed together.
 Third Place - STATE JOURNAL, Suzanne Feliciano
 It's just a little carefree but two good photos (especially the top photo) reach out and grab readers.
 Honorable Mention - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Butwell/Fred Petke
 Good package of related but separate school violence stories.

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS/ AGRIBUSINESS STORY
 First Place - STATE JOURNAL, Mary Branham
 Catchy lead and a keen eye for details pulls the reader into this story. Excellent photos add to the writing.
 Second Place - STATE JOURNAL, Jessica Coy
 This was a very close second. Delightful lead and plenty of details and anecdotes make this a compelling obituary for a family business.
 Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Garth Gamblin
 Gamblin takes a simple little story about the reopening of a neighborhood sandwich shop and turns it into a vaudeville routine. This writer has an ear for dialogue and insight into

personalities. Through his writing he shares these talents with readers.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Garth Gamblin
 Catchy lead and a good explanation of hog farmers' plight.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Nikki Lockhart
 A good sense of history and details makes this routine business anniversary story highly readable.

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE
 First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, David Stone
 Great word play. Nice to see effort put forth on wire headlines, too.
 Second Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Ray Short
 Witty. To-the-point. Loved "A Ringer for Bell."
 Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Chuck Truesdell
 Very creative. Tough choice between second and third.
 Honorable Mention - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Jeff Drummond
 Great verbs—"light up," "put leash on."

Category 15 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS
 First Place - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Don Perry/Ken Shmidheiser
 Second Place - SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Roy Mobley/Jeff Neal/Shirley Randall
 Third Place - STATE JOURNAL, Ron Herron
 Honorable Mention - TIE - COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Don Perry
 Honorable Mention - TIE - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Mark Young

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE
 First Place - STATE JOURNAL, Susan Riddell
 Stands out on the page—better page design would have made this the focal point.
 Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner
 Appears to capture essence of event.
 Third Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Debbie Patterson
 Shows action and emotion.

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE
 First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, James Mann
 Nice silhouette. Photographer was able to separate fireman enough to make it clear.
 Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Whitlock
 Tense moment with nice diagonal from ladder.
 Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Jim Pearson
 Good photo involving the human side of car accidents.

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY
 First Place - STATE JOURNAL, Suzanne Feliciano
 This photographer knows the power

of the moment. She captures great whimsical expressions on the faces of two children, three adults and a goat! Fine work!
 Second Place - STATE JOURNAL, Susan Riddell
 Good composition on the shot of the firefighter in the burned out second story pulls this package out of the ho-hum fire picture category. Three good photos tell the whole story.
 Third Place - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Bernard Kane
 Tight, close-up shots distinguish this from the usual fire photos. I wish the group shot on the left had been bigger, dominant photo of the package.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Butwell
 Three unusually good traffic accident photos. Run one big enough to dominate the other two.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - STATE JOURNAL, Suzanne Feliciano
 Good series of pictures shot from telling angles, would have benefited from tighter cropping and larger display.

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE
 First Place - COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, Roy Mobley
 Terrific capture!! Well framed photo captures woman with her tongue cocked and the horse shoe she's just tossed in mid-flight.
 Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lowell Mendyk
 This photographer had the foresight to go for the odd angle and capture the child's bemused expression. And then an editor had the good sense to play the good photo big!
 Third Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Ronnie Ellis
 This shot of a victory hug from the coach really captures the moment.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - WINCHESTER SUN, James Mann
 The contrasting expressions of the two little boys really makes this picture.
 Honorable Mention - TIE - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Debbie Caldwell
 This is a very striking picture—the contrast of the white snow against the blue sky and the perfectly centered farmer between his rows of trees. Great art!

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY
 First Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Phil Poynter
 "Cow on the run" is awarded first place despite the fact that the best photo was ruined by being placed small and last in the layout. The photographer captured a great moment of a man being trampled by the cow, and that photo should have been the dominant lead. Also, all photos should always have captions.
 Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lowell Mendyk
 Visually-pleasing looks at basket weaving. Photographer did nice job of changing perspectives.
 Third Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Ronnie Ellis
 Nice collection of images that highlight a festival.

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE
 First Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Debbie Caldwell
 Superb college football action. Photo is cropped very tightly, showing a good facial expression.
 Second Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Ronnie Ellis
 Judging this photo was a struggle, because it is nearly perfect! Only a touch of softness keeps it at a second place. It is so good because it has a pass at the end of a game, a win-or-lose pass. You know the story of the game just by looking at the photo.
 Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lowell Mendyk
 Good girls' high school action. Good expressions of two players fighting for the ball.
 Honorable Mention - STATE JOURNAL, Susan Riddell
 No need to look at the cutline to tell me that this player just suffered a loss.

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY
 First Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lowell Mendyk
 A really nice package on the 12-year-old rodeo champ, except the dominant lead photo was clipped out of its background...a big no-no in a photo essay. The whole story was cheapened by using that gimmick. Also could have used an "ending" photo after the ride.
 Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lowell Mendyk
 A nice series of photos giving a glimpse of the person on the horse. Again, good photos are compromised by an all-out gimmick at this newspaper. Let the photographs do their job!
 Third Place - COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL, David Rogers

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Very important issue for farmers. Good story, but could have used a national perspective, too.
 Second Place - TIE - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kevin Eigelbach

Interesting story on a propane gas plant's efforts to protect the environment.

Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Emily Toadvine
 Interesting feature. Would be bolstered by some financial numbers on how these women's businesses are doing, or an outside expert on how hard it is to sell craft items for a living.

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Martin Hepner
 Clever and to the point.

Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Danielle Kiracofe
 Star Wars recipes headline, "Use the fork, Luke," a classic.

Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Donna Stinnett
 Clever without being corny.

Category 15 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Mike Lawrence
 The detail is incredible.

Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley
 The composition is wonderful. The elements work well together.

Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Jennifer Bramlett/Steve Martin
 Honorable Mention - TIE - HENDERSON GLEANER, Daniel Patmore

Honorable Mention - TIE - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Emily Toadvine

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Jayme Burden
 Very crisp composition and lighting,

with, of course, a little luck from the breeze. Excellent shot.

Second Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Peter Wright
 A good eye for the texture of the lake bed. Nice placement of the boat.

Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel
 Faces and tight cropping are very good in this photo.

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - TIE - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel
 Outstanding framing with background elements that compliment and clarify the emotion.

Second Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, John Flavell
 Nice moment, easy read.

Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Clinton Lewis
 Good coverage of a deadly accident.

Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Daniel Patmore
 Good photo of interesting wreck. Only lacks faces.

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett/Mike Lawrence/Darrin Phegley
 Incredible photos. Puts you right in the middle of the action. Wonderful composition in each photo.

Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett/Darren Phegley/Mike Lawrence
 Wonderful photos. Clearly convey the urgency of the situation.

Third Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Jayme Burden
 Great moment shots. Captured all the elements of a festival.

Honorable Mention - TIE - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Peter Wright
 Nice composition.

Honorable Mention - TIE - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Neal Carden
 Great photos!

Honorable Mention - TIE - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, John Flavell

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley
 Very nice image of anticipation and uneasiness conveyed not only in the face and body language of the girl at far right, but in the two behind her as well.

Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel
 Good timing and nice reaction.

Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Mike Lawrence
 Nice emotion and placement of subject in the frame.

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley
 Photographer handles some touchy subjects with grace, in particular, the changing of the tube and the other child's reaction to Cory's deformity. Really liked the shot of his feet and how it related to the story.

Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Troy Anderson
 Simple and nice photo story.

Third Place - TIE - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Peter Wright
 Useful wide angle shots make the flag the obvious centerpiece to the story.

Third Place - TIE - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kevin Goldy

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Daniel Patmore
 I hurt when I see this photo of the female weightlifter. Nice tight shot with a face that can only grimace like that under intense stress. This photo should never have been buried on page B-8! Great shot!

Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Clinton Lewis
 Great body language, even though it is involuntary. Needs to be cropped tighter.

Third Place - TIE - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley
 Great faces and good peak action.

Third Place - TIE - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kevin Goldy
 The faces and emotions are excellent payoffs to a photographer willing to stay through two overtimes.

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Mike Lawrence
 Nice action moment, but a more dra-

matic crop could have played up the stars' player's facial expression. Perhaps cropping the flying player at the shoulders.

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

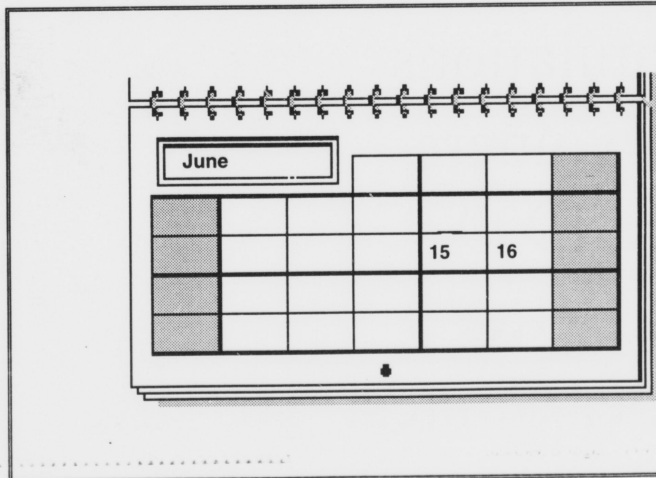
First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley
 Great shots that capture the intensity and joy of youth sports. A photo of mom kissing daughter says it all. Photos really focused well on kids being kids and not caring about winning. You can see the fun in their eyes, especially the girl making the throw in. Good use of focus—when to bring some in clearly and when to exclude. Green grass is nice background for all the shots. A lively photo essay that I'm sure many enjoyed.

Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Neal Cardin
 Good idea to have a ref. Photos show it's a tough job. Two small shots—ref with towel to his face and in warm-up jacket—are rarely seen glimpses. Even though these picture were all taken at a sporting event, the viewers eye is drawn to the one constant in every photo—the ref. Essay package works effectively, and cropping is used well to fit all seven shots on the page.

Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Kent Brown
 High school team in the state tourney is a big deal, and the essay caught most of the angles. Fans and cheerleaders shots are good ideas.

Honorable Mention - TIE - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley/Mike Lawrence
 Comprehensive package with good use of color. Local team clearly got beat in a tough loss, and the photos—especially two on B2—show that. Score indicates game was close, and photo package says who won. B-1 shot of mid-air drive is captured well as you can see five different people instantly reacting.

Honorable Mention - TIE - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel
 Small, but done very well. Follow the man's eyes as he literally shoots and scores. Each of the three frames capture a different emotion—thoughtfully aiming, hoping, and excitement. Kudos to Imel for stopping to record this small, yet dramatic sequence. Well done!



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Associates

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HERALD, Carrie Pratt
Dramatic fire-lighted scene. Excellent sense of framing. Easily first in this category.
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Lee Ann Scantlin
Up close, very personal of a touching moment in the lives of young people confronted by tragedy—even a thousand miles away.
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Paul Conrad
Nearly impossible lighting situation, but enough could be achieved for third place. In daylight and without the illuminated siding beside the student, it moves up a notch.

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Rick Scibelli
Beautiful job catching all the emotions of this story—frustration, exhaustion, joy. Wonderful photos!
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Rick Mack/Rich Scibelli/Krystal Kinnunen/Paul Conrad
Excellent range of photos and great angles.
Third Place - FORT CAMPBELL COURIER, Dan Strauch
The effort really shows on the faces of these soldiers. Nice range of shots.

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Chad Stephens
Even without caption, this photograph is an immediate attention grabber.
Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, James Crisp
This was an excellent photograph—especially for this particular story.
Third Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Patti George
Nice visual work.
Honorable Mention - TIE - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, H. Rick Mach
Great capture of a fun day for a man and his dogs.

Honorable Mention - TIE - KENTON COMMUNITY RECORDER, Diane Fossitt
Nice photo of two different views of a situation.

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jonathan Kirshner
The lead photo tells the story. It's about soup! A nice page on an ordinary subject.
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Chad Stevens
Main image is the grabber. However, the curtain scene should be reversed, whether it was shot with rear or front curtain scene. Other game lapse photos and a nice silhouette fill out this page well.
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Chad Stevens
Very nice selection of wide/medium/light images. Good faces. Page could have been better without three photos sized identically.

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Mark Weber
Excellent photo. The expression on the face of the referee who just got hit is great!
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Shawn Poynter
Interesting visual image. The shapes make the photo.
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, H. Rick Mach
Volleyball is tough to shoot, and this kind of one-on-one action is rare.

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Rick Scibelli
Two beautiful shots. What else can be said?
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Rick Scibelli
These photos show a tremendous range of emotion, from the bench to the court and the players to the coach.
Third Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Patti George/Donald Belisle
Nice contrast in photos—from smiling to serious, practice field to the game.

Multi-Weekly

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Good close-up view of paramedics at work without intruding on victim.
Third Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Willie Sawyers
Good work to get to the scene during rather than after event.
Honorable Mention - TIE - MORE-HEAD NEWS, Kim Hamilton
Honorable Mention - TIE - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Charles Longton

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Willie Sawyers
Great series of photos. Captures the intensity of the event.
Second Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Carol Mills
Good series of photos. The sequencing could have been better.
Third Place - NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Randy Fuqua
Good photos, good composition.
Honorable Mention - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Willie Sawyers

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Steve Traynor
Good moment with the cop pumping up. Timing was on the money. However, would have liked to have seen his face more.
Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, T. J. Johnson
Good action shot of kayaker. Peak action.
Third Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Lisa Tolliver
Good emotion on girl's face.

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Steve Traynor
A one-two competition for the News Graphic. The kneeling girl photo is excellent—you have to be a confident photographer to walk right up there—but horse photo is even better. Two good photos beat one good photo.

Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Steve Traynor
Battlefield scene—with the flag barely visible through the haze—is extraordinarily good. The complementary photos add to, don't subtract from this dominant image.
Third Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Lisa Tolliver
Good variety of photos, with the dominant photo carrying the page. Simple content in the auxiliary pictures, but all blend into a nice page. Was nearly a toss-up for second.

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - PRINCETON TIMES LEADER, Todd Griffin
This is a well-framed, spectacular shot. Good work!
Second Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Jim McAlister
Emotional sports shot at its finest.
Third Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Jan Witherspoon
Nice timing!
Honorable Mention - TIE - NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Chris Cooper
Honorable Mention - TIE - NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Carroll Young

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Steve Traynor
Generous play, impressive and moody images—not afraid to play photos large. Excellent reproduction. Photographer has "the eye."
Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, O. J. Stapleton
Action on the court, hugs, cutting down net, trophy presentation. As rules say, photos work together to tell a story and this spread did just that.
Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Paul Allen Adkins
Lively, large photo. Lots of action, generous display. ANE pages were great, both photographers know their jobs.
Honorable Mention - PRINCETON TIMES LEADER, Todd Griffin/Rick Nichols
Excellent use of six photos in limited space. Covers all facets of game.



Congratulations to the winners of the 1999 KPA Better Newspaper Contest

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Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Stephenson
Simple often is better. It works well here.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne
Clever, attention getting, easy to digest message.

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Stephenson
Sometimes on Veterans Day, we think of veterans as a group. The photographer did a great job of busting down that barrier by showing dozens of grave markers that seem identical, yet zeroing in on one person remembering one loved one. It really drives home the fact that each and every marker represents a special person.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne
The silence in this photo is deafening. A very nice job of capturing the somberness and mourning. The faces really tell so many thoughts and feelings.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne

A nice job of conveying the weariness and sadness of a relative of a murder victim. It's great that the photographer framed the subject to give a strong sense of place.

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Bryan Leazenby

This was almost awarded third place, based on the strength of composition.

But it's slightly easier to get to this moment than the third place photo of the woman in the park.

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram
In obviously crowded and hectic situation, photographer captured the fear in the young boy's face as well as the delight on that of the rescuers.

Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, Jim Osborn
Nice reaction from escapee. Clear that the situation is a negotiation.

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram
The massive story on migrant workers and their families in Mexico seems that it could have been in the feature essay category. But the work is so in-depth and thorough and at times it stands out easily as the best essay in news. A very excellent job on a subject that needed to be visited beyond the local scene, and it was.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Bryan Leazenby

A nice series of portrait-situations. The edit should have been much tighter because some photos were redundant. But given the access problems of photographing public figures, the photographer did a good job showing the qualities of the senator.

Third Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Patrick Reddy

Good photos considering the restriction of not being allowed to show faces of students. It's too bad the package wasn't given more space out front where more meaningful pictures

could have been displayed.

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne

Great photo! The body language of the kid in the foreground is excellent.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Stephenson
Good use of graphic elements. I like the reflection of the cleaner as well.

Third Place - KENTUCKY POST, Jim Osborn
Sweet Christmas time moment. Almost wish the cutline didn't include the info about Santa closing his eyes on purpose.

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Stephenson

A very elegant and comprehensive portrait of the Maktoum family, who live in Dubai: United Arab Emirates, yet heavily influence horse breeding and racing in Kentucky. Photos are stunning in their composition and storytelling ability. This entry was clearly the cream of the crop. Gorgeous!!

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne

A nice story with a good edit where each photo conveys a different aspect of the story. The story leans heavily to the social aspect of the girl's struggles to attend school, but what is missing is the academic challenge. I would have liked to have seen a photo or two dealing with the intellectual aspect.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne

The essay on Autumn is very well done technically and with an artistic

flair. The images undoubtedly made the readers see nature a little more in depth than they would without the exposure to this photographer's perspective.

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Stephenson

Incredible shot! Peak action added with the elements of the pylon, the cameraman and the cheerleaders make this such a nice action shot.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne

Peak action, nice faces, interesting moment.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram

Catchy photo of unusual action. Would like to have seen a tighter crop on the left.

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram

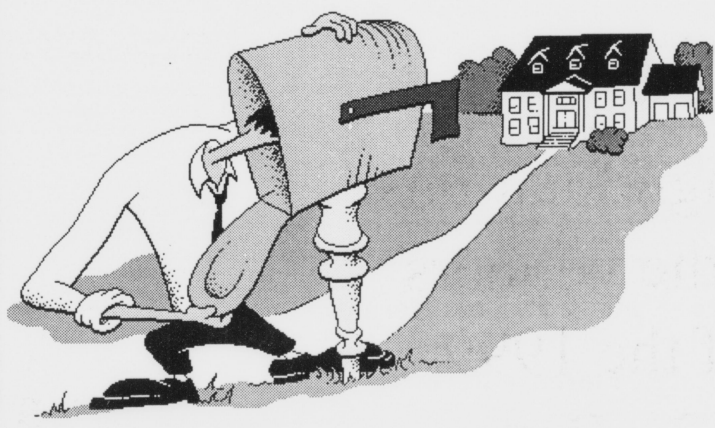
What is obvious and most impressive about this entry is the amount of time the photographer spent working on it. Sharp elemental photography creates a very appealing whole. Wish that photo on back would've been used on front.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Cathy Clarke

Nice, simple trio of photos well done with a lot of emotion and action. Nice faces.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Bryan Leazenby

Excellent action combined with nice family moments make this one a winner. A stronger lead photo would've placed this one higher.



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First Place - Laurel News Journal
Second Place - Citizen Voice & Times
Third Place - Providence Journal Enterprise

WEEKLY CLASS 3

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

MULTI-WEEKLY

First Place - Appalachian News Express
Second Place - London Sentinel Echo
Third Place - Georgetown News Graphic

DAILY CLASS 1

First Place - State Journal
Second Place - Winchester Sun
Third Place - Somerset Commonwealth Journal

DAILY CLASS 2

First Place - Henderson Gleaner
Second Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise
Third Place - Bowling Green Daily News

DAILY 3

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

ASSOCIATE NEWSPAPERS

First Place - College Heights Herald
Second Place - Kentucky Monthly
Third Place - Florence Recorder

About the cover: In the top photo, this award-winning entry from Willie Sawyers of the London Sentinel-Echo captured the judges' attention in the Weekly 3 division. The photo was part of the package that won first place in the Best News Picture Essay category. In the center shot, Debbie Caldwell of the Harlan Daily Enterprise captured this action at a UK football game and the photo captured the judges' attention, winning first place in the Daily Class 1 division for Best Sports Photo. The bottom photo from Jeff Moreland of the Citizen Voice & Times was part of his winning entry in the News Picture Essay category for Weekly Class 2 papers.