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The 1998 Fall Newspaper Contest



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Weekly Class 1

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

A positive spin on what might become contentious. The idea of a tourist tax to benefit the local community has proven to be a successful one and often becomes the element which makes a controversial proposal fly. Editorial short, to the point.

Second Place - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Richard L. Deavers

Soundly based on fact and theory of education. Spending money on bricks and mortar never results in better education. Larger class size proves detrimental. Points well made.

Third Place - BERE A CITIZEN, Danna Estridge

Caught on the horns of a dilemma, this editorial looks at all sides providing an excellent oasis for everyone involved to use as point of reference when discussions begin.

Honorable Mention - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, BERE A, John Butwell

First rate coverage of an all-too-familiar crime. What makes this story a cut above the rest is the reporter's writing. A genuine talent with words, imagery and movement. Excellent!

Second Place - BREATHITT COUNTY VOICE, Delores Chandler

A tragedy of immense proportion. While the story could have taken a different shape with a stronger and more descriptive lede, I think the way it is written, it is read like the best of story-telling, chronologizing a story that had impact on a wide community.

Third Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Diane Goetz

An excellent example of what development and growth can do to the environment and humans. Story raises questions in each paragraph practically and then answers them. I have a question, how many people live in this park? An excellent image in the story is that of people living their lives always worried.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - FULTON LEADER, Rita Mitchell

Not a unique situation, but definitely an odd one with serious consequences for Fulton, Kentucky. The lede, I think should have started with the situation reached in Texarkana and why that's important to Fulton and South Fulton.

Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

One gets the impression from reading the story that the public outcry is going to be useless. I hope that is not the case and I hope that if the county officials do not do a study of this company and this kind of mining, the paper will or did.

Third Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell

There were other stories entered into this category which had greater impact on a large number of people. But this sweet and sorrowful short story thrusts somebody else's tragedy into your own lives just as meaningfully or more so than the loss of landfill income.

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell

It's just too bad for every writer in this weekly mass that John Butwell writes every week. He takes the mundane in this instance and fleshes out a story that becomes the most important and satisfying thing a reader did that week.

Second Place - BERE A CITIZEN, Danna Estridge

Well written miracle baby story. A story of Christian faith, medical genius and love. The writer brings all of these elements together without sentimentalizing any of it.

Third Place - FULTON LEADER, Amy Lorton

A wonderful story of a young boy's dream realized in old age.

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, Connie Esh

Second Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell

Third Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, Sidney Farr

What can I say? The County Chronicle is blessed with excellent columnists.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - BOURBON COUNTY CITIZEN, Tom Leach

Reads more like an analytical news story, refreshing and concise.

Second Place - FULTON LEADER, Mike Ohstrom

Writes a sports column in the true Southern storytelling genre. He circles his point, takes a side turn once or twice which makes the point all the more interesting.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, Connie Esh

Inventive way to tell a champion game story. From first paragraph to last the movement of the story gathers momentum through the coach's excitement. Nicely packaged.

Second Place - BOURBON COUNTY CITIZEN, Ivan Rice

The amazement of the crowd of more than 50,000 is used very well by the writer to enhance the drama and excitement of the game.

Third Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Tom Embrey

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - HERALD NEWS, EDMONTON, Clay Scott

This story shouts basketball, love for basketball, and Kentucky as its writer intended.

Second Place - BERE A CITIZEN, Danna Estridge

Good to see girls' basketball at the high school level written about, and lucky to find Ms. Patton who also takes it seriously. Nicely written with an eye to the future of women's basketball.

Third Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Karen Meiman

And you can't start earlier than this. The story about 9-year-old Heather tells a lot about how far society and journalism have come in just five to 10 years.

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell

Again another well written article by John Butwell, beautifully illustrated. Anyone who reads this story and then travels the finished road will feel different about the drive than the one who doesn't.

Second Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Diane Goetz

The beginning of what could be an effective investigative series born out of tragedy. Accidents like those at intersections like this one are all too common across the country.

Third Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Diane Goetz

Overcrowded prisons at federal and state levels have seeped to the county level everywhere in the country. I hope you keep going on this story.

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Diane Goetz

Thorough and convincing. In a state that has more than its share of welfare families this series of articles is sensitive to the human side of welfare reform while articulating the need for reform and envisioning the future. Excellent.

Second Place - MARTIN COUNTY SUN, Lilly Adkins

Tenacious series, dogged reporting that I'm sure influenced decisions made in this case.

Third Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell

Raises the question of just how important at whatever level bending the laws can make, dramatizing the point that the buck does stop definitely somewhere as it should.

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - TIE - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell

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These two papers on these particular stories have an eerie resemblance, particularly in the persistence of the reporters to get to the bottom of all the cases. All stories must have brought a sense of relief and safety when concluded.

Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Huge story that transforms a region of Kentucky. Ramifications are many, life changes necessary, an economy improves.

Category 12 - BEST STORY SERIES

First Place - TODD COUNTY STANDARD, Mike Finch

A gifted writer, who deserves better editing, has told a wonderful story about a town's football team from genesis to the present. By doing so, he has written a heartfelt history of the town. The writing grips the reader.

Second Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones/Cherry Pyron

Truly a wonderful series. Just looking at the other headlines on page and then finding this little gem puts everything into perspective. More newspapers should do this kind of thing. I hope it is alive and well today.

Third Place - FULTON LEADER, Amy Lorton

A huge story with one outcome possibly destructive to a large population. The writer has a good group of facts and understands ramifications. However, the writing is listless, leads were not always the point of story, particularly the last two. More people and faces would have sharpened the series. A sidebar on one family would have enhanced human side.

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Diane Goetz

Well-packaged, serious and meaningful story for the region. The writing is tightly organized in setting the stage and then moves on to offering help and possible solutions for farmers. Good solid reporting and editing.

Second Place - FULTON LEADER, Rita Mitchell

Poor Fulton. But lucky for its citizens who get the good and bad news of its economy from the Fulton Leader. The sidebar is essential to the news story and well done. Some of the information could have been rearranged to at least impart the questions raised by the lede.

Third Place - FULTON LEADER, Rita Mitchell

Lucky Fulton. Again, thorough reporting on economic issues that seems to keep this town unnerved. But once again I found info in the last graph that should have in some form been moved up.

Berea police nab murder suspect

By John Butwell

Don Potter, 36, had never been in trouble with the law before — at least not in Madison County, according to court records — when he was charged Thursday afternoon with murder and attempted murder.

He'd never even had a traffic ticket. So his neighbors were pretty surprised they said when they saw Potter pull into the driveway of his trailer halfway between Bear and Madisons — followed by a car full of short-skirted police bent on arresting him.

He always talked sensible when you talked to the man — neighbor Ernest Walters said afterward. "Nice fella."

He never caused any trouble before around neighbor Andrea Farnen. "I never knew him to cause no problems."

But around 10:41 a.m. Thursday, that all changed, police say.

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PATTERN OF A MAN — At right, Richmond Police checked the position where David Whitaker, 35, fell Thursday morning allegedly pushed down at Route 8 by railroad husband Don Potter, 36. Also critically injured was Potter's wife Donna, 35. Chronicle photo by John Butwell



Above: In the Weekly 1 Division, The County Chronicle, Berea, captured a first place for Best Spot News Story with this entry. Below: Kelley Warnick's entry for Best General News Picture was the judges' favorite.



Part I Agencies feeling welfare pinch

By Diane Goetz
Staff Writer

The following is Part I in a series relating to welfare reform in Kentucky. Part I focuses on the influx of requests coming to social service agencies in Northern Kentucky for help after people are moved from welfare to work. Future stories will focus on proposed changes now before the Kentucky Legislature and a more specific breakdown of issues which factor into welfare reform, how it is working in Kentucky and those families feeling that impact.

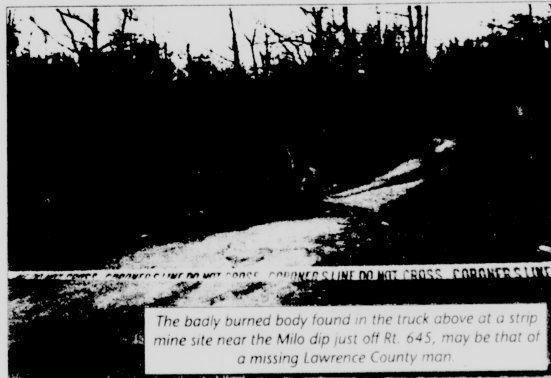
Top honors in the Best Investigative Story or Series category went to the Kenton County Recorder, above. First place in the Ongoing/Extended Coverage Story category went to the Martin County Sun, below, for its coverage of a prominent local businessman's murder.

Two murders!

Sheriff has suspects in brutal killings

Body found near Milo in abandoned pickup truck

Cops have suspects in case —INSIDE P. 16



The badly burned body found in the truck above at a strip mine site near the Milo dip just off Rt. 645, may be that of a missing Lawrence County man.

Chamberlain is shot and killed at Emily Creek

By Lilly Adkins

EMILY CREEK — Martin Countians were stunned when local businessman Fred Chamberlain, was shot and killed in his living room at about 10:00 PM last Friday

Weekly Class 2

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, LOUISA, Jerry Pennington

Reasonable and thoughtful writing that incorporates the impact of local politics and local economics on decisions

Second Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jamie Baker Nantz

Passionate, yet balanced approach to a clearly divided issue in the community.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers

Writing is good, not cluttered with extraneous comments. Goes to the need and the funding restraints.

Honorable Mention - CLAY CITY TIMES, Carrie Rigby

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington

Very well written, factual story with excellent photos.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers

Strong coverage of an interesting police story.

Third Place - CLAY CITY TIMES, Ken Simon

Tight, concise reporting and good photography.

Honorable Mention - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, George Harper

Honorable Mention - CRITTENDEN PRESS, MARION, Chris Evans

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers

A well written story on a controversial local subject.

Second Place - CADIZ RECORD, Tommy Newton

Good construction, good quotes.

Third Place - TOMPKINSVILLE NEWS, Blanche Trimble

Strong, well written account a murder trial.

Honorable Mention - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Tim Ballard

Honorable Mention - TROUBLESOME CREEK TIMES, Karen J. Jones

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - CADIZ RECORD, Todd Turner

A touching story of dedication. "Tears stream down her cheeks" as she plays at funerals. Good writing about an everyday person. Good headline and photo.

Second Place - CADIZ RECORD, Todd Turner

Good lead paragraphs and a unique topic for Cadiz, Kentucky. Enjoyable read.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Tish King

A man of the yarn is another way

of tell the "other life" stories of ministers, that away from the pulpit Interesting.

Honorable Mention - TOMPKINSVILLE NEWS, Gina Kinslow

Honorable Mention - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Kevin Hall

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Monte Tischler

Tischler offers an entertaining, humorous style but gets his point across effectively.

Second Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington

Excellent style and thought-provoking content.

Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Debbie Polly

Smooth, entertaining style with good use of subtle humor.

Honorable Mention - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers

Honorable Mention - CADIZ RECORD, Tommy Newton

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - LONDON-LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Jay Stancil

You have great ideas in your columns, but you're trying too hard to be clever.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Denis House

Too much "I". Tell the story with different outlooks and quotes.

Third Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Tom Bystrok

Relax and have fun. Paragraphs don't all have to be eight lines.

Make the reader feel the emotion more.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - CADIZ RECORD, Todd Turner

A very well done package on the use of soft spikes in golf. Well constructed, flows well and is documented with good quotes from a number of people.

Second Place - LONDON-LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Jay Stancil

Jay Stancil's lead is a great hook into a story on a very hard fought high school basketball game.

Good play-by-play account and supporting quotes.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Denis House

Well constructed, informational story supported with strong play-by-play and good quotes.

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Tom Embrey

Very good story with good documentation and quotes. Story flows well and makes you want to continue reading.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Sharyn Magarian

Interesting feature on a local guy performing a long-term goal. Good perspective, strong profile.

Third Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Tim Ballard

Interesting feature on a topic few of us know too much about. Well con-

structed. Good flow

Honorable Mention - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, David Hill

Honorable Mention - CADIZ RECORD, Todd Turner

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - CADIZ RECORD, Tommy Newton

Nice package. Good graphics. Well organized and factual.

Second Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Beth Curlin

Excellent topic, good research, great quotes.

Third Place - CLAY CITY TIMES, Ken Simon

Well done. Good questions and answers. Very topical and introspective. Missing jumpline on page 1 prevented a higher score.

Honorable Mention - CADIZ RECORD, Todd Turner

Honorable Mention - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Gina Holt

Excellent two-part series. Well-documented and very factual. Very good initiative and research.

Second Place - CLAY CITY TIMES, Ken Simon/Carrie Rigby

Good series on the problems of the Powell County School System. Very good research and investigation by Ken and Carrie.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Beth Curlin

Good series with plenty of detail and factual information. Good use of telling the story from both sides.

Honorable Mention - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Kristie Plunkett

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - LONDON LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Staff

Incredible time, effort and energy went into this 6-week series. It shows the hometown support every Miss America hopeful should receive.

Second Place - RUSSELL SPRINGS TIMES JOURNAL, Ed Cahill/Jay Albrecht

Good reporting involving the mayor and governor. Provides information which concerns the local community.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers

Good compassionate writing covering a difficult topic-domestic violence.

Honorable Mention - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Stephen Lega

Category 12 - BEST STORY SERIES

First Place - CADIZ RECORD, Tommy Newton/Todd Turner

Great writing grabs readers from the start. Public service focusing on cancer and the communities involvement hold interest.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS

LEADER, Nita Gilley

These positive feature stories are pleasant reading.

Third Place - TOMPKINSVILLE NEWS, James Spear/Gina Kinslow/Blanche Trimble

The paper really gets behind this effort to capture much needed funds for their area. Readers are drawn into the stories and feel part of the effort.

Honorable Mention - TOMPKINSVILLE NEWS, Blanche Trimble

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington

Pennington did a balanced informative job writing about a much debated issue. Very interesting.

Second Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington

Excellent writing, lesson in tourism makes me want to visit Gatlinburg soon.

Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Kevin Hall

Good writing, grabbed my attention.

Category 14 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

First Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington

Photo illustrations truly drives home real meaning of prankster holiday.

Second Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington

Photo combined with simple graphics clearly shows reader how storms effect county.

Third Place - CLAY CITY TIMES, Carrie Rigby

Good use of simple chart, photos and type graphics to emphasize victory for water project.

Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Laetitia Clayton

Great live action shot, on the scene for scheduled event.

Second Place - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington

Shows forethought and planning, just the right angle for proper tribute to veterans.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland

Gives up close and personal feeling. Honorable Mention - CLAY CITY TIMES, Ken Simon

Category 16 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - LONDON LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Lorie Love

Photograph creates readers feeling of trauma and action.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Nita Bailey Gilley

Action on the spot.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Beth Curlin

Good on the spot photo.

Honorable Mention - LONDON LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Lorie

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EDITORIALS

✓ Heavy enough Proposal to increase coal truck weight wrong

Overweight coal trucks have plagued Eastern Kentucky for decades now, tearing up our roads faster and causing unsafe traveling conditions. Why, then, is Gov. Paul Patton proposing new legislation that would increase the legal hauling limit to 50,000 pounds?

Patton proposed legislation last week that would raise the legal weight limit coal trucks could haul from 120,000 pounds (60 tons) to 156,000 pounds (78 tons). This is nearly twice the nationally recognized safe weight limit of 80,000 pounds (40 tons).

The reasoning behind this madness, Patton says, is to stop people from hauling 200 to 220 thousand pounds on Kentucky's highways.

"There's not a truck out there that's hauling 120,000," Patton told the General Assembly last week.

Patton, a former coal operator who admitted that during his business days overweight loads were commonplace, calls the proposal a compromise between the parties. Another interesting question is why has it become a common practice to "compromise" when it comes to breaking the law?

A simple solution is to leave the weight limit alone, place the fines on the coal operator and the driver and strictly enforce them.

Somehow, though, taking such a drastic step would be considered malicious toward the coal industry because the practice of illegal hauling has gone on for so long.

Another aspect overlooked is the issue of jobs involved.

Thousands depend on driving a coal truck as their employment. If the weight limits are increased, won't this mean less drivers will be needed to get the job done?

The Big Sandy News slammed the governor's proposal to increase the legal hauling limit for trucks by 36,000 pounds and the editorial, above, caught the attention of the judges who awarded it first place. Below: The LaRue County Herald News finished first in the Best Feature Picture category in Weekly Class 2.



Whatta-melon!!

Two-year-old Kelsey Freeman tried to hide behind this watermelon during a picnic for LaRue Capital's last day of school.

Photo by Kevin Hill

1998 KPA Fall Newspaper Contest
Category 4 - Best Feature Story

Winner: Cadiz Record
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Photographer: Todd Turner
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A Supplement to The Cadiz Record

Organ Donations

Mae Perdue plays at funerals 'more out of love than anything'

By Todd Turner
Cadiz Record Staff Writer

Funeral organist Mae Perdue plays for those she knew well, and she plays for those she didn't know at all.

She plays her old favorite, "His Eye is on the Sparrow," and she plays just about any song a family requests.

She plays with tears streaming down her cheeks, and she plays while blocking out the thoughts of lost loved ones.

But mostly she just plays. Although she is 70 years old, she comes on Mae Perdue to play piano services regularly at Goodwin Funeral Home on Main Street in town here. It might be several more years before she will regard service.

"Mae was provided to Mae Perdue," he related at The Cadiz Record.

"It's just something I can do. I've done it 11 feet that is a service that I can do for someone. I never refuse one, whether I know or whatever. I would never refuse to play if someone has asked to play."

"I feel good that I can do that. I feel good that I can perform that service."

It's a service she's performed near by all over in Trigg County, providing wedding comfort and an organist last time in more funerals than she can count. She'll know it in other ways.

These days Perdue often passes on children to play at weddings or receptions, and she is invited to come out of the Lake Barkley State Resort Park to play at playing there for hours to visit. But she that never turned down a request to play a funeral, unless she was ill. She'll even rearrange several plans to accommodate a call from Goodwin's.

"My children, I think they think maybe it bothers me," Perdue said. "And they'll say, 'Mae, why don't you just playing for funerals?'" "I'd like to look how would you feel if I were to give away and you would get somebody to play for my funeral?" "Never never mind I ever turn."

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"I never have refused to play. I feel good that I can do that. I feel good that I can perform that service."

— Mae Perdue

Above: The Cadiz Record won top honors in the Best Feature Story category with this entry. Below: The London Laurel News-Journal captured first place in the Ongoing/Extended Coverage Story category for the paper's coverage of a local girl who won the Miss Kentucky pageant.

1998 KPA Fall Newspaper Contest
Category 1 - Best Ongoing/Extended Coverage Story

Winner: London - Laurel News-Journal

July 1, 1998

Cook crowned Miss Kentucky

Marshall named fourth runner-up

Years from now, no one will remember the gown I wore, or the song I sang, but everyone will remember if I make a difference in the life of a child.

— KIMBERLY COOK

The crowning moment of the pageant, 20-year-old Kimberly Cook, crowned as Miss Kentucky at the annual pageant. Seated, right, at the ceremony is her mother, Kimberly Cook, and her father, Keith Cook. (See page 4.)

Weekly Class 3

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick
Most insightful and thoughtful. Writing is simple and clear. Knowledge of an important regional issue and politician is evident.
Second Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Maleena Streeval
Builds a good case. Supports the decision through straightforward sequence of facts. Writing is good.
Third Place - BOONE COUNTY RECORDER, Amy Charley
Succinct! Provides enough context to make the point clear.
Honorable Mention - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Glen Greene
Honorable Mention - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Teresa Rice

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Janie Buntain
An absorbing story of the dangers faced by police officers, even on "routine" calls. A chronological account leads the reader through a dramatic, bloody encounter.
Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick
A crisp, clear account of a store owner's slaying and the reaction of family, friends and neighbors to his death. Good-on-the-scene reporting.
Third Place - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Erin Milburn
A woman ends up shot and left for dead by a man she trusted and loved. The story reconstructs what happened in unadorned but chilling terms.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - HAZARD HERALD, Greta Fields
Here's a model of how to introduce a new development in this case, "community policing" to the public. It's not a sexy subject but the reporter does a nice job of explaining the philosophy and practicalities behind community policing movement.
Second Place - BOONE COUNTY RECORDER, Karen Meiman
A well written, well spaced report on a grassroots effort to get a traffic light at the site of several fatal accidents. It's a great example of the human-interest potential of city council coverage.
Third Place - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Erin Milburn
The reporter goes into a tobacco warehouse and meets farmers who face financial problems because their crop sits unwanted and unsold. It's an interesting and informative view of a major economic issue for the region.
Honorable Mention - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael

Banks
Honorable Mention - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Jim Easterwood

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White
Story should inspire others to write their family "tales." Good combo of color and black and white. Info box very important, makes it easy for reader to get the necessary material.
Second Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael Banks
We all have a place that's special. Thanks to Banks for telling such a smooth story. The wedding music "pop-pop-pop" of a passing Harley is just right.
Third Place - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Becky Barnes
Not until 1998 is there a King parade. The story and photos make a good report especially with the recollection of past lifestyles and the photographs to paint a present day view.
Honorable Mention - OLDHAM ERA, Charles Pearl
Honorable Mention - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Tom Musgrave

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick
Convincing arguments, good writing on important topics. Gets to the point quickly. Gutsy. Nice job on all columns.
Second Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Barbara Starkey
Making light of one's own predicaments is good fodder. I'm glad to see Barbara doesn't get her panties in a wad! Nice work.
Third Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Beth Foster
Makes good points, doesn't ramble. Good leads and conclusion. Way to take on local council.
Honorable Mention - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Teresa Rice

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - CORBIN/WHITLEY NEWS JOURNAL, Mitch Howard
Crisp structure combined with creative usage makes your columns a joy to read.
Second Place - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Ed Davis
Good mix of humor and facts. Style is good, but vary lengths and paragraphs more. Add more quotes from others mentioned in columns.
Third Place - SOMERSET-PULASKI NEWS JOURNAL, Don Perry
Style is good, but talk "to" the reader more, rather than "at" them.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - OLDHAM ERA, Hal Morris
Good detail, easy to read, just the facts. Head tells story.
Second Place - OLDHAM ERA, Mickey Patterson
Again, good nuts and bolts, easy read, exciting.

Third Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael Banks
Good package supported by sound writing.

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - BOONE COUNTY RECORDER, Joe Christofield
True feature, sport story. Good read. Positive.
Second Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael Banks
Informative and refreshing.
Third Place - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Tom Musgrave
Good "what are they doing now" piece.
Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Rosalind Turner
Thorough courage with sound documentation to support the analysis. Also sprinkled with good quotes. Give the cops a raise, the reporter, too.
Second Place - BOONE COUNTY RECORDER, Karen Meiman
Nice job explaining the details of an important issue. Clear, concise.
Third Place - CORBIN/WHITLEY NEWS JOURNAL, Trent Knuckles
Story is as solid as a rock. Good writing. Clear, concise.
Honorable Mention - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Beth Foster
Honorable Mention - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Rosalind Turner/Erin Milburn

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Becky Barnes
True to the category! Great job!
Second Place - BOONE COUNTY RECORDER, Amy Charley
Good read-to the end.
Third Place - BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Tracy Combs
Full of details, good balance.
Honorable Mention - MOUNTAIN CITIZEN, Gary Ball

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - OLDHAM ERA, Hal Morris/Mickey Patterson/Charles Pearl
A dogged painstaking effort to keep tabs on the struggles between a landfill company and government regulators—with the public in the middle. Here's an example of much needed public affairs reporting.
Second Place - HAZARD HERALD, Greta Fields/Paul Taulbee
Persistent coverage of the county jail and several deaths connected to it, raised public awareness of an often neglected subject.
Third Place - MEADE COUNTY MESSENGER, Vicki Sonn
Zoning isn't a subject to set one's pulse racing, but it certainly has implications for peoples lives, homes and businesses. This kind of

straightforward reporting serves an important public interest.

Category 12 - BEST STORY SERIES

First Place - CORBIN/WHITLEY NEWS JOURNAL, Lillian Babb
Good package, ties together well. Thorough coverage on an important topic.
Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick
Nice job on an interesting subject. Strong writing. Probably could use more opposing viewpoints.
Third Place - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Deanna Mascle
Comprehensive coverage on a hot issue. Suffers somewhat from lack of opposing viewpoints.

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Janie Buntain
Headline and drop made reading story a must. Good photo. Combined agribusiness/education and local interest into a easy-to-read and informative story.
Second Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Charles Pearl
Tough choice for second. Mug on front could have made the difference here. An excellent story! Need to see more of this quality in weeklies.
Third Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman
Best straightforward business report. Factual and informative for a non-tobacco person.
Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, Cheryl Steenerson
Honorable Mention - CORBIN/WHITLEY NEWS JOURNAL, Angela Bailey-Lawson

Category 14 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/ PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

First Place - SOMERSET-PULASKI NEWS JOURNAL, Don Perry
Good spread. Lavendar color bothered me a little in screens. Good preview page.
Second Place - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Lisa Hurst
Would have been first, but graphic colors are too happy for such a serious subject. Easy to follow, though.
Third Place - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Deanna Mascle
Simply fun to read!
Honorable Mention - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Becky Barnes
Honorable Mention - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Dave Eldridge

Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - OLDHAM ERA, Charles Pearl
Pic tells it all!
Second Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Maleena Streeval
Excellent black/white pic!
Third Place - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Becky Barnes
Just a good shot!
Honorable Mention - CORBIN/WHITLEY NEWS JOURNAL, Frank Newman

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Multi-Weekly

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL
First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Pikeville Larry Martin
 Gets directly to the issue. Writing is not active nor passive. Organized well. In context.
Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Terry L. May
 Editorial makes a well document, well presented point. It's local, clear, relevant. Language is strong.
Third Place - SHEPHERDSVILLE PIONEER NEWS, Thomas Barr
 Demonstrates reasoned approach to a typical issue-taxes. Tighter writing would help.
 Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Larry Martin

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Bardstown, Rebecca Ray
 Bardstown may have had unfair advantage in the category. Ray did a great job with a church fire, covering many angles, gathering a lot of information, going in several directions. Good description, good quotes, and clear and coherently written.
Second Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Rodman Botkin
 Similar to above. Botkin writes very well, covers a lot of ground, uses detail well, and gets good quotes. Fine coverage for a paper that should have disaster coverage down pat.
Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, David Gross
 Gross writes well, covers main event well, then goes farther to add the kind of information not every reporter bothers to get.
 Honorable Mention - PRINCETON TIMES LEADER, Anita Baker
 Honorable Mention - NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, RUSSELLVILLE, Eddie Kolb

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY
First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Kim Stacy
 Good job of balanced reporting. This story shows some apparent miscommunication among school officials about whether this type of discipline is inappropriate.
Second Place - MOREHEAD NEWS, Kim Hamilton
 Good writing and interesting take on usual meeting story. Excellent way to grab readers attention. First place winner involved more legwork.
Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Derek Armstrong
 Good lead. First and second place winners were meatier stories.
 Honorable Mention - MOREHEAD

NEWS, Sean Kelly

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY
First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Alicia Carmichael
 Writing captures teen-ager's feeling of hopelessness and her about-face after getting support from someone who had been there. Variety in sources and quotes. Uplifting story.
Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Nancy M. Goss
 Nice read. Writer had put together some background material about the authors the reader wouldn't ordinarily get. Good packaging with graphics artwork in headline and clever refer to 2B.
Third Place - NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Jim Turner
 We talk about diversity. This is a wonderful example of people doing something about learning one of the aspects of it. Good reporting. It would have been interesting to have quotes from some of the classmates concerning their impression of the event.
 Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Rodman P. Botkins
 Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Bruce Justice

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN
First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Larry Webster
 Gutsy, stinging commentary. Loved the remark about "dozens of Kennedy offspring with rabbit-like teeth." Columns make a point in a humorous way. Pro-work point. Do we really have to tell readers that the columns are satirical?
Second Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Cathy Jones
 Good topic, strong writing, easy to read. Nice work on the school shootings.
Third Place - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Clyde Pack
 Takes us home. Good descriptive writing style. My favorite was the Bible Belt baptism.
 Honorable Mention - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Campbellsville, Stan McKinney

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN
First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Paul Allen Adkins
 Nice description, good form with varying paragraph length. Lots of participants talk at right time.
Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, T. J. Johnson
 Nice blend of editorial comment and factual info. Easy to read.
Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, O. J. Stapleton
 Well-written, articulate articles. Could vary lengths of graphs more and be more creative and loose.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY
First Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Chris Aldridge

Nice lead, good transitions and allowing runner to tell his story.
Second Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Ron Greenwell
 A few mechanical errors, but a good insight piece.
Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Josh Underwood
 Could have been more flashy, more exciting.
 Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, O. J. Stapleton
 Honorable Mention - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Chuck Jones

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE
First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Steven Opauski
 Great lead. Draws the reader into story and keeps it interesting throughout. Good packaging of story.
Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Dave Heller
 Interesting take on football story. Likely to appeal to non sports fan too. Good writing.
Third Place - NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Jim Turner
 With a stronger lead and improved upper graphs, this could have placed higher.
 Honorable Mention - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Dave Heller

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY
First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Mitchell Douglas
 This story was intended as an investigative piece. Investigative reporting, by its definition, should uncover some wrong doing. This is a powerful examination of a problem that is no longer confined to large cities.
Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Geoff Belcher
 Many times a newspaper will follow a controversy and not remind readers what started it. This story is a comprehensive look at the controversy. This was a good piece that was beat out only by thorough look at gangs.
Third Place - SHEPHERDSVILLE PIONEER NEWS, Carl Curtsinger
 Story tells about tax and why it's being proposed and follow up on why it was defeated. Second story could have included reasons why residents were against it.
 Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Paul Allen Adkins/Steven Opauski
 Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Lisa Tollivar

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES
First Place - NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Eddie Kolb
 The true test for newspapers is how it reacts when there is a crisis in its community. This newspaper didn't simply report a problem, it took it on itself to find out what caused

the problem. This is what a newspaper is supposed to do.
Second Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Christa Ritchie
 This newspaper stated a problem and its reporting of that problem led to a resolution of it. Good side-bars.
Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Geoff Belcher
 Story takes a normal lawsuit story and makes it a better one with some legwork.
 Honorable Mention - SHEPHERDSVILLE PIONEER NEWS, Curt Curtsinger

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY
First Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Stan McKinney
 This series of stories tells of the devastating impact on an area when a business lays off workers. The newspaper took a number of different enterprising angles in covering this story.
Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Byron Brewer/Melissa Nipper/Shelia Dalton
 This story began with a mystery and ended with it being solved. It covers all the bases, from the family of the dead girl to law enforcement wish to solve crime.
Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Geoff Belcher
 Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, David Gross/Alicia Carmichael
 Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Christa Ritchie

Category 12 - BEST STORY SERIES
First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Christa Ritchie
 Good examination of year-round schools, from impact on teachers to sports. Also dealt with problems.
Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Melissa Nipper
 Interesting look at historic preservation. First story could have used more quotes from both sides.
Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Kim Stacy
 Interesting look at country singer, but what is local impact if she moved from area when she was 10?

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY
First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Melissa Nipper
 One of many tobacco-issue entries. Most were oriented toward statistics, sales - which is an important issue. But this piece had more scope - it had some of the same info, but was personalized, yet broadly appraising. Nicely written, informative, current.
Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Alicia Carmichael
 Good issue, nicely drawn. Reporter did a good job of getting considerable comment and several perspectives. Reads well, holds interest. A

See MULTI-WEEKLY, page 20

'It was just evil'

Parent knows gangs are a reality in Scott County

Editor's note: This is the first installment of a three-part series on gangs in Scott County and the state. The names of the parent and child have been changed at their request for their protection. The name of a previous gang leader has also been changed.

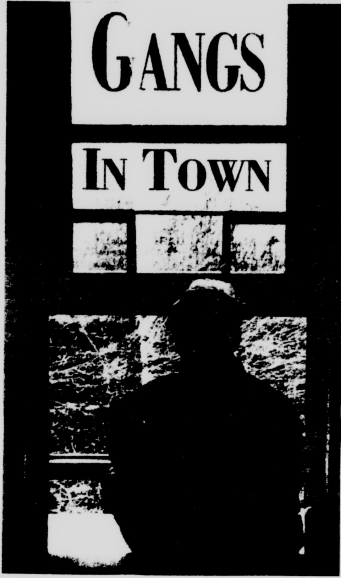
By MICHELLE DOUGLAS

Karen didn't know her daughter was in a gang.

When 12-year-old Kegan joined the Grape Street Crew, she soon had her hair shaved, she learned to fight, and she was taught to be a "bitch."

But her parents didn't know she had become a member of the Grape Street Crew, a gang that has spread from the East Coast to the South and is now spreading into Scott County.

GANGS IN TOWN



"Karen," the mother of a former Georgetown gang member, says gangs are a reality in Scott County.

Kegan's mother, Karen, says she doesn't know how to explain what happened to her. It was just evil.

"She got into the gang when she was 12 years old," Karen said. "She was a sweet little girl and I'm not sure how she got into it."

She says she doesn't know where the gang is, but she says she has seen it in the news. She says she has seen it in the news, but she says she doesn't know where it is.

After closing a nine-week investigation the following month, Police Chief Charlie Sutton announced at a Georgetown City Council meeting that what police thought was an investigation of a gang was the work of several members of the same gang. Sutton said the gang was still in Georgetown and remains the same.

"We found no evidence of any activity in Scott County," Sutton said. "We worked hard to find out what was going on, but we found nothing on the surface."

Sutton said there are gangs in Scott County, but he says he doesn't know where they are. He says he doesn't know where they are, but he says he doesn't know where they are.

Fire damages Methodist church

Lightning is apparent cause, official says

By REBECCA RAY

A brick and stone shell remains to show the ground where once stood the Methodist United Methodist Church on Sunday.

Just the second time within three months, a brick building in downtown Scott County was destroyed by lightning.

Neck and head — said Sue Hanks, that all parishioners were leaving and thinking about 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

INSIDE Witnesses say they heard sound of lightning strike that preceded church fire

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A crew from Blue Cross Construction brought down the bell from the church Sunday morning.



Photo by REBECCA RAY

Members say church will survive, plan to rebuild

By REBECCA RAY

Jan Jones has attended Methodist Church at her home and she says she is not coming and going.

"I look on this as a loss," she said. "I missed three services."

She said the church was built in 1930 and her husband, Ed, is the minister and has been for more than 20 years.



Photo by CHRISTA RITCHIE

Members of Bardonia United Methodist Church celebrated Sunday morning at the Bardonia High School (left) during the church's Sunday morning service.

The other part of the building was built in 1930, after the original church was destroyed by fire.



Photo by REBECCA RAY

Top left: The Georgetown News-Graphic finished second place in the General Excellence competition with the help of first place awards like this one in the Best Investigative Story or Series category. Above: The Kentucky Standard, Bardonia, was the top winner in the Best Spot News Category for Multi-Weekly papers.

Head Start student, 4, forced to clean urinal

Parent upset over form of punishment

By KIM STACY

News Editor

A substitute Head Start teacher is still on the job despite complaints about inappropriate punishment from the parent of a four-year-old boy who was reportedly forced to clean a bathroom urinal.

Lea Smallwood, the Head Start teacher at Lookout Elementary, allegedly made four-year-old Jason Ratliff clean the urinal after he stuffed toilet tissue in the urinal.

Rebecca Ratliff, Jason's mother, said the incident took place last Thursday and she witnessed the punishment when she went to pick up her son from school.

"When I went to the Head Start building, I didn't see Jason or the teacher, and some of the other kids told me he was in the bathroom cleaning the toilet," said Ratliff. "When I walked into the bathroom, she (Smallwood) was holding him by the back of the shirt over the toilet and he had both his hands in the toilet."

"I heard her say, 'You better hope this flushes, Jason.' His clothes were wet. Then she looked at me and

asked if I was his mother. I was so mad and I said, 'I wouldn't even talk to her.' I'd get out of there."

Ratliff said she then went to the main building to speak with the head teacher, Trish Bowling, about the incident. But Bowling was at a meeting.

"There was no one at the school to address the situation, so I left," she said.

Ratliff said she met with the Head Start director, Nora Horne, Monday and she (Horne) assured her the problem

would be dealt with and that Smallwood would be dismissed if that day.

Despite repeated attempts to contact Horne, she did not return calls to the News-Express.

When Ratliff took her son to school Tuesday, she said Smallwood was still teaching. Smallwood is a substitute teacher and has been at that school for about three weeks.

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Top: In the Best General News Story category for Multi-Weeklies, the Appalachian News-Express, Pikeville, was the first place winner. The newspaper also garnered first place General Excellence. Below: The Central Kentucky News-Journal, Campbellsville, captured first place in the Best Ongoing/Extended Coverage Story category for the paper's following of the Fruit of the Loom layoffs which devastated the town.

Factory layoffs take effect

Most sent home early

By STAN McKINNEY

News Editor

Though 1,482 jobs were officially eliminated Monday at Fruit of the Loom, few of those who are now out of work actually worked that

day.

That's because the majority of those affected by the layoffs were sent home last week. They were paid through Monday.

"My last day was Thursday," said Missy Knifley, who has been a T-shirt inspector for the last several years. "They sent me home early."

But Knifley's story has a happy ending. At about 7 p.m. Monday, Knifley was offered a job working nights in Fruit of the Loom's bleach house. She began training on

Tuesday.

Working nights isn't what Knifley wanted since she won't be able to spend as much time as she would like with her 14-year-old daughter Ashley.

"But working in town at night is better than working out of town," Knifley said.

Cheryl Yates, who operates a frame shop next to the factory, said she knows of no one among those being permanently laid off who actually worked Monday.

"To my knowledge, few if any who lost their jobs worked Monday," Yates said. "The were all sent home last week. Monday was uneventful."

Yates said there were several television crews in the parking lots surrounding Fruit of the Loom Monday, but they found no one to talk with there.

The TV crews did, however, talk with Becky Taylor, executive secretary of the Campbellsville/Taylor County Chamber of Commerce.

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Daily 1

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, William Blakeman

The editorial addresses an important safety issue and does so with convincing arguments and a clear plan. The newspaper's position illustrates community leadership.

Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Tom Clinton

The editorial argues against raising the weight limits for coal trucks. The newspaper shows courage and conviction in taking on an economic force in the state and community.

Third Place - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Amy Wilson

Here's an editorial that puts heat on the city police for failing to keep track of or account for money seized in a drug raid. The newspaper fulfills its watchdog role with a FOI request as well.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Whitlock

Gripping tale, good lead

Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Sondra Taylor

She was there, good description on story often ignored.

Third Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Michael Cornett

Good detail

Third Place TIE - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Amy Wilson

Several good approaches to fire at university, while not extensive, information covered necessary aspects, and went beyond with good use of sources and quotes.

Good example of complete and concise coverage.

Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, William Kelly

Very nice lead and transitions are very smooth. Quotes were a big plus.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Teresa Thompson

Good solid writing, it flows.

Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Kellee Edwards

Good description, narrative.

Third Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Michael Cornett

Made most of info, good lead, lots of info. Any chance to talk to traveler?

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr

Good layout and photos add to this well-written story of a community that builds on faith. It's the story that makes a person want to live in Winchester.

Second Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Jennifer Almjeld

What a hoot! This is a delightful Valentine's Day story, nice quotes throughout, varied sentence struc-

ture. Very good.

Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Mary Ann Kearns

How refreshing to get a new approach to Independence. The reader is offered something to ponder in the second graph. Good photos. Good throughout.

Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Mary Ann Kearns

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Pushes lots of buttons, from the heart.

Second Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Jeff Bobo

Sense of humor with a point.

Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Tom Clinton

Great Clinton column, most are too long.

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Hendrickson

Good subjects, has fun with it. Has a point to make.

Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Mary Ann Kearns

Write about other subjects and you might be number one. Good style.

Third Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Keith Taylor

Takes a stand. Be more creative and artistic with writing.

Very well done. Outstanding initiative and research by Kellee.

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Well-written story that kept this reader, who does not watch racing,

enthralled and interested.

Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, James Mulcahy

Good reporting and detail. Compelling quotes throughout.

Honorable Mention - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Morgan McKinley

The article focuses attention on a longstanding legal loophole called "comparative negligence" that's causing state drivers insurance problems. Solid explanatory reporting that could help lead to changes to public policy.

Second Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Jennifer Almjeld

A good example of localizing a larger problem on a human and familiar scale.

Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Nancy Theoret

The story documents and adds up a spurt of growth in business through a variety of sources, building permits, interviews and on-the-scene reporting.

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Nicely written, great subject, obviously important topic (tobacco). Reporter finds interesting and perhaps new angle. Good quotes, good description.

Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Donovan Cain

Very good issue, somewhat complex, situation handled with clarity. Nicely reported, stands out in category with lots of chamber of commerce entries.

Third Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Jennifer Almjeld

Nicely written piece that considers a lot of issues faced by farmers. Good research. Good use of sources. Nice job. More scope and range than most entries.

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Building on faith



Home John, left, holds a section of sheetrock in place for Tony Deim to nail in place while working on the home of Matthew and Caille Clem on Hill Street. Members of the Hill Street Pentecostal Church of God have been working to improve living conditions for the couple for several weeks.



Tony Deim hands a sheet of sheetrock to James Ryan, right, to nail in place over a new section of a home on Hill Street. Members of the Hill Street Pentecostal Church of God visited the home and found the elderly couple, Matthew and Caille Clem, living without hot water or a bathroom. The church members currently are remodeling the home.

Home is where the heart is, couple finds

Chris Anderson, 13, foreground, and Josh Johns, 10, are sliding down a slide from a old home at 349 Hill St. The boys, their fathers and other volunteers from the Hill Street Pentecostal Church of God are remodeling the house for Matthew and Caille Clem.



By JEFF KERN
Sun Senior Staff Writer
Every time Caille Clem sees the house these days at 349 Hill St. where she and her husband Matthew have lived for almost 50 years, she cries.
The former railroad section house had no hot water, no bathroom and the only electricity in it came from drop cords. Still, it was home and Caille and Matthew are not living in it right now for the first time in those 50 years.
But that's not why she cries when she sees it now. Those tears are tears of joy.
"Faith can do a lot."
Faith, it is said, can move mountains.
But faith can also hang dry wall. Faith can rewire a house.

Faith can install a bathtub and a sink. Faith can fix a washer-dryer hookup. Faith can jack up a house.
Faith can pour a footer.
Faith can lay brick.
Faith can paint.
Faith can do a lot of things, as long as someone believes.
"Help those in need!"
"It was never been my heart's desire to get seven men who have the same desire to try to help our neighbor."
James Ryan, pastor of the Hill Street Pentecostal Church of God, said "The Scriptures say we should help those in need and those who are of the faith."
See FAITH, Page 1

New speedway no dream



Groundbreaking latest step in making racing a reality in Kentucky

By MARY ANN KEARNS
and RAY BECKHAM
Staff Writers

FRISCO, Ky. — If you build it, they will come. At least that's what you hope about a new, high-tech horse track in the heart of a horse country. It's called the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association's new track, and it's the latest step in making racing a reality in Kentucky.



Other critics and former NASCAR state governing body members, including Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton and Sen. Al Wingo, are skeptical. They say the track is too small and too close to the existing track. They also say the track is too close to the existing track. They also say the track is too close to the existing track.



One game short

Chuckie Campbell, a guard on the Madison Central boys' basketball team, sat on the floor in dejection Tuesday night after his team lost to Lexington Catholic in the championship game of the 17th Region tournament. For complete details on the game, see today's Sports Section on page B1.

Fire claims Whitley couple

Home had been burglarized last week; Police to begin arson investigation

BY FRED PETKE
Staff Writer

An elderly couple is short today after the house they were living in burned to the ground early Sunday morning, almost one week to the day they were burglarized in the Whitley County home and the couple's phone lines.

Kentucky State Police said the cause of the fire had not been determined. The bodies of the couple, tentatively identified as Sam Davenport, 62, and Lillie Davenport, 76, were sent to Frankfort for autopsy Sunday. Whitley County Deputy Coroner Jimmy Paul said.

Both bodies were discovered near the front of the house. It took fire officials more than 2 1/2 hours to recover them because the home had collapsed in the blaze.

Searchers finally located the couple's bodies in the front porch area. They were found in the main living area. The house was found on week. Paul said.

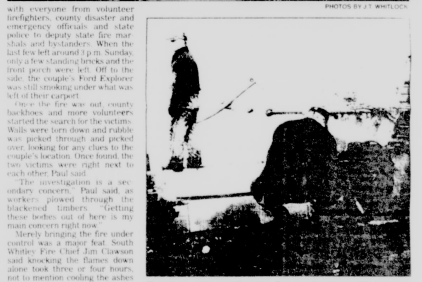
Paul said both victims were covered in the front part of the house on Kentucky 1000 near Jellison. An official left the scene at 2:40 p.m.; both victims were turned over to state forensic anthropologist Dr. Emily Craig for positive identification and autopsy.

"Since they'd been broken into twice, we are investigating," Paul told the Associated Press. "It could just be coincidence. We'll have to wait for the autopsy results and see."

So far there is no indication of arson or foul play in the 1.8-acre, 10-acre police said.

"We're just treating it as a death investigation," said a Lexington, Ky., Kentucky State Police Sgt. Jimmy Campbell said. "Once they do the autopsies, we'll know what direction to lean in the investigation."

From the time the fire was reported, the scene was crawling



Top photo: Little to left of the Davenport's home after the fire through the two-story home and investigators began searching for the bodies of the victims. Above: Whitley County Deputy Coroner Jimmy Paul stands above what had been a doorway in the basement as Whitley County Disaster and Emergency Coordinator Steve Schwartz and Steve Faulconer of the Kentucky State Police sit

with investigators from neighboring firefighters, county disaster and emergency officials and state police to deputy state fire marshals and investigators. When the last fire left around 1 p.m. Sunday, only a few standing bricks and the front porch were left. Off to the side, the couple's Ford Explorer was still smoking under what was left of their carport.

Since the fire was out, county backhoes and more volunteers started the search for the victims. Walls were torn down and rubble was piled through and picked over looking for any clues to the couple's location. Over 1000 lbs. of debris were piled next to each other Paul said.

"The investigation is a serious concern," Paul said as workers poked through the blackened timbers. "Getting these bodies out of here is my main concern right now."

Merely knowing the fire under control was a major feat. South Whitley, Ky. Chief Jim Clarkson said knowing the flames down gave him three or four hours, not to mention cooling the ashes down so the search for the victims could begin.

When the department was called out, Clark said they

Daily 2

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, John T. Davis

Difficult to pick from top two, but it doesn't matter, as they are both written by the same person. Both are weighty, important topics, well explained, well argued. Both should hold considerable interest. Both are highly readable.

Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, John T. Davis

They are essentially what good editorials should be. Neither are local specifically, but both should hold considerable local interest. Fine work, Mr. Davis.

Third Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, HOPKINSVILLE, Mike Herndon

Good issue, good explanation, good point. Clearly argued, action advocated. Herndon writes well.

Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock

Thorough coverage, considerable information, wide range of topics, official and personal angles, and on top of all that Brock wrote coherently and well. Overall solid reporting and writing under difficult circumstances.

Second Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Jennifer Brown

Brown does thorough job with more-or-less routine news events. Considerable information on slain pawnbroker. Nice use of quotes, reader gets to know man quickly. Also substantial information, well presented in the second piece.

Third Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Dave Baker

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett

Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Rebecca Lenz/Melinda Overstreet

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Kevin Eigelbach

Excellent coverage of an important political event with national implications. You maintained a dependable balance between local and national perspectives, without excess verbiage. You had an opportunity here and you made the most of it.

Second Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Lynn Gold

This article provides solid reporting and a superior context for the information collected on a deadline. You have taken a general beat story and performed a useful public ser-

vice.

Third Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Linda S. Morris

By the careful construction of what would have been a routine deadline story, you have achieved a wonderfully understated gem. Good treatment of the job, its background and the players.

Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Danielle Fowler

Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Sharon Wright

This story is well-written and will stir emotions regardless of when it is read.

Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Rebecca Lenz

Lenz portrays a family in anguish yet with hope and uses quotes and description to do so.

Third Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Risa Brim

A thorough look at an old practice gaining popularity. Plenty of picture. Dominant art was a good choice.

Honorable Mention - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Mary Branham

Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Vicki Stevens

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Judy Jenkins

Good selection of subjects and a colorful neighborly writing style gave these columns real personality. Well done.

Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock

Newsy, insightful and fun to read. These columns have a good sense of places and issues of interest to readers.

Third Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, LaMar Bryan

Smooth writing made these columns pleasant to read. Why not tie into some weightier local issues?

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Walt Dear

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Michele Carlton

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Jeff D'Alessio

You make your readers feel the emotion. Your style allows for an easy read. The quotes are proper and fit into the flow.

Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Jeff D'Alessio

Again, a very easy read that gets your points across. You are able to get the message across by being subtle, not preaching.

Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock

Outstanding use of vocabulary. You got the point across well.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Ray Duckworth

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jason Frakes

Excellent lead, good use of quotes to point the picture of the game and the emotions.

Second Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Jennifer Brown

Showed how dominant player really was. Good writing and paragraph form.

Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Josh Cook

Would have been better as a feature entry. Good lead and story.

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Kevin Patton

Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Mike Marscoe

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jeff Nations

Well reported with interesting use of flashback.

Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Jeff D'Alessio

Nice use of sports talk to break stories into sections. Better quotes than the average UK story.

Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Judy Jenkins

Nice, descriptive feature. Great example of finding a story away from the spotlight.

Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jeff Nations

Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Larry Vaught

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Kevin Eigelbach

Good idea, good reporting, good writing.

Second Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Ryan Craig

Good writing, informative and interesting, maybe more on who it affects most.

Third Place - TIE - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Michele Carlton

Anorexia often misunderstood, this is good effort to aid that.

Third Place - TIE - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, LaMar Bryan

Lots of work on Fort Campbell story, but not one that affects a lot of readers.

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Frank Boyett

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock

Bowled me over with depth. Lots of work. Good insight into bad prob-

lem.

Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Linda S. Morris

Good way to get to root of bad problem. Good lead, maybe more on statewide situations/cops.

Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Melinda Overstreet

Lots of work and dogging. A little long.

Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jill Cecil/Stephanie Broadbent

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Todd Frankel

A good lead, with careful phrasing based upon the information available. You offer balance in subsequent stories, you raise allied issues that may be applicable. The union action background is great.

Good use of evidence from public records and interviews.

Second Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Jennifer P. Brown

You open with a dramatic event and follow-up with an amazing array of high and low levels of human character. The use of a tight narrative, avoiding secondary details, helps you make this story (collectively) a winner. You have good investigative skills.

Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett

Based upon sheer dedication to covering an on-going story, yours should weigh in above all the others. You open with a balanced view of both positions and you give the union official and the company spokesperson opportunities to hold forth.

Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Stephanie Broadbent/Jill Cecil/Robin Minor

Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Staff

Category 12 - BEST STORY SERIES

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Kevin Eigelbach

A superior effort in every area. Well-written, thorough, descriptive and fact-filled.

Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Deedra Lawhead

Touched all the bases with solid reporting.

Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock

Multi-faceted, good community interest.

Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jason Frakes/Jeff Nations

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Alex DeGrand

Clear, concise, complete and compelling. An important story was told.

Second Place - HENDERSON

See DAILY 2, page 21

Where's the justice in the plea bargain in the Aucott case?

We all think he deserves the death penalty, but the possibility of his ever getting the death penalty is outweighed by the reality that he'll be in the penitentiary and he'll never be eligible for parole.

Commonwealth's Attorney Bill Barnett commenting on a plea bargain Thursday in the Aucott murder case

Former Danville resident Frank Tamme might find Thursday's paper more than mildly interesting reading if he were able to receive it in his cell on Death Row at the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville.

Tamme has been found guilty in two trials and sentenced to death in the 1983 murders of two men in Washington County. Tamme's second conviction was upheld last month by the Kentucky

Supreme Court as he slowly exhausts his storehouse of appeals and edges ever closer to execution.

In arguments before the state court, an assistant attorney general described Tamme's crimes as "a cold-blooded, premeditated assassination" of two "innocent individuals." But the case against the 50-year-old Tamme always has been tainted by the fact that the core testimony against him was provided by an accomplice in the crimes, William Buchanan, who was given a probated sentence after pleading guilty to a charge of complicity. Tamme says Buchanan did it, and vice versa.

But why would Tamme find Thursday's paper interesting? Because in another area case, a man who had actually confessed to "a cold-blooded, premeditated assassination" was allowed to escape a possible death penalty through a plea bargain.

Thursday morning, William Lee Aucott pleaded guilty to the murders of Lee O. and Gayle Adkinson in their Salvisa home. In return, his life was spared. He will spend that life in prison but

he will not twist in the wind for years on Death Row awaiting execution.

Aucott's videotaped confession, which was shown to a Mercer County jury Wednesday, told a story of the coldest, most calculated crime imaginable. Yet, this confessed killer received a life sentence, while Tamme who still maintains his innocence got the death sentence.

Why the discrepancy? All we have to go on are Commonwealth's Attorney Bill Barnett's rather vague reference, quoted above, to the possibility that even if given the death sentence the odds would be against Aucott actually being executed.

What about justice? What about fairness? "We think he deserves the death penalty," Barnett says Thursday, then in the same breath tries to explain

why it was expedient not to continue to seek the death penalty.

Any system of justice administered by human beings will be imperfect. One man serves 10 years for armed robbery, another, 15. These imperfections in our system we have to live with.

But the gulf between life and death for "a cold-blooded, premeditated assassination" is too wide. It is an injustice that cannot be tolerated.

We believe Barnett and Circuit Judge Stephen Showmaker owe the public a detailed explanation of the process that led to Thursday's plea bargain.

From a closed file, a closed hearing and a judge ordering two attorneys and a reporter out of his office to a last-minute plea bargain in an apparently open-and-shut case the public, the press and, most importantly, the jury were left out of this case.

As elected officials, the burden falls on Barnett and Showmaker to demonstrate to the voters of Mercer County — and a man sitting on Death Row — that justice was not left out, too.

Field Of Dreams

Return to simple field unleashes wave of memories

It was nothing more than a baseball field. Green grass, chalk lines, bleachers that still looked like they would collapse if filled, a batter's box and patches of dirt worn down by the pitter-put of an outfielder.

There's nothing beautiful about this field except the memories of a teenage boy playing the game that meant the most to him at a time when very little seemed significant.

But this baseball field, it holds a lifetime of sweet memories. When we were kids of eight or nine, I suppose, there would be seven or eight of us who would



JEFF DALESSIO
Sports Editor

ride our bikes, park a lunch of beef, why sandwiches, cream soda and potato chips and take off on what at that time seemed like an endless journey to the park. It's no more than a ball-male ride yet at that age, when the world seems so vast and the roads

so long, it seemed like a long, demanding bike ride with a party of dreaming comrades.

We would play baseball for hours.

For game and this field, this was our Nintendo and our Internet.

There was a teenager that when the game became more serious and the field more precious.

Baseball in Canada in the 1970s was like soccer was here in the early '80s. There weren't a lot of little rooms for the sport.

But for a few weeks, we had the game and we played it every afternoon.

This was our field now.

As a Canadian, I got to know the sport through daily phone conversations on this field. We played baseball and we danced there every night.

The field had a view, a view of a building that stood at about 120 feet or so from the field.

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Above: The Advocate-Messenger, Danville, was the first place finisher in the Best Editorial category for Daily Class 2 papers. Below: The State Journal garnered a first place in the Best Business or Agribusiness Story category. Top right: The Elizabethtown News-Enterprise took top honors for Best Sports Column. Right: The Kentucky New Era's entry in the Best Use of Graphics/Photo Illustrations' category was the judges' pick.

Factory fined \$42,750 in worker's death ✓

By ALEX DE GRAND
State Journal Staff Writer
AlfredSignal faces \$42,750 in fines from the state Labor Cabinet for alleged negligence in the death of one of its employees in October.
Kevin Winfield, 45, a machinist and 26-year employee of the plant in Frankfort's Industrial Park, was found dead Oct. 11 inside a computerized machining center for

air brake products.
He had been pinned inside between a fixed and moving part of the machine, standing upright and unable to breathe.
The state Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) completed its inspection of AlfredSignal's safety practices Nov. 11 and issued fines Jan. 30. OSHA issued two citations, both of which were determined to be "serious."
"A violation is considered willful when an employer displayed a careless disregard for the workers' safety or knew of the standard but did nothing to meet it," said

The first reprimanded the company for alleged failure to install devices that protect the employees from dangerous parts of the machine. In addition to being "serious," OSHA reported the violation to be "willful."
"A violation is considered willful when an employer displayed a careless disregard for the workers' safety or knew of the standard but did nothing to meet it," said

Kembra Sexton Taylor, general counsel for the Labor Cabinet.
When calculating the fine according to a formula set by law, Taylor said a willful violation carries a minimum penalty of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$70,000.
For its alleged willful violation, AlfredSignal was assessed a penalty of \$31,500.
The second citation alleges the compa-

ny's procedures do not meet the legal standard for ensuring machines are shut down during maintenance.
Taylor said under state law, a machine needs to be physically "locked down" with a padlock while maintenance work is performed.
Only the employee doing the maintenance is supposed to unlock the machine.
See FACTORY FINED, A9

Daily 3

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Larry Dale Keeling
Excellent writing, to the point. Points out short-comings rather than advocates action, but points out shortcomings wonderfully. Statewide topic, brought home with wit and intelligence.

Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, Covington, Kerry Duke

Two very fine editorials. Cover significant issues with clarity and insight. Excellent arguments. Good subjects, good research, good presentation.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Dan Heckel
Well-researched, well written editorial on significant issue with statewide and local relevance.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY POST, Mark Neikirk

Honorable Mention - PADUCAH SUN, Mac Thrower

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY POST, Monica Dias

This story makes a confusing series of events clear.

Second Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, FT. MITCHELL, Jane Prendergast

This story explains events plainly and contains nicely placed details.

Third Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Jane Prendergast

The lede squarely asks the question readers are wondering.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY POST, John C. K. Fisher/Peggy Kreimer
Solid writing, good description

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Jefferson George
Really good story telling. Lead could have been stronger.

Third Place - TIE - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Bill Estep

Great story by Estep.

Third Place - TIE - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Mark Cooper

Great lead by Cooper.

Honorable Mention - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kenneth Hart

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Andy Mead
Exquisitely written, this story really lets us spend time with a state legend and find out how his chosen state feels about him. Sidebars used well to keep from over-burdening the narrative.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Mark Cooper

This is a great behind-the-scenes look at a world few of us ever get to

see. Story is well told although the writing tends to be uneven, with a few too many cliches and over-worked images in spots. Still a super story.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Judy Jones

A good blend of facts and human interest to highlight one of the region's big issues.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Andrea Tortora

Honorable Mention - PADUCAH SUN, Bobbie Foust

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, DeWayne Spalding
Attitude, humor, loads of local info and good writing. This column has it all. Lucky Lexington! A+ for originality.

Second Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Karen Samples

Good writing and a feel for issues that touch readers.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Keith Lawrence

This well-written, neighborly column was fun to read.

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Merlene Davis

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Stewart Jennison

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Chuck Culpepper
Great creativity and quality of writing. Good subjects for articles.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Rick Greene

Style easy to disseminate. Reader-friendly and points are well-made. You could let more quotes into columns.

Third Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Mark Maynard

Good content but you could go a little farther on the creativity in subjects and approach.

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Rich Suwanski

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Lora Wimsatt

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Story

Great subject, good quotes, insightful.

Second Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Mark Maynard

Good lead, good topic. How about rest of state? Could have expanded it.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Story

Hey! There are other coaches in Kentucky. Good job!

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Gregory Hall

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - LEXINGTON HER-

ALD LEADER, Chuck Culpepper
Stylistic writing keeps readers enthralled, but the reporting on the feature is also solid.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Jacalyn Carfagno

Reporter's depth of reporting explains complexities of sports marketing.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Story

Excellent reporting on Valerie Stills' compelling story.

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Jim Pickens

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Andrea Tortora/Jane Prendergast

Poignant good reporting and detail.

Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, Paul Long

Lead was awesome, good reporting.

Third Place - TIE - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Karen Owen

Good subject, good reporting, needed more human element and detail.

Third Place - TIE - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Linda Johnson

Johnson had a great idea, different kind of story, good work.

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Sarah Webster

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Jane Prendergast

This story clearly lays out how a developer got an advantage in a multi-million deal, and then shows how the system was set up to allow it. Excellent!

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Sarah Webster

This is a story readers will really care about. Good job for noticing it.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Judy Jones

This story compellingly presents the problems with Kentucky's new Workers Comp Law, but it doesn't really explain how this change happened.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Jane Prendergast/Cindy Schroeder

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Gail Gibson/Bill Estep/Chris Poore

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Staff

Third Place - PADUCAH SUN, Staff

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY POST, Staff

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Peter Banaik/Valerie Honeycutt

Category 12 - BEST STORY SERIES

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Ty Tagami/Gail Gibson

Took what could be potentially dull government story and made it breathe.

Second Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Amanda Gilmore

I'm impressed that Amanda covered the story by getting stories most reporters ignore.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Mark Cooper

A lesson for reporters, the story doesn't stop after the first story. Cooper's approach made for a lively story.

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Slone Hutchison

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Valerie Honeycutt/Jim Warren

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY POST, Michael Collins

Told me a lot, good writing, flows.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Jefferson George

Good sense of what is happening in Covington, tie-in with past good too.

Third Place - TIE - KENTUCKY POST, Monica Dias

Interesting problem.

Third Place - TIE - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Jim Jordan

Good profile, tells how it's done. Honorable Mention - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, G. Sam Piatt

Category 14 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/ PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne

This is a bold, wonderful design. It would be impossible not to stop and look at it, impossible not to open the section and look inside. A real grabber!

Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, Michael Brugh

Nice and clean. Lots of info. This is a good mix of graphics and photos.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Craig O'Bryan

Nice and clean. Pops off the page well.

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Craig O'Bryan

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, d'Art Lykins

Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne

Lightning and expressions combine for a chilling effect. Big impact!

Second Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Patrick Reddy

A sensitive moment with difficult lighting situation caught. Does not feel intrusive or sensational.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram

Beautiful composition and color. Might rank higher in a feature cat-

Associate Newspapers

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Mikki Olmsted

To the point. Supported by good research on fire equipment. Calls for action by the state. 30-second references tie it up.

Second Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Terry Richardson
Writing is direct. Thoughts are well organized.

Third Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Terry Richardson
Again, very direct writing and point. Doesn't mince words or waste space in speaking up.

Honorable Mention - MURRAY STATE NEWS,

Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Fred Lucas

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - ERLANGER RECORDER, Julie Whitis/Karen Meiman

Great lead, good use of quotes and an angle that shows the true human tragedy.

Second Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Shelley Street/C.D. Bradley

Good detail, good use of quotes, most obvious question answered early.

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Justin Willis

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman

Great supporting graphic, very good lead, tells a story I'm sure most readers want to know, but most city officials don't want to share.

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Gina Holt
Good work. I especially like the fact that a letter to the editor was read and acted on, not just pasted down and forgotten.

Third Place - COMMUNITY RECORDER, Diane Goetz

Good story.
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Ellen Lord

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Jennifer Sacharnoski

"Final words call for show to commence" brings forth a sense of the stage for the reader as well as the tragedy of the moment. Conn's last work reveals more than just a word. The writer caught it.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Stephanie Siria

Fraternity: "What's for dinner, Mom" paints a good picture of the relationship between the cook and the fraternity family. Nice story-

telling.

Third Place - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Patrick Crowley
Human element wins out in this story of a two-story package.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY MONTHLY, Vince Staten
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, James Ritchie

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Audrey Carter

Written like a mother, a family member and a part of the community- but with good structure and intriguing style.

Second Place - COMMUNITY RECORDER, Karen Meiman
Good stuff. Not only did learn about the community, I learned about you.

Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Chris Hutchins

I like your style.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Aaron Sanderford

Very creative approaches and style. The descriptions you offer point realistic images and your usages is reader-friendly. You can go a long way in this profession.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jerry Brewer

You get your points across very well. Sometimes it seems you are writing down to your readers. Be more flamboyant, have fun and write at their and your level.

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Matt May

Good vocabulary, but a little more relaxed style would help.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - COMMUNITY RECORDER, Tom Embrey/Diane Goetz

Well-written, good straight news told, for a sports story.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jerry Brewer

Full of emotion and descriptive voice, but it rambles a bit.

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Jay G. Tate

Good lead. Nice description of a decision making process which must have been painful. That was made clear to the reader.

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Matt May

Good story. At first, I thought the headline was a typo.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jerry Brewer

Good lead, great story-telling. I like the ending, especially in light of the beginning theme.

Third Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Michael Browning
Honorable Mention - FLORENCE

RECORDER, Tom Embrey

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Jill Erwin

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Kristen Goetz

Third Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman

Honorable Mention - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Jeff Saulton

Honorable Mention - COMMUNITY RECORDER, Diane Goetz

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, John Stamper

Must have been real popular around campus for a couple of weeks, but people have a right to know where the money goes.

Second Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman

An entertaining way to investigate a community problem.

Third Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Audrey Carter

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff

Way to stick with the story as episodes unfold. The time line made a nice touch.

Second Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Michael Browning

Hard story to cover and to follow as a reader, but the eventual "happy ending" I'm sure made readers glad you stayed with the follow-up.

Third Place - ERLANGER RECORDER, Juli Hale

Life has some tough lessons. While the loss of human life is never to be taken lightly, I think the death of a local boy reported the way you did may help save other young lives.

Honorable Mention - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Staff

Category 12 - BEST STORY SERIES

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Staff

This is one of the most comprehensive studies on this subject I have ever read. It is excellent!! It covers all aspects of strident drinking laws, effect, tragedy.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Brian Mains/Shannon Back/Chris Hutchins/Scheri Smith

This is a nice story series, that leaves this reader with a feeling of hope.

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Staff

Good series of stories on a sensitive subject. Past-present-future.

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - CAMPBELL COMMUNITY RECORDER, David Niimemets

This story portrayed the entrepreneurial aspects of local resident, it really puts you in his corner.

Second Place - COMMUNITY RECORDER, Diane Goetz

Great story featuring the accomplishments of the local hospital.

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Brian Dunn

Good feature story with a look at how farming is changing in our country. It has many interesting points about the variety of careers in the industry.

Honorable Mention - ERLANGER RECORDER, Juli Hale

Honorable Mention - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman

Category 14 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Chris Rosenthal

Tells it all. How to get there, how to bet, where to park, background on the track.

Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Chris Rosenthal

Clear, sequential.

Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Carrie Pratt

Tells the story well! Captures the general crowd while pulling the eye to the little girl in front.

Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, James Crisp

Seems to capture the emotion of the moment. Good black and white. Crisp.

Third Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman

Despite muddy reproduction, the photo is balanced, active.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Matt Barton

Category 16 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Nick Fedyk

High impact photo. Says wet, tragedy to students. Would have been helped if cars in the water were in better focus, but you get the picture.

Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Hobie Hiler

Nice contrast, of students/police.

See ASSOCIATES, page 23

**Start planning
early...
the 1999 KPA
Summer
Convention
is June 17-18
at the Bardstown
Holiday Inn**

Chief: Hire dispatchers or lose lives

By Karen Meiman
Editor

When Boone County residents dial 911, they are reaching dispatchers who are "stretched beyond the limits of their capacity to serve," say officials.

"This is not a scare tactic, it is fact," said Florence Police Chief Paul Bueltman, who is also the chairman of the board governing the county's Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC). "We must increase personnel now, or risk a serious breakdown in dispatch services."

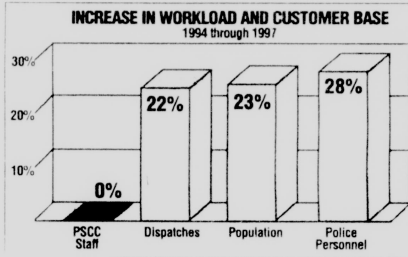
On behalf of the PSCC board, Bueltman aired his concerns during a City Council caucus Tuesday. He warned: "Errors have already occurred... Failure to provide adequate staffing for the future creates a risk of

serious liability problems such as injury or death to our citizens, and to our police, fire and EMS personnel."

Bueltman and PSCC director Ken Schneider are asking for two additional dispatchers to handle a skyrocketing number of emergency calls the center has tried to tackle since 1994, with no increase in personnel. That expense is in the PSCC's budget request for next year.

The center has seen no increase in staff since 1994, the police chief pointed out, while the number of calls has increased 27 percent and the population has also increased 28 percent. Dispatchers have been forced to be responsible for nearly 50 officers during one shift.

See Dispatch, pg. 11A



Directing traffic
Matt Mumme positions teammates during Saturday's 68-34 victory over Louisville. The senior coach's son completed seven of eight passes for 73 yards and a touchdown.

Coach under center

UK's Matt Mumme left friends and teammates at Valdosta behind to teach Tim Couch his father's offensive philosophy and playbook

By Matt May

When UK quarterback Tim Couch's backfield... A better question: Has any UK fan ever... not the... made possibility that their... world punting... could possibly... go down... requiring an... unknown sub to enter the fray?

UK Coach Hal Mumme has... of his... and... he... would probably be... president... have... enough... to... the... National Football League... top draft... choice... down... So he... enlisted the... services of the person he knows... best... his son.

Senior Matt Mumme is the... mystery man in UK's aerial... attack... a... player... coach... who... played a vital role in both UK's... and Couch's... proliferation into... the... national... arena... that... posted... 66... points... on... rival... Louisville... this... past... weekend.

Despite... watching... Couch... from... the... sidelines, Matt Mumme... himself... wishing... for... things... to... be... different... but... rather... has... found... an... eerie... similarity...

with the rest of his career since he arrived in Lexington. "It's a tough job to back up an All-American," he said. "Tim is the best in the nation. But when I was at Valdosta, I played behind Chris Hatcher, my freshman and sophomore years, and Lance Funderburke, my junior year. They were great too."

Although he finds his... depth chart, Matt Mumme... takes... pride... in... the... fact... that... he... has... been... a... vital... part... of... Couch's... maturation... in... Hal... Mumme's... offense.

Last year, I had almost... more of a coaching role than a... player role," Matt Mumme... said. "I've been joining this offense... since the fifth grade, so my role... was to help Tim. This year, I... have more of a player role and... am getting a lot more reps."

When Hal Mumme was... hired by UK Athletics Director... C.M. Newton to bring the UK... football program back from the... grave, Matt had a serious decision... to make. "I wasn't coming to UK at

first," Matt said. "I had had good luck and decided to stay at Valdosta and play with my old teammates. But then the new coaches came in and put the spot quarterback's up for grabs, and I really didn't like their offense."

After changing his mind, he found football wasn't the difficult part of adjustment. "The hardest part wasn't football at all," he said. "The players at Valdosta were great and they taught me the ropes. I didn't want to leave those guys."

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Matt Mumme, UK quarterback

who I had gone through so much with." On top of leaving friends, Matt found he would lose some of the work towards his degree that he had already completed.

The school part was really hard," he said. "I lost 22 hours in the transfer. I had to take 10 hours in the fall, 16 in the spring and 12 in the summer. Then when I got here I had to adjust to having really big classes when I was used to

classes of about 25." Matt doesn't have unrealistic individual goals for this season, but thinks UK can be a tremendous team.

"The coaches aren't real ones that I'll get to play," Matt said. "I'll be playing a lot of special teams and will be the hold-over. It's hard to be a backup, but if that's what it takes for us to win and go to a bowl, that's OK."

I want to go to a bowl game. I want a ring. I want to be able to say that my senior year, we did a great job and were the best in the SEC.

He might have gotten a bonus... against Louisville when he played almost the entire fourth quarter in the Cats' blowout. He completed seven of eight passes for 73 yards and a touchdown pass to freshman Vincent Harrison.

Matt said that he will think about the end of football when the time comes. "His final game will be exciting as the game starts and ends when it ends," he said. "Every thing changes for a reason, it's not a bad thing. I'll just turn my aspirations to making money."

For now, Matt lives ready to enter a game when needed. "It all comes down to being ready to play," he said. "You're always just one play away."

Taking the gift of money

◆ The Herald takes a closer look at the WKU Foundation, the piggy bank for all private gifts to the university

By JOHN STAMPER

It rents apartments to students, schools and deals on Wall Street... provides a check fund for the president and gives scholarships to students... all for the betterment of Western.

It is the WKU Foundation. Headed by Excellence Director Fred Henstey, who is also the vice president for Finance and Administration, and a 14-member board of trustees, the foundation is worth \$1.4 million. It accepts all gifts given to the university and oversees how they are spent.

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What it is

The foundation was created in 1963 by the Board of Regents, whose chairman sits on the foundation's board of directors along with the university president. The board of directors is a union of Western and Hilltopper Athletic Foundation and various other community and state leaders. One notable member is U.S. Sen. Steve Henry, who is running for a spot in the U.S. Senate.

The board meets several times a year to decide how the foundation will invest money, spend it and make more money for the university. For example, the board and Western are preparing for a multi-million-dollar bond financing campaign that has already been approved by voters.

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Thomas Meredith announced he was leaving Western.

Henstey said he has met with incoming President Gary Hansell and should have a new campaign timetable made within the next three months.

The WKU Foundation is the secret arm of the university, giving scholarships and raising funds for students on the Hill, even though it is technically not a part of the university. And unlike the university, its financial records and policies are not open for public inspection.

What it's worth

Investing in the foundation's assets have grown to nearly \$1.4 million in 1998, up from \$1.1 million in July, 1994, an increase of 29.6 percent.

The foundation invests 80 percent of that money in equities or stocks, with the other 20 percent

SEE MONEY, PAGE 3

KPA congratulates the winners in the 1998 Better Newspaper Contest!

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Love
Honorable Mention - BIG SANDY NEWS, Jerry Pennington

Category 17 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Debbie Polly
Four pages of incredible color and black and white photos captures the spirit of the event.

Second Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland

These photos bring out the emotion of this memorial service.

Third Place - CADIZ RECORD, Todd Turner

This striking photo spread shows the faces of dedicated community volunteers.

Honorable Mention - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Willie Sawyers

Honorable Mention - CARROLLTON NEWS DEMOCRAT, George Harper

Category 18 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Kevin Hall
Kevin made judging this category easy! The excellent photograph meets all qualifications hands down.

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Dave Ninemets
Good posing and lighting, give this "fun in the sun" photo winning appeal.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland
Great subject matter of local interest.

Honorable Mention - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Beth Curlin
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Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - CLAY CITY TIMES, Ken Simon
The quality photography along with the balanced page layout shine through making the picture essay most appealing to the eye.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS

LEADER, Lorie Love

Clear quality photos, mixed with picture diversity, close-up shots and balance tell the story of a fun day at the 1997 WCF.

Third Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Tim Ballard

Great photographs! Clear and clean, quality work can tell the story of Civil War without copy.

Honorable Mention - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Don Knight
Beautiful pictures of brilliantly colored flowers could not go without mention.

Honorable Mention - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Beth Curlin

Category 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - CADIZ RECORD, Todd Turner
The photo gives a sense of elation, as the players are flying high.

Second Place - LONDON LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Jay Stancil
Photo lets reader keep their eye on the ball too.

Third Place - RUSSELL SPRINGS TIMES JOURNAL, Jay Albrecht

Both joy and quiet reflection come together in this photo.

Honorable Mention - LONDON LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Jay Stancil

Honorable Mention - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Terry Sandridge

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - CADIZ RECORD, Todd Turner
The three photos show real team spirit and an enjoyment of the game.

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Dan Beineke
Two photos capture the agony of defeat.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Denis House
These three photos show both sides, winning and losing.

Honorable Mention - LAUREL NEWS LEADER, Denis House
Honorable Mention - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Terry Sandridge

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Category 14 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/ PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

First Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
The quick glance or look design is easily readable and valuable to the voter, assuming the paper prior to this had done lengthier pieces on the candidates. What is refreshing is to find this information on page one.

Second Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell
Certainly eye-catching and provocative front page illustration. However, some well-placed words somewhere else on the page giving more info on what the page 14 story is about would be helpful. If you're going to ask the question you need to provide a place for the answer at least.

Third Place - FULTON LEADER, Amy Lorton
Once again, the Fulton paper has taken its subject matter seriously, has written about it concise and added a graphic that grabs the reader and tells the overall story.

Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
Hands down, this entry was far above the rest. It tells the story without having to read anything other than the headline. It also splendidly captures the "night meeting hall look" that all of us have been to. There is no byline on the story. If Kelley Warnick wrote it, then the photos are all the more remarkable.

Second Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER, Diane Goetz

An inventive way to photograph a sometimes ho-hum ground breaking. Photo seems a little out of registration which does dilute the full impact of the original. The headline and the photo work perfectly together. So Diane Goetz not only edits, writes but does photos too, and wonderfully.

Third Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell
Simple photo is often difficult to get. Photographer was either lucky or aggressive enough to position himself where he is to capture this image.

Category 16 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
I don't know how long the traffic was stopped for. The cutline doesn't say. But the photo definitely says "stop." Photo has a surreal quality about it.

Second Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones
Photo did what it was supposed to. I read the story, good writing, too.

Third Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell
Good photo, impacts the reader as if the body were still there. I'm glad it wasn't, and nor did the photographer take a picture of it.

Honorable Mention - MARTIN COUNTY SUN, Lilly Adkins

Category 17 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Kim Rich
Very nicely packaged display that captures all the elements of a snowstorm. Good color, good page.

Second Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell
Nice collection of photos thorough, tells all aspects of snowstorm.

Third Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

A good capturing of Clinton and children. "Reduce smoking among teen-agers" in tobacco land.

Category 18 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
Oh, boy or rather, oh, girl; to be young again. What a wonderful moment of sheer joy in this young girl's life photographed just at the right moment. May she have many more joyful moments in her life.

Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
Even though black and white, the photo allows the reader to 'almost' see it in color. An image of Kentucky that will stay with this judge for a long time.

Third Place - BEREIA CITIZEN, Danna Estridge
Parades are fun. This photo tells the viewer that.

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Kim Rich
Wonderful color. The packaging is excellent, not too many or less of photos. The dominant photo is priceless. The fragility, sadness and pugnance emerge from the page. And not only that I bet Kim Rich had fun.

Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
It does all happen at the fair at least according to this page. The dominant photo captures everything overall. The rest take us inside. I would have used various sizes for bottom photos. Two horizontal or verticals of same size on top of one another doesn't give direction for the eye of the viewer.

Third Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
On no, another graduation page but a good one! Well-packaged. The

variety of photo sizes lead reader through page. A little more white space might have helped. But overall the range of emotions are all there.

Category 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Mark Stone
Good victory shot. Not sure other photographer in photo helps or not. If he does then it helps capture the instantaneous movement and I think draws attention to the background crowd.

Second Place - BEREIA CITIZEN, Joyce Harman
Traditional swimming competition sharp photo. The various positions of the backstrokes gives it a competitive edge and draws your eye to the bottom stroker, who seem anyway, a length ahead of anyone else.

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick
Again, Kelley Warnick gets it right. He is very good at telling a story in series here and in other categories. I think going smaller with the women's photos and adding another would have created a better balance between boys and girls games.

Second Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE, John Butwell
Nice package. Nice touch with the wife holding the winning game ball. It's refreshing to see this much attention to competitive athletic experience on page one.

Third Place - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Mark Stone
A few less photos and better choices going from dominant to smaller would have made this page work better. Individually the photos are good. Packed so tightly ruins overall impression.

Misuse Of Public Property?

Mayor's Use Of Police Cruiser For Florida Vacation Raises Questions

BY WILLIE SAWYERS
EDITOR

London Mayor Ken Smith raised some eyebrows, and concerns about possible misuse of public property, when he drove a new unmarked city police cruiser on a family vacation to Florida recently.

Smith returned last week after a week-long vacation in St. Petersburg, Fla. For transportation, the mayor drove a 1998 Crown Victoria recently purchased by the city to replace a police cruiser totaled in an accident a few months ago.

When asked Monday about using city property for a personal trip, Smith confirmed that he had driven the police cruiser "just to try it out." He said he was encouraged to drive the Crown Victoria by London Police Capt. Jim Young, who was using the car as his staff vehicle.



This is the city's 1998 Crown Victoria that Mayor Ken Smith drove to Florida for a family vacation.

"Jim Young said we've got this new car here. He said we'd like you to try it out and see how it drives, so I did that," Smith said.

While on vacation, Smith said he learned that "some people" back in London had expressed concern about his possible misuse of public property. When he got back to London, Smith said he reimbursed the city \$425 for the use of the Crown Victoria.

Smith said he doesn't believe he did anything wrong or illegal because he reimbursed the city.

"I don't feel like it's no big deal what I done, because I paid the city for it," he said.

Smith also said he doesn't think the people of London will care that he used a police cruiser for a personal vacation.

"I paid for it, it was no cost to the city and it didn't cost the taxpayers anything, so why should they care," he said.

But several city council members, when they learned of the trip, said it wasn't right for the mayor to use city property for personal business. Two members, Sharon Benge and Bruce Yandell, questioned Smith about the trip.

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Above: The Laurel News-Leader put the London mayor on the hot seat with this story about the possible misuse of a city police cruiser. The story won first place in the Best General News Story category for Weekly Class 2 papers. Top right: The Harlan Daily Enterprise received a first place in the Best Sports Picture Essay category for Daily Class 1 papers. Bottom right: In the Daily 3 Division, the Lexington Herald-Leader won top honors in the Best Sports Picture category.



Football 'fun'-damentals

A fundamental football camp is being held at James A. Crowder High School this week for players between the ages of 11 and 12.14. Approximately 25 players were in attendance for Wednesday's sessions, instructed by Crowder coach John Luttrell and several of his varsity players: Mark Middleton and Gregory Hensley won their respective punt, pass and kick competitions while Jordan Blanton and Justin Luttrell won the obstacle course races.



ABOVE: A.J. Forester tried to stude a defensive play during a flag football game at the end of the 9 to 11 year-old session. RIGHT: Luttrell (center with back turned) gave instructions to a group of campers while Trojan players Hiram Fields and Joey Collins prepared to coach their squad.

DEBBIE CALDWELL/Enterprise Daily Enterprise



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Category 16 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, David W. Hayes
The Best!

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick
Good composition.

Third Place - CORBIN/WHITLEY NEWS JOURNAL, Mark White
Puts story in painful perspective.

Category 17 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Teresa Rice/Beth Foster
Made me cold reading it. Good crops and position.

Second Place - JESSAMINE

JOURNAL, Randy Patrick
Good package, crops.
Third Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael Banks

The pictures told the story. Color drop cap was too much.

Honorable Mention - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman/Maleena Streeval/Randall Vaught
Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, Tim Thornberry

Category 18 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Charles Pearl
A perfect photo!

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick
Super composition, contrast. Says a lot.

Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White
An eye-catcher!

Honorable Mention - CYNTHIANA

DEMOCRAT, Becky Barnes
Honorable Mention - FRANKLIN FAVORITE, Amy Biggs

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael Banks

A wonderful collection of faces, scenes and emotions as teachers and students say goodbye for the summer.

Second Place - OLDHAM ERA, Hai Morris

A collage of colors and movement with a touch of sentiment. It's a lesson in cultural pride.

Third Place - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Becky Barnes

Well framed and edited photos that effectively tell the story of a marching band's preparations for a big show.

Honorable Mention - FRANKLIN FAVORITE, Amy Biggs

Category 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Mel Holbrook

Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White

Third Place - CYNTHIANA DEMOCRAT, Larry Thornton

Honorable Mention - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Patrick Clayton

Honorable Mention - BUTLER COUNTY BANNER, Jeff Jobe

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE, Michael Banks

Second Place - CORBIN/WHITLEY NEWS JOURNAL, Trent Knuckles/Mitch Howard

Third Place - FRANKLIN FAVORITE, Amy Biggs

Honorable Mention - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White

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lot of decent pieces in this category, but this one stands out.

Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Kristi Lopez

Great topic - different from any other entry. Should hold local interest. Good quotes, good research, good writing and reporting. A few more sources make it a really good story in a tough category.

Honorable Mention - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Ralph Davis

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Honorable Mention - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Chad Queen

Category 14 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Terry L. May/David Gross

Pulls in a lot of information, gives a sense of what's to be built, color helps.

Second Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Kelly Merser

Simple yet clever. Easy to read.

Third Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Stan McKinney

Picture is high impact - illustrates the story due to strong gun image.

Honorable Mention - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, James Speelman

Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - PRINCETON TIMES LEADER, Anita Baker

Nice composition, good angle that catches flames, flag and veteran. Good impact.

Second Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Stan McKinney

Good depiction of the reason for the

salute.
Third Place - KENTUCKY STAN-DARD, Christa Ritchie

Good expression, good exposure. A happy natural spontaneous moment.

Category 16 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Geoff Belcher

This is a great shot! A strong first place. Contrast between rescue workers in full gear and near naked youth combine for strong impact. Youth looks vulnerable.

Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Mitchell Douglas

Good catch of the action. Cars frame background and add to composition.

Third Place - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Charles Longton

Unique and eye-catching shot. Pole directly over trooper (in appearance) is an eye-stopper.

Honorable Mention - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Charles Longton

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Category 17 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - KENTUCKY STAN-DARD, Christa Ritchie/Ron Greenwell/Rod Botkins

Beautiful photos flow together, each shot unique yet consistent of the theme. Photos convey a mood as well as record the event. A grizzly, damp smokey mood.

Second Place - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Charles Longton

Two pictures work together to tell the story. Might have gotten more impact out of a tighter shot of a kid's face.

Third Place - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Charles Longton

Pictures combine to give a gut-felt warning of driving in snow.

Honorable Mention - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Steve Traynor

Category 18 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - KENTUCKY STAN-DARD, Mitchell Douglas

A story with local interest, great subject matters, pose, balance - and good support product work.

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Steven Opauski

Story of local interest, great framing, color and timing.

Third Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Stan McKinney

Good pose, connected to interest story, excellent work by production.

Honorable Mention - NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Kathy Cowan

Honorable Mention - PRINCETON TIMES LEADER, Anita Baker

Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Paul Allen Adkins

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Steve Traynor

Great mix of angles, perspective, motion, contrast. Each picture a sensitive thoughtful look at life on a Thursday in Scott County. Nice layout, too.

Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Steve Traynor

Good variety of subjects and angles. The pictures flow together, almost in a whirl.

Third Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Stan McKinney

Good lighting, good mix of close up, middle and long view. Could be improved by a little editing. A couple of pix to similar.

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Category 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Josh Underwood

Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Steve Traynor

Third Place - PRINCETON TIMES LEADER, Todd Griffin

Honorable Mention - PAINTSVILLE HERALD, Charles Longton

Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Paul Allen Adkins

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Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner

Category 16 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, James Mann

A great action shot, difficult to get that well at night. Spectacular color and reproduction. This is hot.

Second Place - WINCHESTER SUN, James Mann

There are many stories told in one photo. Great color work, back shop, you done great!

Third Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Phil Poynter

Tells a couple of stories while evoking sympathy. Without the people it would be average.

Honorable Mention - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Fred Petke

Category 17 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Fred Petke

The series accomplishes a lot, action

consoling, what the whole scene looked like and it's entire impact. Good back drop with color put it over the top.

Second Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Phil Poynter

Tells a story, almost complete. Head says "House Flattened" why not photo of house demolished? Color could be better. Great lead photo!

Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner

Good series that depicts well what it takes to inspect bridge. Wonderful sharpness, and contrast.

Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner

Category 18 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner

Great fun! Well composed, loved the outline. It is obvious on all entries press work is needed.

Second Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Chris Jones

A wonderful picture that seems like a painting. I'd use this on a special section front! Press work was a big help.

Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner

Great pic. Density of ink too high.

Honorable Mention - RICHMOND REGISTER, d'Art Lykins

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner

Great sequence, wonderful detail and action. Good printing.

Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lowell Mendyk

Wonderful sequence. The colors seem off maybe yellow is being direct printed, seems to make grass seem unnatural.

Third Place - WINCHESTER SUN, James Mann

This is wonderful story telling and enhanced greatly by wonderful layout and good colors.

Honorable Mention - RICHMOND REGISTER, Phil Poynter

Category 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Keith Taylor

Tells a story better than any action shot. Good emotion and wondering who is the person. Color is not in balance, too much yellow.

Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Jim Pearson

Great action, wonderful balance. Looks like photographer is on a ladder in middle of court. Wonderful pre-press/press work.

Third Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Phil Poynter

Wonderful photo framed well with the referee in action. Great register on this with good color balance.

Honorable Mention - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Jim Pearson

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Debbie Caldwell

Great impact and appeal, wonderful action and very good contrast and detail.

Second Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Phil Poynter

Unfortunately very poor register hurt this entry. Great to focus on more than just the game as there is always a crowd story.

Third Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Jeff Drummond

Great series in great contrast and focus with just great expressions and action. Think editor should have made discus photo more prominent, that expression is special.

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GLEANER, Frank Boyett
Straight forward presentation of sale of a company that many in the city rely on for jobs. Answers all the questions.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, LaMar Bryan

Category 14 - BEST USE OF GRAPHICS/PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS

First Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Peter Wright

Brilliant concept. Leaves no question as to content of section.

Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, J. Shea Stanley

Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Jane Cox

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett

Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Jennifer Brummett

Category 15 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel

Powerful message brought out in outstanding contrast of light and dark. A top-notch job!

Second Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Peter Wright

Photo effect is tremendous. An excellent picture that tells more every time you look at it.

Third Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Susan Riddell

A terrific, powerful photo. Any other year, it would be a first place.

Honorable Mention - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Suzanne Feliciano

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Mike Lawrence

Category 16 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Bryan Leazenby

A wonderful work that has great composition. Tells a story, is well lit. Great work by rest of staff. A perfect work!!

Second Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Peter Wright

This could well be on a canvas, great story, emotion, color and cropping.

Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Mike Lawrence

Tells a story pertinent to the community and the tragedy. Color not even.

Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Denton Lewis

Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Troy Anderson

Category 17 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Wales Hunter

A very good selection of photos that tell a story. Aerials were good as was the center photo of devastation.

A lot of work by all made this a success! Should have had great rack sales.

Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Daniel Phegley

Three good pix that tell the whole story. Action, emotion, balance, nice effect - two firemen floating on smoke.

Third Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Jayme Burden

A wonderful series that tells a story while evoking emotion. Much lost by poor production work.

Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel

Category 18 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Neal Cardin

Perfect action, perfect color, perfect framing. Great prepress and press work. Tells a story.

Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Troy Anderson

A wonderful picture that catches attention, wonderful angles, great register. Good action.

Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley

This photo really tells a story, it's hot! The color is off a little, but what a fun picture.

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Erin Moroney

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Troy Anderson

Great underwater shots and wonderful decision on sizes. The press and prepress people did nice job also.

Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Neal Cardin

Wonderful composition and good variety with very clean printing.

Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Daniel Patmore

Evokes fun emotion, lots of smiles, good framing and mixture of pictures.

Honorable Mention - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Neal

Cardin

Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel

Category 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Susan Riddell

Has great impact, lots of happiness, silliness and expression. Makes you wonder what he is saying. Tells a good news story while entertaining.

Press work a little too yellow.

Second Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Jayme Burden

This is a complete work, from great photo to cropping to pre-press and press. Register is great.

Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Daniel Patmore

A photo that makes you wonder, did she make it. Great lighting, good work from all that produced it.

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Mike Lawrence

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Neal Cardin

A wonderful series that shows well what T-ball is all about. Some great expressions, wonderful framing and a couple of unusual shots. Good press work.

Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley

Nice variety that has warmth, impact and helps tell a story. The technicians and editor did well too.

Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Daniel Patmore

Nice series that makes you wince. Great color and back shop work.

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley

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egory.
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY POST, Bruce Crippen

Category 16 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kevin Goldy
A strong first place. Photo makes me cry. Great subject. Fawn seems to be laid on the dead doe's side. Sad subject. Excellent photo.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Bryan Leazenby

Striking color and composition of flames and sparks, heat and shadow. Much more impact than larger-play photo of smoke.

Third Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Patrick Reddy
Good impact, great depiction of floods.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY POST, Joe Munson

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY

ENQUIRER, Jim Osborn

Category 17 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, d'Art Lykins
A warm series with some good photos that bring emotion and draw you into the story. Very crisp black and whites!

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Cathy Clarke
Nice mix of pictures that well portray the story.

Third Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, John Flavell
Nice series.

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, d'Art Lykins

Category 18 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Stephenson
Simple yet beautifully composed, balanced. Catches the eye through color splash and simplicity of a single bird.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Stephenson

NEWS, Seth Dixon
Nicely focused. Captures the moment. Well cropped and tightly shot.

Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jason Behnken
Honorable Mention - FLORENCE RECORDER, Karen Meiman

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, James Crisp
Variety of images, strong dominant art, good composition of photos, detail shots mixed with overall shots.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jason Behnken

Tells the story well, enough variety to be inviting. Generally good quality.

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Matt Barton

Angles make this appealing. Reproduction makes photos a little dark and grainy. Overall it's a package that's balanced.

Category 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Johnny Farris

Second Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Danny Vowell

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Matt Barton

Honorable Mention - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Michael Browning

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jason Behnken

Second Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Michael Browning

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Matt Barton

Sharp. Active. Full. Well cropped.
Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Mark Mitchell

Very clean, good color. This image is fun and appealing. Too bad the cutline wasn't more developed to add to the whole package.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Patrick Reddy

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram
Four wonderful shots and terrific layout.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne

Nice layout of strong pictures, the David Perry photo, however, seems out of place.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Stephenson
Nice set of pictures.

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Robert Bruck

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY POST, Bruce Crippen

Category 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Frank Anderson
Nice movement, played well.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram
Good moment.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Cathy Clarke
Nice black and white shot that says it all.

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Perry
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Robert Bruck

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Cathy Clarke
Nice section, good art and good photos.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Cornelison

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Cornelison
A third shot would have been nice.

Associates

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Good night shot, not too much white out in front or drop off in the back.

Third Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Audrey Carter
Decent tight shot of accident. Resisted standing too far back. Clear. Focused.

Honorable Mention - RUSSELL REGISTER, Wade Daffron

Category 17 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Matt Barton

Good variety! Dominant image with other detailed images. Large image is clear, doesn't fade.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Carrie Pratt
Images clearly tell the story. Balanced pages, inset works due to close up. Shows range of emotion.

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, James Crisp
Dominant image a little fuzzy, but package is appealing; enough variety to make it interesting. More depth on small crowd shot would have added.

Category 18 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

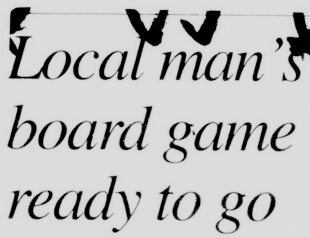
First Place - WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS, Rosalind Stanley

It's local, it's funny, it's in focus, it's not a subject looking at the lens. It's a perfect match for a cover shot. Even better if she'd been dancing, but animated enough!

Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Matt Barton

Great shot! Expressive, tightly composed, and nice touch on the reflection.

Third Place - MURRAY STATE



Local man's board game ready to go

By Dave Niimemets
Editor

Back in February, Wilder resident Tim Dunn was trying to sell the idea of a board game based on the business world and climbing the corporate ladder to educators and businessmen.

After months of refining and convincing, Dunn's brainchild, called "Making It From the Game Board to the Board Room," is ready to take off.

"The game will be ready by Thanksgiving and ready to go out," said Dunn. "By December, it will be in schools in Boone, Kenton, Campbell and Pendleton counties."

The game, which puts players in situations within a corporation from janitor to president, was tested to good reviews in the Tristate and Colorado. The popularity of the game began to snowball when educators at Northern Kentucky University got a peek.

Several members of NKU's staff, including Regent Alice Sparks, took a liking to the game and gave it their blessing. The business and education departments also were enthusiastic, going so far as to develop a lesson plan for schools to implement with the game.

Dunn also received the support from several area businesses, which included the Patients First Physicians Group and the

Left: In the Associate Newspaper Division, The Campbell County Recorder won first place in the Best Business or Agribusiness Story category with this story about a local man who designed a board game based on the business world and climbing the corporate ladder.

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General Excellence Winners

Weekly Class 1

First Place - COUNTY CHRONICLE
Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS
Third Place - KENTON COUNTY RECORDER

Weekly Class 2

First Place - LAUREL NEWS LEADER
Second Place - CADIZ RECORD
Third Place - BIG SANDY NEWS

Weekly Class 3

First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL
Second Place - OLDHAM ERA
Third Place - UNION COUNTY ADVOCATE

Multi-Weekly

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS-EXPRESS
Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS-GRAPHIC
Third Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD

Daily Class 1

First Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER-INDEPENDENT
Second Place - CORBIN TIMES-TRIBUNE
Third Place TIE - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER
Third Place TIE - RICHMOND REGISTER

Daily Class 2

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS-ENTERPRISE
Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER
Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE-MESSENGER

Daily Class 3

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER
Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER-INQUIRER
Third Place - KENTUCKY POST

Associate Newspapers

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD
Third Place - WILLIAMSON (W.VA.) DAILY NEWS

About the cover

The cover shots, by Steve Traynor of the Georgetown News-Graphic, won first place honors in the Best Feature Picture Essay category for Multi-Weekly newspapers. The pictures were part of a 24-hour documentary of life in Scott County undertaken by Traynor and students in his photography club at Scott County High School. The pictures were published in the paper's Horizons' edition. Traynor is a social studies and journalism teacher at the high school and a photographer for the Georgetown paper.