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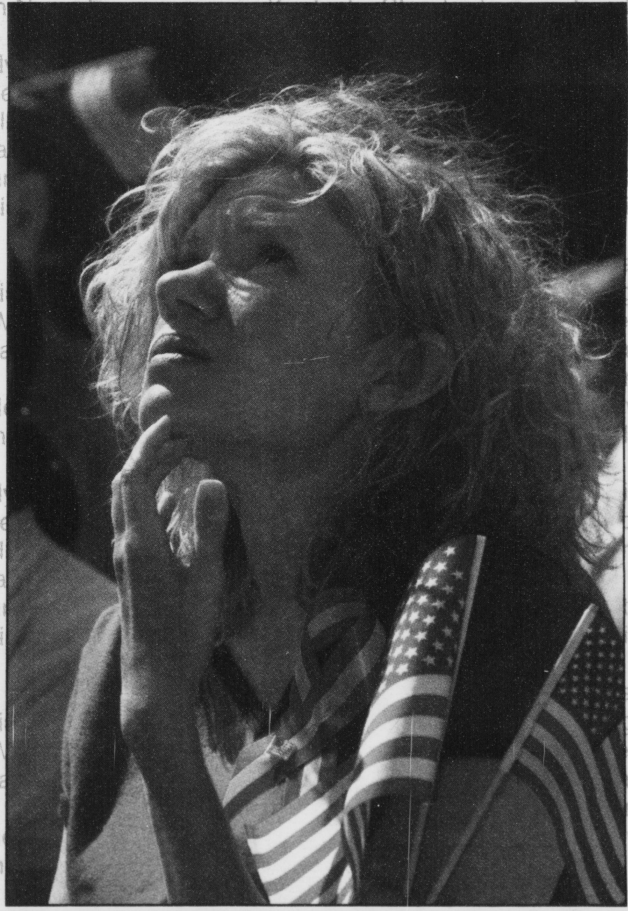
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Contest



Weekly Class 1

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Clay Warnick

Short, to the point editorial that is bold enough to take on an obviously powerful member of the government structure. A great touch is to include the URL of the site where the state auditor's report can be found so the reader can see for him/herself the facts behind the editorial. Well done!

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Dave Niinemets
Concise, readable and punchy. Tackling a subject that is highly frustrating to small communities.

Third Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Danetta Barker

A humorous, but punchy handling of a real problem with the city council meetings.

Honorable Mention - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Clay Warnick

Proof that a small newspaper that is gutsy enough can have an impact in as little as five paragraphs if the editorial is written well enough and the facts are there.

Honorable Mention - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Dave Niinemets

Good use of census data.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Warnick does a great job of describing the scene as it takes place.

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Gina Holt

Good, straightforward story on three tragic deaths.

Third Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett

Good story on impact of tragedy of 9-11-01.

Honorable Mention - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones

Good writing style.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Dana Ehlschide

Ehlschide does good story on how \$100,000 grant will help the community.

Second Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones

A coin toss determines a political race? Unbelievable.

Third Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones

Sad story on two churches closing, but the story is well done.

Honorable Mention - EDMONTON HERALD NEWS, Clay Scott

Honorable Mention - FULTON LEADER, Rita Mitchell

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - HICKMAN COUNTY GAZETTE, Gaye Bencini

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Lori Cossens

Good headline and subhead. Great lead. Layout good too.

Third Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY

RECORDER, Lori Cossens
Stepping Up! Great headline.

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Warnick has a great ability to look at life and everyday happenings with a unique style.

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Dave Niinemets

Fun reading with some interesting observations.

Third Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett

Nice, easy, personable writing style.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

Certificate of Merit - FULTON LEADER, Scott Rich

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - FULTON LEADER, Scott Rich

Great story on the "two Jennifers."

Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Great to read something that's not basketball or baseball. Kentucky has auto racing?

Third Place - TIE - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett

Third Place - TIE - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Richard Deavers

Honorable Mention - EDMONTON HERALD NEWS, Clay Scott

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Richard Deavers

Just a great story on Patrick Sparks.

Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett

Every golfer's dream: a hole in one.

Every golfer's nightmare: not being able to see it.

Third Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Carolyn C. Schwartz

Nice story about tee-ball.

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Tom Williams

Williams takes a great insight into the area's local economic problems.

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Gina Holt

Consumer beware! And Holt alerts them to area scams.

Third Place - FULTON LEADER, Glen Ivey

Nice story on potential issue with I-69.

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Gina Holt

Good look into gas problems in Newport. Hopefully this is resolved.

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Gina Holt

Northern Kentucky University professor facing tough road.

Great series.

Second Place - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Richard Deavers

Good project of localizing the terrorist tragedy.

Third Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett

Nice package on residents becoming missionaries.

Honorable Mention - FULTON LEADER, Janey Tyner

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett

Only entry that really qualified as a "news package" but that doesn't take away from this.

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones

Good lead and nice wrap.

Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Dana Ehlschide

More paraphrasing, few less quotes could have made a difference.

Third Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Carolyn C. Schwartz

Too many quotes for a first place story.

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Carolyn C. Schwartz

Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Dana Ehlschide

Third Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett

Honorable Mention - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Category 15 - BEST GRAPHIC/PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

First Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Angie Gilbert

Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett

Third Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - FULTON LEADER, Janey Tyner

Nice spot/general news shot, tells a complete story.

Second Place - CAMPBELL COUNTY RECORDER, Dave Niinemets

Good general news shot. Close, with good impact.

Third Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Nice news feature photo. Good impact and emotion.

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - LAKE NEWS, CALVERT CITY, Neeta Keeling Hale

Very nice picture. Big, gloomy, lots of impact. Very simple. Tells a complete story.

Second Place - EDMONTON HERALD NEWS, Clay Scott

Nice daytime fire shot. Very good composition. Good story told here.

Third Place - GALLATIN COUNTY

NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Simple shot, but it is tricky to shoot in foggy conditions. This one tells it all.

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Second Place - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Mark Stone

Third Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Nice feature picture. Simple, big, probably even better in color, to set mood.

Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Good humor here, a wonderful story, too.

Third Place - HICKMAN COURIER, John O'Neal Jones

Good story. Focus could be sharper.

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Danetta Barker

Beautifully executed for such a tragic theme. Very well done. Tasteful and thoughtful.

Second Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

All photos were interesting. Each had an excellent story to tell. Most interesting photos of a county fair that I have seen in some time.

Third Place - FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE, Carolyn C. Schwartz

Well balanced theme.

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

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

Nice shot under typically tough shooting conditions. Good action/impact story and simplicity.

Second Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Sally Widdington

Excellent action shot. Good impact.

Third Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett

When we speak of "capturing the moment" this is what we mean. Very clean shot!!

Honorable Mention - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett

It works! Aren't motor drives wonderful?

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - MCLEAN COUNTY NEWS, Teresa Revlett

Second Place - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Sara Jones

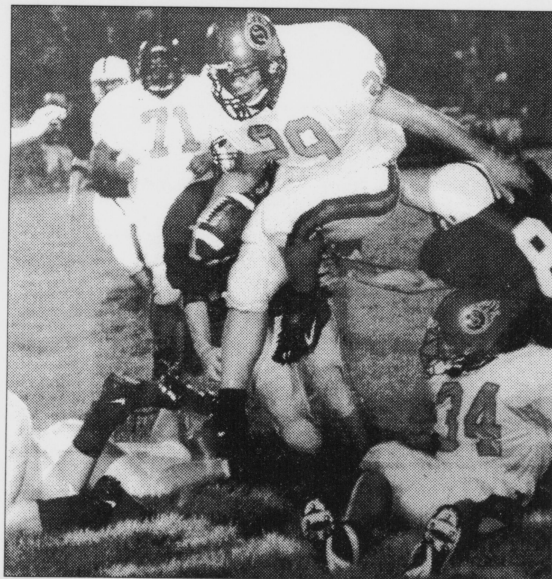
Third Place - GALLATIN COUNTY NEWS, Kelley Warnick

Honorable Mention - CENTRAL CITY TIMES ARGUS, Paul G. Moore

Don't forget to pick up extra copies of the contest tab for the rest of your staff!



Top: In the Weekly Class 1 competition, Janey Tyner, of *The Fulton Leader*, captured first place in the General News Picture category with this shot. Right: Paul G. Moore, of *The Central City Times Argus*, was the first place winner in the Sports Picture category. The newspaper finished third in the General Excellence competition. Below: Gina Holt, of *The Campbell County Recorder*, was the judges' pick in the Ongoing-Extended Coverage Story category. The win helped the paper land a tie for second place General Excellence.



Residents not happy with Lafarge

By GINA HOLT
REPORTER

A group of Silver Grove residents say Lafarge Gypsum Inc. is emitting "hazardous and destructive materials" from its six-month-old plant, and they want it stopped.

Seven individuals filed suit in Campbell Circuit Court last August. This week some of them reacted to comments by Lafarge executives and public officials that the plant has been a "good neighbor" and has helped the community through jobs, tax revenue, scholarships for Silver Grove students and support of community organizations.

"Those people are far from being good neighbors down there."

Danny Johnson
Alexandria resident

good neighbors down there," said Danny Johnson, an Alexandria resident who joined Silver Grove residents in filing the suit. Johnson owned and operated Brush Creek Landscaping Supply and Service in Silver Grove until recently and claims that actions by Lafarge caused him to go out of business.

Garry Edmondson, the attorney retained by the residents, said the lawsuit could be expanded into a class action suit. Edmondson also said a second lawsuit is being prepared involving the company that built the Lafarge plant.

"It involves a dozen or more current residents in the area," said Edmondson,

who is county attorney for Kenton County.

The suit seeks a court order enjoining the company from "creating both a public and private nuisance" and cites both noise and emissions.

Basically, Edmondson said, the suit contends that the plant's operation is causing an unlivable environment.

Steve Bellamy lives near the Lafarge plant and says the company has ruined his home.

"It's so loud my house shakes," he said. "We can't sleep at all."

"In my house it's black and greasy,"

Lafarge

Weekly Class 2

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Patti Clark

Short and punchy editorial with important facts.

Second Place - CADIZ RECORD, Tom Berry

Good explanation of viewpoint and a reminder that national events impact small communities.

Third Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Melissa Blankenship

A good view of how difficult it is to approach some office holders the more they are removed from the voters.

Honorable Mention - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Josh Kinman

Honorable Mention - SPENCER MAGNET, Tracy S. Combs

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower

Good lead story for special edition. Obviously, you were there!

Second Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Gwen Bolin

Good, on the spot reporting!

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, IRVINE, Jeff Moreland

Nice on the spot piece with good follow up.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - CRITTENDEN PRESS, Daryl Tabor

No junked cars? In Kentucky? Yep, best general news story. Liked the "lawn ornament" touch in the lead.

Second Place - CLAY CITY TIMES, H.B. Elkins

Good story, but you convicted her of a bank robbery in the third graf. Hope you keep paying the libel insurance premiums. All considered, one of the best.

Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

Honorable Mention - CLAY CITY TIMES, Amanda Trent

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

Good lead, well done.

Second Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

What can we say, she wrote the two best stories, we insist you give her both first and second.

Third Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Amanda White

Intern? Why was this on page A16? She's great!

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - HENRY COUNTY LOCAL, Brian Kehl

Best writing, hands down.

Second Place - CRITTENDEN PRESS, Daryl Tabor

Now, are you the county or city? Good column.

Third Place - BOONE COUNTY RECORDER, Dave Niinemets

Good "issue" stuff.

Honorable Mention - SPRINGFIELD SUN, James Roberts

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - HARDIN COUNTY INDEPENDENT, Martin Hepner

The stories were well written and overall excellent.

Second Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Gail M. Mastin

Very interesting to see a female perspective on racing.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

Catchy lead, holds your interest all the way through, nice package.

Second Place - CADIZ RECORD, Scott Brown

Keeps on moving.

Third Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Natasha Allen

Good lead. Interesting piece. Nice layout.

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - HARDIN COUNTY INDEPENDENT, Martin Hepner

Story grabs you from the start, all the way through.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

Good lead and follow through. Nice layout.

Third Place - HARDIN COUNTY INDEPENDENT, Martin Hepner

Pulls you in, keeps you. Well organized. Good piece.

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Natasha Allen

Good lead, well written.

Second Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland

Nice lead. Stats help.

Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

Interesting story, well done.

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower

Good reporting.

Second Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Amanda Richardson

Good reporting.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland

Good package.

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Staff

You stayed on the story, best on-going.

Second Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland

Great coverage of an emerging problem.

Third Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Natasha Allen

Good issue, well written.

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOUR-

NAL, John Shindlebower/Sharon Dodson

Excellent local coverage of national events. An issue to save.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Staff

Good mark on a "special edition" after a tornado, that, from the look of the photos, probably affected the news staff as well.

Third Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Patti Clark/Natasha Allen

You covered it all. Good team effort.

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

Well done, catchy business story that has universal appeal.

Second Place - TOMPKINSVILLE NEWS, Ronda Jordan-Elam

Interesting story about slimy creatures.

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower

Second Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker

Third Place - CITIZEN VOICE & TIMES, Jeff Moreland

Category 15 - BEST GRAPHIC/ PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

Great action photos, with good use of graphics, beautiful package!

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

More talent, good cropping, nice graphic touches.

Third Place - BEREAL CITIZEN, Howard Smith/Scott Powell

Clever, amusing, attractive. Great idea that turned into great looking page.

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Natasha Allen

A wonderful picture, and taken under somewhat trying circumstances, I would guess. Great use of depth of field and composition.

Second Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Debbie Throgmorton

Strong picture. Probably better in color.

Third Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Stephanie Hornback

Good use of the flag to tell a story.

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower

Again, a great composition.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower

Wow! Complete story here, copter crash, pair murdered and enough of the pall to tell us what happened.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS

JOURNAL, John Shindlebower

Great composition.

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - BEREAL CITIZEN, Scott Powell

Good photos, nice graphics and design.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, John Shindlebower

Tells the story.

Third Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Debbie Throgmorton

Nicely shot.

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Janie Bowen

Perfect timing, excellent imagery.

Second Place - PROVIDENCE JOURNAL ENTERPRISE, Debbie Throgmorton

Very nicely done.

Third Place - TOMPKINSVILLE NEWS, Ronda Jordan-Elam

Creates a warm atmosphere. Bed of flowers is perfect with this topic.

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - LARUE COUNTY HERALD NEWS, Linda Parker/Susan Lambert

Very interesting photos. Lots of action.

Second Place - SPENCER MAGNET, Staff

Very well done. Covers all ages.

Third Place - OWENTON NEWS HERALD, Natasha Allen

Photos of children going into summer, great, especially the bottom photo with the group of boys, arms draped around each other.

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Shorty Lassiter

Wonderful moment. Great impact and simplicity. Good technical qualities, too.

Second Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

Wonderful moment, great impact.

Third Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

Good sports feature. Tells a complete story.

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - LAUREL NEWS JOURNAL, Les Dixon

Tells the tale of the tourney. Great photo of mom and son!

Second Place - SPRINGFIELD SUN, Janie Bowen

I could tell everyone was having a blast. Photographer again tells the story.

Third Place - CADIZ RECORD, Scott Brown

How clever to shoot these kids "playing around" instead on playing the game. It captures what truly goes on with the little ones.

Magnolia couple happy about being fleeced

Hennings have started an alpaca herd

By LINDA PARKER
Editor

Kathy Henning has never herded cattle or slopped a hog.

In fact, she has no farming background at all.

So, when she announced she was going to raise livestock three years ago, her lack of experience may have raised a few eyebrows...especially when she and her husband David brought home their first alpaca.

Alpacas are members of the camel family, with soft fleece, heads like teddy bears and long necks like llamas.

They're native to South America where they have been domesticated for centuries. They were introduced to North America in 1984, but because of their slow reproduction, they are still considered rare.

There are 21,000 alpacas in the United States—but the demand for their fleece is growing daily, thanks to a renewed interest in natural fibers. The fleece, which comes in 22 shades of white, brown, beige and gray, was once reserved for Incan royalty and is considered finer and softer than cashmere.

They are also used for meat in South America, but with fleece prices ranging from \$2 to \$5 per processed ounce, the Henning's stock will not be taking a ride to



photos by Linda Parker
Say AAAAH. Kathy Henning shows that her alpaca Neosho has no upper teeth.

the slaughterhouse.

The Hennings now own four Huacaya alpacas—three males and one female—and

one llama. They hope to expand their herd and find a ready market for the fleece

See MAGNOLIA, page 16A

Editorial

Time to make teacher pay a priority in schools

Few people will disagree that teachers are under paid — lest of all the teachers.

Every day, they walk into school with many hats in their hands asking themselves what role they'll play today — teacher or disciplinarian, drug abuse counselor or spiritual advisor, friend or foe, parent or policeman? Usually, they must don the hats for all of the above and more before their day is done.

And yet, a new teacher just out of college walks in the door making less than \$26,000 in Owen County. It takes 27 years of experience and a masters degree before that teacher hits \$50,000 in pay. Those numbers come from the Owen County Schools certified salary schedule, but Owen County does not differ from other districts around the state.

Despite efforts in recent years to improve teacher pay, there's still a \$5,000 gap between the average salaries of teachers in Kentucky and their peers in other states. On a regional comparison of the seven states surrounding Kentucky, our teachers are paid an average of \$3,000 less a year.

And as Kentucky has focused on improving teacher pay, so have other states. Twelve years ago, when the initiative first began, the salaries of teachers in Kentucky were only 84 percent of the national average. By 1999, they had climbed to only 88 percent of the average.

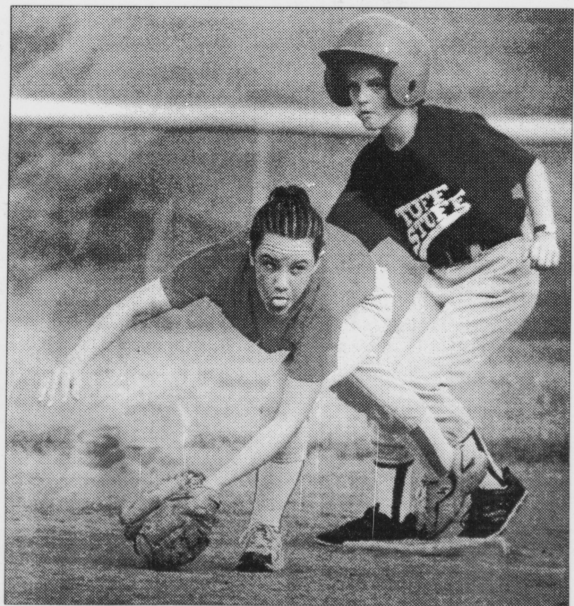
It's no wonder school systems have a hard time getting and keeping teachers.

It's time for lawmakers to commit to a plan that will bring teacher salaries up to the national average. There's one in place in the state legislature now that indicates salaries should be in line with the national average by 2004, but we must ensure that teachers get what is due to them as soon as possible.

That's the only way we're going to fill the vacancies in school systems around the state and attract new teachers to our schools.

— Patti M. Clark

Top: The judges liked this entry from Linda Parker, of the LaRue County Herald-News, in the Business/Agribusiness category for Weekly 2 papers. It won first place and helped the newspaper secure a second place in General Excellence competition. Left: The Owenton News-Herald's Patti Clark wrote the first place editorial which urged area school districts to make teacher salaries a priority. Below: Shorty Lassiter, of The Springfield Sun, took top honors in the Sports Picture category with this entry.



Weekly Class 3

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman

Well expressed concerns for business, or at least for appearances of such, conducted out of the public view. Good watchdog role of the newspaper.

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick

Excellent treatment of a serious growth problem with very good examples.

Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Missy Rogers

A good call for more compassion than schools trying to correct a problem with a simplistic hard and fast rule.

Honorable Mention - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick

A well reasoned take on a problem that seems to have a simple political solution.

Honorable Mention - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Rosalind Turner

An excellent call for tolerance.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Rebecca Russo

Unlike other entries, reporter was at the scene and obtained live quotes.

Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White

Liked approach writer took to story.

Third Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jamie Baker-Nantz/Rebecca Russo

Honorable Mention - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Wayne Yeager

A strong story in a weak field of entries. You hooked me with the lead and kept me reading. Tell your boss to give you a raise. You're good.

Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White

A good hard news story that reads like a novel. Good reporting and writing.

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mark White

They say never lead a story with a question. But it works here.

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Missy Rogers

Second Place - MT. STERLING ADVOCATE, Steven Wilson

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mark White

Honorable Mention - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Linda Carmicle

Honorable Mention - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Wayne Yeager

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick

You tell 'em Randy! You won this by a whisker, by the way. Good stuff.

Second Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jason Feldman

Very, very close call here. Really. Third Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Wayne Yeager
Do you guys have all of the good writers in Kentucky?

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Wayne Yeager

Very well written.

Second Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Wayne Yeager

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Trent Knuckles

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Trent Knuckles

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Jim Easterwood

Third Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman

Cute lead.

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, John Herndon

What a great angle. Well written. Great stuff.

Second Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman

Good story, good presentation.

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Trent Knuckles

Well written, but could be more punchy. Good piece from a different angle on sports.

Honorable Mention - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Wayne Yeager

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Linda Carmicle

Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Missy Rogers

Third Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, David Wheeler

Honorable Mention - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Rosalind Turner

Honorable Mention - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mark White

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mark White

Mark, your story was the only one in this category to actually contain any real "investigative" work. Good job!

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Becky Heisel

Third Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Staff

The week-to-week coverage of a man made famous by a reality show was quite interesting with seemingly new and different perspectives every week.

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Andy Olsen

One of the more enterprising stories of all the entries taking a detailed look into the migration labor situation.

Third Place - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Rosalind Turner

Honorable Mention - ANDERSON

NEWS, Missy Rogers
Honorable Mention - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman/Linda Carmicle

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL - Zoya Tereshkova/Lisa King/Mary Openshaw

These three and the news staff did a great job of localizing a tragedy that happened hundreds of miles away.

Second Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman/Linda Carmickle

These two reporters make a good team.

Third Place - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Rosalind Turner/Kelli Elam/Debbie Jenkins Cook

Another good job by a weekly staff on 9-11-01.

Honorable Mention - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mark White

Nice job with both stories on meth lab.

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Lisa King

Really good story on Cal Smith. He learned at a young age and that had to help.

Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White

Nice story on J.R. Cox.

Third Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jamie Baker-Nantz

Sounds like a bright future for Williamstown.

Honorable Mention - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Zoya Tereshkova

Honorable Mention - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Eddie Arnold

Honorable Mention - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Amanda White

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Mary Madden

Second Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mitch Howard

Third Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman

Honorable Mention - HARRODSBURG HERALD, Rosalind Turner

Honorable Mention - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Staff

Category 15 - BEST GRAPHIC/ PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

First Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Wendy Abbott/Zoya Tereshkova

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Julie Nelson/Randy Patrick

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Lorie Love

Honorable Mention - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Randall Vaught

Honorable Mention - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Linda Carmicle

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Eddie Arnold

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Lisa King

Third Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOUR-

NAL, Trent Knuckles

Second Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Eddie Arnold

Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White

Honorable Mention - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Randall Vaught

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Trent Knuckles

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Randy Patrick

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Eddie Arnold

Honorable Mention - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Eddie Arnold

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

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

Good use of perspective.

Second Place - SCOTTSVILLE CITIZEN TIMES, Bob Pitchford

Excellent focus on the child with the soft background.

Third Place - GRANT COUNTY NEWS, Jason Feldman

Perfect shot.

Honorable Mention - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, James Roberts

Good photo of action plus capturing the joy on the child's face.

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman

There are no misfires in this collection of prom pictures. The essay, however, would benefit from a strong "friend" shot.

Second Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Zoya Tereshkova

Strong group of pictures, each one a wonderful moment.

Third Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White/Tim Thornberry

Good selection of pictures. A couple of photos could be left out, leaving room for others to be bigger.

Honorable Mention - LEBANON ENTERPRISE, Chris Hamilton

Good selection of shots.

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Mitch Howard

Nice airborne shot. Excellent composition and impact.

Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White

Very nice baseball shot. Capturing the motion nicely.

Third Place - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Trent Knuckles

Very able football picture.

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - CASEY COUNTY NEWS, Donna Carman

Great focus on an intense moment.

Second Place - ANDERSON NEWS, Don White

Third Place - JESSAMINE JOURNAL, Ricky Elkins

Honorable Mention - CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL, Trent Knuckles

Schools: 'Let them eat peanut butter'



RANDY PATRICK
EDITOR

If it was just a joke, it was in poor taste.

A few weeks ago, some parents of children at White Hall Elementary School got a note warning them that if they did not

pay their children's school lunch bills, their kids would be eating peanut butter and crackers.

Madison County school officials later admitted the letter was a bluff. They said that if they decided to start serving an "alternate lunch," it would be something more substantial than peanut butter.

But that is what Fayette Coun-

ty schools feed children who find themselves with empty pockets. According to a recent story in the Herald-Leader, children in Lexington are allowed to charge "about four meals." After that, if they show up without cash, they get a "nutritious snack," such as a peanut butter sandwich and a glass of milk.

This bizarre message to families reminds me of Marie Antoinette, who, according to legend, said of the starving French who begged for bread: "Let them eat cake." In case you have forgotten, this heartless

woman later lost her head.

Likewise, if I were Madison County's school superintendent, somebody's head would roll for writing this letter.

You know how embarrassing it is when you go to pay for something and realize you left your wallet at home or forgot to go to the ATM that morning. Now imagine how mortified you would be if you were a 6-year-old child and something like that happened.

School officials say they have to get tough with little kids who don't bring their lunch money. Don't feed me that. White Hall's annual loss for unpaid lunches,

for example, is only about \$500. That is hardly a burden if you spread the cost among the taxpayers.

What bothers me is that children still pay for school lunches at all. In many places, most students are receiving free or reduced-price lunches. For the small cost involved, compared to other things Washington spends money on, why not just extend the federally funded lunch program to all students?

I think the idea has merit. Public schools in this country do more than any other institution to foster equality of opportunity and break down social barriers. Yet at lunch time,

it's easy for children to see who among their classmates are the haves and the have-nots.

That's inexcusable. Children are not responsible for their poverty. They shouldn't have to be humiliated by it.

If President Bush really supports public education - and I believe he does - there are few programs that are as effective and affordable as the lowly school lunch.

The school lunch program was started in 1946 by President Harry S. Truman because our government learned during

World War II that many young men were ineligible for the draft due to poor nutrition and related health problems. Since then, outlays for the program have increased. As a result, children are healthier, more alert, and can concentrate on their studies instead of thinking about their hunger.

Yet many parents whose children might qualify for free or reduced lunches don't apply. In some cases, it may be because they are proud or embarrassed. But that wouldn't be a problem if the school lunch program were universal, like public education or Social Security.

It has been said that there is no such thing as a free lunch. But in a country as great and wealthy as ours, for the youngest and most vulnerable among us, there should be.

Children are not responsible for their poverty. They shouldn't have to be humiliated by it.



Top: In the Weekly Class 3 Division, the judges wrote: "You tell 'em, Randy!" after reading Jessamine Journal editor Randy Patrick's column that blasted a school system for threatening to feed non-paying elementary school lunch students peanut butter and crackers. The column won first place. Right: This shot, by Trent Knuckles, was part of a package from the Corbin News-Journal that captured first place in the News Picture Essay category. Below: The Anderson News' entry from Mary Madden was the judges' favorite in the Best Headline category.



Burning
with a
Sense of Duty

Multi-Weekly

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Michael Cornett

Excellent approach to a complicated subject. Filled with good reasoning with the tremendous added benefit to the reader on the graphic showing current districts, proposed districts and the newspaper's recommendation. Well done!

Second Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Beth Foster

An excellent defense of the Kentucky Open Meetings Law. Great technique used in the sidebar for a quick take on the issue, the newspaper's opinion, and a request for reader input.

Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Staff

Excellent points on public/printer conflict of intent, well-driven home with pertinent facts. Gutsy move of a powerful person.

Honorable Mention - RUSSELLVILLE NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Randy Fuqua

Gutsy editorial presented in easy to read format with a definite appeal for action.

Honorable Mention - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Rebecca Dial

Important subject, well presented. Including the web sites, URL would have been a nice addition.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Michael Cornett

Good coverage of devastating flood. Teamwork helped give a wide angle view of the event. All the pieces fit together, nicely done.

Second Place - HAZARD HERALD, Greta Fields

Third Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Rebecca Dial

Well told tale of a dramatic rescue. Lead draws you in, story keeps you there, a good read.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Walt Reichert

Nice lead. It brings the reader right in. Topic is interesting, could get complicated but writer presents only the simple facts. Reads smartly. Nice tight piece.

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Melissa Cornett

Lead captures the reader. Writer handles a sticky, emotional topic without getting stuck in too many sticky, emotional quotes. Several sources. Good piece.

Third Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, John Friedlein

This one was pure fun from the lead, all the way through.

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Michael Cornett

Writer paints a picture from the lead

to the last line. He took an all too common event out of the closet. Riveting read.

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Michael Cornett

Story brings subject back to life...that it was a story about a simple man rather than the president made it all the better.

Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Melissa Cornett

Just enough quotes, not too many. Pictures are good as the story.

Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Michael Cornett

Obviously, writer has a gift for presenting people.

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - BARDSTOWN KENTUCKY STANDARD, Jim Brooks

Brooks is able to take the daily rituals, and turn them into interesting, funny and poignant slice of life pieces. I found myself thinking "Yes" sometimes smiling, sometimes not. Well done!

Second Place - MOREHEAD NEWS, Ron Middleton

Middleton did an equally good job. It's good to read about a real person moving in and observing the real world!

Third Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Willie Sawyers

Punchy style kept me reading all the way through.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Josh Givens

Took guts to write about a poodle. Second Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Josh Givens

A philosopher as sports editor.

Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Brad Lockard

Everyone wrote about the crash but writer captured the bigger picture.

Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Brad Lockard

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - MOREHEAD NEWS, Denver Brown

Excellent outdoors story. Denver Brown does a good job of recreating the atmosphere. Good lead. Good supporting quotes.

Second Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Josh Givens

Good follow up on an important local story. Strong factual information with good use of quotes from key players.

Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Josh Underwood

Very innovative lead. Good use of quotes from players. Good flow.

Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Brad Lockard

Super lead, good flow. Good quotes.

Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Bobby Maggard

Good, strong basketball follow up. Cool lead.

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Josh Givens

Excellent story with plenty of factual information. Good reading.

Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Josh Underwood

Outstanding lead sets the stage for

the story.

Third Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Denis House

Good display on a strong player profile.

Honorable Mention - RUSSELLVILLE NEWS DEMOCRAT & LEADER, Jenni Osborne

Good look at the lives of two coaches' wives.

Honorable Mention - MOREHEAD NEWS, Denver Brown

Excellent profile on a football player that overcomes heart surgery. Good story.

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Heather Harris/Nita Johnson

Nice two-story package on Census impact. Supported by good graphics.

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Bruce Justice

Good story on an important local issue.

Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Nancy Goss

Excellent package utilizing Census information in the Pikeville area.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Lisa Tolliver

Well-documented story on an important topic.

Honorable Mention - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Kevin Hall

A nice package on a key local issue.

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Michael Cornett

Writer did some legwork on this one that was missing in most other entries.

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Staff

A lot of work went into this and the layout is as good as the writing.

Makes one want to read more.

Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Kevin Hall

This is an interesting series, but I am not too sure about who did the investigating, as opposed to simply reporting in a lengthy series about this awful situation.

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Shawn Hopkins

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Russ Cassidy/Shawn Hopkins

Third Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Carol Mills/Nita Johnson/Heather Harris

Writers dug in on all sides.

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Russ Cassidy/Chas J. Hartman/Mike Scogin

Bowed head photo won this one.

Second Place - LONDON SENTINEL ECHO, Dale Morton/Nita Johnson

Nice package.

Third Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Beth Foster/Becky Dial

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY

NEWS JOURNAL, Rebecca Dial

Good lead and organization.

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Michael Cornett

Style and sentence structure made one read every word.

Third Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Jim Brooks

Good lead.

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Kevin Hall

Funny, could have been shortened to "couple seeking exposure for nude club."

Second Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, James Mulcahy

Category 15 - BEST GRAPHIC/ PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

First Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Beth Foster

Clear and good composition.

Second Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Bruce Justice

Not sure why this was labeled as "photo illustration." Is it a doctored photo?

Third Place - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Melissa Cornett

Power came through the screening process well and the "eyes" shot is great. Good cropping.

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - SENTINEL ECHO, Carol Mills

Light is perfect and oh, those eyes.

Second Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Rebecca Dial

Caught at just the right time.

Third Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Richard RoBards

What is it? I had to read more.

Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Melissa Cornett

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Jim Brooks

Right spot to take the shot.

Second Place - SENTINEL ECHO, Carol Mills

Good decision to publish this poignant shot.

Third Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Monica Tate

Subject was great, wish photo had been clearer.

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Monica Tate

Each shot can stand on its own.

Uniformity of color and form makes it a package.

Second Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Lisa Tolliver

Like the names in the headline, colors enhance adjacent photos.

Third Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Beth Foster/Richard RoBards

Obviously by two photographers. One alone might have been a winner. The little girl on mom's shoulders, great!

Balloon girl on back also great.

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - SHELBYVILLE SEN-

See MULTI-WEEKLY, page 18



Couple seeking exposure for state nude club

Top: In the Multi-Weekly competition, Jim Brooks, of The Kentucky Standard, won first place for Best Spot News Picture with this entry. Left: The judges couldn't resist this headline from the Georgetown News-Graphic's Kevin Hall. It won first place for best headline. Below: The Appalachian News-Express garnered several first place wins, including General Excellence. One of those first place awards was for this entry from Michael Cornett in the Spot News Story category.

Pike man dies in Friday flooding

Rains also leave woman missing; Gibson declares state of emergency

EXPRESS STAFF REPORT

A Pike County man was killed and a woman was missing after torrential rains and flash flooding Friday evening throughout Eastern Kentucky left roads impassable and stranded people in their homes and vehicles, authorities said.

Leslie Howell Jr., 31, of Coan Branch near Pikeville, died when his four-wheel all-terrain vehicle stalled and turned over, and he was swept down Hurricane Creek near

Pikeville around 10 p.m., police said.

Kentucky State Police Sgt. Lynn Cross of Pikeville's Post 9 said Howell and another man were riding an ATV in the area when they tried to cross a flooded roadway.

When they were unable to cross, the men panicked, Cross said, and jumped off the vehicles.

Witnesses said when Howell attempted to recover one of the vehicles, he was overcome by swiftly moving water and pulled under.

Howell's body was found downstream an hour later, and resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful, police said. He was pronounced dead by Pike Coroner Charles Morris at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Morris said results of an autopsy on Howell's body are pending.

The fire department was still looking for a woman who was swept away by waters after she exited her vehicle. Police had not revealed the woman's identity officially, as of presstime.



Torrential rains Friday evening caused flash flooding, severe washouts and property damage in the Kimper area, such as this example photographed early yesterday.

Photo courtesy James O. Berke

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Daily 1

Category 1 - EDITORIAL

First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Whitlock
Lead pulls you right into the editorial. Strong, decisive writing. I really enjoyed his personalized style of writing and dry humor.

Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Hendrickson

Nicely written editorial with just the right touch of irony and the facts to back it up.

Third Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Whitlock

Of all the editorials dealing with WTC attacks, this one stood out for its lack of posturing and its simple honesty. Right off the back he questions his conflicting emotions.

Honorable Mention - RICHMOND REGISTER, Fred Lucas
Short but well-done editorial. A little too much posturing but he makes his point well.

Honorable Mention - WINCHESTER SUN, William Blakeman

A bit long winded but he addresses his subject thoroughly and makes his point. Could have gotten the point across more concisely and a little less dryly.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Garth Gamblin
Good story that's a little hard to imagine.

Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Betty Coutant
Suicide stand off.

Third Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Beth Underwood
Scary situation. Thank goodness boaters were nearby.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Beth Grace
Difficult times at Kentucky State and sounds like the president is the reason.

Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Fred Petke
Really in-depth story that makes for good reading.

Third Place - TIE - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Gina Kinslow

Third Place - TIE - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Lisa Dunbar

Bad news for elementary students and school.

Honorable Mention - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Jeanna Cornett

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Janie Taylor
Taylor's story provides a fresh take on a topic that's been news before.

Second Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Tammy Hensley
An intimate portrait of a baby and her family.

Third Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Cathy Gilkey

An entertaining profile of a turkey.
Honorable Mention - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr

Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Laura Rains

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Hendrickson
Great writing style. You "talk" to your readers.

Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Tom Clinton
Columns might be a tad long but you do a good job.

Third Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Kellee Edwards

Honorable Mention - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Phil Case
Nice easy writing style.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Fred Petke

Seems to have a good understanding of different sports that comes through with an enjoyable reading style.

Second Place - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Daniel Pike

Third Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Keith Taylor

Honorable Mention - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Jeff Anderson

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr

Second Place - RICHMOND REGISTER, Keith Taylor

Third Place - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Mike Ohstrom
Honorable Mention - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Norm Haney

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Mary Branham

Mary's story reminds us why America loves minor league baseball.

Second Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr

Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Elden May
Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Jayme Price

Honorable Mention - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Norm Haney

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Daniel Bruce
Good job analyzing what merger effects are on Eastern Kentucky.

Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lori Harrison
True example of "enterprise" reporting.

Third Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr
Good analytical reporting.

Honorable Mention - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Warren Parish

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Janie Taylor

Taylor's story exposed a paperwork mix-up that allowed a man facing serious charges to go free.

Second Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Charles Pearl

Pearl dug deep in a meeting agenda to find that firemen recently hired had long criminal backgrounds.

Third Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Warren Parish

Using court depositions, Parish discovered a state senator's use of public funds as collateral for a bank loan.

Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Kelly Sudzina

Sudzina found a county dog pound that may be mistreating animals.

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Cathy Gilkey

Covered it in depth and for a long time.

Second Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Debbie Caldwell
Ditto.

Third Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Staff

Followed story all the way. A nice follow up would be about the sentencing that was missing and then, if jail time, a visit.

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Staff

Great teamwork!

Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Staff

Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Rita Dukes

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Beth Underwood

Touching story on closing of hometown hardware store and how similar stories are affecting communities.

Second Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr

Enterprising story on how tobacco crop had changed.

Third Place - MURRAY LEDGER & TIMES, Edward Sheridan

A subject we don't often think about as a business, funeral homes.

Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Betty Coutant

Honorable Mention - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Janie Taylor

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, David Stone

David's headlines lure readers in just like good headlines should.

Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, LaMar Bryan

Third Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Ron Herron

Honorable Mention - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr

Honorable Mention - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Jerry Boggs

Category 15 - BEST GRAPHIC/PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, David Stone

Nice package. Layout is nice combination of elements, the cut out color, etc.

Second Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lowell Mendyk

Great illustrations! Would have won first place but I didn't like headline

placement or font, detracted from art, diminishing impact of graphic.

Third Place - WINCHESTER SUN, David Stone

For a small paper, Stone uses imaginative graphics and some unusual elements. NOT as effective as layout and graphic that won first place, but still very good.

Honorable Mention - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, LaMar Bryan

Difficult graphic that is done very well. Main drawback was poor readability, a little too busy.

Honorable Mention - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Lisa Simpson

Strange

Nice simple, to the point imagery. That is also some of its drawback, it lacks dimension.

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Laura Rains

Both photos were nicely done. Side view is great.

Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Fred Petke

Compelling photos.

Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Jim Pearson

Great photo. Children "say" it all.

Honorable Mention - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Rita Dukes

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Fred Petke

Second Place - WINCHESTER SUN, James Mann

Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lowell Mendyk

Honorable Mention - WINCHESTER SUN, James Mann

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Janie Taylor/Willie Sawyers

Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner

Third Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Susan Riddell

Honorable Mention - WINCHESTER SUN, James Mann

Honorable Mention - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, John Whitlock/Fred Petke/Norm Haney

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Jim Pearson

It brought a smile to my face and I'm sure to thousands of readers.

Second Place - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Susan Riddell

Third Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lowell Mendyk

Honorable Mention - FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL, Suzanne Feliciano

Honorable Mention - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lowell Mendyk

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr

Second Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Laura

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JOHN WHITLOCK

That's why they're called public servants

Welcome to the big, bright beautiful world of public service, Mr. Jorjani. It ain't all kissin' babies and ribbon cuttings.

Believe me, I know answering questions about how you do your job can be frustrating.

Whenever your job involves serving the public trust, whether it be as managing editor of a daily newspaper or serving as county attorney, there will always be questions about how well you are performing.

That brings us to Tuesday evening's meeting of the Knox County Fiscal Court.

Again, Knox County businessman John Sizemore brought his battle against the Knox County occupational tax to the magistrates, Knox County Judge-Executive Gerald West and Knox County Attorney David Jorjani.

Sizemore's primary target in his campaign has been the county attorney's office, not so much Jorjani himself, but the efforts his predecessor and he have made to collect tax money owed the county.

Jorjani says his office has increased collections 250 percent over former county attorney Gary Brittain. This is a figure that hasn't been debated and Jorjani and his staff should be applauded for their efforts to bring in the money which rightly belongs in the county coffers.

But the problem lies not in who is right and who is wrong in the Sizemore-Jorjani battle. The public needs to consider the stand Jorjani has taken against Sizemore, a law-abiding, tax-paying citizen of Knox County.

While Sizemore railed about his list of delinquent taxes that could stretch the "length of the courthouse," Jorjani became upset and vowed not to discuss the situation with Sizemore again.

Sizemore is the kind of citizen some politicians hate. He is well informed, resourceful, determined and nothing short of angry about what he sees as an injustice. There should be more people willing to take the time to make local officials accountable for fulfilling their duties.

But ultimately, it will be up to the voters of Knox County to decide if Jorjani is doing a good job. The decision will not be made by John Sizemore, occupational tax opponents or even local editorial writers.

But in the mean time, it will not be up to Jorjani to decide who speaks at fiscal court meetings. As a county official, he is obligated to answer for his actions, whether he wants to or not. During the meeting, Jorjani said he would not allow Sizemore to "micromanage" his office further.

After the meeting, Jorjani was so concerned about how this latest episode would be played out in the paper that he pulled Times-Tribune Staff Writer Janie Taylor away to discuss the coverage. The county attorney then told Taylor how she would "frame" her story, Janie, who would still be considered a rookie reporter, told Jorjani, much to my personal delight, that she would frame her own story.

From his overwhelming campaign ads which flooded the airwaves during the election and his own attempts at self promotion since taking office, such as those little signs outside businesses warning that Knox County David Jorjani will prosecute bad check writers, it's clear that the county attorney takes this job very seriously.

Dealing with pain-in-rear-end customers is something just about everyone has to put up with. Jorjani, as county attorney, is no different than anyone else, except he can't order a rowdy customer out of his business because the customers own his office.

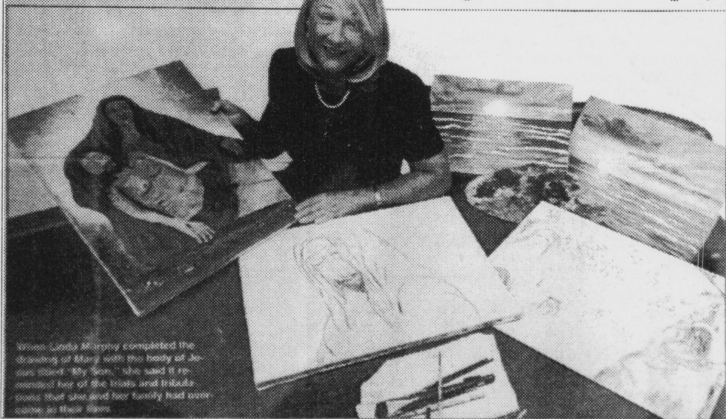
Sometime in the future, I suspect Sizemore will return to the Knox County Fiscal Court. He may bring in another long roll call of unpaid taxes. He may level more accusations against Jorjani.

It is Jorjani's duty and obligation to sit there, listen and explain as best he can about the lag in tax collection. He will have to do this because Sizemore and all the other voters of Knox County are his bosses whether he likes it or not.

Left: In the Daily Class 1 competition, John Whitlock, of the Corbin Times-Tribune, won first place in the Editorial category. The newspaper tied for first place General Excellence. Below: Laura Rains, of The Maysville Ledger-Independent, received a first place award in the General News Picture category for this shot. Bottom: This photo illustration by David Stone, of the Winchester Sun, was judged best in that category.



Can't? Doesn't mean a thing to Linda Murphy.



When Linda Murphy completed the drawing of Mary with the body of Jesus (left) "My Son," she said it reminded her of the boys and friends from her childhood and her family had some more, so that's that.

Daily 2

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, John Cannon
Great use of irony and preciseness. Written with wry humor and really sticks to the point.

Second Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, David Riley

Strong, balanced editorial that shines thru with community pride and distress over what columnist construes as poor judgment. Classic "money talks while the collective conscious walks."
Third Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, John Cannon
A nice editorial where you turn the subject's words back on them. Good backup with statistics.

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Ron Jenkins
Nice concise, to the point editorial about a common community headache.

Honorable Mention - ELIZABETH-TOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Steve Arel

While I liked the double entendre, it was overdone which is the only weakness in this otherwise fine editorial.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Deborah Highland
Deborah should be applauded for backing away from the traditional straight news lead and providing us the story behind the news.

Second Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kevin Eigelbach
Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Judy Jenkins

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett
Honorable Mention - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Tammie Hetzer-Womack

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kevin Eigelbach
Good twist on your standard campaign story.

Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett
Good topic, good writing.

Third Place - ELIZABETH-TOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Brian Walker
Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Beth Smith
Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Julie Clay
The world's dumbest fast food clerk, we loved it.

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Jennifer P. Brown

Brown provides a touching, intimate tribute, a challenge given that the subject is too weak to talk.
Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Judy Jenkins

An entertaining look at how national politics are interpreted by the nation's 5-year-olds.

Third Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Mike James

James writes a stunning story about a

woman who's suffered unbearable losses.

Honorable Mention - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Mike James

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kenneth Hart

Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett
Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock
Unique idea.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, George Robinson

Yes, we were worried about the ball girl's plight. Best writer of a very good group.

Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Herb Brock
A very close second.

Third Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Ryan Craig

A photo finish - we gave the edge to Robinson for the ball girl angle. All three of you guys can write. This was a painful choice.

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Joe Wilson

Best of a good bunch. A game story made interesting.

Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Larry Vaught
Good treatment of an important subject that most papers won't touch.

Third Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Mark Maynard
We all read it from front to last graf. Good read. Interesting stuff.

Honorable Mention - ELIZABETH-TOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Chuck Jones

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Jennifer Seiger

A tough, tough category. Very close. Jennifer, you beat very good competition, but you are the best writer of the bunch. You are good, really good. Big time good. Big time talent. Oh, the story was good, too. Kept me reading.

Second Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Rich Greene

We really hated to give you second place rather than first. Words can't describe your story. Incredible. Don't feel bad about second, this is a winning story by a winning writer. Ask for a raise.

Third Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Rocky Stanley

What are they putting in the water in Ashland? Phenom! Way to dig this one up. You're third because you ducked the recruiting and redshirt issue. But, hey, the kid's in sixth grade. Well done, otherwise.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Sam Ezell

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Mitchell Stinson

Kidnap the four in front of you and you win. You got us to read a dirt bike story. Don't tell anyone.

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Lynn Gold

Really nice attempt to get ahead of

the news, tie current government action to future citizen costs.

Second Place - ELIZABETH-TOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Laurie Ogle
Good look at what happens in the absence of control.

Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett
Excellent piece of heads-up reporting. Gives readers valuable information.

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kevin Eigelbach

A thoroughly well-researched series providing different perspectives and a great deal of information. By the time I finished reading the series I had learned a great deal about bingo and the inner connections to charities and what "big business" is. Very good job!

Second Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kevin Eigelbach

This series proves that tenacity pays off. Very well researched and hard-hitting piece. Well researched and documented. Mr. Eigelbach has found his forte.

Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Deborah Highland

Strong series on an immigrant group little written about before. I enjoyed the sequence of events. Series would have been stronger if you had interviewed locals and done more research into how well the Burmese community is being accepted by the locals.

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Chuck Stinnett

Well researched and I thought the local neighborhood reaction angle was especially well done.

Honorable mention - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Melony Leazer

The only reason this series didn't place higher is that it lacked personal touch. I wanted to hear from individual students, their parents and teachers about their frustrations and other issues. Good strong base, but needed more depth.

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Tom Lewis/Kevin Eigelbach/Kirsten Stanley

The best extended coverage in the class, not just by volume but by quality.

Second Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Mike James/Ben Fields

We didn't notice both were from the same paper while judging. Again, you guys took an issue of importance and stayed with it.

Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Staff

Good work!!

Honorable Mention - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kenneth Hart

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Staff

Outstanding!! Dramatic photos played big. Excellent local angles, sequence on last page tells it all.

Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Evelyn Gander/Annabel Girard/Julie Clay

Photos and stories work together to

tell the whole story at a glance.

Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Staff
Comprehensive.

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Ben Fields
Layout and photos grabbed me and writing keeps me reading to end.

Second Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kevin Eigelbach
Ditto above.

Third Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Kenneth Hart
Why is the type so big? Story didn't have to jump. It covered everything.

Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Deborah Highland

Less quotes would make this better.

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Tony Curnutte
"The Grocery Shore" and others were clever and clear.

Second Place - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Jerry Pennington
Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Doug White

Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Alyssa Harvey

Honorable Mention - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, Lee Ward

Category 15 - BEST GRAPHIC/ PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

First Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Shea Stanley

Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Shea Stanley

Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Emily Toadvine
Nice layout.

Honorable Mention - HENDERSON GLEANER, Shea Stanley

What a talent, could have been third but had to consider photos too!

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Miranda Pederson

Second Place - ELIZABETH-TOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Lee Ann Seymour

Third Place - KENTUCKY NEW ERA, Danny Vowell

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - ELIZABETH-TOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Lee Ann Seymour

Like a painting.

Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Troy Anderson

Eyes have it.

Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel

Too funny!

Honorable Mention - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, John Flavel

Heart-wrenching!

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Miranda Pederson

The time Miranda spent with her subjects is obvious by the way she allows

See DAILY 2, page 18



Above: In the Daily Class 2 division, this shot by Lee Ann Seymour, of The News-Enterprise, Elizabethtown, captured first place in the Sports Picture category. Right: The Kentucky New Era, Hopkinsville, took the top spot in the Sports Column category with this entry from George Robinson. Bottom: The Daily Independent, Ashland, won first place in the Headline category with entries like this one from Tony Curnutte. The judges said Curnutte's headlines were "clear and clever."

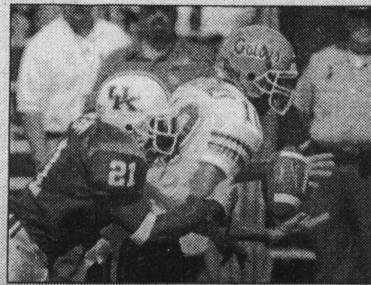
Was anybody worried about the ball girl's plight? ✓



George Robinson

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Florida's ball girl hopped around the outside lining of C.M. Newton Field with one ball under her arm and the other hand raised, pleading for help.

She, in the course of three hours, ran for more yards than Florida running backs Earnest Graham or Robert Gillespie. She dodged more photographers than Kentucky's Martez Johnson, Chad Scott or Artose Pinner did Gator defenders. And



Associated Press

Florida receiver Jabar Gaffney is unable to hold onto a pass as Kentucky defender Derrick Tatum grabs his arm Saturday in Lexington.

possibly, irritation, the Gators' ball girl was sent on a mission. Her job didn't

in a sea of rabid Kentucky fans.

beach ball would take a backseat, in order for Wildcats fans to make sure the afternoon wasn't a waste.

"We're just having fun," one fan shouted just before he tossed the ball down his row of seats. "Ain't nothing else to cheer about!"

With fans agitated with erratic officiating and irritated with an even more erratic Kentucky offense, the tension needed to be released. So why not hold the opposing teams' football hostage? It gives the fans something else to do rather than watching boring football. And it takes their mind off the pain of watching the Gators trounce Kentucky for the 15th straight year.

After trailing 16-3 midway through the second quarter, the fans decided — no, plotted — to hold the ball ransom with no sign of returning it.

The Grocery Shore

Daily 3

Category 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Audrey Lee

Just the right touch of humor to make a point. Fresh, fun.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Jamie Lucke

Terrific numbers to buttress point.

Third Place - KENTUCKY POST, Dan Hassert

Good airing of opposing viewpoints without losing sight of the obvious: something is very wrong.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY POST, Crystal Harden

A strong narrative made Harden's story flow into an emotional story.

Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, Paul Gottbrath

Gottbrath's story provided the key details that take the reader with him to the scene.

Third Place - KENTUCKY POST, Jeanne Houck

Houck wrote a well-written narrative on three heroes.

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, John Cheves

Well-researched and clearly written. Cheves shows readers what watchdog journalism is supposed to do.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Mark Cooper

Good reporting on an interesting topic.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Matthew Francis

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mary Meehan

Story makes you see, smell and hear the tricks and people at the track. Great use of descriptive. Gives a real sense of the heart of the story. My only criticism is excessive length of some paragraphs, otherwise a great job! One of the first stories I read and still it stood out as the best.

Second Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Karen Samples

Nice flow, good use of descriptive meshed with quotes. Nice set up to heart of the story. Didn't hesitate to cover both positive and negative traits of subject. He was human, flaws and all. Congratulate you on getting your subject to open up as much as you did. Best compliment of all is that for a long story it was a quick read.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Gary Emord-Netzley

I don't usually vote for a first-person story, but this one captured my attention with its strong connection to the four men involved, honesty and nice descriptive phrasing. It made me laugh, informed me and kept me interested right to the end.

Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO

MESSENGER INQUIRER, Keith Lawrence

Deserves mention because despite being a subject done many times before (I read at least four other veteran profiles in the contest) Lawrence's writing stood out as stark, descriptive and emotional. A very talented writer who I predict will win many awards in the future. First place at that...

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, LeDatta Grimes

The writer captures the essence of "been there, done that." She understands the emotions of her subjects and makes us feel connected to them. She uses pathos and humor with a nice sprinkling of irony. Highly enjoyable. I'm going out to get cornrows or dreadlocks!

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Keith Lawrence

Consistently a very good columnist. Uses story-teller imagery to make his point and set up the column.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Lora Wimsatt

Gives a very nice personal spin to her columns. Aply using her family and personal life to make her point. A little sentimental but I fell for it completely.

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Jim Jordan

Jordan's writing makes reading a business column witty and fun. Wish I had him on my staff.

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Peter Baniak

An uneven columnist but when he hits the mark his writing is very good. His column about the Frankfort biker "lobbyists" was excellent.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Scott Hagerman

Hagerman's columns are surely the ones that garner the angry calls from readers. But his strong opinions also put him ahead in his class.

Third Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Jim Pickens

Pickens has a comfortable tone that makes his columns easily read. (Perhaps it's the shoes.)

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Jim Pickens

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Story

First Place - LEXINGTON HERALD

LEADER, Mark Maloney

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Local boy makes good story. Nice insight into what makes him tick, although story lags midway because of excessive dated information.

Second Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Karen Samples

Rather than simply following the story, Samples' turned a woeful tale of a woman hoarding animals into a bigger picture story.

Third Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Kristina Goetz

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Linda Blackford/John Stamper

LEADER, John Cheves

Cheves uncovered a state-supported DUI treatment program that may benefit no one but entrepreneurs who make money from it.

Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Lydia Carrico

An ambitious and important series from Carrico.

Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Greg Kocher

A great gotcha story from Kocher that exposes an environmentalist's own pollution problems.

Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Ty Tagami

With this story, Tagami did what every paper should: protect those who can't protect themselves.

First Place - TIE - KENTUCKY POST, Staff

Post coverage was comprehensive, largely predictable, bright spots.

First Place - TIE - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mary Meehan

Excellent job of reporting on a complicated topic. Although coverage was driven by events, she used a variety of methods to tell the story.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Patton

Package presents all elements in reader-friendly logical format. Good marriage of reporting and commentary background. Chronology and key points box were very good.

Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Staff

A "cover all bases" package that incorporated today's events with sense of history. Dramatic use of art on cover. Good information inside although photos probably didn't war-

rant that much space.

Third Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Staff

First-rate lead photo. Excellent teezer to other developments. Inside pages were great.

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TWO ARE CHARGED

MTV car stunt injures teen

By Crystal Harden
Post staff reporter

It begins with a view of a quiet Independence street.

Next, a car speeds into the picture, its engine purred. A young man stands in the path. The car rams him, he flies into the air, bouncing across the hood as his arms and legs flail.

Glass shatters. The car's wind-

shield and roof look as if they've been slammed by a telephone pole.

The videotape, made Monday afternoon on Sidney Drive, is the work of a group of teen-agers who were trying to mimic the MTV show "Jackass," which features footage of such daredevil stunts.

The amateur videotape left a 16-year-old boy in the hospital

with a broken leg and other injuries.

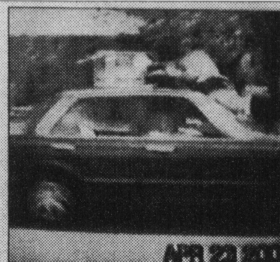
Two boys who were in the car have been charged with first-degree wanton endangerment, which is a felony, for their involvement in the stunt.

The teens, who are students at Simon Kenton High School, had practiced their stunt over two weeks, said Independence Police

Sgt. Anthony Lucas. The 16-year-old who was injured had jumped out of the way at the last minute during the practices, Lucas said. But in the final run, he stayed directly in the path of the car, a 1983 Honda Civic.

Police are still trying to compute how fast the Civic was going when it hit the boy, but say it was

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A videotape shows a teen-ager being hit by a car in an attempt to get on a TV show.

Top: In the Daily Class 3 competition, this entry by Crystal Harden, from The Kentucky Post, garnered first place in the Spot News category. Right: One of the Lexington Herald-Leader's many first place awards was for this story by John Cheves that was judged best in the Investigative/Analytical category. Below: The Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, won first place in the Sports Picture category with this photograph by John Dunham.

Court-ordered DUI programs run unchecked

Effectiveness, quality of private treatment firms remain unknown

Coming Monday

■ Experts say one way to improve treatment programs is to let the government run them.

By John Cheves
HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

James Robert Shouse says there's a tradition of defiance in his court-ordered treatment program for drunken drivers.

"A lot of people in our class actually go over to the nearest bar when the class is over each time," said Shouse, 26, of Lexington.

The "treatment" reforms no one, he said. Still, Shouse must attend a year of alcohol counseling following his third conviction for driving under the influence.

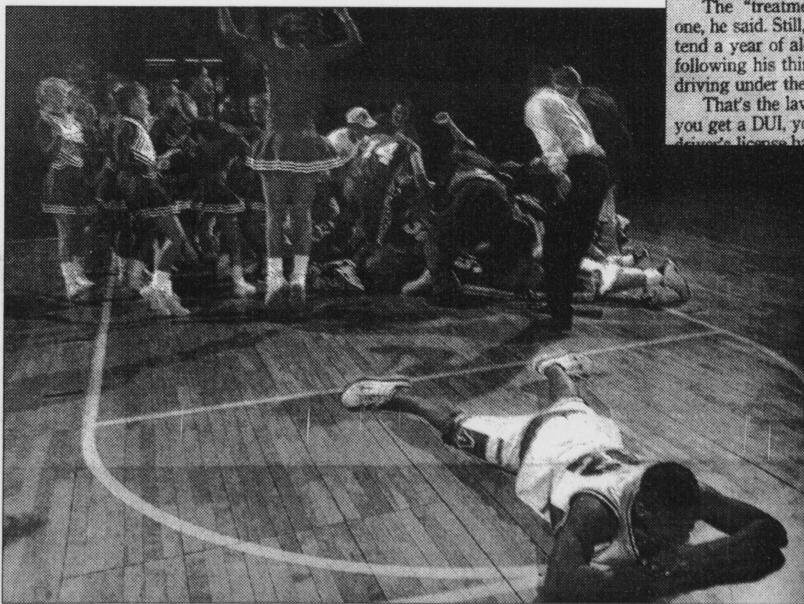
That's the law in Kentucky: If you get a DUI, you don't get your driver's license back until you pay

hundreds of dollars to an alcohol treatment program, attend class, watch videotapes, hear lectures and talk about your drinking.

The law has created a lucrative industry. Last year, nearly 26,000 people in Kentucky completed DUI treatment programs, most of them privately owned and operated. Clients paid more than \$10 million, a sum likely to grow if the tougher DUI law that took effect this month leads to more convictions.

Does all this make Kentucky roads any safer? Nobody knows.

See DUI, A12



Associate Newspapers

Category 1 - EDITORIAL

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, R. Justine Shepherd

A good take on a huge mistake by university management. Taking a little of the blame for missing it themselves is not only good ethics, but helps the authority of the position.

Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Tim Staley

Excellent use of facts, with the unusual addition of a photo for extra emphasis.

Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Sam Youngman

An excellent call for reform.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Jennifer Kasten

Excellent example of opinion as a part of watchdog duty.

Category 2 - BEST SPOT NEWS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Ashley York

A potentially tragic air plane crash was averted and York does a good job of putting the reader in the rescue copter as it assists the family in the plane.

Second Place - FT. THOMAS RECORDER, Lori Crossens

A good story about how police investigated drug use at a local high school.

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Steve Jones

Jones explains UK's position on not breaking buyout agreement with former coach.

Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Caroline Lynch

Category 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Kelley Sears/Scott Sloan

Good story played with images about the after-effects of the top story of the year, and perhaps of the whole century.

Second Place - KENTON COUNTY COMMUNITY RECORDER, Juli Hale

Touching story on death of firefighter, from the effect on the family to the response from fellow firefighters.

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Kendra Livingston

Sounds like UK is facing some major issues with gender equality. Good job of relating that story.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Scott Sloan

Looks like a lot of changes going on at UK and Sloan tells what they are and what they might mean to UK.

Honorable Mention - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Jason Billingsley

Interesting story on new president who will take that position and continue teaching at another university.

Category 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Erica Walsh

Touching story on homeless men fighting the loneliness of the holidays.

Second Place - KENTUCKY KER-

NEL, Scott Sloan

Good story on UK's new "freshman" president.

Third Place - KENTON COMMUNITY RECORDER, Neva Martin

Honorable Mention - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Emily Black

Sounds like a TV show idea; Black tells all about a band's beginnings.

Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jacob Bennett

Category 5 - BEST COLUMN

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Ryan Akers

Akers tackles a variety of topics and issues and does it well. Has good diversity of writing styles.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jacob Bennett

Some humor but also seriousness when comparing his "witty observation nuances" as compared to the pointlessness now in lives of victims of Sept. 11.

Third Place - KENTON COMMUNITY RECORDER, Tom Williams

Easy, enjoyable reading.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Clay McDaniel

Honorable Mention - CHEVY CHASER MAGAZINE, Graham Pohl

Got my attention because it's so different from usual types of columns.

Category 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Ryan Clark

Great story-teller style makes for good reading.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Kyle Hightower

Just an enjoyable writing style, especially one on getting beaten at H-O-R-S-E.

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Will Messer

Honorable Mention - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Sam Aguiar

Not afraid to tackle issues and the powers that be.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Steve Jones

Category 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Travis Hubbard

Many SEC schools have heard of Cawood Ledford, even though we don't get to hear him. Thanks for telling us more. Great story.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Brian Moore

Sounds like a battle brewing between athletics and the administration.

Third Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Justin McGill

Nice story on senior's final college game.

Honorable Mention - CHEVY CHASER MAGAZINE, Terra Ramsdale

Category 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Ryan Clark

Good story, captured the human side of college athletics.

Second Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Jason Billingsley

Sounds like former Murray quarter-back now in the pros is big news on campus.

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Travis Hubbard

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Glad to see something besides basketball and football.

Honorable Mention - CHEVY CHASER MAGAZINE, Terra Ramsdale

Same comment as for third place one!

Category 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Rex Hall, Jr.

Hall lets us see campus problems that we may never think about but that handicapped students face at every turn.

Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Ashley York

Something most students don't think about. Good topic, good job.

Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Erica Walsh

Borders on being a feature story but a good job deserves recognition.

Honorable Mention - CAMPBELL COMMUNITY RECORDER, Gina Holt

Honorable Mention - CHEVY CHASER MAGAZINE, Amber Scott

Good story on "urban timber's" life after death.

Category 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

First Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Lisa Wheat

Undercover look at subject that concerns parents and students - security in college dorms.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Rex Hall Jr/Randy Warren

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Scott Sloan

Neotism in campus politics. Good story!

Honorable Mention - FLORENCE RECORDER, Joe Christofield

Category 11 - BEST ON-GOING/ EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Staff

In-depth, deadline coverage. Well done.

Second Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Staff

Followed story of interest to readership. Well reported.

Third Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Joe Christofield

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Tracy Kershaw

For some reason, we all read the stories. We didn't look at the photos, though.

Category 12 - BEST SPOT NEWS PACKAGE

First Place - TIE - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff

Staff did a great job on the nation's tragedy, so good that I won't even attempt to say one did better than the other

First Place - TIE - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Staff

Ditto.

Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Kelley Sears/Scott Sloan

An unfortunate fire to the landmark building at University of Kentucky. Hat it not been for what happened on 9-11-01, this would have been the winner.

Category 13 - BEST BUSINESS OR AGRIBUSINESS STORY

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Clay McDaniel

Nice job of following up on 9-11-01 and what it could mean to economy — everywhere!

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Sam Youngman

Bet Bowling Green businesses appreciate the university; at least they should.

Third Place - FLORENCE RECORDER, Juli Hale

Good story on what new industrial park means.

Honorable Mention - CHEVY CHASER MAGAZINE, Amber Scott

Story on cancer. Good job!

Category 14 - BEST HEADLINE

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Travis Hubbard

Good action verb with great play on words.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff

"Life Behind Bars" combined with the subhead, the label works well.

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Amy Crawford

Does what a good lead is supposed to do...draws attention, sums up the story; is a great use of word sounds.

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Ashley York

Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Luke Saladin

Category 15 - BEST GRAPHIC/ PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Drew Purcell

Effective!

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, H. Rick Mach

In red, Ramen Noodles would look like hamburger.

Third Place - ERLANGER RECORDER, Juli Hale

Category 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Nick Tomecek

Nice picture under poor lighting conditions.

Second Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Ryan Brooks

Evocative, moody photo. Great use of black and white.

Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Bac To Trang

Nice shot. Good expression!

Category 17 - BEST SPOT NEWS PICTURE

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Nick Tomecek

Would have been better played a little larger.

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Thomas Cordy

Did as good as you could with the lighting situation.

Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Samuel Simpkins

Effective with human interest, too.

Honorable Mention - FLORENCE RECORDER, Joe Christofield

Category 18 - BEST NEWS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff

Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jaclyn McCabe

Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Nick Tomecek

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Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jaclyn McCabe

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - KENTON COMMUNITY RECORDER, Neva Martin
Great use of light and shadows.
Second Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Nick Tomecek
Wonderful photo of the warmth and trust between animals and humans.
Third Place - ERLANGER RECORDER, Juli Hale
Wonderful action photo. Makes you want to take that piece of cardboard out and slide down the hill again.
Honorable Mention - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Thomas Cordy
Great shot!! An action shot stopped in motion.

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS

HERALD, Josh Lok/H. Rick Mach
Great movement photo. All photos told the story of hard work and determination.
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Wendi Thompson
Photos portrayed sisters story well.
Third Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Staff

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Dwayne Chambers
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, Jed Conklin
Third Place - MURRAY STATE NEWS, Ryan Brooks

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, H. Rick Mach/Cassandra Skie/Justin Fowler
Second Place - COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD, H. Rich Mach/Jed Conklin/Steve King
Third Place - KENTUCKY KERNEL, Amy E. Crawford

Third Place - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Bob Warner
Honorable Mention - WINCHESTER SUN, James Mann
Honorable Mention - GLASGOW DAILY TIMES, Stuart Burrill

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Jerry Boggs
Second Place - WINCHESTER SUN, Jeff Kerr
Third Place - HARLAN DAILY ENTERPRISE, Jerry Boggs
Honorable Mention - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Jim

GLEANER, Darrin Phegley
Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Clinton Lewis
Honorable Mention - ASHLAND DAILY INDEPENDENT, John Flavell
Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Troy Anderson

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE, Lee Ann Seymour
Clear.
Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Clinton Lewis
Sharp.
Third Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Jill Erwin
You entered the wrong photo! The swimmer is an awesome shot, the entry is just a bunch of hoopsters colliding like most of the entries, and it's not even in focus.

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Clay Jackson
Top photo is awesome for both clarity and composition.
Second Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Clay Jackson
Good cropping.
Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel

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Rains
Third Place - MIDDLESBORO DAILY NEWS, Nikki Lockhart
Honorable Mention - MAYSVILLE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, Laura Rains

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - MADISONVILLE MESSENGER, Lowell Mendyk
Second Place - CORBIN TIMES TRIBUNE, Norm Haney

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us to easily glimpse their lives.
Second Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel
Third Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley
Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Miranda Pederson
Honorable Mention - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Joe Imel

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Miranda Pederson
Miranda's fresh take on a rainy day won us over.
Second Place - HENDERSON GLEANER, Darrin Phegley
Third Place - BOWLING GREEN DAILY NEWS, Miranda Pederson
Honorable Mention - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Troy Anderson

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - DANVILLE ADVOCATE MESSENGER, Clay Jackson
Clay's photos make us feel like we're at the rodeo.
Second Place - HENDERSON

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TINEL NEWS, Walt Reichert
Beautiful use of background light. Barn and tree in front looks great
Second Place - SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS, Walt Reichert
Looking at this photo I could smell the steam, nice imagery.
Third Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Steve Traynor
Captivating.
Honorable Mention - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, James Roberts
The mist in the background while workers are hard at work creates a nice contrast.

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - SENTINEL ECHO, Staff
Beautifully photographed. Makes you want to go to Cumberland Falls.
Second Place - SENTINEL NEWS, Walt Reichert
Very different view of a black Angus.
Third Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Rebecca Dial
Accomplished the feeling of pulling together.

Honorable Mention - APPALACHIAN NEWS EXPRESS, Russ Cassidy
Effective photo of tribute.
Honorable Mention - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Rebecca Dial
Great shots before, during and after.

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - KENTUCKY STANDARD, Josh Givens
The look on the face did it.
Second Place - SENTINEL NEWS, James Mulcahy
Great shot.
Third Place - CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL, Richard RoBards
Well-focused and cropped.

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - SENTINEL ECHO, Jim McAlister
Nice tight shots.
Second Place - GEORGETOWN NEWS GRAPHIC, Steve Traynor
Grabs the expression and the rain drops.
Third Place - SENTINEL ECHO, Denis House
Photos OK but could have been clearer. Maybe registration off a smidge, but I think its the camera or cameraman.

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than a story ever could.
Second Place - KENTUCKY POST, Bruce Crippen
Third Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Patrick Reddy
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Bryan Leazenby

Category 19 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

First Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, John Dunham
A truly amazing and creative shot.
Second Place - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Patrick Reddy
Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Gary Emord-Netzley
Honorable Mention - KENTUCKY ENQUIRER, Patrick Reddy

Category 20 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - TIE - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, John Dunham
Brings the reader back to that fateful night with brilliance.
First Place - TIE - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Cornelison
It's not just Zane's ultra-cute mug that got us but Cornelison's great compositions.
Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Janet Worne
Third Place - OWENSBORO MES-

SENGER INQUIRER, Gary Emord-Netzley
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Perry

Category 21 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

First Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, John Dunham
What a story this picture tells with lighting that looks like Durham took it in a studio.
Second Place - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, John Dunham
Again, Durham has captured a moment with a photo that tells its complex story;
Third Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Frank Anderson
Honorable Mention - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Mark Cornelison
Honorable Mention - OWENSBORO MESSENGER INQUIRER, Bryan Leazenby

Category 22 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

First Place - TIE - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Charles Bertram
An essay that captured the emotions of a teenage athlete struggling with an injury.
First Place - TIE - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, David Stephenson
You could almost smell the rodeo pen and feel the denim in this wonderful photo essay.
Second Place - LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER, Frank Anderson

UK wins Miss. match

Top Redhound steps down

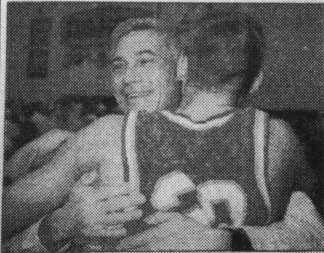


Photo by TRENT KNUCKLES
A Redhound no more: Above, Corbin head basketball coach Mike Deaton hugs Trent Dove after seeing the 13th Region title last year. Deaton is leaving Corbin to take the coach's position at Bowling Green.

Bowling Green job too good to refuse, coach says

by TRENT KNUCKLES
Nearly every year, as soon as the basketball season ended, the rumors began about Corbin basketball coach Mike Deaton and whether he would leave for a coaching job elsewhere.
After seven seasons with the Redhounds, the rumors are finally true as Deaton announced Monday he is leaving Corbin to become head basketball coach at Bowling Green High School.
"The bottom line is it's just a chance to be closer to my family and for Karen to be closer to her family," he said. "People will say things or try to make more out of it, and that's just not the case."
Almost immediately when the position opened up, vacated by legendary coach Ernie Simpson weeks ago, Deaton was a top candidate for the job. Reports that he

was among the finalists for the position surfaced last week. Deaton said he interviewed with officials at the school on Friday and they offered him the position then.
"My wife and I really struggled and it's been an emotionally trying weekend for us," he said. "Our kids have grown up here in Corbin. This is basically all they really know."
In the end, family considerations were the main factor that contributed to his decision.
Deaton coached the Redhounds for seven years. In that time he won six district titles and made two appearances in the Sweet 16 (1997 and 2000). In 1997, his team beat Fogg Coway in the first round of the Sweet 16 before being beat out by Warren East in

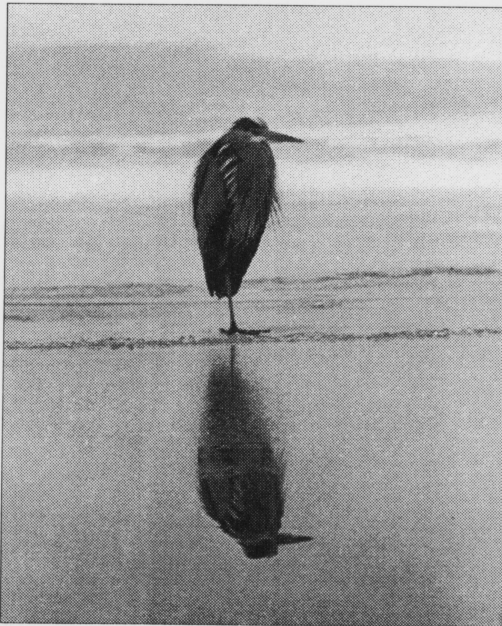
THE DEATON ERA

Total Record	168 wins, 53 losses
Year by Year	
1994-95:	17 wins, 14 losses
1995-96:	26 wins, 4 losses
1996-97:	23 wins, 11 losses
1997-98:	21 wins, 9 losses
1998-99:	20 wins, 5 losses
1999-00:	24 wins, 3 losses
2000-01:	24 wins, 8 losses

*Six district championships
*Six district runner-ups
*Two Region Championships.

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Top: This headline by Will Scott from the Lexington Herald-Leader won first place in that category for Daily 3 papers. Above: Trent Knuckles' story from the Corbin News-Journal captured first place in the Sports Story category for Weekly 3 papers. Left: This shot of a Great Blue Heron standing on a frozen lake from Kelley Warnick, Gallatin County News, won first place in the Feature Picture category for Weekly 1 papers.



'Hannibal' should've remained silent

That afternoon, highly anticipated suspect fails to recapture image

Photo Illustration
Drew Purcell's graphic illustration of Hannibal Lecter, the fictional character from the novel 'The Silence of the Lambs', won first place in the Graphic/Photo Illustration category for Associate Newspapers with this entry.

Court escapee found in trash bin



Brendan Basham is forced into a police vehicle Friday by Sgt. Stewart Pendley (left) and Bailiff Don Buffington (right). Friday. (Messenger Photo/Sam Gilkey)

GARTH GAMBLIN

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A man who bolted from a Hopkins District courtroom Friday was captured several minutes later in a Dumpster behind the Hopkins County school board office near the railroad tracks.
Using prison garb that Brendan L. Basham discarded on his run for freedom, Madisonville police and Hopkins County sheriff deputies tracked him to the trash bin with the help of a search dog.
When police and the dog honed in on the trash bin, about three blocks from the courthouse, Basham was inside the bin, standing in water wearing only a T-shirt and shorts.
The escape appears to be a spur of the moment act. Basham, 19, of 129 Oakdale Ave., Madisonville, was in Judge

Carl Hank's courtroom for a hearing on charges of 18 counts of possession of forged checks and not having a prescription drug in a proper container.
When Basham was brought into the courtroom, public defender Michael Karschke escorted him to a back room to discuss the case. A few minutes later, they returned to the courtroom to wait for Hank, an overzealous judge.
As Basham sat in a juror's chair, court Bailiff Don Buffington stood near the judge's bench keeping watch over the courtroom.
"The jail brought a prisoner to the door and I turned my back to get the prisoner," Buffington said. "When I turned around, Basham was running out the front door."
Police were notified at 11:02 a.m. Thirty-one minutes later, Basham was on his way back to jail.
"I will be filing escape charges this afternoon," Buffington said.

Above: The Kentucky Kernel's Drew Purcell took first place in the Graphic/Photo Illustration category for Associate Newspapers with this entry. Left: The Madisonville Messenger's Garth Gamblin was the winner of the Spot News Story category for Daily 1 papers.

General Excellence Winners

WEEKLY CLASS 1

- First Place - McLean County News**
- Second Place TIE - Gallatin County News**
- Second Place TIE - Campbell County Recorder**
- Third Place - Central City Times Argus**

WEEKLY CLASS 2

- First Place - Laurel News-Journal**
- Second Place - LaRue County Herald News**
- Third Place - Owenton News Herald**

WEEKLY CLASS 3

- First Place - Jessamine Journal**
- Second Place - Corbin News-Journal**
- Third Place - Anderson News**

MULTI-WEEKLY

- First Place - Appalachian News-Express**
- Second Place - The Kentucky Standard, Bardstovwn**
- Third Place - London Sentinel-Echo**

DAILY CLASS 1

- First Place TIE - Corbin Times-Tribune**
- First Place TIE - Winchester Sun**
- Second Place - The Messenger, Madisonville**
- Third Place - Maysville Ledger-Independent**

DAILY CLASS 2

- First Place - Ashland Daily Independent**
- Second Place (TIE) - The Gleaner, Henderson**
- Second Place (TIE) - The Daily News, Bowling Green**
- Third Place - The Advocate-Messenger, Danville**

DAILY 3

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

ASSOCIATE NEWSPAPERS

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

About the cover: The photograph — taken during a memorial service to honor the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks — was submitted by Bruce Crippen, The Kentucky Post. It took top honors in the Best Spot News Picture category for Daily 3 papers. The judges wrote: "Crippen's photo encapsulates so many emotions in a difficult time." The mastheads featured are this year's first place General Excellence winners.