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**2004**  
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## WEEKLY CLASS 1

### Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Guy Townsend

I love the way he takes on the righteous religious right.

Second Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Chuck Hamilton

It took courage to write his views on the war in Iraq with a son serving there.

Third Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Charles Maddox

Honorable Mention - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester

### Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage

First Place - McLean County News, Joshua Brown

Lightning strikes 911 dispatcher at courthouse. That's a story you don't find often here, and calls came to the center during the ordeal. Reporter use of quotes are good. Good story all together. The victim truly faced a close call to death.

Second Place - Leitchfield Record, Stephanie Hornback

Solid lede, pharmacist shot during a good deed is a good story. Reporter uses quotes ok and tells the story unfolding in a direct forth coming manner.

Honorable Mention - Grayson Journal Enquirer, T.D. Kiger  
Raging water overturns vehicle and kills girl is a solid story to report on. Well done.

### Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - McLean County News, Jessica Bratcher

Details, background and numbers are laid out in understandable fashion. Quotes add heart to the news story.

Second Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester  
Story explains a health department program by showing how it works, not relying on government talking-heads. Good balance of background and quotes from real people.

Third Place - Leitchfield Record, DeAnna Lasley

Personalized and informative without resorting to emotionally charged phrases. A nice remembrance.  
Honorable Mention - McLean

County News, Jessica Bratcher  
Well-written, good organization, good use of quotes, but only one source. A second opinion would've been welcome.

### Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - Hickman County Gazette, Gaye Bencini  
Reporter's ability to get inside the head of a man with bipolar is uncanny. Good colorful lede and decent quotes throughout.

Second Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester  
The subject is truly one that stands out from the rest. Good find. Good story!

Third Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester  
Good story and ability to relate the struggles of living with lupus to the reader. Reporter has great ability to get inside of head of subject!  
Honorable Mention - McLean County News, Jessica Bratcher  
Colorful lede. Predictable, but still good. Good story of a complex family.

### Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Charles Maddox

Although his articles are fraught with mistakes, I find his columns riveting.

Second Place - McLean County News, Joshua Brown

Third Place - Bourbon County Citizen, Kevin Garrison

Honorable Mention - Breathitt County Voice, D. A. Collier

### Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Campbell County Recorder, James Weber

Second Place - McLean County News, Jessica Bratcher

Third Place - Breathitt County Voice, James David Fugate

Honorable Mention - Flemingsburg Gazette, Chuck Hamilton

### Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Bourbon County Citizen, Ivan K. Rice

Writer spends too long setting the stage in a story which didn't need a forced emotion. But it was worth the read to find out what happened.

Second Place - Menifee County News, Denver Brown

Feel good story written with an obvious appreciation for the subject matter.

Third Place - Edmonton Herald

News, Craig Duncan

A fitting tribute to a great accomplishment. Writer doesn't hide the fact he admires the subject.

### Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester  
Loved the way the writer contrasted a look at a retiring coach on the court and at the banquet. Well done. Good man, good story.

Second Place - Leitchfield Record, Angelia Hawkins

Interesting subject matter. Good quotes.

Third Place - McLean County News, Joshua Brown

### Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester  
What an original lead paragraph!! The dilemma of this fire department was thoroughly explored. This was quite an original story about a very serious issue.

Second Place - McLean County News, Jessica Bratcher

A very down-to-earth story of how teachers go beyond mere teaching to improve opportunities for students. This writer lures readers into this paradox of what is expected of teachers.

Third Place - Beattyville Enterprise, Edmund Shelby

I loved this revealing factual story explaining the nuances and staff excesses.

### Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Leitchfield Record, Stephanie Hornback, Lorie Love  
Mind-blowing stories on meth. Staff went above and beyond to tell the story of an ongoing drug problem that is detriment to both a town and its users.

Second Place - Campbell County Recorder, Staff

Reporters examined perhaps all angles that arise when dealing with controversial topic of sex offenders. Nice story and continued series.

Third Place - Beattyville Enterprise, Edmund Shelby

I enjoy the way the reporter stared out danger to tell the story of drug case. Then, there is a relationship with drug use and town officials. Wow!!

Honorable Mention - Breathitt

County Voice, James David Fugate, D.A. Collier

Lots of work to write this series, but judge a bit overwhelmed by the amount of entries.

Honorable Mention - Edmonton Herald News, Judy Wright  
Good stories. That it could happen to your child was a good story.

### Category 11 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - Campbell County Recorder, Liz Carey

A gripping story that sounds like a plot for a movie. The writer remembers to inform readers of the motivation behind the financial problems of this church. This was a delicate situation to write about, but the style of the writer addressed it succinctly.

Second Place - McLean County News, Jessica Bratcher

This was an endearing story series. This writer revealed details such as the dog with wax in his ears. What a hoot!! I like the personalized writing and how Ms. Bratcher obtains ordinary, but interesting revelations from people.

Third Place - Leitchfield Record, Stephanie Hornback

This writer uses very descriptive verbs peppered with facts to draw readers into this tragedy, and how a crime may occur when you least expect it. I read very work from the lead to the story ending.

### Category 12 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - McLean County News, Jessica Bratcher

Good lead. Fun little story.

Second Place - Campbell County Recorder, Jordan Kellogg

Nice job showing potential growth of wine business in northern Kentucky.

Third Place - Menifee County News, Denver Brown

Good detail and explanation of an important project.

### Category 13 - Best Headline

First Place - Edmonton Herald News, Craig Duncan

Unlike most of category entries this headline was clever, stuck to a theme and made sense. Well crafted.  
Second Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Carolyn Schwartz  
Perfectly placed and logical in rela-

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**Meth in Grayson County: Part I**

# Easily made drug a 'frequent problem' in county since 1998

By Lorie Love  
Landmark News Service

A closer look

## The history of meth

If the environment had been different, it would have seemed like a nice family get-together. Mom and Dad sat with their grown children, giving encouraging words and sharing their thoughts. They smiled and sometimes laughed, but in their eyes, there was a different story. This was a time of mourning.

The family waited for Judge Tom Lively to call the case of Melanie Hope Gonterman, a 22-year-old who, along with Randy Whitehead, 45, is accused of manufacturing methamphetamine.

In shackles, she entered the courtroom. As she waited, she exchanged glances with her family, who had remained in the courtroom almost three hours for Gonterman's delayed preliminary hearing in Grayson County District Court.

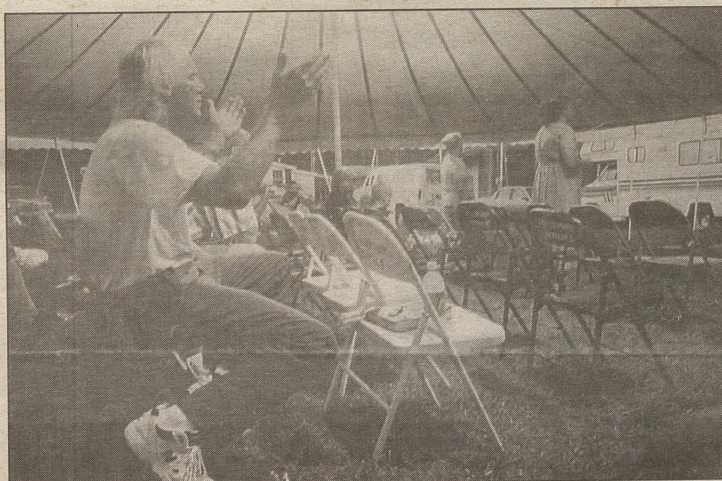
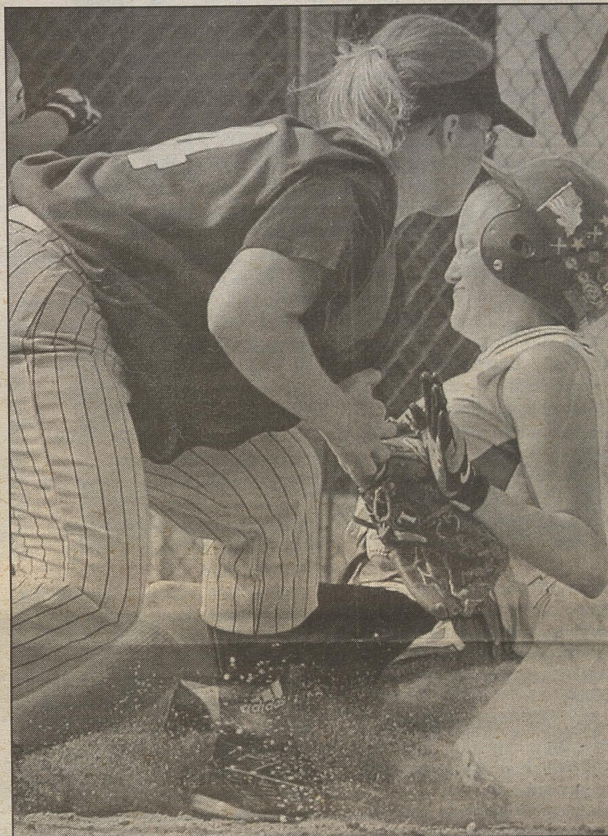
- ▶ 1887 - Amphetamine was first synthesized, on Jan. 18, 1887, by German chemist L. Edleiano and originally named phenylisopropylamine.
- ▶ 1919 - methamphetamine, more potent and easy to make, was discovered in Japan.
- ▶ 1930s - Amphetamines are first marketed as Benzedrine in an over-the-counter inhaler to treat congestion.
- ▶ 1937 - Amphetamine is first available in tablet form by prescription for use in the treatment of narcolepsy and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.
- ▶ World War II - Amphetamine is widely distributed to soldiers to help them keep fighting.
- ▶ 1942 - Dextro-amphetamine and methamphetamine become commonly available.
- ▶ 1970 - Amphetamine becomes illegal with the passage of the U.S. Drug Abuse Regulation and Control Act of 1970.
- ▶ 1980 - Forms of meth were introduced that could be smoked.

"Take me home," she mouthed to her mother. Gonterman and Whitehead were arrested July 10 on two counts, manufacturing methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine, felony charges that are punishable by up to 20 years in prison. They were arrested at

Whitehead's home on Cave Mill Road in Leitchfield after being issued a search warrant by Detective Danny Payne of the Greater Hardin County Narcotics Task Force.

According to Payne's arrest report, items were

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Top, left: This entry by the Leitchfield Record's Stephanie Hornback and Lorie Love was the first place winner in the Best Investigative Story or Series. The judge commented that the stories were "mind-blowing." Top, right: Denver Brown of the Menifee County News took home top honors in the Best Sports photo category with this entry. Bottom: This photo captured first place for Jonna Spelbring Priestster of the McLean County News in the Best Feature Picture category. The McLean County News was the first place General Excellence winner in Weekly Class 1.



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tion to the event. Pleasant play on words. It just fit.  
Third Place - McLean County News, Keith Bratcher  
Catchy and very playful. Liked it immediately.

Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture  
First Place - McLean County News, Jessica Bratcher  
Good moment. Photographer willing to get into the middle of it.  
Second Place - Edmonton Herald News, Craig Duncan  
Making the best of what you have. A great shot with less than great equipment.  
Third Place - Beattyville Enterprise, Edmund Shelby  
Inmates riot! Good story. Could have used some quotes for added color.  
Third Place - Grayson Journal Enquirer, Myra Hogan  
Great moment. Took guts to run on page one!

Category 15 - Best General News Picture  
First Place - Leitchfield Record, Jason Simpson  
Nice moment, right place, strong emotion!  
Second Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester  
Could have been first with a tighter crop on right side.  
Third Place - Leitchfield Record, Stephanie Hornback  
Well-executed photo of a somber moment.

Category 16 - Best Feature Picture  
First Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester  
Great moment, nice focus, good framing.  
Second Place - Menifee County News, Denver Brown  
Nice feature, clean background.  
Third Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester  
Honorable Mention - Grayson Journal Enquirer, Denver Brown  
Clean photo, good knowledge of light!

Category 17 - Best Picture Essay (Spot, General or Feature)  
First Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester  
Good lead photo. Several strong secondary images.

Second Place - McLean County News, Jessica Bratcher  
Some strong images, needs tighter edit and one dominant image.

Category 18 - Best Sports Picture  
First Place - Menifee County News, Denver Brown  
Second Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester  
Third Place - Menifee County News, Denver Brown

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay  
First Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester  
Head and shoulders above the competition in this category. Good layout and variety of photos.  
Second Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester  
Nice layout.  
Third Place - Campbell County Recorder, James Weber  
Too many photos. Decent variety.

Category 20 - Special Sections  
First Place - Hickman County Gazette, Staff  
A very clean winner in this category. A very entertaining publication detailing its 150-year history along with the evolution of the communities it serves. Wonderful historic photographs and interesting editorial content made this one stand out.  
Second Place - McLean County News, Jessica Bratcher  
An interesting and locally relevant section that shows another side of the folks who wear a badge, fireman's hat or stethoscope. Nice clean design and layout lets reader move effortlessly through section. Nicely done.  
Third Place - McLean County News, Jessica Bratcher  
Nice section with a good crop of design elements and colors that draw readers' attention. Nice mix of editorial content, as well. A little something for everyone with an interest in gardening.

Category 21 - Best Graphic  
First Place - McLean County News, Jonna Spelbring Priester  
A nice lighthearted take on a feel-good story. Color draws readers attention.  
Second Place - Beattyville Enterprise, Edmund Shelby  
Dramatic, eye-catching photo illustration draws reader into story immediately. Cannot help but read

this story once you see the graphic.  
Third Place - Beattyville Enterprise, Edmund Shelby  
Simple bar graph does what story alone could not hope to do as effectively. Demonstrates drop-off in registration numbers.

Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section  
First Place - McLean County News, Jessica Bratcher  
Clean, well-balanced pages that are easy to navigate. The schedule and calendar are nice breakouts that give readers a quick hit on information. The photographers brought some really nice pics to the pages. All in all, these are just elegant eye-catching pages.  
Second Place - Leitchfield Record, Angelia Hawkins  
Pages are consistent, making good use of just a few photos. Stories are interesting. Angelia does a terrific job balancing photos on the page, sizing and placing them well.  
Third Place - Grayson Journal Enquirer, Staff  
These section fronts pack a whole lot. I enjoyed the variety and liveliness that went into the pages. The screen on the West, East story was a little heavy since you've got the two photos as visual hooks. I liked the feel of all three section fronts. Imagine fans really look forward to these sections. More variety in photos sizes might better help guide readers through the page.

Category 23 - Best Business/Agribusiness Page  
Certificate of Merit - McLean County News, Jessica Bratcher

Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page  
No Entries

Category 25 - Best Editorial Page  
First Place - McLean County News, Jessica Bratcher  
Nice layout and variety of stories, pictures and local flavor.  
Second Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Guy Townsend  
Good local articles. I like the local cartoon in each issue. Could use more white space on page and maybe more photos.  
Third Place - Leitchfield Record, Stephanie Hornback  
Nice page layout. Good local content.

Category 26 - Best Front Page

First Place - Flemingsburg Gazette, Guy Townsend  
Most interesting writing and content of all the papers. Visually it's a bit too tight, but consistent in type size and leading, and easy to read. Good choice of images. I imagine this paper is a real asset.  
Second Place - Bourbon County Citizen, Rebecca Lawyer  
Good layout and use of white space. Good use of images, even though black and white. It's visually attractive. Interesting stories. Good local coverage.  
Third Place - Leitchfield Record, Stephanie Hornback  
Visually very clean. Good use of white space. Stories are very dry for most part.

## WEEKLY CLASS 2

Category 1 - Best Editorial  
First Place - Boone County Recorder, Juli Hale  
Very well written. I loved the comparison of the gas tax to the '80s. Plus it is a subject that affects everyone, no matter what economic, racial, etc. group they're in. Great job! I enjoyed reading this.  
Second Place - Tompkinsville News, Ronda Jordan-Elam  
The only reason I did not rate this as first is because of the length of the copy and that at some point it rambles slightly. But, given the emotional nature of the subject, that is completely understandable. Very tough, emotional subject that I would think really resonated with the community. Good job making it hit "close to home."  
Third Place - Henry County Local, Brooke Melville  
Wow! Great editorial on a controversial subject. Your first couple of paragraphs say it all, who would think garbage would be so controversial?! A great take on it, pointing out the positives of a negative situation, that people are now taking an interest in their local government. Good job!  
Honorable Mention - Boone County Recorder, Juli Hale  
Again, excellent writing. My only comment is, it almost reads like a news story and that's the reason I didn't score it higher. But good job!

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# What's in season?

BY BROOKE MELVILLE  
News Editor

At Hillview Farms outside Franklinton, waste is simply not an option. If an apple doesn't meet the 2 3/8-inch radius requirement, it soon becomes cider. If there's an overage of raspberries, they'll be canned as preserves. Even the old honeycombs are cooked in the sun to recover the last little bit of wax.

"I try to get a little out of everything I do," said the farm's owner, Paul Tokosh.

It's a matter of good business—something Paul becomes better at every day.

He's a man of few words—less a talker than a thinker. Always analyzing. Always evaluating. Always planning and thinking through what needs to be done.

As a farmer, these skills come in handy. And as a former engineer for a global defense company, they were a necessity.

Paul, his wife, Brenda, and their three kids, Robert, Richard and Katherine, relocated to Henry County in 1994. Anticipating a layoff from his position at Northrop Grumman based on the Clinton administration's cuts in defense spending, Paul had begun researching the ins and outs of running his own orchard and family farm. He set his real estate



agent on finding the perfect location with the right land and a good community in which to live. They stumbled upon Henry County and finalized the deal just before the word came down: Paul had been laid off, and it was time for his life to take on a new direction.

"I always loved gardening, and this was just on a bigger scale," Paul said of the orchard he planted upon his move to Henry County.

Set on 49 acres off Franklinton Road, Hillview Farms is the only commercial orchard in the county. With 2,500 fruit trees and countless other vegetables and berries, there's pretty much always something in season. And with help only from his wife and children, as well as a few beehives for pollination, managing the farm is a 12-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week job for the former New Yorker.

"It's known as time management," Paul said.

"The biggest problem in Kentucky is the grass grows too fast," he joked. "In New York, we didn't have that problem."

The warm, muggy climate may foster heavy grass growth, but it also lends prime conditions for growth of Hillview's offerings, which include 11 varieties of apples, three types of pears, as well as peaches, nectarines, rasp-

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# Putting a spin on sharing the gospel

BY GWEN HICOX  
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Providence resident Diane Oakley is someone kids really look up to... and not just because of her six-foot-four frame.

Oakley is using her height, and accompanying basketball skills, to extend hope to inner city kids who have previously had none.

Along with a handful of fellow Christian athletes, for the past two years Oakley has been working with underprivileged kids in Ohio, offering free, week-long basketball camps. She has also used basketball to touch the lives of impoverished youngsters in Puerto Rico as well.

Basketball draws the youngsters in, sharing Christian love and a sense of self-worth, keeps them coming back.

Oakley credits excelling at basketball as one of the main forces that kept her out of trouble during her teen years growing up in Providence. And she's seen that same theme work in the lives of other youngsters as well.

"I didn't grow up in a

family of athletes," said Oakley. "We couldn't walk and chew gum good. I was just tall and could shoot. I never had a basketball goal at home. I played at the park and at friend's houses."

According to Oakley, girls' basketball was just beginning to draw interest when she was in eighth grade. Since she was already nearly a head taller than her classmates, she was a shoe-in for the sport. The fact that she worked hard and excelled in the sport helped her deal with the fact that she was head and shoulders above her peers.

Thanks to her basketball abilities, Oakley received a full scholarship to attend Murray State University from 1979 to 1983. She left the university with 16 new records and had earned the MVP (Most Valuable Player) award three years.

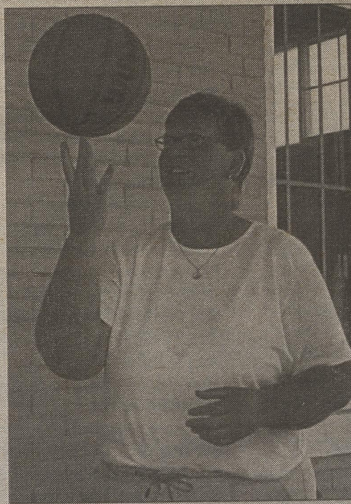
Oakley was also drafted by a women's pro basketball team in England.

Although the offer intrigued her, further investigation proved being a pro basketball player wasn't all she thought it might be.

"The salary would have been \$6,000 if I had of gone," said Oakley. "It's not like it is today where they make \$50,000 a year. They

told me to bring umbrellas and be prepared to work in a factory some days because they had two prac-

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Diane Oakley of Providence puts a little 'spin' on the ball she uses to draw youngster into the game plan for their lives. (J-E photo by Gwen Hicox)

Top, left: This was the winning entry in the Best Business/Agribusiness story category submitted by Henry County Local's Brooke Melville. The judge commented that the story had a good lead and good detail. The Henry County Local was first place Weekly Class 2 General Excellence winner. Top, right: A judge called this picture a "nice moment" and awarded it first place honors in the Best General News Picture. The photo was made by the Spencer Magnet's Robin Bass. Bottom: This entry by Gwen Hicox, of the Providence Journal Enterprise, was the winner of the Best Feature Story category. "Great writing on this I really felt as if I knew the subject after reading the article. Great quotes, good information," the judge commented.



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And I can't believe there was a cross burning in 2004!!!  
Honorable Mention - LaRue County Herald News, Linda Ireland  
Kudos for having the guts to stand up to your local government and implore them to do their jobs without favoritism.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage

First Place - McCreary County Voice, Greg Bird

A great account of an unusual subject matter!! This story also shows the "human aspect" the caring of the EMS, 911 and other officials as they fed, clothed and cared for these children.

Second Place - Springfield Sun, Becky Blanton

This story is very well written and very descriptive. It has great quotes, as well. It also educates readers on the dangers of rip currents, an important factor since so many people know nothing about them.

Third Place - Providence Journal Enterprise, Gwen Hicox  
Good, descriptive writing, good quotes.

Honorable Mention - Berea Citizen, Scott Powell

This story was well-written and to-the-point; however, I felt that it could've used more quotes.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - Henry County Local, Melissa Blankenship  
Solid combination of news facts, background information and quotes. Explains what made the school stand out without getting bogged down in numbers or resorting to "educator-speak."

Second Place - Clay City Times, Jeff Kerr

Personalities come through to give life to coverage of an annual event.  
Third Place - Spencer Magnet, Joshua Coffman

Balance of information from both sides of issue. Good lead gets reader into story by making it personal before getting into the technicalities.  
Honorable Mention - Greenup County News Times, Cathie Shaffer  
Good writing, good quotes, good organization, but a one-source news story.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - Providence Journal Enterprise, Gwen Hicox

Great writing on this! I really felt as if I knew the subject after reading this article. Great quotes, good information!

Second Place - Citizen Voice & Times, Jeff Kerr

The lead on this story is terrific!! The good writing continues all the way through. Good job!!

Third Place - Greenup County News Times, Cathie Shaffer

The vivid description in the first few paragraphs is what I loved most about this story. Interesting topic, great writing!

Honorable Mention - LaRue County Herald News, Ron Benningfield

Very touching story, great details and quotes from the family involved. It does ramble a bit...I would tighten it up and then it would be a first-place article!  
Honorable Mention - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass  
Great, heartwarming story!!

Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - McCreary County Voice, Greg Bird

His columns were head and shoulders above the others.

Second Place - Boone County Recorder, Chuck Sambuchino

Third Place - Carrollton News Democrat, Karen Claiborne

Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Springfield Sun, Tom Bystrek

Writer had a unique style that keeps reader attention to the final word. Good variety of topics.

Second Place - Hardin County Independent, Martin Hepner  
Good writing on the local athletic scene. Very effective use of quotes and certainly a broad knowledge of local athletic history.

Third Place - Laurel News Journal, Les Dixon

Writer doesn't mind taking on the hard issues, especially when it includes young athletes.

Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - Clay City Times, Jeff Kerr

Lead separates it from pile. Effective, brutal, but it draws me in. Nice job.

Second Place - Henry County Local, Melissa Blankenship

Balanced with lots of sources. I thought it was priceless without one

bias. Effective.

Third Place - McCreary County Voice, Greg Bird  
Well written.

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - Hardin County Independent, Martin Hepner

Writer puts reader inside for a look out before giving the reader an insightful look into the person and the position. Well done.

Second Place - Clay City Times, Jeff Kerr

Nice job of setting up the intro.

Third Place - LaRue County Herald News, Ron Benningfield  
Colorful character, eye-catching copy. I felt like I met the man personally.

Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Salyersville Independent, D.L. Davis

Comprehensive coverage. Good use of background material and explanation of the numbers.

Second Place - Henry County Local, Melissa Blankenship

Solid writing. Goes beyond one family's story to provoke thought in readers' own insurance situations.  
Third Place - Spencer Magnet, John Shindlebower

Concise story with helpful tips sidebar. Good use of numbers without getting wrapped up in them.

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - LaRue County Herald News, Linda Ireland

Once an obscure problem, now more seen in smaller communities. Meth labs present challenges most people don't understand. Ireland clearly explains the problems in her series.

Second Place - McCreary County Voice, Andrew Powell

Taxpayers in McCreary County seem well served by this reporter.

The E-911 series answers questions about promised services that people are paying for.

Third Place - Spencer Magnet, John Shindlebower

Exposing a doctor's improper relationship with a patient in a way that doesn't read like a tabloid takes skill and sourcing. Good job.

Category 11 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - Providence Journal

Enterprise, Gwen Hicox

A very detailed expose of government gone awry that's factually and unabashedly told by this assistant news editor. While complex, the writer boldly explores all aspects of this white collar, woeful tale of misuse of taxpayers' money.  
Second Place - Carrollton News Democrat, Phyllis Codling  
I empathized, muffled my laughter and like many readers thought the managers of this cemetery might rest more comfortably six-feet under. What an Americana story with factual details. Ms. Codling is a great writer!

Third Place - LaRue County Herald News, Linda Ireland

This was a tremendous accomplishment in revealing the plight of this veteran and professional who almost was mired in red tape until the newspaper editor interceded. I recommend you for caring and communicating his story to the community. Your lead paragraph was perfect.

Honorable Mention - Citizen Voice & Times, Rhonda Smyth

You addressed a compelling issue from beginning to end that is frequently ignored by many newspapers. Your details were explicitly and effectively revealed to this reader. I was impressed with your court and crime-writing skills.

Category 12 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - Henry County Local, Brooke Melville

Good lead. Very thorough profile on owner of orchard in county. Good detail.

Second Place - Spencer Magnet, John Shindlebower

Good detail. Very thorough. Writing is solid. Would have won if not written from an event.

Third Place - McCreary County Voice, Andrew Powell

Good research and detail. Very straight forward and thorough.

Category 13 - Best Headline

First Place - Salyersville Independent, D.L. Davis

Funny and on the mark. Just clever without hiding what the story is about. Bravo!

Second Place - Salyersville Independent, David Prater

Gets point across without beating

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the witness over the readers' head. It makes sense and it's just plain good.  
 Third Place - Salyersville Independent, D.L. Davis  
 Obviously, this paper is in a class by itself when it comes to headline writing. Another amusing intelligent entry.

Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass

Great spot news images, excellent crop. Peak of action caught!

Second Place - Henry County Local, Brooke Melville

Good enterprise captures how small man is in the face of nature.

Third Place - LaRue County Herald News, Ramona Coffey

Unique event.

Honorable Mention - Carrollton News Democrat, David Mann  
 Strong clean image. Prominent stack as remnant makes picture.

Category 15 - Best General News Picture

First Place - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass

Nice moment.

Second Place - LaRue County Herald News, Ramona Coffey

Touching moment of a broken spirit.

Third Place - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass

Nice shot capturing politician generation gap.

Category 16 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass

Preschool grad in the moment... we loved this one. A clear winner!!

Second Place - Henry County Local, Melissa Blankenship

The seaside walk has an authentic feel to it. The nanny's body language and expression is wonderful.

Third Place - Greenup County News Times, Mason Branham

Humorous photo of burly kids studying a perched parrot.

Category 17 - Best Picture Essay (Spot, General or Feature)

First Place - Laurel News Journal, Ronica Brandenburg

Animated, amusing pictures.

Second Place - Hardin County Independent, Gerald Lush

Humorous, vivacious depiction of a local festival.

Third Place - Carrollton News Democrat, Phyllis Codling

Humorous and heartwarming photos.

Honorable Mention - Henry County Local, Tommie Kendall

Clean, nice action. Good cropping. Good use of flash fill.

Category 18 - Best Sports Picture

First Place - Laurel News Journal, Les Dixon

Great reaction. Could have been cropped to a vertical and been stronger.

Second Place - Henry County Local, Tony Morris

Nice job watching the bench. Watch the crop, it could have come in on the left.

Third Place - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass

Nice clean image.

Honorable Mention - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass

Nice clean technical shot.

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place - Laurel News Journal, Les Dixon

Nice lead photo and use of small art. It works!

Second Place - Spencer Magnet, Robin Bass

Good use of main art and overall pleasing look.

Third Place - Providence Journal Enterprise, Charlie Hust

Good lead pix, need to edit the five smaller action pix.

Category 20 - Special Sections

First Place - Laurel News Journal, Les Dixon

Well designed. Good use of action photos. Lots of useful info graphics.

Great effort on articles to tie it all together and set up the event.

Second Place - LaRue County Herald News, Staff

Great concept. Contributed articles give the section authentic "Voice."

Had the emotional connection of a country song. Good use of historical photos.

Third Place - Falmouth Outlook, Staff

Useful and informative guide to this important community event.

Articles help present the flavor of the event rather than just a dry presentation of schedules, though that important information is provided as well. Nice size too. Design a little claustrophobic.

Honorable Mention - Laurel News Journal, Les Dixon

Basketball, football - a multi sport talent! Give Les a raise!!!

Honorable Mention - Spencer Magnet, Staff

Good execution of theme. Good research for lists. Would have liked to have had more articles, photos.

Category 21 - Best Graphic

First Place - Henry County Local, Brooke Melville

Graphic works extremely well with story on state assessment scores.

This variation on standard bar graph take information that is dry and gives it enough punch visually to attract readers.

Second Place - Laurel News Journal, Les Dixon, Greg Kitzmiller

Very nice concept for highlighting the all-county teams. As a whole, graphic is a dominant force on paper and adds punch to the section.

Third Place - Laurel News Journal, Melissa Newman, Eric Dishon

Nicely conceived photo illustration plays well with story, which deals with the topic of mental illness.

Emotional edge of photo complements editorial content, adding to total package.

Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section

First Place - Laurel News Journal, Les Dixon

You go!! What an awesome writer and photographer. Words cannot describe how your dynamic style makes these athletes leap off the pages!!!!

Second Place - Providence Journal Enterprise, Charlie Hust

I enjoyed your stories and the merging of all cultures into the world of sports. Your leads are to the point, and your writing shows the excitement of the game.

Third Place - Olive Hill Times, Denver Brown

Honorable Mention - Laurel News Journal, Les Dixon

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cover a variety of business/agribusiness news. Very informative and well-written!

Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page

First Place - Berea Citizen, Staff

Well laid-out. Great photography. Excellent mix of photos, content, features and personal items. Overall, best in class for variety and interest, by far. Even though others had color and this was black and white, still better in quality!!

Second Place - Laurel News Journal, Ronica Brandenburg

Nice variety of photos and layout of pages. Very eye-catching and interesting. Missing variety of stories, which would make for a better section.

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Category 25 - Best Editorial Page

First Place - Laurel News Journal, Dean Manning

Lots of letters to editor and at least one well-written editorial on local news subject. Also really like Steve Kickout's column. Visually appealing.

Second Place - Citizen Voice & Times, Jeff Kerr

Nice layout. Local emphasis.

Third Place - Berea Citizen, Staff

Category 26 - Best Front Page

First Place - Spencer Magnet, John Shindlebower

Excellent pictures, wide variety of story and colorful writing makes this paper's front page on top of all others. Good mixture of breaking news with community fluff.

Second Place - McCreary County Voice, Staff

Decent pictures, good story content. Well rounded front should appeal to variety of audience.

Third Place - Citizen Voice & Times, Jeff Kerr

Good stories and pictures.

**WEEKLY CLASS 3**

Category 1 - Best Editorial

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First Place - Anderson News, Don White  
Violations of open meetings laws are a sore spot with me. This editorial was brief and to the point. The writer told us what has happened and made his point with quotes from the Press Association attorney. That's all he needed to do.  
Second Place - Jessamine Journal, Randy Patrick  
This editorial accurately reflects Joseph Pulitzer's "free press" quote under it.  
Third Place - Pulaski News Journal, Terry Barger  
A thorough discourse on the need for opinions to cover all angles.  
Honorable Mention - Lebanon Enterprise, Chris Hamilton

Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage  
First Place - Oldham Era, Julie Satterly  
Story goes beyond the straight. Instead of news of drug arrests to show the context of why it was being done and the impact on the surrounding neighborhood. Good use of info boxes on arrests to make that information easily accessible to readers  
Second Place - Grant County News, Rebecca Russo  
Good clean narrative of the main event that also works in good quotes form witnesses and bystanders. Also congrats to fellow responder Jamie Baker Nantz for sidebar on efforts to rescue two little girls.  
Third Place - Mt. Sterling Advocate, Tom Marshall, Tonja May  
Good team effort to develop a package of stories that detail the incident, report the impact on the community and raise a potentially lifesaving safety issue for the public.

Category 3 - Best General News Story  
First Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Trent Knuckles  
Great writing style. Great use of quotes and in-depth coverage of this issue earn this piece honors. The accompanying photos are excellent as well.  
Second Place - Oldham Era, Nathaniel Kissel  
This story features strong quotes from the mayor as well as a copy of the original letter sent to her. It has good writing style.

Third Place - Pulaski News Journal, Sharon Dodson  
Excellent description of how the family reacted upon hearing the verdict! Usage of a few quotes would have made it even better.  
Honorable Mention - Jessamine Journal, Lisa King  
This is an intriguing story! It was well-written, but would have been awesome if either of the men could have been reached for comment!  
Honorable Mention - Lebanon Enterprise, Chrystal Batcher  
This was such a touching story! I believe it would have taken a higher place however, if it had been entered in the "feature" category.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story  
First Place - Anderson News, Don White  
Very moving account of a subject that could at first been by some as "seedy" or inappropriate, especially in the South! Great use of quotes and an interesting twist, considering that a transsexual is very religious. Great job!! Looks like something from a large metro paper.  
Second Place - Anderson News, John Herndon  
Nicely done setting the scene for a different kind of hero. Good idea to look at a life out of the limelight. Effectively executed.  
Second Place - Ohio County Times News, Don Wilkins  
This is a very good story but could have been made better if it flowed more easily. Quotes were great but it seemed to jump around a little too much. Overall, an interesting story though.  
Third Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Trent Knuckles  
Great writing on a story that one might not expect to be an award winner. Awesome lead and good quotes!  
Third Place - Lebanon Enterprise, Chris Hamilton  
Good in-depth article detailing a remarkable feat. It felt like the reader was on the course that day.  
Honorable Mention - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Trent Knuckles  
Again, a great lead and very good quotes! It seemed that a few details were missing. If not for that, I would've scored it higher.

Category 5 - Best Column  
First Place - Oldham Era, Nathaniel Kissel

Well written, humorous, particularly like the wrestling column. I like the glimpse of the writers life.  
Second Place - Grant County News, Jamie Baker-Nantz  
Writes well, draws you in, thoughtful. You get a sense of who the writer is.  
Third Place - Cynthiana Democrat, Donald Richie  
Good material, well written.

Category 6 - Best Sports Column  
First Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Trent Knuckles  
This column is obviously a big hit with the sports community.  
Second Place - Anderson News, John Herndon  
Informative and entertaining.  
Third Place - Pulaski News Journal, Doug Eads  
Not far from first or second. Columnist seems to be quite a personality in his area.  
Honorable Mention - Casey County News, Jeff Bastin  
Honorable Mention - Lebanon Enterprise, Shelton Young

Category 7 - Best Sports Story  
First Place - Casey County News, Jeff Bastin  
Bastin spotted a great story in the form of human bodies. His details are in-depth reporting never loses track of the people who suffered. Fantastic.  
Second Place - Grant County News, Wayne Yeager

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story  
First Place - Jessamine Journal, Joshua Thomas  
The most powerful quote did not lead off this story, but it still draws the reader into the tale of a brave man running against time, or out of it. Nice job.  
Second Place - Anderson News, John Herndon  
Third Place - Lebanon Enterprise, Chris Hamilton

Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story  
First Place - Casey County News, Donna Carman  
I loved the intricate lead and the topic. Ms. Carman delved into the humanistic aspects of obesity and desperate measures people take. In this, the alternative surgery is gaining popularity and her writing skills enable people to feel compassion

rather than revulsion at the very common problem with an uncommon solution.  
Second Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Trent Knuckles  
What a read! This story was concise and understanding in the dilemma of crime victims who are repeatedly robbed who decide to take measures into their own hands. The writer's lead broken into paragraphs of fragmented thoughts is extremely effective.  
Third Place - Oldham Era, Nathaniel Kissel  
A very in-depth story that must have been time consuming, but worth it. The subject of development encroachment was emotional and extremely informative. This article unfolds into a story, on written by a talented journalist.  
Honorable Mention - Jessamine Journal, Randy Patrick  
A very intriguing approach to explaining the inner workings of the ancient office of the omnipotent sheriff. This was a very novel style of writing that transforms the issue into a form people can ponder while learning more.

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series  
First Place - Union County Advocate, Paul Monsour  
Budgets are always a headache to follow, even without the implementation of an occupational payroll tax to further confuse readers. The writer fully researched and covered the issue and clearly explained it to the public. Excellent in every way!  
Second Place - Hazard Herald, Bobby Maggard, Sheldon Compton  
This is an excellent story covering an important issue. The writing and coverage are terrific, and the quotes are good. The only things that prevented it from being a first-place winner were the typos in the piece.  
Third Place - Oldham Era, Christopher Carpenter, Julie Satterly, Nathaniel Kissel  
Excellent writing, very thorough. Courage of the issue!  
Honorable Mention - Lebanon Enterprise, Stevie L. Daugherty  
Kudos for covering an issue that, unfortunately, we are seeing more and more of every day.

Category 11 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

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## NINE DRUG RAIDS LEAD TO MULTIPLE ARRESTS

Marijuana, cocaine, prescription drugs confiscated across the county in five days

By Julie Satterly  
Oldham Era managing editor

Diaya Roth shook her head as she watched Oldham County Sheriff's Office officials seize more than 8 ounces of marijuana Monday from a house in her Franklin Avenue neighborhood.

The area has become an undesirable place to live, she said. Pointing to the for-sale signs that line the street, she wonders if the drug activity in the area is forcing her neighbors out.

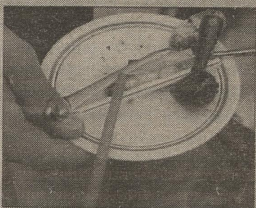
And she says she could be next if things don't change. "I'm not scared for me, but I'm scared for my children. We have to watch our kids constantly and we live in such a small town."

Monday's drug bust was one of nine made by the sheriff's department in a five-day period in which 10 people face drug-related charges. Officials confiscated a total of about 15 ounces of marijuana, more than five marijuana plants, several controlled substances — including prescription pills, ecstasy and cocaine — and drug paraphernalia. In some instances, weapons were also found.

The largest confiscation occurred Monday morning, when sheriff's department officials arrested a Crestwood CVS pharmacy technician for stealing prescription drugs from the store and selling them. Detective Rob Jones said more than 3,000 pills —

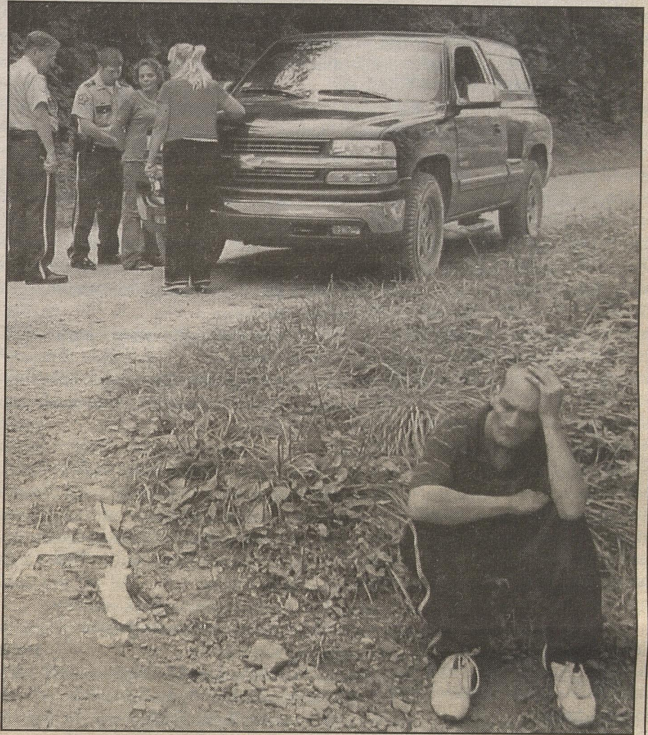
"I'm not scared for me, but I'm scared for my children. We have to watch our kids constantly, and we live in such a small town."

Diaya Roth, La Grange resident



More than five marijuana plants, middle, were found in a home on Ky. 146 Tuesday. Drug paraphernalia, above, was taken from a Rhode Court residents during a raid Friday.

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Top, left: Julie Satterly picked up first place for the Oldham Era with this spot news coverage story in Weekly Class 3. Top, right: Jamie Slaven, of the McCreary County Record, took home top honors for this picture in the Best Spot News Photo category. The judge called it a "great storytelling image." Bottom: Joshua Thomas, of The Jessamine Journal, was the first place winner in the Best Sports Feature category with this story about local men in the Boston Marathon.

## Local men run in Boston Marathon

By Josh Thomas

"People ask me why I run," said Rick Corman, one week after finishing his second Boston Marathon.

One would expect his answer to contain the phrases, "keeps me in shape" or "gives me time to think." Corman's response, however, is a little different.

"If and when I have to use a wheelchair, I want to look back and know that I ran all that I could," he said.

In 2001, Corman was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a cancer affecting bone marrow. In many instances, patients with bone cancers may eventually be confined to a

wheelchair. Corman says that realization made him want to make the most of his physical abilities.

Within a year, Corman and friend Ben Taylor had run in their first Boston Marathon.

"For a race that long, you have to be in great physical shape, and you have to have a mental toughness. If you are lacking in either of those, you just won't make it," Corman said. That year, Corman and Taylor's physical and mental toughness got them across the finish line in four hours and seven minutes.

"He is unbelievable. He can just get people to exceed what they thought was possible," Taylor said.

Following the race, Corman decided that he was no longer going to run. This year, however, that decision was swayed by David Cravens, an assistant principal at the Lexington Christian Academy High School.

In the summer of 1996, Cravens had fallen off his roof while cleaning the gutters, which resulted in multiple serious injuries.

"The ladder slipped out from under me. I fell approximately 20 feet to the blacktop, onto face. I had 14 screws in my face, and I also broke my femur," said Cravens. "They put seven screws in my legs."

Cravens spent five days in the trauma unit and said that he had two

major surgeries to "put me back together." At the time, Cravens was told he may never run again. "It was a thrill to come back and do this when there was a possibility that I may never be able to run again. It was a challenge," he said.

He had run in one marathon prior to the accident, but after healing up, ran eight more. His tenth was to be the Derby City marathon in Louisville on April 24.

"I just thought his tenth ought to be in Boston," said Corman.

"I think we have been good for each other, because I want to run all the time, and when I am with him, he pushes me to do it even harder," said

Cravens. "It is just super to be with someone like him."

The Boston Marathon is a closed race, which means that runners must qualify by posting a certain time in a previous marathon. Corman and company, however, qualified through Dana-Farber, the cancer research center affiliated with Harvard University, where Corman receives treatment.

"Dana-Farber is allowed so many entries for people who don't qualify. Five-hundred forty-five people ran with Farber this year," said Corman.

Corman and his fellow runners had nine weeks until the starting gun fired, a very short time to train for a

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First Place - Jackson County Sun, Connie Esh, John Butwell, George Ferrell

Awesome reporting! The coverage was well-written and thorough. Extremely interesting and accompanied by great art. Excellent use of quotes! This is definitely a winning piece.

Second Place - Casey County News, Donna Carman

Very thorough coverage from beginning to end, great writing style.

Third Place - Grant County News, Jamie Baker-Nantz

Excellent follow-up, especially with interviewing families that were reunited with their pets. The story was also very descriptive, giving readers the feeling of actually experiencing the horrific conditions.

Honorable Mention - Casey County News, Linda Carmicle

Although the subject matter of this story -budget woes - is common to so many areas, this story was interesting, factual and had good quote usage. A lot of time and effort went into this well written piece.

Category 12 - Best

Business / Agribusiness Story

First Place - Grant County News, Sarah Adams

Covers all the bases without sounding like a PR-piece for the business. Includes quotes from customers, too!

Second Place - Lebanon Enterprise, Stevie L. Daugherty

Cow feed can be interesting! Nice blend of research and quotes.

Third Place - Casey County News, Donna Carman

Good look at the top people behind a business. Would've liked a comment from a customer, though.

Category 13 - Best Headline

First Place - McCreary County

Record, Ken Shmidheiser

Second Place - Pulaski News

Journal, Stuart Arnold

Third Place - Anderson News, Jay Cason

Category 14 - Best Spot News

Picture

First Place - McCreary County

Record, Janie Slaven

Great storytelling image.

Second Place - Casey County News,

Linda Carmicle

Comical spot news picture.

Third Place - Cynthiana Democrat,

Donald Richie

Nice story telling image. Needs a tighter crop on the left and bottom to bring emphasis to the bike.

Honorable Mention - McCreary County Record, Steve Cornelius

Nice job being on the scene.

Category 15 - Best General News

Picture

First Place - Cynthiana Democrat,

Donald Richie

Nice of capturing the emotion of the moment.

Second Place - Jessamine Journal,

Zoya Tereshkova

Great job of capturing a moment of true emotion.

Third Place - Casey County News,

Linda Carmicle

Excellent job of finding a non-liche' photo to illustrate a story that runs every year.

Category 16 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - Union County

Advocate, Paul Monsour

Funny, funny, funny. Made us laugh.

Second Place - Casey County News,

Linda Carmicle

Fun summer photo. Peak moment.

Third Place - Jessamine Journal,

Zoya Tereshkova

Good angle. Good framing.

Honorable Mention - Cynthiana

Democrat, Robin Smiley

Very unusual photo. Photographer did well to be there when steeple work was being done.

Category 17 - Best Picture Essay

(Spot, General or Feature)

First Place - Anderson News, Don White

Whimsical down-home snapshot of an event.

Second Place - Jessamine Journal,

Zoya Tereshkova

Story prevails over a cluttered setting. Kids expressions caught well.

Third Place - Anderson News, Jay Cason

Good clean images, minimal narrative but enough for flavor.

Category 18 - Best Sports Picture

First Place - Lebanon Enterprise,

Jesse Osbourne

Well executed, real action.

Second Place - Oldham Era, Mickey

Patterson

Good body language, nice layout.

Third Place - Jessamine Journal,

Matt Coy

Excellent timing, cropped too tight on top.

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture

Essay

First Place - Anderson News, John Herndon

Nice page and variety. Use of man could have been larger and drop two of the smaller pictures.

Second Place - Corbin/Whitley

News Journal, Jim McAlister

Page rocks, but needs one or two pix behind the scene pix and maybe a tight detail.

Third Place - Casey County News,

Donna Carman

Nicely done, but got to have a sharp action pix and loose one of the still shooting pix!

Category 20 - Special Sections

First Place - Jessamine Journal, Staff

Very well put together. A great blend of editorial content as well as photographs. The section is useful, as well as interesting in today's society. I like that it ties in nationally as well as locally. The center, color photo spread makes the section really stand out from the rest.

Second Place - Casey County News,

Staff

Great articles make this historical section stand out. Good job of really capturing the feel of the paper 100 years ago. The old photos made the section stand out from other similar entries. I think a color photo spread or some old photos on the front page would've made it a first place entry.

Third Place - Oldham Era, Staff

This is a good section for today's women. The articles are useful and timely (and not just about make up and fashion). I think the articles and layout is put together well. More outstanding photos would've also helped the section stand out more.

Also a historical perspective on area women would've been interesting.

Honorable Mention - Oldham Era,

Staff

I love the photo work on the front page. It really encapsulates the idea of past, present and future. The editorial content isn't as high as other entries, but the front and the layout and idea behind the section are great!

Category 21 - Best Graphic

First Place - Jessamine Journal, Matt

Coy

Graphic instantly communicates the point, minimal explanation needed.

Pleasing color palette and typography. Very readable. Well executed

and nice size and display.

Second Place - Casey County News,

Randall Vaught

Dog in cage communicates nature of story (though dog coloring and cage coloring a little too similar).

Third Place - Lebanon Enterprise,

Stevie L. Daugherty

Good clean presentation. Reader can quickly see how a school scored, progress over recent years and how a school compares to others. Good comparison of numerical info. Art excellent adds appeal.

Honorable Mention - Benton

Tribune-Courier, Justin McGill,

Tabitha Armstrong

Good instinct on presentation for numerical data in very accessible format. Background graphic good idea, but makes some type hard to read. Bolder type or larger type? Honorable Mention - Lebanon Enterprise, Chris Hamilton

Good idea for timeline, but background graphic interferes with readability of text. Lighter screen with darker text might have worked better than shift between black text and white text.

Category 22 - Best Sports

Page/Section

First Place - Butler County Banner,

Joshua Keown

Josh came up with a very creative idea for a team shot and then executed it extremely well. He uses typography and color well, making the cards work without any detracting. Kudos for taking what could have been a boring group shot and making it into something interesting and fun.

Second Place - Oldham Era, Julie

Satterly, Mickey Patterson

These pages are lively with a wide range of styles on interesting topics. Nice to see breakouts of schedules and other info. That 's helpful to readers. Good use of color and type. Clean cutouts.

Third Place - Hazard Herald, Misty

Feltner

Misty's pages are fun. She's not afraid of going big with type. Good use of cutouts.

Honorable Mention - Butler County

Banner, Joshua Keown

Category 23 - Best

Business / Agribusiness Page

First Place - Lebanon Enterprise,

Chris Hamilton, Chrystal Batcher,

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Stevie L. Daugherty  
Very clean section designs.  
Interesting photos. The breakout of the tobacco bills was a smart idea that's helpful for readers. Stories were interesting and written well.  
Second Place - Casey County News, Donna Carman, Randall Vaught  
Clean well-balanced pages. Farm and home looks like it can be challenging to design, but the designer did a nice job of getting a lot of local faces in at a reasonable size. Good consistency in the design between the two business pages.  
Third Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Trent Knuckles  
Consistently well-designed pages. Lots of visual hooks. I especially enjoyed the RC Speedway story.  
Honorable Mention - Anderson News, Mary Madden  
The father-daughter page is nicely done. Good use of white space. Nice job adding elements like the cover of the chamber directory to dress up pages.

Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page  
First Place - Anderson News, Mary Madden, Staff  
All the sections are interesting, well-designed, with a broad range of topics. Good use of photos on the front. The one quibble I have with the front is that the photo of Chelsea Pearl is too provocative with the thigh up. I was curious about how many readers complained about that photo? A real effort was made to get art on all the pages. Very clean design throughout.  
Second Place - Anderson News, Janie Bowen

A lot of pictures to deal with on all three fronts. The designer found attractive ways to handle them. Excellent choice on the main photo on "The Covered Bridge." Could type have come down to regular size to fit more art? Was curious about the other six bridges. The Mayans story was interesting but is there any local connection? Seemed odd choice. I really enjoyed looking through these sections.  
Third Place - Oldham Era, Julie Satterly  
"Like father like daughter" is an elegantly done page. Good variety is stories among the section fronts.

Category 25 - Best Editorial Page  
First Place - Pulaski News Journal, Stuart Arnold

Great editorials, layout and has a nice local feel to page. Good combination of articles and letters submitted.  
Second Place - Casey County News, Donna Carman  
Nice layout and combination of editorials, letters and photos. Editorials catch readers' attention.  
Third Place - Corbin/Whitley News Journal, Staff  
Nice local content and layout. Editorials are interesting and funny.

Category 26 - Best Front Page  
First Place - Anderson News, Staff  
Clean, easy to read layout. Photos and layout of horses really my favorite of all front pages today. Nice use of color and photos. Small info sections at bottom, easy to use and out of the way. Consistently good design and content.  
Second Place - Oldham Era, Julie Satterly  
Very clean layout and design. Looks professional and easy for readers to follow. Photography well done. Info to other sections well placed and easy to understand. Overall look very clean.  
Third Place - Grant County News, Jamie Baker-Nantz  
Clean layout and design. Good use of white space. Main story has good amount of white space and importance. Top story on death of couple very emotional and very well done.  
Honorable Mention - McCreary County Record, Ken Schmidheiser  
Very attention grabbing headlines, stories and photos on each front page. Fewer front page stories and dividing lines would make page more clean and easy to read.

## MULTI-WEEKLY

Category 1 - Best Editorial  
First Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Mike Scogin  
Strong, gusty edit on a contentious topic. Editorial writers take note: readers look for a clear argument, not a long-winded rant. Mr. Scogin does a good job making a point without beating his audience over the head with it.  
Second Place - Appalachian News-Express, Staff  
Position was a no-brainer, but was presented in a clear, readable manner.  
Third Place - Appalachian News-

Express, Dena Potter  
Gripping first graph leads into a short and sweet history of topic. Finishes off on a strong statement offering guidance.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage  
First Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Erica Osborne  
Solid hard news reporting, reporter did a thorough job with two stories!  
Second Place - Shelbyville Sentinel News, James Mulcahy  
Writer uses anecdotal lede, but gets right back into the nuts-and-bolts info.  
Third Place - Kentucky Standard, Stacey S. Manning  
Great writing breathes life into what should have been a routine fire story.  
Honorable Mention - London Sentinel Echo, Allison McCowan  
Should have been a first place contender, but the writer let the story get away. Good writing, but we don't find out who did what until well into the jump.

Category 3 - Best General News Story  
First Place - Central Kentucky News Journal, Rebecca Dial  
A clear, compelling narrative of this emotional trial. The power of it comes from selection, organization and detail.  
Second Place - Appalachian News-Express, Russ Cassidy  
A fine tribute to the first local soldier to die in Iraq. Cassidy contributes strong photographs as well.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story  
First Place - Appalachian News-Express, Dena Potter  
A very nicely done story with a terrific subject.  
Second Place - News Democrat & Leader, Chris Cooper  
Sharp, descriptive writing with lots of details.  
Third Place - London Sentinel Echo, Carl Keith Greene  
An entertaining look at a wonderful subject, although information about closing the office and holding hearings could have been broken out in a sidebar.  
Honorable Mention - Kentucky Standard, Lisa Tolliver

Category 5 - Best Column  
First Place - Grayson County News Gazette, Royce A. Williams

Nice mix of homespun and meaningfulness. Like many of us, he'd be even better if he wrote a little sharper, but Williams easily outpaced his competitors in the category, especially in terms of consistency.  
Second Place - Paintsville Herald, Clyde Pack  
Clyde has a wonderful vantage point from which to tell stories. Reminds me a bit of Jesse Stuart, would enjoy reading him regularly. I thought two of the pieces were much stronger than the third, thus second place instead of first.  
Third Place - London Sentinel Echo, Willie Sawyers  
Solid writing even if a little aloof. I might not agree with Mr. Sawyers, might not even like him, but I would read him.

Category 6 - Best Sports Column  
First Place - Appalachian News-Express, Tom Kopacz  
Kopacz "rides" a strong column. The broken piece was especially noteworthy.  
Second Place - Princeton Times Leader, Todd Griffin  
Writer is good at explaining local sports issues, and is effective in inserting his own views and knowledge.  
Third Place - London Sentinel Echo, Denis House  
The writer's column is appropriately named. Well done.  
Honorable Mention - Kentucky Standard, Jason Nelson  
One column each on local, state, national subjects. All well done.

Category 7 - Best Sports Story  
First Place - Kentucky Standard, Jason Nelson  
The writer gets on trainers view on the eve of the world's biggest harness race. Drawing in the local tie sand explaining the "climb to the top" pic very effective.  
Second Place - London Sentinel Echo, Abbie Tanyhill  
It is a difficult task trying to explain how an exchange student suddenly has his athletic eligibility suddenly reversed, but the writer covers the bases. The story could have been more effective if the effects of the player's loss to the team had been explained, i.e., scoring, rebounding, etc.  
Third Place - Princeton Times Leader, Todd Griffin

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A well-written piece on a skilled senior golfer who obviously plays for the sheer enjoyment.

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - London Sentinel Echo, Denis House

One of Kentucky's true basketball legends returns home to coach. Good job of surveying the player's past, present and future.

Second Place - Appalachian News-Express, Justin Schuver  
Writer brings out a broad overview of a small-town resident excelling in a big city game.

Third Place - Shelbyville Sentinel News, Walt Reichert

A player overcomes his inability to hear but plays one of the most physical positions on the football field. Good quotes from parents, coaches and teachers.

Honorable Mention - Georgetown News Graphic, Kevin Hall

A nice job of bringing on a story that makes high school sports so special. I'm sure it was a hit with many readers.

Honorable Mention - Kentucky Standard, Jason Nelson

Writer gets full effect on the type story that can often be difficult to write.

Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Central Kentucky News Journal, Rebecca Dial

The article on insurance costs force doctors to stop delivering babies showcases an important issue.

Readers across country would be interested in the subject, and besides telling a local story, the writer talks about the national situation. Heading with a local patient is a good choice, since it gives story a face and tells how the problem can affect patients.

Second Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Chas Hartman

The writer has found an important and less-known issue. The writer gives the issue a face and voice by interviewing a student and leading with her story. The article has good quotes, especially from the student. The writer has also done his homework, using statistics and experts' comments. The writer interviewed several sources from both sides.

Third Place - Grayson County News Gazette, Royce A. Williams

Interesting and important topic. Tells one family's story and by doing that, makes the issue more personal and interesting than it would be if the writer had only interviewed "official sources." Good quotes.

Honorable Mention - Kentucky Standard, Holly Cecil

A topic most people might never even think about, but they may face the issue someday. An interesting lead that makes the reader want to continue reading.

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Shelbyville Sentinel News, Walt Reichert

The writer tackles an issue that almost every paper writes about, but he is willing to do more work than most reporters. The writer managed to get interviews with former and current drug users, an accomplishment for most reporters. He also interviewed a multitude of sources and got a lot of information he is able to pass on to his readers. He links drug use to several other types of crime and also explains the national situation without forgetting the local angle. A well-rounded, interesting series.

Second Place - Paintsville Herald, Andrea Collett

Writer writes about how gas prices affect local businesses, an angle not everyone would even think about. She also explains the reasons behind the rising costs and showcases how private companies are not the only ones suffering from high prices, local governments are hurting too. A well-written, clear story.

Third Place - News Democrat & Leader, Joanie Baker

A topic that is likely to interest a wide variety of readers, since almost everyone eats out sometimes. Lead is good, although the second and third paragraphs mainly repeat the first one. Story tells about a problem that almost all small agencies face, but also showcases how understaffing can negatively affect the public. Readers are likely to talk about this story.

Honorable Mention - Paintsville Herald, Loretta Tackett

Few reporters, especially in small papers, can or want to write about environmental issues. This story tells about less-known issues and explains why they exist and what they mean to the area.

Category 11 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - Appalachian News-Express, Dena Potter

Lots of field work here!

First Place - Paintsville Herald, Loretta Tackett

Made a big story out a small one. Timely!!

Second Place - Appalachian News-Express, Russ Cassady

Third Place - News Democrat & Leader, Chris Cooper

Category 12 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - Paintsville Herald, Andrea Collett

The writer writes about an issue that almost every town in America faces. Collett uses a multitude of sources from both sides and presents their case clearly. She has good quotes and the story's structure makes sense. This story shows that the writer was able to think analytically and willing to work hard to get an extensive story. Impressive!!

Second Place - Morehead News, Denver Brown

A good lead. The story is interesting, even those who don't know anything about cows or agriculture, in general are probably likely to read this. Colorful language, although some of the word choices maybe a little too colorful. Explains why tagging is important how Kentucky ranks in tagging against other states.

Third Place - Shelbyville Sentinel News, Nathan McBroom

Neat story with a good lead. Readers learn about a topic he/she might not even think about. Where does produce come from. Clear writing. The writer also gives several sources a chance to speak.

Honorable Mention - Appalachian News-Express, Dena Potter  
Unusual story that readers are likely to find interesting. Clear writing, good story structure.

Honorable Mention - Georgetown News Graphic, Chas Hartman

Good, short lead. Interesting angle. This phenomena can be seen in many towns across the country, but few reporters seem to write about it. Good quotes.

Category 13 - Best Headline

First Place - Appalachian News-Express, Dena Potter

The best by far! Hilarious, but it fits beautifully.

Second Place - Shelbyville Sentinel

News, Walt Reichert

Well done interviewing by them all the way through.

Third Place - Appalachian News-Express, Russ Cassady  
Another good one. Well done with common thread.

Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - Shelbyville Sentinel News, James Mulcahy

Great emotion, really tough situation to shoot. Great job.

Second Place - Princeton Times Leader, Jared Nelson

Good framing of woman being rescued.

Third Place - Shelbyville Sentinel News, Terri Miller

Like the different approach to spot news, liked seeing the whole scene. Would have liked to see more of the guy on the right.

Category 15 - Best General News Picture

First Place - Morehead News, Denver Brown

Clean, strong picture, free of distractions. Animated, graphically well done, great cropping.

Second Place - Appalachian News-Express, Dena Potter

Strong emotion needs distracting elements cropped, otherwise clean image.

Third Place - London Sentinel Echo, Carl Keith Greene

Good capture of sweet moment.

Honorable Mention - London Sentinel Echo, Carol Mills

Nice image, would have placed second of cropped tight from left, deemphasizing distracting subjective form hurts graphic quality.

Category 16 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - London Sentinel Echo, Carol Mills

Good look, different angle, nice light.

Second Place - Shelbyville Sentinel News, James Mulcahy

Great expression, clean.

Third Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Erica Osborne

Nice framing and moment during a parade.  
Honorable Mention - Shelbyville Sentinel News, Terri Miller

Nice environmental portrait.

Category 17 - Best Picture Essay

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# Insurance costs force doctor to stop delivering babies

**Obstetricians leaving practice is national trend.**

REBECCA DIAL  
Staff Writer

Jennifer Schuhmann is five months pregnant. Just before Christmas, she learned that her doctor was going to stop delivering babies on Jan. 16 because of the high cost of malpractice insurance.

Friday was Dr. Monica Stone's last day as an obstetrician. The Campbellsville physician will continue to practice gynecology.

"Really, I felt bad for her," Schuhmann said. "I didn't have any hard feelings or

anger ... you've got to do what you've got to do."

Schuhmann said she was lucky because it was still early enough in her pregnancy that it wasn't a problem finding another doctor to provide her with prenatal care and deliver her baby. Schuhmann and her husband Jeffrey are expecting their first child on May 10.

"It is kind of disappointing ... you find your doctor and you're comfortable with them and then you have to find another."

"I'll still go to her after this [for gynecological care]."

A national trend hit home with Stone's decision to leave obstetrics. In 2000, Kentucky had 663 ob/gyn physicians, according to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.



STONE

Last year, that number had dropped to 630.

Stone declined to discuss her decision with a reporter. Her office manager, Marie Martin, and Taylor Regional Hospital CEO Jane Wheatley confirmed that Stone would no longer be delivering babies because of the high cost of malpractice insurance.

Wheatley said she couldn't say more because of a contract between the hospital and Stone.

A new ob/gyn, Dr. Steve VanMeter, begins practice at Taylor Regional Hospital today. With Stone's decision to leave obstetrics, VanMeter and Dr. Donald Shackelford will be the only physicians in Taylor County who deliver babies. Shackelford also employs two midwives who can deliver



babies. The News-Journal was unable to reach Shackelford for comment.

### Why So High?

In 2000, the average cost of malpractice insurance for

physicians was \$7,843.75 a year, according to the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, which describes itself a nationally-recognized, California-based, non-profit education and

advocacy organization. Obstetricians pay a much higher cost for their malpractice insurance.

Nationally, ob/gyns paid an average of \$56,546 in 2002, according to a survey in Medical Liability Monitor, an independent newsletter in Chicago. A March 2003 article in USA Today reported that an ob/gyn might pay more than \$200,000 a year for malpractice insurance in Miami.

However, a March 2002 government report by MedPAC, a congressional advisory commission, stated that doctors were expected to spend 3.2 percent of their revenue that year on malpractice insurance. That compared with 12.4 percent for staff salaries, 11.6 percent for office expenses and 1.9 percent for medical equipment.

OBSTETRICS/BACK PAGE



Center Levee of the Cumberland River in Nashville, Tenn., is the site of the 2004 Little League World Series. The photo shows the boy swinging the bat at the home of the Little League World Series. The boy is Mike Scogin, of the Georgetown News Graphic, who won the Best Sports Picture Essay award. The photo was taken on Aug. 10, 2004.

## TAKE ME OUT TO LITTLE LEAGUE



ABOVE — A batter for the Memphis Redbirds looks on during a game against the St. Louis Cardinals. The photo was taken by Stacey S. Manning, of the Kentucky Standard, who took home first place for this Best Sports Picture Essay. "Nice variety and strong photos throughout. This was the only entry that worked as a photo essay," the judge commented.



PHOTO LEFT — Courtney Shackelford, of the Taylor Regional Hospital, is the only physician in Taylor County who delivers babies. The photo was taken by Rebecca Dial, of the News-Journal, who won the Best Sports Picture Essay award. The photo was taken on Aug. 10, 2004.

# Governing bodies cannot support specific faiths

Now that the emotion of the original charges have eased somewhat, perhaps it is time for the Stamping Ground City Commission and Mayor Jared Holton to honestly look at its practice of opening its meetings with a Christian prayer. It is good to be firm in faith, and in today's world, we all recognize there are greater forces at work. So, it is comforting to have leadership that recognizes faith as a cornerstone of its function.

But government is meant to be inclusive. When our forefathers began building this nation, the preeminent motivation was fairness to all people regardless of race, creed, income, gender or religious origin.

By singling out a specific religion, even one as predominant as the Christian faith, as part of the agenda at a city commission meeting, it is sending a message that other faiths are not as important. Certainly we do not believe this was ever the Stamping Ground City Commission's intention, but nonetheless, the impression is that there is a government endorsement.

As community leaders, each commission member must con-

stantly remember they serve all citizens.

The City of Georgetown and the City of Sadieville open their meetings with a moment of silence. This allows each and every individual to seek guidance in the places he or she believes are appropriate without offending others. Other government bodies hold prayers that are not specific to one religion.

The challenge before you now is to do the right thing, even if it is painful, unpopular or difficult. This cannot be about proving wrong the individual who challenged the practice of Christian prayer in your meetings.

This is about doing the right thing, the noble thing, yes, one might even say the "Christian" thing. The Stamping Ground City Commission has a unique and special opportunity to send a message that while its leaders remain steadfast in their Christian faith, they also recognize that God speaks in many languages and leads in many ways.

Besides, if the prayer is sincere, it will be heard whether it is shouted from the highest mountaintop or spoken silently within one's heart.

Top: The Central Kentucky News Journal's Rebecca Dial won with this entry in the Best Enterprise or Analytical Story category in the Multi-Weekly division. Left: Stacey S. Manning, of the Kentucky Standard, took home first place for this Best Sports Picture Essay. "Nice variety and strong photos throughout. This was the only entry that worked as a photo essay," the judge commented. Above: Mike Scogin, of the Georgetown News Graphic, won in the Best Editorial category for this entry. The judge called it "strong," and that Scogin does a good job "making a point without beating his audience over the head with it."



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(Spot, General or Feature)

First Place - Shelbyville Sentinel News, Terri Miller  
Second Place - Shelbyville Sentinel News, Terri Miller  
Third Place - Kentucky Standard, Holly Cecil

Category 18 - Best Sports Picture  
First Place - Princeton Times Leader, Todd Griffin  
Great peak action; could have been stronger with a crop on the left side. A hard to get shot. Liked the helmet coming off.  
Second Place - Morehead News, Denver Brown  
Great moment expression. Nice elements in one frame.  
Third Place - Georgetown News Graphic, Josh Underwood  
Also a great moment, would have cropped extra on the bottom. Great to see nice glass used on kids sports.

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay  
First Place - Kentucky Standard, Stacey S. Manning  
Nice variety and strong photos throughout. This was the only entry that worked as a photo essay. Lede photo could have been cropped tighter.

Category 20 - Special Sections  
First Place - Princeton Times Leader, Todd Griffin  
An overall great package. Nicely designed with a good mix of editorial and statistics, as well as photography. Easy to both read and look at.  
Second Place - Kentucky Standard, Staff  
Snapshots of a community is a very comprehensive look at just about every facet of life in Bardstown and Nelson County. Tremendous cover design! Like the fact that design makes it an easy-to-use product for readers.  
Third Place - Shelbyville Sentinel News, Staff  
Well-done section on everything from baby-sitters to the challenges faced by local Hispanic children. Loved the cover photo. I thought it really sold the section.  
Honorable Mention - Georgetown News Graphic, Kevin Hall, Emily Hendren  
Only thing keeping this from placing higher is a lack of editorial coverage. State fairs are packed with

feature stories. Would have been a good complement to the great photography.

Category 21 - Best Graphic  
First Place - Kentucky Standard, Scottie Watson  
I love this graphic. Well conceived and designed. Really does a nice job of grabbing readers' attention and holding it. Perfect cover for this publication.  
Second Place - London Sentinel Echo, Carl Keith Greene  
Nicely concept. Having the cicadas spread over the entire front page makes a nice play on the story about the expected boom in the insects' population.  
Third Place - Kentucky Standard, Stacey S. Manning

Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section  
First Place - Appalachian News-Express, Tom Kopacz  
Very good on many levels. Interesting locally significant editorial coverage, clean layout, nice use of color, and dramatic photography combine to make this a clean winner in this category.  
Second Place - Appalachian News-Express, Tom Kopacz  
No one else close to competing with The News-Express in this category. Really like the design of these pages, which work equally well in color or black and white. Like the fact that color is not overused. Clean typography and use of space also.  
Third Place - Morehead News, Denver Brown  
Very good encapsulation of local spots. Design is a little overdone (seven different highlight colors between the three pages) tends to overwhelm rather than draw attention.  
Honorable Mention - Floyd County Times, Steve LeMaster, Heath Wiley

Category 23 - Best Business/Agribusiness Page  
First Place - Kentucky Standard, Staff  
Reader-friendly layout, good use of photos and strong mix.  
Second Place - Shelbyville Sentinel News, Staff  
Good use of photo illustrations and photos, good mix of stories.  
Third Place - Appalachian News-Express, Dena Potter

Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page

First Place - Kentucky Standard, Stacey S. Manning  
Eye-catching layouts. Designer isn't afraid to try something bold.  
Second Place - Kentucky Standard, Carrie Pride  
Little League story had a magazine feel. Liked tiger paws interspersed among cheerleaders photos.  
Third Place - Kentucky Standard, Holly Cecil  
Designer makes nice use of photos and typography. The monk photos were very nice.  
Honorable Mention - Appalachian News-Express, Dena Potter, Nancy Goss  
Good work with pumpkin carving page. Interesting garden photos.  
Honorable Mention - London Sentinel Echo, Dale Morton, Carol Mills, Sue Minton

Category 25 - Best Editorial Page  
First Place - Appalachian News-Express, Dena Potter  
Solid writing, solid layout, good use of color. Lots of good political stuff. Much for readers to chew on here.  
Second Place - Appalachian News-Express, Dena Potter  
Nice use of color especially with editorial cartoons. Also liked the way designer presents pro/con issues. Makes it easy for reader to navigate. Nice writing by Bruce Hopkins.  
Third Place - Kentucky Standard, Staff  
Uniform layout, everything clearly indicated, easy to navigate. Excellent writing by columnists Stacey Manning and Lisa Tolliver.

Category 26 - Best Front Page  
First Place - Shelbyville Sentinel News, James Mulcahy  
This paper benefits from good photography (hard to find in weeklies), a clan design with consistent headline fonts and white space, also conservative use of promos and teasers. Good coverage and play of big stories. Not crazy about design and play of bitter polls feature, but good effort.  
Second Place - Central Kentucky News Journal, Rebecca Dial  
This paper has good mix of news and features. Good photography and headline writing. Good "Breaking the Cycle" package. Not crazy about spot color, but worked ok with junior miss, not so well with other three entries from this paper. Nameplate could be bigger. Index at the bottom works, but font in

reverse above it is a bit clunky. Excellent effort overall, though. Can tell you are pushing the envelop.  
Third Place - Kentucky Standard, Stacey S. Manning  
Good photography, clean layout, not too busy. Headline fonts are appealing, but seem a little random. Try to have a lead headline on every page. White space gives an inviting feel, but sometimes spacing is a bit side. Good color and reproduction, good story selection.

## DAILY CLASS 1

Category 1 - Best Editorial  
First Place - Maysville Ledger Independent, Betty Coutant  
In a category with a wealth of wordy editorials, this one hit hard and fast. It brought the facts to life without retelling the whole story. Made me want to write to the parole board.  
Second Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Ronnie Ellis  
Asked the tough questions in a sticky controversy. Could have hit them harder, but stuck to the facts. Your readers benefited by being shown the city's failings in a clear fashion.  
Third Place - Harlan Daily Enterprise, John Henson  
Clear, concise summation of the situation. Took a tough stand on cutting corners while standing by home-grown talent.  
Honorable Mention - Maysville Ledger Independent, Mary Ann Kearns  
Good historical context and argument against First Amendment violation.  
Honorable Mention - Middlesboro Daily News, Jay Compton  
Urged awareness and involvement in a key problem facing us all. Well done piece with good mix of background and argument.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage  
First Place - Commonwealth Journal, Jeff Neal  
Lede had wonderful details and set up the story well. Those details put you right at the scene of despicable crime. I enjoyed the information about the church's history which

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William Townsend, right, and his son George collect aluminum cans to earn extra money to support their family. Recently, they cashed in cans they had gathered over three days, for which they received \$18. The Townsends, who until recently lived on Lincoln Street, are among the people this series, *The Invisible Poor*, will profile.

## Clark County's prosperity camouflages area's poverty

By TIM WELDON

Sun Staff Writer

Remember the Magic Eye? The stereogram, which was immensely popular during the '80s, were featured on posters and in books and newspapers. A hidden three-dimensional image was obscured by a colorful two-dimensional picture and could be detected only when the viewer stared carefully and intently at the image, usually for a lengthy period of time.

After awhile, the hidden image would begin to come into focus. However, with only a casual glance, it was almost always invisible.

Poverty in Clark County is very much like that — a largely invisible problem to most people, camouflaged by the area's relative prosperity.

After all, poverty in Clark County isn't nearly as severe or

prevalent as numerous places in Kentucky — counties like Wolfe, Magoffin and Clay, where more than one-third of the population lives in poverty, and Craven County, which has the state's highest poverty rate at more than 46 percent, according to 2000 U.S. Census data.

The federal government defines poverty according to a set of income thresholds that vary by family size. This year, a family of four earning less than \$18,810 is considered to be living in poverty.

Clark County annually ranks as one of the more prosperous places to live in Kentucky. In fact, according to federal census data, Clark County boasts one of the highest per capita incomes and lowest poverty rates in the state.

While statewide, 15.8 percent of the population lives in poverty, Clark County's rate is a relatively modest 10.6 percent. Of 120 counties in Kentucky, only 14 had rates lower than Clark.

Another leading barometer of poverty, per capita income, paints a similarly positive image. Clark County ranked 19th, with a per capita income of \$19,120, more than \$1,000 higher than the state average, according to 2000 census data.

That's why poverty could be called Clark County's invisible problem. It is the Magic



Photo photo by James Mear

George Townsend helps to push his father's scooter up a hill on Pundleton Street near the recycling center. William Townsend, as, seated in the scooter, is an unemployed truck driver who lost his commercial driver's license after suffering a heart attack while on the road in North Carolina. Now Townsend, who has had four heart attacks and has diabetes, collects aluminum cans to supplement the only other income source he and his family has, Social Security.

This is part one of a series of reports examining poverty in Clark County. The remaining segments will run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through September. The remaining segments include:  
 Sept. 15 — Housing and Homelessness  
 Sept. 17 — The Unemployed  
 Sept. 20 — Hunger  
 Sept. 22 — Poverty and Children  
 Sept. 24 — Poverty and the Elderly  
 Sept. 27 — Breaking out of Poverty  
 Sept. 29 — Dying Poor  
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Left: Tim Weldon, of the Winchester Sun, took home first place in the Best Investigative Story or Series category in Daily Class 1 with this entry. The judge called it "incredible," "powerful," and a "colossal piece of work." Top, right: The judge called John Wright, of the Murray Ledger & Times, "Johnny-on-the-spot" and awarded him first place in the Best Spot News Category. Bottom, right: Lowell Mendyk picked up the first place prize in the Best General News Picture category with this photo. The judge commented that Mendyk captured a "great moment."



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helped convey a real sense of loss. Congratulations!!  
Second Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Stacy Neitzel  
Good solid reporting here. I liked the way the reporter emphasized the safety aspect of this story. Good background on the officer who was wounded. Well-written story!  
Third Place - Winchester Sun, Jamie Vinson-Sturgill  
Yeah, it's a gimmie lede. But hey, it's not every day you get to write about a duck surviving a fire. Loved the reporter's use of quotes and glad to know the story had a happy ending for one lucky duck. Photo were great too, they made the package.  
Honorable Mention - Frankfort State Journal, Beth Crace, Susan Riddell  
Solid reporting. Good background information, obviously well researched story.  
Honorable Mention - Madisonville Messenger, Lori Harrison  
Reporter got out of the way and let the jailer tell the story. Nice job, good quotes.

Category 3 - Best General News Story  
First Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Stacy Neitzel  
This entry was far and away the number one story, an obvious choice! Excellent lede, awesome details. A fascinating read, even with the somewhat gritty subject matter. The sidebar on Bass was just as strong as the main story. Just a fabulous effort on a topic that seems quite popular now with all the forensic shows on TV. Terrific work, terrific writing. Congratulations!  
Second Place - Maysville Ledger Independent, Danetta Barker  
Wow! Great lede! Just a very readable story with details that surely kept readers' attention, though it was a good decision to capture the flavor of quotes as they were, not corrections for grammar. Made the story more real. Riveting reading, excellent details.  
Third Place - Commonwealth Journal, Jeff Neal  
Obviously a huge story. Reporter did a fine job portraying cast of characters. Wonderful quotes, details, solid courtroom reporting. Demonstrated in lede how fear was a major part of testimony, then carried it through story. Excellent work!  
Honorable Mention - Madisonville

Messenger, Lori Harrison  
Nice details in this story, especially the chicken behind the freezer. You feel as if you are in the middle of church's village of Bethlehem. Very good work and use of quotes!  
Honorable Mention - Richmond Register, Bryan Marshall  
Nice details on student Rusty Day. Solid reporting on the GED program and graduation ceremony. Good balance between statistics and quotes keeps the story moving.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story  
First Place - Frankfort State Journal, Mary Branham  
Of all the feature entries this story on Glassworks was "clearly" the best. Writer does a great job of explaining process of glassblowing while capturing personalities of folks she interviewed through some great quotes. I loved the ending quote: Talk about the spirit of Christmas, you spirit is in this story. These people all obviously enthusiastic about glassblowing. Congratulations!!  
Second Place - Corbin Times Tribune, Fred Petke  
Fine, fine writing here. Such a heart-breaker that the drive-in's last show was "Bad Santa." I can't imagine a worse fate. Great detail in a great, image-filled story of folks she interview through some great quotes.  
Third Place - Corbin Times Tribune, Jennifer Hinkle  
Goes to show that true love always makes for good reading. Reporter spent enough time with the couple to report about both their past life together and their new life at the nursing home. She did a fine job of expressing the fact that the most important thing for the couple is being together. Very nice job.  
Honorable Mention - Frankfort State Journal, Gayle Coulter  
Just when you think you've read it all, we have a couple remarrying in a convenience story. Reporter did a great job of capturing the major moment when the nuptials were exchanged, nobody came in to buy a Bud.  
Honorable Mention - Glasgow Daily Times, Ronnie Ellis  
This short story about the regulars at a local restaurant was a hoot. What a great slice of life story. Captures all the fun and good-natured insults.

Category 5 - Best Column  
First Place - Commonwealth Journal,

Jeff Neal  
Jeff Neal writes with authority and clarity on a variety of issues. Mike Tyson, the police department, radio station format changes, his columns have a flow and rhythm that belie the careful crafting that went into them. He makes it look so easy and effortless, yet gives the reader great information and details. Congratulations!!  
Second Place - Commonwealth Journal, Tricia Neal  
Life as a mom is interpreted wonderfully well in Tricia Neal's capable hands. She writes about things we moms think about: class treats, offensive radio lyrics, and are we really that old? Just delightful reading.  
Third Place - Madisonville Messenger, Tom Clinton  
I am sure readers enjoy Clinton's columns on stubbornness, impending grandparenthood and dogs. Lots of details folks can relate to. Very nice and very enjoyable reading.  
Honorable Mention - Corbin Times Tribune, Bill Hanson  
Writer does a good job of injecting his personality into common issues (death in the family, effects of smoking), and does it in a way to which the reader can relate.  
Honorable Mention - Murray Ledger & Times, Constance Alexander  
Good variety. Reporter is obviously knowledgeable of and speaks intelligently about current events. The night she spends with her terminally ill friend is heartbreakingly wonderful column.

Category 6 - Best Sports Column  
First Place - Maysville Ledger Independent, Matt Mulcahey  
Good mix of humorous and serious, at times run together. Good, tight writing makes these columns stand out.  
Second Place - Harlan Daily Enterprise, Jarrod Sherman  
Good sense of humor and creativity.  
Third Place - Richmond Register, Nathan Hutchinson  
Tight word choice makes this entry solid. Stream of consciousness style is engaging.

Category 7 - Best Sports Story  
First Place - Frankfort State Journal, Susan Riddell  
Good detail in story. Did well explaining confrontations. The reporter made you want to keep reading to find out what happened

during the game.  
Second Place - Glasgow Daily Times, James Brown  
I really liked the portion where he's describing the game being decided by a foot in the coach's quotes on that.  
Third Place - Madisonville Messenger, Adam Pruiett  
Very good flow. Just a nice, overall read.  
Honorable Mention - Corbin Times Tribune, Joe Marchilena  
Great description throughout.  
Honorable Mention - Madisonville Messenger, Don Perryman  
Great lead on this story.

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story  
First Place - Winchester Sun, Keith Taylor  
A lu-lu of a feature. Brilliant. What else can I say?  
Second Place - Madisonville Messenger, Don Perryman  
An inspiring feature of a poignant athlete. Excellent.  
Third Place - Frankfort State Journal, Cameron Thibes  
A remarkable and unique feature which was written by a writer with a great command for the English language.  
Third Place - Madisonville Messenger, Don Perryman  
I lived this nostalgic story. You are very talented.  
Honorable Mention - Winchester Sun, Keith Taylor  
Accolades again, this was a great story!

Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story  
First Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Stacy Neitzel  
Great story. Powerful emotions. Excellent use of research and interviews to examine a tragic event still unresolved.  
Second Place - Frankfort State Journal, Mary Branham  
Very thorough look at a unique topic. Well researched, good use of fact box on rail to explain specifics. Excellent sidebar.  
Third Place - Frankfort State Journal, Charles Pearl  
This could have won if it was not a single-source story. Awesome story telling lead and good use of narrative throughout. Should have interviewed some of the many people

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mentioned in story to add depth.  
 Honorable Mention - Madisonville Messenger, Don Perryman  
 Well done, but a bit repetitive early on. Good use of data and statistics. Very original and thorough. Unique for sports page.

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Winchester Sun, Tim Weldon  
 Incredible! A powerful, well-packaged look at this issue. A colossal piece of work. A great read all the way through. I could go on ...  
 Second Place - Madisonville Messenger, Lori Harrison

A very good series of stories examining Special Ed in your area, as well as related to national trends. A solid effort, well thought out and presented.

Third Place - Frankfort State Journal, Gayle Coulter, Cameron Thibes  
 Intriguing. Very well researched and a good read. Should have been multiple parts.

Honorable Mention - Hardin County Independent, Adrienne Steinfeldt  
 In a crowded field, this piece stood out. Well documented and moving.

Category 11 - Best On-

Going / Extended Coverage Story  
 First Place - Frankfort State Journal, Charles Pearl, Gayle Coulter  
 Very thorough coverage of an important local issue.

Second Place - Frankfort State Journal, Gayle Coulter  
 Dogged reporting on an amusing turn of events for a local politician.  
 Third Place - Winchester Sun, Tim Weldon

Did a good job presenting facts, but could have done more to show the potential impact on average citizens.  
 Honorable Mention - Corbin Times Tribune, J. Andrews, Jennifer Hinkle

Category 12 - Best

Business / Agribusiness Story  
 First Place - Frankfort State Journal, Gayle Coulter

A lawsuit story that probably won't get the paper sued. Also, it's a legitimate business story that talks to most sides. In this group, that's good enough.

Second Place - Harlan Daily Enterprise, Adrienne Steinfeldt  
 Interesting little story. Held my attention.

Third Place - Frankfort State Journal, Mary Branham  
 Good lead. Nice choice of verbs near top. Decent background.

Category 13 - Best Headline

First Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Layne Bruce  
 Clever plays on words. Not sure why "Arnold" was on front of Kentucky daily, but witty use of catch-phrase.  
 Second Place - Frankfort State Journal, Susan Riddell  
 Simple heads, but clever.  
 Third Place - Madisonville Messenger, Tom Clinton  
 Nice vocabulary.

Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - Murray Ledger & Times, John Wright  
 Johnny-on-the-spot.  
 Second Place - Frankfort State Journal, Amy Wallot  
 Nice moment, could be cropped tighter on left.  
 Third Place - Glasgow Daily Times, David Scott

Category 15 - Best General News Picture

First Place - Madisonville Messenger, Lowell Mendyk  
 Great moment! Love the foreground and face on the hugging grad. Nice tech with slow shutter. Should have run solo larger!  
 Second Place - Richmond Register, Nancy Taggart  
 Strong emotions and willingness to wait, watch and nail the pix.  
 Third Place - Maysville Ledger Independent, Bob Warner  
 "The moment," under difficult shoot.

Category 16 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - Frankfort State Journal, Amy Wallot  
 Nice light, sweet moment.  
 Second Place - Madisonville Messenger, Jim Pearson  
 Nice light and very clean. Great color.  
 Third Place - Winchester Sun, James Mann  
 Funny moment, way to get your feet wet.  
 Honorable Mention - Frankfort State Journal, Suzanne Feliciano  
 Pretty light.

Category 17 - Best Picture Essay

(Spot, General or Feature)  
 First Place - Frankfort State Journal,

Suzanne Feliciano  
 Each picture has a moment and is telling. The photographer clearly connected with the story. Very well done.

Second Place - Corbin Times Tribune, Nikki Fox  
 Excellent job of telling a story through pictures. Photographer captures the spectrum of activities. Excellent cropping.  
 Third Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Gina Kinslow  
 Very simple tale of a simpler time.  
 Honorable Mention - Glasgow Daily Times, James Brown  
 Beautiful pictures. Needed more substance.

Category 18 - Best Sports Picture

First Place - Corbin Times Tribune, Nikki Fox  
 Solid high school football frame, excellent timing.  
 Second Place - Frankfort State Journal, Amy Wallot  
 Excellent use of high angle to clean up background.  
 Third Place - Maysville Ledger Independent, Bob Warner  
 Good moment.

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place - Murray Ledger & Times, Michael Dann  
 Good range of action and emotion. Needs a much tighter edit and to play the lower right photo as the dominant art.  
 Second Place - Corbin Times Tribune, Nikki Fox  
 Strong but repetitive photos, needs a tighter edit. Kudos for the size of the dominant photo. Would like to see more "behind-the-scenes" moments.  
 Third Place - Glasgow Daily Times, James Brown  
 Nice variety of images. Would like to see tight images of individual players.

Category 20 - Special Sections

First Place - Madisonville Messenger, Staff  
 I loved this section. There's no better way to learn about a community than through the people who live there, and the staff of the Messenger have given readers a great look at Madisonville with their "Storytellers" special section. Nice design, editorial content and photography. A great publication all the way around.  
 Second Place - Murray Ledger &

Times, Staff

A nice look at Murray through interesting editorial engaging photos and clean design. A nicely handled project.

Third Place - Corbin Times Tribune, Staff

A good idea handled with great execution. I liked the idea of spotlighting the students and loved the way it was handled. Result is a very clean, accessible special section.

Category 21 - Best Graphic

First Place - Madisonville Messenger, LaMar Bryan  
 Great use of mixed media to create a stand out graphic. The map is by far the best in this class. The fact box, photos and images take it to the next level

Second Place - Maysville Ledger Independent, Ian Lawson, Jeremy German, Matt Mulcahey  
 Very creative. Not flashy, but informative. A good way to illustrate statistics without burying them in the story.

Third Place - Richmond Register, Nancy Taggart, Lance Easter  
 Very good quality. Well polished. The photos blend well. I wouldn't want to play these guys.

Honorable Mention - Commonwealth Journal, Steve Cornelius

The illustration is a good use of photo blended with text to illustrate a witty headline. Good creativity.

Category 22 - Best Sports Page / Section

First Place - Corbin Times Tribune, Mike Moore  
 Good modular layout with crisp, colorful pictures, well placed with an emphasis on local and staff writer articles. Various sports advertisers, but again emphasis is on covering local sports well. Layout, photos, writing and color all good. Watch largeness or headlines and running quotes from different speakers together.

Second Place - Richmond Register, Lance Easter, Nathan Hutchinson, Kelly Snow

Clean layout with heavy emphasis on graphics. Like the creativity and color of graphic. Writing is straightforward and flows well. Not fond of headlines that are all caps or headlines with one word on one line.

"Cubs Rally Past Reds" for example.

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Third Place - Winchester Sun, Keith Taylor  
Good banner. Informative and colorful. Nice soccer shot well placed. Good mix of local, college and pro sports coverage. Writing's clear and adequate. While I like the layout, all the entries are similar, would like to see more creativity.

Category 23 - Best Business / Agribusiness Page  
First Place - Richmond Register, Nancy Taggart  
Overall, the best in its class. Good use of photos, but a bit formulaic. Vary the template from time to time. Good mix of stories highlighting local business and trends.  
Second Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Joel Wilson, Gina Kinslow  
Great local coverage. Especially liked "The Biz" theme. Good job highlighting local business activity and milestones.  
Third Place - Corbin Times Tribune, Kellee Edwards  
Good volume of business reports. Given that this appears to be a Thursday feature, I think more effort could be made in deeper stories.

Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page  
First Place - Madisonville Messenger, Tom Clinton  
Nice use of photos, color and layout. Good variety in section. All three entries have very interesting stories, on front with nice layout.  
Second Place - Richmond Register, Erin Parsons, Nancy Taggart  
Good photos and layout on front page stories. All very eye-catching and interesting. Nice flow and personal interest give it a good local feel.  
Third Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Gina Kinslow, Cassie Pickett  
Good interest stories and photos on front pages. Good personal interest variety inside. Great photos, but layout could've been a little more creative.

Category 25 - Best Editorial Page  
First Place - Commonwealth Journal, Ken Schmidheiser  
All the content is locally generated and oriented. Clean appearance. Leading of text could be tighter to allow for white space between text blocks.  
Second Place - Glasgow Daily Times, Layne Bruce

Locally oriented content. Not very news oriented, but the columns are well written. Layout is clean.  
Third Place - Harlan Daily Enterprise, Staff  
Nice layout. Lots of content. Like the fact that non-local editorials still come from regional papers, most in Kentucky.

Category 26 - Best Front Page  
First Place - Commonwealth Journal, Jeff Neal  
The HazRat front page is best, by far in category. Great use of photography, color and headlines on all entries.  
Second Place - Corbin Times Tribune, Staff  
Nice layout, good photos and use of color on all entries. Easy to follow and interesting timely articles.  
Third Place - Winchester Sun, David Stone  
Great use of photos and layout. Easy to read format. Readers can easily get a good sense of flow and newsworthiness on page.

## DAILY CLASS 2

Category 1 - Best Editorial  
First Place - Henderson Gleaner, Chuck Stinnett  
Editorials don't have to be critical, and Stinnett takes the time to highlight a school that turned itself from worse to first.  
Second Place - Danville Advocate Messenger, John T. Davis  
In an editorial that shows how city government shouldn't work, Davis shows the reader, with the right amount of outrage, how elected officials have fallen down on their job.  
Third Place - The Independent, John Cannon  
In this editorial, Cannon throws down the gauntlet to Kentucky General Assembly, questioning their leadership.  
Honorable Mention - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Steve Arel  
In this editorial about a police officer charged with possessing child pornography, Arel challenges a judge's ruling that makes no sense. He puts the public interest in the forefront, even if there are no answers.  
Honorable Mention - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Warren Wheat  
Politicians going to national conven-

tions may not seem like a big deal, but Wheat shows readers how government stoppages effect them at home.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage  
First Place - Henderson Gleaner, Beth Smith  
Well written with tight, simple sentences and plenty of detail.  
Second Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Brian Walker  
Good overall, but it's questionable to say in the lead that the wreck "was the result" of traffic from an earlier accident.  
Third Place - Danville Advocate Messenger, Emily Burton  
This story would have placed higher if the lead had focused on what happened, rather than on autopsy being scheduled.

Category 3 - Best General News Story  
First Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Jacob Bennett  
Topnotch from start to finish. Great writing, description. Terrific storytelling.  
Second Place - Danville Advocate Messenger, Herb Brock  
Creative news coverage of first-day of school.  
Third Place - Danville Advocate Messenger, Liz Maples  
Clever, captivating advance story.  
Third Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Erica Walsh  
Good blend of background info, quotes. Balanced coverage is good.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story  
First Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Sarah Baker  
Nice story about former students trying to save their endangered schoolhouse.  
Second Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Jerianne Strange  
A fun story about odd Kentucky laws.  
Third Place - Kentucky New Era, Stephanie Craft  
Very fine job of telling the story.  
Honorable Mention - Henderson Gleaner, Beth Smith  
Honorable Mention - Henderson Gleaner, Donna Stinnett  
Great attention getting approach to this story.

Category 5 - Best Column  
First Place - The Independent, Kenneth Hart

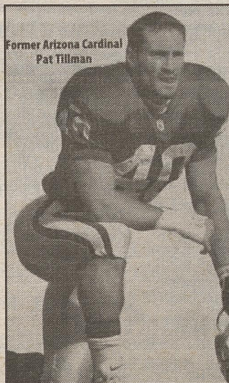
Charming sarcasm and a knack for humor makes Hart's columns entertaining and allows the reader to laugh at him or her self.  
Second Place - The Independent, John Cannon  
Cannon's keen eye on pop culture and his hometown values give him a unique voice. His columns are punchy and exciting.  
Third Place - Danville Advocate Messenger, Herb Brock  
Brock's columns celebrate regular people, isn't that what newspapers should do. His snap shots in the lives of locals provide interesting reading.  
Honorable Mention - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Warren Wheat  
Wheat adds common sense to issues of race and politics. His straightforward style makes his columns informative.

Category 6 - Best Sports Column  
First Place - Kentucky New Era, George Wilson  
Wilson mixes sports, opinion and world issues brilliantly. He pulls no punches and doesn't drown the reader in his opinion.  
Second Place - Henderson Gleaner, Kevin Patton  
Humor inside knowledge and a keen sports eye makes Patton's columns an entertaining read.  
Third Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Norm Haney  
There's a side of sports that you don't often see, people who don't seek the headlines, but Haney does a masterful job of telling those stories.

Category 7 - Best Sports Story  
First Place - The Independent, Mark Maynard  
Good lead. Nice way to localize a big national story. Good use of quotes and good transition paragraphs. Tight, clear, straightforward writing.  
Second Place - Bowling Green Daily News, O.J. Stapleton  
The lead was a bit cumbersome, but once you got into the article, the play-by-play portion was especially well written and something often lacking from golf stories. Paragraphs were short and crisp.  
Third Place - The Independent, Rocky Stanley  
A lot of action words in an active voice made this enjoyable to read. Did a good job with quotes, espe-

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Former Arizona Cardinal Pat Tillman

## Mannings forgot about meaning of sacrifice

Thank goodness Eli Manning was drafted. Thank goodness the San Diego Chargers picked him No. 1 then traded him to the New York Giants for Phillip Rivers. Thank goodness it all worked out for the former Ole Miss standout, younger brother of Indianapolis Colts QB Peyton and youngest child of ex-New Orleans Saints great Archie. Thank goodness it was all smiles, hugs and kisses for the Manning family Saturday as the NFL draft got under way.

Because sometimes life dictates what we do, instead of us dictating our life.

In the utopian world, Manning's actions would be tossed aside and treated like an everyday occur-

rence. In this strange, violent and confusing world his actions rested in a peculiar juxtaposition to the only football athlete that really mattered over the weekend.

Former Arizona Cardinal star Patrick Tillman was killed in action in eastern Afghanistan last week in an ambush attack. The Cardinals safety gave up the elite luxury of an NFL lifestyle in 2001, after the terrorist attacks in New York City to join the armed forces' elite Army Rangers.

While Archie Manning dug in his heels against the notion that his son shouldn't have to play for an organization like the Chargers, Tillman

dug in the brick-hard soil of Afghanistan looking for protection against an enemy far more dangerous than any wearing a different color jersey.

While Eli was prepared to sit out the entire 2004 football season to prove his point, Tillman was preparing for life and sadly, death.

Sometimes the cards are dealt and you play your hand. Sometimes you sift through what seems hopeless and find something much more meaningful.

Tillman's act wasn't that heroic in the context of his own band of brothers. Leaving the Cardinals to join the fight against terror didn't



GEORGE ROBINSON



Manning

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# Perfect Seat

## Ashland umpire has bird's-eye view of gem

By MARK MAYNARD  
The Independent

Nobody had a better view of Randy Johnson's masterpiece-perfect game than

Greg Gibson.

Gibson was the umpire behind the plate as Johnson mowed down 27 consecutive batters in Arizona's 2-0 victory over Atlanta in Turner Field.

It was the first perfect game since 1956 and only the 17th in major league history.

"The best way to describe it is that it was perfect," Gibson said. "I looked out at my (umpiring) partners, (Gerry) Davis and (Lance) Pincus, about the eighth inning and they kind of gave me a look that something special might happen here. The last perfect game in the National League was thrown by Dennis Martinez and Ponciano worked that game."

Gibson, who has the lineup card as a keepaside from the historic game, said the game's tension could be felt from the field, to the dugout, to the stands.

"In the Diamondback dugout, nobody moved and nobody talked," said the



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Everybody knew the baseball gods were going to speak. It was a lot of fun, I'll be honest.

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Greg Gibson who umpired behind the plate Tuesday during Randy Johnson's perfect game.

sixth-year umpire from Ashland.

From the sixth inning on, Arizona manager Bob Brenly stayed in the same spot — sitting on a bat rack, tapping Matt Kata's bat with his knuckles.

"Everybody knew the baseball gods were going to speak," Gibson said. "It was a lot of fun, I'll be honest. I was behind the plate when (Barry) Bonds hit (home run) No. 660. I'm getting quite a collection for my boys."

Johnson made Gibson's night memorable and fairly easy. The 40-year-old left-hander went to only three balls on one batter — Johnny Estrada in the second inning. Estrada fouled off three straight 3-2 pitches before going down swinging.

"I knew he had something going," Gibson said. "He was dominating."

Gibson said he realized Johnson still hadn't given up a hit about the fifth inning. At the time, he didn't think about

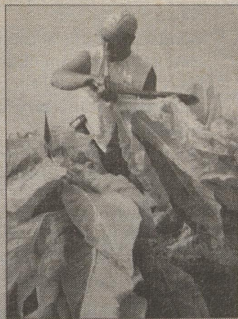
it being a perfect game, too.

As the game went on, the pressure of

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## Burley from the row to the rail



Garrett County's Betty Barker sits on her porch reading The Advocate Messenger with her dog, Gabi, at her side. Every now and then, Betty calls out, asking her son, Glenland, and others to bring her more of the tobacco crop. If they need anything to drink, she says that it's just what a mom would do. She tries to do her best to keep the spirits up at those helping with the crop, usually family and friends.

Meanwhile, after Glenland cuts his first row of two acres of tobacco, Tennessee 90 burley, a big grin appears on his face. He wipes back the sweat and begins to describe his love for farming and how he wouldn't leave it any other way. Glenland's first acre of tobacco is of his father, Paul Barker. Glenland recalls being in the tobacco fields helping his father cut and cure the plants. He was 8 at the time.

The rest of this year's tobacco crop will be cut, Burley and housed in the barn behind Betty's house.



Top: George Wilson, of the Kentucky New Era, was the first place winner in the Best Sports Column category in Daily Class 2. The judge said that Wilson "mixes sports, opinion and world issues brilliantly." Above: Mark Maynard, of The Independent in Ashland, was the winner of the Best Sports Story category with this entry. The judge commented that it was a nice way to localize a big national story. Right: Clay Jackson, of the Advocate Messenger in Danville, won first place with this entry in the Best Picture Essay (Spot, General or Feature) category. The judge said the lead image made the package "rise to the top."



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cially considering that the subject of the piece wouldn't talk to the media. Would have put the fact that it was Eplow's first loss a couple paragraphs earlier.

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - Kentucky New Era, Joe Wilson

An all-around nice job that tells a touching story yet with details that makes the subject come alive.

Wilson knows how to use quotes effectively to make the story dramatic. The writer has to have a good handle on the team, coaching staff, etc. to tackle this subject and he does so with class and skill. All of this for a game preliminary. Very well done!

Second Place - The Independent, Rocky Stanley

I like Stanley's writing skill and his focus. This is a story that takes you inside the life of an athlete struggling with decisions and life's little difficulties. Stanley doesn't write it for the sports junky, but for all readers. That's appealing! He writes with detail, good use of quotes; paints a picture for us. Very nice job!!

Third Place - Henderson Gleaner, Mitchell Stinson

A very fun read. Stinson's style is concise, to the point, not overloaded with quotes. He makes an over-50 softball event come alive and allows the participants to display their spirit. Good imagery throughout makes this a nice read. Very talented writer. Honorable Mention - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Jeff D'Alessio  
Right approach and a good subject, but I felt like I wanted to know more about Goodman. Very talented writer that just missed the cut. A tough decision to this one.

Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Brian Walker

An exhaustive look at how an issue is affecting local businesses and the community. Great job in giving user-friendly information to readers about what's legal, what's not and what should be done about it. With more than 40 entries, this category offered may good examples of reporting initiative. But the staff of the News Enterprise truly lived up to their paper's name by picking issues they decided were newswor-

thy and developing thorough, well-written reports that went beyond follow up reporting and attempted to offer solutions to the problems they covered or exposed.

Second Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Sarah Baker

Interesting, helpful look at topic many communities struggle with, keeping teens occupied. Offers insight into why communities have limited options for terms and importantly offers insight into what parents, leaders and teens can do.

Third Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Erica Walsh

The two-part series tackled the topic of child care with an unexpected angle. Typically we hear about the lack of quality care, here we heard about how well it's being provided and how profitable it is.

Honorable Mention - Bowling Green Daily News, Hayli Fellwock

Good job finding an off-the-path story. Good numbers and anecdotes. Records on weapon permits issued to women would have bolstered reporting. Was there anyone concerned about the trend, though?

Honorable Mention - Henderson Gleaner, Chuck Stinnett

Great little reader friendly story about sales tax issue that could save someone some money.

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Henderson Gleaner, Chuck Stinnett, Victoria Marty

Excellent package of stories, editorials and columns on the performance of Henderson County schools as compared with neighbors, particularly Daviess county. Great job of gathering statements.

Second Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Erica Walsh  
Series does a solid job.

Third Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Jim Gaines

Good look at a local controversy. Honorable Mention - Bowling Green Daily News, Hayli Fellwock

Outlined a serious problem and got a quick solution.

Honorable Mention - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Christopher Carpenter

Good detail on toxic shock in Hardin County.

Category 11 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - Kentucky New Era, Melony Leazer

Leazer sank her teeth into a good story, then she and the New Era didn't let go until the public good was served by the release of the settlement documents. This effort is in the finest tradition of newspapering and has, sadly become a lost art at many papers. Leazer and the New Era are to be commended for their efforts.

Second Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Jim Gaines

On the surface, a sense of stories about an access road might not seem like a big deal, but Gaines did a terrific job of showing just how important one road can be to an area's economy and also how complicated it can be to determine who has rights ... and rights of way! Solid work here.

Third Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Jim Gaines

Gaines has another winner in his coverage of a lawyer who was found to have overcharged the city. This series didn't cover as much uncharted territory as the others, but it was still thoroughly reported, fair and timely.

Honorable Mention - Danville Advocate Messenger, Herb Brock, Todd Kleffman

Terrific coverage of a bizarre murder, must have had some great breaking news to have bumped this from the spot news category.

Category 12 - Best Business / Agribusiness Story

First Place - Danville Advocate Messenger, Lil Maples

Most thorough story in group.

Second Place - The Independent, Ben Fields

Nice, basic story that covers most of the bases.

Third Place - The Independent, Kenneth Hart

Best lead in group. Would have been higher with revenue numbers, other business details.

Category 13 - Best Headline

First Place - The Independent, Mark Maynard

A hoot! I got it right off and it was good.

Second Place - Kentucky New Era, Ryan Craig

Sets tone nicely for "fish out of water."

Third Place - Henderson Gleaner, Steve Thomas

Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - Henderson Gleaner, Mike Lawrence

Great emotion with nice leading lines. We wish the paramedic would have been cropped out of the left side to make the image cleaner. This photo quickly rose to the top.

Second Place - Kentucky New Era, Danny Vowell

Nice story telling image.

Honorable Mention - The Independent, John Flavell

Nice hustle at spot news. Wish it was sharp.

Category 15 - Best General News Picture

First Place - Henderson Gleaner, Darrin Phegley

Great moment! Great expression.

Second Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Joe Imel

Clothespins on body parts always makes for a great shot. A classic expression...

Third Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Joe Imel

Perfect example of how to find an interesting and humorous angle from a daily assignment.

Category 16 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - Danville Advocate Messenger, Clay Jackson

A photograph where every single element comes together perfectly.

Second Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Joe Imel

Paying attention leads to a nice moment.

Third Place - Kentucky New Era, Danny Vowell

Gorgeous rainbow, well-framed with steeple. Done before, but done nicely this time too.

Honorable Mention - Danville Advocate Messenger, Clay Jackson

Great facial expression.

Category 17 - Best Picture Essay (Spot, General or Feature)

First Place - Danville Advocate Messenger, Clay Jackson

The lead image made this package rise to the top. Other strong supporting helped keep it there.

Second Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Clinton Lewis

Another strong package. Nice tight edit and variety.

Third Place - The Independent, John Flavell

Nice tight edit on the photo page, but the lead color photo stopped this

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entry from placing higher. Nice variety in photos.

Honorable Mention - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, LeeAnn Seymour  
This deserves honorable mention because of the tenacity of the photographer in telling the story. Saw some technical problems and lack of variety in photos.

Honorable Mention - The Independent, John Flavell  
Deserves honorable mention because of the tight edit.

Category 18 - Best Sports Picture

First Place - Henderson Gleaner, Mike Lawrence

Wonderful body language! We're not so afraid of old age anymore!

Second Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Clinton Lewis

Better reaction photo than came out of the Red Sox historic World Series win.

Third Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Clinton Lewis

Nice action and reaction on the dunk. A bit too loose, but we liked it anyway.

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay

First Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Greg Barnette

Nice moments off the field. We loved the lede photo of players catching raindrops.

Second Place - Danville Advocate Messenger, Clay Jackson

Nice variety of images in day in the life of a coach. We wanted to see a picture from after the game, however.

Third Place - Bowling Green Daily News, Joe Imel

It's a tough assignment showing the life of a new building. Photographer found some telling spaces and situations.

Category 20 - Special Sections

First Place - Henderson Gleaner, Kathy Meadows, Staff

Wow, what a project this must have been to undertake. In the end, however, readers are treated to a fantastic 144-page look at the history of Henderson County through story editorial content and great photos.

Second Place - The Independent, Staff

Another strong historical piece. This section would have probably placed first any other year. The

Independent's staff has compiled produced and designed a great look at evolution of Ashland.

Third Place - Kentucky New Era, Kris Adams

Everything about this "Senior Scene" section is strong. Great use of photography in overall design and really liked use of spacing on section front. Makes for an inviting opening to information product.

Category 21 - Best Graphic

First Place - Henderson Gleaner, Darrin Phegley

Far and away the winner in this category. Great mix of elements combined to make an interesting illustration.

Like the use of the unfolding map and postcards to plot the trip from Henderson to Cedar Rapids.

Carries the section front with ease.

Second Place - Danville Advocate Messenger, Bobby Curd, Jane Cox

Nicely conceived illustration effectively uses drying barn to frame information vital to story. Makes a nice central piece of artwork for page one. Simple design that worked, very well.

Third Place - Danville Advocate Messenger, Amanda Brannock

A well-executed design that even manages to make football coaches interesting to non-football fans.

Works well in overall page design scheme without appearing too dominant. Nicely done.

Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section

First Place - Kentucky New Era, Ryan Craig

Ryan's pages are well-executed. Good job making pages visually interesting but keeping elements from competing. Strong content. The "Finally" page had nice visual flow, in particular.

Second Place - Kentucky New Era, Joe Wilson

Section after section, Joe brings variety to his pages. He avoids falling into ruts on his designs.

Third Place - Kentucky New Era, Ryan Craig

Very strong pages, but a lot of reliance on cutouts.

Honorable Mention - The Independent, Mark Maynard

Very clean design. Lots of helpful breakouts for readers.

Category 23 - Best Business/Agribusiness Page

First Place - Henderson Gleaner,

Chuck Stinnett, Kathy Meadows  
Lively design, lively content make you want to plow through the section. The Gleaner does a nice job anchoring features, so readers know just where to look for favorite items.

Overall, an attractive, well-organized interesting section. I enjoyed reading them.

Second Place - The Independent, Pam Holbrook

Nice page, especially the front featuring the soda fountain. This page has a very good visual flow. Liked the Rims page, too, but thought the two close-ups of the tires were a little redundant. Like the color palette for the flag and pull quotes.

Third Place - Danville Advocate Messenger, Christina Cathcart

Interesting stories that break out of traditional business stories, supported by strong art, lead to strong fronts. The monkey business front had me doing a double take to see if the mug ring stain was real. Nice execution on the pages.

Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page

First Place - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Ryan Marx

Wow! Ryan's feature pages show a wide ranging ability with an excellent sense of how to incorporate the design with the information the story is conveying.

Second Place - Kentucky New Era, Ryan Craig

"Bountiful Baskets" has loads of visual appeal. Just a fun page.

Third Place - Kentucky New Era, Ryan Craig

Good page organization. I thought the "Bountiful Baskets" entry was slightly stronger visually, but this was a tough call.

Honorable Mention - Elizabethtown News Enterprise, Ryan Marx

Ryan has an eye for detail. Right down to fonts on the bylines and caption to work to complement the cell phone package.

Category 25 - Best Editorial Page

First Place - Henderson Gleaner, Steve Thomas, Ron Jenkins

Good local columns, commitment to local issues. Prominence of letters shows community knows it can use page as forum for vigorous expression. Design could be updated.

Second Place - Kentucky New Era, Melony Leazer

Good presentation, concise editorials. Surprising that there aren't more letters.

Third Place - Danville Advocate Messenger, John T. Davis, Jane Cox  
Good reader presence with letters.

Category 26 - Best Front Page

First Place - Kentucky New Era, Ryan Craig

D-Day presentation was powerful. Staff stories more often exhibited more creative writing than some other entries. In fact writing gave this entry the edge. Well designed.

Second Place - Kentucky New Era, Ryan Craig

Good, clean presentation. Nice use of graphics.

Third Place - The Independent, Todd Garvin

Elegant, sophisticated design. Good thought going into graphics. While the writing is clean and straight forward it rarely rises to the level of the design and presentation.

Honorable Mention - Kentucky New Era, Jeremie Curtis

Good, bold layout. Good use of white space and graphics. How about a photo of kids playing street hoops?

Honorable Mention - The Independent, Jennifer Sewell

Great design, but content falls short of the designer's talents. Photos and writing pretty constrained.

## DAILY CLASS 3

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, Matthew Francis

This is a clear, tight edit that was written with flair and conviction. Good job!

Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Jamie Lucke

Direct quotes and research bring life to this editorial. A clear message backed up by solid reporting.

Third Place - Kentucky Post, Dan Hassert

Does a good job offering both criticism and guidance.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Steve Lannen

The story's narration drew me in and in two paragraphs revealed how a local homicide was part of a larger state and national issue. It took a

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family's tragedy, detailed how quickly it rippled to the state capitol and easily flowed into a summary of murder and the latest developments. Each graph taught me something new and compelled me to read on. Second Place - Kentucky Enquirer, James Pilcher

A straightforward approach can excel with superb use of detail and strong reporting. Readers can picture the sixth fairway and computes joysticks because the reporter was sharp enough to pick up on those images and many more. Reporting on the company and RTSB, including use of records, secured details is about an investigation that are tough to get on deadline. A story construction with subheads made it very readable. Strong sentence structure helped too. Another account of this wreck reported more aspects of relief that plane did not hit nearby nursing home and hotel. I would have liked to see more of that here, too.

Third Place - Kentucky Enquirer, Brenna R. Kelly, Jim Hannah  
This could have been a story about a building, instead it was about a community. A fine example of how to take a spot news story beyond the routine. It's hard to do on deadline, but it's what separates the good from the average. Also, where a similar story used overwritten sentiment, this relied on facts, quotes and observation of detail.

Honorable Mention - Kentucky Enquirer, Brenna R. Kelly  
I enjoyed reading this little story as much as any in the category. It told a neat story well enough to mist me up. We used to do more of this. It's what people will read and talk about.

Honorable Mention - Lexington Herald Leader, Staff  
These two stories are strong examples of thorough coverage of major news events, what should be expected of a paper this size. The first day storm story was routine, however, the second-day main story needed subheads or breakouts. Good side bars and tip boxes. Good job of reporting on siren problem. The firefighter coverage was equally good. What a great poise to get the suspect interview. But I would have used those details higher in main story. The main story also failed to tell me why firefighters were in the line of

fire until well into the jump. I kept asking how? why?

Category 3 - Best General News Story  
First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Bill Estep  
Well written overall, with good in-court description mixed with details and background.  
Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Jim Jordan  
Good writing details and quotes, but a little odd to focus so much on the protest rather than the court hearing, which deserved at least a sidebar.

Third Place - Kentucky Post, Shelly Whitehead  
Story needed stronger quotes higher up to support the notion that officers were upset with the deal.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story  
First Place - Kentucky Post, Shelly Whitehead  
A compelling account of a unique story.  
Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Bill Estep  
Lede really pulls reader into a fascinating story.  
Third Place - Paducah Sun, Jimmy Nesbitt  
You really get a sense of the struggle the subject goes through. Good tight writing.  
Honorable Mention - Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, Chris O'Nan  
A strong entry in a very competitive field.

Category 5 - Best Column  
First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Larry Dale Keeling  
Not afraid to take controversial stances. Backs up opinion with strong arguments. Selection shows range as columnist.  
First Place - Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, Keith Lawrence  
If a column is powerful, especially the personal reveal the personal local at the end. Good mix of subject, insight and humor.  
Second Place - Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, Bob Ashley  
Boils complex issues down to simple arguments. Good voice that speaks directly to reader.  
Third Place - Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, Karen Owen-Phelps  
Not afraid to ask difficult questions. Uses warm touches without being too "holey."

Category 6 - Best Sports Column  
First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Mark Story  
Crisp, fast-paced writing. Consistently good and creative columns. Interesting concepts that are well executed. Columns show flexibility and wide range of emotions.  
Second Place - Kentucky Post, Lonnie Wheeler  
Good columnists lets you into their soul a bit and it did a great job of that with "Sports don't make a man." He writes well about history and life. Writing is solid although paragraphs could be shorter.  
Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, John Clay  
The Belmont Stakes column did all the things a good column does, including eliciting emotion. The quotes were good and well placed. the writing was snappy and made me feel as if I were there.

Category 7 - Best Sports Story  
First Place - Kentucky Post, Victoria Sun  
Great lead with the bell motif. Well structured very thorough. Good transitions. Great quotes and usage. Excellent game story giving you much you wouldn't know from just watching the game.  
Second Place - Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, Rich Suwanski  
Interesting story that's well sourced and pretty thorough. Would have liked to hear the commissioner say why Kimmel's job was being opened up. Should have had at least a no comment. Still story paints a good picture of situation.  
Third Place - Kentucky Post, Josh Katzowitz  
Loved the line about Tyson looking extremely calm while the referee possibly counted his career away. Lead was solid. Nice job on dead line.

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story  
First Place - Kentucky Enquirer, Kevin Kelly  
A good topic, well executed. Descriptive writing with good integration of quotes. let the subjects tell the story yet involved his own writing style. Short paragraphs and active voice make this a nice read. Well done!  
Second Place - Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, Jim Pickens  
A crisp read that elevates Little

League and a little leaguer to serious commentary. So often writers "write down" to readers about children playing sports. This is as serious to them and their supporters as the world series. Interesting, strong and well told. Sometimes quotes go on for too long.  
Third Place - Kentucky Post, Josh Katzowitz  
The lead reels you in. Although the feature sometimes borders on commentary /opinion. It works well with this story. Quotes are well placed.

Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story  
First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, John Stamper, Linda Johnson  
This package of stories put it all together: tight writing, good research, a human voice and a comprehensive look at what is clearly a vexing problem for the region.  
Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Bill Estep, Linda Johnson, Lu-Ann Farrar, Linda Minch  
I was compelled by this piece because it brought illumination through the lens of a single conviction to an under reported issue.  
Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Greg Kocher  
Great writing, great story telling, photographs. Though this story doesn't involve a lot of analysis, it does offer an intimate view of a crime and its consequences.  
Honorable Mention - Kentucky Post, David Welcher  
Honorable Mention - Lexington Herald Leader, Lisa Deffendall

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series  
First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Bill Estep  
Shows you don't need a seven-day series to show how congressmen manipulate the system. Well documented.  
Second Place - Kentucky Post, Kevin Eigelbach  
Very thoroughly researched, but ultimately, most of the scandal wasn't uncovered by the paper.  
Third Place - Kentucky Post, Kevin Eigelbach  
A good story, but it would have been much better with context about how common a problem this is, and comments from someone in law

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# Ump's got vision for the game



Max McLeary lost an eye in an accident, but returned to the game to be a respected and popular umpire.



Photos by MICHAEL E. KEATINGE/The Enquirer

McLeary is popular with fans, managers and fellow umpires in the Frontier League for his skill, humor and passion for baseball. Before a Florence Freedom home game this week, he was greeted by admirer Tad Gilmore.

## Even with one eye, he's Frontier League favorite

By Kevin Kelly  
*Enquirer staff writer*

**F**LORENCE - A half-dozen cardboard boxes packed with Wilson baseballs lie stacked on a tile floor inside the umpire's dressing room.

Wearing nothing more than boxer shorts and a George Hamilton-esque tan, Max McLeary sits down and removes the lid to the first box.

"These kids all keep me young," he says in a voice that cracks a 29-year-old habit. "If I wasn't doing this right now, I wouldn't know who the Black Eyed Peas are."

McLeary reaches for a small container of Delaware River mud and pulls a dab onto his middle finger. He then

*"I tried to outwork anybody and everything. That's just the nature."*

Umpire Max McLeary

spits into his left palm, smears the brown mud onto the calloused hand and grabs a baseball.

The ritualistic rubbing begins. So does the storytelling.

Neither stops until 60 baseballs are prepared for a Frontier League game between the Florence Freedom and visiting Kalamazoo Kings.

McLeary, 56, will call the game from behind home plate. But he will do

so with only one eye.

"I've heard all the jokes," said McLeary, who lives in St. Leon, Ind., with wife Patty. "Then when I think I've heard them all, somebody comes up with something new."

An accident during the blizzard of 1977 cost McLeary his right eye. A plastic prosthesis replaced it.

The easygoing umpire immediately accepted the loss and follows the game's siren song to the Frontier League's out-of-the-way locales.

"I've been talking about it since '77, and now it just comes second nature," McLeary said. "I'll go to fields in this league and even the groundskeepers will mess with me."

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**EDITORIAL**

### Fire department changes should wait

**O**wners of the City of Florence are considering a plan to reorganize the city's fire department. The plan is to merge the city's fire department with the county's fire department. This is a major change that will affect the lives of many people in the city.

The city's fire department has been a part of the city's history for many years. It has provided a vital service to the community. However, the city's fire department has been facing financial difficulties for some time. The city's budget is tight, and the fire department's expenses are high.

The county's fire department is also facing financial difficulties. The county's budget is also tight, and the fire department's expenses are high. The county's fire department has been providing a vital service to the county for many years.

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Left: The Kentucky Enquirer's Kevin Kelly was the winner of the Best Sports Feature Story award in Daily Class 3. The judge commented the story was a "good topic, well executed." Above: The Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer's Matthew Francis picked up first place honors in the Best Editorial Page category. The judge said there were a lot of "meaty topics on these pages." Bottom: Janet Patton tied for first place with John Stamper, both of the Lexington Herald-Leader, for first place in the Best Business/Agribusiness Story category with this entry. The Herald-Leader won first place General Excellence in Weekly Class 3.

KEENELAND SEPTEMBER SALE

## Storm Cat colt sets record

**\$8 MILLION FOURTH-HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR YEARLING AT AUCTION**

**By Janet Patton**  
*HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER*

Nobody knows if he'll be a world-beater, but he's already set a record.

Officially, he's Hip No. 426, a Storm Cat colt out of Welcome Surprise.

But to everyone at Keeneland yesterday he'll be known as The One. The \$8 million one. The colt that set a September record, the colt that brought the fourth-highest price ever paid for a yearling sold at auction.

Just before 4 p.m. yesterday the horse world held its breath. Everyone came in to watch this one. Some of the richest racehorse owners in the world sat in the Keeneland sales arena or jammed the rails in the back of the pavilion.

The star entered from the back, as they all do, a glossy, muscular chestnut, surprisingly calm. Handler Lisa Shelbourne took the

Hip No. 426, a colt consigned by Lane's End Farm, being handled by Lisa Shelbourne, brought a record bid of \$8 million.

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enforcement or drug treatment about how doctors like this make their work more difficult.

Category 11 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story  
First Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Mary Meehan, Jim Warren, Staff

Excellent breadth, in several ways. Brings average people in. Leads readers toward solutions.

Second Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Linda Blackford, Linda Minch, Joseph Lord, Jenny Robertson

My initial inclination was to give this first place. It is fresh in various ways and much good can be said about it. But, I was somewhat taken aback by the references to Knight-Ridder. I am not sure they advanced the story and they can be seen as being biased in sections. The statement that "chain ownership brought a new corporate emphasis on diversity" is apparently not supported within the story, regardless of how true it is.

Third Place - Kentucky Post, Kevin Eigelbach

I would have liked more information about how the new church, Christ Baptist Church, is doing after the split.

Honorable Mention - Lexington Herald Leader, Staff

Especially because the smoking ban affects business, I would have liked more numbers-driven reporting and comparisons.

Category 12 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story  
First Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Janet Patton

Great storytelling that puts you in the middle of the action. Excellent pacing and color in story. Covered all the relevant business aspects as well.

First Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, John Stamper

Tremendous profile with an excellent lead. Incredibly thorough and well organized. Paints a good picture of Patrick Madden, his family and his development

Second Place - Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, Keith Lawrence  
Good research pointing out a big problem with hotel assessment. Good use of sources. Good admission by Durbin of problem. Would

like to have heard from Durbin's boss.

Third Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Michelle Ku  
Good reporting.

Category 13 - Best Headline  
First Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Will Scott  
Great lead on a football classic. Good playoff long and short. Clever use of puns and double meanings; very good sub heads as well.  
Second Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Susan Waggener  
Clever.

Third Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Scott Shive  
Loved "Washington Inciter" best single headline I saw, but other two lacked cleverness, although they certainly weren't bad headlines.

Category 14 - Best Spot News  
Picture

First Place - Owensboro Messenger  
Inquirer, Gary Emord-Netzley  
"Johnny-on-the-spot" response, well cropped, graphically strong, strong contrasting emotional appeal.

Second Place - Kentucky Post, Jason Geil

Nice 6-column layout, strong composition, great crop, nice story telling, good use of available light.  
Third Place - Owensboro Messenger  
Inquirer, Gary Emord-Netzley  
Bizarre, strong graphic appeal. Nice crop.

Category 15 - Best General News  
Picture

First Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, David Stephenson  
This photo is extremely well-composed, full of emotion, and respectful to the family. A clear winner.  
Second Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Charles Bertram

A strikingly graphic, but solemn picture. Backlit flag and silhouettes of two firefighters made a clean effective image.

Third Place - Kentucky Post, Jim Osborn

We've seen several homecoming photos, but this one makes excellent use of lighting, layering and the moment.

Category 16 - Best Feature Picture  
First Place - Kentucky Post, Melvin Grier

Incredible use of color! Great situation.

Second Place - Owensboro

Messenger Inquirer, Robert Bruck  
Good enterprise work, nice moment.  
Third Place - Owensboro Messenger  
Inquirer, Jenny Sevcik  
Great job getting close. Nice expressions.

Honorable Mention - Lexington  
Herald Leader, Charles Bertram  
Nice and graphic! Good enterprise photo.

Honorable Mention - Lexington  
Herald Leader, David Stephenson  
A nice antsy take on a backstage moment.

Category 17 - Best Picture Essay  
(Spot, General or Feature)

First Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Pablo Alcala  
Impressive body of work on a medical mission to Ecuador. Strong images showing the value of the mission and the personalities of those helping and those receiving help.

Second Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Charles Bertram  
Best possible treatment of a daily assignment. Three photos, none wasted. Humorous and immediate.  
Third Place - Kentucky Post, Bruce Crippen

We see Sister Mary de Lellis, 70, in a variety of roles. The moments in these photos convey her personality in several different situations. The vertical photo could have been cropped tighter and played smaller.

Category 18 - Best Sports Picture  
First Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, David Perry

Cerebral sports pic; great job taking chances. Reminds us of Norman Rockwell.

Second Place - Owensboro  
Messenger Inquirer, Patricia Hess  
Great peak moment. Good story telling.

Third Place - Kentucky Enquirer,  
Patrick Reddy

Good job capitalizing on action. We hated that it only ran two columns.  
Honorable Mention - Owensboro  
Messenger Inquirer, John Dunham  
Nice light. We wondered why the heads were chopped off. It lacked the second layer to make it a great photo.

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture  
Essay

First Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Charles Bertram  
Second Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Pablo Alcala

Great story idea. Would have liked to see more variation. All seem shot from same distance. We didn't feel photographer was comfortable with subjects.

Third Place - Owensboro Messenger  
Inquirer, Jenny Sevcik  
Nice moments.

Category 20 - Special Sections

First Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Alyssa Sims  
What a great package!! Captivating editorial, fantastic photography, and first rate design. Keeps your attention throughout. Very charismatic section.

Second Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Dennis Varney  
Extremely comprehensive package with well-written editorial content, eye-catching photography and clean layout. A very enjoyable read that gives an outsider a real feel for the sights, sounds and history of the event.

Third Place - Kentucky Enquirer, Jim Hannah

Tremendous cover photography/design! A very engaging section that goes well beyond the schedule and stats to give readers a look at the true personalities and issues affecting prep football.  
Honorable Mention - Lexington  
Herald Leader, Dennis Varney  
Just too many good entries in this category! Overall very nice publication on all levels, with fabulous cover photography.

Honorable Mention - Owensboro  
Messenger Inquirer, Staff  
What a great team effort to compile such an in-depth and interesting look at Owensboro. Every facet of the community and its history represented. I'm sure this was a hit with readers.

Category 21 - Best Graphic

First Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Camille Weber  
Love the design mix and color choices, which highlight the ability of the designer. Very well done.

Second Place - Kentucky Post, Ryan Ostrander

I really like this illustration. perfectly conveys and complements the story and gives readers a sense of what story's about before they begin. Great concept.

Third Place - Lexington Herald  
Leader, Camille Weber

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I wish Weber worked in my area. I have quickly become a fan of her work. Caricatures of price, Britany and Oscar hopefuls work on many levels, but most of all, they are fun to look at!! They all work well with page layout, being dominant without being overpowering.

Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Staff  
There are some amazing sections. Strong stories, strong photo, strong design. Your readers must have enjoyed the heck out of these sections. I certainly did. The Smarty Jones/Derby section, in particular, exemplified some of the best this business can do.  
Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Dennis Varney  
Pages show strong creativity. The "Built for Speed" was especially well done. Great illustration, good use of photography.  
Third Place - Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, Staff  
Strong sections with strong local content. Especially enjoyed staff's basketball pics block. Design is clean and consistent.

Category 23 - Best Business/Agribusiness Page

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Staff  
Roadside signs, what fun! Stories on manufacturing and investment quarterly section Wow! prove that business is not boring at Herald-Leader. Congratulations!!  
Second Place - Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, Mary Kissel  
Stories people want to read, office thermostat, to go food orders, pc docs, all packaged in inviting, eye-catching manner.

Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Marilyn Kitchens  
Clearly the Herald-Leader is tops in layout. The garden pages are lovely and utilize white space cutouts. Clever ledes all work together. Beautiful work, congratulations!!  
Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Randy Medema  
I wish we had this kink of space Wow! Nice work with content and what is in the week ahead. Clay Asher layout made for quite an

interesting page. The Arts Preview page is excellent.

Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Marilyn Kitchens  
Again, Marilyn has excellent pages. What a visual treat for the reader.  
Honorable Mention - Lexington Herald Leader, Stephanie Gladney  
Really neat bubble tea layout. The sandwich photo worked with text, how'd you convince the photog?!  
Honorable Mention - Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, Jamie Madigan  
Very nice entertainment section. Like the typography and the listings. Jamie had done a very good job with the double-trucks.

Category 25 - Best Editorial Page

First Place - Owensboro Messenger Inquirer, Matthew Francis  
A lot of meaty topics on these pages. Bob Ashley's column on a reporter's misdeeds just blew me away. Justin Willis' column helped make the page a strong one. Very solid work. Congratulations!!  
Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Staff  
Inviting layout, great use of color and graphics. An obviously well thought out and executed section, which uses a wide variety of writers to explore a wide range of topics, from thoroughbred horse raising to malpractice insurance to civil rights and smoking. Very good work in these pages!!

Category 26 - Best Front Page

First Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Stephanie Gladney  
White space makes these pages so airy and inviting. So many entry points, smart use of color screens with large photos. A lot of info is packaged attractively. The mast head is quite deep, a lot of these without being intrusive. Congratulations!  
Second Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Brian Simms  
Very nice Reagan package. So interesting and readable. Also liked the picture of D-Day on that front.  
Third Place - Lexington Herald Leader, Stephanie Gladney  
Again, Stephanie knows what she's doing with white space, use of photos and very prominent and eye-catching headlines and typography.  
Honorable Mention - Lexington Herald Leader, Brian Simms  
Brian met the challenge well, of a post-election day page.

# ASSOCIATE NEWSPAPERS

Category 1 - Best Editorial

First Place - Kentucky Monthly, Bill Ellis  
This was clearly the best entry in the category. Well-written and persuasive, this piece offers a strong argument for further educational reforms in the state.  
Second Place - Medical Leader, Laura Charles  
Piece does a good job of bringing the war in Iraq down to a personal level.  
Third Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Spc. Joshua Hutcheson  
A humorous look at Southern cuisine.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage

First Place - Sunday Challenger, Amanda Van Benschoten  
A tragedy well covered.  
Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Amanda Van Benschoten  
Another quality entry.

Category 3 - Best General News Story

First Place - Sunday Challenger, Jason Feldman  
Well written. Paints picture well. Good use of both sides of story and of conveying urgency of situation.  
Second Place - Medical Leader, Shyla Taylor  
Very informative article. Conveys facts in clear, concise manner. Not a "sexy" subject, but good job.  
Third Place - Sunday Challenger, Jason Feldman  
Good piece. Well written. At times, though, reads more like a feature. You aren't covering an event, you are revisiting one.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story

First Place - Kentucky Monthly, Michael Embry  
Colorful story about colorful subjects. Good job of combining history and background with colorful anecdotes.  
Second Place - Kentucky Monthly, Marie Bouvier  
Long story, but worth the read. Doesn't feel rushed. Paints three portraits of three separate individuals.  
Third Place - Chevy Chaser Magazine, Susan Baniak  
Great lead. Colorful subject. Really

captures who he is.  
Honorable Mention - Ft. Campbell Courier, Spc. Chris Jones  
Tough subject, but you do a great job of explaining situation and putting human face on it.

Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Chevy Chaser Magazine, Bob Horine  
Spiritual column that pushes a message without preaching. Good job.  
Second Place - Kentucky Monthly, Bill Ellis  
Lots of humor. Definite style.

Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - Kentucky Monthly, Billy Reed  
Interesting subjects and good insight.

Category 7 - Best Sports Story

No Entries

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - Kentucky Monthly, Michael Embry  
Good example of finding interesting character and conveying his originality to readers.  
Second Place - Kentucky Monthly, Steve Flairity  
Really paints picture of town. Good job of conveying message.  
Third Place - Southeast Outlook, Tom McDonald  
Good lead. Very flattering profile, but doesn't do great job of making Kiser seem real. Tends to stay close to stereotypes.

Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Jakki Williams  
Great job of weaving lots of people's stories to paint bigger picture.  
Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Jason Feldman  
Great lead. Good use of description. Reads a bit to "feature" at times.  
Third Place - Kentucky Monthly, Deborah Kohl

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Southeast Outlook, Ninie Hammon  
As a first place investigative journalist in North Carolina for two years, I was envious of your series on

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pornography. It is without a doubt the most incredible investigative series I have ever read. Do not apologize for the topic. This needed to be exposed and you demonstrated the courage and expertise as a writer to create an enigmatic profound impact.

Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Staff

What a shattering series of bias and bigotry inflaming northern Kentucky. The writing's thought-provoking and meticulous. You simply excelled from beginning to end. Third Place - Sunday Challenger, Amanda Van Benschoten

Loved it, loved it, loved it! With a touch of nostalgia and the need for improvements, you examined a hazardous situation that needs to be corrected. By doing so effectively, you may save someone's life. Keep up the fight!

Honorable Mention - Kentucky Monthly, Stephen M. Vest

I was struck by the originality of this historic chronicle.

Category 11 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story  
First Place - Sunday Challenger, Amanda Van Benschoten  
Your style of news writing is terrific. What can I say, you belong in New York! Your easy-going details are easily understood by the average reader, but sophisticated enough for some of the "upper crust."  
Second Place - Southeast Outlook, Ruth Schenk, Ninie Hammon

Bah humbug to Kroger 's! Your newspaper seems very versatile, and you punched Kroger in a diplomatic way. Your no-nonsense lead was perfect. You also presented the decision of Kroger's and subsequent reaction from the community in a factual method.

Third Place - Ft. Campbell Courier, Spc. Joshua Hutcheson

A very historic topic to show positive impacts the military is achieving in Iraq. Thank you!!

Category 12 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story  
First Place - Sunday Challenger, Jason Feldman  
Very insightful. Good weave of facts and narrative.  
Second Place - Kentucky Monthly, Michael Embry  
Really conveys difficulties to readers.

Category 13 - Best Headline  
First Place - Sunday Challenger, Tricia Suit  
Brilliant. It took a second glance, but it was worth it. So subtle, so sweet.  
Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Larry Nager  
Solid!

Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture  
No Entries

Category 15 - Best General News Picture  
First Place - Snitch Newsweekly, Jeremy Lyverse  
Peak moment. Great emotion.  
Strong crop.  
Second Place - Southeast Outlook, Ninie Hammon  
Third Place - Snitch Newsweekly, Jeremy Lyverse

Category 16 - Best Feature Picture  
First Place - Snitch Newsweekly, Jeremy Lyverse  
Funny.  
Second Place - Southeast Outlook, Ninie Hammon  
Good emotion.

Category 17 - Best Picture Essay (Spot, General or Feature)  
First Place - Snitch Newsweekly, Jeremy Lyverse  
Very strong story with great graphic elements. Intimate picture taking.  
Second Place - Snitch Newsweekly, Jeremy Lyverse  
Another great story. Nice horizontal image on inside.  
Third Place - Southeast Outlook, Tom McDonald  
Nice elements but first and second in this category stood out among the rest.

Category 18 - Best Sports Picture  
No Entries

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay  
No Entries

Category 20 - Special Sections  
First Place - Chevy Chaser Magazine, Kristin Ingwell Goode, Joseph Thompson  
Good, interesting stories in a nice package. Effective portrait of a community.  
Second Place - Southeast Outlook, Staff  
34 pages of propaganda that does poor job of convincing readers of

evils. However, it's wrapped in a pretty package. Good artwork, effect layout.

Category 21 - Best Graphic  
First Place - Southeast Outlook, Chris Birke  
Bright, colorful. A stand out.  
Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Dan Ackley  
Clever play on headline.  
Third Place - Southeast Outlook, Chris Birke  
Attractive, expressive. Like the scope of it.

Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section  
Certificate of Merit - Sunday Challenger, Dave Hermann

Category 23 - Best Business/Agribusiness Page  
No Entries

Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page  
First Place - Southeast Outlook, Chris Birke  
Great use of color and fonts. Vivid layouts. Fun pages!  
Second Place - Southeast Outlook, Kara Bussabarger  
Color not that vivid. Good use of full page, but not as visually appealing as could be.

Category 25 - Best Editorial Page  
First Place - Sunday Challenger, Dan Ackley  
Good job!  
Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Dan Ackley  
By himself in category, love the sweep.

Category 26 - Best Front Page  
First Place - Southeast Outlook, Chris Birke  
Great use of pics and fonts. Clean lines. Good use of color and creative headlines.  
Second Place - Sunday Challenger, Dave Hermann  
Too busy on the left side. Liked cartoons; not overdone. Good use of photos.

Supports peaceful discourse opportunities for all over limiting speech by the Ku Klux Klan. Editorials and free speech are both more important when they take an unpopular but principled stand.  
Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Andrew Martin  
Makes its point quickly. Presents a well-reasoned argument.  
Third Place - College Heights Herald, Kyle Hightower  
Concise and conversational.  
Community college perspective probably in the quiet minority at universities, and this editorial adds to breadth of discourse.  
Honorable Mention - Kentucky Kernel, Andrew Martin  
Shows good research. Offers options.

Category 2 - Best Spot News Coverage  
First Place - College Heights Herald, Jay Lively  
This article was brief, profound and instantly grabbed my interest. Less is frequently best and this writer's lead sentences proved that to be true.  
Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Rebecca Neal  
This story was 90 percent of success because the writer truly tells the behind-the-scenes facts. She pulls the reader into the incident.  
Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Moria Bagley  
Great on the spot journalism. However, next time mention the pets that perished in the lead paragraph. The quotes used were very chatty, and helped the story flow. Your description of the fire are written quite vividly! Great job!!

Category 3 - Best General News Story  
First Place - College Heights Herald, Shawntaye Hopkins  
Your style was quite original and included enough suspense for me to ponder, "Okay, so who created Big Red?" This was a perfect example of what Associated Press calls narrative storytelling.  
Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Rebecca Neal  
Although John Edwards hails from my home state that is the reason I chose you for an award. Your quotes, format and information were stunning. You have a talent for

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Category 1 - Best Editorial  
First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Emily Hagedorn  
Takes a difficult but needed stance.

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enabling the reader to relive the event.

Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Ryan Garrett

Your article was timely, and educational. Your lead was wonderful. Next time, cut out the "they said." This was an important issue and you heightened awareness effectively about it.

Category 4 - Best Feature Story  
First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Andrea Uhde

Very descriptive, interesting lead. Really hooks the reader. Very thorough story with all angles covered. Second Place - College Heights Herald, Joanie Baker  
Good example of finding an interesting subject and letting their voice be heard. Great lead. Would have liked to have seen a quote or two from someone who opposes their lifestyle/choices to be fair.

Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Hilly Schiffer

Very funny. Good use of deserting opinion with professor. Quotes very brief, though, which is a plus and minus.

Category 5 - Best Column

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Ben Roberts

Political science major obviously has firm grasp on his subject and a clear perspective. Is able to show his political leanings and be very critical of his favored candidates at same time. Second Place - College Heights Herald, Kyle Hightower  
Uses emotional, personal confessions to make points on societal issues, without getting "peachy." Touching insights.

Third Place - College Heights Herald, Lindsay Sainlar

Very funny and fearless. Particularly liked Sex and the City column. Wise decision to talk about explicit show in personally explicit terms.

Honorable Mention - Kentucky

Kernel, Andrea Uhde, Sara Cunningham

Great concept for column that sometimes fall short on delivery. Should try to infuse more humor in potentially funny situations.

Category 6 - Best Sports Column

First Place - College Heights Herald, Danny Schoenbaechler

His columns are a bit drippy to read,

but he had a definite style that infuse humor into clear opinion. Stood out among others in this category who were too generic.

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Tim Wiseman

Wins for Micah Jones column. Shows guts for standing by his opinion. Needs to develop style and personal voice. A bit "generic" at times.

Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Steve Ivey

Liked humor and pop culture references. Don't be afraid to be more critical, if need be.

Category 7 - Best Sports Story

First Place - College Heights Herald, Wes Watt

A college swimming coach gets a milestone victory. Good story with an outstanding lead.

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Tim Wiseman

Writer portrays the indescribable... a UK loss in second round of NCAA Tournament.

Third Place - Murray State News, Nathan Clinkenbeard

A college track program gets hit hard by budget cuts. Story describes the grim reality.

Honorable Mention - Kentucky Kernel, Jeff Patterson

Category 8 - Best Sports Feature Story

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Lindsey Keith

Writer makes the most of Summit-DeMoss match-up.

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Adam Sichko

Catchy lead and well-presented story.

Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Ben Roberts

Good writing skills brings the entry together well.

Honorable Mention - College Heights Herald, Danny Schoenbaechler

Honorable Mention - Kentucky Kernel, Jeff Patterson

Category 9 - Best Enterprise or Analytical Story

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Andrea Uhde

I was fascinated by your story, plus the accompanying photographs. It is a topic seldom explored but vital to protect our environment. You provoke a sympathy from readers.

Second Place - Murray State News, Jessica Wade

Your story is enriching, plus I loved your staccato-style lead. Your challenge to champion those with disabilities deserves accolades.

Third Place - College Heights Herald, Shawntaye Hopkins

This was a very professional depiction describing a battle of the budget.

Category 10 - Best Investigative Story or Series

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Dariush Shafa, Sara Wilmoth, Matt Towner

Good idea that was well researched, well-reported and made a difference. Nice work.

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Michael Wynn

Timely topic, thoughtfully and fairly addressed. Good information and good use of quotes. However, paraphrasing might have worked better in spots and quotes rather than paraphrasing for others.

Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Jason McAlister

Good self investigation. Good, sound, straightforward reporting of the issue.

Category 11 - Best On-Going/Extended Coverage Story

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Staff

Good look at an issue that had a real impact on students, whether smokers or nonsmokers. Not only followed the court battle, but what it meant for businesses.

Second Place - College Heights Herald, Ashlee Clark, Beth Wilberding

Good use of open records laws to obtain the real details about the use of student government money.

Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Amanda Duckworth, Danielle Komis, Dariush Shafa

This story moved from a page 3 story to page one because of the reporting and telling us what it really meant. It would have been easy to let the story drop, but instead the issue got played out.

Category 12 - Best Business/Agribusiness Story

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Ashley Graves

Great profile on interesting character. Good job of getting both sides of story.

Second Place - Murray State News, Denise Brazzell,

Moving story. Puts human face on controversial subject.

Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Leah Rowland

Good angle on hot-button topic. Nice range of opinions.

Category 13 - Best Headline

First Place - College Heights Herald, Danny Schoenbaechler

Nicely done. This was actually second to no one. First-rate.

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Crystal Little

Like the playfulness of it. Not a serious column, but a serious headline. Perfect.

Third Place - College Heights Herald, Joe Lord

Fits story with touch of sentimentality.

Category 14 - Best Spot News Picture

First Place - Kentucky Kernel, John Foster

Nice angle shooting through the glass.

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Jonathan Palmer

Category 15 - Best General News Picture

First Place - College Heights Herald, Edward Linsmier

Good combination of composition and technique to create a strong mood.

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Jonathan Palmer

Nice quiet moment, would have been stronger with a face.

Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Brad Wilder

Unusual crop strengthens an otherwise mundane photo.

Category 16 - Best Feature Picture

First Place - College Heights Herald, Fielder Williams Strain

Peak moment as rodeo clown doesn't quite escape the bull. Tight framing, peak action.

Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Jonathan Palmer

High emotion of acceptance into a sorority. Liked the loose framing to show the context of the moment.

Third Place - College Heights Herald, Brian Wagner

Excellent seeing and composition on bowling alley repairman. Could have shot a bit tighter. (I almost didn't see the feet.)

Category 17 - Best Picture Essay

(Spot, General or Feature)

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First Place - College Heights Herald, Ryan Long  
Strong inside dominant photo, nice variety from a well-documented event. Lead photo on A1 hurts overall package.  
Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Jonathan Palmer  
Strong 3-picture package from a daily assignment.

Category 18 - Best Sports Picture  
First Place - Kentucky Kernel, John Foster  
Great moment, terrible play!! We were appalled that it ran that small.  
Second Place - College Heights Herald, Chet White  
Clean image with beautiful light. Nice different angle from a volleyball game.  
Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, John Foster  
Great peak action. Lots of layers.  
Honorable Mention - Kentucky Kernel, Jonathan Palmer  
Nice angle. We wish the white area was cropped out.

Category 19 - Best Sports Picture Essay  
First Place - College Heights Herald, Chet White  
Excellent job of getting close to the subject. Nice variety of images.

Category 20 - Special Sections

First Place - College Heights Herald, Brandy Warren, Matt Rountree  
Tremendous section. Plethora of information and insight, both fun and serious. Great use of color and photos. Loved the package.  
Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Staff  
Great cover and loved the full page. Black and white player profiles. Excellent use of full page spread.  
Third Place - Murray State News, Erin Richards  
Great idea, good execution.

Category 21 - Best Graphic  
First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Cassie Stokes  
Nothing else in category even close to this winner.  
Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Steve Ivey  
Like the cutouts from opposite sides of page emphasizing matchup.  
Third Place - College Heights Herald, Danny Schoenbaechler

Category 22 - Best Sports Page/Section  
First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Staff  
Nice color photos. Good variety of sports and viewpoints. Solid writing, photographs and layout.  
Second Place - Murray State News, Nathan Clinkenbeard  
Good work. Like the front page cutout.  
Third Place - College Heights

Herald, Keith Farmer  
Not sold on idea of front page advertisement, but delivery of editorial material was attractive and entertaining.

Category 23 - Best Business/Agribusiness Page  
First Place - Kentucky Kernel, Staff  
Nice big picture, good accompanying story.  
Second Place - Eastern Progress, Tracy Haney, Kasey Doyer  
Like "Did you Know?" touch with story for extra illustration on gray layout.

Category 24 - Best Lifestyle Page  
First Place - Murray State News, Severo Avila  
Nudity on front page! Always why taking chances pays off. Good use of full-page spreads.  
Second Place - College Heights Herald, Jessica Robertson, Joanie Baker  
Great photos. They tell story alone.  
Third Place - Kentucky Kernel, Staff  
Good use of color. Diverse content.

Category 25 - Best Editorial Page  
First Place - College Heights Herald, Mai Hoang  
Great layout. Liked the use of sidebars and information boxes. People Poll and Tops and Bottoms are nice touches.  
Second Place - Murray State News, Elizabeth Cawein

Liked the "What Do You Think" box. Could squeeze more content on page with smaller fonts.  
Category 26 - Best Front Page  
First Place - College Heights Herald, Justin Fowler, Lauren Clifton, Staff  
Excellent writing and reporting, nice colorful photos. Good use of white space. Gives clean airy feel. Important, newsworthy articles given appropriate space. Like the use and look of drop head to add info. Appears to be well edited. Not fond of thin banner.  
Second Place - Kentucky Kernel, Spring Staff  
Good crisp writing and nice clean, easy-to-follow layout makes this entry. Like the 3-article approach with large helpful graphic and color. Nice design but would revamp banner.  
Third Place - Murray State News, Vanessa Childers, Staff  
Headlines were the best in this category, informative, appropriate size. Photo and design of Morgan Hicks is excellent. Like finishing a story or two on the front. Good, consistent rounded layout. Reporting, for the most part was good.  
Honorable Mention - Kentucky Kernel, Fall Staff  
I prefer the banner of the fall paper. The layout is good and clean. I liked the design of the spring paper better. News reporting is solid, photos good.

**Make sure you pick up  
extra copies of the  
Contest Tab for all your  
newspaper's  
award winners.**



# A 'head' of Others

First place headlines

**Colonels Kentucky Fry Hornets 76-59  
using Siakam as Secret Recipe**

**School of Hard Knox (County, that is)**

**Hasta la vista, Davie**

**A woof in police clothing**

**Naked  
Motorist  
Shows  
Police More  
Than ID**

**Formally  
Introduced**

*Penguins Find a New Home  
at the Newport Aquarium*

**SECOND TO ONE**

With 318 wins, Powell moves to No. 2

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**ARKANSAS 71, UK 63 (70T)  
5 HOURS LONG,  
1 YARD SHORT**



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**W1**  
**1ST**  **2ND** FLEMINGSBURG GAZETTE  
**3RD** LEITCHFIELD RECORD

**W2**  
**1ST**  **2ND** SPENCER MAGNET  
**3RD** HENRY COUNTY LOCAL


**W3**  
**1ST**  **2ND** CASEY COUNTY NEWS  
**3RD** JESSAMINE JOURNAL  
**3RD** OLDHAM ERA

**MW**  
**1ST**  **2ND** SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS  
**3RD** KENTUCKY STANDARD

**D1**  
**1ST**  **2ND** GLASGOW DAILY TIMES  
**3RD** MADISONVILLE MESSENGER

**D2**  
**1ST**  **2ND** KENTUCKY NEW ERA  
**3RD** THE INDEPENDENT

**D3**  
**1ST**  **2ND** MESSENGER INQUIRIER  
**3RD** KENTUCKY POST

**A**  
**1ST**  **2ND** SOUTHEAST OUTLOOK  
**3RD** KENTUCKY MONTHLY

**C / U**  
**1ST**  **2ND** COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD  
**3RD** MURRAY STATE NEWS