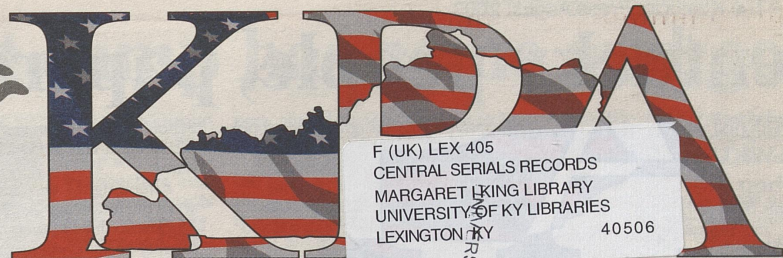


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Boot campers have varied reasons for attending

By DANA EHLSCHIDE
News Bureau Director

The students at the third annual Kentucky Press Association Boot Camp all came to learn the same thing – the basic skills of journalism – but their reasons for coming however are different.

Four of this year's participants are already employed at a newspaper and came to camp in order to help strengthen their skills.

Jody Norwood has been employed at the Lyon County Herald-Ledger for nearly two years. Much of his work at the newspaper involves covering hard news type stories especially those coming from attending meetings such as fiscal court and city councils.

Norwood said that boot camp has given him different ideas of how to write stories other than hard news and opened his mind up to doing more "one on one feature stories."

Peggy Fukunaga's reasoning behind attending boot camp differed from Norwood. She is currently attending Indiana University Southeast where she is working on her master's degree in liberal studies with an emphasis in Spanish and journalism. It has been some time since Fukunaga had a journalism class and she said she is a bit rusty on her skills, especially things such as the Associated Press style.

"This has been a really good review for me and great fun," she said.

She also said that it has been good for her to attend boot camp because she was nervous about her writing and a

little slow. Boot camp has helped her with her speed and the anxiety of writing.

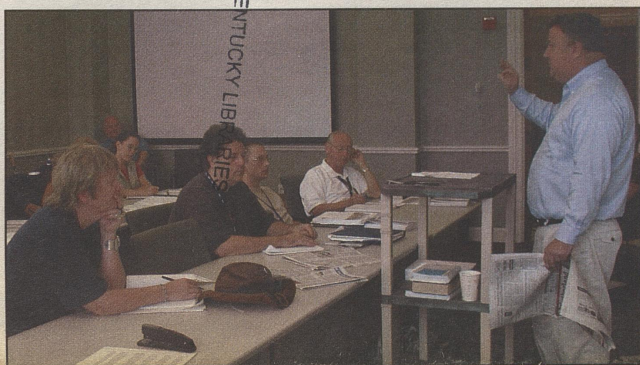
Fukunaga isn't sure where she will end up after she finishes her master's degree. She may try to obtain a job at a newspaper or perhaps look into pursuing a doctorate's degree.

Rob Curtin is the youngest participant at this year's boot camp at 17. The high school student saw boot camp as the opportunity to get a sneak peek at what journalism is about and see if it was the right fit for him before he chooses it as a major in college.

"Boot camp has given me a good sense of what journalism is like," Curtin said. "I've always known I write pretty well. I wanted to see if (journalism) appeals to me. It is fun and hard work."

Curtin's interest in journalism hasn't changed while attending boot camp. He isn't sure where he is going to attend college for certain but at some point he would like to attend Syracuse either as an undergrad or graduate student. He said he wasn't opposed to working at a small weekly newspaper and working his way up to the top but his aspirations are to someday maybe work for The New York Times or even Sports Illustrated. "That would be pretty cool," Curtin said.

Ellen O'Day is ready to try something different in her life. She majored in journalism for one year in college but "life got in the way." While she continued to write for a hobby, she had gotten away from serious writing.



Boot campers Jackie Kali, David Silverman, Jody Norwood and Lew Angotti listen as Anderson News Publisher Don White speaks to the class about working at a community newspaper during the second week of boot camp.

She saw the ad for the boot camp and thought it sounded interesting. "It was something that appealed to me," O'Day said. "I wanted to see if I still had talent and see if other people thought I had talent."

Boot camp has re-opened her eyes to the thrills of writing. "I had forgotten how much fun it was to take a bunch of notes and make it into an intellectual and coherent story, or at least try," she said.

O'Day said that she would like to get a job at a weekly newspaper starting possibly as a free-lancer doing features.

One camper landed a job before the end of boot camp. Chuck Hamilton decided to attend boot camp on the

urgings of Charles Mattox, the editor of The Flemingsburg Gazette and a 2002 boot camp graduate. During the last week of boot camp Hamilton was offered a job in ad sales but will also help out in writing and other areas of The Flemingsburg Gazette. He said he hopes it works into a full-time writing job because that is where his real passion is. He said the job offer was in the planning stages before the start of boot camp. Hamilton said boot camp has helped him with his writing "immensely," and that it was definitely worth the time and money.

The three-week course was taught at Georgetown College by Jim St. Clair, professor of journalism at Indiana University Southeast. It ended Aug. 1.

August News & Notes

KPA Fall advertising Seminar planned

The Kentucky Press Association will hold a Fall advertising seminar on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 18-19 at the Louisville Marriott East.

Lynne Meena, former Creative

Vice President of the Newspaper Association of America and the Newspaper Advertising Bureau, will have two sessions on Thursday beginning with "150 Ad Campaign Ideas in 150 minutes" in the morning and "Layouts: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly" in the afternoon. At lunch Meena will present her current version of the ATHENA Awards, through her "Creative Concepts in Newspaper Advertising," entertain-

ing you with more than 100 award-winning ads.

On Friday, Sept. 19, Robert Wilson, ad sales trainer and humorist, will present "Boosting Ad Sales in Good Times and Bad." Friday afternoon Wilson will present "Sell More Ads...with Spec Ads That Sell"

After lunch on Friday Wilson will do an "Ad Clinic" so have your staff bring copies of ads they have done.

The room rate at the hotel for the

seminar is \$89 for one to four people. Reservations must be made by Sept. 1.

Registration deadline for the seminar is Thursday, Sept. 11.

There are several registration options. Meals and sessions both days is \$90; Thursday Sessions with lunch is \$50; Friday sessions with lunch is

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Kentucky people, papers in the news

High School students attend WKU publications workshop

Students from 10 high schools in Kentucky and Tennessee attended the Student Publications Staff Workshop June 26-27 at Western Kentucky University.

Workshop sessions included news, sports and feature writing, photogra-

phy, advertising design and yearbook design.

Travis Vincent of Louisville's Trinity High School and Heather McKinney of Barren County High School received \$250 scholarships to WKU.

The workshop was co-sponsored by the Kentucky High School Media Partnership, Kentucky High School Journalism Association and the WKU

School of Journalism and Broadcasting. Jackie Bretz was the workshop coordinator.

Attending the two-day workshop were the following: Anderson County High School: Ben James; Barren County High School: Jenni Allison, Drew Bewley, Marissa Borders, Kayla Dowdy, Meghan Edwards, Michelle Hansen, Autumn Harbison, Sheena London, Heather McKinney, Corey Morrison, Megan Pickrel, Heather Ryan, Jessie Sanspree, Chelsey Shelton, Kristen Spiegel, Felicia Stinson, Deanna Thomas, Lauren Toms, Kristoffer Whitehurst and adviser Melinda Campbell; Blackman High School (Murfreesboro, Tenn.): Kristi Gatlin, Cassie Warren, Rebekah Weiler; Butler County High School: Caroline Cardwell; South Laurel High School: Ashley Adcock, Bridget Caldwell, Vanessa Killen, Cassie Ludwig, Ronnie Rapier, Michelle Smith and adviser Sharon Bush; Louisville Trinity High School: Travis Vincent; Oldham County High School: Anna Watson

South Oldham High School: Jimmy Dan Theiss; Rockcastle County High School: Audrey Burke; Taylor County High School: Landon Dickens, Quincy Tennyson and adviser Troy Benningfield.

Georgetown hires Tenney as new staff writer

Kathy Tenney has joined Georgetown News-Graphic as a staff writer. She will cover Scott County government and the police beats.

Tenney graduated from Western Kentucky University in December 2002, and served as an intern at the Glasgow Daily Times during the summer of 2001.

LEO under new ownership

The Louisville Eccentric Observer was purchased last month by a publishing subsidiary of the Times Publishing Co. of Erie, Pa. The new

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Deaths

Former Times-Tribune publisher dies

Joe Hardwick, former newspaper publisher, died Friday, June 13 in Somerset. He was 51.

Hardwick was the publisher of the Times-Tribune for several years, leaving the newspaper in March 1996. He began his career in 1965 with a paper route for The Commonwealth-Journal in Somerset. He worked in circulation as district manager in Wheeling, W.Va. and then went on to a manager's position in circulation in Fort Dodge, Iowa. For the next few years after that, Hardwick bounced around the southern United States between newspapers before settling in Corbin as the publisher.

After leaving the Times-Tribune in 1996, Hardwick worked in other businesses including working as a tool salesman.

Springfield Sun veteran employee dies at 61

Jane Bradshaw, an employee at The Springfield Sun for more than three decades, died at her home in Springfield on Sunday, June 15. She was 61.

She began her career at The Sun as a typesetter in 1965, then as the news-

paper's office manager and bookkeeper. She left the paper in 1973 to stay at home with her newborn daughter, though she continued to work part-time selling ads for the newspaper. In 1975, she was rehired by Richard RoBards, general manager of the newspaper at the time.

Bradshaw was an EMT for Washington County EMS for 19 years. She was involved with her church, St. Dominic Catholic, the American Red Cross, the Marion-Washington County Relay for Life and the Washington County Band Boosters.

Former Hancock Clarion editor dies at 93

Bernice Elizabeth Wimmer died Thursday, June 19 at Owensboro Mercy Health System. She was 93.

Wimmer grew up in Falls Church, Va. near Washington, D.C. and worked for a time at the Census Bureau. After her father bought the Hancock Clarion in 1945, she came to Hawesville to work for him in 1948. She learned to set type and report news.

In the early 1950s the paper was sold and she moved away from the county for a few years. Wimmer and her son Donn Wimmer, bought the Clarion from Ernest Lawson in 1956 and Wimmer returned to work at the paper. She served as editor and wrote a personal column entitled "Pertinent and Impertinent."

Another boot camp has come and gone

Eighteen students and their teacher sat around the classroom and chattered at a fevered pitch louder than a street sweeper. Never before in the history of Kentucky journalism had covering a fiscal court meeting generated so much raw excitement.

Oh, By The Way

By David Greer
KPA Member Services
Director



But this was no ordinary group. Members of the 2003 KPA Journalism Boot Camp on this Friday morning were enthusiastically discussing their previous night's class assignment of attending and reporting on the Scott Fiscal Court meeting in Georgetown. Later in the day, they would have the opportunity to assist the local paper, The News-Graphic, in actually writing the meeting story. Talk about learning on the job.

By the time you read these words,

the third annual journalism boot camp will be history. Nineteen boot camp participants from Kentucky, Indiana and West Virginia, ranging in age from high school students to — well, let's just say old enough to carry AARP cards, experienced three weeks of intensive journalism training. Again, journalism professor Jim St. Clair of Indiana University Southeast, led the boot camp at Georgetown College.

During boot camp, participants heard nearly a dozen speakers address various aspects of print journalism and the law. Speakers were from the Lexington Herald-Leader, Louisville Courier-Journal, The Anderson News, Dinsmore & Shohl law firm and KPA. Four 2002 boot camp graduates, three of who are now working at newspa-

pers, shared their adventures in journalism from the past 12 months.

Each of the three boot camp classes has been unique. But in all three years, the boot campers have been evenly divided between men and women from all walks of life. Some have already worked for newspapers. Many didn't. Some had taken journalism classes in high school or college. Some had long desired to be journalists while others were just trying journalism on for size.

When organizing the original boot camp, we had long discussions about enrollment criteria. Ultimately, we decided against any believing that testing or interviewing applicants beforehand would be wholly inadequate. Instead, we decided to let passion or circumstances rule. If an individual or an employer felt strongly enough to spend \$645 plus commuting and/or lodging expenses to attend boot camp or send someone else to boot camp,

then they would probably be dedicated to the cause and motivated to attend. In hindsight, that has proven to be the right decision.

There's already a list of names of people who want information for the 2004 boot camp. The boot camp's reputation continues to spread. Over the past two years, we've had several other press associations make inquiries. This year, the head of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists in Washington e-mailed that he had heard about the boot camp and wants to be notified in 2004 when registration begins. Some members might want to attend or might know someone else who might want to attend, he said.

As 2002 boot camp graduate Jay Cason, a retired school superintendent now working as a reporter at The Anderson News in Lawrenceburg told students, the pay isn't the greatest but he's never had more fun than he's having now working as a journalist.

Laws protect newspapers from liability relating to Internet website message board content

By KIM GREENE
KPA General
Counsel

Dinsmore & Shohl



Does your newspaper have a website? Does your website have a bulletin board or message board feature? I'm referring to that feature of a website where readers can directly post their own comments or messages.

Some newspapers which have message boards on their websites screen the postings before they actually appear on the website. Others do not. Which is the best approach?

What if you have readers who post messages that contain crude or rude language or racy content? Or what if defamatory content ends up there? Given all these possibilities, is having the message board feature on your website worth it at all?

What liability does a newspaper have for messages posted directly by readers? Congress addressed this very question in the Communications Decency Act of 1996 (CDA). The

short answer is that the newspapers are protected from liability relating to the content of messages posted by readers.

Section 230 of the CDA specifically provides:

No provider or users of an interactive computer service shall be treated as the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content provider.

No provider or user of an interactive computer service shall be liable on account of any action voluntarily taken in good faith to restrict access to or availability of objectionable material.

No cause of action may be brought and no liability may be imposed under any state or local law that is inconsistent with this section.

There is extensive case law that broadly interprets Section 230 as creating a near-absolute immunity for on-line service providers with respect to content originating with a third-party. Courts have held that Section 230 extends such protection to claims in addition to claims for defamation.

This safe harbor protects an "inter-

active computer service" which is not an "information content provider." While the definition of "interactive computer service" does not specifically refer to newspapers or others hosting chat rooms or message boards, the cases indicate that such service providers are included. For example, one court found that Kinkos was an "interactive computer services" provider under the CDA and, therefore, was not liable for defamatory statements made in a chat room by a third-party user of a computer rented at Kinkos.

In another case, a California federal court held that Section 230 protected Matchmaker, a matchmaking website that allows users to search its database of personal profiles, from a claim by a woman that its profile of her was false and created by an unknown person and depicted her as licentious. She sued for defamation, invasion of privacy, misappropriation of right of publicity and negligence. The court held that Matchmaker was an "interactive computer service." It also held, however, that Matchmaker was an "information content

provider." The CDA defines information content provider as "any person or entity that is responsible in whole or in part for the creation or development of information provided through the internet or any other interactive computer service. The court agreed that Matchmaker had taken an active role in developing the posted information. Unlike on an electronic bulletin board where users are allowed to post anything they wish, at the Matchmaker website users were limited to the information solicited from Matchmaker's questionnaires.

In other cases, courts have held that Section 230 barred a case against America Online for negligence for allowing dissemination of child pornography, and protected CompuServe in an action brought by an abortion clinic against CompuServe for violating the clinic's right to privacy by permitting antiabortion activists to post motor vehicle records of its employees and patients.

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The News-Enterprise/ Elizabethtown Independent School District

The Kentucky Attorney General was asked to rule whether the Elizabethtown Independent School District properly relied on KRS 61.878(1)(a) in denying News-Enterprise education reporter Patrick Avery's May 28, 2003 request for a list of all students who attend Elizabethtown Independent Schools under limited guardianships, a list of all students who attend Elizabethtown Independent Schools on contract, a list of all students who are on a waiting list to attend a school in the district, and a list of all students who attend Elizabethtown Independent Schools.

Based on a previous AG opinion and on the fact that Elizabethtown Independent School District has not taken the necessary steps to designate any student information or directory information that can be released without parental consent, the AG's office ruled that the school district acted properly in denying the request.

In his May 29 response to Avery's request, School Board attorney Jerry M. Coleman advised the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act contains statutory provisions which prohibit the information sought by the newspaper from being made public. It prohibits the information sought by the newspaper from being made public unless the school board has sought to make this information public and has given the parents of the students a reasonable period of time in which to inform the school board of their desire that the information not be released without their prior consent.

The Attorney General's office found that because the Elizabethtown Independent School District has not implemented the statutory mechanism for designating any information directly relating to its students as directory information directly relating to its students as directory information and therefore acted according to law.

The Courier-Journal/Crime Victims Compensation Board

The Attorney General's office was asked to decide whether the Crime Victims Compensation Board violated the Open Records Act in partially denying Courier-Journal reporter R.G. Dunlop's March 27 request for

records relating to Claim CV-94-210.

The AG's office affirmed CVCB's refusal to disclose the Supplementary Report to the Uniform Offense Report, the Report of the Forensic Laboratory Examination, and certain personal information related to the victim of the alleged offense giving rise to Claim CV-94-210, the person who reported the alleged offense, the perpetrator of the alleged offense, and the claimant who was granted compensation for medical costs incurred by the victim as an apparent consequence of the alleged offense.

In a response dated March 28, CVCB attorney G. Mitchell Mattingly provided Dunlop with "copies of the entire file," with the exceptions noted above explaining that "the supplementary report details the traumatic events suffered by this child victim and the rape kit exam results discloses the obvious. Again, the balance of the file was provided ... with some redactions of personally identifiable and sensitive information..."

It was CVCB's position that disclosure of these documents would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the victim's personal privacy, and that the documents qualified for exclusion from public inspection under KRS 61.878(1)(a). Mattingly stated that disclosure of the details of the sexual assault "constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy that ... clearly outweigh the public's right to know."

On appeal, Jon L. Fleischaker, attorney representing The Courier-Journal, challenged CVCB's reliance on the cited legal authorities asserting that "none of those authorities gives an agency the kind of wide berth to omit public records that CVCB claims here."

It is Fleischaker's position that the AG's earlier opinion dealt with "narrowly-defined portions of police incident reports where there had not yet been an arrest, indictment or trial," and that these disputed records are distinguishable because the victim's alleged assailant "was arrested, incarcerated, and indicted on charges of rape in the first degree." He said that this implicated the public's constitutional right to access to the court.

The attorney general's office observed that the question presented in the appeal was whether the public's interest in monitoring how

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Talking about career motivates me to work harder for you

There's nothing better to whip you back into shape than talking about your career to the journalism boot camp.

I was so intent on the task at hand - selling at least \$6 million in advertising for 2003

- that the July 23 speaking date kind of surprised me. Yes, I had known about it all along and agreed to do it a long time ago. But the date was finally here.

What had I done in the journalism field for the past 26+ years?

Would the budding journalists consider it exciting?

Would they be totally bored by what I had to say?

Too many questions. Just talk I thought to myself - you've never had trouble doing that before.

So talk I did - and what a refresher course.

My days at the McLean County News are past, but they were great days. I told the journalists that working at a community newspapers would be the most fun that they ever had at a job. It is a new adventure every day.

I am sure that most of you will agree that is true. Monday morning brings you into the office with set expectations then there is a call over the scanner that there is a dead body floating in Green River or that a Hollywood film crew is expected to arrive in the small community of Cleopatra (good luck finding that one on a map). And yes, both of

Advertising Plus

By Teresa Revlett
KPS Director of Sales



those events did happen during my tenure in Calhoun.

The point is, you don't know what to expect but it is always better than what you anticipated.

Then I had to move on to my current career. When I explained that I worked for all newspapers, specialty publications and college publications in Kentucky and also for the members of the Hoosier State Press Association, one question came up "Are there really that many ads out there?"

Don't get me started!

There are so many advertisers that we feel like we are just now finding. New clients arrive daily and say "I didn't know you could do that!" so it is up to the Kentucky Press Service and Indiana Newspaper Advertising staff to shout about the great work that our newspapers do each week.

What started out at an informal discussion with the boot camp from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. went on well past the noon hour and I could have stayed all day. Talking about newspapers and what a great service they provide readers each week is easy.

I am still very proud to be associated with each newspaper and specialty publication that we represent at KPA/KPS and INAN. Our members are the best. If nobody else was motivated after my talk - I was!

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Medical center board of directors passes resolution honoring Hatmaker

The Board of Directors for the Kentucky River Medical Center in Jackson honored Louise B. Hatmaker, former editor, publisher and owner of The Jackson Times and The Beattyville Enterprise newspapers, posthumously with a resolution in late June.

Hatmaker passed away May 25 just a month after being named to the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame.

The resolution reads:

WHEREAS, Louis B. Hatmaker, former Chairman of the Board and long-member of The Board of Trustees of Kentucky River Medical Center, died on May 25, 2003; and

WHEREAS, The provision of "quality healthcare close to home" for the people of Breathitt, Lee, Owlsey and Wolfe counties was a priority and personal philosophy to her life; and

WHEREAS, Establishing a health-

care facility to always serve the residents of these areas with state-of-the-art equipment and highly trained medical personnel; and

WHEREAS, The commitment of much of her professional and private life for the past 23 years to this goal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky River Medical Center express their deepest gratitude to Louise B. Hatmaker for her unwavering support to the Kentucky River Medical Center, the patients of the hospital, and the staff of the hospital; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board adopt this resolution and that it be made a part of the minutes of the hospital and that a copy be delivered to the family of Louise B. Hatmaker, a copy be published in the local newspaper and a copy sent to the Kentucky Press Association.

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By the terms of § 230 you are protected from liability for the content of third-parties' posted messages whether or not you attempt to screen postings before they appear on your message board. The theory is you should not be penalized for making good faith efforts to prevent the posting of defamatory, indecent or otherwise unlawful material by your readers.

There are some things you need to watch out for. Whether you screen or not, as soon as you are made aware of the presence of material which could be considered indecent, obscene or which could defame someone or invade someone's privacy or otherwise violate the rights of another, you should remove it immediately. It remains an open question whether you could be liable for the posting once you have actual knowledge of it.

In addition, if you screen, take care that you do not go overboard. If you exercise too much editorial control, for example, by editing, suggesting

word changes to the reader, or soliciting the content, you could be deemed the publisher or the "information content provider" of the message. In that case you would be liable for the content.

There is no reason for a Kentucky newspaper to discontinue the message board features on their websites. If care is taken as described above there should be no liability issues for postings by readers. If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to call your Hotline attorneys.

If you have any questions about this issue or any other topics covered by the Hotline, don't hesitate to call your Hotline attorneys.

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CVCB discharges its duty to hear and determine all matters relating to claims for compensation outweighs the victim's privacy interest in avoiding disclosure of the details of a traumatic incident and thus warrants an invasion of her personal privacy. The AG's office found that CVCB's reliance on KRS 61.878(1)(a) as the basis for redacting the victim's name, date of birth, address, race and the manner by which she attempted suicide, for which associated medical costs the claimant sought compensation, was justified for the same reasons that the details of the rape are protected.

"In this case, the attempt at suicide was the consequence of the rape and should be accorded the same protection under the privacy exception," Assistant Attorney General Ryan Halloran wrote. "The details of a suicide attempt with its attendant medical treatment are the type of information that has been found to be exempt from disclosure under the Open Records Act."

The AG's office also found that, to the extent the information does not identify the victim, the name of the person who reported the offense, the location of the offense and arrest do

not fall within the privacy exception and should have been disclosed to the newspaper.

They affirmed CVCB's redaction of the address, phone number, and date of birth of the alleged perpetrator of the offense, and the claimant's address, phone number and the name of her bank. They also affirmed CVCB's redaction of the victim's and the claimant's social security number as well as the I.D. number of the alleged perpetrator on the basis of KRS 61.878(1)(a).

The Meade County Messenger/Meade County Solid Waste and Recycling Board

The Attorney General's office was asked to decide whether the Meade County Solid Waste and Recycling Board violated the Open Meetings Act by discussing in a closed session at its June 12 meeting matters not publicly announced prior to convening that closed session.

On June 13, Meade County Messenger Editor Pat Bowen submitted a written complaint to Board Chairman Brad Bickett in which she alleged that the Board violated the Act when it went into closed session under authority of KRS 61.810(1)(f) to conduct a discussion that might lead to the discipline of an individual employee but, in addition to this

topic, discussed "issues of contention with the Meade County Sheriff's Office" in the course of the closed session. As a means of remedying the alleged violation, Bowen proposed that the Board publicly apologize "at the next meeting for this illegal action."

In a letter dated June 16, Board Attorney Robert L. Heleringer responded to Bowen's complaint. He said that he was late arriving at the meeting and when he arrived the board had already gone into closed session. He said he assumed that the closed session was called to discuss the matter of the disciplinary action and any legal matters pertaining to ongoing litigation. It was only when the meeting reconvened in open session that he learned that the closed session had been called solely to discuss an employee matter.

"Rather than disrupt and delay the meeting further and ask for another closed session to re-discuss the litigation issues, I allowed the meeting to continue uninterrupted," he wrote in his response.

Heleringer said that this dispute could have been resolved during the public session of the board meeting by the newspaper's representative attending the meeting if they would have raised the issue.

On appeal, Bowen asserts that

because the Meade County Solid Waste and Recycling Board discussed matters during its closed session that were not publicly announced prior to convening that closed session, the Board violated KRS 61.815.

Bowen refuted Heleringer's allegation that the matter could have been resolved at the meeting if the Messenger's representative had raised the issue. "My knowledge of what transpired in the closed meeting was not obtained until after the completion of the meeting. I then had the opportunity to converse with sources about the subjects discussed in the closed session. There was no way for me to have known during the meeting about the illegality," she wrote.

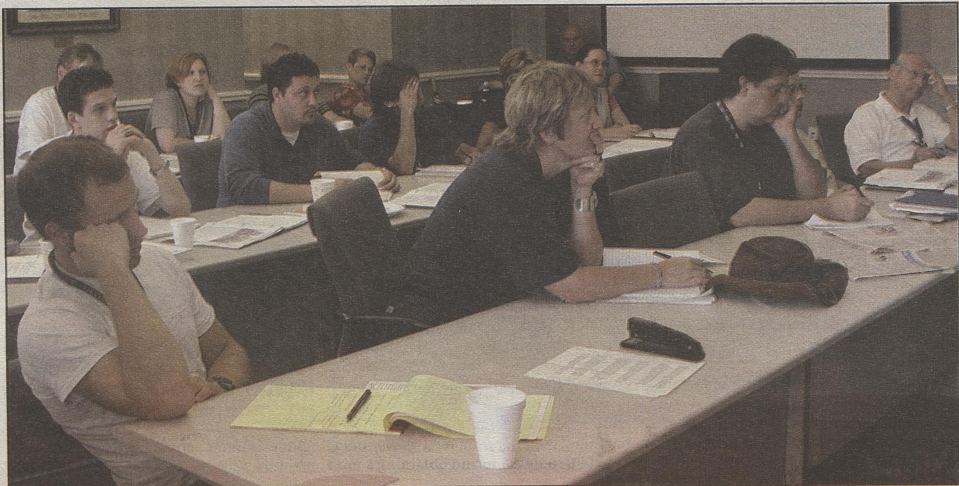
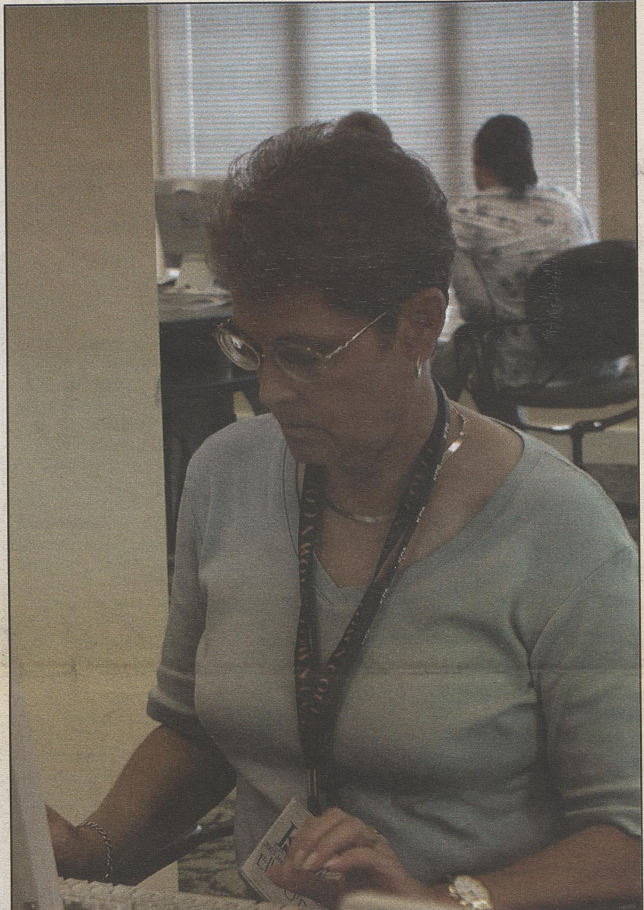
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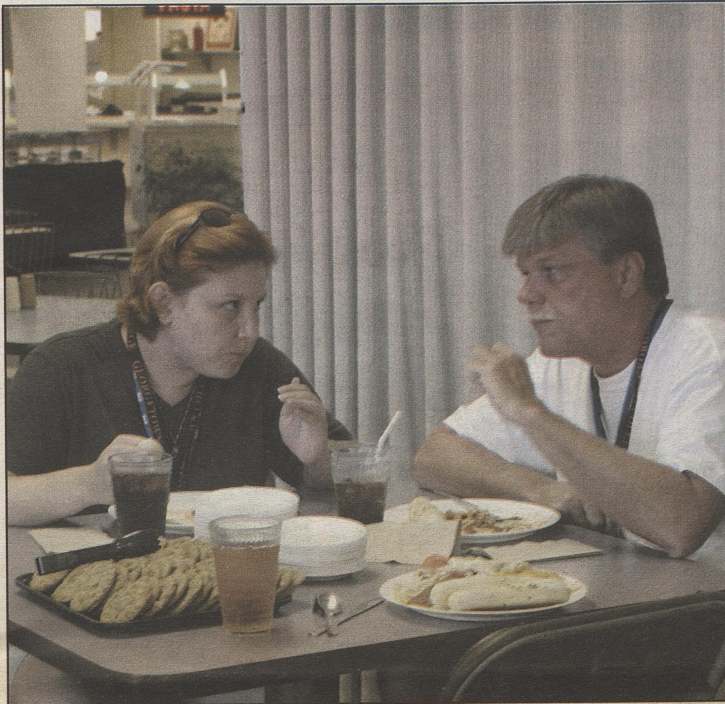
2003 KPA Boot Camp training

Right: Ellen O'Day works in the computer lab on one of her assignments. O'Day hopes to get work at a weekly paper in Northern Kentucky when boot camp is over. Boot camp was held July 14-Aug.1 at Georgetown College

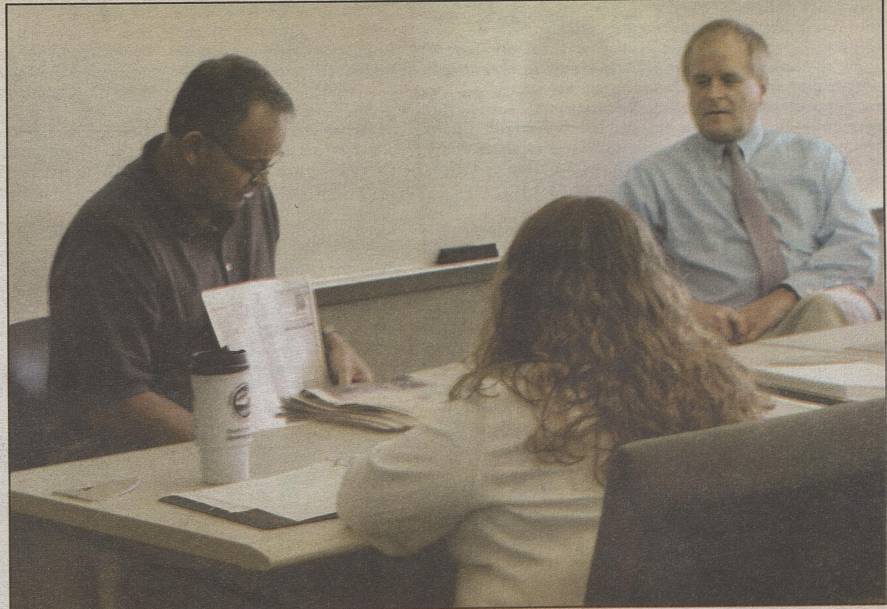


Above: Pattie Cox takes notes as Jamie Dexter talks about his life when each boot camper was assigned to interview one another for a story for the boot camp newspaper. Right: Boot campers listen intently during the first week of boot camp as instructor Jim St. Clair talks about his journalism experiences.





Left: Jenny Poole and Chuck Hamilton share a deep discussion during lunch at the Georgetown College cafeteria. This year the college had a special area set aside in the cafeteria for the campers. Below: Teresa Revlett, KPS director of sales, speaks to the class about her work in community journalism that has spanned over two decades.



Left: Jim St. Clair answers questions about his career during the first week of boot camp when campers learned about how to ask the proper interview questions. They practiced on him. Above: Graduates of the 2002 Boot Camp, Jay Cason, left, of the Anderson News, and Greg Gapsis of the Jeffersonville Evening News, spoke to the class of their experiences in boot camp and obtaining a job afterwards.

UK, WKU open fall semester with new journalism school directors

Two of Kentucky's universities will have new directors of their journalism departments when the new school year begins this month.

Dr. Pam McAllister Johnson is the new director of the School of Journalism and Broadcasting and the Center for 21st Century Media at Western Kentucky University.

"This is a very strong program. It's ready to go to the next step which I think is national promotion," said Johnson who replaces JoAnn Huff Albers.

Her goals are to maintain the program's level of excellence, promote the excellence nationally, create endowed chairs for each sequence (print, broadcasting, photojournalism, advertising and public relations) and remain at the forefront on professional issues such as media convergence.

"If we can have a photojournalism program that is the best in the country, I believe all our sequences can be the best in the country," Johnson said.

Johnson was the first African American to head a general circulation newspaper in the United States. For 13 years, she was president and publisher of the Ithaca



Pam Johnson

Journal, a Gannett newspaper in upstate New York. She also worked for several other print and broadcasting companies.

She has a master's and doctorate from the University of Wisconsin at

Madison. She comes to WKU from Kansas State University where she was the R.M. Seaton Visiting Professor in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Her academic career includes positions at Pepperdine University, Cornell University, Norfolk State University, University of Missouri and University of Wisconsin.

Her work on affirmative action and diversity issues was recognized in 2001 with a Lifetime Service Achievement Award from the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

Johnson replaces Albers who is a native of Pulaski County and received her bachelor's degree from Miami (Ohio) University and her master's degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati. She spent 20 years at The Cincinnati Enquirer where she held several positions before being named executive editor of the paper's Kentucky edition in 1979. She was

also editor and publisher of the Sturgis (Mich.) Journal and the Public Opinion in Chambersburg, Pa., and general news executive for Gannett Co.

Albers met two of her goals during her tenure at

Western: Western won the overall title in the Hearst Intercollegiate Journalism Competition for two consecutive years and the School of Journalism and Broadcasting, formed by a merger of the two departments in 1999.

Albers is entering optional retirement where she will spend time with her family.

Beth Barnes was named as the head of the University of Kentucky School of Journalism and Broadcasting in April and took over the duties on July 1.

She comes to UK from Syracuse University, where she was an assistant dean overseeing master's degree programs in communications. She joined the faculty there in 1985. She assumed her position as assistant dean for professional graduate studies in 2001 after serving for nearly four years as chair of the Newhouse school's advertising department. She has also served as a faculty member of Pennsylvania



Beth Barnes

State University, Northwestern University and Miami (Ohio) University.

Her professional experience is in advertising and marketing communications. She worked in marketing management at United Air

Specialists, corporate advertising research at IBM and media research at DDB Worldwide.

Barnes received a B.A. in English from the College of William and Mary and an M.S. in Advertising and Ph.D. in Communication Studies from Northwestern University. She becomes the ninth director of the school's program.

She succeeds Dick Wilson who served as interim director since last summer.

Wilson will slip back into retirement now that his interim position at UK is over. He retired in mid-1999 from the Louisville Courier-Journal. Prior to his retirement he was a reporter and bureau chief in Louisville, Frankfort and Lexington for 32 years. He has also been a reporter for the Lexington Herald-Leader and Frankfort State Journal. He was an adjunct professor at both UK and Kentucky State University and was an advisor to the Kentucky Kernel in the mid-1960s.

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\$50 and session only both days is \$75.

For more information to obtain a registration form contact the office at (502) 223-8821.

Kentucky Registry of Election Finance offers instructional demo

The Kentucky Registry of Election Finance invites the public to attend an instructional demonstration showcasing its Online Searchable Database.

Two-hour blocks of time have been reserved for the demonstration. The instructional part of the demonstration should take approximately an hour. During this first hour, you will learn how to perform several different searches in the database for contribution information. Also in the presentation, you will find out how to print candidates' financial statements, as well as how to download data and import it to Microsoft Excel for your own personal use. The remaining time will be devoted to hands-on searches, and interactive questions and answers between attendees and Registry staff.

This training is offered at no cost to the attendee and will be held in the classroom facilities of the Division of Information Technology Training, 193 Versailles Road, Suite 59, in Frankfort.

The dates and times for the demonstrations will be: Aug. 7, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Aug. 26, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Aug. 28 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Space is limited in each session. Please reserve your space by phoning Lisa Hunt at (502) 573-2226 or by contacting her via e-mail at lisa.hunt@mail.state.ky.us.

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2003 KPA internships offer variety of experiences

Aaron Arnold
Senior
Morehead State
University
Ashland
Independent



My internship experience at the Independent was extremely rewarding and I now have revived thirst for being a professional reporter. From the beginning of my internship I was lucky enough to be thrown into the fire, but not without help if I needed it. I also had the opportunity to work in a first-class newsroom with reporters that are masters of their trade.

The most interesting story assignment I had the opportunity to report on was a cash-back rebate promotion at a local furniture store that ended up failing. I received a host of calls from customers that were upset about not getting their money back. Calling a number of sources and digging for information about the case really allowed me to see how a reporter can become consumed by a story.

It has been rewarding to get a really in-depth, first hand look at the journalism business. I was treated like a reporter rather than an intern, and I am confident I have become a better reporter because of it. My future hopefully will be at a daily newspaper as top-notch as The Independent.

Adam Mathis
The Fulton Leader
Murray State



"Hello, my name is Adam Mathis, I'm a reporter with The Fulton Leader."

The first hurdle was getting that phrase down. I have been with The Murray State News for two years, so breaking the "Hello, my name is Adam Mathis with The Murray State News," (or whatever phrase I used) instinct, and it is instinctive, was the first battle.

Just how much The Fulton Leader differs from The Murray State News became apparent at the first news meeting. The editor and two writers engaged in some casual conversation and it struck me as strange. I knew I would never hear this conversation at a news meeting at the college paper. After looking at the staff it suddenly struck me: the entire writing staff is male at The Leader, most of the news staff at my college was female.

Nope, I am not in Kansas anymore. The editor is a veteran in journalism. Usually dressed in khakis and a dress shirt, John (Johnny) O'Neal Jones can

often be found with a cigar in his mouth in the room he calls the War Room, a storage room littered with mechanical parts and old newspapers. Here, Johnny holds his more "informal" news meetings.

It is the indelible experiences of working with people like Johnny, the writers Glenn and Chad, and the rest of the staff that will follow after me. The experience has been tremendous but the value I can find in interacting with those with whom I have spent the summer is the experience. May God's blessing and peace be upon the entire staff at The Fulton Leader.

Alex Williams
Senior
UK



Jessamine Journal
From the moment I was awarded an internship with The Jessamine Journal I felt like I had taken a big step in my pursuit in journalism. Working for The Jessamine Journal in Nicholasville has strengthened my understanding of the daily activities that take place in a newsroom, and working with quality journalists has helped me realize what needs to be done in order to be successful in this field.

With previous newspaper experience at the Kentucky Kernel and as a senior at the University of Kentucky I have grown as a journalist, but through my internship at The Journal I have grown tenfold. Attending city council meetings, taking photographs and being present when breaking news is happening is something I have not fully experienced until my time at The Journal. I am thankful to have been given the opportunity to work for an outstanding newspaper and the short time I have been here I have learned things I will carry with me for the rest of my career.

Ann Marie Clinton
Junior
Western Kentucky
University
The Princeton Times
Leader



For the past 10 weeks, I have not been a student climbing the hill at Western Kentucky University. I have been Anne-Marie Clinton, intern for the Times Leader in Princeton, preparing for my junior year in college.

As an intern, I have taken on the role of someone who helps bring a small community their news. It has been

interesting to learn about the personality of the town and its people.

I have interviewed people in all situations. During my second day on the job, I met a mother whose child was refused care at a hospital. While it did not turn into a story, learning how to track people down was very beneficial to me.

I learned anything can happen and journalism can be told at its best when going in unprepared. The 10-week period was just enough to get my feet wet and has strengthened my attitude about a newspaper career. More than ever, I believe it is important to provide the public with an accurate view of the world around them.

I learned that it is important to keep my head up and enjoy what I am doing. My summer was well-spent learning the ropes of a bi-weekly newspaper. Words can have a powerful impact but I accepted it as a challenge to constantly write to the best of my ability.

Cassandra Kirby
Junior
Easter Kentucky
University
The Winchester Sun



After interning at The Winchester Sun, I will enter my junior year at Eastern Kentucky University as a better writer. This internship has well exceeded my expectations.

I'll never forget my first feature assignment. Grace Thaxton was turning 112 years old and I was going to tell her story. Although she was alert and had a vivid memory, she could not hear well. I spent two hours yelling every question in her ear at the top of my lungs — it was well worth it.

After her story ran, I received a letter from the Thaxton family expressing their appreciation and thanking me for the "lovely" article.

I realized I had given Thaxton what may be her last chance to tell her life story — and maybe that meant more to me than it did to her.

The rest of my internship turned out to be the same — filled with awesome experiences. I was able to write many feature stories, take some of my own photos and even write a handful of hard-news stories.

This summer has harvested much personal and professional growth for me also. My editor, Bill Blakeman, guided my writing and taught me the essentials of small town journalism. He nurtured my journalistic practices and

inspired my creativity. Thanks to him and The Sun staff, I will end the summer wiser, older and with a lot of great clips!

Erica Osborne
Senior
Bellarmine
University
The Kentucky
Standard



Gut-wrenching ethical decisions are a daily part of journalism. But at a small town newspaper, the decisions you make often regard your friends and neighbors.

On the first day of my job as an intern for The Kentucky Standard I experienced firsthand the tough choices in small town journalism. Stacey Manning, the news and photo editor, took me along to the scene of a house fire.

As Stacey took photos, I noticed the couple that owned the home sitting on a nearby sidewalk. Stacey noticed the couple, too. She waited to approach the husband until he was away from his wife. After asking him only a few questions, she told me she was ready to go.

The man had told her what he believed was the cause of the fire and of his attempts to put it out. He asked one thing of Stacey as well — to not bother his wife. She agreed.

We have to grocery shop right alongside the very people we write about, she told me. I could have gone up to that woman and put a camera in her face, but I can't do that, she explained. Maybe that makes me a bad journalist, but I don't care, she said.

A big story could have been even bigger, but she decided to show compassion instead. In doing so, she taught me a valuable lesson. She taught me that journalists are people first. That's something I'll never forget.

Jennifer Hahn
Senior
Murray State
Union County
Advocate



I am 22 years old and have attended Murray State University for the past four years. I am now finishing my internship, and will get my diploma from Murray in August. My degree is in Graphic Communications Management with an emphasis in photography.

My internship experience has been extremely positive, and I am pleased to

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owner - LEO Acquisition LLC - is headed by publisher and journalist Arthur W. Howe, a Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper veteran who has built and owned a variety of alternative newspapers, magazines and suburban weeklies.

Louisville resident Pam Brooks also joins the newspaper as publisher. Terms of the sale were not disclosed. LEO was started in 1990 by Yarmuth and business manager Rick Kincaid, along with journalists Bob Schulman and Mary Caldwell, playwright/journalist Dudley Saunders and University of Louisville basketball coach Denny Crum.

Wright retires from Cynthiana Democrat after 26 years

Linda Wright retired in June from the Cynthiana Democrat after 26 years of service to the newspaper.

Wright began her career at the newspaper working at the front desk and later became the circulation manager. For the past several years, in addition to working in circulation, Wright has also served as the paper's personnel manager.

Jeff Kerr joins Clay City Times, Citizen Voice & Times staffs

Jeff Kerr, a 38-year veteran of Kentucky newspapers, joined the Citizen Voice & Times and the Clay City Times as editor in late June.

As editor, he will be responsible for the news content and editing of copy at both papers as well as writing, reporting and photography duties.

Kerr, 52, began his journalism career as a sports columnist with the Cynthiana Democrat. He later worked at the Cynthiana Kentuckian and the Lexington Herald before returning to the Cynthiana Democrat as composition director. In that capacity he was responsible for the layout and design-

ing of five weekly newspapers owned by Landmark Community Newspapers Inc. at the time including the Clay City Times and the Irvine Times-Herald.

After leaving the Democrat he worked for the McCreary County Record, the Kentucky Post and the Carlisle Mercury before accepting the position as sports editor of The Winchester Sun. He was sports editor at the Sun from 1981 to 2001 when he moved to the news side as senior staff writer.

Taylor, Fritz, Vinson all begin new positions at Winchester Sun

Keith Taylor is the new sports editor at the Winchester Sun. Taylor has been a design editor at The Sun since November 2001. He previously worked at The Richmond Register from 1992 until 2001, where he was sports editor, sports writer and staff writer. He also has attended Eastern Kentucky University.

Drew Fritz joined the staff of The Sun to fill Taylor's position as design editor. He is a 1989 graduate of Western Kentucky University. He recently has finished a 3-year contract with Singapore Press Holdings.

Jamie Vinson has rejoined the staff of The Sun as the new government reporter. A 2003 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, she interned with the paper during the past two summers. She also interned with the Lexington Herald-Leader in spring 2002 and The Mt. Sterling Advocate during the summer of 2000.

Three take new positions at The Post

Robert White, Dan Hassert and Kerry Duke all began new positions at The Kentucky Post in early July.

White, editorial page editor of The Cincinnati Post for more than a decade has been named associate editor of The Cincinnati Post and The Kentucky Post.

White, of Ft. Thomas, will oversee the opinion pages of both The Post's Kentucky and Cincinnati editions.

A 1975 graduate of Miami

University, White, 50, joined The Post in 1981 as a reporter before he was promoted to assistant metro editor and then to statehouse bureau chief in Columbus. He was appointed editor of the editorial page in 1992.

Hassert was named editor of The Kentucky Post's editorial pages.

Duke was named Web/Kentucky Life editor and will oversee The Post's electronic editions as well as the paper's Kentucky Life pages.

Duke, 54, is a 1972 graduate of Baylor University. He joined The Kentucky Post in 1983 as an assistant city editor. In December of that year, he was named metropolitan editor of The Cincinnati Post.

He later became executive sports editor and then night editor before being named editor of The Kentucky Post's editorial page in 1996. He is a resident of Ft. Thomas.

Two Kentucky papers receive NNA awards

The Kentucky Standard and the Jessamine Journal have each been announced as winners in the 2003 National Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest. The awards will be handed out Sept. 24-27 at the NNA convention in Kansas City.

The Kentucky Standard in Bardstown won a third place award and honorable mention award for Best Feature Story. Stacey Manning received the third place award for her story "A daughter waits for justice." Holly Cecil won honorable mention for her story "Culture, tradition, flavor."

The Jessamine Journal received honorable mention in the Best Use of Photographs category.

The Spencer Magnet presents Brock

Wesley Martin, general manager of The Spencer Magnet in Taylorsville, presented Tracy Faye Harris a certificate in honor of her winning the 2003 Brock Journalism Scholarship. The Magnet presents the award each year to a graduating senior from Spencer County High School who is pursuing a journalism related career.

Harris, who worked part-time at

The Magnet during her senior year, is headed for Boston University where she plans to major in journalism.

Ferguson named director of accounting/financial reporting at LCNI

Lesa Ferguson has joined the LCNI's Central Office Accounting Department as director of accounting/financial reporting.

Ferguson will provide expertise on sales and use taxes for each state and will be the contact person for leases and telecommunication issues.

She has 12 years prior newspaper experience, including time as an accountant for the Messenger-Inquirer in Owensboro, as a business manager for Huckle Publishing, Inc. in Fairbault, Minn. and as controller for Elmira (N.Y.) Star-Gazette, a Gannett newspaper.

Most recently, Ferguson was employed as controller for the Special Markets Group of Vermont American Corporation in Louisville.

Ferguson is a summa cum laude graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College with a B.A. in accounting and is enrolled in the MBA program at Indiana University Southeast.

Central Kentucky News-Journal raises money for Relay for Life

The Central Kentucky News-Journal employees and their families helped raise \$1,165.04 for the Taylor County Relay for Life.

The CKNJ was also a "Hope Sponsor" for the annual event - meaning that the newspaper contributed \$2,500 in in-kind assistance to the American Cancer Society fundraiser.

Lebanon Enterprise raises money for Relay for Life

The Lebanon Enterprise ran a memory page on Memorial Day with all proceeds from the ads going to the Marion/Washington County Relay for Life. The Enterprise does not have a team, but they do this every year to show their support for the annual event the page generated \$320.

**What's happening at your newspaper?
Do you have news or information you want to share with your peers?**

E-mail your stories to Dana Ehlschide, KPA News Bureau Director, at dehlschide@kypress.com by the 20th of each month.

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say that I will be sorry to leave at the end of my 10 weeks. My knowledge of the newspaper industry has grown through extensive training, and I have had superb teachers! The information that I have absorbed could never have been taught in the classroom, and I feel that this practicum has been an invaluable asset to my career development. All in all, I couldn't have asked for a better experience.

Jessica Sasseen
Sophomore
Western Kentucky
The Henderson
Gleaner



New experiences and new responsibilities have been the theme of my summer internship with The Gleaner. Coming into a real newsroom fresh from my first year at Western, I was a little anxious about being away from my family in Mayfield and anxious about my work to come. What came was a flood of helping hands open to all the millions of questions I had about journalism and about life.

Throughout this summer, I have written a variety of stories. I learned about the city government, the emergency medical services, funeral homes, barbecued ribs and even Harry Potter. I expected to work hard, and I have. But I didn't expect to go back to Western with so many contacts, clips and pockets full of experiences that will serve me well. This internship has definitely exceeded my expectations. While typing my time away this summer, I've learned a few things. I've learned that no matter how nice you are, some people just don't like reporters. I've learned that when you need to talk to somebody right now, they probably won't be there. And I've learned that sometimes the stories that don't sound too exciting can turn out to be the best ones.

What impressed me most about this experience were the people that I have been fortunate enough to work with. By sharing their own experiences and expertise in the field, I feel prepared to take on any challenges that are thrown my way. I know a lifetime of writing is in my future, no matter what career path I choose. I'm grateful for this experience, and my time at The Gleaner.

Kara Kuczun
Senior
Lindsey Wilson
College
The Spencer Magnet
Poets and authors
such as Robert Frost
and Jane Austen



have always inspired me to write. During my freshman year of high school I was encouraged to write by my English teacher and originally hoped to become a famous author. Those hopes died when I quickly realized my chances of being published and making it in the writing world. I didn't give up on my dream as a writer however.

When I began my college experience at Lindsey Wilson College three years ago, I made up my mind I would give journalism a try.

With no formal journalism training, I joined the campus newspaper staff and since then have taken several journalism classes at LWC. In the summer after my sophomore year, I underwent my first internship at The Spencer Magnet in Taylorsville.

My first internship went extremely well and taught me more than I ever could have imagined to learn about journalism.

I was thrown into the world of writing and soon learned the ropes of the reporters world. Opportunities arose and I was allowed to cover some of the most important issues in the community; something I never thought would come my way during an internship.

I am now a senior at Lindsey Wilson College, where I am majoring in English with an emphasis in journalism. I participated in my second internship at The Spencer Magnet this summer, through KPA. This second internship built upon my skills and knowledge about journalism from the previous internship.

Luckily I have been given assignments as a writer, photographer and graphics designer, which have allowed me to become a well-rounded journalist.

The experience I have received as an intern will carry me through the rest of my life as a journalist. Because of the internships I have undergone, my passion for journalism is strengthened past my expectations. I have realized journalism will be, without a doubt, my life's work.

Rebecca Neal
UK
Danville Advocate-
Messenger



My summer as an intern at the Advocate-Messenger in Danville revolved around collecting court news, writing features and typing up the ubiquitous county fair results. This truly was the ideal internship and summer for me.

I'm a journalism and political sci-

ence junior at the University of Kentucky. I've spent two years on staff at the Kentucky Kernel and this was my third internship, so I was prepared for life at a "real" newspaper. The wonderful, friendly people at the paper also made my transition smoother.

I love hard news, which is why I'm also a political science major. Politics and meetings are in my blood. I'd choose a board meeting over a feature any day. However, I challenged myself to look at features a different way, and I found that I also love writing features. I'm especially proud of two pieces I wrote this summer. One was a personality profile of a disabled woman and how she's improved beyond what her doctors thought possible. The other piece was a day in the life of a senior citizens' bus driver. I found that features give people a way to see what life is like for others, and that features can be as equally important as a hard news story.

I love reporting and the craft of writing - the exhilaration that comes when you find the perfect word for that last sentence of one of your best works. After this internship, I'm more determined than ever to succeed in newspapers.

Sam Fletcher
Junior
Campbellsville
University
The Springfield Sun



They say a picture is worth a thousand words. I think the thousands of words I've written during my internship at the Springfield Sun was worth more than the picture of journalism painted by textbooks at school.

When I started, I imagined that a big part of my job would be finding the things wrong with the community. I thought that the way to make a community better was to expose its dark side.

I have done some muckraking this summer, but the most satisfying aspect, to my surprise, was discovering how important business and agriculture stories are. That's not to mention that they're much more fun to write!

Getting a taste of actually doing journalism has led me to believe that there's a future for me in business writing, because it encourages communities to grow and look to new ways of sustaining itself.

My favorite story to write was about Kentucky's Value-Added program, which allows farmers and markets to contract with each other directly. With tobacco prices falling and farmers being forced to sell their land for subdivisions, it opened my eyes to see young farmers making a real difference (and a healthy profit) in agriculture.

I want to do more of these stories

that help people understand that things can be done better. I want to encourage entrepreneurs to find the most sustainable markets. To me, part of good journalism is holding up the good for the community to emulate.

Shannon Covington
Sophomore
UK
Georgetown
News-Graphic



Before my internship ever commenced I was ready to start writing with the Georgetown News-Graphic. I had worked with them previously, so I knew what to expect. I felt like I was part of a team and everyone was extremely helpful in teaching me about this profession.

There is one moment in particular which made me decide journalism was my calling. I covered a story of a local man who manufactured and marketed a salsa made with a newly discovered pepper. If not for a personal connection, I wouldn't have had this opportunity.

The fact that I was able to shed the first light on this news was a great feeling. Reporters from other papers were calling him, asking to have the story but I got first-dibs on it; no one else. This person even went so far as to send copies of the story to The New York Times and the corporation he did business with in New Jersey. When I think of people on the East Coast reading my articles, it leaves me with a sense of pride.

The experiences I have had at the News-Graphic have allowed me to strengthen my writing and photography skills and meet so many new people. I know now that journalism is for me, and plan to continue to work hard to make my name in the profession.

Shawntaye Hopkins
Sophomore
Western Kentucky
Henry County Local



When I realized I was going to spend my summer at the Henry County Local in New Castle, I was a little apprehensive. I wondered if the county had more cows than people—a definite sign there'd not be much happening.

But I was wrong. Although I'm still not sure about the cow to people ratio, I had plenty to write about and even more to learn.

On the first day, I took a deep breath and thought about everything I'd

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learned during my freshman year, while working on the student newspaper at Western Kentucky University. But I soon realized that this was a new game.

At the Local, there weren't any design or photography staffs and there were no beats. The whole county was at my fingertips and I quickly learned that none of the reporters—of the other three—just wrote. I found myself doing everything from trying to make stories fit on a page to taking pictures at a mud run. The new skills and knowledge I have acquired are priceless.

But the best part of my summer was having the opportunity to discover community journalism at a weekly newspaper in a small town. When I'm ready to decide on my niche in the journalism field, I want to be able to make a decision based on a variety of different experiences. The Local has shown me one option.

My internship was nothing short of a success, and I'm eager to see where I'll end up next.

Colleen Lafferty
Senior
Berea College
Citizen Voice and Times



Currently, I am interning at the Citizen Voice and Times in Irvine. Since my internship began on June 16, I have become acquainted with the "real" world of journalism. I have covered many facets of news, from government meetings to personal tragedies.

Because of the wide range of stories to be covered within the world of journalism, I have also been able to train myself to not allow my work to affect me personally. While that has been hard at times, I have learned to set myself apart as a professional.

Coming into the internship, my goal was to prepare myself for the "real" world of journalism. It was also to cement my belief that journalism was my calling as a career. I sincerely believe that my internship at the Citizen Voice and Times has achieved these goals.

What has impressed me the most about the "real" world of journalism is the amount of time and dedication placed into the work. I was awakened to the time and effort it takes to complete an article. Yet, it is not only the articles which make a newspaper. Newspapers are a team effort. It takes all departments to produce a newspaper worthy of reader's attention.

The most interesting event I covered was the Beverly Yarber tragedy. Talking to the mother shortly after the loss of her 6-year-old daughter when their vehicle was swept away in a flood was heartbreaking.

From my internship, I learned how to adapt to the "real" world.

Diane Simrall
Bellarmine
The Carrollton News-Democrat

The first day of my internship, my editor assigned me a story about a cemetery. I thought to myself, "I am glad that she is starting me out slow." I mean how hard can a story about a cemetery be?

I was wrong. After being on the phone for an hour with my first interview, I hang up the phone and trudge into my editor's office.

"I don't think that you would have given me this story if you knew how big it was going to be," I tell her.

She smiles and tells me that I will be fine. "It will be a learning experience."

After spending hours on the phone and in interviews with government officials, lot owners, lawyers and former board members, I have produced three stories (with one in the works) and eight inches of research.

I have realized that the "real world of journalism" is about research, and more research. I have researched everything from laws and court records to bluegrass music and hair.

"Real journalism" requires persistence and accuracy. I have spent many a day on the phone chasing down people that I need to talk to, so that I can make sure that my information is correct.

The greatest part of my internship is the people. The staff has been great at making me feel welcome; the editor and reporter are always there to help, encourage and allow me to tag along so that I may learn.

I knew that I would enjoy being a journalist, but I never realized how much. I have laughed, cried and learned as I trudged through the world of "real journalism."

Tabitha Armstrong
Senior
Asbury College
The Murray Ledger & Times



Forty-eight days. Three reporter's notebooks. Fifty-two stories. About 1,000 inches. One CD-R of photos. These numbers are an indication of how I spent my time at the Murray Ledger & Times this summer, but they do little to portray what I, Tabitha Armstrong, of Murray, Ky., a senior at Asbury College, got out of my internship.

During my 10 weeks at the Ledger, I learned first-hand that interaction with people makes journalism the rewarding experience it is. Meeting new sources and subjects everyday and maintaining relationships with many of those on an extended basis is meaningful. It helped me realize that journalism can positively impact communities and people. Consequently, it also strengthened my desire to serve in the newspaper business.

Everything I did was somewhat fascinating, but the most interesting experiences were working on three "day in the life" stories on the mayor, fire inspector and county judge executive. I spent a day with each person, which gave me an opportunity to get to know them and see what their jobs entail.

One of my most humorous experiences took place when an elderly local radio personality realized that he had met my mom several years ago and thought she was really pretty. Referring to me, he told the people he was with, "You think she's pretty. You should see her mom." Ouch.

Tracy Haney
Sophomore
Eastern Kentucky
Commonwealth
Journal



As a freshman at Eastern Kentucky University, I didn't know what to expect or even if I was prepared for my first internship. Having worked one semester at the Eastern Progress, I felt I had learned a lot about journalism, but knew an internship at an actual city newspaper would prove a far different experience.

Turns out it's been a pretty great experience. I feel like I've learned a lot during my time at the Commonwealth Journal in Somerset. I have had the opportunity to be involved in many different elements of what makes a newspaper such as: writing, photography, page-design and advertisement layout. There were many times I would go into the office not knowing what to expect from the day and that was really exciting for me. Probably the most memorable experience of my internship was my first weekend. I was given the assignment to cover two graduations in Pulaski County. Knowing my stories would be on the front page and that it was up to me to get them right was extremely terrifying. But I did the best I could and was rewarded when the editor told me I did a good job.

So as I approach my sophomore year with one internship behind me, I feel more confident as a journalist and I think what I've learned will carry over into my classes and my work at the

Progress. I would definitely suggest starting internships early; it has been a great experience for me.

Olga Cronin
Graduate
WKU
Central Kentucky
News Journal, Casey
County News,
Lebanon Enterprise



Despite graduating with a print-journalism degree from Western Kentucky University, I didn't feel adequate to enter the village, let alone the world of journalism without first getting the valuable experience and education that goes with an internship.

Thankfully, Landmark was kind enough to offer me one. With this internship, I worked with three papers - The Central Kentucky News Journal for six weeks, The Casey County News for two weeks and The Lebanon Enterprise two weeks. I would recommend such a community-based internship to anyone interested in journalism, for it allows one to experience the nucleus-type environment of a newsroom in three unique locations. Although everyone has a specific job, it appears that everyone behind a community newspaper knows a little bit about most things and so there is a very strong group-effort in the work-ethic, which I think is important to the successful application of a newspaper's full resources and the completion of their goals.

In my internship, I was allowed to write feature stories, personality profiles, columns and reports on grand jury indictments, city meetings and other community matters.

I also had the chance to take photographs, paginate pages on Quark and work on other visual graphics.

Not only has this experience shown me the inner workings of a community newspaper, but also the inner workings of a community. How fiscal court and city council meetings are held, how court proceedings take place, how policies are passed and then kept in check by a reporter and a newspaper, has shown me how fundamental a community newspaper is to people's understanding of what is going on in their surrounding area and why such things are happening.

As an international student here in the U.S., I am very grateful to each editor and publisher for taking the time and patience to thoroughly understand and appreciate my perspective.

My experience here in South Central Kentucky has greatly inspired me to further my understanding of communities and to hone my skills in documenting the news for others to understand.