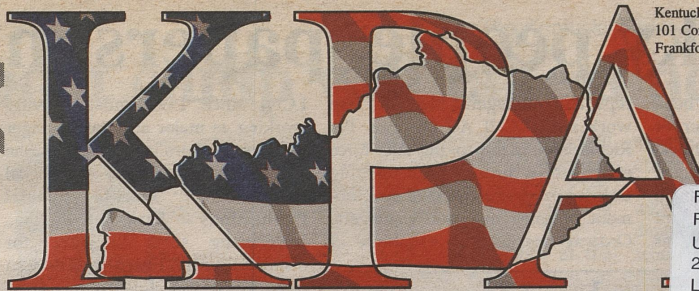


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Three honored during 2005 convention

Three people received recognition for their work throughout the past year at the 2005 KPA Convention held Jan. 20-21 in downtown Louisville.

John Nelson, 2004 KPA president, was awarded the Barry Bingham Freedom of Information Award; Liz Hansen, KPA journalism board of directors representative, was presented the Russell Metz Most Valuable Member Award and Carl West, editor of the Frankfort State Journal, was given the Lewis Owens Community Service Award.

The Barry Bingham Freedom of Information Award - This award is presented periodically to an individual recognized for outstanding service to Kentucky journalism who exemplifies the traits, characteristics and tenacity exhibited by Barry Bingham, Sr., while associated with the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times. This is the first time the award has been presented since 1999.

David Hawpe made the presentation during the KPA Changing of the Guard luncheon on Jan. 21. Nelson was presented this award for his work during his year as president on an audit of public agencies throughout the state. After 10 months of organization, audits of local agencies in nearly every county in the state were conducted in October. Also during his presidency, KPA Board of Directors voted unanimously to file a lawsuit challenging the practice of closing juvenile courts and juvenile records.

"2004 KPA President John Nelson has spearheaded

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Right Top: David Hawpe, of the Courier-Journal, presents KPA 2004 President John Nelson with the Barry Bingham Freedom of Information Award for his work on FOI projects during his presidency. Right, bottom: John Nelson, 2004 KPA President, presents Liz Hansen, KPA Board Journalism Representative, with the Russell Metz Most Valuable Member Award for her assistance with the public records audit conducted in October. Left: Tim Kelly, of the Lexington Herald-Leader, presents Carl West, editor of The State Journal, with the Lewis Owens Community Service Award for his involvement with the Kentucky Book Fair held annually in Frankfort. West is the founder and president of the event that brings in authors and patrons from across the U.S.

February News & Notes

Judges Needed for GPA, NPA contests

Looking for a contest to help judge? We have two of them lined up for you.

Thursday, February 17, KPA will be judging the Georgia Press Association news and advertising contests at the Embassy Suites in Lexington.

And on Friday, February 18, KPA will be judging the news and advertising contests for the Nebraska Press Association in Louisville at the Holiday Inn South - Fern Valley Road.

Both judgments begin at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern) with a continental breakfast and both require newsroom and advertising staff members. If you want to participate in one or both of the contest judgments, please call Sue Cammack at KPA, 800-264-5721, or e-mail her at scammack@kypress.com.

Former political writer Al Cross to be roasted

Kentucky politicians will finally get their chance to see on the griddle the newspaper political writer they've learned to love and to hate over the decades.

Al Cross, The Courier-Journal's longtime political writer and columnist, will be roasted on Monday, Feb. 28 in Frankfort. Cross left the newspaper in August to become interim director of the Institute for Rural Journalism & Community Issues at the University of Kentucky.

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Kentucky people, papers in the news

Christine Ordway has been named sales recruitment manager for **Landmark Community Newspapers, Inc.** effective in late January. The new corporate staff position will be responsible for the recruitment and selection of advertising sales

reps and managers. She will also work with LCNI Ad Director, Pat Richardson, in improving sales force effectiveness through implementing training programs and skill development of sales reps and managers. Ordway has been an employee of

LCNI since 1991, most recently working as major account manager for regional sales in Shelbyville. She has served Landmark as general manager for **Florida Special Publications** in Beverly Hills, Fla., advertising sales manager for **Sumter County Times**, a weekly in newspaper in Bushnell, Fla., advertising team leader for **Citrus County Chronicle**, a daily newspaper in Crystal River, Fla. and advertising account representative also for the Chronicle. She attended Central Florida Community College in Lecanto Fla. in 1989.

A University of Kentucky graduate was named the editor of **The Tennessean** newspaper in Nashville in December. The new editor, **Everett J. Mitchell II**, has been managing editor of **The Detroit News**. He replaces **Frank Sutherland**, 59, who retired as editor Sept. 30 but remains with the newspaper as a consultant and wine columnist. He started his career at The Detroit News as a police reporter. He also worked as a manager at **The**

Cincinnati Enquirer and **The News Journal** in Wilmington, Del., before being named executive editor at the **Statesman Journal** in Salem, Ore. He returned to Detroit in 2000.

After 30 years on the street as a reporter, **Jim Abernathy** was named editor of **The Mayfield Messenger** in December. He will manage news content and compose pages. He is a native of Hickman and a graduate of Fulton County High School. He received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Murray State University in 1971 and worked for the Hickman County Gazette before joining the Messenger staff.

Brian Lovvorn has been promoted to fill the position of sports editor at **The Messenger** in Madisonville. He replaces **Adam Pruiett** who resigned from the position in November. Lovvorn is a Madisonville native and a graduate of Madisonville-North Hopkins High School. He began working at **The Messenger** in 1999, filing a role

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Deaths

Ledger Independent chief photographer dies

Bob Warner, chief photographer at **The Ledger Independent** in Maysville, died Wednesday, Feb. 2 at University Hospital in Cincinnati from complications stemming from an August 2004 automobile accident. He was 49.

Warren also worked as a photographer for the **Associated Press**, **National Press** and **Morehead News**. He was a former firefighter and EMT.

Warner was paralyzed in the accident that occurred in Eau Claire, Wisc. on Aug. 13. He was traveling with his wife and youngest son to Seattle where another son served in the Navy.

Lexington Herald-Leader staff artist dies

Frank Leonard Yates, staff artist at **The Lexington Herald-Leader** and

artist for the current Kentucky Press Association Literacy Project Chapter story, **Brain Freeze**, died at his home Saturday, Jan. 22. He was 37.

Yates was a native of Frankfort, a veteran of the United States Navy and a member of the Methodist faith.

Former newspaper publisher dies

Norvin Atterbury "Jack" Perry, a former newspaper publisher and owner, died Saturday, Dec. 18 in Frankfort. He was 89.

Perry moved to Frankfort in 1950 to serve as the publisher of the **State Journal**. He also was owner-publisher of the **News Democrat** in Carrollton and later was founding partner of Shelbyville-based **Landmark Community Newspapers, Inc.**

Perry, a native of Columbus, Miss., graduated from **Duke University** in 1938 and **Harvard Business School** in 1940.

After being discharged from the

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2005 KPA boot camp will take a new form

The three-week KPA Journalism Boot Camp held annually since 2001 will go on hiatus this summer. In its place, KPA plans a couple of two-day mini-boot camp continuing education workshops for reporters.

The plan now is to return to the three-week format in the summer 2006. The attendance for the 2004 boot camp at Georgetown College fell to less than 50 percent of the class's capacity. By waiting a year before returning to the three-week format, we hope demand will again increase for our 2006 session.

In the meantime, the plan calls for

Oh, By The Way

By David Greer
KPA Member Services
Director



two workshops this summer or fall. One will take place in Central or Eastern Kentucky while the other will be held in the western part of the state. That should cut down on commuting and lodging costs for papers.

The three-week boot camp is geared toward recent hires and others who might want to switch careers or even begin a new career after retirement. The course covers the basics of journalism and is geared toward those wanting to be newspaper reporters or entry-level current reporters who have no formal training in the field.

This year's mini-boot camp will be geared more toward reporters who have been in the field for a few years and seek additional training and/or refresher courses.

Watch subsequent issues of the Kentucky Press for details.

KHSJA. Membership in the Kentucky High School Journalism Association stands at 103 for the 2004-05 school year. If not a record, it's certainly the highest membership enrollment in several years.

Many newspapers across the state have sponsored one or more local schools this year. Those papers are true heroes, in my view.

The KHSJA state convention is set for May 4 at the Executive West in Louisville. Like the KPA convention, the KHSJA affair features a huge

awards banquet. Take the KPA awards banquet and multiply the attendance by nearly two and you will see how many high school students and teachers attend the high school event. It's big. Very big.

As such, we will need judges, lots of judges for the KHSJA contest. When contacted, please help us in this massive effort by sending all the judges you can spare.

Since the high school contest features broadcast and yearbook entries as well, we also have to recruit judges from those fields. Newsroom employees at WLEX in Lexington and several college yearbook advisers were of tremendous help last year.

The contest judging date, time and site will be announced soon.

Campaign underway to aid Fulton Leader editor

By DANA LEAR
News Bureau Director

When friends of Fulton Leader Editor John O. Jones found out that medical insurance would not cover his three months at a regional neurological center for rehabilitation following a brain aneurysm Jones suffered in September 2003, they established a campaign to help raise the \$60,000 needed for his care.

In just a little over a month that amount and more was reached thanks to donations from area churches, individuals and other organizations. And according to Benita Gammon, advertising manager at the Fulton Leader, donations are still coming.

"We believed we could reach that amount, but just not in such a short time," Gammon said. "People have been very, very generous."

Gammon said the goal was reached with very little effort and mostly by word of mouth.

"The \$60,000 came in in just four weeks by just trying to pass the word around before we had any organized events," she said.

Two organized events held recently were a gospel singing and a benefit dinner. A local church held a special gospel singing where they collected \$2,000 in a love offering. A \$25 a plate benefit dinner was held



This is the banner that has been running in the Fulton Leader and on its web site encouraging readers to donate to the fund to help raise money for John O. Jones, editor of the Fulton Leader, in his recovery from an aneurysm at a rehabilitation center in Paducah.

Jan. 24 where friends read samples of Jones' articles and columns through the years.

"The churches have been a huge contributing factor," Gammon said.

The Fulton Leader and other newspapers in the area held a subscription drive for Jones where it contributed a portion of every subscription sold to the fund.

After the organized events, the Johnny Jones Fund had over \$64,000 in it as of Jan. 27.

"It really is heart warming to see how people come together," Gammon said.

As for Jones, he is currently undergoing rehabilitation for the aneurysm at the Center for Comprehensive Services Kentucky, a residential therapy facility in

Paducah. He is improving Gammon said, but still had a long road ahead of him.

"He's made a lot of progress. His interaction is better, he can carry on conversation and can stay on task," she said. "His wife said she's seen more progress here at this facility than she has all along."

Jones was in a coma for three weeks at Jackson-Madison County Hospital in Jackson, Tenn. following his brain injury. He was later taken to Cane Creek Rehabilitation Center in Martin, Tenn. where he spent six weeks.

At CCS, Jones receives speech/cognitive, occupational and physical therapies, as well as counseling and social therapy. He has been returning home on the week-

ends which helps cut the costs of the weekly therapy and will allow him to stay additional time, Gammon said.

A Web site, www.helpjohnnyjones.com was developed by Rodney Taylor, one of Jones' childhood friends. The site has a secure PayPal system that will allow donations by credit card to be directed to the Jones family. Accounts also have been established at banks in Fulton. The Web site also provides a link to contact the family.

For more information on how to help contact Gammon or William Mitchell at The Fulton leader at 270-472-1121.

***Information for this article was also obtained from Rita Mitchell's article in the Fulton Leader.

KPA needs your help to fight legislative bills

By ASHLEY PACK
KPA General
Counsel
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Believe it or not—it's that time of year again. The legislators are back in Frankfort which means we need your help. It's a short session this year — time is of the essence.

Every year, we ask for your help and many of you step up to the plate. We truly appreciate your efforts. Just a few reminders:

(1) When e-mails go out asking for your help, it is important that you put the request on the top of your list of things to do. Bills move fast in committee, especially in a short session, and sometimes a delay of a few hours or days will mean that you have missed your opportunity to comment on the bill.

(2) Your voice really does count. Legislators are highly influenced by their constituents, and a telephone call or an e-mail can go a long way to letting them know what individuals back home are thinking about the bill. Moreover, you have the special power of writing editorials explaining and commenting on the bills which have an enormous influence.

This year we have several bills we saw last year, and a few new ones:

• **HB 5** and **HB 74**. Last year, we needed your help fighting a bill concerning criminal expungement which went farther than any before when it said that people convicted of class D felonies could ask the court to expunge the records, in essence rewriting judicial history as if the crime never occurred, as if the arrest and charge never occurred, and, of course, as if the conviction never occurred. This bill had a great deal of support in the House Judiciary committee, and passed the House without any problem. It died in a Senate committee. It's back this year in two separate bills—**HB 5** sponsored by Rep. Rob Wilkey and **HB 74** sponsored by Rep. Gray. Both have been assigned to the Judiciary Committee which meets on Wednesdays at noon. This bill is the toughest fight we are facing this year, and we will need your help.

• **HB 11**. We believe this bill is unconstitutional as written and changes judicial decisions which hold that prohibiting a witness from talking about the content of his or her testimony is an unconstitutional prior restraint on speech. We are working with the sponsor to clarify the language.

• **HB 59**. Another bill that has resurfaced from last year is a bill which creates a new exemption to the Open Meetings and Open Records Laws for records concerning homeland security. Last year, the sponsor of the bill, Rep. Mike Weaver, was willing to take the concerns of the news media and other constituencies into account in the fine-tuning of his bill. We were satisfied that the final version of the bill only exempted what was necessary. This same version has been introduced this year. We will be closely monitoring this bill for any language changes.

• **HB 69**. This bill creates several new sections of the Kentucky Crime Victim Bill of Rights. We are concerned with one specific provision which requires law enforcement agencies, attorneys for the Commonwealth, and courts to "make every reasonable effort to protect the privacy of the victim." At this point, it is unclear what this provision means. We have contacted Rep. Stan Lee for further clarification, but may call on you to help.

• **HB 77**. At last, one bill that changes the law in the positive direction. Again, this bill was introduced last year, but fell by the wayside in a House committee. Rep. Derrick Graham's bill requires the Attorney General's office to provide detailed explanations of the Open Meetings Law and Open Records Law to local government officials. We fully support this bill and are hopeful it can be passed into law this session.

To access the full text of any of the above-mentioned bills, go to <http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/> and click "Legislation and Legislative Record," then go to "2005 Regular Session," "House bills," and click on the specific bill number. Or you can call your hotline attorneys and we can fax or e-mail you a copy of the bill.

NAA seeks a review media ownership ruling

Vienna, Va. — The Newspaper Association of America has petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to review a Third Circuit Court of Appeals decision last year remanding the FCC's new cross-media rules back to the agency.

"The FCC rule changes on newspaper-broadcast cross-ownership were based on solid evidence that repealing the outdated rules will greatly serve the public interest in a way that is consistent with the commission's competition, localism and diversity goals," said NAA President and CEO John F. Sturm. "Whether it did 30 years ago or not, a total ban on cross-ownership does not make sense in the highly diverse mass media world of 2005."

Last summer the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit in Philadelphia decided to remand the FCC's new cross-media rules. However, the court found that the

FCC's repeal of the 1975 across-the-board ban on newspaper ownership of broadcast stations was justified. The court said the commission's repeal of the 1975 ban was supported by record evidence. It also found that newspaper-broadcast combinations can provide localism and that a blanket prohibition is not necessary to protect diversity.

"The media world is totally different now as compared to when this ban went into effect in 1975," Sturm said. "The experiences in the 40-or-so grandfathered markets over 30 years have demonstrated that newspaper-owned stations produce more local news and public affairs programming than other broadcast stations. The only thing the ban has succeeded in doing is to deny most local communities clearly established public-interest benefits."

Georgia publisher named president of NNA

Mike Buffington, editor of the Jackson Herald in Jefferson, Ga, was elected president of the National Newspaper Association during the association's 118th annual convention and trade show in Denver.

Buffington succeeds Robert Sweeney, publisher and editor of Villager Newspapers in Denver, who becomes immediate past president. Buffington had been vice president.

Also elected as an NNA officer was Jerry Reppert, publisher of the Gazette-Democrat in Anna, Ill., as vice president. Elected as treasurer was Jerry Tidwell, publisher of the Hood County News in Granbury, Texas.

Tidwell had been Region 8 director for the association. John Montgomery was appointed to fill the remainder of Tidwell's term as Region 8 director.

In addition to serving as editor of The Herald, Buffington is also vice president of MainStreet Newspapers

Inc., which publishes three other newspapers: The Commerce News, Commerce, Ga.; The Banks County News, Homer, Ga.; and The Madison County Journal, Danielsville, Ga.

Buffington is a past president of the Georgia Press Association, he served as NNA state chairman from 1993 until elected an NNA regional director in 1997.

New to NNA's board are: Mark W.C. Stodder, vice president of newspapers, Dolan Media Co. in Milwaukee, Wis. Stodder succeeds Sam Spencer, executive vice president for Dolan Media Co., as the representative for American Court and Commercial Newspapers; Harrison Cochran, publisher for the Aurora Publishing Company in Aurora, Colo., as the Suburban Newspapers of America Rep; and Daniel M. Phillips, publisher of the Oxford (Miss.) Eagle, as an at-large director, representing the past presidents.

AG Opinions

The Winchester Sun/ Winchester Police Department

The Attorney General's office was asked to decide whether the Winchester Police Department violated the Open Records Act in denying Winchester Sun reporter Tim Weldon's request to inspect "all criminal complaints filed with (the) Winchester police on Nov. 16." Including "all information contained on the second page that does not specifically harm the (department's) investigation."

In a response dated Nov. 18, Winchester City Manager Ed Burtner advised Weldon that his request was under review pending receipt of an opinion from City Attorney William A. Dykeman on the question of access to page two of the requested records. On Nov. 24, Burtner notified Weldon that his request was denied because the request for "all criminal complaints" is a misidentified demand for a complete uniform offense report and that page two of the report is not subject to public disclosure until the offense is closed following a final judicial disposition, at which time the form may still require some redaction. Dykeman said disclosure of page two information would "constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy."

In support of the Department's position, Dykeman provided the AG's office with a copy of a Uniform Offense Report from which information, including the complainant's name and address had been redacted. The AG's ruling stated the Department's response was "procedurally deficient and substantively incorrect."

The AG's office found that the Winchester Police Department violated KRS 61.870(1) by failing to identify the specific exceptions to public inspection upon which it relied by partially denying the newspaper's request and by failing to explain the application of those exceptions to the records withheld. KRS 61.880(1) provides that a public agency determine

within three business days whether to comply with the request and notify in writing the person making the request, within three days, of its decision. An agency response denying in whole or in part, inspection of any record should include a statement of specific exception authorizing the withholding of the record and a brief explanation of how the exception applies to the record withheld.

Although the Department indicated that page two of the Uniform Offense Report is not subject to public disclosure pursuant to KRS 61.870 the AG's office stated that the Department did not directly reference one or more of the exceptions codified at KRS 61.878(1)(a) through (l) or offer an explanation of how those exceptions apply to reports generated on Nov. 16.

For those reasons, the Attorney General's office found that the Department did not meet its statutory burden of proof in denying Weldon's request.

The Hazard Herald/Perry County Board of Education

The Attorney General's office was asked to decide whether the Perry County Board of Education violated the Open Records Act in denying Hazard Herald reporter Randy Walters' undated request for any and all documents, pictures, recordings or statements made in the closed session of the Perry County Board of Education meeting held on Oct. 21, 2004 to discuss "alleged improprieties of a sexual nature concerning the superintendent of the Perry County Schools, John Paul Amis."

By letter dated Oct. 28, 2004, Perry County Board of Education Chairman Donnie R. Spencer denied Walters' request, advising him that documents are precluded from inspection for many reasons, including when there would be an invasion of personal privacy or a possible discipline of personnel. The records reviewed during the closed session relate to a personnel matter and the disclosure of the

materials could be and would in all probability be considered an invasion of personal privacy by the party involved, Spencer said.

Spencer elaborated on the Board's position saying that at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Perry County Board of Education, information and materials were presented to Board members in closed session. The closed session was called because there was a discussion of a personnel matter that might involve discipline of personnel.

According to Spencer, some time ago, the Perry County Board of Education retained the services of Ken Henry of the firm of Pedley, Zielke, Gordinier & Pence, PLLC to represent it in a lawsuit filed against Amis, on a contract issue. As a result of discovery and research performed by Henry as part of that lawsuit, he became aware of the contents of Amis' laptop computer. Furthermore, he interviewed certain witnesses who had information concerning Amis. The information gathered by Henry as part of that ongoing lawsuit would in all probability be very embarrassing to Amis and could lead to discipline. This is the reason for not sharing the materials provided at the meeting by Henry.

Spencer concluded that the board kept no minutes of the closed session, but that the minutes of the open session indicate that, "The Board went into closed session, came out of closed session and that a motion was then made to refer the matter for further investigation with the appropriate state agency."

Unable to resolve the appeal on the information it had received, the AG's office asked a series of questions to Amis and the Perry County Public Schools to facilitate the review. It asked that the Board substantiate its partial denial of Walters' request by advising them, in writing, whether final action has been taken in the disciplinary matter or a decision has been made to take no action. If final

action had not been taken, the AG's office asked that the Board advise them what the status of the investigation was and what action remained to be taken. It also asked that the Board describe what the nature of the litigation was in Perry County Board of Education v. John Paul Amis and finally it wanted the Board to provide it with copies of all records that were responsive to Walter's request.

Amis advised the office that the only documents in his possession that were responsive to Walters' request were the minutes of the Oct. 21 meeting.

Spencer notified the AG's office that the disputed records are not in his possession or the possession of the Perry County School Board, but are instead in the possession of the attorney hired by the board to represent it in the case, Ken Henry. Spencer provided the AG's office with a copy of a letter he sent to Henry asking that Henry provide the disputed records to the AG's office.

Henry provided the AG's office with copies of the records in his possession that the Board reviewed in executive session on Oct. 21.

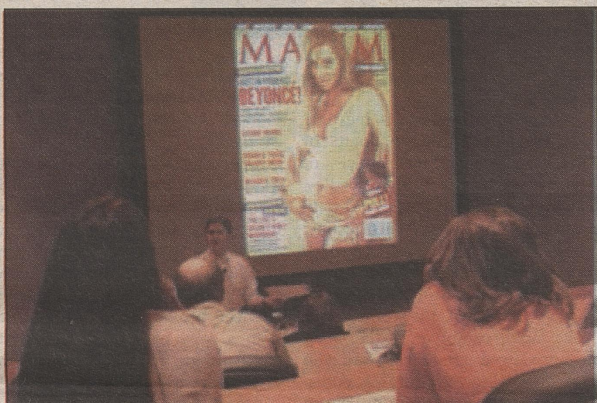
After reviewing the information, the AG's office ruled that although the record on appeal does not support the Board's apparent reliance on KRS 61.878(1)(a), the record does support the Board's decision to withhold the disputed records pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(i) and (j), based on the fact that an investigation is ongoing and no final action has been taken in the matter of the superintendent's removal. It also found that disclosure of some of those records would violate provision of federal law, the Child Pornography Prevention law, and that the Board's decision to withhold those records was also justified on the basis of KRS 61.878(1)(k), requiring public agencies to withhold all public records or information the disclosure of which is prohibited by federal law or regulation.

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Scenes from the 2005 KPA Convention

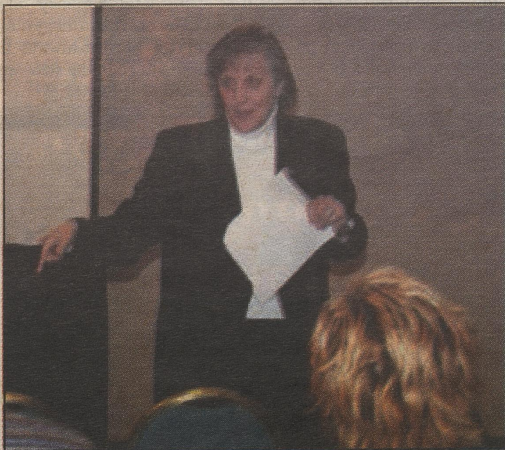
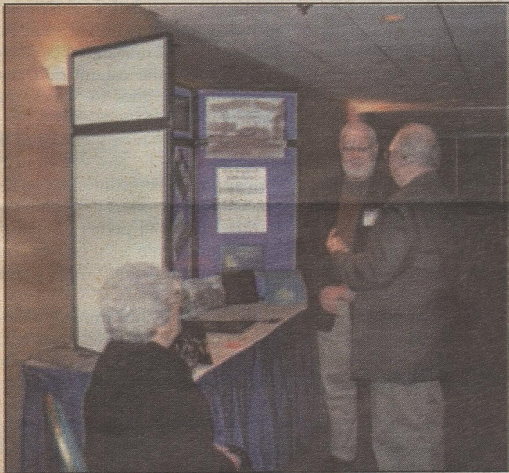
Right: 2004 KPA President John Nelson, managing editor at the Advocate Messenger in Danville, passes the gavel to incoming President Charlie Portmann, editor at the Franklin Favorite, during the Changing of the Guard luncheon on Jan. 21. Below: Tim Harrower presented a session on page design to a standing room only crowd at the convention on Thursday, Jan. 20



Above: Harry Bryan, of The Courier-Journal, Larry Vaught, of the Advocate Messenger, Bobby Brockman, of the Central Kentucky News Journal and Susan Riddell, of The State Journal, served as panelists in the "Covering Sports: making the best of available resources" session on Friday. Left: Board member Donna Carman, of the Casey County News, visits the registration desk at the convention held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Louisville.



Left: Members of the Freedom Sings group, who perform songs celebrating the First Amendment, provided the entertainment during the Changing of the Guard Luncheon. Their appearance was sponsored by CNHI and KPA. Below, right: Appalachian News Express Publisher Marty Backus talks with Stephen Dorris, of American Profile, at one of the Trade Show booths set up during the convention. Below, left: Bob Adams, of Western Kentucky University, speaks with a representative at the Heritage House booth at this year's trade show.



Above: Armando Arrastia tries his hand at figuring out how all the water in the world is distributed among all the water sources at the Education Cabinet's booth at the tradeshow. Left: Susan Pryce spoke on the creative ways to increase classified ad revenue during one of the sessions at the KPA convention. Pryce has done scores of training seminars for the American Press Institute, National Newspaper Association, Inland Press and many state press associations.

Former editors share tales of time spent in politics

By DAVID GREER
Member Services Director

After years of covering local politics, journalists sometimes start thinking, "I could do that job." That's what former Kentucky newspaper editors Russ Powell and Stan McKinney began thinking. After Powell left his newspaper job in Ashland and McKinney left his in Campbellsville, both decided it was time to act on their aspirations. Both were elected to their respective city councils.

Of course, Powell and McKinney weren't the first Kentucky newspaper people to enter politics. Elizabethtown News Publisher Leonard Bean served as his city's mayor nearly 50 years ago. In Bardstown, Al Wathen Jr. was publisher and part-owner of The Kentucky Standard while serving on the city council. He even wrote all the council stories for the paper during his term. Former Paducah Sun editor Henry Ward was appointed state highway commissioner in the 1960s after leaving the paper. Later, he ran for governor unsuccessfully.

And there have been other Kentucky newspaper people who had similar dual roles. Powell and McKinney are just two of the latest to travel that road.

Now, some time after they traded frequent newspaper deadlines for frequent phone calls from constituents, they reflected on some of the surprises and non-surprises they encountered when going from being the press to those who get covered by the press.

McKinney was re-elected recently to his second two-year term on the Campbellsville City Council. He served as news editor of the Central

Kentucky News Journal in that city for more than 20 years. He also worked at the Shelbyville Sentinel News and the Sturgis News. For the past five years, McKinney has taught journalism full time at Campbellsville University.

"I've attended so many public meetings in my career that I thought I was a member already," McKinney joked. He prefers the term "public service" to "politics," he said. Politics always seemed like a "dirty" word.

McKinney ran for office, he said, because he saw many things that needed to be done.

But after being out of the public limelight, McKinney's wife, Joan, asked him if he really wanted to put himself into another public position where he might be subjected to the same criticism editors get.

"It really hasn't been as bad as I thought it would be," he said.

Being on the other side, so to speak, has been interesting. For example, when first elected to the council, the paper's editor was Beth Foster, one of McKinney's former students. Now, various members of the paper's editorial staff are his former co-workers and even his own daughter works part-time at the News Journal.

"For the most part, I haven't had any problems with the coverage," he said.

When he joined the council, McKinney found some fellow councilmen were paranoid about the press and feared reporters were out to get them. McKinney said he took on the role of "journalism evangelist" to explain to the others the government watchdog role of the press and that no one was out to "get them." As a

result, he would like to see more papers make a greater effort to explain their roles to readers and the people covered by newspapers.

Being a long-time journalist has been an advantage, McKinney figures. "We've been there. We've observed things. I think we should look at things objectively," he said.

Since joining the council, there has only been one executive session - to discuss property acquisition, a legal exemption under the open meetings law.

There is little need for many executive sessions, he said. "We do all our stupid stuff out in public." It was a strange feeling to actually be part of the executive session, he said, instead of standing in the hallway.

McKinney has no further political aspirations, he said, despite being encouraged by at least one person to run for Campbellsville mayor.

By the way, McKinney spent just \$50 to get elected in both elections - and that was the filing fee. He spent no money on campaign ads, fliers or signs, he said. Last month, the council's monthly pay increased from \$50 to \$150 but he had voted against it.

"The city is experiencing fiscal problems," he said.

In northeast Kentucky, Russ Powell worked at the Ashland Independent in various capacities since the 1960s. He retired from the paper as editor.

Why run for public office? "After covering public meetings as a reporter for so long, I had certain theories about things and how I thought they should be done," Powell said.

He served one two-year term on the Ashland City Commission before being defeated for re-election. He

didn't take the defeat too seriously but jokingly said he blamed it on "No good deed goes unpunished."

"I thought I did a really good job," Powell said. "I was pretty outspoken and a lot of people didn't like that."

While in office, Powell, who now works as executive director of the Meade County Chamber of Commerce in Brandenburg, found himself frustrated at the slow pace at which local government works. He was also frustrated by the public's apathy and his perception that sometimes the public takes a keen interest in small issues while ignoring the bigger ones.

Unlike McKinney's experience, Powell said he didn't encounter any paranoia among fellow commission members but thought that some had been petty and demanded credit for every project the commission completed - even ones in which they were not involved.

Powell is not overly critical of the press coverage he received from his former paper. Sometimes, he said, it seemed that reporters gave emphasis in their stories to points he thought were minor while what he perceived to be bigger points were played down.

In general, he thinks smaller papers often cover local government better than bigger ones. "It's often best in county weeklies because it's so detailed," he said.

The Ashland city commission job paid \$6,000 a year. And unlike McKinney in Campbellsville, Powell said he spent "a lot of money" to get elected. But he has no further political goals although he has always harbored a desire to be in the state legislature, he said.

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Conference on how to cover health care offered

A conference for journalists in how to cover health care and health in Mid-Appalachia is being offered free of charge by the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues at, and with the assistance of, the University of Kentucky Center for Rural Health. Advance registration is required.

The middle part of Appalachia – Eastern Kentucky, southern West

Virginia, and the mountain counties of Virginia and Tennessee – is one of the least healthy areas of the nation. Rates of heart disease, diabetes, obesity and smoking are among the nation's highest. Meanwhile, the nation's health-care system is becoming more complex and harder to navigate, and that task is doubtless more difficult in a region that ranks low in income, education and certain health-care providers. At the same time, the need for health care in the region, and its relative lack of other economic opportunities, has made health care one of the area's major employers.

The news media in Appalachia could play a key role in improving the region's health, but all too often most of the health-care information some outlets carry is advertising from providers looking for patients. To help their readers, listeners and viewers live healthier lives, and make more informed choices about their health care, journalists from Central Appalachia and all parts of Kentucky are invited to this one-day conference at the new, \$13 million, state-of-the-art headquarters of the University of Kentucky's Center for Rural Health in Hazard.

This conference is offered at no cost to participants. It will explore the condition of the region's health, the reasons for it, the many institutions and agencies that try to improve it, their economic impact, and ways that journalists in the region can cover all these subjects – including asking tough questions like, "Why is health care so expensive, and why is it so ineffective in Central Appalachia?"

Presenters at the conference will include national leaders in rural health: Wayne Myers, former head of the federal Office of Rural Health Policy and former president of the National Rural Health Association; Bruce Behringer, assistant vice presi-

dent for rural health at East Tennessee State University and former NRHA president; Rice Leach, former Kentucky state health commissioner; Judy Jones, director of the Center for Rural Health and a former reporter for The (Louisville) Courier-Journal and the Lexington Herald-Leader; Daniel Mongiardo, Hazard physician, state senator and 2004 nominee for the U.S. Senate.

Others include Eric Scorsone, University of Kentucky economist; Al Cross, interim director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues and former political writer for The Courier-Journal; and Bonnie Tanner of UK's Health Education through Extension Leadership program, which works county by county to improve individuals' health.

The conference will offer sources of information on health care and health in the region, including county-by-county data that can bring stories home. Presenters will discuss how journalists can spur the sort of community action that it takes to make real change in the health field. The conference will conclude with a roundtable in which journalists and presenters will share ideas on how to take the knowledge back to their newsrooms and communities.

The conference luncheon will feature presentation of the first Tom and Pat Gish Award to the Gishes themselves, in recognition of the tenacity and courage they have shown as publishers of The Mountain Eagle in Whitesburg, for the last 47 years. The Institute, which announced the award in October, will continue to make it in honor of the Gishes.

This is the first of a series of conferences on health care and other issues by the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, which was created to help non-metropolitan media define the public agenda in their communities, through strong reporting and commentary, and grasp regional issues that have local impact. We focus on four issues: Health care, economic development, education and the environment. We have

academic partners at Eastern Kentucky University, East Tennessee State

University, Appalachian State University, Marshall University, West

Virginia University, Washington and Lee University, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The UK Center for Rural Health is located at 750 Morton Boulevard in Hazard, between the Daniel Boone Parkway and KY 15, just south of the Daniel Boone Parkway.

This conference is offered free of charge, but YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE, by e-mailing Al Cross at al.cross@uky.edu or his part-time assistant, Krista Kimmel, at Krista.kimmel@uky.edu, or by calling either of them at 859-257-3744. If you wish to stay overnight in Hazard, the Hampton Inn has designated a block of rooms for the conference. Make your reservation by calling 606-439-0902.

The Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues is funded by a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, with additional support from the Ford Foundation. Initial support came from the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Sigma Delta Chi Foundation of the Society of Professional Journalists.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8:00 Continental breakfast

8:30 Welcome:

Al Cross, director, Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues
Judy Jones, director, Center for Rural Health

The organizers of this conference are both former reporters for The (Louisville) Courier-Journal. Cross was the newspaper's political reporter and Jones was the Eastern Kentucky Bureau reporter. They believe that community involvement, including community journalism, is essential to improving the health of Central Appalachia.

8:40 Waking up to issues in health care and public health
Dr. Rice Leach, former Kentucky state commissioner of health

If you're drowsy, Rice Leach will wake you up, with his animated style and vast knowledge. In more than 12 years, under three governors, he was a tireless crusader for public health and public policies to improve health, particularly in rural areas. He took on

the issue of smoking on a tobacco state and is now medical director for the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department, which enforces Kentucky's first ordinance against indoor smoking. He spent 25 years in the U.S. Public Health Service, mostly in rural areas.

9:00 Appalachian health issues and journalism's role in addressing them
Bruce Behringer, assistant vice president for rural health and assistant dean, College of Medicine, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City

A former president of the National Rural Health Association, Behringer has studied rural health problems over much of the world and helps run a relatively new medical school that provides many doctors and health services in the heart of Appalachia. He will discuss regional themes and rural health issues that could make newsworthy, interesting stories, and tips on communicating with those in the health-care industry.

9:30 How health issues relate to other issues in Central Appalachia

Dr. Wayne Myers, former head of the federal Office of Rural Health Policy
Another former NRHA president, Myers has a long list of strong credentials but has spent his career in some of the nation's most remote places and insists that the medical system respond to problems of ordinary people and the most needy. A much sought-after speaker, he developed and ran the UK Center for Rural Health. He is now a consultant and lives in Maine. He will speak on how health problems in Appalachia are connected to the region's other issues.

10:00 Environmental issues and public health

Clyde Thornsberry, microbiologist and consultant

A native of Eastern Kentucky, who now lives in suburban Nashville, Thornsberry will discuss the health issues created by poor sanitation and other problems in rural areas, including the "straight pipe" discharges prevalent in Central Appalachia and some other rural areas.

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10:20 Break

10:30 Digging into problems, community by community, and involving the community

Carol Ireson, associate professor, UK College of Public Health
Ireson is conducting intensive research about health care and health in West Liberty and Morgan County, Ky. This includes not only the status of

the community's health, but how people in the county can become involved in civic efforts to improve local health. She will also discuss how citizens define the root causes of public health issues and the implications for implementing changes.

11:00 Where the rubber meets the road: Health-care providers speak out
David Bolt, Lewis County Primary Care Center

Bolt was instrumental in developing Area Health Education Centers in Kentucky, UK's satellite physician-assistant and nurse-practitioner programs at Morehead State and was a pioneer in the state's telemedicine program.

Louise Howell, Kentucky River Community Care
Howell's mental-health agency operates nationally recognized programs, especially in the areas of substance abuse and children's health. Her topics will include meth and prescription-drug abuse.

Chip Sandford, rural hospital administrator
Sandford will discuss the challenges of small, rural hospitals and the new /critical-care licensure program that has kept some from closing.

12:00 LUNCH

Dr. Daniel Mongiardo, Hazard physician, surgeon and state senator
This ear, nose and throat specialist was the 2004 Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate in Kentucky and has been an outspoken advocate of information technology to improve health care and create jobs in rural areas, and to reduce medical errors and malpractice - an idea recently endorsed by President Bush.

Presentation of first Tom and Pat Gish Award
Tom and Pat Gish, publishers of The Mountain Eagle in Whitesburg, will receive the first award named for them. The Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues

will present the award to journalists who demonstrate the courage and tenacity often needed to render necessary public service through rural journalism.

1:30 Health care as an economic engine in rural areas

Eric Scorsone, assistant extension professor, University of Kentucky
The silver lining of Appalachia's health problems is that health care is an important part of the region's economy. That makes it an essential component of economic-development efforts - not just creating jobs, but creating or maintaining a diversity of businesses in a community. Health care can not only promote job growth, but produce a healthier and more productive population that earns higher wages and attracts more competitive employers. Scorsone is part of a federal pilot project in five states to expand public awareness of the economic importance of the health-care sector in rural communities, and has detailed, county-county data.

2:15 Getting rural people to move toward better health

Bonnie Tanner, director, Health Education through Extension Leadership
The Extension Service, College of Medicine and School of Public Health at the University of Kentucky have

mounted a massive campaign through local extension offices, Homemakers clubs and community partners to improve the state's health. Rural communities are undergoing many cultural, economic, and social changes while being bombarded with information often dominated by sound bites from talking heads. This program is designed to offer research-based education that consumers can rely on. Its components include promotion of physical activity, better eating habits, diabetes education, cancer screening.

3:00 Taking it home to your newsroom: A roundtable discussion

The community challenge: Gil Friedell, director emeritus, Markey Cancer Center

Meeting the media challenge: Jim Warren, reporter, Lexington Herald-Leader

Possible topics include: How to make local health-care institutions accountable; asking health-related questions of other institutions such as schools; how to make your coverage jump from print to word of mouth; showing people where they can gather more information on their own; making health-care coverage a priority, and making it good business for your news outlet.

DEATHS

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U.S. Navy in World War II, he worked in the family media business and managed radio station WWHO in Bradenton, Fla.

Former sports writer, editor dies

John Russell McGill, award-winning Kentucky sports writer and editor, died Friday, Dec. 17 at Pine Meadows Health Care in Lexington. He was 91.

McGill was the first writer to be inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletics Association Hall of Fame.

He retired from the Lexington Herald in the mid-1970s but continued to write a weekly column in which he answered readers' sports questions.

McGill was sports editor for 22

years at the Ashland Daily Independent before joining the Lexington Herald staff as a sports writer in 1962.

After three years, McGill became sports editor and was named Kentucky's Sportswriter-of-the-Year in 1966 by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association. He won the honor again in 1967 and 1969.

McGill authored books: For which the first was Made, and Kentucky Sports, and he co-wrote A Year at the Top, a behind the scenes look at the 1978 UK team.

Former Kentucky Post reporter dies

Gary Webb, a former Kentucky Post reporter who went on to win a Pulitzer Prize was found dead Dec. 10 in his home in Sacramento, Calif. He was 49.

Webb was an investigative reporter at The Kentucky Post in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

His most significant work at The Post was a series of stories about organized crime in the coal industry.

Webb was part of the San Jose Mercury News reporting team that won a 1990 Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the Loma Prieta earthquake.

In 1996, Webb wrote a controversial series in which he allegedly linked the CIA to crack cocaine trafficking in Los Angeles.

The articles did not accuse the CIA of directly aiding drug dealers to raise money for the Contras, but implied that the agency was aware of the activity. Other newspaper investigations tried to discredit Webb's stories.

After quitting the newspaper in 1997, Webb continued to defend his reporting with his 1999 book, "Dark Alliance: The CIA, the Contras and the Crack Cocaine Explosion."

After leaving The Post, Webb went to work for the Cleveland Plain Dealer before landing at the Mercury News.

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Kentucky First Lady Glenna Fletcher (second from right) poses with (from left) Bob Rouse, author of The KPA Literacy Project Chapter Story Brain Freeze, Cliff Feltham, KPA associate member chair, Kriss Johnson, Newspaper in Education chair, and John Nelson, 2004 KPA president, after she read Brain Freeze to a group of children at Burgin Independent Elementary in Mercer County on Jan. 11.

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three major FOI initiatives this year and it's my privilege to award him the Barry Bingham Freedom of Information award," Hawpe said in his presentation of the award.

Russ Metz Most Valuable Member Award - Presented annually by the KPA President to an individual who has performed the most outstanding service to the Kentucky Press Association/Kentucky Press Service.

Nelson presented Liz Hansen, KPA journalism board of directors representative with the award for her work and assistance in the public records audit.

"I relied on no one more for direction and advice to get the project going, and no one was any more passionate and excited about the experience and the outcome than was she," Nelson said.

Hansen assisted in the planning and training stage as well as volunteered her students to participate in the audit.

"It was the kind of energy and

passion embodied in all of the students and professors of journalism who assisted in this effort. And so, it was appropriate that the education representative on the KPA Board receives this award," Nelson said.

Lewis E. Owens Community Service Award - This award is presented annually by the Lexington Herald-Leader to a Kentucky newspaper person performing the most outstanding community service. The award was originally established in memory of Edwards M. Templin, promotion director of the Lexington Herald-Leader and president-elect of KPA when he died in 1967. It was renamed the Lewis Owens Community Service Award in 1996 to honor the publisher emeritus of the Lexington Herald-Leader for his many years of service to community and service organizations and to the Kentucky newspapers industry.

Tim Kelly presented the award just before the awards banquet Jan. 21. Carl West was presented the award for his work with the Kentucky Book Fair, which he founded. Celebrating its 24th year this year, the book fair is a one-day event that is considered the state's premier literary event. It brings writers and

patrons together in celebration of their mutual interest and to promote awareness of the importance of writing and reading to the general public. Its proceeds benefit causes that promote writing and reading. Each year more than 150 authors and 6,000 patrons attend the fair.

"It is clearly a tremendous service to Carl's community of Frankfort and to the larger community of authors and their readers ... and to the cause of literacy," Kelly said. "For that reason, the KPA and the Herald-Leader are pleased and proud to present this year's Lewis E. Owens Award for Community Service to Carl West, editor of The State Journal of Frankfort."

The 2004 Excellence in Kentucky Journalism Awards were also given away at the convention. The McLean County News, the London-Laurel News Journal, The Anderson news, The Appalachian News-Express, The State Journal, The Gleaner, the Lexington Herald-Leader, The Sunday Challenger and the Kentucky Kernel were all first place General Excellence winners. For a complete list of winners, see the contest tab inserted into this edition of the Kentucky Press.

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The event -- featuring roasters Sen. Mitch McConnell, Al Smith of Comment on Kentucky and Courier-Journal editorial director David Hawpe, among others -- is sponsored by the Louisville and Bluegrass chapters of the Society of Professional Journalists. Cross is a member of both chapters and formerly served as national president of the society.

The event is being held at the Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza in downtown Frankfort. A cocktail reception starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30. Tickets for the event are \$60 for SPJ members and \$75 for non-members.

Sponsorship tables are currently being sold for \$750 for a table of eight. All proceeds benefit journalism scholarship for college students.

Invitations will be mailed. If you want an invitation, or if you or your organization wish to sponsor a table, please contact Chris Poynter, of The Courier-Journal, or Jack Brammer, of the Lexington Herald-Leader.

Poynter can be reached at cpoynter@courier-journal.com, or 502-582-4475. Brammer can be reached at jbrammer@herald-leader.com or 859-231-1302.

Legislative stories are filed on access.kpa

Stories from this year's General Assembly are being filed on access.kpa.com. In order to access the site you must register and create a user name and password.

A legislative wrap-up story is filed every Friday by 4 p.m. Other stories are filed throughout the session as important measures move through each chamber.

You can also make request to have a specific story written, obtain a quote from your legislator or get a photo of your legislator in action.

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PEOPLE

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as the news clerk where he wrote obituaries, Town Crier news and typeset Pennyrite Plus Columns before moving into the sports writer position under then Sports Editor **Jeff Anderson**. He left the newspaper in December 2002 and took a job as sports editor at **The Leader-News** in Greenville before returning in September as a sports writer at **The Messenger**.

Elaine Marie Finocchiaro is **The Jessamine Journal's** new account executive. She is a Jessamine County native and a graduate of Jessamine County High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Kentucky, with a bachelor of arts degree in communications. She was previously employed at the Radisson Hotel as a group room coordinator.

Jason Travis, a Livingston County Native, is the new editor at the **Livingston Ledger**.

Jobe Publishing, Inc. has announced that **Sandra T. Wilson** has been employed as the editor of the Sunday edition of the **Hart County News-Herald**. Wilson is employed by the City of Horse Cave as Main Street Manager and will continue in this position. Prior to her employment with the city, Wilson served as senior customer service representative with Kentucky Utilities Company. She also served as Horse Cave mayor for a year following the resignation of the elected mayor. She earned a Bachelor of Science general studies degree from Western Kentucky University and a Masters of Public Administration Degree from Western.

Former publisher and owner of the **Record Newspapers** was honored for his journalistic work by the University of Kentucky. **Gene Clabes**, who was owner and publisher of the **Records** in the late 1980s and early 1990s, was awarded the University of Kentucky College of Communications and Information Studies Outstanding Alumnus Award along with his wife, **Judith**, who also has a long career in journalism. The Clabes, both of whom grew up in Henderson and now live in Bracken County, received the Outstanding Alumnus Awards for their shared commitments to jour-

nalism. Prior to owning the **Recorders**, Gene was a reporter for **The Gleaner** in Henderson and the **Evansville Press**. Judith became editor of the **Scripp's** newspaper the **Kentucky Post** in 1982.

Jeff Jobe, of **Jobe Publishing, Inc.**, received the Business of the Year Award from the Hart County Chamber of Commerce in December at the annual awards banquet at the Mammoth Cave Hotel.

The Paintsville Herald welcomed **Rita Brock** to its advertising department in December. Brock has worked at the **Floyd County Times** and the **Mountain Sports Leader** as an advertising agent.

Lorie Love has been named news editor of **The Richmond Register**, a daily CNHI publication. Love's first day at **The Register** was Monday, Dec. 6. Her duties include designing front pages and other A-section pages, implementing news decisions, updating the paper's web site, writing news stories and editing copy. She will also sit on the newspaper's editorial board and assist in the direction and writing of editorials. Love joins **The Register** staff after a 16-month stint as reporter at-large for **Landmark Community Newspapers Inc.** in Shelbyville. As reporter at-large, Love worked at 20 **Landmark** papers in five states, filling in during emergencies, staffing shortages and other problems. Before coming to **Landmark**, Love worked at the **The Sentinel-Echo** in London as a reporter. She has filled various roles at southeast Kentucky newspapers, including the **London-Laurel News Journal**, **Corbin News Journal** and the **Laurel News Leader**. For two years, she was managing editor at the **Barbourville Mountain Advocate**. Love grew up in London but now lives in Lexington.

Western Kentucky University students finished first and third in the first photojournalism competition of the 45th Hearst Journalism Awards Program. **Dana Marie Rieber**, a Shepherdsville senior, won the feature and portrait/personality category and received a \$2,000 scholarship. **Erik Jacobs**, a Bowling Green senior, was third and received a \$1,000 scholarship. **Western's** School of Journalism and Broadcasting received matching awards. **Rieber** and **Jacobs** will sub-

mit additional photos for the semifinal round of judging in May. Six finalists will be chosen to compete for the national championship in San Francisco. After one of three photojournalism contests, **Western** is in first followed by Florida, Ball State, Kent State and North Carolina. **Western** has won the Hearst photo competition 13 times in the past 15 years. The Hearst Journalism Awards Program, often called the Pulitzer Prize of college journalism, includes writing, photojournalism and broadcasting competitions. In the past six years, **Western** has placed in the nation's top four overall including two first-place finishes. This year's final winners will be announced in April.

Debra Darnell has joined the staff of **The Oldham Era** as an Outside Sales Representative. **Darnell** has over 20 years sales experience and will work the areas of Crestwood, Prospect, Goshen, Anchorage and Pewee Valley. She lives in LaGrange.

Kendal Bushnel has joined the staff of **The Oldham Era** as an advertising consultant/graphic designer. **Bushnel** will be in selling and designing the classified section, as well as other special directories and promotions. She is an artist and photographer with a background in business and customer service.

Holly Cecil transferred to **The News Enterprise** in Elizabethtown where she is a features writer from **The Kentucky Standard** in Bardstown. She has a Bachelor's degree in PR and English/Allied Language Arts from Western Kentucky University.

Jason Vertrees has been hired as a pre-press technician at **The News-Enterprise** in Elizabethtown. He is currently attending Western Kentucky University majoring in accounting.

Adam Pruiett is a new sports writer for **The News-Enterprise** in Elizabethtown. He's originally from Evansville, Ind. He attended Purdue and the University of Southern Indiana. He is a former employee of LCN's Spencer County (Ind.) Journal-Democrat.

Cheri Nation has filled the position of bookkeeper at **The Oldham Era** in LaGrange. She moved into this position from classified advertising consultant. She has been

employed with **Landmark** for two years.

The Lexington Herald-Leader donated a collection of photographs and negatives covering half a century of life in Central Kentucky to the University of Kentucky, where they are being preserved and made available to the public. The collection includes 1.8 million items valued at more than \$4 million. The collection is named the **John C. Wyatt/Lexington Herald-Leader Collection** in honor of Wyatt, a Herald-Leader photographer for 44 years who was instrumental in preserving and cataloging the photos and negatives.

Guy Hatfield, publisher of the **Citizen Voice and Times** and owner of **Hatfield Newspapers, Inc.**, is recovering at his home from a heart attack he suffered at his home early Saturday, Jan. 8. He was taken to **Pattie A. Clay Regional Center** in Richmond and then transferred to **Central Baptist Hospital** in Lexington. He was also diagnosed with pneumonia, congestive heart failure and an infection in his blood.

Julie Hale, editor at the **Boone County Recorder**, left the newspaper Jan. 14 to begin a new position as public/media relations specialist with the American Cancer Society. She was with the Recorder for eight years.

Eileen Parrigin Young, columnist for the **Paintsville Herald** for 32 years, had a book titled "Briarwood" published this year. The book tells the story of a girl raised by a family chosen by her grandmother who longs to find her blood relatives. When a man shows up at her home, claiming to be from Briarwood, her father's home in Eastern Kentucky, she goes looking for her family.

Jobe Publishing, Inc. now owns both Metcalfe County papers. The company purchased the **Herald News** from **Patsy Judd**. It will publish the newspaper on Tuesday for Wednesday distribution and **The Metcalfe County Light** on Sunday. This gives them two Tuesday, two Wednesday, one Thursday and three Sunday papers with a total combined paid circulation of approximately 30,000 paid subscriptions and 29,000 TMC/shopper with a combined delivery of 59,000 households.