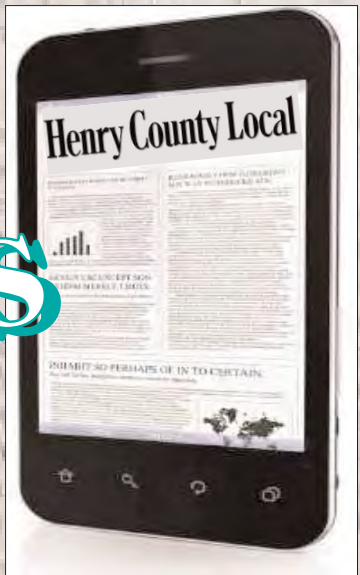


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WEEKLY 1

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Cadiz Record - Mary Garrison, Jody Norwood - *Hard-hitting editorials that address issues that are important to a community. The entries stand out in a tough category. Great job!*
SECOND PLACE: The Crittenden Press - Daryl K. Tabor - *Lot of great entries in this category. Your editorials deserve to be in the top. Good job!*
THIRD PLACE: Interior Journal - Abigail Whitehouse - *Good job tackling local issues. Well-written.*

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: Franklin Favorite - Keith Pyles, Brian Hancock, Megan Purazrang - *Very thorough, great use of social media, great photos and writing.*
SECOND PLACE: Breathitt Advocate - Staff - *Entry had me saying "Wow, they covered this well!"*
THIRD PLACE: Todd County Standard - Tonya S. Grace - *Great use of sources.*

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Interior Journal - Abigail Whitehouse
SECOND PLACE: The News Herald - Molly Haines
THIRD PLACE: Lake News - Gloria Hollifield

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Journal Enterprise - Morgan McKinley - *This category was extremely difficult to judge simply from the volume of entries. But additionally, the stories were all heart-rending and moving. Therefore, I had to heavily rely on the minute technical aspects of the pieces. This is the piece that stood out above the others. Well done!*
SECOND PLACE: Breathitt Advocate - Staff - *I have to repeat what I stated in the first place comments. This piece was excellent and came in second as a matter of degree. Very well done.*
THIRD PLACE: Lake News - Gloria Hollifield - *There is not much more I can say. Well done!*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Todd County Standard - Toby Hightower - *Toby Hightower's easy, folksy style is highly readable and entertaining. He can teach English to anyone.*
SECOND PLACE: Henry County Local - Melissa Blankenship - *Melissa Blankenship introduces her topics with a hook and her breezy style holds the reader's interest.*
THIRD PLACE: The Crittenden Press - Daryl K. Tabor - *Daryl Tabor handles relevant topics in a succinct, readable manner.*

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: The Journal Enterprise - Cameron Brown - *This able columnist doesn't shy away from controversial topics. He not only attacks them but he also strongly backs up his points, at the same time not ignoring other angles. A competent writer.*
SECOND PLACE: Henry County Local - Greg Woods - *Mundane subjects given interesting twists and the personal approach is appealing.*

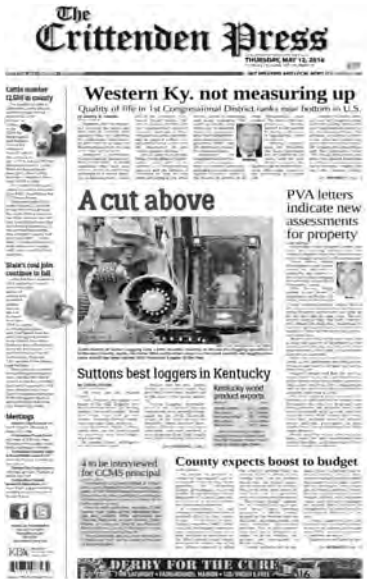
CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Franklin Favorite - Brian Davis - *The presentation is comprehensive in every way: The pithy head, the surprising lead, the photo with both guys and gals, a neat pulled statement and even a homecoming box. All of this plus quality writing.*
SECOND PLACE: Todd County Standard - Melony Shemberger - *An elementary school's outstanding archery team gets outstanding treatment.*
THIRD PLACE: Grayson Journal Enquirer - Kevin Colley - *The well-done lead is bolstered by explanations that include personal information about participants. Graphics would have been a plus.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Springfield Sun - John Overby - *A nicely written article by John Overby augmented with terrific photos.*
SECOND PLACE: Henry County Local - Greg Woods - *Greg Woods writes a good article, keeping the reader's attention.*
THIRD PLACE: Campbell County Recorder - James Weber - *James Weber writes a heartwarming story and ties it with sports achievement - a good combination.*





CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Crittenden Press - Daryl K. Tabor - *Excellent, comprehensive article enhanced by graphics to reinforce key facts.*
SECOND PLACE: The News Herald - Jacob Blair - *Throrough, broad based article gives readers a wide range of informaiton to form opinions.*
THIRD PLACE: Interior Journal - Abigail Whitehouse - *Use of graphics addes to understanding of facts.*

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: The Journal Enterprise - Matt Hughes
SECOND PLACE: Springfield Sun - Nick Schrager
THIRD PLACE: Franklin Favorite - Brian Hancock

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Boone County Recorder - Sarah Brookbank
SECOND PLACE: Henry County Local - Melissa Blankenship, Jesse Harp
THIRD PLACE: Springfield Sun - Staff

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Henry County Local - Chris Brooke - *Wonderful story that is very well written.*
SECOND PLACE: The News-Democrat - Jeff Moore - *Good commentary on something the community obviously needed.*
THIRD PLACE: The Crittenden Press - Daryl K. Tabor - *Well written.*

CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Todd County Standard - Staff - *Great use of social media to inform the community. This kind of journalism via Facebook is a way of enhancing the newspaper's brand in the community on a subject like missing teens that a large portion of the population is interested in and engaging the community in the search to find them. Adding updates as the paper got them in the comments is imperative and the paper did that well here. The level of detail in the story and pictures of the missing teens at the top with a header set this 'viral' story in motion on FB. This is easily the best entry in this category.*
SECOND PLACE: Interior Journal - Abigail Whitehouse - *This is a great way to engage the community on Facebook -- people love to see their kids in the paper and everyone takes back to school pictures. Having them post the pictures and publishing them is a win-win for the paper and the community.*
THIRD PLACE: Franklin Favorite - Brian Hancock - *This entry uses Facebook to break spot news and then update readers. A more thorough story at the top and updates in the comments under the main story would give better organization for readers trying to keep up with the police shooting.*



CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Springfield Sun - Nick Schrager

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Henry County Local - Melissa Blankenship - *Very well done. Well set up.*
SECOND PLACE: Falmouth Outlook - Jackie Vaughn - *Scary shot. Makes the reader very wary!*
THIRD PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig - *Very sad. Shows the tragedy some must endure.*

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Springfield Sun - Nick Schrager - *Sharp photo framed well that illustrates story. Just from the photo, I have a good idea of what the accompanying story is about. Love the glow on the face of the boy. Great composition and execution!*
SECOND PLACE: Springfield Sun - John Overby - *Good composition. Excellent timing to capture expressions. Good color and composition.*
THIRD PLACE: The News Herald - Molly Haines - *It's not an unusual shot, but it's so well-executed. Great focus and framing, and I can feel the emotions through the photo.*
HONORABLE MENTION: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig



CATEGORY 17 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Henry County Local - Melissa Blankenship
SECOND PLACE: Henry County Local - Kristen Lowry
THIRD PLACE: Todd County Standard - McClaine Haley Sharp

FIRST PLACE: Henry County Local - Kristen Lowry - *My pick for first never changed after seeing this entry. The page perfectly captures the story of the day with outstanding photography. A great layout, too.*

SECOND PLACE: Letcher County Community News-Press - Malcolm Wilson - *Since there can't be two first place awards - I'll give this one a second. Outstanding photos that capture this small town landmark. Looks like work I'd see in a glossy mag.*

THIRD PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig - *When photos don't need words to explain the story - it's good.*

FIRST PLACE: Springfield Sun - John Overby - *Great photo that shows reaction, emotion and perfect timing. A great sports photo in any size category or in any press association.*

SECOND PLACE: Interior Journal - Nancy Leedy - *Solid action photo in a sport that is not as predictable to shoot as football, baseball and basketball. The action can happen anywhere on the field and you have to capture it. Nice shot.*

THIRD PLACE: Springfield Sun - Nick Schrager - *Great composition and a solid sports feature shot to illustrate the athlete and the story.*

FIRST PLACE: Henry County Local - Greg Woods - *Great action shots.*
SECOND PLACE: Springfield Sun - Nick Schrager - *The joy in that little boy's face tells the story!*
THIRD PLACE: Springfield Sun - John Overby

FIRST PLACE: Falmouth Outlook - Jackie Vaughn, Tammy Wessel
SECOND PLACE: Todd County Standard - Staff
THIRD PLACE: The Journal Enterprise - Matt Hughes

FIRST PLACE: Grayson Journal Enquirer - Nathan Hall
SECOND PLACE: The Crittenden Press - Daryl K. Tabor
THIRD PLACE: The Journal Enterprise - Matt Hughes

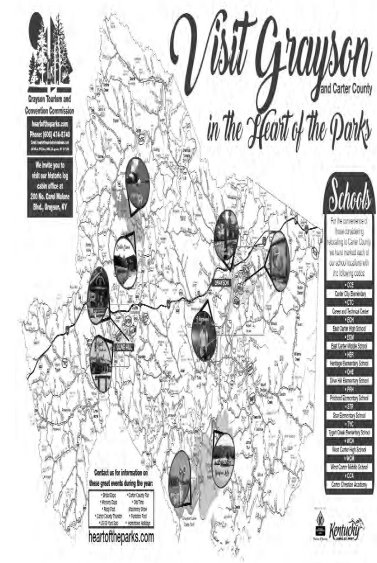
FIRST PLACE: Grayson Journal Enquirer - Nathan Hall - *Very good layout. Excellent mix of disciplines. Well done.*
SECOND PLACE: Springfield Sun - John Overby - *Startling point of view. Well done.*
THIRD PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig - *Good layout. Very eye-catching.*

FIRST PLACE: Grayson Journal Enquirer - Nathan Hall, Kevin Colley - *This is what a Sports Special Section should look like - team photos and cutlines, preview stories, and schedules. And good use of graphics as well. Very well done.*

SECOND PLACE: The News-Democrat - Staff - *You have a lot of good photos and information, but I would have liked to have seen more original copy vs. all the canned copy you got from the speedway. Maybe a few less photos and more local interest stories to let the fans know there is more to the area than just the race track.*

THIRD PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig - *It appears to be a fall sport special section, and you have good stories on the football and soccer previews. But the basketball story seems out of place, plus you have a volleyball story, but no volleyball preview to go along with it. I would have likes to have seen all the fall sports previews.*

FIRST PLACE: Franklin Favorite - Brian Hancock, Megan Purazrang
SECOND PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig
THIRD PLACE: Franklin Favorite - Megan Purazrang





CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Grayson Journal Enquirer - Nathan Hall, Keith Kappes - *Good editorials taking stands on transparency, the presidential race and economic development. Great and relevant newspapers take a stand on issues and this paper did it best among all the entries. The editorial cartoons and local columns by the publisher give the editorial page a clean look with important content and opinions for readers.*

SECOND PLACE: - Henry County Local - Melissa Blankenship - *The design of these pages was the best of all the entries. The local columns, use of art and the multiple letters showing community engagement with the newspaper were all welcomes things to see on an editorial page.*

THIRD PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig - *Good info - mixing up the layout so each issue isn't just stacked columns would make the page more inviting. Loved 30 years ago feature on every page.*

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: The News-Democrat - Kristin Beck - *Most well-rounded entry with respect to range of stories, quality of reporting and engaging layout and design.*

SECOND PLACE: Springfield Sun - John Overby

THIRD PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig - *A good range of stories and engaging art. However, one of the things that set this entry apart was the innovative variations on the above-the-fold design and flag. The layout didn't always work, but at least you are trying something new and it did make the page memorable.*

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig - *Headlines grab attention with playful word play. Keep it up.*

SECOND PLACE: Interior Journal - Nancy Leedy - *Nicely done, indicating some thought and humor go into headlines.*

THIRD PLACE: Interior Journal - Nancy Leedy - *These colorful heads will draw people to interesting stories.*

WEEKLY 2

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Spencer Magnet - John Shindlebower

SECOND PLACE: Barren County Progress - Sam Terry

THIRD PLACE: Jessamine Journal - David Brock

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: Cynthiana Democrat - Becky Barnes - *Great on the spot coverage of breaking news, including very timely photo. Written informatively and yet without sensationalizing a sensitive moment. Use of quotes from witness and father added needed perspective for readers*

SECOND PLACE: Spencer Magnet - John Shindlebower - *Tough pick. Could have been First Place. Photos at scene were remarkable and perspective from witness made story come together. Good news writing.*

THIRD PLACE: Adair County Community Voice - Sharon Burton - *Good job writing story without all the facts, which were unavailable at the time. Writer made it clear this was an important event (maybe 4 dead), yet a breaking story. Photo made situation clear to readers. Well done.*

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Adair County Community Voice - Sharon Burton - *This is community journalism at its best, when it can be used to help heal following the death of loved ones in a tragedy. Sharon Buton is to be commended for a job well done on this story.*

SECOND PLACE: Barren County Progress - Sam Terry - *This story was a fantastic and engaging read, and Sam Terry did an excellent job reporting what must have been an interesting and difficult story.*

THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Bryan Marshall - *I would have liked a tad bit more background on the financials of the jail itself, but Bryan Marshall is to be given credit for putting together a compelling story that leaves me wondering what is to become of the Grant County Jail.*

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Spencer Magnet - John Shindlebower - *Well written story about an honest American Hero. Thoughtfully and passionately written.*

SECOND PLACE: Oldham Era - Taylor Riley - *Well written article with excellent detail.*

THIRD PLACE: Spencer Magnet John Shindlebower - *Very chilling story. Grabs the reader. Well done!*



CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Glen Jennings
SECOND PLACE: Barren County Progress - Clinton Powell
THIRD PLACE: Bourbon County Citizen - Staff

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Elliott Pratt - *Well written, well thought out. Writer gives the reader much to think about and consider.*
SECOND PLACE: Anderson News - John Herndon - *Lots of good information, much food for thought.*
THIRD PLACE: Spencer Magnet John Shindlebower - *Well done.*

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Anderson News - John Herndon - *Well written article about a subject that has so obviously gripped the community.*
SECOND PLACE: The Jackson-Breathitt County Times-Voice - James David Fugate - *Great story. Lots of excitement and history. Well done!*
THIRD PLACE: Jessamine Journal - Joshua Huff - *Good, strong story.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Jackson-Breathitt County Times-Voice - James David Fugate
SECOND PLACE: Anderson News - John Herndon
THIRD PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Machaela Ballard - *Like many of the other entries in this category, this story presented useful, interesting information based on diligent research and careful organization and expressed in an objective yet insightful way. What propelled this story to the top spot was the quality of the writing--crisp, clear, vibrant and compelling.*
SECOND PLACE: Spencer Magnet - Staff - *This series thoroughly and insightfully addressed--from a variety of perspectives--what has obviously become a very serious problem in parts of Kentucky: heroin abuse. I found the third part--on an overdose antidote--particularly interesting.*
THIRD PLACE: Anderson News - John Herndon - *You don't normally think of a sports health issue as grist for a multipart analysis, but John Hendon showed that a strong presentation, drawing on examples from different levels and eras, can make such a topic both interesting and accessible. I was especially impressed with the way he organized so much information so effectively in "Awareness changes but basics same."*

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: Adair County Community Voice - Sharon Burton - *Very enlightening and gets the reader thinking. Well done! Especially love that use of open records requests were mentioned.*
SECOND PLACE: Lewis County Herald - Dennis Brown - *Very thorough, followed this issue every step of the way.*
THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Bryan Marshall - *Interesting and important for people to know.*

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Cynthiana Democrat - Lee Kendall - *The series highlighting the lives and experiences of black residents were interesting regardless of the month of the year. Solid feature writing.*
SECOND PLACE: - Jessamine Journal - Ben Kleppinger - *It's crazy that such issues arise, but the series did an excellent job of explaining the views of all parties involved.*
THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Bryan Marshall - *What a crazy tourist attraction! But solid reporting kept readers current with what appears to be a major feature of the community.*

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Machaela Ballard
SECOND PLACE: LaRue County Herald News - Doug Ponder
THIRD PLACE: Anderson News - John Herndon





CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut - *Well done!*

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Salyersville Independent - Staff - *Well produced.*

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Lewis County Herald - Staff - *Good composition, lighting sells the image.*
SECOND PLACE: Adair County Community Voice - Beth Holmes - *Great moment. Photo should have been played larger.*
THIRD PLACE: Adair County Community Voice - Sharon Burton - *Nice shot.*

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Adair County Community Voice - Sharon Burton
SECOND PLACE: Barren County Progress - Sam Terry
THIRD PLACE: Lewis County Herald - Dennis Brown

CATEGORY 17 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Staff - *Yes, yes and yes!*
SECOND PLACE: Grant County News - Bryan Marshall - *Fantastic expression! Focus is great, crop is great. Just an all-around great photo!*
THIRD PLACE: Jessamine Journal - Ben Kleppinger - *I love this! The photo pops with the cutout, but also the subject is well in focus, which is not an easy task at all while someone is sledding!*

CATEGORY 18 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (BREAKING, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

FIRST PLACE: Jessamine Journal - Kayla Lasure
SECOND PLACE: Jessamine Journal - Ben Kleppinger
THIRD PLACE: Oldham Era - Melissa Blankenship - *Great photo coverage of event. Variety of close, medium and wide shots. I got feeling of event. Good job.*

CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Grant County News - Mark Verbeck
SECOND PLACE: Grant County News - Bryan Marshall
THIRD PLACE: Jessamine Journal - Joshua Huff

CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Elliott Pratt - *By far the best grouping of pictures. Each one shows true emotion. Nice job.*
SECOND PLACE: Jessamine Journal - Joshua Huff - *Really liked the layout of these baseball pictures. Great shots and presented very well.Nice job."*
THIRD PLACE: The Jackson-Breathitt County Times-Voice - James David Fugate - *Very strong grouping of pictures. Good combination of action and feature-style photos. Good job."*

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Cynthiana Democrat - Staff - *The absolute clear winner, from the ads to the stories to the design. All I can say is YES!*
SECOND PLACE: Spencer Magnet - Staff - *Great color, awesome looking cover. Ditch the italics and this would be BOOM.*
THIRD PLACE: Spencer Magnet - Staff - *Very pleasant to look at. These types of specials can easily become phone books with art. Nicely done."*

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: The Jackson-Breathitt County Times-Voice - Derek Fugate - *This was a unique and informative way of giving readers a snapshot on an important ballot initiative."*
SECOND PLACE: Grant County News - Bryan Marshall - *This was a good use of an easy-to-read info graphic tied with the personal touch of a family affected by the heroin epidemic.*
THIRD PLACE: Oldham Era - Glen Jennings - *This is a valuable graphic breaking down tax rates in multiple jurisdictions in an easily read graphic.*

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Elliott Pratt - “Clearly best in this category, great layout, good use of photos strong writing”
SECOND PLACE: Jessamine Journal - Joshua Huff - “Tough to judge, several great entries in this category, good layout, good use of photosnice headlines.”
THIRD PLACE: Spencer Magnet - John Shindlebower - “Very nice job, good variety, nice use of photos.”

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Bourbon County Citizen - Ivan K. Rice - *The section was aesthetically pleasing, very well-designed and easy to follow. No stone was left unturned — wonderful mix of all sports with quality insight for each selection.*
SECOND PLACE: Oldham Era - Elliott Pratt - *The introductory page made me want to read more just by how it was designed. Strong understanding of each team's key storylines.*
THIRD PLACE: LaRue County Herald News - Doug Ponder and Vanessa Hurst - *Very clean cover page. It does a good job of telling the reader what is inside, but not too much as to overwhelm them. Each capsule had quality content and showed a deep understanding of the program.*

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Staff - *This is a compelling narrative that kept my attention for the full story. Well done.*
SECOND PLACE: LaRue County Herald News - Vanessa Hurst - *Nice overview of community happenings.*
THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Linda Lawrence - *Interesting story.*

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Jessamine Journal - Rosalind Essig - *Well organized, tremendous cross section of information. Well done.*
SECOND PLACE: Grant County News - Staff - *Good layout. Lots of information.*

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: LaRue County Herald News - Staff - *Well designed, eye catching, good use of color.*
SECOND PLACE: Cynthiana Democrat - Becky Barnes - *Bold, appealing, well done.*
THIRD PLACE: Jessamine Journal - Ben Kleppinger - *Well done, eye catching.*

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: Grant County News - Bryan Marshall - *Great headlines. The three bring attention to the stories being told.*
SECOND PLACE: The Jackson-Breathitt County Times-Voice - James David Fugate - *All are great but WalMart headline is my favorite. Good job!*
THIRD PLACE: Oldham Era - Machaela Ballard - *All are well-written and clever headlines. They bring attention to the articles.*

WEEKLY 3

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *Strong opinions backed up by evidence*

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Dean Manning - *Great job of taking a breaking news story, reporting on it, and then taking a broader view.*
SECOND PLACE: - Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *Dark headline and mug shot draws the reader in. Very nice job of taking the reader back to previous events that led to his capture. Nice job!*
THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Dean Manning - *Nice job of explaining the situation that led to the accident. Quotes from key figures help bring everything to life.*

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Jim Wilson - *Wonderful look into a dark mind/heart. I thought this was very thorough and detailed.*
SECOND PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Jason Morrow - *Smart piece. You do a nice job of taking a national issue and explaining how it's affecting the local community.*
THIRD PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *A nice job. The photos really bring the story to life. I like how you described the excitement of those involved and how the center will impact the community.*





CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Trent Knuckles

SECOND PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *Hat's off to the reporter for tackling what could be a sensitive interview/story. An additional source or two in this feature would have made it a first-place entry.*

THIRD PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Jason Morrow

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *“Clearly the best in this category, fantastic columns, nice that publisher is writing regular columns.”*

SECOND PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Jason Morrow - *“Very nice job, lots of competition, but you really shine, keep up good work”*

THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Trent Knuckles - *“Nice job, lots of competition in this categorykeep up good work”*

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Gerard Flanagan - *Well written in each case. Writer is able to relate the readers to a variety of topics.*

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman - *Good local journalism and topics for a column.*

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman - *Good lead and use of quotes. Details, such as Salim's fatigue, gives the readers insight into how Corbin pulled out the championship.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Mark Hoskins - *This writer took an interesting angle on a story that is unique to this community. The complete package with layout and graphics set it apart from the others.*

SECOND PLACE: Central City Leader News - C. Josh Givens - *While not a typical sports feature, the writer explored a topic that is integral to athletes everywhere.*

THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman - *This was a nice look at these two brothers who were important to the local community's sports identity.*

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Trent Knuckles

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Mark White

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Mark Hoskins - *Great story digging into a problem that not only Kentucky faces with transportation, but all states face: someone has to fix the roads. Paying the people who actually do the hard labor better than we do currently can make all the difference the world to ensuring that roads, bridges and more are taken care of well. A note: the only thing missing from this story was some kind of art. Even a file photo of someone paving a roadway would have helped break up the monotony of black and white copy. Pictures help tell these stories and bring imagination into the mind of the reader for thought-provoking journalism that is meant to bring about action. Meanwhile, what has happened since? Don't let this one die.*

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Mark White - *Though technically there wasn't much "investigation" in this piece from the reading, it was well written and reminds us all that those of us who are at the most risk are likely to get left behind, literally in this case (and I don't mean that as a joke.) Good writing, good quotes. Well done.*

THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Mark White - *This is a great story, well done and appreciated the follow-up to know how the soap opera ended.*

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Butler County Banner - Melissa Mudd - *Outstanding coverage. Well written and well researched.*

SECOND PLACE: Hart County News Herald - Darca Jobe - *Well covered and well written.*

THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Mark White - *Well written.*

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Mark White - *Great business/educ article combined! Also - good job recognizing that this was worth an article. Some folks might just run this as a feature photo/cutline.*

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Mark White

THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Dean Manning - *Great topic. Local history is always interesting.*



CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman - *Sports is a great way to enhance a Twitter following. This is a great mix of game info, photos and video. Someone who wasn't at the game would feel like they were by following the feed. Building that trust with the audience will result in an extension in readership.*

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Staff - *Great mix of different views from the event. Each reporter showed a different aspect of what the reader might be missing.*

THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman - *Polls are used at the proper times. I also liked how teases were made to return to the newspaper/website for more information.*

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Mark Hoskins

SECOND PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Mark Hoskins

THIRD PLACE: Central City Leader News - C. Josh Givens

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Mark Hoskins - *Captured the moment in a feel-good photo. Loved it that the other faces were covered with signs. Was difficult to follow the cutline in that the left and right description was confusing. Still too good of a photo to pass up.*

SECOND PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Mark Hoskins - *Good hard news photo that reveals the emotion of an accident victim on the scene. The care and compassion can be seen of the faces of the responders--and loved that the dog was included.*

THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Mark White - *The photo captures the essence of small towns and patriotism on Memorial Day. Somber faces, salutes and flags reflect the day and the participation of youngsters and veterans.*

CATEGORY 17 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *The composition of this photo is perfect, with the lighting done just right and the focus right where it should be: on Santa and Sophia. It also helps the picture tells the story on first glance, reminding everyone that indeed Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.*

SECOND PLACE: Central City Leader News - C. Josh Givens - *For selfish reasons, this was one of the judge's favorites as a big fan of Michael Jackson's Thriller. The angle was just right, and even the motion blur becomes part of the overall scene and reminds the reader that even when there is a static photo on the page, it represents movement and life that can be easily imagined.*

THIRD PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Jason Morrow - *Several pictures on this page would have been worthy of awards, but I liked this one the best. It brings sharp focus to one particular person, and still draws everyone to the overall scene with the blurry background. Well done!*

CATEGORY 18 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (BREAKING, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Staff - *Kids win hearts, minds and a lot of photo contests - including this one. Great pics, great layout. Captures the spirit and essence of event perfectly.*

SECOND PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *“Monks making Memories” is terrific. A great way to present an unusual event in the community.*

THIRD PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *Great tribute to community veterans for the Category 11/Category 11 tribute. Very fitting and well done. This category was, by far, the hardest to judge. Many great entries overall.*

CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman - *The photographer did a fantastic job capturing the distance between the athlete and the bar, as well as the calm determination on her face, while demonstrating the graceful movement of her body.*

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Ashley Norvell - *This photo brings the reader right into this moment during the tennis match, bringing the emotion of the player to the fore.*

THIRD PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Staff - *The uniqueness of this shot makes this a worthy winner.*





CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman - *Best overall group of photos. They are composed and cropped nicely. Great action and capture of emotion, effort on faces.*
SECOND PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *Good composition in photos and nice job capturing faces displaying emotion and effort. Is it powderpuff or power puff? Headline and cutline differed. Don't take away from photos with simple mistakes like that.*
THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman, Ashley Norvell - *Nice group of photos. Basketball is hard to shoot with pace of game and lighting. These turned out well. Try separating cutline to add some white space to the page.*

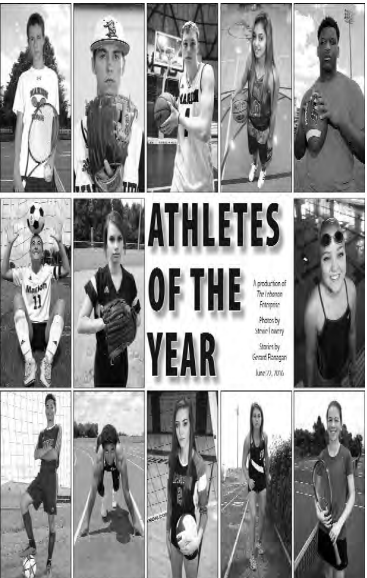
CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

CERTIFICATE: Lebanon Enterprise - Staff

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

CERTIFICATE: Mountain Advocate - Charles Myrick

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION



FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery, Gerard Flanagan - *The photos and layout of the pages in this section were outstanding. The overall package was the best, but the ledes in the stories need some punch and variety.*
SECOND PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery, Gerard Flanagan - *Photos make the section. Well-done layout and design. Ledes don't always need the date in them -- focus on the important detail of the game to draw readers in, then provide some of the background.*
THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman - *Loved the local focus in the columns. Best writing of entries in this category. Layouts need more white space and photos need bigger play.*

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery, Gerard Flanagan - *This section was put together not only with care, but with an understanding that the stories and photos when placed together should provide readers with an idea of the personalities of each player. You can see that in the photos and within the copy on each page. Well done!*
SECOND PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Mark Hoskins - *In a close second place, this sports section was just behind the first place award winner. It was also a well-designed section with plenty of information. The only think it lacked was a bit more color for photos.*
THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman - *Great use of front page graphics, but like our second place finisher this year the layout could have used some more color.*

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Teresa Brooks, Mark White, Trent Knuckles - *Nice variety of different features.*

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *Strong opinions, nice mix of topics.*
SECOND PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *Nice job taking complex issues and breaking down why they matter.*
THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Trent Knuckles, Mark White, Don Estep

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery
SECOND PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery, Jason Morrow
THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Trent Knuckles, Mark White, Dean Manning

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Trent Knuckles - *"Bunch wins by a Bunch" was just witty enough to make it a win.*
SECOND PLACE: Mountain Advocate - Emily Baker, Charles Myrick



MULTI-WEEKLY

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Forrest Berkshire
SECOND PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Mike Scogin
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Peter Zubaty

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Forrest Berkshire - *Good job.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Forrest Berkshire - *Solid work.*
THIRD PLACE: Appalachian News-Express - Russ Cassady, Aaron K. Nelson - *Good job.*

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Sentinel-News - Lisa King

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Sentinel-News - Lisa King - *Masterful storytelling of a deeply emotional, deeply private moment that the reporter was allowed into. The writer treated the story with dignity and respect, even in telling the sordid past of the birthmother. The story was structured perfectly with a lede that would not allow the reader to put the story down.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Randy Patrick - *The lede tells the reader everything he/she needs to know about the story, but the writer follows up with descriptive details that really drive home the gentleman's drive and caring attitude.*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Kacie Goode - *A beautiful, uplifting story about a child who has dealt with so much adversity. Excellent ability to have the subject open up about the accident. Writer has a nice touch.*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Nita Johnson - *Well thought out. Interesting subject matter, very well written.*
SECOND PLACE: The Morehead News - Keith Kappes - *Well done. Interesting POV.*
THIRD PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Mike Moore - *Well done.*

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Kal Oakes - *Great, readable style and holds the readers' interest. The three columns show a range of talent from opinion on national sports news to covering those at home.*
SECOND PLACE: Sentinel-News - Brian Stone - *Good style and good readable mix of first-hand experiences and commentary.*
THIRD PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Mitch Howard - *Good, experience writing style yet interesting on all topics.*

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Appalachian News-Express - Randy White - *The lede is a grabber and sets the tone for the rest of the story. The writer rightly keyed on part of the game everyone must have been talking about. Enjoyable reading.*
SECOND PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Mitch Howard
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Peter Zubaty

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Randy Patrick - *This goes down as one of the most entertaining stories I've read. Humous and great look inside a fun community event. The first quote of the story had me laughing and wanting more.*
SECOND PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Denis House - *Simple, humorous, and unique feature. Very well written which made for a fun read.*
THIRD PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Jerry Boggs - *Inspiring story. Great job with interview and organizing so many good quotes into the story. very thorough reporting. A better lede could have been helpful but the story as a whole was solid.*

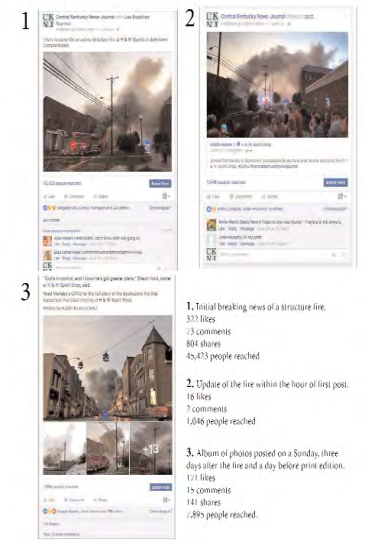
CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: Sentinel-News - Ashley Sutter - *Great localization of a growing trend in America.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Kacie Goode - *Great localization of an issue many likely have but do not voice.*
THIRD PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Mike Scogin - *Great, in-depth reporting.*





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CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Dan Adkins - *Great use of putting a face to the names and the issues, while also investigating the root of those issues.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Forrest Berkshire - *Great use of open records, interviews and historical documents.*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Randy Patrick - *Great job of breaking the story up to provide a better flow, as well as investigating the officers' and the shooter's actions.*

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Randy Patrick - *Many good entries in this category, but this stood out for providing the most complete picture of a wide-reaching, complex issue.*
SECOND PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Dan Adkins - *Good work on this story. Newspaper relied on information from public officials, but also made efforts to do its own research on the problem.*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Randy Patrick, Forrest Berkshire - *Good ongoing coverage of a story with a lot of twists and turns. Both sides always represented and good research getting mayor's personnel record.*

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Peter Zubaty - *Very well written story. It's informative and interesting. I wanted to read the whole story.*
FIRST PLACE: Sentinel-News - Ashley Sutter - *Very well written story. It's informative and interesting. I wanted to read the whole story.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Randy Patrick - *Well written story. It includes a lot of background and history of the subject.*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Randy Patrick - *Nice profile of the company and the CEO. Interesting and informative.*

CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Central Kentucky News Journal - Kaitlin Keane - *Facebook is a great way to share breaking news as it's happening. I appreciate the effort to do that here. The initial post was great: A short breaking news blurb with a photo that let people know what happened. I think you could have reached more people on the second post if you had posted it directly to the newspaper's Facebook page, rather than sharing from a personal page. I liked the photo gallery in the third post. I would have liked to see a post with a link to the story on your website.*
SECOND PLACE: Central Kentucky News Journal - Kaitlin Keane - *I can tell you're making a big effort to get people to pick up the paper. The posts are on the long side, but the call to action is a nice touch.*
THIRD PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Staff

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Central Kentucky News Journal - Kaitlin Keane - *Inspiring to read, but even more so to hear.*
SECOND PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Mike Moore
THIRD PLACE: Central Kentucky News Journal - Kaitlin Keane

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Central Kentucky News Journal - Kaitlin Keane
SECOND PLACE: Appalachian News-Express - Russ Cassady
THIRD PLACE: Central Kentucky News Journal - Kaitlin Keane

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Kacie Goode - *Creative perspective and powerful framing to make the firefighter pop out from all the charred debris.*
SECOND PLACE: Central Kentucky News Journal - Kaitlin Keane - *Captures two unique responses to a sorrowful event. Shadows and color help make for a strong photo.*
THIRD PLACE: The Morehead News - Nathan Hall - *This photo tells a story on its own.*

CATEGORY 17 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Kacie Goode - *Beautiful light, composition, captured a moment.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Forrest Berkshire - *Captures the discharge of the firearm, angled well.*
THIRD PLACE: Appalachian News-Express - Julia Roberts - *Shows background well. Detail and framing excellent.*

CATEGORY 18 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (BREAKING, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

FIRST PLACE: Central Kentucky News Journal - Kaitlin Keane - *So many emotions captured. Such humanity on display. The sequence down the left side of the jump page is especially powerful: From duty to joy to overpowering pride. This is the one I kept looking back at. It tells a story. A moving and rousing story.*

SECOND PLACE: Sentinel-News - Ashley Sutter

THIRD PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Mike Moore

CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Denis House - *Excellent action shot. Timing was impeccable.*

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Peter Zubaty - *Excellent action shot.*

THIRD PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Denis House - *Very emotional. Well done.*

CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Kelly McKinney - *Best of a weak category. This package had images that didn't repeat and had some moments away form just action.*

SECOND PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Mitch Howard - *Okay action and a nice moment of the coach reacting to leaving the bases loaded.*

THIRD PLACE: Appalachian News-Express - Cory Vance - *Nice photos.*

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Appalachian News-Express - Staff - *Was clearly well above most in terms or creativity and visual engagement for the reader. Content and ads were great and really provide a package that appeals to women, the segment that drive purchasing decisions. Great job.*

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Staff - *Great product and is a true asset to showcase the community. This is one of the most packed special sections I have ever seen and provides a detailed view of community. Nice use of color palette for statistics and info boxes. Add just a little more style and flair to fonts and small details and this would easily move to first.*

THIRD PLACE: Appalachian News-Express - Staff - *Great style and very contemporary design. This brings me tons of information quickly and easily.*

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: Appalachian News-Express - Cory Vance

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Susan Turner, Forrest Berkshire

THIRD PLACE: Sentinel-News - Ashley Sutter

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: The Morehead News - Nathan Hall - *Very well done.*

SECOND PLACE: Appalachian News-Express - Randy White

THIRD PLACE: The Morehead News - Nathan Hall

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Denis House, Mitch Howard, James Marcum - *Absolutely outstanding. Very well laid out and eye catching.*

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Peter Zubaty - *Terrific layout. Good color palette.*

THIRD PLACE: The Morehead News - Nathan Hall, Kevin Colley - *Well done.*

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Sentinel-News - Todd Martin - *Well done! Creative layouts, great photos and good writing. All entries in this category were close and separated by small degrees. Creativity without too much clutter pushed this to the front.*

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Randy Patrick - *Awesome photos and great layout. Good writing too. A hair separated these entries. First place was just a bit more creative.*

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Kacie Goode - *Again, so close to the others. Wonderful photos, nice layout, good writing. Keep up the good work.*





CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Mike Moore
SECOND PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Mike Moore
THIRD PLACE: The Morehead News - Staff

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: The Morehead News - Nathan - *Good use of color and dramatic photos (except for the picture of officials meeting on the last front). The picture of the Taps player in the American Legion story is creatively and strikingly placed.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Susan Turner - *Good use of strong art, especially the photo of the hawk. And I love the picture of Buck Newton. Varied layouts. (btw, your other entry also showed a lot of creativity, but I was turned off by too many Pokemon critters.*

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: Appalachian News-Express - Randy White
SECOND PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Mike Moore
THIRD PLACE: Sentinel-News - Ashley Sutter

Daily 1

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Jennifer Brown - *Clean, concise editorials that get to the point of the issue. Topics are not your tried and true, but stick to pertinent issue for the community. Written in fearless fashion.*
SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - John L. Ross - *Well-written and thoughtful. Could be considered for a higher award if more local issues were tackled.*

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: Winchester Sun - Fred Petke
SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Timothy Wyatt
THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - John L. Ross

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - John Wright - *Solid writing lays out the facts in an easy to follow flow. Lede immediately draws reader in and makes topic engaging, interesting and timely.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Rebecca Walter
THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - Timothy Wyatt - *Nice treatment of what could be boring topic.*

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Jennifer Brown
SECOND PLACE: Winchester Sun - Whitney Leggett
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Zirconia Allyene

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Jennifer Brown - *Excellent writing.*
SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - John L. Ross - *Very entertaining. Well done.*
THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - Brad Hall - *Well done.*

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Timothy Wyatt - *Well written. Keep up the good work.*
SECOND PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Jeff Arenz - *Very well done.*
THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon - *Well done.*



CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon - *Very well written.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Chris Jung - *Very interesting take on a constant controversy.*
THIRD PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Jeff Arenz - *Well done.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon - *Outstanding. Very good writing!*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Chris Jung - *Excellent subject, well handled.*
THIRD PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Jeff Arenz - *Well done.*

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Timothy Wyatt - *In these days of antipathy towards police, this writer went the extra mile to show readers a realistic picture of the policeman's world. Well done!*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Rebecca Walter - *Good, but sad explanation of low voter turnout.*
THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - John L. Ross - *This is information that people need. It is well written and understandable.*

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Debbie Batteiger - *This is an in depth and well presented study of a very serious subject. Well done.*
SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Kristina Smith - *Thorough explanation of a very complex subject. Writer made it understandable. Good job!*
THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - John L. Ross, Kristina Smith

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - John L. Ross - *This is an outstanding series of articles that encourages people to vote and does so with verifiable facts. Excellent!*
SECOND PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - John Wright - *Solid series of articles on an obviously volatile community subject. Keep up the good work of informing the public.*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Rebecca Walter - *This is an excellent example of how a community can work together to take advantage of a specific event. The coverage is thorough and thoughtful.*

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Winchester Sun - Steve Foley - *Interesting story with plenty of quotes and color from the subjects. It is a good way to show readers about the challenges of running a business from the inside view.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Zirconia Alleyne - *A different twist on a business story is one that isn't seeking a profit. It was full of descriptive terms and images, and my mouth was watering for some KC barbecue while I was reading it.*
THIRD PLACE: Winchester Sun - Steve Foley - *It was a good topic, but the story would have benefitted from additional sources, such as a business professor, an industry consultant and an owner of a similar business in another area.*

CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Chris Jung - *Consistently updated with professional quality photos. Only recommendation would be to add captions to all photos more regularly so readers are aware of what is going on in each photo.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Chris Jung - *Consistent updates. More tweets could come from main account as most are currently RTs, but overall very strong coverage on Twitter.*

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

CERTIFICATE: Times-Tribune - Timothy Wyatt

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Angela Turner - *The action of the man carrying the sign and the message on the sign made this the winner. It tells a story in ways words cannot. You can see the man is so angry he yanked the sign from the ground to make a point. Now, that's photojournalism as opposed to merely snapping a picture.*
SECOND PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - John Wright - *The vantage point the photographer chose shows the clothes in the trunk illustrating lives disrupted, and the misshapen car tells better than words that the passengers had to have been injured.*
THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - John L. Ross - *Good lighting and composition, and the red tint adds a creepy sensation for the viewer. Seeing the shape of the structure through the flames tells the story of a house destroyed.*



CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE



FIRST PLACE: Winchester Sun - Whitney Leggett - *Your eye leads straight to the subject, great composition, moment.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky New Era - John Godse - *Interesting subject, nice timing.*
THIRD PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - John Wright - *Nice shot and composition.*

CATEGORY 17 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Winchester Sun - Steve Foley - *While a full rainbow is not an everyday occurrence, the photographer's eye that used the rainbow as a bridge between the two structures is what makes this a good photo. The fact that it links the "farm" booths on the left to the "table" booths on the right creates a perfect visual metaphor for the story it illustrates.*
SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Timothy Wyatt - *Cute photo defying gravity. The photographer's eye and sense of timing is what makes photojournalism different from other types of photography, and this is a good example.*
THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - Angela Turner - *Nice photo to illustrate the annual visit of the fair.*

CATEGORY 18 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (BREAKING, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Kristina Smith - *Good technical photos, and together, they told the best story.*
SECOND PLACE: Winchester Sun - Whitney Leggett - *Great job capturing emotion on faces and putting the package together.*
THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - Staff - *Best action photos in the category. Wish the main art had been a little tighter, but it was a good job telling the story.*

CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE



FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Paul Coots - *Well-framed and timed action photo. Excellent focus and composition.*
SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon - *Great action with ball and pitcher's face both captured well.*
THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Nicholson - *Another well-framed action photo that also captures emotion, effort on subject faces.*

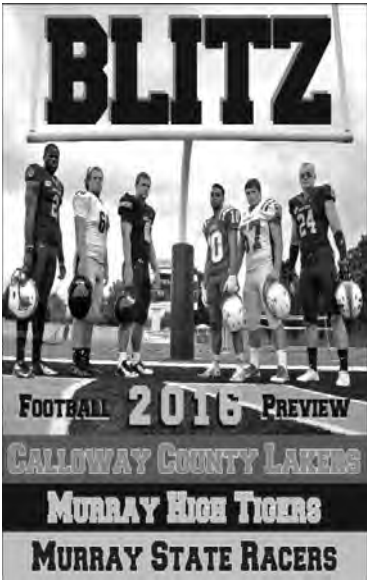
CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Nicholson - *Best grouping of action sports shots in the category.*
SECOND PLACE: Times-TribuneStaff - *Nice mix of action and emotion shots. Together, photos tell a story.*
THIRD PLACE: Winchester Sun - Casey Castle - *Nice action photos. Page well composed.*

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Staff
SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Staff
THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - Staff

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC



FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Brad Hall - *Very creative. Flows well with the layout. Overall a very well planned graphic element that helps tell the story.*
SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Staff - *Very visually appealing. Great packing for the story. Creates good separation from the rest of the page in a creative and colorful way.*
THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon - *Solid graphic element that pairs well with the story.*

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon - *There were some amazing sports sections in this category. It was the toughest of all that I judged. Superb layout, outstanding photos and good writing in this section. Well done!*
SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon - *A close second. Again, great photos and layout!*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Eli Pace - *Wonderful, creative portraits and such great writing that this had to win too.*

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Jeff Arenz, Bryce Rudd - *The graphics put this over the top. All in this category have great photos, good writing and unique layout and design. The work put in on the graphics carried this to the top.*
SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon - *Great photos, writing and layout and design.*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Chris Jung - *All-around nice job covering hoops season. Creative with good layout and writing.*
HONORABLE MENTION: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Zirconia Alleyne - *“What impressed me most was the way the tone of the designs matched the subject of the stories. The church page was understated and classy, the ice cream one was playful and the Love in Action package showed a sense of togetherness through the use and display of photo.The Scooped art font and the abstract heart used in the Love in Action headline were excellent. Those can be tricky. These were very well thought out and executed.”*

SECOND PLACE: Winchester Sun - Staff

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Brad Hall - *Solid article selection, reflecting solid local coverage. Good use of fonts. Strong art. Great use of white space.*

SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Brad Hall - *Clean. Creative design. Nice mixture of news and features.*

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky New Era - Cole Davis - *Diverse article selections. Good art choices.*

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Brad Hall - *Outstanding!*

SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon - *Very well done.*

THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - Brad Hall - *Very good.*

DAILY 2

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Richmond Register - Jonathan Greene - *What is presented are bold and aggressive opinions about issues that should matter to their readers. These submissions provide facts and details and explain why those things matter. Well done.*

SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Gina Clear - *Firstly, the issue/our view subheads are wonderful — those make it very clear what readers should expect. But more importantly, these entries tackles topics that should concern readers in a fair and considered way. The opinions seem valid and well informed.*

THIRD PLACE: The State Journal - Seth Littrell - *This is a very solid collection of editorials. Each presents an issue important to readers with various sides considered before rendering an opinion. It's noteworthy that the third entry mainly deals with the reaction of officials to the second entry. An editorial that gets results is a good editorial.*

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Anna Taylor

SECOND PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Janie Slaven

THIRD PLACE: Richmond Register - Ricki Barker

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Jeff D'Alessio - *The slow reveal to the commuter's line of work was a good hook to the story. The inclusion of the graphic and all the points of view as to why the roadway can't be monitored Category 27/7 is what earned the first-place ranking.*

SECOND PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Carla Slavey - *This presented both sides to the story well and had a perfect headline and photo to match.*

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Bobbie Curd - *Heart-felt, well written and very emotional. Excellent job!*

SECOND PLACE: The State Journal - Charlie Pearl - *Very good. Fun to read, even though the source is sad.*

THIRD PLACE: The Messenger - Luke Short - *Very well written.*





CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Daniel Suddeath - *Deeply personal, controversial subjects along with a column about an adorable longtime resident make this columnist stand out from the group. He writes with a sense of ease, with pulls the reader along through each column.*

SECOND PLACE: Advocate Messenger - John Nelson - *Varied subject matters approached with a conversational tone. Columnist is able to relate his experiences and views to the reader smoothly and consistently. The column on the gubernatorial debate gave readers a terrific behind-the-scenes view.*

THIRD PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Jeff Neal - *All three columns are interesting reads of very different subjects. The mark of a skilled columnist is the ability to write about myriad subjects, something this columnist deftly achieves.*

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Chuck Jones - *“This columnist is the class of the group. Writes with a down-to-earth tone. The column on the Gatorade player of the year took readers behind the scenes into an emotional day not just for the player, but for the player's family.”*

SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Chuck Jones - *“Columnist is able to tell stories about people, which shines in his interview with the newly departed coach. Monday morning football notes approach is interesting, and surely a very high read among high school fans.”*

THIRD PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Don Sergeant - *“Nice variety of work. The columnist is able to bring the reader into his words quite easily.”*

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Chuck Jones - *A good story well told: lots of research and lively writing.*

SECOND PLACE: The Messenger - Jesse Mayfield-Sheehan - *A touching story that the writer got out of the way and let unfold without being overwritten. Good quotes and use of social media.*

THIRD PLACE: Richmond Register - Nathan Hutchinson - *Not a common topic, but a local connection. Well written without the clutter of sports cliches.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Messenger - Jesse Mayfield-Sheehan - *Inspirational, well written.*

SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Grant Wieman - *Very well done.*

THIRD PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Steve Cornelius - *Amusing and entertaining.*

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Emma Kennedy - *A story like this is under the nose of just about every reporter at small and mid-sized papers across America. Good eye for seeing something that some reporters might not have thought to look into.*

SECOND PLACE: The State Journal - Charlie Pearl - *I wouldn't be surprised to hear you got some nasty emails after this story. Our job as journalists is to inform our readers, though, and I think (especially in a place like Kentucky, no offense) this took some nerve to report.*

THIRD PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Ken Shmidheiser - *Fun story with a unique angle.*

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Emma Kennedy - *This series brings to light an epidemic often hidden away. Reporter paired individual stories with alarming statistics to paint a dramatic, accurate portrayal of the issue. The problem as well as solutions were highlighted. The public was greatly served with this compelling and complete series.*

SECOND PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Staff - *Thorough reporting, great storytelling and strong graphics describe the issues of drugs, drug users and those working to solve the problem.*

THIRD PLACE: The State Journal - Brad Bowman - *A great example of diligence in journalism. Despite the stalling and coverups, the reporter was just not going to let them get away with it, uncovering for the reader the length authorities went to to keep things quiet.*

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The State Journal - Brad Bowman

SECOND PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Janie Slaven

THIRD PLACE: News-Enterprise Staff

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Todd Kleffman - *Great use of imagery and people to tell the story of Kentucky's faltering tobacco farms. Nice wrap-up at the end.*

SECOND PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Ken Shmidheiser - *Great play on words and beautiful layout.*

THIRD PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Steve Cornelius - *Great job digging into the history of the grocery store and its owners. Curious why he left it in the first place.*

CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: The Messenger - Staff - *Highlights about your Facebook page: You went live at a local event, your use of celebrity birthdays/today in history, your posting front pages, and your photos from the community. It appears you get you garner a lot of community input and get readers involved. We may borrow a few ideas for our own. I also like that you went through the process of getting your page verified through Facebook.*

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Steve Cornelius - *Nice use of images music and interviewing.*
SECOND PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Daniel Suddeath, Will Perkins - *This is a clever idea. I like the concept of reading Letters to the Editor. Makes a commute more interesting.*
THIRD PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Will Perkins - *Well done.*

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Jill Pickett - *Wow. This was a clear winner in this category. It has emotion, composition and a sense of urgency is captured as well. Nice Job. Would like to see the image that appeared on front page if this is the image on the jump.*
SECOND PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Melinda J. Overstreet - *I like the placement of the image and size. There are multiple places to enter this image and find a variety of emotions. Laughter left, seriousness center, etc. Nice angle.*
THIRD PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Chris Harris - *Nice shot. Composed well.*

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Jill Pickett - *Very compelling image. The only thing I see wrong with this photo is the size it was played. This should have been a dominant image on the page. Photographer captured the perfect moment to tell the story of moment. Very Well done.*
SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Jill Pickett - *Nice images that reflects a scene we see all too often these days. The picture is nicely composed and the lighting is perfect.*
THIRD PLACE: The Messenger - Laura Buchanan - *Don't much care for the text on the image, but the judging doesn't reflect that. This is a nice image, well composed and self explanatory. Nice feature.*

CATEGORY 17 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Sandy Steele - *Any newspaper would do well to run a photo of this caliber across the top of its front page. The river, the bridge and the line of geese make three compelling parallels. Nice framing captured at the right moment.*
SECOND PLACE: The Messenger - Laura Buchanan - *Colorful and creative, this creepy photo certainly succeeded in startling readers - perhaps that's why it ran inside and not front and center on Page One. Photographer did well to capture his subjects in a circle and shoot from below.*
THIRD PLACE: News-Enterprise - Jill Pickett - *Touching moment and great illustration of the story. You can see the relationship between boy and horse.*

CATEGORY 18 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (BREAKING, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

FIRST PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Clay Jackson - *Very well played story, Given the right space and the images leap off the page at you. The face isn't always the strongest image and these are edited into an award winning story. Well done.*
SECOND PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Ken Shmidheiser - *This is a very well played story with good visuals including a catchy illustration. Well done.*
THIRD PLACE: News-Enterprise - Jill Pickett - *Some of these images appear to have been shot in a very tight spot. But the photographer made you feel like you were taking a journey with the k-9's. I enjoyed this collection of images.*

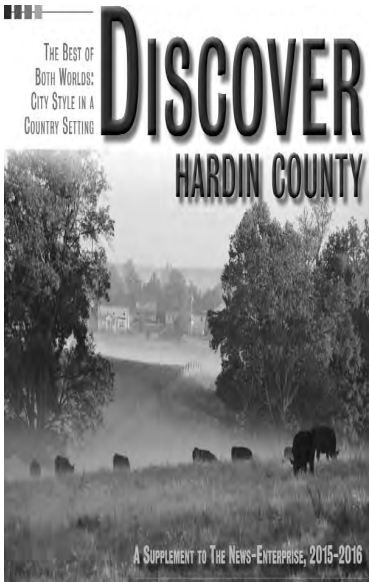
CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Richmond Register - Bob Flynn - *Great action shot. A second either way would have been a completely different photo.*
SECOND PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Steve Cornelius - *Emotional moment well caught.*
THIRD PLACE: News-Enterprise - Jill Pickett - *Framing is excellent, a good mix of game action and crowd/team reaction.*

CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Steve Cornelius - *A clear choice for first place. The dominant images, played very well, sets the tone for the package. Nice action to go along with the emotion of the big game.*
SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Jill Pickett - *Action and reaction. Two pictures tell the story. Nice work.*





CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Staff
SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Staff
THIRD PLACE: Richmond Register - Staff

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Melissa Vessels - *Clear representation of the story of how breast cancer affects the country and Kentucky. The stats are presented cleanly with the perfect amount of white space, giving the reader a quick overview of what he/she needs to know. The graphic elements are simple yet very effective.*
SECOND PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Ken Shmidheiser - *The Airbus cutout is expertly done and immediately draws the eye to the infobox. The designer included the right number of facts as to not overwhelm the reader with too much information at once.*
THIRD PLACE: News-Enterprise - Melissa Vessels - *This timeline takes a wealth of information that could be hard for the reader to follow in a story and condenses it into an easy-to-read graphic. Nice use of the military insignias, and the lines draw the reader to the correct description.*

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Chuck Jones - *Loved title campaign.*
SECOND PLACE: The State Journal - Hannah Brown
THIRD PLACE: The State Journal - John Minor

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise Staff - *Y'all are definitely a bunch of nerds up there in Kentucky, but it paid off in this special section. Very creative and timely design that looks like it was a lot of fun, not just for the newspaper's staff, but the community as a whole.*
SECOND PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Staff
THIRD PLACE: The State Journal - Staff

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: The State Journal - Sam Smith - *Great material and compelling layout draws the reader through a new twist on everyone's favorite - Girl Scout Cookies. Layout was readily followed and content easily “digestible.”*
SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Gina Clear - *Smart, sophisticated and fun these layouts are just as stylish as its subject. After reading these pages, you'll want to go furniture shopping.*
THIRD PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Bobbie Curd - *Great use of art and photo to create layouts that draw the reader in to the subject. Design was just as artistic as the topics covered.*

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Ben Sheroan - *The content is robust, the columns (for the most part) are local and —the most important part of an editorial page — is the voice of the reader is heard in plenty of letters to the editor. Many editorial pages are wastelands of black print, but The News-Enterprise expertly uses graphics and photos to turn a usually dull page into an engaging page.*
SECOND PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Coltin Hanson, Daniel Suddeath - *Nice mix of local and state voices, as well as guest columnists. The Webwords feature is a terrific way to encourage public participation and interject more views into the editorial page. Strong column from the editor on the alcohol sales issue shows the paper isn't afraid to shy away from controversy.*
THIRD PLACE: Richmond Register - Staff - *Solid, consistent layout. A good mix of state and contributing columnists. Would like to see more involvement from the community in the form of letters to the editor or a "sound off" section. Also, printing the First Amendment each day is a good reminder of our freedoms, including the press.*

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Justin Shartzter - *Good, clean, simple layout.*
SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - David Stith - *Nice use of eye-catching info graphics.*
THIRD PLACE: News-Enterprise - Melissa Vessels

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Chris Harris
SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Ben Sheroan
THIRD PLACE: News-Enterprise - Gina Clear



DAILY 3

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Steve Gaines - *These editorials provide very good explanations as to what is the right thing to do and why, in three different areas.*

SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Jacalyn Carfagno

THIRD PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Jim Paxton

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - Staff - *This is a very well written and thoroughly researched work. We should all aim for this quality.*

SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Bill Estep - *Well researched and scary in its facts and implications. Well done.*

THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Karla Ward, John Cheves - *The writer paints a vivid picture with words. Well done.*

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - James Bruggers

SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Bill Estep

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Justin Story

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journa - Andrew Wolfson - *This had me from the lede and kept me going because of the clear, engaging writing as well as the ironies in the story itself.*

SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Linda Blackford - *Great story told well. So odd to realize that Carter could've been a jockey -- should have been a jockey -- Category 100 years earlier, or a few decades later. Only problem I had was the first sentence -- written as if the school bus was the boy. I almost stopped reading at that writing error, but I'm glad I didn't.*

THIRD PLACE: Courier-Journal - Kristina Goetz - *Beautifully written, this captures the moment, the man and why people revered him.*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: The Daily Independent - Lana Bellamy - *Very well done, thoughtful.*

SECOND PLACE: The Daily Independent - Adam Black - *Interesting viewpoint. Well done.*

THIRD PLACE: Courier-Journal - James Bruggers

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - John Clay - *This writer has a sensitive eye on what moves his readers. Well done.*

SECOND PLACE: The Daily Independent - Mark Maynard - *Entertaining and thoughtful. Well done!*

THIRD PLACE: The Daily Independent - Aaron Snyder

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Mark Story - *Well written and thorough look at one of the greatest athletes of all time.*

SECOND PLACE: Courier-Journal - Tim Sullivan - *Well written and great story of working through a loss.*

THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Jennifer Smith - *A great profile at a coach going against the mold in a way that would often get overlooked. Great find and very well written and organized. One of the most memorable stories of all the one's submitted.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Jack Brammer - *This is an outstanding story that is apparently well researched and very well written.*

SECOND PLACE: Courier-Journal - Jason Frakes - *Well written. Readership will appreciate the effort that the writer took to put it all on the page.*

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Brad Stephens - *A good story of serious effort and courage. Well written.*

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Enquirer - James Pilcher - *Very well done. The story was entertaining and kept me hooked.*

SECOND PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Deborah Highland - *Great job. The story was well written.*

THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Bill Estep - *I would have liked to heard from a person higher up in the story but overall very good job.*





CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - Allison Ross, Deborah Yetter - “Armed with good information, ordinary citizens can right wrongs. This series armed readers with information they may not otherwise have discovered. Restraint practices in the district's schools were harming students, and the folks causing the harm were getting little more than a slap on the wrist. After learning of such cases, the newspaper used public records to full advantage to reveal what was happening and the huge emotional, psychological and, in one case, financial costs of the district's feeble response. This is why watchdog reporting matters.”

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Enquirer - James Pilcher, Kevin Grasha, Hannah Sparling - “This series of stories proves why newspapers are critical. The stories provide the facts, many of which would not have been made public if the newspaper hadn't kept pressing for answers. Pressing for answers yielded more revelations about how NKU handled allegations of sexual misconduct. While ultimately, a court will decide some issues related to how NKU has handled serious misconduct allegations, The Enquirer performed its watchdog role with persistence and consistency, refusing to let NKU escape scrutiny and accountability.”

THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - John Cheves, Linda Blackford - “This series shows in a very clear and compelling way that the powerful often get their way. Even the PVAs that levy Kentucky's farmland exemption that favors many wealthy landowners acknowledge the tax exemption is not fair. That there is not more outrage -- from taxpayers, legislators and other government officials -- is confounding. The reporting on this series is strong, the writing clear and the visuals compelling. Excellent job.”

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - James Bruggers - This story is well written and obviously well researched. Good job!

SECOND PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Lauren Duncan, Genevieve Postlethwait - This story is very well written and covers a topic that is extremely relevant to many people. Well done!

THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - John Cheves, Linda Blackford - Very good investigation. This is a subject that land owners should be vitally concerned about. Well done!

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - Grace Schneider - So much research and digging for numbers. This really paints a picture of the past, the projected future, what's going on now and why. Touches many lives in the area.

SECOND PLACE: Courier-Journal - Jere Downs - “Nice digging. This really provides insight into the contracts, the meaning of “local” and the impact on local farmers. A side note on all of the articles in this category. Wonderful work being done out there. So many great stories being written about what is making a difference in each community.”

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Deborah Highland - Nothing like reading about how a controversial product really helps a human (especially a child). And, it is clearly explained what the plant is all about, and challenges still faced by those who grow it.

CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - Staff - This gave followers a nice inside look at Churchill Downs. There was a good mix of photo and video that really took me to the derby. I like that they created their own hashtag that people could follow and interact with.

SECOND PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Joe Imel - I can see why this took off in the community -- it's what your neighbors would talk about. Joe Imel brings mundane police scanner traffic to life, and people clearly reach out to him to help spread news about what's important to them.

THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - John Stamper, John Cheves, Jack Brammer - Nice mix of tweets by a variety of posters. Tweets are consistent and among the seriousness, there is also a dose of levity.

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - Michael Clevenger, Mary Ann Gerth, CJ Staff - Beautifully done. Portrays a courageous woman's battle without getting too morose. Made me want to celebrate her life.

SECOND PLACE: Courier-Journal - Staff - Exceptional use of multimedia to capture the buzz of excitement and the everyday essence of this storied place.

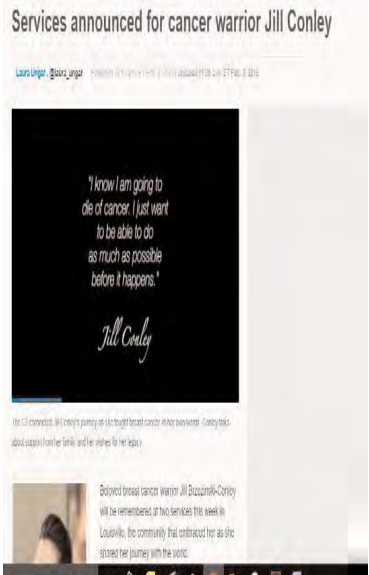
THIRD PLACE: Courier-Journal - Jesse Hazel, Bailey Loosemore - Creative and fun. Had me totally engaged.

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - Dustin Alton Strupp - There's so much emotion in the faces of this mother and her children. The red light from the emergency vehicle adds to the urgency and gives the reader more information about the scene. It's rounded out by a good caption.

SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Charles Bertram - Nice moment with the water arching on the way to the fire. The caption really gives the reader a lot of good information. Also it's not often that a news photographer can get to a fire before firefighters. Kudos to the photographer for that.

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Miranda Pederson - Nice job finding a location to shoot from that gives the reader so much information.



CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - Dustin Alton Strupp - *Easy choice for first place. The photograph planned to be at the right place in a high position to show the hearse and the home.*
SECOND PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Miranda Pederson - *This a hard photo to make. There's barely any light and what there is poor quality light. Add to that you're using a camera that was last manufactured in Category 20Category 9 and has made Category 280,000 plus frames. But the hardest thing is having to see this kind of sadness up close and pushing the shutter release. It's a feeling that will follow you for days. The father's face, his hold on his family, says it all.*
THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Charles Bertram - *A solid news photo from an important event in the community.*

CATEGORY 17 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - Dustin Alton Strupp - *This image does what a feature photo is suppose to do, surprise and delight the reader.*
SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Mark Cornelison - *A quiet moment that is interesting to look at. Technically hard to do.*

CATEGORY 18 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (BREAKING, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - Dustin Alton Strupp - *Evocative photos. Black and white lend a very strong accent to the shots. Photographer did a strong job on angles, composition and capturing different emotions. Bonus for getting very up close to subjects. Well done.*
SECOND PLACE: Courier-Journal - Pat McDonogh - *Very interesting and engaging. Good mix of different angles and shots. Obvious that photographer put a lot of thought and time into this shoot. Great lighting.*
THIRD PLACE: Courier-Journal - Pat McDonogh - *Good mix of angles and action on what many would take as a 'dull' assignment. Photographer did a good job of composition and finding unique angles. Well done.*

CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - Matt Stone - *Expression on the player’s face tell a story. Would have been stronger if it had been cropped tighter to emphasize the moment/expression.*
SECOND PLACE: Courier-Journal - Matt Stone - *Interesting angle, graphic and geometric image. Stood among other submissions.*

CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - Scott Utterback - *Outstanding color, composition, angles and action shots throughout.*
SECOND PLACE: Courier-Journal - Dustin Alton Strupp - *This only came in second place because of the lack of sports nature of it and how it related to the overall category. Through and through though, this is the best photography I've seen in a while. Really, really, great photographs capturing what many would consider a bland subject. Really well done!*
THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Austin Anthony

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Staff - *There is a remarkable mix of very interesting articles in this section. I believe that it would have to appeal to a very broad cross section of readers. Very well done.*
SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Staff - *This is a very interesting selection of photos that show much of the living history of the area. I think it was very well done.*
THIRD PLACE: Courier-Journal, Louisville Design Studio - Staff - *This is an up close and personal look at a very important addition to the community. Well written and very interesting.*

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: The Daily Independent - Adam VanKirk - *“Excellent execution here. Information was clearly conveyed and all graphics enhanced the understanding of the two teams playing in the state championship. Honestly, could not believe how much information was jammed in here as it all was not too overwhelming or confusing to me as a reader.My favorite parts of this were the little illustrations next to the points scored, points against, rush yards gained, etc. These all were very small details that were kind of the icing on the cake in my opinion. Also, kudos for working photos into the graphic as well.”*
SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Chris Ware, Brian Simms, Dennis Varney - *“When I saw this, I immediately knew I had to place it or make and honorable mention. The graphic was easily the most unique entry.I'm not sure how much time was taken to plan this but if it was meticulously planned kudos for that and if it was one of those graphics that had to be done quickly for deadline you have my upmost respect. Either way, the thought and care drawn into each character is astounding. This is truly a great example of how a newspaper can be fun and get readers to interact.Great job!”*
THIRD PLACE: Courier-Journal - Kyle Slagle - *Simple, clean, yet informative graphic. There were a few submissions similar to this but none were as well executed. Solid work!*



CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal, Louisville Design Studio - Staff
SECOND PLACE: Courier-Journal - Catherine Pomiecko
THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Dennis Varney

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Staff - Good writing, helpful play-by-play recap of the race, interesting graphic charting the race.
SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Dennis Varney, Mat Graf - Reader focused with good explanations, history and colorful story ideas well written.
THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Dennis Varney, Mat Graf - Excellent photos, clean layout and even suggestions for whom to follow on Twitter.

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Crystal Akers - Terrific layout. Eye catching and colorful. Very well done.
SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Randy Medema - Readers will like the colorful design. Good work.
THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Crystal Akers - Very interesting and eye catching. Well done.

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: The Daily Independent - Mark Maynard - “Strong local editorials, clearly marked so the reader knows it is the newspaper's position.”
SECOND PLACE: The Daily Independent - Mark Maynard - “Nice traditional editorial page with good number of letters to the editor, an indication the opinions page resonates with readers.”
THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Staff - Impressive number of letters to the editor, coupled with strong local editorials on relevant subjects. Layout a bit cluttered.

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Courier-Journal - Staff - What particularly stands out in all three of these front-page designs is the liberal use of white space. The openness of the layout gives the reader room to breathe, and allows the designer to invite the viewer to focus on the top story of the day, other stories are not competing for attention. Good work, keep it up.
SECOND PLACE: The Daily Independent - Mark Maynard - All three of these designs are relatively similiar, but consistency in newspapers isn't a bad thing. Don't be afraid to allow more white space, and don't feel the need to cram so much on the page. Good use of varying headline sizes.
THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Brian Simms - Nice infographic on the Conway, Bevins story. I know how much work can go into things like that, so kudos. That's a pretty ballsy choice with the large, 6-column "back to school" photo. I wish it was of something more interesting than parked school buses, but I understand you have to design with what you have.

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: The Daily Independent - Zack Klemme - These headlines were inviting, engaging and fun. With “Woe and Thirty,” readers could feel the team's and the community's pain. It was on point. “All about that bass” was a delight.
SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Franklin Renfro - Clever and engaging headlines. A few younger readers may have scratched their heads over the “Murray, Tyler Needed More,”headline, but it was a delight nonetheless. The “Grapes not wrath” headline was very smart, and the “Tag-team temper” headline was inviting and a bit serious at the same time.
THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Mary Anne Andrews - “These headlines are colorful and succinct, playful but not overwritten. In each case, they invited me to read the story.”

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Gazette - Laura Cullen Glasscock
SECOND PLACE: Western Recorder - Todd Deaton
THIRD PLACE: Western Recorder - Todd Deaton

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Aaron K. Nelson - This article was timely and informative, including a deep amount of detail that was turned around quickly.
SECOND PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Mary Meadows - Very descriptive, love the information provided on the suspect's history.
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Leejay Lockhart



CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Community Recorder - Melissa Stewart
SECOND PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Mary Meadows
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Michele Vowell

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: South Kenton Recorder - Melissa Stewart - *This was an interesting story about an unusual event, truly worthy of excellent feature coverage. I'm sure your readers enjoyed it.*
SECOND PLACE: Community Recorder - Melissa Stewart - *A heart-warming story of compassion. No doubt readers were moved and uplifted.*
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Heather Clark - *An interesting account of how one young person was moved to take action that will improve the lives of others. Well done.*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Medical Leader - Teddy Paynter
SECOND PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Maria Rice McClure

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Randy White - *Good lede that you came back to throughout the story. Mix of game description and coach's comments worked well. Good wrap-up of season worked into story too. The best overall.*
SECOND PLACE: Medical Leader - Teddy Paynter - *Nice feature on cool local story. The lede took a little too long to get to the point — that she became the leading scorer in Kentucky prep history — but otherwise well done.*
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Michele Vowell - *Nicely done feature on local athletes. Good research and background on all the athletes.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Leejay Lockhart - *Great details and although a lengthy story it still holds interest because it spans a career and uses multiple people in the interview to paint the entire picture.*
SECOND PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Michele Vowell - *Using the example of Saturday running and talking about the main subject and his kids immediately personalizes the story and draws readers' attention. Well written and descriptive. Great quotes, but might have been nice to interview several of the children as well as adults.*
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Mari-Alice Jasper - *First there were two, then there were four — great lead and peaks interest in a descriptive story with good details and quotes.*

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Mary Meadows - *Outstanding work that explains scope of problem with statistics and humanizes it at the same time. Your story has educational value for those directly affected by addiction as well as those not as familiar with the problems.*
SECOND PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Mary Meadows - *Another outstanding effort that provides both a close up look at a societal problem as well as a wide-angle view. Has potential to motivate community to take further action.*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Gazette - Laura Cullen Glasscock - *Well-done story analyzing voting trends in statewide races with explanation from experts.*

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Mary Meadows, Russ Cassady, Jeff Vanderbeck
SECOND PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Mary Meadows
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Mari-Alice Jasper

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Melisaa Mudd - *With eight different articles over an eight-week period, this was definitely the best of the bunch. Plus you told a good story from the memories of those lost to the anniversary to the future. Excellent job.*
SECOND PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Heather Huber - *Good extended coverage over six issues. I especially enjoyed all the photos that ran with the stories. Good job.*
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Maria McClure, Heather Huber, Sgt. William White - *While the coverage just extended over two issues, the number of stories you printed concerning the display and the reaction from it were excellent.*





CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Mary Meadows - *Good job making an otherwise routine ribbon cutting into an interesting article. Love the photo of the owner holding the yucky worm! Great accompaniment.*
SECOND PLACE: Medical Leader - Teddy Paynter

CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

CERTIFICATE: Eagle Post - John Godsey

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Mari-Alice Jasper - *This photo captured the moment of delight from this little girl. You could almost hear the squeal of delight through the image.*
SECOND PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Heather Huber - *The story was told through this photograph that exhibited balance and clarity.*
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Leejay Lockhart - *This photo is engaging, making the reader feel as if he were right there in the action.*

CATEGORY 17 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Heather Huber
SECOND PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Mari-Alice Jasper
THIRD PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Mary Meadows

CATEGORY 18 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (BREAKING, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

FIRST PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Maria Rice McClure - *Excellent use of the photos showing the honoring of veterans through the parade and football game. Good mix of photos. Very nice.*
SECOND PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Heather Huber - *The top shot of the runners negotiating the barbed wire was one of the best photos in all the entries. I especially loved the expressions on their faces. The rest of the photos did a good job of telling about the race, although three shots of the mud hill were a little much. Good job.*
THIRD PLACE: Medical Leader - Teddy Paynter - *Good use of photos explaining the Heroes Challenge race. The photo of runners alongside the memorials of those fallen and the photo of the runners with heads bowed was especially impactful. Good job.*

CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

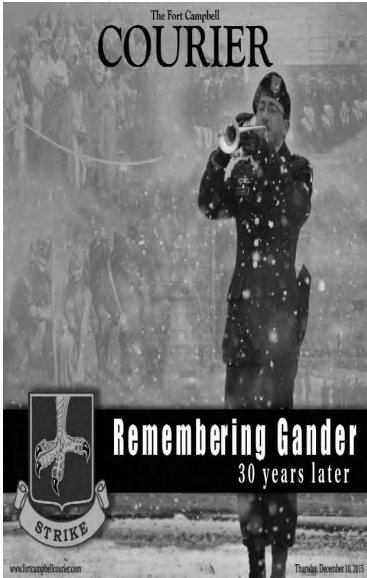
FIRST PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Randy White - *The photographer caught the essence of the action, showing the full effort that the athlete is using. Very well done!*
SECOND PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Mari-Alice Jasper - *The photographer caught the action well. I particularly liked the last one on the page with the athlete at full extension in the air, going for all he is worth.*
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Leejay Lockhart - *This photo could not be better if it was posed. Quintessential mental image that we all have in regard to wrestling. Well done.*

CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: Medical Leader - Teddy Paynter - *Great selection of photos to capture this moment.*
SECOND PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Heather Huber - *Love the action photos. Good selection of photos to tell the story of this event.*
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Michele Vowell - *Good variety, photo selection, layout.*

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Staff
SECOND PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Staff
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Michele Vowell, Maria McClure, Megan Locke Simpson



CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Mari-Alice Jasper - *Very good use of graphics and very informative. Didn't need to read the story to know what was going on, the graphic had it all.*
SECOND PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Mari-Alice Jasper - *Good use of graphics to show what was picked up and by who. Well done.*
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Maria Rice McClure - *Excellent use of the older photos in the background with the soldier in the foreground in the snow.*

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Mari-Alice Jasper - *Great use of photos and color in a section that covers range of the community.*
SECOND PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Michele Vowell - *Good layout and interest to the photos and use of color.*
THIRD PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Chase Ellis - *Good sports section with a depth of story coverage on sports and events in the community. Great photos.*

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Chase Ellis, Randy White, Cory Vance - *Very nice football preview. The Table of Contents was greatly appreciated. The previews were similar in size, so no team could claim preferential treatment for another team, and for the most part, the team preview, team photo, and team schedule were together. The only concern was the Betsy Layne schedule ahead and separate from the preview and photo, but color considerations may have played a part in that, and you kept them as close as possible. Good job.*
SECOND PLACE: Medical Leader - Teddy Paynter - *This was a tough category to judge, with one paper covering 4 teams, and the other covering Category 16. If it were judged on quantity, you would win hands down. But judging it on quality, I had to narrow it down and look at how easily readable they both were and get a little nitpicky. 1. With so many teams and stories, a Table of Contents would have been helpful to your readers. 2. You had two team rosters on Page Category 19. I looked back at their team preview pages, and there was nothing mentioning where the rosters were. Anyone reading about their teams could easily have missed the rosters altogether. 3. The Look Back at 2Category Category 15 stories were interesting, but a little confusing for me to first read about the teams' results in the finals, and then turn a few more pages back and see stories about them getting to the finals.*

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Maria Rice McClure - *Filled with relevant and compelling articles.*
SECOND PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Heather Huber
THIRD PLACE: Medical Leader - Teddy Paynter

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Staff - *Pulled quotes and putting the ads along the side make for a pleasing layout. The columns are long enough to get the point across but don't overdo the message. The timeliness of the columns is another plus.*
SECOND PLACE: Medical Leader - Teddy Paynter - *Although the term "Home Page" is a bit ambiguous, the term "Opinion" clears it up. Using the light personal column at the top of the page each week should grab the reader.*
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Staff

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Michele Vowell - *The Winter Storm Jonas front was definitely the best of the entries this year.*
SECOND PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Megan Locke Simpson - *Excellent spacing between each item on the pages equals attractive front pages.*
THIRD PLACE: Medical Leader - Teddy Paynter - *Clean, easy to read front pages with plenty of color to draw the eye's attention.*

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: Floyd County Chronicle - Chase Ellis - *“This headline was the standout in this category. The kicker head “Purple Reign” neatly evoked the idea of sports dominance in a way that was as evocative and eloquent as a Prince composition. (Extra points for the ink color.)”*
SECOND PLACE: Medical Leader - Teddy Paynter - *“Party like it's Category 1991!” is a great introductory headline to suggest a sports accomplishment that hasn't been equaled for a quarter-century. (The missing apostrophe on the page, though, could have cost this headline a top ranking if the competition had been a little stronger.)”*
THIRD PLACE: The Fort Campbell Courier - Maria Rice McClure - *“A column is different from a news story, and a column headline can be a little different from a news headline, too. ‘Spend quality time watering Family roots’ struck just the right note for the message of Danny Melin's column (though I personally wouldn't have capitalized ‘family’ in either the headline or the column).”*



STUDENT PUBLICATIONS CLASS 1

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Bridge - Kelsey Jones, Jay Stringer

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Ashton Rector

THIRD PLACE: The Patriot - Natasha Jones

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Bridge - Dan Fishback - *Good piece on an interesting guy.*

SECOND PLACE: The Bridge - Savannah Colangelo - *Always nice to read good stories about those doing what they love.*

THIRD PLACE: Thorobred News - Traci Thomas - *Interesting and informative.*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: The Bridge - Jay Stringer - *Stringer knows where he stands, and by the end of each column, he's got you riding right along with him. Great job on all three columns - especially the entry taking on the rebel flag. I appreciated the way that column looked at both sides and came to a persuasive conclusion. The columns on political correctness and online classes were also well written. Well done.*

SECOND PLACE: Thorobred News - Maya Brown - *Brown's columns were all good reads and she's clearly got a future in opinion writing if she keeps at it -- especially given that she was only a freshman when these were written. All three entries had great leads that drew me in and finished by articulating the point she was trying to make. Good work.*

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Thorobred News - Elijah Tevis - *Nice work overall - writer showed how the game was won without getting lost in the weeds of play-by-play so many young sports writers fall into. Quotes were good but the story would have been that much better if the Mosely quote had been used higher in the story.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Hunter Cleary, Trenton Canada - *Well-written, interesting read.*

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Bridge - Jay Stringer - *Good use of comments/quotes.*

SECOND PLACE: The Bridge - Rachel Rigney - *Comments, quotes are good addition to look at serious issue.*

THIRD PLACE: The Bridge - Rachel Rigney - *“Great to feature local veterans.”*

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

CERTIFICATE: The Patriot - Trenton Canada

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

CERTIFICATE: The Bridge - Jay Stringer, Kelsey Jones

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

NO ENTRIES



CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

CERTIFICATE: The Patriot - Staff

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Brody Nolan - *Great angle, cropping. Nice shot!*
SECOND PLACE: The Bridge - Jay Stringer - *Good use of photo to tell news story.*
THIRD PLACE: The Patriot - Eric Ford Edwards - *“Great action shot of performance.”*

CATEGORY 17 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: The Bridge - Dan Fishback

CATEGORY 18 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (BREAKING, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

FIRST PLACE: Campus Times - Tomomi Sato - *Best photos and presentation of photos of all entries. I'm envious.*
SECOND PLACE: Campus Times - Rachel DeCoursey, Stan McKinney - *Nice photos, giving an artist's touch to a routine winter event.*
THIRD PLACE: The Bridge - Cora Carter - *Photos are high-quality and nicely arranged.*

CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Jay Sanksakulchai
SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - DJ Hite

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Trenton Canada - *Good use of graphics to display issues in the article. I particularly like the brain graphic showing the four most common mental health problems reported by students.*
SECOND PLACE: - The Bridge - Rachel Rigney - *Nice work displaying what the joker cards apparently have on them.*
THIRD PLACE: The Patriot - Trenton Canada - *Nice use of the arrows to display what is out and what is in.*

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

NO ENTRIES





CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Staff - *Great job with all 3 of the entries. All are very attractive. Good job with layout and design.*
SECOND PLACE: Campus Times - Stan McKinney - *Clean, clear front page layout. Good job.*

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Staff
SECOND PLACE: The Bridge - Jay Stringer

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS CLASS 2

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff - *Solid editorial on an important subject. While holding public institutions accountable and watchdog-ging the university's administration may be the stuff of award-winning editorials, taking what could be an unpopular stand with your readers by bringing attention to reckless behavior is even stronger. Good job.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff - *Solid piece on the lack of diversity in the campus Greek culture. The editorial board was insightful to identify this problem and showed courage in the willingness to address it.*
THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Andrew Henderson - *Editorial board commended for willingness to tackle a sensitive subject.*

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Joshua Qualls - *This article brings home the reality of the world as a village. Well done.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Will Wright, Cheyene Miller - *Well written. It is almost as if you are standing there in the middle of it.*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Will Wright - *Good, up close view of crime as it affects a real person.*

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Murray State News - Abby Siegel - *The story deals effectively with a serious subject rarely touched by any media. Using a student's personal experience, backed up by statistics and quotes from a college law enforcement officer made the story unforgettable. The brief, bold quote used as a head, the explanatory sub-head and the pulled quote, plus a well-done photo and well-written story, make this entry exceptional.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Will Wright - *The contrast between the extra-bold head and the extra-sized type of the lead pull in the reader. Coverage of the subject is well-written and extensive, both on the front and inside. Excellent photos are enhanced by a map. This one was a strong contender for first place.*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Cheyene Miller - *A pertinent subject is capably dealt with not only through quality writing but also through a compelling layout. The well-done box and the photos with accompanying pulled quotes drive the message.*

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Lashana Harney, Erick Murrer - *“Nice job, timely subject, goes beyond the headlines to explain a real life experiencegreat job”*
SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Andrew Henderson - *“Touching story, very interesting, great job of pulling reader in, lot of competition in this category but this is among the best.”*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Will Wright - *“Wonderful job, great story and excellent writing, keep up the good work.”*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Marjorie Kirk - *Good writing + current themes = First Place. Ms. Kirk's passion comes through in her writing.*
SECOND PLACE: The Louisville Cardinal - Chris Acree - *Chris Acree has mastered the art of good editorial writing.*
THIRD PLACE: The Louisville Cardinal - Brooke Moody - *Good use of photos to augment well written articles.*

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Josh Huff, Josh Ellis, Anthony Crawford - *This column checked all the boxes for me -- great analysis by the writer that showed he understands the game. That allowed him to interject his own thoughts about what happened that led to UK's season ending early. The final sentence wrapped this column up perfectly, making me feel like I had just read a column written by a pro. This entry stood out above the others.*
SECOND PLACE: Eastern Progress - Taylor Weiter - *This was a fun read showing what most of us already know - girls are just as knowledgeable about sports as guys. Great columns involve taking a strong stand, which this writer did well with this entry.*
THIRD PLACE: The Louisville Cardinal - Sam Draut - *Good game column mixing what happened with the writer's expert knowledge of the game and team being covered.*

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Billy Rutledge - This story had the best lede, the best details and background details and best conformed to AP Style. It's not often a game story beats out features and investigative pieces, but this was worthy.

SECOND PLACE: The Northerner - Matt Sexton - Great feature story that deftly mixed statistics and analysis with comments from coach and players. I learned from this story. Good job!

THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Jonah Phillips - This was a good, important story, but there are two criticisms: 1. The university athletics department must have a voice in it. With the research and info you have from other sources, I'm sure they had plenty of time to get back to you and stonewalled. If so, you let them off the hook by saying they didn't get back to you in time. 2. Your use of words such as staggering and sobering is close to editorializing within the story. Let the numbers speak for themselves. "... 64.5 percent comes from money not made through athletics," stands on its own without you calling it staggering.

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Morgan Lafferty - This is an outstanding story about an outstanding athlete that most of America loves and admires. Very well written.

SECOND PLACE: The Louisville Cardinal - Sam Draut - This is a well written story about an underrated sport in the South. If it's not football, it doesn't count. But this story proves the opposite.

THIRD PLACE: The Louisville Cardinal - Dalton Ray - A well written and interesting story about a popular figure that is relatively unknown. Very good.

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Tanner Cole, Cameron Love - So much work went into this. A very important piece chronicling a very important time in the life of the university. Explosive growth in the student body, and questionable leadership decisions. This is just one more example of the importance of the printed newspaper. In permanent ink you have preserved this history, and given readers a thorough encapsulation of events. Although most of your regular readers know what WKU is, articles should be written to stand alone. So, on first reference, spell out WKU.

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Marjorie Kirk - Well done! This was probably an issue unrealized by "adults" at the college until reported by you. This article is epitome of enterprised article - you even made the police chief aware of the issue - twice.

THIRD PLACE: The Northerner - Abby Anstead, Fabio Souza, Derek Daley - Really great way to humanize an otherwise dry subject of police wanting a drug. You put a face to the subject, and made it come to life. Great reporting.

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Marjorie Kirk - “Wow! This is what it is all about! Fantastic job! Such a great job uncovering important news!!! Definitely award-worthy!!!Even though you’re writing for a college newspaper, first reference to your college should be spelled out. Every article should stand alone and be understood without the reader having to reference the name of the newspaper to figure out acronyms.”

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Patrick Brennan - “Very good information. Good to point out that an open records request was made. Readers need a reminder that journalism is how they find out real news. Good having the statistics dept chair pointing out the veracity of your math. Great work. Even though you’re writing for a college newspaper, first reference to your college should be spelled out. Every article should stand alone and be understood without the reader having to reference the name of the newspaper to figure out acronyms.”

THIRD PLACE: The Northerner - Abby Anstead, Lindsey Rudd, Fabio Souza - “A very exhaustive look at this worrisome subject that does need coverage. Reporters help uncover the needs of the community where they work by reporting on issues like this. This series may have helped someone dealing with this issue. Reporters are objective first, but that doesn't mean we can't be passionate about our stories. Great work!!!Even though you’re writing for a college newspaper, first reference to your college should be spelled out. Every article should stand alone and be understood without the reader having to reference the name of the newspaper to figure out acronyms.”

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Will Wright, Marjorie Kirk - Coverage of the UK's refusal to to abide by open records and open meeting laws is what journalism is all about. Kudos to the kentucky kernel for standing firm.

SECOND PLACE: Murray State News - Staff - Relentless coverage of an important story. I hope your readers appreciated the effort spent delving into a topic that, though not an exciting read, is critically important to Kentucky.

THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Staff - Unfortunately, few readers will follow the budgeting process, but you did a good job explaining the issues to readers concerned or interested enough to wade through it. Very thorough reporting.

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel, Staff - Nice, in-depth piece that is filled with facts to back up the argument. I liked the use of the art to depict where the food comes from.

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Marjorie Kirk - Clever piece. Not many people think about stuff like this, so it was nice to see a piece with weather, sports, business aspects all in one.

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Lexington Souers - Nice job explaining how an event affects the community in which it is held.





CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: The Louisville Cardinal - Staff - *Good use of video, photos and written article to cover the event. The high number of views and reactions showed what a good job you did with the coverage.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Anthony Crawford - *Good job following press conference and collecting comments from others for the blog. Told the story and reactions very well.*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Will Wright - *Interesting use of a gofundme campaign. Hope it works out.*

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

FIRST PLACE: The Northerner - Cole Grecco, Fabio Souza, Derek Daley - *This is how the full range of multimedia should be packaged together. It has a bit of everything: photo, video, animated GIFs, and a great story to wrap it all up together and keep the reader focused on the content, not the design. However, that was done well too.*
SECOND PLACE: The Northerner - Emily Osterholz, Jake Kappesser - *Since I couldn't give NKU all four of their packages the first place prize, (though I guess I could have,) I picked my favorite three. This would have been No. 1, but the top prize story had just a few more elements to it. As if the ideas kept progressing naturally on their own.*
THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Staff - *Though NKU owned the category, WKU also provided an excellent idea for utilizing multimedia in an unexpected way, which is why they tie for third place. I loved this design, these stories were well written and enjoyable to read.*
THIRD PLACE: The Northerner - Abby Anstead, Carrie Crotzer, Derek Daley - *NKU owns this category in the state, without a doubt. All four of their entries were top notch. Not only mixing stories with interactive elements is crucial to using multimedia in today's already crowded internet world, but it makes the audience feel like part of the story when they can not only feel like there are dedicated people putting this together, but when there's a survey right there for us to click on as well.*



CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Taylor Pence - *Looking at this photo, I can feel the weight on this fireman's shoulders. Well done! Very well done!*
SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Ebony Cox - *The emotion of what is happening is caught so well in this photo. Well done!*
THIRD PLACE: The Louisville Cardinal - Wade Morgen - *Excellent to see so many faces in a photo!*

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Joshua Qualls - *Intriguing. Wanted to learn more about Emmett.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Joel Repoley
THIRD PLACE: Murray State News - McKenna Dosier

CATEGORY 17 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Harrison Hill
SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Betina Garcia
THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Gabriel Scarlett

CATEGORY 18 - BEST PICTURE ESSAY (BREAKING, GENERAL OR FEATURE)

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Taylor Pence
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Michael Reaves

CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Harrison Hill - *“In one picture, the entire moment of the play is captured. Great quality. Shows lots of emotion. Very nice job.”*
SECOND PLACE: Murray State News - Jenny Rohl - *“Not the typical basketball picture. I really liked the angle of this picture. Very nice job.”*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Taylor Pence - *“A cool picture. Captures the moment of impact. Strong job.”*

CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Taylor Pence, Michael Reaves - *“1st placeOUCH! Dramatic and POWERFUL”*
SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Gabriel Scarlett, Weston Kenney
THIRD PLACE: Murray State News - Jenny Rohl, Chalice Keith



CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Murray State News - Staff
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff
THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Staff

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: The Louisville Cardinal - Mallory Siegenthaler - *Love the use of photos in the graphic. Great job with layout and design and incorporating the graphic to tell the story.*
SECOND PLACE: Murray State News - Austin Gordon, Gisselle Hernandez - *Very clever idea. Looks great!*
THIRD PLACE: Murray State News - Austin Gordon - *“This graphic tells the story perfectly. Good job!”*

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Staff
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff
SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Staff
THIRD PLACE: The Louisville Cardinal - Dalton Ray, Kyeland Jackson

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff - *Sometimes, the best design is some of the simplest. A well chosen font, the right mix of graphics and the overall balance of the page works just right. Plus, leaving room at the bottom for more stories is an editor's dream. Not being too fancy is sometimes the best idea of all, and let this page be a lesson to all: keep it simple. The reader will appreciate it just as much as the press operator.*
SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Staff - *This category has a tie for second place. The contemporary approaches with a more magazine-style layout gives this judge/editor ideas for their own paper, which are well worth borrowing. Well done!*
SECOND PLACE: Murray State News - Gisselle Hernandez - *This was a great idea. Loved the concept, the flow of the hair around the face. The only thing that kept this design idea from being a close second to a resounding first was that the hairline ended abruptly where the copy was placed. It would have been perfect had the headline been part of that structure as well, giving it a complete form. Excellent job! Look forward to seeing more work in the future from this designer!*
THIRD PLACE: The Louisville Cardinal - Staff - *This page shows what a designer with a good idea and an easy concept can achieve. The only thing that I found a bit distressing is there was no examples for gentleman who need fashion advice for impressing their future employer, but I guess one never goes wrong with a suit and tie, eh? Well done, look forward to seeing this page designer flourish in the future.*

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff - *This newspaper would rival many professional newspapers. Well done!*
SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Staff
THIRD PLACE: The Louisville Cardinal - Nick Amon, Olivia Krauth

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Murray State News - Mary Bradley - *Great use of art and headlines for teasers. Makes me want to turn inside before I finish the front page. Good use of headlines and graphics on fronts. I love the use of the black and white illustration for the homeless story. I hope the rest of your papers look as good as your front pages. Excellent job.*
SECOND PLACE: The Northerner - Mosef Asad, Megan Popovich, Alec Reynolds - *“Great graphic on addiction front page. Skate pic one of best front page shots, tells story almost by itself. Excellent blend of graphics and photo on flight attendant page. Good job.”*

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Staff - *Headlines are designed in a cool, unique manner. The wording is clever.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff - *The Headlines for each article don't take away from the content. 'Dear Rosie' is very simple, yet, combined with the photo, becomes very powerful.*
THIRD PLACE: Murray State News - Tyler Dixon, Sarah Combs - *The Milkman story needed a strong headline and it delivered. Strong understanding of the content inside the article.*



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	SECOND PLACE: KENTUCKY NEW ERA
	THIRD PLACE: WINCHESTER SUN
Daily 2	FIRST PLACE: ELIZABETHTOWN NEWS ENTERPRISE
	SECOND PLACE: SOMERSET COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL
	THIRD PLACE: FRANKFORT STATE JOURNAL
Daily 3	FIRST PLACE: LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL
	SECOND PLACE: LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER
	THIRD PLACE: THE DAILY INDEPENDENT
Multi Weekly	FIRST PLACE: KENTUCKY STANDARD
	SECOND PLACE: LONDON SENTINEL ECHO
	THIRD PLACE: SHELBYVILLE SENTINEL NEWS
Student Publications Class 1	FIRST PLACE: THE BRIDGE
	SECOND PLACE: THE PATRIOT
	THIRD PLACE: CAMPUS TIMES
Student Publications Class 2	FIRST PLACE: KENTUCKY KERNEL
	SECOND PLACE: COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD
	THIRD PLACE: MURRAY STATE NEWS
Weekly 1	FIRST PLACE: HENRY COUNTY LOCAL
	SECOND PLACE: SPRINGFIELD SUN
	THIRD PLACE: TODD COUNTY STANDARD
Weekly 2	FIRST PLACE: OLDHAM ERA
	SECOND PLACE: JESSAMINE JOURNAL
	THIRD PLACE: GRANT COUNTY NEWS
Weekly 3	FIRST PLACE: CORBIN NEWS JOURNAL
	SECOND PLACE: LEBANON ENTERPRISE
	THIRD PLACE: MANCHESTER ENTERPRISE