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**EXCELLENCE IN
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WEEKLY 1

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Henry County Local - Tammy Shaw

SECOND PLACE: Henry County Local - Chris Brooke

THIRD PLACE: Trimble Banner - Jacob Blair

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: The News-Democrat - Staff - *This is a prime example of total coverage. Great visuals, lots of info, and done in timely fashion.*

SECOND PLACE: Trimble Banner - Jacob Blair - *Comprehensive look at a breaking news event.*

THIRD PLACE: Falmouth Outlook - Keith Smith - *Holding public officials accountable and not letting them put off or threaten stories takes tenacity.*



CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Springfield Sun - Nick Schrager - *Important story that does a good job of stating its importance and providing tips for preventing. Nice lead. All the important info (deaths, etc.) up high. Decent quotes. Nice job*

SECOND PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig - *Important story with nice photos taken by the reporter. Well covered from all sides.*

THIRD PLACE: Springfield Sun - Jeff Moreland - *An in-depth look at an issue (closed school) and a potential buyer who is thinking outside the box. The writer answers all the questions in this nicely written piece.*

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The News Herald - Molly Haines - *Very inspiring story! Great lead.*

SECOND PLACE: Henry County Local - Tammy Shaw - *Fascinating piece about segregation and integration told from the perspective of the brave people who lived through it.*

THIRD PLACE: The News-Democrat - Kristin Beck - *This was a great story except for one thing... "Iron Man" is a fictional superhero. "Ironman" is a branded triathlon. I hope Heather had a successful race and reached her goals.*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: The News-Democrat - Kristin Beck - *Insightful commentary that matches national events with local relevance.*

SECOND PLACE: Henry County Local - Chris Brooke - *Tough look at a growing problem, call to action for any small community.*

THIRD PLACE: Trimble Banner - Jacob Blair - *Solid reminder of why journalism is important and must evolve.*

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Henry County Local - Greg Woods

SECOND PLACE: Henry County Local - Greg Woods

THIRD PLACE: Greater Ashland Beacon - Amanda Brenneman

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig - *A very well-written piece that rises above the usual game story. Good quotes from a variety of sources and a great overview of how the game went. This was a category that called out for more than single-source stories and this piece delivered. photos added a lot. A fine job!*

SECOND PLACE: The Interior Journal - Nancy Leedy - *This was a strong piece, with good sources and a good description of the athletes and the race itself. But the double exclamation points really threw me off. Writing about teen and tween-age athletes doesn't mean you have to write like one, OMG LOL FWIW. Otherwise a solid piece with great photos. Good job!*



THIRD PLACE: Springfield Sun - Zack Peñalva - *A solidly written piece about a school's response to a shooting. I liked the quotes, although press release quotes set my teeth on edge a bit. The story really conveyed a mood and the emotion around the game and related events. Good job.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Henry County Local - Greg Woods

SECOND PLACE: The Interior Journal - Nancy Leedy

THIRD PLACE: Falmouth Outlook - Sam McClanahan

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: Falmouth Outlook - Keith Smith, Ed Salerno - *This package provided a comprehensive look at a city utility fee hike, examining it from a variety of angles, including views of council candidates, customer impact, etc. This is a solid attempt to explain the community impact of what might seem like a dry but important pocket-book issue. I would have included the amount of the rate hike at the outset of the story, to give readers' better context before they read about the impact. I found it awkward that the authors had to use a quote from a former story. That seems unnecessary. Just cite what those sources said before, noting it was from an interview in the month of xxxx. "*

SECOND PLACE: Springfield Sun - Zack Peñalva - *This is a good enterprise story about how various faith institutions are responding to potential public safety threats, given recent tragedies elsewhere. The reporter got perspectives from people of different persuasions, including advice from the FBI, and discussed practical challenges. This was an insightful story, with a nice photo illustration to get readers' attention.*

THIRD PLACE: Todd County Standard - Melony Shemberger - *This was an enterprising and well-done look at why a school principal was demoted, using public records denied by local officials but provided by the demoted principal. This would have benefited from actual data on the drop in school test scores, which are labeled as horrendous but the reader has no numbers to evaluate if that is true.*

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig

SECOND PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig

THIRD PLACE: Springfield Sun - Nick Schrager

BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Falmouth Outlook - Keith Smith - *Timely coverage as real-life events converge. A dramatic presentation of real life scenarios in the context of a county's school district. Opinion offers great sampling of local voices.*

SECOND PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig - *A tangled web and an insight into criminal enterprise - great reporting and follow-up.*

THIRD PLACE: Henry County Local - Staff - *Deep dive into how zoning affects real-world decisions.*

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Henry County Local - Collin Overton

SECOND PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig

THIRD PLACE: Henry County Local - Chris Brooke

CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Falmouth Outlook - Keith Smith, Scott Collins

SECOND PLACE: Greater Ashland Beacon - Adam Black

THIRD PLACE: Greater Ashland Beacon - Jason Smith, Lora Stewart, Philip Stewart



CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Greater Ashland Beacon - Adam Black - *This video wins for being the best-edited in the field. I'd like to see more of the pensioners interviewed, but otherwise well-done.*

SECOND PLACE: Falmouth Outlook - Keith Smith, Scott Collins - *Way to use the tools at your disposal to keep readers informed.*

THIRD PLACE: Greater Ashland Beacon - Adam Black - *Good short video on a news assignment that adds context to the print story.*

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: The News Herald - Brian Riddle - *This photo takes first because it's the only one depicting decent action. Others have big flames, overturned trucks, etc. but no people in the photos. Way to depict the work being done to staunch the fire.*

SECOND PLACE: Springfield Sun - Nick Schrager - *Interesting situation with the vehicle appearing to have caught fire, but the caption leaves a lot to be desired. More context/details about the incident should be provided, despite the fact that it occurred near press time.*

THIRD PLACE: Falmouth Outlook - Keith Smith - *Nice flames, but it would be a much better photo if the firefighters were shown fighting the fire.*



Today fire at 493 School Road resulted in the total loss of a home expected to be about 100 years old, according to Falmouth Volunteer Fire Captain Chris Curtis. No one was harmed in the blaze. Photo by Brian Riddle (The News Herald)

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Todd County Standard - David Baker - *First off, the exposure is excellent. Between the sky, the gentleman's white shirt and the helmets, all with the sun shining on them, to not get one of those details overexposed is pretty tremendous. I like that you caught them all in various states of digging, and emptying their shovels. You also caught great expressions on their faces. Definitely captured the excitement and positive mood of the event.*

SECOND PLACE: Springfield Sun - Nick Schrager - *Effectively capturing two people engaged with a laptop is more difficult than it looks.*

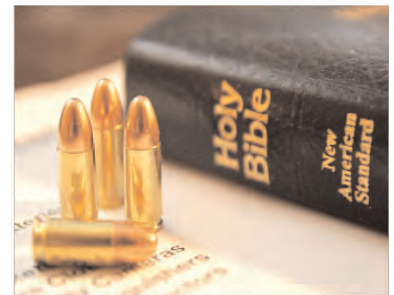
THIRD PLACE: The News-Democrat - Tim Hendrick

CATEGORY 17 - BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Springfield Sun - Nick Schrager - *This illustration simply and effectively conveys the subject of the story and the juxtaposition of the bullets and the Bible is both attention-grabbing and jarring. I'd prefer to see the "New American Standard" be out of focus, but on second thought, maybe that adds to the context of the photo. Well done.*

SECOND PLACE: Springfield Sun - Zack Peñalva - *Great use of shallow depth of field in capturing a fun fair scene. It might've been first place if the frog's legs weren't cut off and the crop was tighter so we just see the frog and the kid.*

THIRD PLACE: The Interior Journal - Nancy Leedy - *A good moment that could have been framed a bit better; I'd like to see the face of the kid in the Seahawks sweatshirt. Even without, it's a solid crowd reaction photo.*



Experts say guns are a focal point, but shouldn't be the only thing looked at when it comes to church safety. Things like first aid, smoke detectors and natural disasters must also be looked at with a careful eye. Photo by Nick Schrager

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

FIRST PLACE: Springfield Sun - Nick Schrager, Zack Peñalva - *Nice collection of photos! You did a great job documenting the day. Kudos to page designer as well.*

SECOND PLACE: The News-Democrat - Tim Hendrick - *Nice job documenting this event. My suggestion would be that you choose the best images and limit how many you use. Decide on a clear dominate photo and edit down the accompanying photos.*

THIRD PLACE: Springfield Sun - Zack Peñalva - *I liked how the black and white images seemed to pop on the page. My suggestions are don't use duplicate images (People waving from car) crop tighter on the images (Boy Scouts raising flag and the grandson placing pin on grandpa) and limit the amount of images on one page.*

CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Springfield Sun - Zack Peñalva - *I really like this one, with the sharp, sharp focus on the action. Great faces, which can be tricky to get with football. It is as if you are on the field. Like the composition and the way this came together. Outstanding job!*

SECOND PLACE: Springfield Sun - Jeff Moreland - *This just says it all. It's a really personal moment. Great composition and focus on a young man who just had a dream upended. With this kind of shot there is the temptation to focus on a team and the focus on one young man gives you a more powerful image. It earned second place.*

THIRD PLACE (TIE): Greater Ashland Beacon - Tim Lacey - *Wow, this one is a keeper. Outstanding action shot and getting the ball in the frame is always a bonus. I love the juxtaposition of the baseball player against the outfield fence advertising. This was a very strong class and some tough choices for the judge. Great job.*

THIRD PLACE (TIE): Greater Ashland Beacon - Lora Stewart - *What a great shot of a catch. I like the sharp focus on the young football player, and how the catch was captured perfectly. Liked that the background doesn't detract. This was an exceptionally strong class and photos that would have won in other contests were nosed out this time around.*

HONORABLE MENTION: Falmouth Outlook - Bridget Magee

HONORABLE MENTION: Greater Ashland Beacon - Charlie Billips

HONORABLE MENTION: The Interior Journal - Nancy Leedy

CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: Todd County Standard - David G. Baker - *These really tell a story without overwhelming the reader with too many, too-small photos. Great variety of photos, great faces, excellent composition. Good job.*

SECOND PLACE: Greater Ashland Beacon - Lora Stewart - *These photos are just one big "aw" moment. I love the faces and the variety of action shots.*

THIRD PLACE: The Interior Journal - Nancy Leedy - *Nice photos. They really tell the story of a season-opening event. Nice angles and a good variety of people.*

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Falmouth Outlook - Staff

SECOND PLACE: The News-Democrat - Staff

THIRD PLACE: Greater Ashland Beacon - Kimberly Smith, Lisa Patrick

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: Todd County Standard - Staff

SECOND PLACE: Falmouth Outlook - Staff

THIRD PLACE: Trimble Banner - Jacob Blair

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Greater Ashland Beacon - Kimberly Smith

SECOND PLACE: The Interior Journal - Nancy Leedy

THIRD PLACE: Henry County Local - Greg Woods

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: The News Herald - Staff

SECOND PLACE: The News-Democrat - Staff - *Nicely done.*

THIRD PLACE: Greater Ashland Beacon - Staff

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Franklin Favorite - Ethan Steinquest

SECOND PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

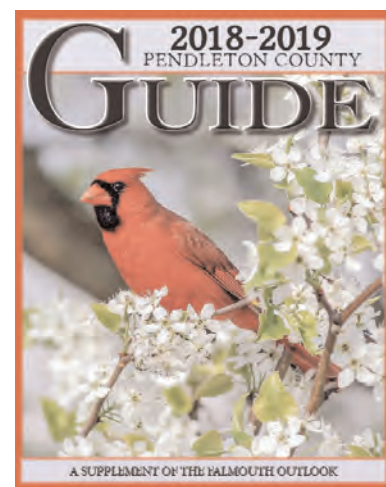
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SECOND PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig

THIRD PLACE: Henry County Local - Staff

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Lake News - Staff - *Compelling news photos and great presentation of a major breaking news story make this a runaway winner.*



SECOND PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig

THIRD PLACE: Todd County Standard - Ryan Craig

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: Falmouth Outlook - Keith Smith - *Cleverly written headlines that draw the reader in. Good job of thinking outside of the box to grab the reader's attention.*

SECOND PLACE: The Interior Journal - Nancy Leedy - *Nice job of writing headlines that get your attention. Smart writing. Well done.*

THIRD PLACE: Springfield Sun - Nick Schrager

WEEKLY 2

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Spencer Magnet - John Shindlebower - *Editorials make clear the opinion of the newspaper and take on important, timely issues. "Someone has to go" is strong and unwavering.*

SECOND PLACE: Berea Citizen - Keith Taylor - *Great personality. Taylor should strive to take on hyper-local issues and push for change.*

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Amanda Manning - *Breaking coverage of sick out via social media kept public informed, engaged readers added to print report. Story referred to bill, history and resulting backlash via multiple quotes, including elected official. Very well reported, great use of digital off of your print news cycle.*

SECOND PLACE: Cynthiana Democrat - Lee Kendall - *The photos really made the story. Reporting solid, quotes from fire chief and owner, would have liked another--insurance, investigator, neighbor. Nice sidebar about the restaurant hiring the displaced staff. Good hustle for a Sunday afternoon breaking news event.*

THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Bryan Marshall - *Could have used quote from witness, but multiple quotes from law enforcement, background on accused, narrative of attack and current condition of victim all done well, as well as "what's next" with schedule for plea.*

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Berea Citizen - Keith Taylor - *Well written, comprehensive story about jail tax to fund Healing Center. Judge did not expect topic to be as interesting it was. Nicely done by reporter.*

SECOND PLACE: Spencer Magnet - John Shindlebower - *In-depth look at local political race. Good job of explaining a very confusing race in your county.*

THIRD PLACE: Adair County Community Voice - Sharon Burton - *Good story on firefighter's death. Chock full of background and details.*



CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Crittenden Press - Staff - *Truly funny story, made me laugh out loud. Thanks!*

SECOND PLACE: Grant County News - Linda Lawrence - *Sweet story, well told.*

THIRD PLACE: Cynthiana Democrat - Lee Kendall - *Interesting look at a guy who had a remarkable job.*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Spencer Magnet - John Shindlebower - *Nice range of concerns, topics important nationally shown locally.*

SECOND PLACE: Cynthiana Democrat - Lee Kendall - *News-focused commentary lends another perspective on topics likely seen elsewhere in the paper.*

THIRD PLACE: Berea Citizen - Keith Taylor - *Good voice.*

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: The Jackson-Breathitt County Times-Voice - James David Fugate, Derek Fugate - *I frankly wasn't impressed by any of the entries in this entire category. Nothing really stood out in terms of writing, so I'd consider first place to be the mediocre best of a mediocre category.*

SECOND PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut - *The nontraditional approach really didn't work for me at times. It was too insider-ish on one column. (Not every reader is going to know where Mexican food is.) Writing is solid but not exceptional.*

THIRD PLACE: Oldham Era - Chuck Harper - *Ok writing but nothing special. I'd like to see more sources used.*

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut - *Incredible photo/story package.*

SECOND PLACE: Spencer Magnet - John Shindlebower - *I'm always a sucker for Sports stories that push past a gamer. This is a great story.*

THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Bryan Marshall - *Great coverage of a fun story.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Cynthiana Democrat - Lee Kendall - *This was a solid feature, with good quotes - not just from the subject but from others who know him.*

SECOND PLACE: Jessamine Journal - Brittany Fuller - *We don't often think of firefighters in the same class as athletes and we should. This was a great little feature about the physical prowess firefighting and rescue work takes. The quotes added so much as these firefighters discussed what they did in competition. Amazing job.*

THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Amanda Kelly - *This was a sweet feature. The quote about bullying was all too apt, alas. Great quotes and the writing made the reader feel like he or she had a spot in the stands. Good job!*

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Crittenden Press - Chris Evans - *Insight to a private community. Thoroughly written, nice layout.*

SECOND PLACE: Adair County Community Voice - Adam Capps - *Great writing. Good statistics and presentation.*

THIRD PLACE: The Crittenden Press - Daryl K. Tabor - *Well researched. Nice statistics, info graphic.*

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

CERTIFICATE: Oldham Era - Amanda Manning

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORIES

FIRST PLACE: Grant County News - Amanda Kelly - *This package showed great sensitivity in handling what was clearly a community tragedy while being persistent in reporting on developments. The courtroom accounts were particularly well done, avoiding the traditionally dry coverage of court proceedings. Photo elements were an added bonus.*

SECOND PLACE: Oldham Era - Amanda Manning - *The series captured the strained politics involved as a community sorted out who was going to be in charge of fire service and how that service would be delivered. These reports kept readers well advised on developments about an essential local service.*

THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Bryan Marshall - *The twists and turns of this water fight are well chronicled. Readers would have been helped with a timeline to track the history and developments in this story.*



CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Grant County News - Bryan Marshall - *Granted, this would have been better with some mid-heds and photos, but this is a solid business story. Lots of facts, figures and information on what the motivations of the business are. Good job.*

SECOND PLACE: Cynthiana Democrat - Lee Kendall - *While this story could have used some better layout, it was well written and very informative. It would have benefitted from some more facts and figures.*

THIRD PLACE: LaRue County Herald News - Allison Shepherd - *This was a different sort of business story, but an interesting one. It could have finished higher with some more facts. Grain entrapments are a problem, but how many incidents are there in a year? Are the numbers rising?*

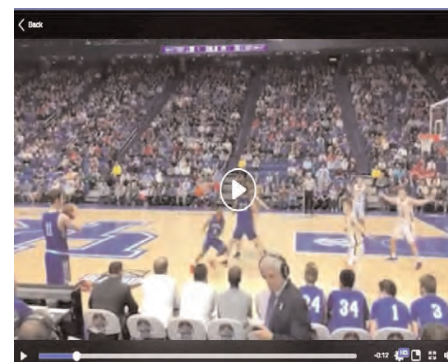
CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut - *A buzzer-beater 3-pointer will always draw a crowd, but the engagement, views, and impressions are hard to beat."*

SECOND PLACE: Oldham Era - Amanda Manning - *Nice variety of news and events. Compelling photos, drives readership.*

THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Staff - *Compelling case, needed more compelling photos for tweets, perhaps chat with court officials during the break, or spectators.*

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA



FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut

SECOND PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut

THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Staff

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE (TIE): Cynthiana Democrat - Lee Kendall - *Timing is everything.*

FIRST PLACE (TIE): Oldham Era - Sam Draut

SECOND PLACE: Adair County Community Voice - Debbie Cowan - *Says it all.*

THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Amanda Kelly - *Tells the real story.*

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Grant County News - Amanda Kelly

SECOND PLACE: Grant County News - Amanda Kelly

THIRD PLACE: Cynthiana Democrat - Robin Smiley

CATEGORY 17- BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut

SECOND PLACE: Spencer Magnet - John Shindlebower

THIRD PLACE: LaRue County Herald News - Terry Sandidge

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

FIRST PLACE: Cynthiana Democrat - Robin Smiley - *Good photos from a very dramatic fire. Nice to see photos of those supporting the first responders.*

SECOND PLACE: LaRue County Herald News - Doug Ponder, Melanie Wells, Mary Hinds - *A good variety of photos of a fun event.*

THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Staff - *Good coverage of the storm's aftermath. It would be more impactful if photos of residents affected were included.*

CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut

SECOND PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut

THIRD PLACE: Spencer Magnet - John Shindlebower



CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut, John Michaud - *A good selection of action and reactions photos. Really liked the Travis Henderson celebration.*

SECOND PLACE: Grant County News - Mark Verbeck - *Good variety of photos of the wrestlers qualifying for state tournament. Might wish to consider shooting tighter to emphasis the expression of the wrestlers.*

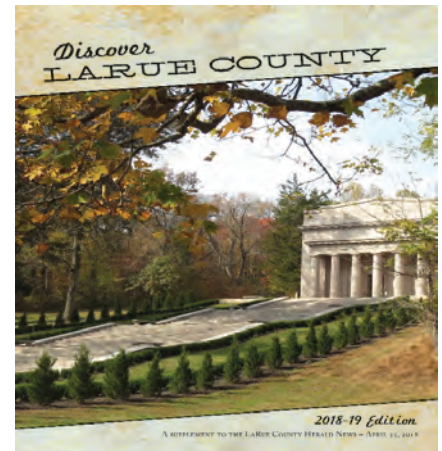
THIRD PLACE: Oldham Era - Staff - *A nice selection of photos from a variety different sports.*

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: LaRue County Herald News - Staff

SECOND PLACE: The Crittenden Press - Staff

THIRD PLACE: Adair County Community Voice - Staff



CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: The Crittenden Press - Daryl K. Tabor - *An eloquent tribute to those who passed on. Great use of color palette and arranging a lot of info without appearing crowded.*

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Cynthia Democrat - Robin Smiley - *Great photos and the basketball shot is fantastic.*

SECOND PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut

THIRD PLACE: The Jackson-Breathitt County Times-Voice - James David Fugate, Derek Fugate

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: The Jackson-Breathitt County Times-Voice - James David Fugate

SECOND PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut

THIRD PLACE: Oldham Era - Sam Draut

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Grant County News - Staff - *In a class with some outstanding contenders, these sections stood out for the variety of stories with strong photo packages. I really liked the variety of subjects and the fact that stories were drawn from multiple sources. These were nice to look at and enjoyable to read. Outstanding job.*

SECOND PLACE: Oldham Era - Staff - *The interviews are a "treasure" and were wonderful to read. It was as if the reader is hearing the subject speak. I'm usually not a fan of single-source stories but the personality profiles really appealed to me. Watch spelling - "wring" and not "ring" is an example. And I could do without the extra exclamation points. But otherwise, very solid and fun to read articles. The pictures add so much. A fine job.*

THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Staff - *While I am hesitant to give the same award to the same newspaper in a competition, Life in Grant County is worthy of an encore. This was another collection of solid interviews and good coverage. I especially liked the story of the Civil War re-en-actor. Good job.*

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era - Amanda Manning - *Nice use of local columns, local issues, touching on national issues, such as gun control. Good connection with the community.*

SECOND PLACE: Berea Citizen - Keith Taylor, Teresa Scenters - *Strong local angle, content, man on the street Q&A, all good, but a little too cramped together. I might separate some of the community photos and put them on a community page, keep separate from the opinion page.*

THIRD PLACE: Grant County News - Staff - *Clean layout, lots of local comments. I would actually move the "how to contact" and feedback columns to the right and put more emphasis on the local editorial, just a preference.*



CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Cynthiana Democrat - Becky Barnes - *I like dominant the headline font for the lead story, teasers work well with flag, strong lead art. Pages are all very interesting and grab your attention on first glance which is what needs to happen to make sure people want to pick up the paper. Your issues about the flood and fire really popped off the page. I would encourage you to include pull quotes or sidebars to help add more interesting graphic elements to the pages.*

SECOND PLACE: LaRue County Herald News - Doug Ponder, Zackerie Fairfax - *Front pages are all cleanly designed with a good amount of white space and interesting photos to grab your attention. I like the font choice as well. Many of the stories on the pages are designed horizontally so be mindful of breaking these up to add more variety to the page.*

THIRD PLACE: Oldham Era - Amanda Manning - *I like the good use of white space, strong dominant centerpiece photos, strong images, interesting story variety and how you don't try and do too much with the front page. The election graphic is also easy to read and well organized. My only suggestion has to do with how there appears to be too much space between headlines, subheads and photo cutlines - especially in the centerpieces. This spacing can be a bit distracting and appears like are trying to spread things out just to fill space.*

WEEKLY 3

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Butler County Banner - Jeff Jobe - *Remember September 11, 2001.*

SECOND PLACE: Barren County Progress - Jeff Jobe - *Legacy of Strong Women lives on.*

THIRD PLACE: Western Recorder - Todd Deaton - *Where is God in The Storm.*

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Dean Manning

SECOND PLACE: Mt. Sterling Advocate - Jamie Vinson, Brianna White, Tom Marshall

THIRD PLACE: Adair Progress - Staff

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Woodford Sun - John McGary - *From the strong lead on through, this story reflects strong coverage of an ordinarily routine event. Details from the interview -- the glass eye art! -- made this story stand out in a pack of strong contenders.*

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Mark White - *In this era of mass shootings, this story captures the changed world through this remarkable meeting of church officials. The story would have benefited from comments from those who attended.*

THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Dean Manning - *This story made lively use of courtroom testimony and particularly taped calls that give the reader a front row seat to this crime.*

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Emily LaForme - *Wonderful and straightforward story on this kid's journey. The reporter obviously earned a lot of trust from not only Crystal but from her family. Nice job.*

SECOND PLACE: Salyersville Independent - Heather Oney - *Interesting tale of a tough life. As a reader I'd like some more information on the overall effectiveness of treatment programs on addiction.*

THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Teresa Brooks - *Fun!*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Mark White - *Great common sense points, nice voice.*

SECOND PLACE: Woodford Sun - John McGary - *Very entertaining and educational! Laugh-out-loud funny.*

THIRD PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *Strong community voice.*



CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Tanner Hoskins - *These columns stood out of a small field. I like the local ties, although the column about the difficulty of scheduling could use more context and history. My favorite was the one about being asked to compete in a halftime show. Solid writing and a nice style. Good job.*

SECOND PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Gerard Flanagan - *This columnist has a good writing style, and was the strongest in a small field. Generally solid writing but watch grammar, word usage (especially plural words) and run-on sentences. Another thing to watch is using the same word to begin a paragraph. I could have had a drinking game with some, especially "however."*

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman - *Good balance in game description matched with quotes from players about why it's "destiny." Put the reader at the game, and keep the information flowing easily.*

SECOND PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Gerard Flanagan - *Clean writing, lots of pertinent information right up front, with a mix of details from the players.*

THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman - *Like the Team of Destiny story, this has a nice balance of a sports story, scores and highlights, as well as comments from the players that put it into context.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Mark Hoskins - *This was one of those tales (tails?) reporters love to tell. The story of the mascot and where it is today is a fun read. The quotes from the cheer sponsor and past costume wearers were great to read, and really made the story. I hope the newspaper leads a charge for a new costume and for this tiger suit to have its own display case. Past pictures added a lot. Outstanding job!*

SECOND PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Gerard Flanagan - *This was a wonderful tribute to a coach and mentor. I appreciated the use of multiple sources. Pictures added a lot.*

THIRD PLACE: Adair Progress - John Overby - *Well-written and a compelling read about how someone didn't give up his dream. The quotes from the former coach made this more than a single-source interview. Great job.*

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYSTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: Salyersville Independent - Heather Oney

SECOND PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Jim Wilson

THIRD PLACE: Adair Progress - Wes Feese

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Mark White - *Good writing with lots of facts. Kudos on digging into this "relative" problem.*

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Trent Knuckles - *Story based on letter received from an inmate. Good writing with lots of background information.*

THIRD PLACE: Salyersville Independent - Heather Oney - *In-depth look into two water district's water quality. However, the reporter is front and center in the story. I would have liked to see the results much higher in the story and less about the reporter and the process.*

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *This was a very strong category with some outstanding entries. This package of stories about Maker's Mark warehouses and the community controversy prompted by that development was a very interesting read. The fact that the newspaper had to invoke the open meeting law is something we all need to do. With development and the prospect of more tax money and revenue for community needs, it's all too easy for journalists to fall into the mindset of rah rah development. That can be especially true in newsrooms that are short-handed (Aren't we all?) This was an outstanding job in a very competitive field. Congratulations and keep it up.*



SECOND PLACE: Mt. Sterling Advocate - Tom Marshall - *A very well-written series about a complex issue that affects everyone in a state, whether you get a pension, have a family member who gets a pension, receive public services from someone who gets a pension or pay into a pension fund. I liked the variety of viewpoints and the many angles of the coverage, as well as use of multiple sources. Great job on a tough and complex issue.*

THIRD PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *With superintendents seemingly job hopping for better deals everywhere, this was a very well-written series of articles about the dilemma a school district and ultimately divided school board faced. Great coverage and solid explanations of a complex issue. The history was well-done.*

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Dean Manning - *This was just a fun story to read, with a great subject who had some good stories about her career. I liked the quotes from others. This was a category with too many single source stories, and this story rose to the top three because it relied on more sources. Great job.*

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Mark White - *A very interesting story, with great historical perspective. I like the quotes from multiple sources, and the explanation of how technology has changed the business. Great job.*

THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Trent Knuckles - *This is an interesting story that is enhanced by quoting multiple sources and giving the reader a clear idea of what the business does. Great job.*

CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman - *This is brilliant. As a publisher-type, I can see how this would stir interest in both news AND revenue (ads). Great idea. Great execution.*

SECOND PLACE: Central City Leader News - C. Josh Givens - *Great video to post, particularly to help mitigate any gossip and help answer the questions undoubtedly surfacing in the community.*

THIRD PLACE: Adair Progress - John Overby - *The video itself isn't as impressive as the fact that TAKING the video and posting it helped move something along that will help your community.*

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Central City Leader News - C. Josh Givens - *Captured the sense of drama this fully engulfed house fire brought forth. Content composition also helped put this entry atop the rest of the field.*

SECOND PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Mark Hoskins - *The photographer's capturing of facial reactions are central to his breaking news photos and quickly tell the story, making this a solid contest entry.*

THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Mark White - *The photographer's quick thinking helped capture a bit of drama to what may have been a routine day at the courthouse.*

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Woodford Sun - Bill Caine - *You captured great emotion. I wish it was played bigger at the top of the page.*

SECOND PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Tanner Hoskins - *Technically impressive photo of a great moment. It was played well on the page, bringing the emotion front and center. Nice photo.*

THIRD PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *Good photo, but not a unique look at a common subject.*

CATEGORY 17- BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *Nice little moment you captured. My only suggestion is if you know that boy is full of expressions, focus more on him and see if another moment would occur.*

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Mark White - *I like the expression of the boy's face.*

THIRD PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery - *It's apparent that Santa Claus is very engaged with the children who visit with him. Be a little more patient and maybe another moment would occur that would be better.*



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

FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Staff - *Nice collection of images capturing kids' faces and identifying each one of them.*

SECOND PLACE: Adair Progress - John Overby - *I like the selection of photos used and how they're cropped.*

THIRD PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Staff - *Nice photos of the year.*

CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Staff - *In addition to being well exposed and well cropped, this image tells the story. We see the elation of the winning team and its fans, and the disappointment of the losing side.*

SECOND PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Staff - *A beautiful baseball image that puts readers in the midst of the game, with the dirt flying in the air and the two players reaching for their respective goals.*

THIRD PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Staff - *A great shot that might have rated higher if it were in color. It's also a bit too contrasty but a great action shot.*

CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman, Trent Knuckles, Ashley Norvell - *A good sequence of photos capturing the emotion of the game, anchored by a fairly dominant headline.*

SECOND PLACE: Adair Progress - Wes Feese, John Overby - *Pretty good action shot for lede photo. Package could use a more dominant headline to anchor it.*

THIRD PLACE: Adair Progress - Wes Feese

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Adair Progress - Staff - *Great idea, wish we had done something like this. Design is easy to follow.*

SECOND PLACE: Adair Progress - Staff

THIRD PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Staff

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

CERTIFICATE: Manchester Enterprise - Jackie Baker

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Staff - *The layout was great. (I especially liked the picture where the basketball player was looking up at the masthead.) Good variety of sports covered. Solid pictures and good reporting. This is all-around an outstanding job. In a tough field, first place is earned here.*

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Trevor Sherman - *Like the layout, strong photos, solid reporting. I'd like to have seen what your staff can do beyond football coverage. But a great job and a very close second.*

THIRD PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery, Gerard Flanagan - *This was a challenging class to judge because several entries very much rose to the top three spots, and were quite close. I liked the diversity of sports covered, the eye-catching photos and the solid reporting and columns. Watch, though, that your layout style with vertical rules doesn't box off stories to one side.*

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Adair Progress - Staff - *Strong photos, great design and solid writing make this special sports section a winner and helped it emerge from a strong class of entries. The cover design is especially appealing. Great inside page layouts. Wonderful job!*

SECOND PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Staff - *This was overall a very solid sports special section, with strong writing and photos. Ads are nicely designed. I found the top of page one banner distracting but that wasn't a factor in contest placement. Overall, a great section and a very close second place.*



THIRD PLACE: News Journal - Staff - *Great writing and photos, accented by well-designed ads. I did look at the team photo and briefly think it was a girls' team that had won, given the number of young women in the photo. I'd like to have seen more of a spotlight on the team and not the cheer squad. But overall, a very good special sports section.*

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

CERTIFICATE: News Journal - Teresa Brooks

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery, Emily LaForme - *A beautiful looking page with lots of diversity. Youth opinions, vet opinions, everyday opinions. Some good topics here, written well, edited well and displayed well. Good job.*

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Trent Knuckles - *A nice mix of topics written by several people of mixed background (but no women?). Despite that oversight, the editorials are thought-provoking and several regular features provide a nice "slice-of-life" look at the community.*

THIRD PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise - Stevie Lowery, Emily LaForme - *This is a beautiful looking page with lots of diversity. The writing and editing is nice. I really like the variety of sources used to write editorials, from state senators to business women to reporters. Unfortunately, the substance is lacking. Is there nothing meaty to write about?*

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Adair Progress - John Overby

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Trent Knuckles

THIRD PLACE: Salyersville Independent - Staff

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: Adair Progress - John Overby

SECOND PLACE: News Journal - Dean Manning

THIRD PLACE: Manchester Enterprise - Mark Hoskins



MULTI-WEEKLY

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Forrest Berkshire - *Strong, hard-hitting editorials, lots of concrete language, examples, facts, and appropriate outrage. I would encourage a "how to take action" info box.*

SECOND PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Mike Scogin - *Nice variety of topics, good call to action. Like to see more, definitive opinion throughout the edits, rather than just the conclusion at the end of each edit.*

THIRD PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Mike Scogin - *Good, heavy hitting topics. I'd shorten the ledes, shorter sentences, to get to the gist quicker, hit the reader with a strong led to draw them in.*

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Staff - *Covering breaking news, by its very nature, is stressful. A shooting of a deputy increases it dramatically. In these situations, getting information and people to talk is not easy. Well done here, both reporting and writing.*

SECOND PLACE: Pioneer News - Stephen Thomas - *Well reported and written. An excellent example of breaking news.*

THIRD PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Staff - *The kind of story people in the community want, and they were well served by the hustle shown here.*



CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Dan Adkins
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Forrest Berkshire
THIRD PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Denis House

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Sentinel-News - Ashley Sutter - *Awesome piece, great details.*
SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Kacie Goode
THIRD PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Kristy Horine - *Fantastic story and very inspiring.*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Forrest Berkshire
SECOND PLACE: Mayfield Messenger - Shelley Byrne
THIRD PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Nita Johnson

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Peter W. Zubaty - *Writer has a feel for his audience and writes accordingly. His columns are easy to engage with; his point of view is always with the reader and he serves their interests.*
SECOND PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Rachel Johnson - *Rachel Johnson's personality comes shining through in her columns. She writes as if talking to a friend, the essence of good journalism.*
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Peter W. Zubaty - *Good columns about aspects of sports not normally covered. The stories were intriguing and got this non-sports fan involved.*

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

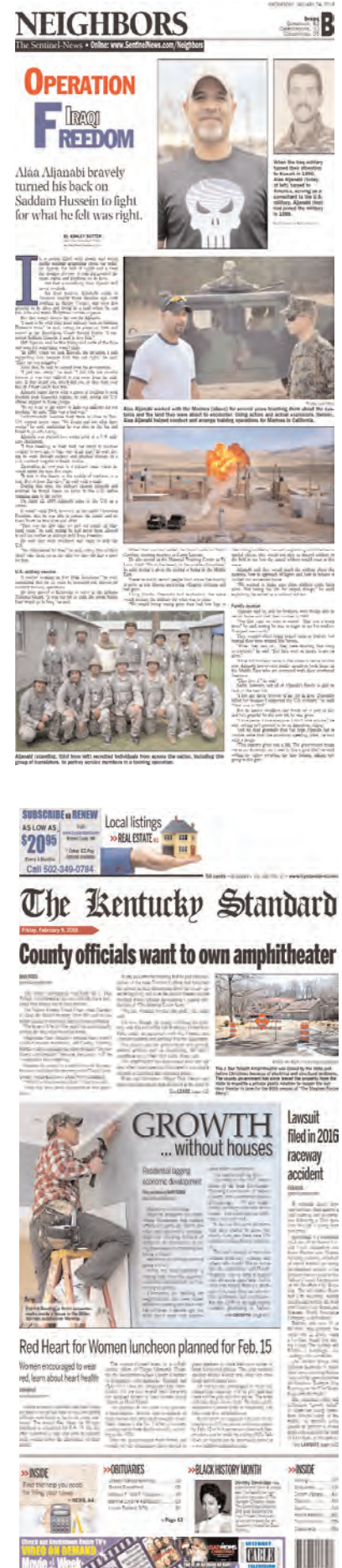
FIRST PLACE: Mayfield Messenger - Eric Walker - *Wow! What a story! What a game! Well written account of a game no one thought could be won. Gives a nice sense of time and place.*
SECOND PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Kal Oakes - *A profile of Bryan Hudson came alive especially with details of traveling across the southeast and dealing with responses to his choice of Virginia Tech. Great story.*
THIRD PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Rachel Johnson - *quality sports journalism. Good for rabid fan or casual observer. Rachel made the game come alive!*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Rachel Johnson - *Nice, strong feature, not overdone given the personality.*
SECOND PLACE: Mayfield Messenger - Eric Walker - *Good detail, lots of quotes.*
THIRD PLACE (TIE): Mayfield Messenger - Eric Walker - *Funny story, good trend story on a growing sport.*
THIRD PLACE (TIE): The Sentinel-Echo - Denis House - *Lots of detail, interesting character, good quotes.*

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYSTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Randy Patrick - *This story analyzes an important local issue by pairing a diverse range of sources with relevant data, resulting in an interesting, in-depth read.*
SECOND PLACE: Mayfield Messenger - Shelley Byrne
THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Randy Patrick



CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: Mayfield Messenger - Shelley Byrne - *Lots of facts and figures in an important story to be told.*

SECOND PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Nita Johnson - *Thorough reporting.*

THIRD PLACE: Mayfield Messenger - Shelley Byrne

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Randy Patrick - *Such an important topic that affects everyone in the country and is a tragedy in the county. This reporter covered it with dignity and told us why it's important. Photos also by the reporter are very good. Good leads. Good nut graphs. Well done all the way around.*

SECOND PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Nita Johnson - *Very thorough coverage of a topic of high importance. Nice writing throughout. Good editing. Good explainer graphs. Good photos. Good layout. Well done!*

THIRD PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Mike Scogin - *Great photos shot by the reporter. Lively quotes from neighbors and officials. Good coverage of a mystery explosion.*

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Randy Patrick - *This story addresses the decline of an important local industry through a wide range of viewpoints from the people most affected by it. The lede draws readers in to learn more about the stark decline.*

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Kacie Goode - *This story stood out for its fresh take on the perennial summer topic of teen jobs.*

THIRD PLACE: Mayfield Messenger - Shelley Byrne - *This story is an especially engaging piece about a novel new crop. The story leaves readers rooting for the farmer's first harvest.*

CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - James Scogin - *Great promo video.*

SECOND PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - James Scogin

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE (TIE): Georgetown News-Graphic - Mike Scogin - *This is a powerful picture of the aftermath of a tragedy, and the amount of time it takes to find a fire/explosion's cause. We don't always get faces in these photos and these faces say it all. Great job. I like how it is contrasted with a picture of what the house looked like.*

FIRST PLACE (TIE): Kentucky Standard - Forrest Berkshire - *This was a very competitive class, with many good pictures. This photo rose to the top of its class for strong composition. There's a lot going on and it really shows the action at a fire scene. Outstanding job.*

SECOND PLACE (TIE): Sentinel-News - Ashley Sutter - *I like how the group of firefighters is waiting, and how the picture is composed. It really gives you a sense of what first responders go into on a regular basis. A very close second.*

SECOND PLACE (TIE): Sentinel-News - Ashley Sutter - *A very powerful picture a very dangerous situation. Like the composition. Great job.*

THIRD PLACE: Pioneer News - Stephen Thomas - *A very powerful picture. The yellow crime scene tape frames the sad situation very well. The bike on its side says it all.*



A semi struggles to make it up the hill on East Stephen Foster in front of My Old Kentucky Home State Park Wednesday morning. Further down, Springfield Road slowed to a crawl as several semis slid off the pavement and tow trucks struggled to reach them.

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THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Forrest Berkshire - *Good photo. The repetition of the barrels adds a nice graphic touch to the photo.*

THIRD PLACE: Sentinel-News - Ashley Sutter

THIRD PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Nita Johnson - *This essay got an award simply on the lede photo. Not only is the groom escorted with two men wielding shotguns, but the man on the right has a holster with bottles of beer.*

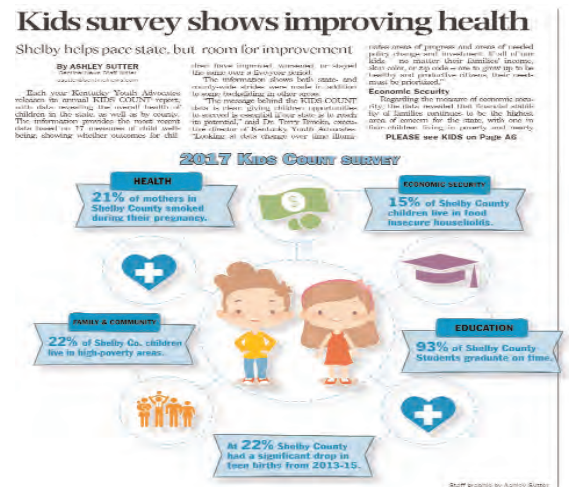
THIRD PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - James Scogin - *Nice photo. Cropping could be a little tighter on the edges. Players on left and right edges don't really add to the composition.*

CERTIFICATE: Georgetown News-Graphic - James Scogin

CERTIFICATE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Staff

SECOND PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Katie Tubbs - *Easy to read and understandable graphic. I like the clean design.*

SECOND PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Kal Oakes - *Strong, action-packed sports writing makes this a difficult choice. Photos are strong too. Layout a bit weak, italic heads just to resonate these days and the fonts seem to change as often as the story. But really strong work.*



CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Peter W. Zubaty

SECOND PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Kal Oakes

THIRD PLACE: The Morehead News - Krystal Williams, Matt Jones, Stephanie Ockerman

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo - Denis House, Nita Johnson - *Love the Redneck Wedding story and photography. Made me laugh out loud.*

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo Staff

SECOND PLACE: Sentinel-News - Todd Martin

THIRD PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Katie Tubbs

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Susan Turner - *Clean layout, not overly packed with items to distract the reader. Good mix of photo cropping to fit with the story, clean headlines, sell the story, don't tell it.*

SECOND PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic - Katie Tubbs, Mike Scogin - *Dramatic stories make the page, and strong local, community-driven content is important. Knowing when to go full bore with a story, and when to try to put a variety on the front is important. Teasers are clean too.*

THIRD PLACE: Sentinel-News - Todd Martin - *Strong, local reporting. The Flag and teaser box needs some work, a bit too distracting, and too gray.*

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: Mayfield Messenger - Eric Walker - *Pretty clever play on words.*

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Standard - Kacie Goode - *Nice, clever.*

THIRD PLACE: Sentinel-News - Todd Martin

DAILY 1

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Winchester Sun - Whitney Leggett - *This was a bit of a challenging category to judge since most of the entries came from one newspaper. This entry earns first on the strength of "Proactive approach" for its clear, specific guidance to protesting students. Editorials are best when they outline steps, not just opinions.*

SECOND PLACE: Richmond Register - Jonathan Greene - *This set of editorials showed a strong connection to community. The parking editorial was an effective critique of the city's actions while the addiction editorial encouraged compassion on a topic consuming many communities.*

THIRD PLACE: Winchester Sun - Mike Caldwell - *The civility and openness editorials made a good, strong start but then stalled at the end by not suggesting specific actions. Editorials can, and should, lead on such issues. With that, these would have placed higher.*

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: Richmond Register - Critley King - *The best written story of those entered. (However, when you get an interview with the widow on Thursday for the plea on Friday for a Saturday publication, it's a stretch for a breaking news category.) Still, does a good job with the narrative, explanation of plea and victim response. Well done.*

SECOND PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Parker Franklin - *Unlike other entries, truly fits the breaking news category. However, it's all quotes from a press conference. Where are the quotes from school officials? Students and family? It's a good summary, but lacks the little extra depth that would have made it great.*



THIRD PLACE (TIE): Murray Ledger & Times - John Wright - *Getting such colorful quotes from the accident victim made the story more than just an accident report, it was a look at seatbelt safety, good luck and a bad day. I didn't expect to place this story, but came back to it because you made it interesting. Good work.*

THIRD PLACE (TIE): Winchester Sun - Lashana Harney - *Although you didn't have much to work with except the candidate's quotes, your story was cogent and well written. The print story could have used reactions from the Democratic candidates, but done well overall.*

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Will Perkins - *This is a case of a picture (several pictures, in this case) being worth a thousand words.*

SECOND PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Melinda J. Overstreet - *The victim has a powerful story to tell. The writing didn't get in the way of that story.*

THIRD PLACE: Winchester Sun - Whitney Leggett - *Great subject and powerful photos. Story would have benefited from more voices, such as quotes from other fraternity members — perhaps those dancing with Josh in the photo.*

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Blake Sandlin

SECOND PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Parker Franklin

THIRD PLACE: Winchester Sun - Lashana Harney

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Winchester Sun - Erin Smith - *Well-written columns with sentences that entice you to continue on, as if laying down treats for a famished puppy. I would love to edit this column.*

SECOND PLACE: Winchester Sun - Chuck Witt - *Good, hard-nosed and well researched columns. He gives you something to chew on.*

THIRD PLACE: Winchester Sun - Jean Brody - *Elder columnist who is a simple, matter-of-fact breath of fresh air. Very enjoyable reads.*

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Will Perkins - *When there's nothing to write about, write what you know. Will Perkins got lucky with the eventual turnout of this game, which proves you never know until the end. Unique spin on a column.*

SECOND PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Daniel Suddeath - *Though not editorials, these columns, which are the writer's own opinion, ran up to a conclusion and then backed away. If he is going to have an opinion, he needs to state it and back it up with evidence, otherwise it's a column wasted.*

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Will Perkins - *Good story, told pitch by pitch. Puts the reader right there behind home plate.*

SECOND PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Will Perkins - *Is this how Tiger Woods started out? This kid has the support and talent to go all the way in the sport of golf. Good profile of the kid who could win The Masters.*

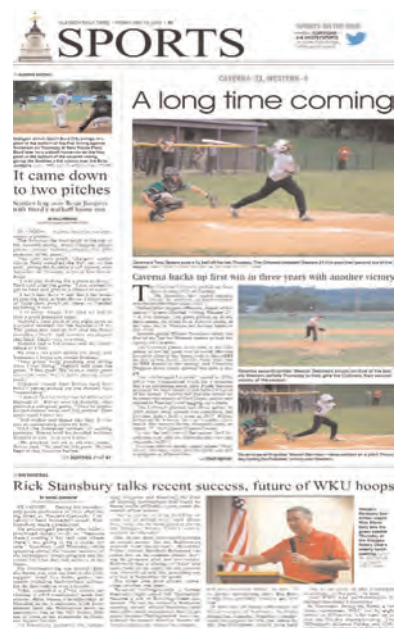
THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon - *Defense! Defense! Defense! Good story about a first-ever championship. A tight story about a coach and a team and their thoughts of a key game...nice.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - John Wright - *A big story about the man behind the winning horse. We usually have stories about the jockey and trainer, but here is a great story about the man behind the horse.*

SECOND PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Will Perkins - *A story about a foreign-born player who learned English and is going to college. Nicely written.*

THIRD PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Bryan Edwards - *Nice layout. Good story about a position we never see. Great job.*



CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Melinda J. Overstreet - *Good research, explanation, use of sources.*

SECOND PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Lisa Simpson Strange - *Good explanation of complicated issue. Good variety of sources.*

THIRD PLACE: Winchester Sun - Whitney Leggett - *Good research and presentation of issue. Variety of sources.*

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: Ledger Independent - Mary Ann Kearns, Christy Hoots, Jonathan Wright - *This is a winner by a substantial margin. A comprehensive series that breaks down a complex topic into elements a reader can understand, one piece building upon another. This effort also shows the power of collaboration among media partners.*

SECOND PLACE: Winchester Sun - Fred Petke - *Pay for public officials is always a hot issue for citizens, and this report provides important context and explanation.*

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Gina Kinslow; Will Perkins; Melinda J. Overstreet - *This was very timely and well done. I honestly wish my paper had done this story! It could have benefitted from better design and breaking up the story with some mid-heads, but overall it was a very enjoyable piece to read.*

SECOND PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Jordan Ferguson - *Congratulations on making a series on pension reform interesting! This is an important topic and you managed to inform the reader while also making an otherwise mundane topic interesting.*

THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - Angela Turner - *This was a nice, informative story. It could have benefitted from breaking up the first story into a couple of stories. Perhaps one on the murders themselves and another on recent attempts to crack the cold case. It was a lot to slog through. Same goes for the follow up. One story on the police cracking the case and another with the family members and their reactions. Community members as well. Both could have benefitted from better art.*



CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Parker Franklin - *National news at the local level is part of the future for sustaining community newspapers.*

SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Emily Adams - *This type of story is easily overlooked, always important to core of the community.*

THIRD PLACE: Winchester Sun - Lashana Harney - *Blueprint for success story, classic business article.*

CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Will Perkins - *This was an ambitious and effective way to bring in local voices as the national political debates were roiling the country. The videos were particularly helpful since the printed word can't capture the tones, expressions you see on the screen.*

SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Angela Turner, Brad Hall, Erin Cox - *The news team clearly had fun with what was a fun event. The explainer slide show was a nice touch.*

THIRD PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Will Perkins - *More judicious editing of video and at least some explainer text in the video would have improved the impact of this effort.*

VIDEO STORY: Pulse of the Voters - Part



CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - John Wright - *Flames and snow, well composed scenic and flaming news shot. Tricky exposure with the snow, smoke and flames as well. Great news photo!*

SECOND PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Gina Kinslow - *I like the high angle, it certainly captures what would otherwise be a difficult news event to communicate visually. A well composed shot as well.*

THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - Timothy Wyatt - *The photographer got close, and made the picture with the debris and the low angle. Technically it seems a little soft at the ambulance, but the newsworthiness and composition compensate for that.*

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Melinda J. Overstreet - *This is a pretty powerful image, taken with great technique. Wonderful work in a tough situation.*

SECOND PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Will Perkins - *This is a well composed and fascinating picture. Despite the many faces, the repeating pattern holds them together in a truly amazing salute.*

THIRD PLACE: Winchester Sun - Seth Littrell - *This is a great photo. Third is always a tough choice, and the technical quality decided me: The balance between all the light sources is perfect.*

CATEGORY 17- BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Winchester Sun - Lashana Harney - *This shot stood out, with the wonderful joyful expression on the boy, the energy expressed by the dog and the composition integrity of the image. One complaint: The boy is not named in the cutline.*

SECOND PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - John Wright - *An active and fun people shot, this really captured the joy of summer.*

THIRD PLACE: Ledger Independent - Terry Prather - *Third place was tough, this stands out for its excellent technique, capturing the water droplets and making visible something we never really see, at least not like this.*

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

FIRST PLACE: Winchester Sun - Lashana Harney - *Love the lead vertical, rest of the shots make for a nice package. Would have liked more interaction between kids and adults.*

SECOND PLACE: Richmond Register - Sara Kuhl - *A colorful subject, and the light under the awning is handled well. The middle left close up of the hands is redundant, the bottom is much better. Maybe replace with headline/grouped cutline.*

THIRD PLACE: Winchester Sun - Staff - *Great use of staff images. All of the photos are technically excellent and fit the "face" theme. The lead photo should be more dominant, in terms of size.*



CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Winchester Sun - Keith Taylor - *Very nice action shot, one of the best moments captured. Second place is better technique, but this is a much harder moment to capture.*

SECOND PLACE: Winchester Sun - Micah Satterly - *This is a very strong shot, and is technically excellent. I did want to crop in more tightly. The expression is very intense. I like it a lot.*

THIRD PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Bryan Edwards - *Photograph captured a lot of emotions, with good graphic appeal and color.*

CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Daniel Suddeath

SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon

THIRD PLACE: Times-Tribune - Sports Staff

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Winchester Sun - Staff

SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Erin Cox, Brad Hall

THIRD PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Staff



CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Brad Hall

SECOND PLACE: Winchester Sun - Whitney Leggett

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Brad Hall - *Comprehensive sports section, gives readers what is needed and desired. Good stories and good photos. A sports section to be envied.*

SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon, Brad Hall - *Great, emotional photos. Wide variety of stories and profiles. Good job.*

THIRD PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Daniel Vance - *Big and bold. Always go big and bold. Good profiles and photos.*

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Times-Tribune - Les Dixon

SECOND PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Staff

THIRD PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Bryan Edwards

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Richmond Register - Kaitlyn Skovran, Ricki Barker - *Clean, fun and interesting. Best of all is illustration for Good Eats story. Only suggestion: Mix up the column width a bit. Pages have an awful lot of narrow sticks of type.*

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Winchester Sun - Staff - *Great use of commentary (Witt and Collins stay local). Design is easy to consume.*

SECOND PLACE: Richmond Register - Staff - *Solid pages. Good variety.*

THIRD PLACE: Winchester Sun - Staff - *I'm not sure what authority Chuck Witt has to talk about Congress and Putin, but content is locally written.*

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Winchester Sun - Whitney Leggett - *Education graphic is very creative.*

SECOND PLACE: Winchester Sun - Staff - *Great ability to make design look like it's jumping off the page.*

THIRD PLACE: Winchester Sun - Whitney Leggett - *Salaries graphic is creative and use of fire photo is powerful.*

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times - Parker Franklin

SECOND PLACE: Times-Tribune - Brad Hall

THIRD PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times - Lisa Simpson Strange



DAILY 2

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Ben Kleppinger - *Good, strong, local editorials, lots of balance and background for the reader and a strong opinion in closing. All the hallmarks of an engaged newspaper.*

SECOND PLACE: The Daily Independent - Staff - *Lots of important, local editorials that are well researched, balanced and give the reader a sense of direction. Some complex issues are made clearer by the writing.*

THIRD PLACE: News-Enterprise - Ben Sheroan - *While the outcome of these editorials are obvious, the writing rings true to the reader that the newspaper cares about its community and is willing to step out to make that clear.*

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Staff - *These stories were deeply reported and provided revelatory information both about the people who were killed and from the crash investigation.*

SECOND PLACE: The Daily Independent - Glenn Puit, Kevin Goldy

THIRD PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Ben Kleppinger, Robin Hart

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Jeff Neal - *A good story requires access. Without it, the reporting is weak. This reporter earned the trust of those involved to be there, weaving in emotion and facts.*

SECOND PLACE: The Daily Independent - Mike James - *Once again, an example of how access drives the reporting that leads to a good story.*

THIRD PLACE: The State Journal - Chanda Veno - *A wonderful story with pace and a sense of place.*

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The State Journal - Chanda Veno - *Flawless story.*

SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Andrew Critchelow - *Excellent, wanted it to go on!*

THIRD PLACE: News-Enterprise - Jeff D'Alessio - *Great story.*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: The State Journal - Steve Stewart

SECOND PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Eric Mount

THIRD PLACE: The Daily Independent - Lee Ward

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Chuck Jones

SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Mike Mathison

THIRD PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Jeff Neal

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Chuck Jones - *Everyone loves a success story and this story had it all from many losing seasons to the story of the coach to making a comeback everyone wanted badly. Nice writing, got me into it and I'm not a sports person.*

SECOND PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Matt Overing - *From unseeded to regional champs? That's a winning story no matter how you write it. Good sense of place and personalities. Good job.*

THIRD PLACE: The Daily Independent - Zack Klemme - *Not all sports stories are about the athletics, this is a good example. Good job of summarizing the issue and how it affects those who coach kids in Kentucky schools.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Daily Independent - Aaron Snyder - *Well-written and reported profile, easy and enjoyable read.*

SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Chuck Jones - *Ran a bit long but a very good story with lots of vivid detail.*

THIRD PLACE: The Daily Independent - Aaron Snyder - *Great lede, nice story.*



CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Katherine Knott - *This story was a standout in the category for its in-depth analysis of early childhood education, told through a variety of sources, statistics, graphics and authoritative writing.*

SECOND PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Ben Kleppinger - *This story provides readers a well-reported and timely analysis of a pressing state issue being considered by lawmakers.*

THIRD PLACE: News-Enterprise - Katherine Knott - *This story localizes a national issue of gun violence in schools through an interesting angle and great sourcing.*

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: The State Journal - Alfred Miller - *Well written news story - a good factual narrative that holds interest all the way through. Good use of public records comparing what happened to what written policies state should have happened. A public servant was forced to take public accountability for what happened on his watch - something that would have never happened without The State Journal.*

SECOND PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Ben Kleppinger - *There's something I'm not getting that needs to be spelled out about Boyle and Mercer counties. Boyle is poorer? Why are Boyle and Mercer different than other counties? Also, some information could have been rearranged for stronger impact. For example, the rules imply financial bonds should be more rare — that could have been higher up next to the stats on the counties' judges handing out financial bonds almost all the time. But overall, the reporter puts this important issue affecting a vulnerable population in context from recent history and what surrounding counties are doing. Good sourcing and quotes — from the woman who went to jail to the lawyers. Nice original analysis of court records to give a sense of where this could be happening in your community, as well as a labor-intensive front-page graphic.*

THIRD PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Bobbie Curd - *Good and important issue.*

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Katherine Knott

SECOND PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Bobbie Curd

THIRD PLACE: News-Enterprise - Becca Owsley

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Andrew Critchelow - *Good combination of business story, family story, personal, clever and unusual business. Good artwork too.*

SECOND PLACE: The State Journal - Josh Bergeron - *Good trend story, combination of the crop and its myths, plus its uses.*

THIRD PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Ben Kleppinger - *Good localizer to a national issue, and, of course, a topic near and dear to many a Kentuckians' heart.*

CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: The State Journal - Staff - *Great use of social media to get engagement with the print newspaper. This one brought a smile to my face.*

SECOND PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Carla Slavey, Janie Slaven, Chris Harris - *Good hard-news reporting on a fast-moving story.*

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

FIRST PLACE: The State Journal - Staff

SECOND PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Steve Cornelius

THIRD PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Steve Cornelius



CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Carla Slavey - *Very cool photo. Really speaks to the real life action heroes who do their job in any condition. Especially considering the 2nd floor was burned out and he's on the 1st directly underneath. Very impressive.*

SECOND PLACE: The State Journal - Hannah Brown - *Nice framing with the town on the hill in the background, multiple emergency response units and personnel around. Great job!*

THIRD PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Christopher Harris - *Nice job capturing the breadth of the accident leaving nothing to the imagination and documenting the wide spread damage of the accident.*

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: The Messenger - Laura Harvey - *Great use of reflection in the water and the look on kayaker's face is perfect for the article! Great job!*

SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Andrew Critchelow - *Love the B & W imagery on this. Reflect "old school" mission and commitment with today's recruits and service.*

THIRD PLACE: The State Journal - Hannah Brown - *Cute photo of the boy scouts and nice job capturing the day. Great human interest image.*



Three separate fire departments responded to a house fire around noon Saturday on Mark Wellborn Road, off of Ky. 39. In addition to the Delany, Science Hill and Mount Victory fire departments, Somerset-Pulaski County EMS was called to check out one person with possible smoke inhalation. The Pulaski County Sheriff's Office and Somerset Police Department also assisted at the scene.

CATEGORY 17- BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Andrew Critchelow - *In a solid and strong photo class, this one stood out. In fact, I liked all of the pictures with the story. The young woman framed against the ghoulish faces just pops out. Nice composition and contract. Outstanding job.*

SECOND PLACE: The State Journal - Hannah Brown - *I love the effect of the bigger child's head being hidden and the smaller child scoring the basket. Great composition. I like the faces you can see, too. This was a very close second place.*

THIRD PLACE: News-Enterprise - Becca Owsley - *The lead character is framed nicely against the supporting cast. Like the composition.*

HONORABLE MENTION: Commonwealth Journal - Carla Slavey

HONORABLE MENTION: The State Journal - Josh Bergeron

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

FIRST PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Janie Slaven - *I love these photos and how they are composed. I especially like the one where the track is shown, and the reactions, visible even from the back. It gives you a sense of scale. Love the faces and the action. Great job.*

SECOND PLACE: The State Journal - Hannah Brown - *Love these and the feeling of the fair nicely composed, different scenes, put together well. Outstanding job*

THIRD PLACE: The State Journal - Hannah Brown - *Really like the feeling of fun these convey. Nice composition... a close third in a tough class.*

CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Matt Overing - *Great photo, both athletes on their heads at the same time? Are you kidding me. Definitely first place! Great job!*

SECOND PLACE: The State Journal - Bobby Ellis - *Great team defense photo - 5 on 1. The battle of the mud and grass, the strength of the athletes, the facial gestures...excellent composition of all aspects of the game. Congratulations.*

THIRD PLACE: The State Journal - Linda Younkin - *Great job on this... concentration, style, focus, skill... you captured it all with one photo. Super!*

CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Steve Cornelius - *I really like these and the sense of the game they convey. Lots of good faces and lots of shots of different kind of action make for a generally solid package overall. I thought the children in a line was your weakest shot. The rest of the photos convey more action and young athletes in the game. Don't over-write captions.*



SECOND PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Matt Overing, Mike Marsee - *A very close second place. I liked these a lot. Good faces, strong composition, sharp and clear. I did wonder what the photo of the young men running in a group was about. Were they getting a trophy? Goofing around? Captions would have been helpful.*

THIRD PLACE: The State Journal - Hannah Brown - *Love the children's faces and the way these are set up. Nice composition. And I appreciate taking pictures from different angles. Good job.*

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Staff

SECOND PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Staff

THIRD PLACE: The Daily Independent - Staff - *Informative & different! And fun to read.*

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: The State Journal - Hannah Brown

SECOND PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Steve Cornelius

THIRD PLACE: The State Journal - Hannah Brown



CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: The Daily Independent - Aaron Snyder - *This is a really nicely designed sports section. Love the photos. Effective use of pull quotes. Great writing. Everyone comes together well. Outstanding work in a very tough class.*

SECOND PLACE: The Daily Independent - Zack Klemme - *A really nice looking sports section. Clever headlines. Strong use of photos and good writing. Good design. A nice package overall and a very close second place.*

THIRD PLACE: The State Journal - Hannah Brown - *This was a great entry with attractive and clean layouts, strong writing and good photos. Good use of photos made a positive difference here.*

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Chuck Jones, Mike Mathison, Grant Wieman - *This section is superior in every way: content, profiles, roster, design, photos. Excellent job. Do it again.*

SECOND PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Matt Overing, Akasha Goins, Ben Kleppinger - *Beautiful section covering two champions. If a reader wants to know about every second of the two teams, it is all here. Big endeavor that pays off handsomely for the reader.*

THIRD PLACE: The Daily Independent - Staff - *Massive amount of information packaged for any basketball fan. Well written, good photos, nice layout. This is what local journalism is all about.*

CATEGORY 25 - LIFESTYLE PAGE

CERTIFICATE: News-Enterprise - Ben Sheroan

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Ben Sheroan - *Love the concept of "2 Views." Great diversity of viewpoints. You can tell the board makes an effort to collect columns from a wide variety of sources.*

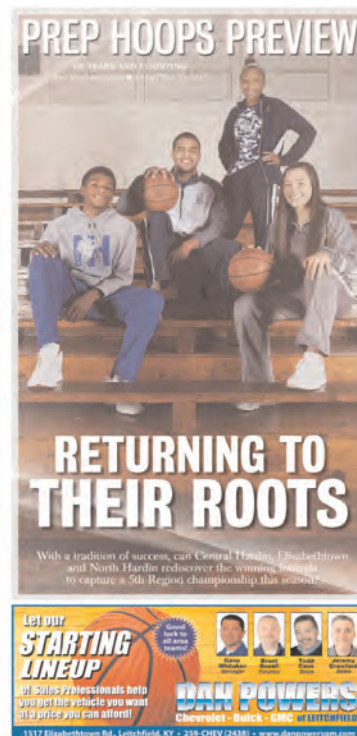
SECOND PLACE: Advocate Messenger - Staff - *Really enjoy the "Thumbs" idea. Would like to see more biographical info for Guest Columns.*

THIRD PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Jeff Neal - *Diverse topics, both local/regional/national are great to see. Good design on McConnell editorial.*

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise - Melissa Vessels - *Strongest pages in the entire competition. Clean, well-organized, great use of multiple elements to help the reader go throughout the page. Great job overall. I would hire you.*

SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Melissa Vessels - *Great work all around. One of the few designers to incorporate multiple elements into your design with good white space.*



THIRD PLACE: The State Journal - Hannah Brown - *Great work on End of an Era cover. Really strong submission. The only thing holding back these pages is the clutter of each page. Just too much going on which detracts from the centerpieces.*

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: Commonwealth Journal - Staff

SECOND PLACE: News-Enterprise - Chuck Jones

THIRD PLACE: The Daily Independent Aaron Snyder

DAILY 3

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Steve Gaines - *Well thought out, presented, clear, pointed and fair.*

SECOND PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Pipes Gaines - *Not a bad mix is national, state and local content. Well presented.*

THIRD PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Jim Paxton - *Not a bad mix is national, state and local content.*

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Staff - *This comprehensive first-day report of a major community tragedy showed the impact of mobilizing news resources to cover every angle. A tremendous amount of information packed into the stories. A dominating performance.*

SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Daniel Desrochers, Bill Estep - *This was a story with many moving parts and people, but the news team handled it well. The story hit the news of the day, provided context, and traced political history that made the report strong and compelling.*

THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Mike Stunson, Janet Patton, Karla Ward - *The story scored for not only covering the collapse but quickly capturing the potential environmental hazards. Missing was impact on the business - how significant a loss was this?*

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Laurel Black

SECOND PLACE: The Paducah Sun - David B. Snow

THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Will Wright

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Bill Estep - *This story was captivating, and informative. I felt it was well-researched, and interesting.*

SECOND PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Dave Thompson - *Well written, a great lead, and really captures the experiences Vietnam veterans went through coming back home after serving.*

THIRD PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Dave Thompson - *Captures the experiences the Vietnam Vets had to deal with, both at war and at home.*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Tom Eblen

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Enquirer - Jeff Suess

THIRD PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Steve Wilson

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Mark Story

SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - John Clay

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Jeff Nations



CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Jennifer Smith

SECOND PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Micheal Compton

THIRD PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Edward Marlowe

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Brad Stephens

SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Jennifer Smith

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Micheal Compton

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYSTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Beth Musgrave - *A powerful package building off an independent report and putting people behind raw numbers. This package provided relevance, showed a stressed system in a way readers could understand. Strong performance.*

SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Jack Brammer - *A strong accountability piece, doubling back on a law change that promised to help people but then rarely got used. Effective use of records, interviews and context. The story would have been stronger with more direct voices of judges.*

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Enquirer - Scott Wartman - *Highly readable account of a man with access to power who disregarded his public responsibilities in pursuit of his personal interests.*

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - John Cheves

SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Staff

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Wes Swietek

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Will Wright - *The ongoing coverage of a local water crisis was provided crucial information for readers and held the public agency to account for the chaos at every turn.*

SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Daniel Desrochers - *The dogged reporting about escalating discord among top state election officials was especially vital given the upcoming election.*

THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Staff - *This entry stood out because of the multiple stories that addressed impact of the event: from the fraternity, to the victim's family, and the university at large.*

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Bill Estep

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Enquirer - Anne Saker

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Don Sergent

CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Caitlyn Stroh - *Great interaction on different platform. Could see this being very popular.*

SECOND PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Joe Imel - *This type of coverage — short, unofficial, fast — seems to be very popular, especially in the crime world. Following is proven.*

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Austin Anthony - *Incredible photos and valuable caption info. Could always use more Mariota photos (coming from an Oregon guy, of course).*



CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Enquirer - Kate Murphy, Meg Vogel, Amy Wilson

SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Alex Slitz, Caitlyn Stroh

THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Daniel Desrochers

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Austin Anthony - *A pure white dog inside the remains of a house fire stood out perfectly in this photo. The fact that he was facing the camera was awesome. Great job!*

SECOND PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Staff - *Great photo of firefighter battling the smoldering ashes...*

THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Ron Garrison - *Fantastic view of total destruction with an eye for the mass area of the derailment.*

CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Alex Slitz - *An incredible photo. What a view. And to capture the pudding and drinks on the shelf above was brilliant. Great image!*

SECOND PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Ryan Hermens - *Love the lighting in the photo, especially as it highlights the young girl's face. Great job!*

THIRD PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Ryan Hermens - *Emotional. Got a lump in my throat thinking about what that photo's message was all about.*



CATEGORY 17- BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Charles Bertram - *Great silhouette and use of background sunrise. Beautiful photo!*

SECOND PLACE: The Paducah Sun - David B. Snow - *Great to capture the look on the little kid's face. All can relate.*

THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Alex Slitz - *Excellent foliage shot. Would like to see that photo made into a jigsaw puzzle!*



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

FIRST PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Ryan Hermens - *Sad situation, strong photography, great job capturing emotion.*

SECOND PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Ryan Hermens - *The concept for this collage is great, however the same page was shown twice making it 12 hours of Paducah...not 24. Would have really enjoyed seeing the last 12. Great job capturing the ebb and flow of life.*

THIRD PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Charles Bertram - *Great photo of the two foxes at the top of the page. Would have been great if the 2nd page was color, but the black and white worked well. Looked like the fox trotting down the path was smiling. Good stuff.*



CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Alex Slitz - *Right place right time for an exceptionally clear and up close photo. Great job!*

SECOND PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Charles Bertram - *Capturing the spray from the Champagne and all of the smiles on the winner's faces created an excellent image. Congrats!*

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Austin Anthony - *Great artistry with this photo. If more of the faces had been able to be seen it would have ranked higher. Awesome use of lighted surroundings.*

CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Ryan Hermens - *Nothing beats capturing the joy of victory. Great job grabbing the right images of an awesome moment.*

SECOND PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Ryan Hermens - *This was a close contest. The event surrounding this photo page certainly held merit and was considered, however the photos for the other submission were more expressive and energetic.*

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Staff - *Great section. Strong photos, well designed, really interesting variety of stories. Everything you wanted to know about The Derby. Great job. Based on how well you've covered this one event it is the worthy of First Place:!*

SECOND PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Marionne Esguerra - *Strong magazines. Great art and photos, nice variety of stories. And really good advertising support. I produce a magazine and I fully understand how much work goes into putting these together each month. Really good job overall.*

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Chris Ware, Daniel Desrochers, John Stamper

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Dennis Varney - *It's obvious that designers treat stunning visuals, color and typography with care. Consider this the *blue* standard for other designers.*

SECOND PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Brad Stephens

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Jeff Nations

CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Dennis Varney - *The roster pages were very well done and memorable. Great preview by Tipton.*

SECOND PLACE: The Paducah Sun - Al Willman, Edward Marlowe, Kelley Johnson - *Great spread of local football content. Was missing photo caption information throughout the section.*

CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Mary Anne Andrews - *Brilliant creativity and thought gone into these entries. Good use of white space, graphics, color and fonts pay off for page presentation.*

SECOND PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Mary Anne Andrews

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Eugene Embry

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader - Staff

SECOND PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Eugene Embry

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Eugene Embry - *Excellent photography. Great reporting. Interested to know if they put the "congested roads" story next to a "plane crash" story on purpose.*



SECOND PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Barry Rose - *Vivid Photography - capturing emotion for Shooting at School.*

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Eugene Embry - *Exceptional One Word Statement "Heartbroken" with very strong imagery of victim's friends and family.*

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Brad Stephens - *These were a joy to read. Clever without resorting to cliché puns. Give your headline writer a raise.*

SECOND PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Jeff Nations

THIRD PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News - Eugene Embry

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS CLASS 1

CATEGORY 1 - EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: The Concord - Hunter Boschert and Katie Vulich - *Great choice of topics, but needed a stronger narrative to really push the editorial.*

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Megan Willoughby - *Good advice, but missing what I'd want from an editorial written by the EIC. Megan does refer to news inside, which I think is valuable, given how The Patriot appears to handle its editorial page.*

THIRD PLACE: The Patriot - Eric Ford Edwards - *Fun, lighthearted, but missing what I'd want from an editorial written by the EIC.*

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: The Bridge - Alyson Branscum

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Taylor Duke - *Quoting outside or competing sources not a good journalism practice, especially high in the story.*

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Leanne Gregory - *Nicely written*

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Leanne Gregory, John McCoy

THIRD PLACE: The Concord - Liberty Kyle and Rebecca Waskevich

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Bridge - Leighton Coffey - *Great subject, written well. Nice job keeping the focus on the source rather than self.*

SECOND PLACE: The Concord Layla Kellogg

THIRD PLACE: The Bridge - Savannah Alexandra Colangelo - *Good way to localize a national trend.*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Tyler Kohn - *Humorous and well-written.*

SECOND PLACE: The Bridge - Ray Hunter - *Ray Hunter's third article submitted about her son's autism is interesting, relevant, and well-written. The second submission was submitted without providing the jump. And the first article "And the Oscar..." was well-written, but the topic was not at all timely. Who cares that "Saving Private Ryan" should have triumphed over "Shakespeare in Love" twenty years ago?*

THIRD PLACE: The Bridge - Alyson Branscum - *For "Getting Around..." third place. Nice first-person article. I liked that she expressed some personal feelings. "That made me think, "how is anyone good at this?" Some agreement errors.*

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN



FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Mike Krzyston - *This was a very interesting story because I had no idea that esports could get such status! And a scholarship, wow. I really like this story and loved, loved, loved the picture. Watch spelling. Meantime is one word and not two. And stick with said or says and don't interchange them. But overall a solid and interesting story.*

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Taylor Duke - *Really liked the headline being placed on a golf ball graphic and the pictures. Writing was good but watch word usage. A team is singular and not plural. Stand out as in "I stand out in the crowd" is two words and not one.*

THIRD PLACE: The Concord - Nick King - *I liked how this story started but it seemed to devolve a bit into the writer's opinion about facilities and funding. Watch punctuation. But it is a very interesting piece about how teams scramble for space.*

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Concord - Katie Vulich - *Sweet story about a family's connection to the college, to baseball and to each other.*

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Nick Boys - *Nicely weaves together the lessons of baseball and the experiences of flying.*

THIRD PLACE: The Concord - Mary Ringwald - *Nice descriptions in the opening and closing graphs.*

CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYSTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Tyler Kohn - *Good story, well written with great quotes from students about how to eat vegetarian on campus.*

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Megan Willoughby - *Interesting piece on long-distance relationships.*

THIRD PLACE: The Bridge - McKenzie Mullins - *Interesting look at possibility of tuition-free college in a commonwealth. Good quotes from students.*

CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

NO ENTRIES

CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Bridge - Staff - *The unexpected retirement of a long-time college president is big news, and The Bridge staff did a great job offering both news and context to its readers. Having the parallel story about the retirement of a long-time provost gave the entire front page of the February issue a nice focus. The follow-up story in April was solid and brought readers up to speed.*

SECOND PLACE: The Bridge - Savannah Alexandra Colangelo - *This two-part installment about a new lecture series did a nice job of previewing a campus visit by a popular actor and then following up with a critique of his visit. The interview of an audience member was a nice touch.*

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Zane Ross - *Great story about the power of food and community, told with great quotes. (Brussels sprouts? Ha!)*

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Zane Ross - *Yeah, it is a big deal.*

THIRD PLACE: The Bridge - Leighton Coffey and Savannah Alexandra Colangelo



CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: The Bridge - Staff - *The Bridge is doing a great job of expanding beyond print and finding readers on their preferred platforms. The Facebook videos put a "face" on the paper, which helps engender trust and loyalty.*

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Staff - *The Patriot's Instagrams offer a great window into what's happening on campus and what people can find in the paper. Nice shot selection. The mix of serious and silly keeps things fresh.*

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 - Zane Ross - *A nice moment captured. I would encourage the photographer to get closer, or try shooting from a different angle.*

SECOND PLACE: The Bridge - Savannah Alexandra Colangelo

THIRD PLACE: The Patriot - Taylor Duke

CATEGORY 17- BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Mike Krzyston - *The majority of the photos in the category that staged. This one is not. Photo shows a sense of joy in the moment.*

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Eric Ford Edwards - *This photo is well executed. Lighting is well done.*

THIRD PLACE: The Bridge - Savannah Alexandra Colangelo

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

FIRST PLACE: The Bridge - Savannah Alexandra Colangelo - *A nice collection of photos of what it is like to be disabled. The photo of trying to use the toilet is nice. I feel that the photos were not given the display they deserve by being in a little box next to the story. A design where the photos and story were interweaved would have been more impactful.*

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Mike Krzyston - *A nice selection from a very colorful event. I would encourage the photographer to get closer to activity. The gear will get color on it however the readers will feel that they are a part of the event.*

THIRD PLACE: The Bridge - Ray Hunter - *Good coverage of the event. However I think that there are too many photos of people looking into the camera. I would encourage the photographer to look for photos where the people are interacting with the animals instead of interacting with the camera.*

CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Rebecca Lewter - *This gets first place since it is the only sports photo in the category. It captures a nice moment. Good to see the smile on the player's face. Crop could be tighter on the left side of the photo.*

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Mike Krzyston - *Nice moment captured, even though not really a sports photo. This would be more of a feature photo.*



CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

CERTIFICATE: The Patriot - Rebecca Lewter

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Staff - *Fantastic use of pop culture to carry a theme throughout a special section.*

SECOND PLACE: The Concord - The Concord Staff - *Nice topic range within the section.*

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Mike Krzyston, Zane Ross - *Clear winner. Easy to understand. Reader doesn't have to try and figure out what this is about. Strong design.*

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Staff - *Good graphic. Well designed and easy to understand. Immediately conveys the message. The strong design makes this a winner.*

THIRD PLACE: The Concord - Rebecca Waskevich - *Complex graphic that covers a lot of information in a small space. The only thing missing from this is a line that explains that the graph shows yearly tuition increases - or at least that's what I think this is trying to convey - hence the problem with the graphic. Even so, the graphic is well designed and conveys the message quickly. Good job.*



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

CERTIFICATE: The Bridge - Staff

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot - Staff - *Drawing from recognizable pop culture with the type choice and headline, always a good move.*

SECOND PLACE: The Bridge - Staff - *Classic layout choices. Good balance on text and images. Nice teasers on bottom.*

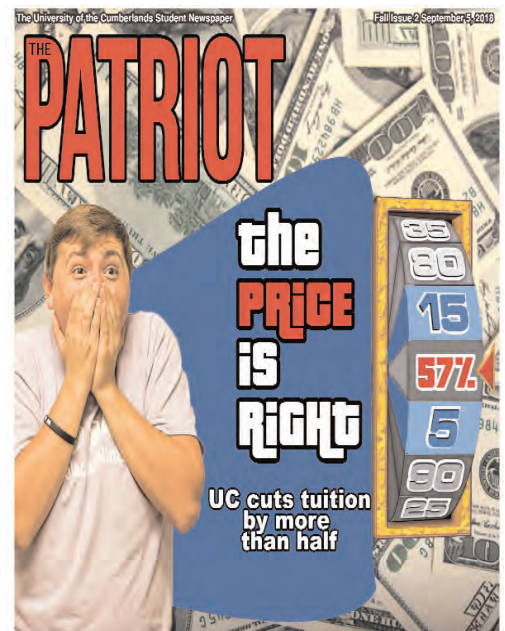
THIRD PLACE: The Concord - The Concord Staff - *Tastefully simple presentation. Try to avoid cutting the feet off of people.*

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: The Concord - Hunter Boschert and Rebecca Waskevich - *Great Ali headline.*

SECOND PLACE: The Patriot - Staff - *You had me at 'let's taco 'bout it.'*

THIRD PLACE: The Patriot - Zane Ross



STUDENT PUBLICATIONS CLASS 2

CATEGORY 1 - BEST EDITORIAL

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff

THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - College Heights Herald Editorial Board

CATEGORY 2 - BEST BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

FIRST PLACE: Murray State News - Staff - *Excellent coverage all around. A clear winner. Well-written reporting, stunning eye witness accounts, great breaking coverage on social media and with video, nice layout for the print edition.*

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Rick Childress - *Solid, clear reporting aided by photos and live video from the scene. This is how you do breaking news.*

THIRD PLACE: The Louisville Cardinal - Joseph Lyell, Megan Brewer, Arry Schofield - *Good to see iterative reporting over the summer months of a big breaking story. That's dedication.*

CATEGORY 3 - BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Emily DeLetter - *Great quotes flesh out a story and hint to larger issues than just an increase in meal plan prices. Way to look at the bigger picture.*

SECOND PLACE: Eastern Progress - Collin Overton - *A well written story that brings in the emotion in what could have too easily turned into just a numbers piece.*

THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Monica Kast, Andrew Henderson - *Well-written story about a topic of interest to the community and the college, and has interesting ties to state-level politics. A typo can be forgiven in a very readable piece.*

CATEGORY 4 - BEST FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Rick Childress - *Just a really cool story about a kid who has the odds against him but still gets after what he wants. It was a fun, good read.*

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Rick Childress - *The article was written in a way that non-sports fans can relate, which I believe is important in the sports industry. I also enjoyed the inside-look at collegiate athlete and the challenges they face.*

THIRD PLACE: Murray State News - Emily Williams - *An interesting story, although I wish they could have talked a little more about their interactions with the prisoners.*

CATEGORY 5 - BEST COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: The Northerner - Mackenzie Manley

SECOND PLACE: Eastern Progress - Sarah Kelly

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Jillian Jones

CATEGORY 6 - BEST SPORTS COLUMN

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Chase Campbell - *The writer's voice come through in these columns. "Yards He Had No Business Getting" made me lol.*

SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Jeremy Chisenhall - *Solid, clear writing. Particularly interesting column on the loss of the women's baseball coach and the inequities in pay.*

CATEGORY 7 - BEST SPORTS STORY

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Evan Heichelbech - *Incredible story and told very well.*

SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Evan Heichelbech, Tyler Eaton - *Great breakdown of budgets, numbers and data. The pull quote really shows why the numbers are important.*

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Chase Campbell - *Great retrospective on Gilgeous-Alexander. Nice to start with quote from a teammate to illustrate GA's personality.*



CATEGORY 8 - BEST SPORTS FEATURE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Rick Childress - Amazing lede.

SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Evan Heichelbech

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Curtis Franklin

CATEGORY 9 - BEST ENTERPRISE OR ANALYTICAL STORY

FIRST PLACE: Eastern Progress - Jennifer K. Perkins - *Very thorough and well written.*

SECOND PLACE: The Northerner - Mackenzie Manley, Sam Rosenstiel

THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Emma Collins - *The last jump wasn't included in PDF. Read the rest of the story online.*



CATEGORY 10 - BEST INVESTIGATIVE STORY OR SERIES

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Andrew Henderson, Nicole Ziege - *Faced with a public institution that refused to provide information about a series of troubling campus incidents, these reporters refused to give up. Using multiple on-the-record sources, they were able to confirm much of a students' account of harassment and intimidation. The story does a great job of informing readers what the reporters were able to confirm and what they weren't, as well as who would talk to them and who wouldn't. That kind of transparency gives this story credibility. It's an outstanding example of tenacious reporting and clear writing. That potent combination took what could have been a one-sided, one source story and made it a powerful piece of journalism.*

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Rick Childress - *This reporter did a great job weaving information gleaned from public records and personal accounts into a compelling narrative. The resulting story is authoritative, balanced and should generate a lot of discussion about a system that seems to punish victims a second time. The university community is lucky to have a publication like this on campus.*

THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Nicole Ziege - *This reporter took what could have been a simple student-complaint story and took it to the next level. The use of multiple on-the-record sources and details gleaned from public information made it impossible for the university to ignore. This is an example of how hard-hitting watchdog journalism can serve the public good.*



CATEGORY 11 - BEST ON-GOING/EXTENDED COVERAGE STORY

FIRST PLACE: Murray State News - Staff

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff

THIRD PLACE: Murray State News - Blake Sandlin

CATEGORY 12 - BEST BUSINESS/AGRIBUSINESS STORY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Bailey Vandiver

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Jelyn Washington-Mays

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Rick Childress

CATEGORY 13 - BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

FIRST PLACE: Murray State News - Ashley Traylor

SECOND PLACE: Murray State News - Blake Sandlin and Gage Johnson

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff

Private business hub looks like 'a ghost town' as UK competes for customers



By Bailey Vandiver | Feb. 9, 2018

Is UK bad for business?

CATEGORY 14 - CREATIVE USE OF MULTIMEDIA

FIRST PLACE: The Northerner - Katherine Vieth, Emma Wilson, Jennifer McMahon - *Nice use of video to efficiently inform the viewer of what was happening with the budget cut issue.*

SECOND PLACE: Eastern Progress - Jennifer K. Perkins - *Great use of multimedia to present a comprehensive timeline of the budget cuts.*

THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Staff - *This package was well-presented. I'd have liked for the graphic to be less repetitive and perhaps give more information about what services/positions the cuts to each department would entail.*



Katherine Vieth, Emma Wilson, and Jennifer McMahon

CATEGORY 15 - BEST BREAKING NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Fahad Alotaibi - *There are 3 great photos on this page, all could have won first place in my eyes. The other photos were the two young women walking in the water and the man sitting on the remnants of the gas station. Very well done. The photo of the boy playing basketball stands above the rest. The formal composition of the photo and the content both play factors. The child is so worry free and joyous. That communicates the human spirit and the innocence of childhood. The children are also smaller elements in the composition, which feels purposeful, conveying the fragility of humans compared to mother nature and the massive impact it can have on society (shown in background). It's a striking juxtaposition.*

SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Silas Walker - *Great job on activating the edges of the frame. You weren't concerned with getting very person in the picture, and that is good. Because if you actually got everyone in the picture, it wouldn't be as impactful, most likely. And thank you for not just giving us an eye level shot here. Most successful photography gives the viewer a perspective they're not used to seeing, which you've done here. Shooting upward from a low angle helps add drama to this photo. It feels like the subjects are on a stage. And that's what they want, attention. Great shot!*

THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Silas Walker - *Way to get in the middle of everything. Most people don't know what that is like, being in the pit, with someone crowd surfing. It's very intimate. Something that you have captured here, that intimacy. You've also captured the excitement and hope of a student fan base on the verge of a season. Formally, the top edge of the scaffolding and the top of the tree line all lead the viewer's eye to the subject. Plus, the subject is not perfectly centered. Thank you for that! Well done!*



CATEGORY 16 - BEST GENERAL NEWS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Jordan Prather - *This photo makes the reader feel like they're actually there, in the crowd. That's what a good news photographer does. You're the eyes of the people that weren't at the scene. This shot has incredible energy, diversity, vibrance. The one place that could be improved is the sky is overexposed. When overexposure happens on the edges of a photo it plays with the readers eyes, not in a pleasant way. It is slightly distracting. Outside that, great job!*

SECOND PLACE: The Northerner - Colin Johnson - *For greater depth and interest, I would have liked to see this staged photo on a non-white surface to show greater contrast from the documents (maybe a cherry wood desk). If it is not staged, and more of an in-the-moment of the interview photo, it is even better. It does feel like the victims hands. I enjoy the subtle touch of the music page as well. Great job, slight room for improvement.*

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Kaitlyn Gumm - *This is incredibly interesting visually. It makes the reader feel like they're in the spark cloud of molten iron. Without the caption, it would take a long time to figure out what this was. But it is a news photo, thus there is almost always a caption to assist the photo. Great job!*



CATEGORY 17- BEST FEATURE PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Murray State News - Brock Kirk - *This is a posed photo, but very dynamic and powerful. The juxtaposition of the diary pages and the actors is very rich.*

SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Grace Pritchett - *I feel like I'm part of the party. This shot artfully conveys the silly, fun-natured aspect of sorority life. Great composition — I love how the young woman in the foreground frames the photo and directs the viewer's eye to the woman dancing in the costume. The photo is slightly overexposed (as evident in the washed out nature of the white tank-top shirts. Overall, a great shot.*

THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Silas Walker

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

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Michael Blackshire - *These are immensely powerful images, especially as a group, which lends to the tragedy and emotional aspect. I LOVE that they were printed in black and white (grayscale), because this is such a huge issue as the majority of the victims are African American. The black and white photos also connote a memorial feel. Very well done. Something to be very proud of.*

SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Silas Walker, Mike Clark - *These are some of the best music/concert/performance photos I have ever seen. Great job! Photos are all exposed properly, and composition and point of views are refreshing. In most cases, I would have awarded this first place, but the subject matter itself is not as powerful as the first place winner: "Lost to the Streets".*

THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Ebony Cox - *This photo essay definitely feels like a "day in the life" of the your subject, Jennifer West. All the photos are strong compositions, and are profoundly different. Technically, they all look to be underexposed a touch (less details in the shadows), and thus they were lightened a bit too much to make up for that. Strong effort here.*



CATEGORY 19 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Arden Barnes - *Great jubilation shot! There were many of them entered, and this frame is by far the standout.*

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Eddie Justice - *This photo stands out as a great quiet moment in a competition that is presumably difficult to shoot. It's not the best photo from a technical standpoint, but what it lacks in dramatic light/color it more than makes up for in originality and moment. Way to work the scene.*

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Michael Clubb - *A well-composed shot with some good expressions - if only the guy wearing the beanie at right was facing the camera! Still, there's a lot more depth to this photo than a lot of post-win jube shots. Way to be there.*

CATEGORY 20 - BEST SPORTS PICTURE ESSAY

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Silas Walker, Chris Kohley, Shaban Athuman

SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Silas Walker, Shaban Athuman

THIRD PLACE: Murray State News - Nick Bohannon, Blake Sandlin and Bryan Edwards

CATEGORY 21 - BEST SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff

THIRD PLACE: Murray State News - Staff

CATEGORY 22 - BEST GRAPHIC

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff

SECOND PLACE: Murray State News - Savanna Hatfield and Austin Gordon

THIRD PLACE: College Heights Herald - Brook Joyner, Nic Huey

CATEGORY 23 - BEST SPORTS PAGE/SECTION

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff - *Great photos, great design complement great writing in these pages.*

SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Staff - *Nice variety of voices and story topics. The "For Life" feature stands out, as does the layout for "Mr. 600."*

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff - *Nicely done bright and colorful design.*



CATEGORY 24 - BEST SPORTS SPECIAL SECTION

FIRST PLACE: The Louisville Cardinal - Matt Bradshaw - *Great design, lots of reporting broken up in easy-to-read digestible chunks - giving plenty of entry points for readers. From new players to predictions to Petrino, this section covers everything.*

SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Staff - *Beautiful photography in this keepsake section.*



CATEGORY 25 - BEST LIFESTYLE PAGE

FIRST PLACE: College Heights Herald - Staff

SECOND PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff

CATEGORY 26 - BEST EDITORIAL PAGE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff - *Tackles important topics like public records and freedom of the press. Add to that a clean design, local cartoons and a bit of the comic, and you've got a great section.*

SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Staff - *Kudos on tackling topics local to the student body. I also like the "the issue" and "our stance" boxes at the start of editorials.*

THIRD PLACE: Murray State News - Staff - *Nice layout, graphics and writing.*

CATEGORY 27 - BEST FRONT PAGE

FIRST PLACE: The Northerner - Staff - *Beautiful layout, important front page journalism. I love the masthead, the teasers, and the Feb. 28th illustration is a standout.*

SECOND PLACE: Murray State News - Staff - *Clean, easy-to-read layout and nice variety of stories.*

THIRD PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff - *Kudos for trying bold, new things on the front page. The stories are quality, the design is there, but don't forget this still needs say "front page."*

CATEGORY 28 - BEST HEADLINE

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Kernel - Staff - *Compelling. Headlines grab attention and help to tell the story.*

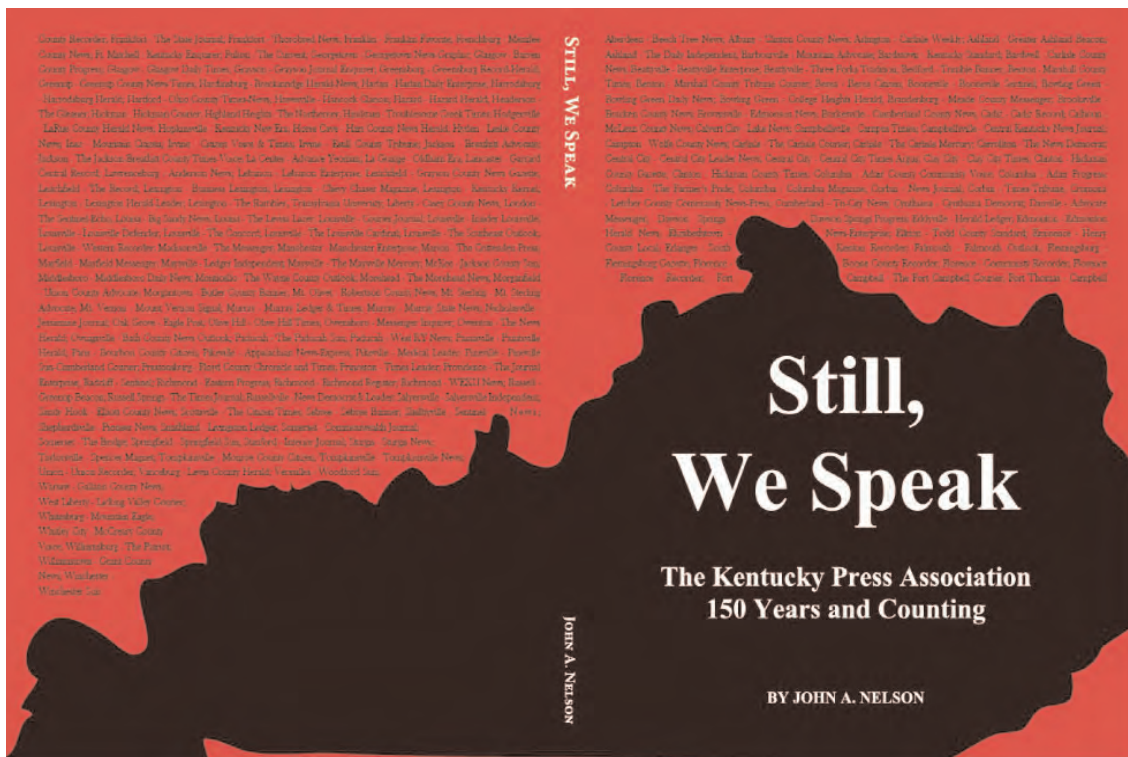
SECOND PLACE: College Heights Herald - Andrew Henderson - *Very strong and impactful headline writing.*



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History of the newspaper in America

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AS PEOPLE SETTLED NORTH AMERICA AND BEGAN TO SPREAD ACROSS THE NEW LAND, THEY WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS HAPPENING BACK HOME AND IN THE LARGER WORLD AROUND THEM. GOVERNMENTS REGULARLY SENT COURIERS TO BRING THE LATEST NEWS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR FAR-FLUNG EMPIRES, AND TO GATHER CRITICAL NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE HOME COUNTRY.

AS NEWSPAPER HISTORIAN LUCY MAYNARD SALMON WROTE: "THE DESIRE TO KNOW THE EVENTS OF THE DAY, TO BE TOLD WHAT DISTANT FRIENDS [OR RELATIVES] ARE DOING AND TO HEAR OF OCCURRENCES IN FAR OFF COUNTRIES IS AN INSTINCT IMPLANTED IN HUMAN NATURE."

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IN THAT SAME YEAR, JOHN CAMPBELL LEFT SCOTLAND AND MADE THE LONG VOYAGE TO AMERICA. TWELVE YEARS LATER, FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HIS BROTHER DUNCAN CAMPBELL IN 1702, JOHN CAMPBELL BECAME THE POSTMASTER IN BOSTON. "AS PART OF HIS JOB, CAMPBELL HAD THE OFFICIAL TASK OF WRITING LETTERS OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO THE MAIN OFFICE." (SLOAN, PAGE 18.) HE BECAME THE KEY LINK IN PASSING INFORMATION AROUND THE GROWING COLONIES AND WITH ENGLAND. AS SHIPS ARRIVED CARRYING INCOMING MAIL AND NEWSPAPERS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE CONTINENT, ALONG WITH THE PASSENGERS AND CREW, CAMPBELL WAS IN A GOOD POSITION TO LEARN THE LATEST NEWS FROM ABROAD. LIKEWISE, AS PEOPLE CAME TO HIS OFFICE TO RECEIVE OR SEND THEIR MAIL HE WAS ABLE TO LEARN THE LATEST LOCAL NEWS.

AS THE HOLDER OF SO MUCH VALUABLE INFORMATION, CAMPBELL WROTE DETAILED REPORTS IN THE FORM OF LETTERS FILLED WITH DESCRIPTIONS OF EVERY SHIP THAT ARRIVED OR LEFT AMERICA'S PORTS AND THE CARGO THEY WERE CARRYING, ALONG WITH THE LATEST NEWS HE HAD LEARNED. HE COPIED THESE LETTERS BY HAND AND CIRCULATED THEM TO "POSTAL OFFICIALS, MERCHANTS AND OTHER AFFLUENT COLONISTS...MANY SUBSCRIBERS SHARED THEM WITH NON-SUBSCRIBERS AND SOME LETTERS ENDED UP POSTED IN TAVERNS AND

OTHER PUBLIC PLACES."

CAMPBELL COULD NOT CREATE ENOUGH COPIES TO KEEP UP WITH THE DEMAND. REALIZING THERE WAS A MARKET FOR HIS "NEWS LETTERS," HE LAUNCHED AMERICA'S NEXT NEWSPAPER, THE *BOSTON NEWS-LETTER*, ON APRIL 24, 1704. THIS NEWSPAPER COVERED ALL TYPES OF NEWS, FURNISHING INFORMATION THAT IS OF PERMANENT INTEREST TO GENEALOGISTS. YES, IT COVERED SHIPPING NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA TO CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA—BUT ALSO INCLUDED OBITUARIES, NEWS REPORTS AND ADVERTISEMENTS, STARTING WITH THE VERY FIRST ISSUE. AS AN EXAMPLE SEE THIS OBITUARY OF PEREGRINE WHITE, PRINTED BY THE *BOSTON NEWS-LETTER* (MASSACHUSETTS) ON 24 JULY-31 JULY 1704, PAGE 2:

CAPTAIN PEREGRINE WHITE (1620-1704) DIED IN MARSHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, ON JULY 20, 1704. HE WAS BORN ON BOARD THE *MAYFLOWER*—"THE FIRST ENGLISHMAN BORN IN NEW ENGLAND"—WHEN THE SHIP DROPPED ANCHOR OFF CAPE COD IN NOVEMBER 1620. THIS OBITUARY PROVIDES THE IMPORTANT FAMILY INFORMATION THAT PEREGRINE WAS THE SON OF WILLIAM AND SUSANNA WHITE. THE PAPER ADDED THE PERSONAL COMMENTS THAT "HE WAS VIGOROUS AND OF A COMLY ASPECT TO THE LAST" AND THAT "ALTHO' HE WAS IN THE FORMER PART OF HIS LIFE, EXTRAVAGANT; YET WAS MUCH REFORM'D IN HIS LAST YEARS; AND DIED HOPEFULLY." CLEARLY CAMPBELL WAS EDITING A NEWSPAPER THAT SPOKE TO HIS AUDIENCE AND WOULD BE INVALUABLE TO FAMILY HISTORIANS CENTURIES LATER.

IN 1783, THE YEAR THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR ENDED, THERE WERE 35 NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES. FIFTY YEARS LATER, IN 1833, THERE WERE MORE THAN 1,200 NEWSPAPERS! "IN 1783, THE AMERICAN PRESS PRIMARILY HUGGED THE ATLANTIC COASTAL AREAS AND CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS. BY 1833, THE PRESS STRETCHED TO THE GREAT PLAINS AND PUBLICATION SCHEDULES RANGED FROM DAILIES TO MONTHLIES."

NEWSPAPERS WERE EVERYWHERE. THE NATION RELIED ON THEM, AND AS THE COUNTRY GREW NEWSPAPERS DID TOO. BECAUSE NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION, IN 1884 OTTMAR MERGENTHALER INVENTED THE LINOTYPE MACHINE. THIS REVOLUTIONARY DEVICE ALLOWED PRINTERS TO SET AN ENTIRE LINE OF TYPE QUICKLY, IN A PROCESS MUCH LIKE TYPING. BEFORE THE LINOTYPE MACHINE, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PAGES THAT COULD BE REASONABLY PRODUCED BY SETTING EACH INDIVIDUAL PIECE OF TYPE BY HAND WAS FOUR TO EIGHT PAGES. AFTER MERGENTHALER'S INVENTION, NEWSPAPER RAPIDLY GREW IN SIZE.

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PICKING UP AND READING A NEWSPAPER BECAME A STANDARD PRACTICE IN HOUSEHOLDS ACROSS THE COUNTRY—JUST AS TURNING ON THE RADIO, CABLE NEWS OR iPad IS TODAY. NEWSPAPERS TOLD THE STORY OF OLD AND YOUNG, ANNOUNCING BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, AND REPORTING ON LOCAL ACTIVITIES. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR GENEALOGISTS TO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF NEWSPAPERS IN DOCUMENTING THEIR FAMILY HISTORY, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE INFORMATION WAS PRINTED IN NEWSPAPERS THAT CANNOT BE FOUND ANYWHERE ELSE.



# General Excellence Winners

## DAILY 1

FIRST PLACE: Winchester Sun  
SECOND PLACE: Glasgow Daily Times  
THIRD PLACE: Murray Ledger & Times

## WEEKLY 1

FIRST PLACE: Todd County Standard  
SECOND PLACE: Springfield Sun  
THIRD PLACE: Henry County Local

## DAILY 2

FIRST PLACE: News-Enterprise  
SECOND PLACE: The State Journal  
THIRD PLACE: Commonwealth Journal

## WEEKLY 2

FIRST PLACE: Oldham Era  
SECOND PLACE: Grant County News  
THIRD PLACE: Cynthiana Democrat

## DAILY 3

FIRST PLACE: Lexington Herald-Leader  
SECOND PLACE: Bowling Green Daily News  
THIRD PLACE: The Paducah Sun

## WEEKLY 3

FIRST PLACE: News Journal  
SECOND PLACE: Lebanon Enterprise  
THIRD PLACE: Manchester Enterprise

## MULTI-WEEKLY

FIRST PLACE: Kentucky Standard  
SECOND PLACE: Georgetown News-Graphic  
THIRD PLACE: The Sentinel-Echo

## STUDENT PUBLICATIONS CLASS 1

FIRST PLACE: The Patriot  
SECOND PLACE: The Bridge  
THIRD PLACE: The Concord

## STUDENT PUBLICATIONS CLASS 2

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



